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**Top:** Mr Adrian Irvine (Kilskeery Parish), Bishop John McDowell, Mr Harry Anderson (Inishmacsaint Parish) and Canon David Skuce at Commissioning of Parish Readers in Kilskeery Parish Church.

**Bottom Left:** Canon David Skuce, Bishop John McDowell and Canon Noel Regan at the Institution Service in Inishmacsaint Parish Church.

**Bottom Right:** Group of parishioners from Lackalänga Parish, Sweden visit Clones Parish.

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## A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Friends

At this time of year I usually write something about what went on at the General Synod and I see no reason to do otherwise this year. Archbishop Desmond Tutu was once asked "What do Anglicans do?" His answer was "We meet". And that is true of our own part of the Anglican Communion.

We love to get together in our parishes and our dioceses and as a whole Church. And our get-togethers are not quiet.

A number of years ago, when I was a rector in the Diocese of Down, the Bishop of Cashel and I were asked to attend a meeting of the members Churches of the Porvoo Communion. The meeting was to take place in big retreat centre owned by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sweden at a place called Sigtuna, just outside Stockholm. Our flight was delayed and we arrived late at the snow covered destination. All was silence. It was a very large building and our first task was to find where the meeting was taking place. It took us about half an hour to find the room where about 35 people were talking respectfully to one another. If the meeting had been in a Church of Ireland equivalent, it would have taken about thirty seconds, given the noise that thirty-five people from the Church of Ireland can make in ordinary conversation. And so it was when this years General Synod met in the lovely sea-side suburb of Dun Laoghaire with its Royal Yacht Club and its extraordinarily long pier. The weather was good and those who didn't feel the need to stay in the meeting for the entire period could be seen ambling along the sea front, ice cream in hand and looking as though they had been let out of a cave for the first time in a year. The General Synod has more than six hundred members although it is very rare for more than about four hundred and fifty to turn up for its three day meeting. This year the Synod Service took place in Glenageary Parish Church and was not especially well attended, presumably because Synod members found it difficult enough to get to south Dublin for the noon start time of the meeting without breaking their journey on the way. One of the most important elements of any General Synod is the Primate's address which is given just before the opening session. This year Archbishop Clarke said how in this year of significant historical centenaries, "the reality is

### The Rt Revd John McDowell

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that we are all shaped in some way or another by our history". He continued, "I think it is ... nonsense to suggest that we can somehow begin "reality" with ourselves. The real gift is surely to recognise the shaping that we have received by our past (for better or worse), to interrogate it, and to decide upon how this may and should influence our future, so that we in our generation may contribute to the shaping of a wider future". The Archbishop said, "This is as true in the life of the Church as in the life of a nation. We as the Church of Ireland have been shaped by previous generations, by events both inside and outside the life of the Church, and by the influence of others upon us". Archbishop Clarke also described how he plans to join with Archbishop Eamon Martin in late June in leading a group of young people from across the island and from Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic community backgrounds on a three-day journey starting at the new memorial wall in Glasnevin cemetery and on to the visit the battlefields of the Somme and the Irish Peace Park in Messines. As it happens I will be joining the two Archbishops on that trip along with two young adults from the diocese (one from Fermanagh and another from Monaghan) and I am greatly looking forward to the experience which should be full of insight and interest. Concerning the upcoming British referendum on Europe, the Archbishop said, "As in every election and referendum, all citizens have a duty to consider carefully the consequences of their decision-making for the whole community, while also ensuring that they do not neglect the privilege they have been given as voters in a democratic system of government". Members of the Synod had also the opportunity to pick up a little background booklet on the Referendum prepared by the European Affairs Committee of the Irish Council of Churches. Archbishop Clarke also focused on refugees to Europe and said that "we must all face up to the responsibilities we have been given for those who have come to western Europe, in the hope of finding safety and security, as they flee from violence and destruction in their own countries. It can never be permissible for Christians to imagine that refugees should not be "our problem". He continued, "...we need to recall that Christ himself was always more at home with those who were suffering and outside the realm of social or religious respectability than with the comfortable and complacent insiders. In so many ways he himself was an outsider, and he died on the

cross as one rejected by all around him. God does not distinguish, in his love, between those we think of as “like us” and those we think of as somehow different. We cannot turn our backs on dire need before our eyes; we are all made, equally, in the image of God”. This theme of hospitality and engagement with the life of our own country and of the wider world was reiterated throughout the following days. However all was not sweetness and light and the most disappointing aspect of this years Synod was that a committee, which had been set up to bring recommendations about restructuring the dioceses of the Church withdrew its Bill. Its recommendations were not revolutionary and, although entailing difficult changes for some, would have had the goodwill of very many to help make them happen. Perhaps the most disheartening aspect of the whole episode was that it confirmed the concern of many people that the Church at this level is

incapable of reforming itself. In the meantime the work has been put back in the hands of the dioceses affected and it will be interesting to see what progress is made by this time next year. Whatever the disappointments and (occasional) tedium which any large parliamentary style gathering will always bring, the General Synod remains a most remarkable gathering. It contains people of from every part of Ireland and of every opinion possible on a very wide range of subjects. There are no strictly organised parties to keep everyone in order and no whips to tell anyone how to vote. It has its characters and its bores, but anyone visiting for the first time and knowing nothing of our Church would (I suggest) think it was a meeting of some extended clan; endlessly diverse and incorrigibly argumentative - but irrefutably a family.

+John

## CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

### Church of Ireland Youth Department Launches New Confirmation Resource

The Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD) has launched its new resource to help prepare young people for confirmation. The resource – entitled I Believe – was launched at the General Synod of the Church of Ireland which took place at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire.



The resource has been produced by CIYD’s Youth Ministry Development Officers, Amy McCrea and Andrew Frame. It can be used over 12 sessions and is based round the Confirmation service, the Ten Commandments and the Apostles’ Creed. Topics include ‘Who is God?’, ‘Why we need a Saviour’, ‘The Sacraments’ and ‘Serving God/ Serving others’. Each session offers a blend of teaching, games, worship and prayer activities and discussion questions. The sessions are aimed to last

between 40 and 90 minutes and the resource offers the flexibility for sessions to be tailored to the needs of the particular context.



The President of CIYD and Bishop of Meath and Kildare, the Most Revd Pat Storey, says: “I commend this confirmation resource to you as a helpful aid to preparing candidates for confirmation in the Church of Ireland. It has been prepared and written by CIYD staff who work with youth leaders and volunteers and understand both youth and church culture. It is current, fresh and orthodox in its presentation and teaching. It is our hope that this will be of great help to clergy and youth leaders, from Derry to Cork, and everywhere in between.” As well as a Leader’s Manual, a Participant’s Guide has been developed to complement the course. Each parish will receive a complimentary copy of the Leader’s Manual and a Participant’s Guide. Further copies will be available at £8/€10 for the Leader’s Manual and £2/€2.50 for the Participant’s Guide. Both can be purchased through the CIYD office (telephone: 028 9082 8890; email: barbara@ciyd.org) or through the Book Well bookshop, 73 Belmont Road, Belfast, BT4 2AA (telephone: 07581 143 596; email: info@thebookwell.co.uk).

### Church of Ireland Communication Competition 2016

The winners of the Central Communications Board’s 2016 Communications Competition for the best newsletters/magazines, websites and innovative use of social media by parishes, dioceses and church organisations were announced on Saturday 14th



March Magazine which was submitted to competition

May, by the Most Revd Pat Storey, Bishop of Meath and Kildare and Chairman of the Central Communications Board, at the General Synod held at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire. In the Diocesan magazines category Clogher Diocesan Magazine was awarded Runner-up with

Derry and Raphoe winning 1st Prize with their publication 'n:Vision'. The judges' comments were: "A 'well-presented and focused' publication". They very much liked the children's page. The competition was run by the Church of Ireland Press Office but externally and professionally judged. This year, the prizes in each category were very generously sponsored by Ecclesiastical Insurance. There was praise for all the entrants for their efforts in communicating within their own contexts in each category, with convincing evidence of communication work of a high standard across the island.

**For full list of competition results visit:**  
<http://synod.ireland.anglican.org/2016/index.php?do=news&newsid=361>

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Canon David Skuce Instituted to Inishmacsaint Parish

On the evening of Friday 22nd April 2016 Inishmacsaint marked an important milestone in the life of the parish, as they welcomed their new rector, the Revd Canon David Skuce, who was instituted by the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell. Prior to taking up the position in Inishmacsaint Parish, Canon Skuce was rector of the parishes of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk and is currently Rural Dean of Enniskillen Rural Deanery. The preacher at the service of institution was the Revd Canon Noel Regan, former precentor of Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes. Assisting the bishop at the service were the Ven. Helene Steed, Archdeacon; the Revd John McClenaghan; and the Ven. Cecil Pringle, Archdeacon Emeritus. The Bishop's Chaplain was the Revd Sampson Ajuka and the organist was Mrs Gillian Rutherford. Speeches took place in the Church after the service. Bishop John McDowell finished the proceedings and said it was a pleasure and delight to have instituted David in Inishmacsaint. He said he hadn't appointed David in order just to make history (back to where his father was minister), he said he had put a great deal of prayer and thought into appointing David and that he believed David was the right person for this parish and that he had taken that responsibility very seriously. Everyone was invited for refreshments afterwards to Derrygonnelly Orange Hall. (see photo on front cover).

### Commissioning of Parish Readers

A service for the Commissioning of Parish Readers took place in Kilskeery Parish Church at 7.00pm on Sunday 24th April 2016. The Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher commissioned the new parish readers, Mr Harry Anderson from Inishmacsaint Parish and Mr Adrian Irvine from Kilskeery Parish. The Bishop preached the sermon. (see photo on front cover)

### Revd John Woods Appointed to Barr and Donacavey



The Revd John Woods has been appointed to the parishes of Barr and Donacavey. He is currently Curate in the Kildallon and Swanlinbar Group of Parishes in Kilmore Diocese. The Service of Institution will take place on Friday 2nd September 2016.

### US Consul Visit to Enniskillen

Mr Daniel Lawton and the U.S. Consulate General in Belfast, who assumed his duties as Consul General in Belfast in July 2015 visited Enniskillen on Wednesday 18th May and carried out several engagements including a visit to St Macartin's Cathedral and St Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Afterwards he had afternoon tea and a private meeting with Dean Hall and Monsignor O'Reilly in the Deanery. He was very interested in hearing about building of community relations, Her Majesty the Queen's Visit of involving both churches and US Government's involvement in Enniskillen Remembrance Day Service.



Mr Lawton welcomed at the Cathedral by Dean Hall and introduced to Monsignor Peter O'Reilly

Mr Lawton had released this comment in advance of his visit on the 18th May "It is an honor to visit Fermanagh, and I am especially pleased to learn more about the vitally important role that the region played during the Second World War. I commend all those who are preserving our shared history and strengthening transatlantic ties. I look forward to engaging with civic leaders and local citizens during this visit and to making return visits to Fermanagh during my tenure as Consul General."

### New Channel 4 Documentary Series



Dean Kenneth Hall, Penelope Keith and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly

A new documentary series in celebration of The Queen's 90th Birthday will be screened on Channel Four on the four Sunday nights in June. The presenter, Dame Penelope Keith, will be travelling across the United Kingdom uncovering the very heart and soul of our royal heritage. Dame Penelope will meet the people who keep the traditions alive, take part in

events and indulge in personal passions throughout her journey. The series will comprise of four hour-long episodes with Penelope visiting a Royal residence in each nation. The producers are planning to retrace the steps of The Queen by visiting some of the most significant places she has been, including St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen and the 'Crossing of the Street' to St Michael's Roman Catholic Church – the first time Her Majesty visited a Roman Catholic Church in Ireland. Dean Kenneth Hall and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly will feature on one of the episodes.

### Military History Query: South African Memorials

Having been fortunate enough to have visited the battlefields of Zululand, South Africa, I have developed an interest in the soldiers who died there during the war of 1879 and have spent the last few years locating and recording memorials which commemorate them. Therefore, I was wondering whether anybody has any knowledge of such examples within their local parish churches or cemeteries.



A scene from the Battle of Isandlwana

In particular, I am hoping to discover 'unknown' memorial plaques, windows or inscriptions to men who were killed in action at the battle of Isandlwana (or 'Isandula' as it normally appears) which took place on 22nd January 1879, and which remains the worst ever defeat inflicted on the British Army by a native force; the massacre occurred just hours before the legendary defence of Rorke's Drift in which eleven Victoria Crosses were awarded. Although over 1300 British & Colonial troops died at Isandlwana, and that a sizeable proportion of them are known to have come from towns and villages from all over Ireland, I am aware of very few memorials to individual Irish soldiers. However, I am confident that there must be any number of family memorials scattered around, both within Irish churches and on gravestones outside, and so I would be extremely grateful if knowledge of any such examples could be passed to me. Tim Needham - **Email:** timneedham79@yahoo.co.uk; **Mob:** 07890 136041.

# DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## June 2016

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

Sunday 5th June – **Ice-Cream Sunday** from 4.00pm - 6.00pm in The Fountain Centre, Kesh.

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

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

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

Saturday 11th June – Aghnamullen **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)**

**Sunday 12th June – Annual Reunion Service** in Muckno Parish Church, Castleblayney at 3.30pm. Guest preacher: The Revd Stephen McNie, Minister of Ballyalbany and Glennan Presbyterian Church.

Sunday 12th June – **Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Service** at 11.00am in Lisbellaw Parish Church. Afterwards the Mothers' Union will provide refreshments in the Parish Centre. Donations in aid of the work of Mothers' Union overseas.

Sunday 12th June – **Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration United Service** at 10.45am in Clabby Parish Church. Picnic afterwards.

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

Friday 17th June – **Annual Parish Picnic** organised by Dartrey/Rockcorry Parish.

Saturday 18th June - **Coffee Morning** in Aghabog Church Hall from 11.00am-2.00pm.

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

**Sunday 19th June – Service of Praise** in Drumsnatt Church at 3.00pm. Guest speaker: Revd Stephen McNie.

Sunday 19th June - Thursday 4th August 2016 – **Parish BBQ** in Glaslough Parish Hall at 7.00pm.

Thursday 23rd June – **Healing Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 1.05pm.

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

Friday 24th June – **Annual BBQ** at Clogher Rectory (10 Augher Road) at 7.30pm. Organised by Clogher Cathedral.

Saturday 25th June – **Coffee/ Tea morning and Cake Sale** in Currin Rectory between 10.30am – 12.30pm. Proceeds in aid of Rectory expenses.

**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)**

Thursday 30th June – **100th anniversary of the Somme Event** from 8.00 – 10.00pm in Colaghty Parsh Hall including a talk, discussion and display. The evening will close with a service of reflection and thanksgiving. Light refreshments served.

Thursday 30th June – **Women of Freedom** at 8.00pm in Magheraculmoney Parish Hall, Kesh.

## July 2016

Friday 1st July – **Service of the Word for a Commemoration of the Battle of the Somme** in Lisbellaw Parish Church at 8.00am following the lighting of a beacon in the village. Cooked breakfast served following the service in the Parish Centre.

Saturday 2nd July – **Car Boot Sale and Annual Pet and Dog Show** at Drummully Church Hall. Gates open for car-booters at 8.00am. Teas served from 9.30am.

**Sunday 3rd July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity (green) or Saint Thomas (red)**

**Sunday 10th July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity (green)**

**Sunday 17th July – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity (green)**

**Friday 22nd July – Saint Mary Magdalene (white)**

Saturday 23rd July – **Clontibret Parish BBQ** at the New School at 7.00pm.

Saturday 23rd July – **Annual BBQ** organised by Clontibret Parish Church in the National School.

**Sunday 24th July – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity (green)**

**Monday 25th July – Saint James the Apostle (red)**

Thursday 28th July – **Healing Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 1.05pm.

**Sunday 31st July – Opening of the 25th William Carleton Summer School** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Clogher. Gemma Price on harp will perform the music of Thomas Moore. Diane Whittaker, the cathedral organist will also give a recital. Doors open 7.30pm.

Sunday 31st July – Thanksgiving Service and Dedication of the new roof in Drummully Church at a 7.00pm. Preacher: Bishop John McDowell.

**Sunday 31st July – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity (green)**

For full diary dates please visit [www.clogher.anglican.org](http://www.clogher.anglican.org)



# MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

## Annual Area Services



Rev. Margaret Pringle and MU President, Irene Boyd

The Mothers Union Area Service for the Southern part of Clogher Diocese took place in **Aghabog Parish**, Co Monaghan, on Friday 6th May. The service was conducted by Rev. Margaret Pringle.



Marina Elliot and her daughter Emma

Marina Elliot and her daughter Emma sang a duet. The President, Irene Boyd, spoke on "A Celebration of Faith". Using a power point she showed the work of MU in various parts of the world. She challenged MU members to use their Faith at Home and in the Community.

The following week on Friday 13th May two Area Services took place in the Northern part of the Diocese. One in St Mary's Magheraculmoney (Kesh) and the other in St John's, Fivemiletown.

In **Magheraculmoney Parish** twelve branches attended. The service was conducted by the curate assistant, Rev. Caroline Mansley and

the speaker was Rev. Olivia Downey, Curate in Enniskillen and Clogher Cathedrals. Her sermon was on "Faithfulness" and she used the hymn "Great is thy Faithfulness" as her theme.



Some members of the congregation in Magheraculmoney



Members of Garrison Branch arriving with their Banner

In **Fivemiletown Parish**, the service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. Kyle Hanlon. The MU President, Irene Boyd attended and read one of the lessons. The title for the Rector's sermon was "Few things are Needed", from the words of Jesus in St Luke chapter 10.



Some Banners at Fivemiletown

He spoke of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and the different attitudes of the women towards

Jesus. He urged MU members to pray more for themselves, their families and congregations. He encouraged members to use the Book of Common Prayer to help them to pray.



Ladies enjoying supper following the Service

At each Service Branch Banners were carried. The Diocesan Banner was carried in Aghabog and Fivemiletown because the President was present. All the Services were well attended and members of the host branches took part in the Services. At the three services contributions were presented for the use of MU Overseas Fund by members of each Branch. This money is used for the training of MU workers and various projects such as Mothers Union Literacy and Development Programme (MULDP). Since the year 2000, 35,000 people in Burundi, Sudan and Malawi, have become accredited as literate, and thousands more have benefited from health education and gender equality discussions in groups. Following the three services the congregations enjoyed lovely food provided by the host branch and the chance to renew friendships.

## MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE NEWS

### Crosslinks School of Biblical Training in Serbia



Pictured are three of the four members of the Crosslinks SBT to Serbia. (L-R) Revd David Luckman, Crosslinks Ireland Team Leader; Canon Ian Berry, Rector, Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore Parishes and Revd Peter Bourke, Assistant Minister, St Elizabeth's Dundonald. Absent is Revd Sean Martin, Leadership Resources (USA)

The team members are Canon Ian Berry from Clogher diocese, Revs Peter Bourke and David Luckman from Down and Dromore, and Rev Sean Martin from Leadership Resources (USA). SBTs are short conferences that help equip church leaders to teach God's Word clearly and faithfully. SBT trainers, who are experienced in expository ministry, cover the basic principles of Bible teaching. SBTs are repeated regularly so that trainers can build relationships with participants and develop knowledge of their culture. The SBT in Serbia was developed through Crosslinks Mission Partners Chris and Lotta Strajnic and it takes place at the HUB Bible School outside Belgrade.

Once again the SBT will provide two training streams: Levels 1 and 2 look at Mark's Gospel and Philippians respectively. Level One deals with the basics of how to go from a passage in the Bible to a sermon while Level Two teaches how to preach the Epistles and Philippians. This year a third level is offered to students who have already completed Levels 1 and 2 in previous years. Level 3 will study Exodus and help students have confidence to preach the Old Testament. All the talks are delivered through a translator. Crosslinks is thankful that this is the sixth Serbian SBT and that this valuable training has been made available to nearly 200 church leaders. Please pray for the teams, their families and the participants of this year's conference.

**For further information, contact Valerie Ellis, Crosslinks Activities and Relationships Coordinator, tel: 028 90796028 or email [vellis@crosslinks.org](mailto:vellis@crosslinks.org).**

At the end of May a team of clergy will be travelling to Serbia to take part in a Crosslinks School of Biblical Training (SBT).

## YOUTH NEWS

### 'Deeper' Rural Deanery Event

Saturday 7th May saw our final 'Deeper' evening taking place in the Fountain Youth Centre in Kesh. Our theme for the last eight months has taken us Deeper in God's Love, Presence, Praise, World and now finally Deeper Into God's Word. Gillian Robinson the full time youth worker and her young people based in the centre hosted the evening. This purpose built centre was a perfect venue for such a meeting. As our young people gathered from across the diocese representing their youth ministry groups and accompanied by their leaders into the sports hall there was an air of expectation. Soon they were busy in small groups around occasional tables competing in a fun quiz. The rounds were interactive and varied to challenge the general knowledge of both leaders and young people. Having relaxed and laughed together the evening turned to our theme and we all moved across the hall to a worship setting. Nathan and Jason Blair leading the praise were well able to engage the young people as we acknowledged God's presence with us by His spirit and prepared our hearts to hear God's word. As we settled to hear a message on our theme Revd Gary McMurray, Chairman of the Diocesan Youth Council, came forward to speak to us. Gary took three key texts on which to present an insight into how important God's word is for us as Christians.

*"The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand." Psalm 119:130*

*"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires." Hebrews 4:12*

*"For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror." James 1:23*

These three texts were also very helpful in understanding how we may go 'Deeper Into God's Word' as Gary illustrated each with objects. This led us see that God's word can shine a 'light' for us. When we read God's word we should ask, "What is this text telling me about God?" It can also be as a sword helping us to be convinced of our wrong thoughts and desires. Reading it asks, "What does this tell me about me?" Finally, God's word can also provide a "mirror" for us to see what we need to change. As we read we can ask, "What do I need to do now?" To put what we had just heard into action we moved to group tables for an interactive bible study with feedback and responses from each group helping us to instil the truths already learned.

This being the final 'Deeper' event of the season we took time to get feedback from our young people on the past season of rural deanery events. We asked them in their small groups to tell us what they enjoyed most about the past season and what they would like to see more of in the incoming season. Their responses were encouraging as they were wide and varied. They had enjoyed specific messages, games nights and activities along with the opportunity to meet others from across the diocese. As far as next season was concerned they were excited at the possibilities of having more games and interactive activities along with messages and of course tasty suppers! And on that note supper had arrived at the Fountain Centre with chips to begin with followed by two fountains to supply streams of hot chocolate into which you could dip fresh fruit. This very sociable atmosphere filled the ground floor of the centre as young people and their leaders stood chatting in the open plan reception area and on into the large coffee bar where there were more tables and soft seating to relax in. It has been encouraging to see the support that youth groups have given to these events with some travelling significant distances. The Monaghan and Clones 'Vortex' and 'Blaze' groups have been particularly faithful but all have made great efforts especially their leaders to attend the events particularly those hosted in their rural deanery or one close by. We are in great debt to the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of our youth ministry leaders. Without their willingness to give of their time, energy and talents none of this would be possible. As many of our youth ministry programmes take a rest over the summer months the summer festival season begins. This year again we are planning to take groups of young people to the Catalyst and Summer Madness weekends in the Glenarm estate. We look forward to next season's rural deanery events beginning again in the autumn and continuing the journey begun by going 'Deeper' this year.

### 'Legends of Faith' Will Inspire Young People at Anois 2016

The Church of Ireland Youth Department's annual residential weekend – Anois – will this year inspire young people from the lives of 'legends of faith' in the Bible. Anois 2016 will take place between 29th-31st October in Wilson's Hospital School, County Westmeath, bringing together young people of secondary school age from across the island. Anois is now in its 12th year and has grown to become an all-island event. This year's theme will focus on exploring the stories of Old Testament heroes and look at how their stories can inspire Christians to live out their faith in their everyday lives. The main speaker will be the Revd Alan Breen, curate in St Patrick's Church, Greystones.



Over the weekend there will be Bible teaching, praise and worship, small group times for

discussion and prayer, a chill zone, giant games, paintballing and much more.

CIYD Youth Ministry Development Officer (Southern Region) Amy McCrea said: "Our 'Legends of the Faith' theme is based on Hebrews 11 & 12 and will help young people learn from the inspirational lives of faith in the Old Testament. I'm encouraging all youth leaders to go out and tell people about the event." The booking fee is €80/£60 with a 50% discount for siblings. Transport will be available to and from Wilson's Hospital at a cost of €20/£15 per child. Bookings can be made by contacting Mrs Barbara Swann in the CIYD office on 028 9082 8890 or [barbara@ciyd.org](mailto:barbara@ciyd.org) and must be received no later than Sunday, 23rd October. More information is online at [www.ciyd.org/anois](http://www.ciyd.org/anois)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Health and Safety Executive: Silage Safety

The Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI) is reminding farmers to take extra care during the silage season. Working with silage is a potentially dangerous time, particularly as high-powered machinery is being operated at speed. There are other factors, which also increase the chance of an accident occurring. These include, fatigue due to long working hours, poor weather and difficult ground conditions. However, experience has shown there are a number of safety measures around key areas that will help make silage time safer.

#### Children

- No child under the age of 13 should ever be carried in the cab of any machine involved in making silage.
- Contractors must not allow children to ride in tractor cabs. Children should not be allowed to play around the farmyard or fields when silage is being made.

#### Machinery Safety

- All tractors and other equipment need to be properly maintained and in good condition. Breakdowns, due to poor maintenance can lead to delays, adding extra cost and more pressure to an already busy schedule.
- Only competent drivers should be allowed to operate machinery during the silage season and the carrying of passengers should be avoided.
- All guards must be in place on all equipment and in particular PTO shafts must be properly guarded.
- Blockages, which need to be cleared by hand, should only be carried out when the drive has been switched off and sufficient time has been allowed for the machine to stop completely.
- It is essential to remove keys from tractors during maintenance operations.

- Approved safety cabs or roll bars must be fitted on all tractors.
- Take care when driving on the public road and watch out for other road users especially when entering or leaving fields or yards.
- Keep all lights and indicators in working order.

#### Silo safety

- Silos must never be overfilled as this greatly increases the chance of a tractor or loading shovel overturning when filling or rolling a silo.
- No-one should go underneath a silage cover once it has been put in place. The fermenting grass uses up the oxygen in the air under the cover very quickly. Anyone going under the cover risks rapid death due to asphyxiation.
- On open silos, with earth embankments, the sides and ends of the silage should be sloped off at a safe angle (less than 45 degrees). On other silos where machines and their drivers can drop 600mm (2 feet) or more, strong front end barriers and guide rails are required.
- Silos with walls should never be filled above the top of the wall. If overfilled the guard rail will no longer be effective and will increase the risk of a machine overturning.
- Excessive filling will overload walls and increase the risk to the operators of machinery.

#### Electricity

- Be particularly careful when working near overhead power lines.
- If you use a contractor for silage making, inform them of the location of any overhead lines which you feel may impact on large machinery.
- Remember, self-propelled forage harvesters need a lot of headroom, as do large trailers when tipped in the yard.
- If in doubt about the height of overhead power lines and suitable clearance distances consult with Northern Ireland Electricity (NIE).

**To find out more about farm safety, visit:**  
[www.hseni.gov.uk/farm-safety](http://www.hseni.gov.uk/farm-safety) or call the HSENI helpline on: 0800 0320 121.

# CHILDREN'S SECTION

## READ

### Peter speaks to the crowd and 3000 believe in one day (you can read this in Acts chapter 2)

There were now twelve disciples again and they were waiting in Jerusalem just as Jesus had told them. Suddenly a loud sound filled the house where they were meeting. It sounded like a great wind blowing. Then something that looked like tongues of fire appeared and settled on each disciple. They began speaking in other languages. The Holy Spirit was causing them to talk in languages which they had never learned! As it was Pentecost there were lots of visitors in Jerusalem and the Bible lists up to 16 different places people were from and could hear their language spoken! This confused people and they thought the men were drunk. However Peter stood up with the eleven apostles and began to preach to the crowd. He explained how Jesus had come and had done many miracles while he was on earth. Peter accused the crowd of handing Jesus over to wicked men to be crucified, but God raised him from the dead, and he was seen alive by many people. When the people in the crowd realised what they had done, they were so sorry, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter told them to be truly sorry for what they had done and to be baptized in the name of Jesus so that their sins might be forgiven. He said if they would do that, they would receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit, to live within them. All those people who heard his words and accepted them were baptized. About 3,000 people believed that day. The new believers met together regularly to hear the apostles teach about Jesus. They celebrated the Lord's Supper and prayed together. They served and helped each other and praised God together. The believers lived a life filled with the Holy Spirit and more people believed every day.

## READ YOUR BIBLE

Although what we read from our Bibles happened a long time ago the same message is true for us today. Do you listen carefully to your minister and Sunday School teacher as he or she teaches you from God's Word, the Bible? Do you read your Bible every day? Do you pray every day? Are you spending time with other believers so you can encourage them and be encouraged by them to live for Jesus? Are you sharing the Good News so other people can believe as well and be added to God's family?

### Use these clues to unjumble the words

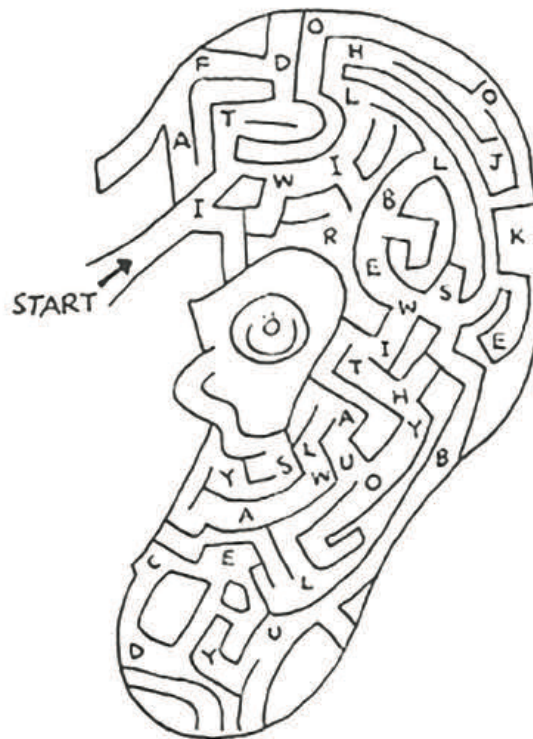
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5. Peter stood up and spoke to the \_\_\_\_\_



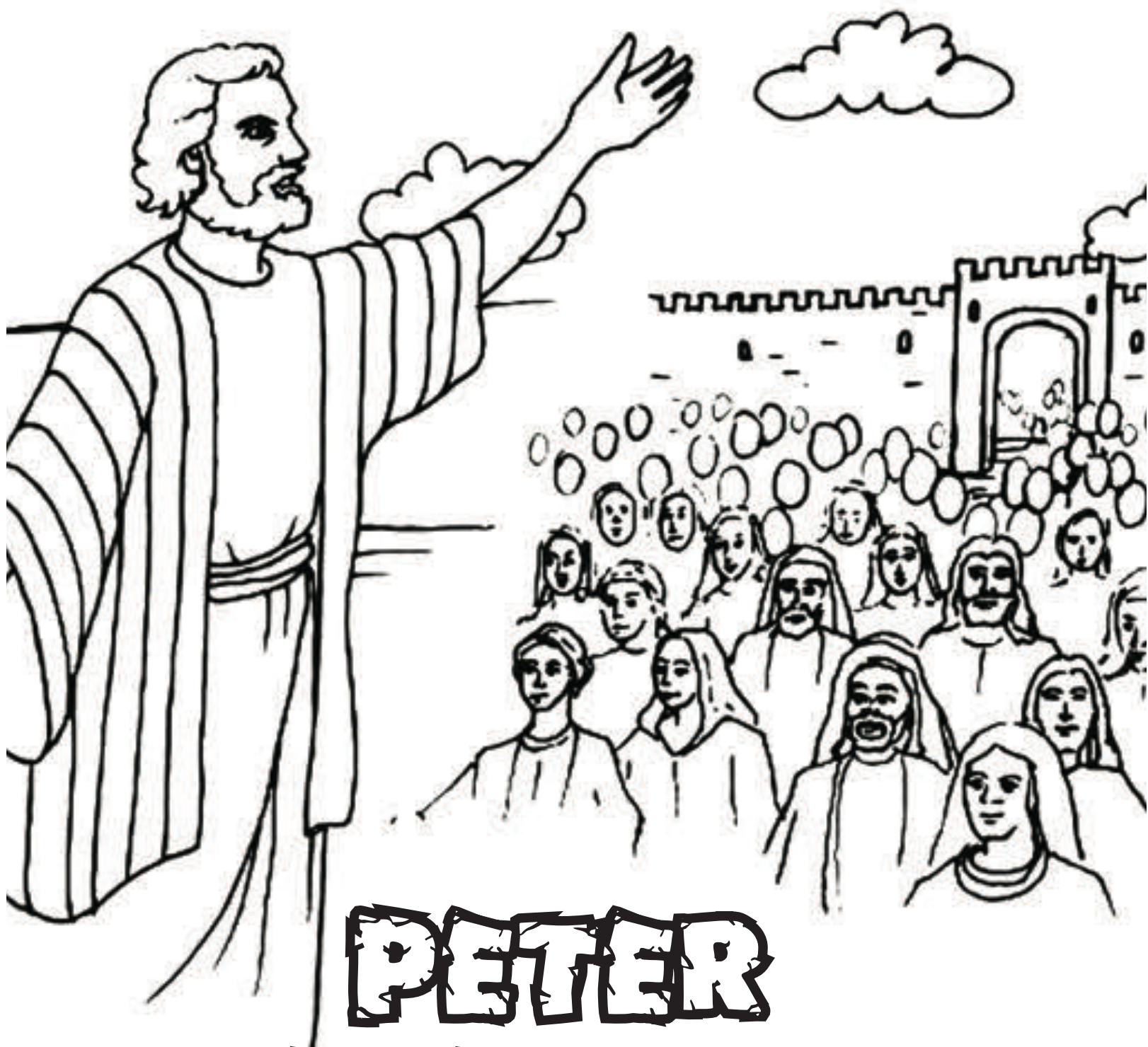
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Use the numbered letters to complete the final clue.  
 All these events took place on the day of \_\_\_\_\_

Find your way to the centre of the 'ear' maze, reading Jesus's message as you go....



This message should give us comforting words to help us as we try to follow Jesus.



**PETER  
SPEAKS TO  
THE CROWD**

## PARISH NOTES

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#### Services

##### June

##### Sunday 5th

9.30am Drumsnatt HC; 10.45 Clogh HC; 12.05 Aghadrumsee HC

##### Sunday 12th

9.30am Drumsnatt MP; 10.45 Clogh MP; 12.05 Aghadrumsee MP

##### Sunday 19th

10.45 Clogh MP; 12.05 Aghadrumsee MP; 3.00pm Drumsnatt Praise Service

##### Sunday 26th

9.30am Drumsnatt MP; 10.45 Clogh Children's Day; 12.05 Aghadrumsee Children's Day

#### Young Ladies Group

The closing meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday 14th June when the theme will be 'Reflecting back, Looking Forward'.

#### Praise Service

A Service of Praise will be held in Drumsnatt on Sunday 19th June at 3.00pm. The guest speaker will be the Revd Stephen McNie.

#### Children's Day

Children's services will take place in Aghadrumsee and in Clogh on Sunday 26th June. Please try to attend if you can to encourage the children who put in a lot of effort. Thanks must go to all Sunday school teachers in the Group for the important work they do.

#### Parade Service

A parade service will take place in Aghadrumsee on Sunday 3rd July, therefore no morning service in Clogh, and on Sunday 10th July there will be a parade service in Clogh, therefore no morning service in Aghadrumsee. Services in Drumsnatt will be as usual.

#### Births

Congratulations to Gary and Vanessa McVitty on the birth of their son, a little brother for John, Chloe and Jamie. Congratulations also to Robert and Lynda Moore on the birth of their daughter, a little sister for Preston.

#### Sympathy

We were saddened to learn of the death of Winston Johnston whose funeral took place in Clogh Church at the beginning of May. Sympathy is extended to the Johnston family, also to the Robinson family on the recent deaths of two of Mrs Robinson's sisters and to the Leary family on the death of Vivienne's aunt.

### Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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#### Services

##### June

##### Sunday 5th

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion  
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

##### Sunday 12th

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

##### Sunday 19th

11.00am Colebrooke Family Service with Holy Baptism and Sunday School closing

##### Sunday 26th

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer  
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

#### Friends' Services

The annual Friends' Services for Colebrooke and Mullaghfad were very well attended, with friends old and new joining the respective congregations for services of thanksgiving and praise.

At Colebrooke on Sunday 8th May, the preacher was the Archdeacon of Ardboe, The Very Reverend Andrew Forster, who spoke on the Ascension. Also taking part in the service were soloist Laura McFall who sang All Things Bright and Beautiful, My Song is Love Unknown and The Lord's my Shepherd, accompanied by Ruth Little, and the combined Sunday Schools, who sang I've got Peace

like a river, and brought a poem 'Friends'. After the service all were invited for tea in the parish hall. Following Mullaghfad's Friends' Service, on Sunday 15th May, the congregation availed of a parish picnic, and were able to spend a leisurely afternoon catching up with old friends, and making some new ones too. Both days were blessed with very good weather.

### 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.

### Coffee Mornings

Our coffee morning fellowship is held on the first Wednesday of every month, the next being on Wednesday 1st June from 10.30am to 12.00noon. If you fancy some homemade goodies, and fresh coffee (or tea), please drop in and join us.

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

Aghavea & Colebrooke: Alternate Sundays at 7.00pm in Aghavea Rectory for this term. All young people of secondary school age welcome.

### Cooneen/Colebrooke GFS – Girls Friendly Society

This year at GFS we have a total of 29 girls and they all took part in the different activities throughout the year. This year for badge work they studied the exploration badge. The girls also took part in the diocesan cookery competition in Enniskillen where Molly Kenwell came 3rd and Sara McClland and Hannah Dunn came 1st in their categories. In bible study 27 girls took part and received prizes from 1st to commended at diocesan level, two girls went on to be judged at all Ireland level where Kady Beatty received 1st place and Faith Gould came 3rd place. Bible Study results: 3-5yrs 1st Emily Akin, 2nd Zoe Granlesse, Chloe Beatty, Charlotte Gould & Evie Hamilton, 3rd Jasmine Greaves, Amanda Keys, Katie Dunn, Leanne Ross & Lucy Kells, C Amy Dunn; 5-7yrs 1st Kady Beatty, 2nd Molly Kenwell & Lillie Hamilton, 3rd Emily Whitsitt, Rhea Eagleson & Mis Stewart; 7-9yrs 1st Faith Gould, 2nd Charis Milligan & Lucy Carrothers, 3rd Lauren Moane & Katie

McClelland, HC Hannah Dunn, Clara Riddel, Lara Brooke & Abbi Coalter; 9-11yrs 2nd Sara McClelland. In craft we had two girls who came 1st at diocesan level and went to be judged at all Ireland level where Chloe Beatty received 1st prize and Lucy Carrothers came 2nd. At Diocesan level, the craft results were: 3-5yrs 1st Chloe Beatty, 2nd Jasmine Greaves & Emily Eakin; 5-7yrs 2nd Molly Kenwell & Kady Beatty, HC Rhea Eagleson; 7-9yrs 1st Lucy Carrothers, 2nd Charis Milligan & Katie McClland, 3rd Abbi Coalter; 9-11yrs 2nd Sara McClland. During the course of the year the girls also had lots of fun doing other activities and games. Our GFS is now closed for the summer and will reopen again at the end of September. We would encourage any girls aged 3+ to come along and join in the fun! Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group The Group meet every Tuesday and Friday (for Scouts) from 7pm-8.30pm for boys and girls aged 4-14 years. The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

### Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meet in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7.45pm. The season has now ended, but will begin again in September. New members will be very welcome.

### Aghavea



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### Services

#### June

##### Sunday 5th

11.00am Gift Day & Sunday School  
7.30pm Favourite Hymns Evening

##### Sunday 12th

11.00am Holy Communion & Sunday School

##### Sunday 19th

11.00am Children's Day followed by the Parish Lunch

##### Sunday 26th

11.00am Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism

#### July

##### Sunday 3rd

11.00am Holy Communion

Dear friends,  
I'm sure you know the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. When she tries out the bears' porridge, chairs, and beds, some are too hot, too cold, too big, too hard, and too soft (you can work out which is which!). But each time, she finds a bowl of porridge,



a chair and a bed which is just right. None of the others suited her. Only one was just right. Astronomers use the story of Goldilocks when describing this earth we call home. Venus would be too close to the sun, and so too warm. Mars is too far away from the sun, and so too cold. But the earth is 'just right' - in all sorts of ways. It has the right ingredients - water, carbon, oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen; the right temperature - for water to stay in liquid form; the right moon and the right 'tilt' - to regulate tides and seasons (even if we experience all four seasons in one day sometimes!); the right star - the sun being stable, providing heat, light and energy; and the right planetary make up - core and crust playing their part to allow us to live on the surface. If any of these 'just rights' was changed, sometimes by a small degree, life as we know it would cease. Could this really all have come about by chance? A random sequence of unlikely events bringing such a scenario? How amazing is our God, to have made everything so well and so exact, in such exquisite detail. Psalm 95 points us to the Creator behind the creation, and shows us our proper response: 4 - In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. 5 - The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. 6 - Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! The scientists help us to see God's wonderful design in all its splendour, and should lead us to worship, to kneel before the Lord, our Maker. Let's do that together. Yours in Christ, Gary

### Favourite Hymns

Sunday 5th June will be our annual Gift Day with a special service at 11.00am, and in the evening we will be sharing some of our Favourite Hymns. Come along at 7.30pm to sing your favourites!

### Through the Bible in a Year

We have 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. 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 is coming to a close for this school year with a couple of special events in June. On Saturday 11th June we are holding a Family Fun morning between 10.00am and 12.30pm with lots of fun activities for all the family. Sunday School will close on Children's Day, 19th June, when we will hold the Annual Parish Lunch, with some of the proceeds going to support the CMS Ireland project 'The Meeting Place'. Sunday School meets at 11.00am, during the Morning Service in term-time. 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

After a busy May, Mothers' Union members are now enjoying a break until September. Our thanks to Viscount Brookeborough for the guided tour of Colebrooke House, which members thoroughly enjoyed. Two days later we were on the road again, for our annual outing, this year visiting Ballymena, as well as morning and evening refreshments. Our September meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th, when we welcome Pat Hey from the Talking Newspaper.

### 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

We're looking forward to taking a team to the Barnabas Cup in Ballinamallard on Thursday 9th June. Perhaps with Leicester winning the Premier League, this could be our year to bring home the Barnabas Cup! 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.

### From the Parish Registers

**Confirmation:** 5th May 2016 - Joanne Graham  
**Funeral:** 18th April 2016- Gordon Fleming, Gilbrooke Nursing Home, formerly Ardunshin

Keep up to date with what's happening at Aghavea Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/aghavea](http://www.facebook.com/aghavea)

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## Club Diversity

The Benefice Youth Club held their final session on 23rd April until they recommence in September. It was a special cinema night in the usual venue of Ballybay Church Hall. A good crowd turned up and had a feast of pizzas, chips, sausages, chicken nuggets etc. along with an array of traybakes, crisps and soft drinks was on offer for the occasion.

## Annual Football Match

The annual football match between Dalkey Parish Dublin and the Ballybay Group of Parishes will take place on Saturday 4th June at 4.30pm. We travelled down to Dalkey in Dublin last year and Dalkey are coming up to us this year to try and win back the trophy! It will be held in Clontibret National School and there will be refreshments afterwards for everyone. It is for Primary School age, so anyone wanting to play let the Rector know.

## Annual Sunday School Trip

The annual Sunday School trip for the Ballybay Group of Parishes will take place on Saturday 25th of June to W5, the Odyssey Centre, Belfast. Anyone wishing to attend please let your Sunday School teachers know asap. Parents might do a bit of shopping in Belfast city centre, while a number of leaders will take the children to W5.

## Clontibret News

### MU Area Service

It has been a busy few weeks for some parishioners as they attended the MU Area Service in Aghabog on Friday 6th May, when we shared a lovely evening of fellowship with our members and were reminded of the work that the Mother's Union supports across the world. Our Diocesan President, Mrs Irene Boyd, is a very capable speaker and with the aid of slides brought the various projects to life. The Revd Margaret Pringle conducted the service, Mrs Ethel Ritchie played the organ and the Ferguson family sang several worship and praise hymns. Of course afterwards we all enjoyed a wonderful supper. Thank you to all concerned.

### The Alma College Choir

On Monday 9th May parishioners were invited to St Peter's Tabernacle, Laragh to be entertained by The Alma College Choir from Alma, Michigan, USA, who were touring Ireland. The choir entertained us with a number of pieces in quick succession including 'My Gentle Harp' to the tune of Londonderry Air, and sang in Gallick before continuing to make their way to Ballymena.

On Tuesday 10th it was off to St Salvador's, Glaslough to join the choir practice for the Praise Service to be held in St Patrick's on 19th May. Our thanks are due to Ethne McCord and her willing band of helpers for

all that they do to promote music and provide musical instruments for the children in our local schools.

### Old Church Tower

Meanwhile, the men have been working on securing the safety of the old church tower. Our thanks are due to Harry Kent, John Duffy, Allen Tate, Colin Tate, Isaac and Philip Leathem, Adam Tate, Victor Donaldson and Kenny Graham who braved very inclement weather to complete the work which had been on the "to do" list for a number of years in record time. Tony Brennan kindly lent his telehandler.

### Children's Day Service

We are looking forward to our Children's Day Service on 12th June and the messages that our children will bring us. Our sincere thanks to our Sunday School Superintendent, Alison Donaldson and her team of Sunday School Assistants, John Duffy, Sharon Leathem, and Dorinda Lowey for the important work that they do. Our Annual BBQ will be held on Saturday, 23rd July at the National School. The School BBQ will be held on Thursday, 23rd June. All are welcome.

### Prayers for Elderly Parishioners

We continue to remember in our prayers our elderly parishioners and those who because of ill health are unable to be with us each Sunday. We remember too those recovering from surgery. We express our condolences to the Rector and his family on the sudden death of his uncle Jonny Donaldson and trust that they will know God's comfort in the days ahead.

## Muckno News

### Dedication and Blessing

A deeply moving and spiritual time took place at St Maeldoid's churchyard on Saturday the 14th May for the dedication and blessing of Yolanda Joan Dolton's (nee Rusk) headstone. Friends and family from far and wide and parishioners from St Maeldoid's joined together at Yolanda's graveside to continue to give thanks for Yolanda's life and to reflect on her wonderful Christian qualities and personality, as her memorial headstone and surround was blessed by the Rector, the Revd Neal Phair. The Revd Phair reflected that "Yolanda had so many wonderful character traits – the way she treated everyone the same, regardless of who they were. She was very sociable, bubbly and witty, wasn't afraid to laugh at herself, had a great sense of humour and was very light hearted, which inevitably endeared her to everyone she met. No wonder she had so many wonderful friends. Ultimately Yolanda was larger than life with a big heart. She filled the room with warmth, and had the ability to make everyone, from every walk of life, feel welcome and accepted. What amazing gifts for anyone to have. Yolanda had an abundance of those great Christian qualities by always wanting to help others, and wanting to improve the lives of the less fortunate in our world. Also, Yolanda

was well known for her charity fundraising, her treating people with kindness and compassion, and living the commandment to love one another". Everyone had been invited to a special lunch beforehand on that special day to remember Yolanda and on the following day, Sunday 15th, the Rector prayed for the Rusk family, the 15th May being exactly the day one year ago when Yolanda passed away. We continue to pray for the Rusk family and that God will continue to give them strength and comfort as time goes by.

### Mothers Union Closing Night

Mothers Union Closing Night for the season was held on Wednesday 27th April in Castleblayney Church Hall. The ladies had a lovely salad prepared by Ethel and Audrey, and desserts were prepared by Harriet and Ethel. There were friends from the PWA in attendance also. The supper was followed by a Fun Quiz and the winner was Christine Dickson and the worst loser was Janet Hill. Everyone in the audience got a small prize to take home!

### Mothers Union Area Service

The Mothers Union Area Service was held in Aghabog on Friday 6th May. Our Banner was carried by Mrs Audrey Hill and the overseas money was presented by Mrs Ethel Coulter. An excellent speech was given by Mrs Irene Boyd, Diocesan President, and there was a scrumptious supper was provided by the ladies.

### Alma College Choir



There was great excitement when the Alma College Choir located in Alma, Michigan USA came to perform at St Peters Tin Church, Laragh. The sound of 36 students nearly lifted the roof of the tin Church. Thanks to Paula for the invite to hear these students perform.

### St Mary's Chapel

There was widespread disappointment when it was announced that the renovation works at St Mary's Chapel was postponed for the time being.

### Special June events

Sunday 12th June - Annual Reunion Service at 3.30pm. The Revd Stephen McNie B.Th, DIP Min: Stephen is the Minister of Ballyalban and Glennan Presbyterian

Church. The organist this year is Miss Charlotte Adair. Tea will served after the service and everyone in welcome. Sunday 19th June - Fathers Day. Watch out men there is something special coming your way! Saturday 25th June - Sunday School children and teachers are planning a trip to W5 Belfast. Sunday 26th June - It is Prizegiving!

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Vanessa Flack, the Old Rectory Clontibret who recently completed her studies in medicine. Vanessa received her early education in Clontibret NS and Our Lady's Secondary School, Castleblayney. She will graduate from UCD in June and will also be presented with the Gallagher Medal in Orthopaedics. Vaneesa will begin work as a doctor in Dublin in July.

### Deepest Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Rector and the family on the death of Rev Neal's Uncle, John Donaldson from Rockcorry who died suddenly at the end of April. A number of parishioners from the three churches attended the funeral.

### Ballybay

#### Service of Thanksgiving

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Pauline Duffy The Funeral Service of Pauline Duffy took place on Thursday April 28th in Wards Funeral Home, Ballybay, followed by cremation in Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan. The Rector, the Revd Neal Phair officiated at both services, which were packed to capacity due to the very high esteem in which Pauline was held. Pauline was born in Worcester, England, in 1938 and was the only child of Beatrice and Sidney Kyte. As a young woman she worked at the Worcester Royal porcelain factory as a porcelain artist. She married Bob Rodway and had 3 children, Tina, David and Paul. She was widowed when the children were young. She then met Joe Duffy, whilst he was stationed at Norton Barracks in Worcester. They both enjoyed dancing and loved to jive the night away. They married in 1969 in St George's Church in Worcester and had another child, Mark. Pauline and Joe lived in Worcester during their whole working life and then came to Ireland to live, Joe being originally from Ballybay. They lived firstly at Rockcorry for a number of years where they made many friends and then recently moved to Ballybay. Deepest sympathy is extended to Pauline's loving husband Joe, also her daughter Tina, sons David, Paul and Mark, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the extended family and friends. May God be a source of support, comfort and strength to you all at this time and in the months ahead.

#### Memorial Service of Rev William Buchanan

A Memorial Service for the Revd William Buchanan took place on Sunday the 15th May in 2nd Ballybay Presbyterian Church. The Revd Buchanan had passed

away on the 23rd April after a period of sickness. He was the local Presbyterian Minister in Rockcorry, Drumkeen and 1st and 2nd Ballybay Churches for the past 7 years. The huge crowd at his Memorial Service was testament to how highly he was thought of by his parishioners, his clergy colleagues, the local community and the wider Presbyterian Church. He was a great community man and loved being part of the wider fellowship of the Christian Communities in Ballybay. An example of this was his involvement in the Ballybay Community Choir where the choir sang at Christ Church Carol Service and other community events each year. He also had preached in Christ Church a few times for the Annual Joint Holy Communion Service between his congregations and Christ Church. The Rector really appreciated his friendship and his invitations to lunch and coffee at the Manse. He will be deeply missed by everyone, especially by his mother, brother and the wider family, and of course by the members of his congregations, and the Revd David and Mrs Nesbitt who have lost a very caring pastor, teacher and friend. May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, be with you all at this time and in the days to come.

### Confirmation

On a beautiful evening of Ascension Day, 5th May, William Graham was confirmed by the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell, along with 8 other candidates in Portora Royal School, Enniskillen. The Dean of Clogher hosted the service in the chapel at Portora and assisted the Bishop on the evening. Other clergy from around the Diocese were present and the Rector read the Gospel lesson. Also Julie and Joseph Crawford travelled to Enniskillen on the evening to represent Christ Church Parish, where William and his Mother Barbara worship. It was a lovely intimate and spiritually moving service for all of us present and we wish William God's richest blessing as he continues his Christian journey.

### 90th Birthday Celebrations

Congratulations to Mrs Susan McGregor who celebrated her 90th birthday recently. Mrs McGregor has been a very faithful long life member of Christ Church Ballybay, having been involved in the Mothers Union for many years and in many other ways at Christ Church. Mrs Elizabeth Gray brought her flowers and a card from the parish on her birthday and the Rector made a special visit to see her at her home for the occasion. Very best wishes to you, Susan, at this time from the parish.

### Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs Linda Dixon and the Dixon family on the death of Linda's brother-in-law, Jim Frazer, in Kingscourt. May the peace of God be a comfort to you all at this time.

### Holy Communion Services

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

### Remembering and Praying

Remembering and praying for those housebound in the parish, especially Mrs McGregor and also Mrs Jean Harkness in St Mary's Hospital, Castleblayney.

## Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh

### Vacant

The Revd Canon Charles McCollum  
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### Services

#### Carrickmacross

10.30am Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays  
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.

The Church's year is divided into seasons and these in no way relate to the seasons of spring, summer, autumn and winter. The first two seasons of the Church's year are preparing for or responding to Christmas and Easter; in other words to the birth, passion, crucifixion, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ. But the long series of Sundays after Trinity Sunday are often referred to as "Ordinary Time". This is just a season of steady growth – neither feast day nor fast – which is why the liturgical colour is green, the colour of growing things. This "ordinary season" lasts for about twenty weeks. We are encouraged to use the experiences of Christmas and Easter to grow our personal faith during this "ordinary season".

### A Date for the Diary

Please take good note of Saturday 6th August coming up. This is the date of the third Barbeque in Carrickmacross Parish. It will be held at Lough Fea House and promises to be bigger than ever. It is exceptionally important this year as a fund-raising event because the parish is faced with two heavy demands: the restoration of the damaged boundary wall and remedial work on a leaking church roof. Tickets for the Barbeque are available from Alan and Gordon Sweetnam and Eleanor Howell.

## Exam Time

Please remember in your prayers the young people who are preparing for the state examinations and the students at third level. May they be guided by wisdom and truth in all their endeavors.

## Cleenish and Mullaghduin



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## Services

### June

#### Wednesday 8th

10:00am Monthly Healing Service  
Mullaghduin Parochial Hall

#### Sunday 12th

10:00am Morning Prayer Mullaghduin  
11.30am Morning Prayer Cleenish

#### Sunday 19th

10:00am Morning Prayer Mullaghduin  
11:30am Childrens Family Service Cleenish

#### Sunday 26th

10:00am Morning Prayer Mullaghduin  
11:30am Morning Prayer Cleenish

### July

#### Sunday 3rd

11:00am Orange Anniversary Service  
Mullaghduin (no service in Cleenish)

## Monthly Service of Holy Communion

This service is held in Mullaghduin Parochial Hall on the second Wednesday of each month. The next service is on Wednesday 8th June. There will be no services during July and August.

## Orange Anniversary Service in Mullaghduin

The assembly point for the above service is changed this year to the T-junction immediately below the Church. Brethren are asked to assemble at 10.45am. The principle reason for this change is the continued increase in traffic flows along the main A4, Enniskillen to Sligo Road. It is also taken into consideration the impact the former long distance parade took on the depleted PSNI, where there are dangerous corners at the former assembly point, and again at Mullaghduin.

## Dedication of Church Porch Extension in Cleenish

There was a full church for the above Dedication Service on a very pleasant Sunday afternoon on 8th May. The Celebrant was our Bishop, Rt. Rev. John McDowell, assisted by our Rector, Revd Canon Geoffrey Bridle. During the service the first lesson was read by Margaret Crawford, (parishioner) and the second lesson was read by Roy Palmer (family friend of the late Mrs Madeline Armstrong). Mrs Joan Brownlee played the organ. After the service tea was provided by the ladies in the Parish Hall.



The Bishop blesses the new extension



l to r: Rosemary Forde (Rector's Churchwarden); The Rector; The Bishop; Rowena Sheridan (Parish Reader); Cecil Brownlee (Peoples' Churchwarden)



Relatives and friends of the late Mrs Madeline Armstrong

The Select Vestry of Cleenish Parish Church gratefully acknowledges and gives thanks to Almighty God for the following donations towards the construction of the Porch Extension.

The Porch Extension: the late Mrs Madeline Armstrong & the Armstrong Family.

Furnishing & Fittings: Mr Gary Phair; Mr Leslie & Mrs Joan Nixon; Mr David & Mrs Evelyn Hassard; Mr Ian & Mrs Margaret Crawford; Mr Robert & Mrs Esther Donaldson and Mr Mervyn & Mrs Florence Willis.  
Contractor: Mr Nigel Keys.

### Family Service in Cleenish

The morning Family Service in Cleenish on Sunday 15th May began with a DVD entitled "The meeting place about Uganda". A CEF talk was then given by Rowena Sheridan, Parish Reader. Bible readings were read by Andrew Elliott & Alex Keys, and Occasional Prayers read by members of the Sunday School. The service was introduced by the Rector, and Joan played the organ.

### Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union held their annual visitors night in Cleenish Hall on Tuesday 19th April. Members from neighbouring branches in Clogher and Kilmore Diocese, and Letterbreen Methodist ladies were in attendance. The meeting was opened with a warm welcome and the traditional singing of a Hymn, Reading and Prayers. Guest speaker, Gaye Fairbairn then captured the attention of a large gathering in her spiritual message expressed through a beautiful display of quilting for the seasons, and her love of family life. Much talent and love were evident in the numerous varieties of stitching, colour and design within the individual pieces, those present enjoyed viewing the designs taking quilting to a very high level. Much interest continued during supper, Gaye continued to talk of her life on the farm and how her hobby had developed. A short Branch meeting followed. The annual Mothers Union outing was confirmed as an evening meal in the Sheelin on Tuesday 31st May, to include celebration of the 90th Birthday of the Patron of Mothers Union, Her Majesty the Queen. Next meeting on Tuesday 20th September - Mission Trip to Peru.

### Cleenish Brownies

Brownies have now completed their Spring Term, and will regroup again during September. Many thanks to their leader and volunteers, who through the winter period, made this Brownie Pack such success.

### Parent and Toddler Group

The Group are moving towards the end of another very successful year. Cleenish Hall was often filled to capacity with at times over forty mothers/carers and children present on Tuesday mornings. As the

Group breaks up this month, sincere thanks must be extended to Mrs Rosita Bridle and her team of dedicated volunteers. Mothers/Carers have made new friendships, and many will remember where they first met, as it is inevitable some will meet again as children will move on through their school & further education days.

### Cleenish Centre

The Faith Mission ran a very successful event in the Centre on Monday 25th April raising money for Mission work. The speaker was Pastor Trevor Gillanders and supporting team of musicians. Throughout May they ran "Fit for Life" each Monday evening for ladies, who enjoy a walk together, followed by a short talk and a light healthy supper. The events were organised by: Monday 9th May - Heather Wilson; Monday 16th May - Marina Hassard; Monday 23rd May - Joanna Palmer; Monday 30th May - Rosita Bridle. 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](mailto:enquiries@cleenishcentre.com) or tel: 028 66349647.

### Lakeland Credit Union

Lakeland Credit Union Ltd is hosting a "Whole Wellbeing Awareness Event" in Cleenish Parish Hall, Bellanaleck, on Friday 24th June. The event will include free health checks by Brady's Pharmacy, CPR, and Defibrillator demonstrations by St John Ambulance Brigade, Crime Prevention information, and a Credit Union Word-search competition for children amongst other relevant features. Everyone is welcome to come and benefit from this event. Light refreshments will be served. For additional details email: [george.carson@btinternet.com](mailto:george.carson@btinternet.com)

### Bellanaleck Community Group

The usual monthly meeting followed by the AGM took place in Cleenish Parish Hall on Wednesday 27th April. Numbers within the group had been steadily declining, however it was pleasing to have four new members attend for the first time. Acting Chairman, George Thornton, read a detailed report written by outgoing Chairman, George Cathcart, who outlined the projects which the group have been involved with during the past year. The report also stated the cooperation with statutory and voluntary bodies, to improve facilities for the village. Since the group meeting it is pleasing to note the MUGA has now commenced in the parkland adjacent to the toilets. A nature walk to learn about wildflowers and insects was arranged for Saturday 3rd June. It is also anticipated to have an official opening for the

MUGA sometime towards the end of the summer. Group details and updates can be attained from the Secretary, Owen Wilson - email: owenjwilson@btinternet.com. Next meeting Wednesday 22nd June.

## Holy Baptism

Cleenish Parish Church  
Sunday 24th April 2016: Charles Trevor Robert Boyd, Oakfield Road, Enniskillen. Infant son of Rebecca & Nicholas. The infant was presented with a Baptismal Cube by Mrs Florence Willis on behalf of the Mothers' Union

## Bereavement

Harriet Rose Nixon  
Sympathy is extended from the local community to Trevor & Ruth Nixon, Bellanaleck, on the death of their two-day old baby girl on Friday 29th April. The infant was laid to rest in Knockninny Methodist Graveyard.

## Clogher Cathedral Group



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## Services

### June

#### Sunday 5th

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

#### Sunday 12th

9.00am Clogher Cathedral HC  
10.00am Errigal Portclare Children's Day  
11.30am Clogher Cathedral MP  
10.00am Augher HC  
11.30am Newtownsaville Children's Day

#### Sunday 19th

10.00am Errigal Portclare MP  
11.30am Clogher Cathedral Children's Day  
10.00am Augher Children's Day  
11.30am Newtownsaville MP

#### Sunday 26th

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

## Baptism

Sunday 10th April 2016, St Mary's Errigal Portclare: Twins Amelia Jemima and Luke Stephen, children of Zoe & Declan Minogue. It is indeed a blessing to welcome our newest members of our Church family.

## Engagement

Congratulations to Dr Christine Gervis (former organist & Sunday School Teacher) on her engagement to Adrian Robinson.

## Buckingham Palace

Congratulations to Laura Armstrong, a member of our Sunday School, who has been chosen to represent Northern Ireland Guides at the Queen's Birthday Garden Party on 12th June at Buckingham Palace. This should prove an enjoyable experience for Laura.

## Youth Club

Augher Youth Club has closed for the summer and will resume in September. A big thank you to all leaders who attend week by week to help run the club safely.

## Mothers' Union

The April meeting of St Macartan's Cathedral Mothers' Union commenced with a devotional time during which the members joined in singing 'All things bright and beautiful' with Mrs McClung accompanying on keyboard. A Bible passage was read by Mrs Hunter with reflection and prayers led by Branch Leader, Mrs Moffett. Mrs Moffett introduced the visiting speaker, Dr Alison Irvine, who addressed a number of health issues, including strokes, depression, diabetes, smoking, vaccinations and screening. Her talk, based on her GP experience, brought many new insights for the members and, in proposing a vote of thanks, Mrs Bell summed up the appreciation of the audience for such an interesting presentation. Prayers were led by the Revd Downey before supper which was served by Mrs Bailey and Mrs McKeown. Members look forward to hearing from the Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union Mrs Irene Boyd who will speak at the next meeting on 15th June in Pinocho's, Fivemiletown. There will also be an 'Armchair Auction' during this evening.

## Annual BBQ

Clogher Cathedral will hold their Annual BBQ at Clogher Rectory (10 Augher Road) on Friday 24th June at 7.30pm. All welcome. Please contact Mrs Hilary Keys 02889521140 for further information and booking.

## 200th Anniversary Celebration

St. Mark's Parish Newtownsaville 200th Anniversary Celebration Service will take place on 11th September

at 3.00pm. Preacher Right Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher. All welcome, especially former parishioners and those from the Cathedral Group of Parishes.

## Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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### Services

#### June

##### Sunday 5th: The Second Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Clones Holy Communion

11.30am Newbliss Holy Communion

##### Sunday 12th: The Third Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Currin (Scotshouse) Family Service:

Children's Sunday, the Sunday School participates

11.30am Killeevan Holy Communion

##### Sunday 19th: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Clones Morning Prayer

11.30am Newbliss Family Service: Children's Sunday,

Newbliss and Killeevan Sunday Schools participate, followed by parish picnic. Please bring your picnic lunch!

##### Sunday 26th: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Currin (Scotshouse) Holy Communion

11.30am Killeevan Morning Prayer

#### July

##### Sunday 3rd: The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Clones Holy Communion

11.30am Newbliss Morning Prayer

*O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
Give us a glimpse of your glory on earth  
but shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen*

(Post-Communion: Third Sunday after Trinity)

### The Bible Study Group

The Group meets on the following Mondays in June at 8.00pm on 6th June in the rectory, Scotshouse; and 20th June in the home of Mrs Etta and Roy Crowe.

### Coffee/Tea morning and Cake Sale

Currin parish is holding a Coffee/Tea morning and Cake Sale in Currin rectory on Saturday 25th

June between 10.30am – 12.30pm. Proceeds in aid of rectory expenses. All warmly welcome.

### Clones Select Vestry

The Vestry will meet on Wednesday 15th June at 8.00pm in the Protestant Hall, Clones.

### Killeevan Parish and Missionary Sale



Three gentlemen opening the Sale of Works

Killeevan Hall was well attended as parishioners of all ages welcomed visitors and friends to the Parish and Missionary Sale. The hall was filled with homemade cakes, plants and books. It was a wonderful and warm atmosphere in the hall and everyone seemed to enjoy their tea and coffee, and not least the opportunity to relax in the company of friends. Sincere thanks to all of you who supported Killeevan Parish and to all who worked so hard preparing for and on the day of the sale.

### Visit from the Church of Sweden



Delicious Sunday Lunch!

A group from Lackalänga parish in the south of Sweden joined us for worship on Sunday 8th May in St Laebhan's Church, Killeevan. The group of eight drove up from Dublin and Theological Institute where they had met for a retreat a few days prior to visiting us. Their rector, Per, addressed us and reminded us that we are all sent as witnesses and as co-workers and therefore have a responsibility to



spread the gospel. He said that being commissioned, means also that we may experience suffering. During the service our visitors sang a traditional Swedish Spring/Summer hymn about the beauty of the returning greenery and the abundance of life. This hymn ends with the wisdom that everything here withers and dies, apart from the word of God. They also concluded our service with a Swedish translation of St Patrick's Breastplate. It became a moving blessing as it was accompanied with quite hand movements. After the service we enjoyed tasty soup and abundance of delicious deserts. Sincere thanks to all who participated, prepared and helped at this very happy occasion.

## Bereavement

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

## Congratulations

Welcome Arthur, a new baby son for Adam and Arlene Rusk and brother for Ethan. May God bless Arthur and his family.

## Baptism

Lewis Thomas James Keating was baptised on Sunday 15th May in Newbliss Church. May God bless Lewis, his parents Amanda and David, brothers Matthew, Noah and Alex, as well as his Godparents Georgina and Wesley.

## Colaghty



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## Services

### June

#### Sunday 5th

11.30am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 12th

11.30am Family Service (Church Hall)

#### Sunday 19th

11.30am Morning Prayer

7.00pm Orange Anniversary Service

#### Sunday 26th

11.30am Morning Prayer

### July

#### Sunday 3rd

10.30am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 10th

10.30am Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 7th

10.30am Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 24th

10.30am Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 31st

10.30am Morning Prayer

Please note during July and August services at the earlier time of 10.30am.

## Prayerful Good Wishes

We extend prayerful good wishes to Rosemary Barton on her election as an MLA for the Fermanagh South Tyrone constituency. May God grant her health and strength, courage, patience, tenacity of spirit, wisdom and zeal, as she embarks on a new chapter in her life, and into what will be a challenging and diverse role fraught with limitations.

## SINCERE THANKS

Sincere thanks are expressed to everyone who were able to come along to the spring clean-up of the parish hall and its surroundings, thereby leaving our hall looking spick-and-span for the coming months ahead.

## Young@Heart

Members appreciated the attendance at a recent meeting of the local crime prevention officer and the local community police who spoke on safety within the community. A mixture of games and activities ended the last meeting for the summer. Thanks are expressed to the committee for all the work they do on behalf of the members throughout the year and for the fellowship shared.

## Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship meal took place in the Hunting Lodge, Irvinestown with a good attendance of ladies present. All had an enjoyable meal and time of fellowship and we would thank the committee for all their endeavours throughout the year, and the informative programme delivered during that time.

## Forth-coming events

### Lack Primary School

On Friday 3rd June from 6 - 8pm, a tea party marking the 40th anniversary of the present school took place with a collection of past photographs and other items on display.

### Police Male Voice Choir and Friends

Saturday 4th June at 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.

### Over the Top

On 30th June from 8.00 – 10.00pm there will be a talk, discussion and display reflecting and remembering the 100th anniversary of the Somme and the contribution of those from our locality who were part of that offensive. The evening will close with a service of reflection and thanksgiving and light refreshments will be served. Please put this date in your diary.

### Holiday Bible club

The Holiday Bible Club will run from Monday 1st – Thursday 4th August. Monday – Wednesday 7 – 8.30pm, Thursday 7 – 9pm. Theme: 'Go in the strength of the Lord'.

Please check weekly notices for dates and times of other activities.

## 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'*

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

### Services

#### June

##### Sunday 5th

10.15am Castle Archdale Holy Communion  
11.30am Derryvullen North Holy Communion

##### Sunday 12th

10.30am Derryvullen North  
11.45am Castle Archdale  
Family Services/CMS Presentation/Sunday School Prizes

##### Sunday 19th

10.15am Castle Archdale Morning Prayer  
11.30am Derryvullen North Special  
Service with RAF Cadets

##### Sunday 26th

10.15am Castle Archdale Morning Prayer  
11.30am Derryvullen North Morning Prayer

#### July

##### Sunday 3rd

10.15am Castle Archdale Holy Communion  
11.30am Derryvullen North Holy Communion

### Baptism

Monday 2nd May 2016: Skye Elizabeth Mary & Lillianna, daughters of Colin & Emma. Congratulations to Mr Adrian Irvine and Mr Harry Anderson who were commissioned as Parish Readers in Kilskeery Parish Church on Sunday 24th April. We wish them every blessing in their ministry.

### 'Living with Cancer' Evening

'Living with Cancer' evening on 28th April – organized by the Diocesan Ministry of Healing and the Board of Social Theology in Action. This was well attended and speakers were from Macmillan, Children's Cancer, Palliative Care and Cancer Connect. Miss Helen Humphries spoke on the power of prayer in her healing. The defibrillator has been purchased and training was made available on Monday 25th April.

### Derryvullen North Vestry

Since the Annual General Vestry meeting on 11th April when Mrs Sharon Duncan was elected as People's Churchwarden, Sharon has resigned and Mr Bertie Gray has been appointed as People's Churchwarden. We thank Sharon for her dedication and faithfulness as Rector's Churchwarden during the past year and welcome Mr Bertie Gray as People's Churchwarden.

### Mothers' Union

At our meeting on 27th April Mrs Irene Boyd, Clogher Diocesan MU President, gave a very interesting portrayal of the life of Fanny Crosby the blind hymn writer. We were joined by a number of Methodist ladies and also ladies from Colaghty Parish. The Annual Dinner was held on 21st May in Drumrush Lodge, Kesh.

### Closing Service

On Sunday 22nd May, the Closing Service took place in St Patrick's Church, Castle Archdale. This service will also include an act of enrolment.

### Queen's 90th Official Birthday

We hope to mark the Queen's 90th official birthday on 12th June. She has been a very dedicated and inspirational Patron of the Mothers' Union.

### Prayerful Support

There are several parishioners in hospital so please continue to pray for their healing and wholeness; please also remember those who are awaiting various hospital procedures and remember also those who have been bereaved.

*"But when he, the Spirit of the truth comes, he will guide you into all truth". John 16 v 13*

## Holiday Cover

Archdeacon Pringle will be on holiday during June and July. The Revd Alan Irwin will be providing emergency pastoral cover in the parish group during this period.

## Derryvullen South and Garvary



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## Services

### June

#### Sunday 5th

10.30am Garvary Holy Communion  
12.00noon Derryvullen South Holy Communion

#### Sunday 12th

10.30am Derryvullen South Morning Prayer  
12.00noon Garvary Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 19th

10.30am Garvary Morning Prayer  
12.00noon Derryvullen South Holy Communion

#### Sunday 26th

10.30am Derryvullen South Morning Prayer  
12.00noon Garvary Morning Prayer

## Emergency Pastoral Cover

Canon David Skuce, Rural Dean is providing emergency pastoral cover while Chancellor Stewart is off on sick leave. Parishioners can contact the Rector's Church Wardens if they need assistance: Garvary - Derek Wilson 028 66 327073; Derryvullen South - Kathleen Kettyles 028 66 38770.

## Holy Matrimony

On Friday 6th May the marriage between Jayne Rowley, Killyvilly and Brian Veitch, Drumlone, Lisbellaw, took place in Garvary Parish Church. We wish Jayne and Brian every happiness in their married life.

## Baptism

We welcome into the congregation in Derryvullen South, Patrick James son of James and Debbie Black and Jessica Lilli daughter of Adam and Lynsey Nixon. They were baptised on Sunday 15th May. Canon Robert Riddel conducted the service.

## Bereavement

We extend sincere sympathy to Clare Wilson Derryhillagh on the death of her mother

Mrs Sadie Johnston. Mrs. Johnston had been in declining health for some time and Clare and her family had been very involved in her care making it possible for her to remain at home until her passing.

## Sunday School Prize Giving

Garvary Sunday School Prize Giving will take place on Sunday 12th June at 10.30am and in Derryvullen South at 12noon. Both Sunday Schools will be on holidays until September. We hope that Sunday School Teachers and children will enjoy a well-earned break.

## Congratulations

We wish John Irvine a very happy 80th birthday on June 26th. Congratulations to Ellie Ingram who has been appointed Head Girl of the Enniskillen Royal Grammar School.

## Devenish and Boho



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## Services

### June

#### Sunday 5th

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

#### Sunday 12th

10.00am Boho Church Morning Prayer  
11.30am Devenish Church

#### Sunday School Service

7.30pm Devenish Church Evening Service

#### Sunday 19th

10.00am Boho Church Morning Prayer  
3.30pm Devenish Confirmation Service  
No Evening Service

#### Sunday 26th

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

## Confirmation

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

## Sunday School Service

Devenish Sunday School Service and Gift Day will take place on Sunday 12th June at 11.30am.

Our Gift Day this year will go towards the Reade Hall Project. As work on the Reade hall has commenced the Select Vestry would be grateful if parishioners would make a special effort this year.

### Enniskillen 10K

Enniskillen 10K will take place on Saturday 11th June and Ken McKeown will again participate in the Enniskillen 10K and is very kindly donating proceeds of sponsorship on a 50/50 basis between 25/35 Nigerian Project and the Reade Hall Project. The sponsorship form is on the table at the church door.

### Orange Anniversary Service

Orange Anniversary Service will take place on Sunday 10th July at 11.30am in Devenish Parish Church. We welcome the officers and members of Magheraboy District LOL No 11 and members of Magheraboy Flute Band to Morning Prayer.

### Sponsored Run/Walk

On a beautiful Saturday morning 61 people after having sang 'Onward Christian Soldiers' completed the run/walk from Boho Parish Church to Reade Hall, Monea. First home was Colin Ferguson and Mary Rutledge followed by Norma Ferguson and Ken McKeown. Other early finishers were, John Reilly, David Ferguson, Janet Smith, Joanne Armstrong, Joy Fletcher, Hazel McIlveen, Ryan Hassard, James McKee, Adrian and Sharon Elliott, Barbara Corrigan, Anne Beattie and Ethan Daley. Thanks to everyone that took part especially those from outside the parish. It was particularly pleasing to have the Churchill Runners join with us. Thank you to Joan Cathcart, for taking the service in Boho, Kathleen Irwin for playing the organ, Wesley Scott and Stuart Morwood for traffic control, Georgina Whittaker, Pam Harpur and Maud Ferguson for providing First Aid, Carole Whittaker for her administrative work Florence Eames and helpers for providing the soup, Chris McCarthy for providing the bus free of charge and William Harper for driving the bus.

## 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

#### June

##### Sunday 5th

Barr 10.00am HC  
Donacavey 11.30am HC

#### Sunday 12th

Barr 10.00am MP  
Donacavey 11.30am Children's Day

#### Sunday 19th

Barr 10.00am Children's Day  
Donacavey 11.30am MP

#### Sunday 26th

Barr 10.00am MP  
Donacavey 11.30am MP

## Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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### Services

#### June

##### Sunday 5th: The Second Sunday after Trinity

Donagh 10.30am  
Tyholland 12.00 noon

##### Sunday 12th: The Third Sunday after Trinity

Donagh 10.30am  
Errigal Truagh 12.00 noon

##### Sunday 19th: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Donagh 10.30am (Combined Family Service - Sunday School Prize Day, Father's Day and Tractor Sunday)

##### Sunday 26th: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Donagh 10.30am  
Errigal Truagh 12.00 noon

### Parish BBQ

The BBQ for the three parishes will be held in Glaslough Parish Hall on Friday 19th June at 7.00pm. We look forward to a great evening of fun, food and fellowship.

### Mother's Union

The members of Donagh Mother's Union branch enjoyed the Area Service held in Aghabog Church and also the delicious supper served after the service. The Closing Service was held in Tyholland Parish Church on 18th May at 8.00pm.

### Sympathy

The church family wish to extend to Samantha Leslie and the wider family circle our sincere sympathy on the death of Sir Jack Leslie who died on the 18th April, at the great age of 99. He was a remarkable man and he will be sadly missed.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Celine and Jeffrey Keith on the birth of a lovely baby son, another grandson for Dorothy and Jim Keith. Congratulations to Hannah Dudgeon on her election as Head Girl in Monaghan Collegiate School.

## Personal

Thanks to all in the church family who sent cards and attended the funeral of my brother-in-law in Coleraine. These gestures were appreciated both by myself and the family.

## Prayers

Please continue to remember in your prayers those who are unwell and those in Nursing homes.

## 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

### June

#### Sunday 5th

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 12th

10.30am Children's Day

#### Sunday 19th

10.30am Fields of Life Commissioning

#### Sunday 26th

10.30am Holy Communion

3.30pm Mullnagoagh LOL Service

Please note that the service times for June, July and August will be at the earlier time of 10.30am instead of 11.30am.

## Vacancy Prayer

Parishioners are requested to continue to pray for our nominators, Gordon Deazley, Arnold Jackson, Jonathan Keys and Robert Thompson, and also for our Bishop and the Diocesan nominators as they seek God's guidance in the appointment of the next incumbent for the Parish.

## Sympathy

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs Jean Deazley, St George's Terrace, Dromore on the recent death of her husband John. We also remember John's brother Jim and his wife Mabel, John's nephews and nieces and their families and brother-in-law Cecil at this sad time.

## Parish Events

Please note the following events will take place in the Parish during the month of June:

## Children's Day

Children's Day will be held on Sunday 12th June at 10.30am when the preacher will be Canon Harry Trimble. We wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our Sunday School Co-ordinator, Miss Valerie Jackson, and Sunday School teachers for their commitment and valued work with the children throughout the year.

## Fields of Life Commissioning Service

A Fields of Life Commissioning Service will be held on Sunday 19th June at 10.30am for the eleven team members who will travel to Uganda on a short-term mission trip on 19th July to assist the Burunga Community in building teacher accommodation and kitchen facilities, in addition to delivering hygiene programmes for the local people and Bible teaching/craft activities for the children in Hope Life Primary School. The preacher will be Mr Karl Saunders, Diocesan Lay Reader, and a representative from the Fields of Life Headquarters in Craigavon will attend the commissioning of these team members. We continue to pray for all of the team and their families as they give their time and talents in helping the Burunga Community in this way.

## Hoisting the Union Flag

The annual hoisting the Union Flag on the Church Tower will take place on Wednesday 22nd June at 8.30pm when the preacher will be Canon Mark Watson, Rural Dean. A number of invited bands and Brethren within Fintona District LOL No 8 will be in attendance and will parade the village at the end of the service.

## Mullnagoagh LOL 669 Anniversary Service

The Anniversary Service will be held on Sunday 26th June at 3.30pm led by Mullnagoagh Pipe Band and the preacher will be Canon William Johnston. After this service the Band, Mullnagoagh LOL 669 members and visiting brethren will parade the village.

## Auction in aid of Fields of Life

A very successful Auction in aid of the Fields of Life Mission trip to Uganda in July was held in

the Church Hall on 28th April. The amount raised was in excess of £2,000 and this money will be used to provide building materials, etc. and other necessary equipment to meet the needs of Hope Life Primary School and the Burunga Community. The Fields of Life Committee wish to sincerely thank parishioners and others who kindly donated items for the Auction and those who supported the event.

## Drumkeeran, Templecarne and Muckcross



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### Services

#### June

**Sunday 5th** 10.00am Templecarne MP; 11.30am Drumkeeran MP

**Sunday 12th** 10.00am Muckcross MP; 11.30am Drumkeeran MP; 7.00pm Dernasesk EP

**Sunday 19th** 10.00am Templecarne MP; 11.30 Drumkeeran MP

**Sunday 26th** 10.00am Muckcross MP; 11.30 Drumkeeran MP

#### July

**Sunday 3rd**  
10.00am Templecarne MP; 11.30 Drumkeeran MP

**Sunday 10th**  
10.00am Muckcross MP; 11.30am Drumkeeran MP  
3.30pm Drumkeeran Orange Parade Service; 7.00pm Dernasesk EP

**Sunday 17th**  
10.00am Templecarne MP; 11.30am Drumkeeran MP

**Sunday 24th**  
10.00am Muckcross MP; 11.30am Drumkeeran MP

**Sunday 31st**  
10.00am Templecarne; 11.30am Drumkeeran;  
3.30pm Drumkeeran RBP Parade Service

### Children's Service

On the last Sunday of May it is planned to have the annual Sunday School Service marking the end of the Sunday School year. As last year it will be a United Service for the group of parishes at 11.00am. As reported in last month's Magazine, on Palm Sunday the Sunday School children took a leading part in the service in Drumkeeran. Again, thanks to the Sunday School teachers and all who help with these special services. And its good to have a Sunday School enrolment of almost fifty.

### Baptism

On Sunday 1st May, Bella Louise, daughter of Richard and Claire Fleming, was baptised in Templecarne Church. There was a good gathering of family and friends present for the service. We pray that God will continue to bless and watch over Bella in the days and years to come, bless her family and all who will have an influence upon her. On Sunday 8th May Erica Loane, daughter of Darren and Elizabeth Lunny, was baptised in Drumkeeran Church. Again, it was good to have many of the family connections present for the baptism. We pray that God will be with Erica, with her parents and with all who will have the care of her in the years ahead.

### Care for the Family

On Saturday 7th May a 'Bereavement Awareness Course' under the auspices of 'Care for the Family' was held in Drumkeeran Parish Hall. It was a useful event for all present with guidance and advice for all who may be involved with people who are suffering the loss of a family member. Thanks to Irene Boyd and her helpers for organising the event.

### 100 years!

Congratulations and good wishes to a Drumkeeran parishioner, Lily McCutcheon on reaching her 100th birthday. Presently Lily is in the Ashbrooke Care Home, Enniskillen, and is in good health. Ashbrooke Home organised a lovely party to celebrate the event on 28th April with birthday cake and live music. There was a good number of friends and members of staff present. All her living relations are all in Australia. Lily was born in Gortnaree in Drumkeeran parish.

### Safeguarding Trust

Two members of the Safeguarding Trust Diocesan Team met with the panel members of the three parishes in the group on 10th May. It was a helpful meeting and it was good to have three of the Sunday School teachers present.

### Advance Notice

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services in the group will be on the usual dates in September: 2nd weekend in Muckcross, 3rd weekend in Templecarne, 4th weekend in Drumkeeran.

### Pastoral Cover

During the months of June and July emergency pastoral cover will be provided by the clergy of the neighbouring Magheraculmoney Parish, Ardess. Details of these arrangements, and the services, will be circulated in each church towards the end of May. My thanks to the neighbouring clergy for their help, and the Diocesan Lay Readers, Jack Watson, John Irvine and Eileen Cutler who will conduct the Sunday services.

## Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aghnamullen and Drum



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### Services

#### June

##### Sunday 5th: The Second Sunday after Trinity

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

##### Sunday 12th: The Third Sunday after Trinity

9.45am Aghnamullen MP; 11.00am Dartrey MP

##### Sunday 19th: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.45am Aghabog HC/Children's Day; 11.00am Rockcorry HC; 12.15pm Drum HC/Children's Day

##### Sunday 26th: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.45am Aghnamullen HC; 11.00am Dartrey HC; 3.00pm Dartrey Orange Service

### Aghabog

Mother's Union Area service was held in Aghabog Parish Church on Friday 6th May at 8pm on a lovely sunny evening. The service was conducted by Revd Margaret Pringle and our special speaker was Mrs Irene Boyd who give us an inspiring and interesting talk on the work of Mother's Union at home and overseas with the help of visual aids.



Our thanks to all those who read the lessons, prayers, poem and lifted the collection. A special word of thanks to: Marina and Emma Elliot who sang some beautiful pieces unaccompanied; to Ethel our organist and to all who carried banners. After the service everyone enjoyed

refreshments served in the hall. Our thanks to the ladies in the Drum and Ematris Group of Mother's Union for all their hard work and preparation for the supper and to all who set up the hall and tidied up afterwards.

### Coffee Morning

This will be held in Aghabog Church Hall on Saturday 18th June from 11am-2pm.

### Children's Day Service

Sunday 19th June at 9.45am.

### Bereavement

Our deepest sympathy to Fred and Valerie Howe and family on the recent death of Valerie's mother, Mrs Ruby Cruikshank.

### Aghnamullen

Our Coffee morning is being held on Saturday 11th June from 10.30am-1pm in the School House. There will also be stalls with items of interest. Everyone welcome.

### Condolence

We were all saddened to hear of the untimely death of Revd William Buchanan, Presbyterian minister of Ballybay, Rockcorry and Drumkeen churches. Revd William took part in services within the Ematris group over the years since coming to Ballybay. His passing is a great loss to the churches as well as to the community. There was a very large attendance at his memorial service in 2nd Ballybay on 15th May. We extend our sympathy to the Buchanan family and the Ballybay group of churches on their great loss of a pastor and friend.

### Dartrey/Rockcorry

Our Mother's Union members joined with members from throughout the Dioceses for the Annual Diocesan service in Aghabog Church on Friday 4th May. Our grateful thanks and appreciation to all who helped to make it a memorable occasion in the life of Mother's Union.

### Bereavement

We were all shocked by the sudden passing of John Donaldson. His funeral took place Rockcorry parish Church on Friday 29th April. John was well known and will be greatly missed. We extend our sympathy to his widow Mary, son Derek, daughters Jacqueline and Pamela, daughter in law Vanessa and sons in law Nigel and Ivan, grandchildren and the wider family circle.

### Confirmation

Cormac Harte was confirmed in Multyfarnham School on Ascension Thursday. We ask God's blessing on Cormac as He has taken the renewal of his Baptismal Promises.

### Picnic

The annual Parish Picnic has been arranged for Friday 17th June 2016.

Rockcorry National School

The school is now enrolling for September 2016.

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### GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE

*God planned the smallest detail  
On the day he formed the earth.  
And, just as carefully, He planned  
Each detail of your birth-  
He knew the colour of your eyes,  
The texture of your hair,  
The circumstances of your days  
Each HOW and WHEN and WHERE.  
And God has had a perfect plan  
From all eternity  
To touch the lives of others  
Through the lives of you and me-  
He blesses us and fills us  
With a joy beyond all measure,  
For he considers each of us  
A rare and priceless treasure.*

## Enniskillen Cathedral



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### Services

#### June

##### Thursday 2nd

11.00am Holy Communion

##### Sunday 5th: The Second Sunday after Trinity

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

##### Thursday 9th

11.00am Holy Communion

##### Sunday 12th: The Third Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Morning Prayer  
(Family Service & Prize Giving); 7.00pm Evening Prayer

##### Thursday 16th

11.00am Holy Communion

##### Sunday 19th: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Holy  
Communion; 3.00pm Evening Prayer

##### Thursday 23rd

11.00am Holy Communion; 1.05pm Healing Service

##### Sunday 26th: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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

##### Thursday 30th

11.00am Holy Communion

### Holy Baptism

1st May 2016: Lily Isabella Sque

8th May 2016: Daniel Joel Fred Byers

### Christian Marriage

1st May 2016: Natasha Evelyn

McNeice and Owen John Cree

### Memorial Service

16th May 2016: Henry George Victor John Crichton,  
6th Earl of Erne KCVO (died 23rd December 2015)

### Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday



Nearly eight hundred people packed the Cathedral for a Service of Thanksgiving to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday on Thursday 21st April. Those attending were treated to complimentary refreshments and music at the Jolly Sandwich before and after the service.





The most westerly beacon on the British Isles was lit after the service by Viscount Brookeborough in the Cathedral grounds. Later in the evening Enniskillen Castle was lit in purple as two beams of lights crossed the Main Street symbolising Her Majesty crossing the street from St Macartin's Cathedral to St Michael's Roman Catholic Church in 2012.

## Cathedral Hall Update

The contractor, RJ McKelvey Ltd of Castlederg, moved on to the site on Monday 9th May and started work on the renovation and extension of the cathedral hall. Approval to proceed had been given earlier by The Office of the First and Deputy First Minister under the Social Investment Fund.



The contractors have made a good start and, within two days, the foundations for the extension were in and openings made for new windows. The stage area has also been cleared in preparation for new youth facilities. When the work has been completed the cathedral hall will once again serve much-needed parish and community purposes. The improvements to be carried out include the replacement of the flat roofs with much more serviceable pitched roofs. A new welcome area will be a feature in the renovated hall. A new parish office with a separate photocopying room will be a welcome development. A quiet room for prayer or consultation will also be a feature. A new stainless steel and extended kitchen and other tea stations will be valuable additions. New toilets, including baby-changing facilities, will replace the old ones. Dedicated youth provision will also be a valuable addition to the facilities. A new office suite is being provided for the Diocesan Office. It will be located in the part of the building located in the lower car park. The accommodation will include a reception area, meeting room and three offices together with tearoom and toilet facilities. A new high-energy efficiency heating system will serve the building. It is also proposed to extend the car parking facilities and install entrance and exit barriers so that use of the car park can be controlled. The contract is scheduled to last eight months but, judging by the rate of initial progress by the contractor, an earlier completion date may be possible.

## The Cathedral Tower Clock



Parishioners and the general public will have noticed that the tower clock has stopped. The clock was manufactured by John Smith and Sons of Derby in 1935. It cost £240 and was the gift of Mr Alfred Weaver, who had business premises in Darling Street. Mr Weaver gave the clock in memory of his family. Over the years the clock has been regularly serviced by Smith's technical staff. Unfortunately, time has taken its toll. A recent inspection report by Smith's agent states that "this system is beyond satisfactory or economic repair". The report goes on to state that they recommend that the clock auto-winding system requires upgrading. This appears to be quite a complex piece of machinery needing a considerable time to be spent on site fitting it into place. Smith's quotation for the manufacture, transport and installation of the new parts required is £9,806. Enquiries have been made through the local Council and it appears that there are very few sources of possible grant aid for the clock. An application was made to the Church of Ireland Church Fabric Fund and a grant of £950 has been awarded provided the work will be completed and the grant claimed for before the end of March 2017. It reflects badly on the Parish to have the clock, which serves the town of Enniskillen, out of action over a long period of time. An effort must be made to have the clock repaired as soon as finances are available. Contributions from parishioners towards the cost of this important item would be very much welcomed.

## Mothers' Union

On Monday 9th May, on a beautiful spring evening, forty members attended the annual outing to Tully Mill Restaurant, Florencecourt. The Dean and Revd Olie were in attendance and a delicious meal was served and enjoyed. Arrangements were made for members attending the Area Service and Diocesan Spring Council. A table quiz organised by Branch Leader Stephanie Hamilton brought the evening to a close. Members attended the Area Service in Magheraculmoney Parish Church on Friday 13th May at which Jenifer Johnston presented the Overseas Mission donations. Members are wished a happy healthy summer break and will meet again on September 12th when new members would be warmly welcomed.

## Sponsored Walk

A sponsored walk has been organised after the Sunday School end of year service and presentation of gifts on Sunday 12th June to raise funds towards the cost of Cathedral Roof repairs. We encourage as many as possible to take part in this short walk followed by a soup lunch in Leslie's, Church Street. Sponsorship forms were included with the May Cathedral News. Additional forms are available in the Cathedral Porch or the Parish Office.

## The Battle of the Somme - 1st July to 18th November 1916 - 141 Days of Horror

*We have entered into a covenant with death, with the grave we have made an agreement. Isaiah 28:15*

Somme - a word derived from the Celtic word *Suaimhneas* meaning tranquillity. It was a river flowing through a peaceful area of streams, rolling hills and woods. It is ironic that the word Somme should be synonymous with one of the most terrible battles of the First World War.

It is best remembered for the awful slaughter suffered by the British army on the first day. 19,240 men were killed and countless more wounded and missing. It was the worst day ever in the history of the British army. By the time the battle was ended by the autumn rains, the British had suffered 400,000 casualties with 96,000 fatalities. This was for a gain of a few miles. It is sometimes called the slaughter of the innocents: a German officer wrote "Somme, the whole history of the world cannot contain a more ghastly word." This outcome was the consequence of industrialised warfare: industry produced the weapons of war in increasingly vast quantities: accurate, magazine fed rifles, artillery of all sizes, machine guns firing 500 bullets a minute, bombs, mortars, gas. Against all this human flesh was frail.

What led to the events of these months?

The war began in August 1914. Many believed it would be over by Christmas. Yet by the end of the year the conflict in the West had solidified into a line of trenches from which the opposing armies faced one another. The line stretched from the English Channel to Switzerland, with the German army occupying most of Belgium and a lot of northern France.

In 1915, attempts by the French and British to break this deadlock had failed. As had an attempt to open a second front against Germany's ally, Turkey, which had led to the disastrous Gallipoli campaign. Inniskillings had fought there, and two men had been awarded Victoria Crosses.

At the end of 1915, the allied high command developed a grand plan to defeat Germany - there were to be three massive attacks by the French, and the British in the west and the Russians in the east. But this was disrupted and pre-empted by the German assault on the French at Verdun.

The British attack was brought forward to take pressure off the French and the French attack alongside them would be considerably reduced.

1st July, the British attacked along a 15-mile front with over 100,000 men. This had two new features - a preliminary weeklong artillery bombardment by 1,400 guns, aimed at cutting the German barbed wire and destroying their fortified positions. Even more significantly this attack was largely by a citizen army - men who had volunteered, who responded to Kitchener's call, men from all walks of civilian life - working men, labourers, shopkeepers, professionals - the best of the youth of the nation. Their training was limited both in time and experience but what they lacked in that they made up in patriotic enthusiasm. Many were in what were called "pals" battalions - men from the same factory, the same street, the same club. One of these units was the 36th (Ulster) Division. The men were volunteers to a man, they served alongside friends, relations, work mates, teammates. Many had a common religious/political identity, coming as they did from units of the Ulster Volunteer Force. Like all the battalions in the Division the three Inniskilling Battalions, the 9th, 10th and 11th were locally raised - 9th the Tyrones, 10th the Derrys and 11th the Donegal and Fermanagh. Also on that 1st July there were two other Inniskilling Battalions, the 1st and the 2nd, experienced professional soldiers who had served in Gallipoli and in France in Divisions on either side of the 36th. The attack: the artillery would finish at 7.30 and instructions for the infantry were that they would then emerge from their trenches and walk towards the German lines where they would find the wire and defences destroyed.

Some Divisional commanders, including 36th, did not obey and their men were ordered into no man's land before 7.30 which brought them close to the German trenches. The Ulstermen attacked on a 2000yard front near Thiepval Wood. The 36th found the German wire cut and the Germans taken by surprise. For the next few hours the Ulstermen overran German lines, and took many prisoners. But things began to go wrong. The Divisions on either side made no progress at all because the artillery had largely failed to destroy the German wire or bunkers. This left the Ulstermen in their advance exposed to gunfire from three sides. Reinforcements, ammunition and water could not get through. Gradually German counter attacks recovered lost ground and the surviving Ulstermen were driven back. Casualties in the Division were enormous - over 5,000 of whom 2,000 were killed. Of the 2,700 Inniskillings in the Division, 604 were killed. The following day the Division was taken out of the line and played no further significant part in the battle. Including the other two Inniskilling Battalions, 1st and 2nd, the regiment lost over 800 fatalities that day. Elsewhere on that day, some units had success but most totally failed, their attacks foundering within minutes as the men encountered intact German wire and defences. The British soldiers were mown down in lines by German artillery and machine gun fire. The British artillery had not done its job.

*One's revulsion to the ghastly horrors  
Of war was submerged in the belief  
That this war was to end all wars and Utopia  
Would rise. What an illusion!*  
(Corporal Tansley, Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment)

*Too many of the bravest and best perished,  
Seeking to compensate by valour for lack of experience  
And the shortage of munitions, to the hazard  
Of the final victory and the detriment of  
the future of the nation.*  
(preface to *History Of the Great War,  
Military Operations 1916*)

## 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*

## Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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## Sunday Services

This afternoon I am beginning to have the first sense that parish life might just quieten for the Summer. The first hint of this was noticing that few events are planned in the diary in the weeks ahead. Church Lads Brigade and the Girls Friendly Society have had their Parents' Evenings, and MOPS and Men's Group will close later in June. There had been some hope of special events in June, but I am glad that they have not materialized because the parish deserves a rest. The month of May saw a great burst of energy, or perhaps panic, to host events, and draw the year's work to a close.

## Senior Adults' Lunch

God willing in June, we will host a Senior Adults' Lunch, join the Border walk with 17 or 18 YWAM'ers as they arrive to stay for two evenings with us in the parish, conduct a round of visitation to those who are housebound or in nursing care, and join together for Children's and Youth Sunday and BBQ. Bishop Ken Clarke and his wife Helen plan to be with us on that day, 19th June, to commission Hayley Corbett as she prepares to travel to Uganda, and the 11 team members, who plan to travel to Peru; they are Elliott Hanlon, Timothy McClure, Iain Maguire, Fiona Lee, Sally-Mae Downey, Bethany Corbett, Yvonne Cunningham, Christine Baxter, Andy Little and myself. Hayley departs on 3rd August and the team to Peru depart on 15th July. Do pray.

## Supper

Also, we hope to host the Roman Catholic Parish for supper at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd June. This is the fourth year we have hosted this, and it always proves to be a great evening. Do come along.

## Farewell

Sadly we will say farewell to Sam and Liz Campbell as they leave their work in Fivemiletown Methodist Circuit. Sam and Liz have been great to know during these last years and we pray God's blessing on their journey. Revd William Newell will come to take over that ministry in July this year. We are also pleased to learn that Colin and Marjorie Dickson have been commissioned to work in Jordan. We will look forward to welcoming to the parish, Kelly and Peter Burke, as their time in South Africa comes to a close.

## Celebrating

We look forward to celebrating with Stephen and Caroline Neill and their daughter Isla (Caroline is Canon and Mrs Robinson's youngest daughter), and Stephen and Heather Kirkpatrick and their daughter Ruby, as they prepare for Holy Baptism on 12th June in St John's Church. Also, we look forward to the weddings of Nicola Montgomery and Ashley Liggett in August, Gary Warrington and Orlagh Sheenan in September, and Kathryn Glenn and Gary Irvine in October, all in St John's Church.

## Developing in Prayer

As part of the development of the Parish's prayer, Canon Raymond Fox has been invited to speak about Contemplative Prayer, also called Prayer Of The Inner Heart. He will speak at church on one Sunday in the autumn, and also conduct two practical workshops where he will speak more about prayer and make time for prayer. These times are open to everyone, to friends of the parish, and to other members of the diocese.

## Workshops on Prayer

9.30-11.00am Saturday 22nd October and Saturday 26th November. Booking with the Parish Office or myself.

## BREATHE

Also, BREATHE provides a quieter time for prayer and worship on the first Sunday evening of the month. Next date: Sunday 5 June at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

## Ministry Of Healing

Dr Pat Mollen, of the Church's Ministry Of Healing, has been assisting us in thinking about how we develop our intercession for others, and offering prayer for healing. A time will be set aside on a more regular basis for intercession and prayer for healing, with details to follow. Mr William Morrow has been appointed to act as secretary of this ministry, and the ladies at our neighbouring Presbyterian Churches are making a banner as a gift to the parish, which will bear witness to this ongoing ministry.

## Youth and Children's Day: 19th June

Any children who play musical instruments and are interested in playing on Youth and Children's Day - please contact Judith Anderson.

## Evening Prayer

We look forward to welcoming members of the Royal Black Preceptory to the parish, to a service of Evening Prayer at 3.30pm on Sunday 21st August. Kind regards, Revd Kyle Hanlon

## Mothers' Union

The May MU meeting was Visitor's Night and was held in St. John's Hall. Mamie Alexander welcomed members and guests from neighbouring Churches and organisations. Following the opening hymn, bible reading by Sheila Burke and prayer, Mamie introduced the speaker, Colin Davies from Spud Bears Ministry. Colin has worked in full time mission work for 13 years, started Spud Bears ministry in 2012 as a result of some of his experiences overseas. The first part of his ministry is to supply 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 his ministry involves animatronic talking bears. These Bears are able to read Bible stories, sing and share God's love with the children, many of whom are unable to read or are blind and have no one to read to them. A vote of thanks was given by Barbara Kingston and Colin was given a token of appreciation and a cheque for £110 which was donations for his work. Following supper a short business meeting took place.

Four members attended the Southern Area Service in Aghabog Church on 6th May. Final arrangements were made for the Area Service being held in St. John's Church on Friday 13th May. £515 overseas missionary money will be given at this service. Branch Leader Elvina Funston closed the meeting with prayer.

## Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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## Services

### June

10:30am Sallaghy

12:00am Galloon

## Sunday School Times

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

Galloon: 12:00-1:00pm in Galloon

Sunday School Rooms

## Monthly Cycle of Services

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

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

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

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

## Sympathy

The Select Vestry and parishioners of the Group would like to express their sympathy with the Rector, Stewart and family on the death of Stewart's mother Mrs Doris Elizabeth Kerr. A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mrs Kerr took place in Drumachose Presbyterian Church in Limavady on Thursday 19th May 2016. At the service Revd Anita read the lesson whilst Revd McCracken and Revd Irwin both spoke with passion about Mrs Kerr's dedication to the church throughout her lifetime and her commitment to the Girls' Brigade where she had been Captain for 20 years. Mrs Kerr is survived by her husband John and sister Edna. 'Live, love, life'

## Good News

You are encouraged to join our Journey to Discover the Good News. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st June and then on Wednesday 6th July in Galloon Sunday School Hall at 8.00pm. Coffee, chat & check out what God is saying!

## Sunday School Prize Day

These services will be held on Sunday 12th June with Sallaghy & Drummully at 10:30am (in Sallaghy) and Galloon at 12:00 noon.

## Fathers' Day

A Group Service for Father's Day will be held in Sallaghy at 11:00am on Sunday 19th June.

## Group Outing on Fathers' Day

Are you wondering what to get Dad or Grandad? Wonder no more! Join us for our Group Family Picnic with Father's Day treats at the Share Centre Lisnaskea. For Dad: Treat Dad or Grandad to an adventure Banana skiing or Keelboat sailing £15:00, or to a trip on the Inishcruiser. £9:50 or £12:00 (includes tea/coffee & Scones). For the kids: Archery, Climbing, Combat Corps, T-shirt painting, Fuss Ball, Balloon modelling & Bouncy Castle All for £5:00 per child! Or just paddle and picnic, join five/seven aside football team, bring a book or play on the swings!

## Group Thanksgiving Service and Dedication of Roof

A Thanksgiving Service and Dedication of the new roof will be held in Drummully Church at 7.00pm on Sunday 31st July when the speaker will be Bishop John McDowell.

## Holy Communion Services

Holy Communion in July and August will be celebrated on the 4th Sunday of the month.

## Galloon Parish

### Church Hall

The open meeting was held in the Church Hall on Friday 13th May at 8.00pm. Although not very well attended, it nevertheless proved to be both very useful and constructive. It was addressed by Mr Stephen Leighton and Mrs Carol Follis. It is probable that a new line of approach will be adopted in the near future regarding this project. More details to follow.

### Orange Service

The District No 1 Orange Service in Galloon will be held on Sunday 10th July at 7:30pm.

## RBP Service

The Annual RBP 154 Service in Galloon will be held on Sunday 14th August at 7:30pm.

## Bereavement

Mrs Betty Darling, late of Crom Road, Newtownbutler was laid to rest in Galloon Parish Churchyard on Monday 25th April 216. We offer our sincere sympathy to both her immediate and extended family circle.

## Galloon & Drummully Mothers' Union

The Branch have organised an outing on Saturday 10th September. It will take the form of a cruise on Lough Erne followed by a meal in the Manor House Hotel. This special outing is organised to celebrate 60 years of MU in Galloon Parish. This afternoon and evening will cost no more than £25.00 per person and is open to everyone. More details will be available shortly. This will be a lovely way to commence the Autumn activities following the summer break.

## Magheraveely Football Club

The club are looking for new members for the incoming season. If interested please contact: Philip Hutchinson 078 86947282 or Rodney McVitty 079 73777945.

## Sallaghy Parish

### Praise Service

A Praise Service was held in Derryadd Church on the evening of Sunday 15th May. The service was led by Revd Anita and the address was given by Dean Raymond Ferguson. Special music was provided on brass by Joanna and Andrew Crawford who accompanied the organ for the singing of the hymns "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven" and "Breathe on me, Breath of God". Michael Smith played "Spirit of the living God" as an instrumental piece on the flute and the Group Choir sang "All I once held dear".

### Mothers' Union 90th Anniversary

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.

### Bible Society in Northern Ireland

Our congratulations to Catherine Little who has been recently appointed as General Secretary of the Bible Society in Northern Ireland (BSNI). While BSNI traces its roots in Belfast back to 1807, Catherine will be the first woman to lead the organisation. BSNI relies on partnerships with Churches and individuals to support projects worldwide translating, publishing and distributing scripture. This partnership is vital as BSNI also seeks to encourage people here in Northern Ireland to read and engage with the Bible. Catherine's commissioning event as General Secretary of the Bible Society in Northern Ireland will be held on

Sunday 19th June at 7.00pm in the Church of Ireland and Methodist Student Centre, 16 – 26 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6AY. Website: www.bsni.co.uk

### Orange Service

The Annual Orange Service in Sallaghy will be held on Sunday 3rd July at 11:30am. We are again grateful to the parishioners of Galloon parish for the swap of service times on this Sunday.

### Drummully Parish

#### Church Roof

Work has commenced on replacing the slates on the Church roof in April and thankfully we have been blessed with a lovely spell of weather and it is progressing well. 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 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 12.00noon during the roof refurbishment.

#### Car Boot Sales

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 8.00am for Car-booters to set up their stalls, but the Hall will not be open for teas until 9.30am. The next car boot sale after that will be on the 2nd July and this will include our annual Pet and Dog Show. The same opening hours apply.

#### RBP Service

The Annual RBP 811 Service in Drummully will be held on Sunday 24th July Drummully at 3:30pm.

## Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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### Services

#### June

##### Sunday 12th

10.00am Kiltyclogher HC;  
11.30am Belleek Family Service

#### Sunday 19th

10.00am Garrison Family Service;  
11.30am Slavin MP

#### Sunday 26th

10.00am Kiltyclogher MP;  
11.30am Belleek HC

#### July

##### Sunday 3rd

10.00am Garrison HC; 3.00pm Slavin L.O.L. Service

##### Sunday 10th

11.30am Belleek HC;  
3.00pm Garrison L.O.L. Service

### Mothers' Union

The April meeting took the part of a closing service and was held in Kiltyclogher Church. It was very enjoyable that it incorporated an enrolling service for our newest member Mrs Liesel Zink.



The Rector with MU Branch Leader, Dot Barlow and Liesel Zink recently enrolled MU Member

Following the service of HC conducted by the Rector and enrolment assisted by the branch leader Mrs Dot Barlow the members travelled to Garrison Church Hall where a delicious meal was served provided by all the members. Members travelled to the Area Service in Magheraculmoney church on Friday 13th May.

### Fifth Sunday Group Service

The 5th Sunday Group Service in July will be held in Garrison Church. Children will take part in the service and hot dogs and tea will be served in the church hall after the service with a small donation towards the food going to church funds. Everyone welcome from all 4 churches for the service at 11.30am. Visitors are also most welcome.

### Annual Orange Anniversary Services

The annual Orange services will be held in Slavin Parish Church on Sunday 3rd July and in Garrison Parish Church on Sunday 10th July. Both services at 3.00pm accompanied by Garrison accordion band. Visitors and visiting brethren most welcome.

## Summer Sales

Fundraising events continue over the summer period with Wark sales as follows:- Slavin on 19th July, Garrison on 1st August and Kiltyclogher on 16th August. All donations of cakes, items for teas, bric a brac, good used clothes, books etc most welcome.

## 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 especially think of Muriel Johnston, Belleek, Florrie Hamilton and Keith Jamison, Garrison who were in hospital in Enniskillen. We remember those who have been recently bereaved: Betty Johnston on the death of her aunt, Mrs Moore and Freddy Boyd on the loss of his brother.

## Christian Burial

Mrs Marion Henderson Cornett passed away on Tuesday morning 10th May. Her funeral service was conducted by the rector, Revd Ngozi in Garrison Parish Church on Thursday 12th May and burial was in the adjoining churchyard. Mrs Cornett had spent all her life in Belfast and moved down as a resident in the Graan Nursing home in the last few years to be near her family. The Rector reflected on the wonderful lady that she was and the love she had for her family. We extend our sympathy to her daughters Marion Gregg and Valerie Jamison and all of the extended family including grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## Confirmation



The Rector and Violet Thompson

We congratulate Violet Thompson pictured in the photograph with Revd Ngozi who was Confirmed by the Bishop at the Adult Confirmation Service in Portora Royal School on Ascension Day.

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on [www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org](http://www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org). 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.

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## Services

### June

**Sunday 5th** HC Service 2, Prayer 1

**Sunday 12th** Morning Prayer 1

**Sunday 19th** A service of the Word - Sunday School

**Sunday 26th** Morning Prayer 2

## Institution

We are delighted that we have our new minister Canon David Skuce in place. Many thanks to all who made the event such a success. The comments from people both near and far have been extremely positive with everyone saying they found all aspects of the evening very enjoyable. Thanks to Gillian Rutherford, Choir, Readers, and the Mothers' Union for all their help and support. Canon Skuce commented "The evening of 22nd April, proved to be a very memorable occasion for myself, my family and friends from both near and far. Everything went so well, the sun was shining, the grounds looked great. I would like to thank all those who led the service that night, to the Choir and Organist, the flowers, the Readers and the Archdeacon and the Bishop. I would like also thank those who oversaw the parish during the vacancy and a special thanks to the Office Bearers, and in particular the Church Wardens and the Glebe Wardens."

## Parish Readers

We are delighted that one of our parishioners, Mr Harry Anderson has been admitted into the Church of Ireland as a Parish Reader. Harry will be working in our own parish supporting the Rector. We wish Harry every success in his continued studies and he will be in our thoughts and prayers in future months.

## Unique opportunity

Following recent correspondence from the Diocesan Office one of our young people Victoria Bailey will be heading on a Centenary Pilgrimage to the Somme in June. We look forward to hearing all about her trip when she comes back and wish her every success.

## Sunday School Prize Giving

This will be held on the 19th June 2016. Many thanks to Evelyn and all the Sunday school teachers who prepare and nourish our young people in the faith.

## Mothers Union

Thank you all for attending our final MU meeting of this season on Monday 25 April, an interesting visit to the home of Glenn and Eileen McNeill at Mill Cottage, Florencecourt. Glenn showed us around his magnificent garden, then Eileen spoke on our theme for this year 'A Celebration of Faith'. On leaving, everyone was given a plant, which Glenn had propagated, and a photograph of one of the spectacular plants in the garden. It is hoped that these will be a lasting reminder of a very enjoyable evening.

## Christian Burial

### Dr Ruth Acheson

We paid our final respects and bid a fond farewell to Dr Ruth Acheson who sadly passed away on Monday 18th April. Ruth battled through her illness with a calmness and fortitude that was an inspiration to everyone who knew and loved her. Deepest sympathy to her husband Justin and her children Rupert, Megan and Peter, and the extended Acheson and Donaldson Families. Our prayers are with you all.

### Mrs Betty Ferguson

Mrs Betty Ferguson passed away peacefully at her home at Tonnagh on the 8th April 2016. Betty, as she was fondly known, was our organist for many years commencing to play in 1955 and was a member of the choir. She was a lady with great cheerfulness and a quiet sincere faith and served the Lord through her music. In 2012 the church presented Betty with a gift to recognize her playing the organ for over sixty years. At her Funeral Service Canon David Skuce said in his sermon that she just didn't read the gospel...she lived the gospel, which bore testament to the type of lady Betty was. Sincere sympathies to her sons, Ron and Robin, and extended family.

## Kilskeery and Trillick



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## Services

### June

#### Sunday 5th: The Second Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer & Sunday School Prize Giving  
11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer & Sunday School Prize Giving

#### Sunday 12th: The Third Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Kilskeery Parish Church – Combined Service of Thanksgiving – Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday.

#### Sunday 19th: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Trillick Parish Church – Confirmation with Holy Communion

#### Sunday 26th: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer  
11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer

## Holy Baptism

Sunday 17th April 2016: Jack Charles Harold Johnston, son of Kyle and Karen, Kilskeery Church.

*God our Creator, thank you for the waiting and the joy,  
Thank you for new life and for parenthood.  
Thank you for the gift of Jack entrusted to our care.  
May we be patient and understanding ready to guide  
and forgive that in our love Jack may know your love.  
May he learn to love your word and the  
whole family of your children;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Mother's Union



May Kee (MU Branch Leader), Linda Brunt (Speaker), Gwen Crozier (Secretary)

Members were greatly moved by Linda's (Brunt) Presentation on Monday 18th April, 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 and again congratulate her and thank her most sincerely!

## Commissioning Service for Admission of Parish Readers



Alison Irvine, Adrian Irvine, Bishop John McDowell and John Irvine



24th April was a very special day in the life of Adrian Irvine, his family, friends and members of Kilskeery and Trillick Parishes who gathered for his Commissioning Service as Parish Reader. We were delighted to welcome Bishop John and Canon David Skuce (Warden of Readers) together with Dr. Canon Billy Johnston (Adrian's former Rector), John, his father and Alison Irvine, his sister (Diocesan Lay Reader and Ordinand respectively), his wife Sandra, sons and daughters and a large number of Parish Readers (Adrian has joined the ranks of a fine and very supportive group of people!). We were delighted also to welcome a large group from Inishmacsaint who came in support of parishioner Harry Anderson as he too was commissioned as a Parish Reader. Sincere thanks to all those who helped in any way with the Commissioning Service – our Choir and those who provided refreshments in the hall following especially – and warmest congratulations again to Adrian and Harry.



Mini Auction & Coffee Afternoon at Kilskeery

## Dates for the Diary

### Sunday School Prize Giving

Sunday School Prize Giving will take place on 5th June at 10.30am in Trillick Parish and 11.45am in Kilskeery Parish Church.

### Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

QEII PS are planning an event in school on Friday 10th June. Saturday 11th June will see a Community Event, again at QEII from 3.00 – 5.00pm. Combined Service of Thanksgiving in Kilskeery Parish Church on 12th June at 11.00am.

### Celebration of Confirmation

Bishop John will join us for a Celebration of Confirmation on Sunday 19th June in Trillick Parish Church at 11.00am.

### Parish BBQ

Parish BBQ (Kilskeery) - 8th July

## Lisbellaw (including Coolbuck)



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## Services

### June

#### Sunday 5th: Second Sunday after Trinity

Lisbellaw 11.00am Holy Communion;  
Coolbuck 3.00pm Holy Communion

#### Sunday 12th: Third Sunday after Trinity

Lisbellaw 11.00am Service of the Word in celebration of Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday and Sunday School prize giving

Coolbuck 3.00pm Service of the Word in celebration of Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday

#### Sunday, 19th: Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Lisbellaw 9.45am Holy Communion Form One  
11.00am Service of the Word for Father's Day (Family Service); Coolbuck 3.00pm Service of the Word for Father's Day

#### Sunday, 26th Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Lisbellaw 11.00am Morning Prayer;  
Coolbuck 3.00pm Evening Prayer

#### Friday, 1st July - 100 Years' Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme

Lisbellaw 8.00am Service of Remembrance

## Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Arabella Hurst, formerly of Tattymacall Road, Lisbellaw.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to James John Robert Armstrong and Lucas Daniel Rendell who were recently baptised in this parish.

## Special Thanks

Special thanks to the family of the late Mrs Gladys Walker who have donated a new umbrella stand in her loving memory.

Special thanks to the Catering Group who commissioned and paid for a beautiful literature table to stand in the entrance to the church. This table was hand made by Ian McElroy and is a tribute to

his skills as a master craftsman. In order to keep it in its pristine condition, flower arrangers are asked to refrain from placing flower arrangements on it.

Special thanks to Lizzie Hogg who inscribed the Books of Common Prayer that were presented to each confirmation candidate last month.

### Evening of Worship



Lisbellaw were very pleased to welcome James Strange, an accomplished musician and music producer, who, along with our own Lynda Lindsay, led a wonderful uplifting evening of praise in April



Members of the choir at the recent 'Evening of Worship

### Sunday School Prize Giving

Sunday School Prize Giving on Sunday 12th June at 11.00am in Lisbellaw church during a special service to celebrate the official birthday of the Queen who is 90 this year. The Mothers' Union is providing tea and cake in the parish centre at 10.00am (immediately prior to service). This gesture of hospitality and celebration is in honour of the Queen who is the patron of Mothers' Union and also to celebrate 140 years since the formation of the Mothers' Union. All are welcome and there will be an opportunity in the hall to give to their overseas work. The offering in the church on this day will be a special offering for the children's work in the parish. All the uniformed organisations plus junior badminton are no longer charged for their use of the hall so the expenditure (light, heat, insurance etc.) must be met elsewhere. It is hoped that the offering taken at this special children's service will compensate for the loss of this necessary income.

### Queen's Birthday Celebration

Queen's birthday celebration on Sunday 12th June at 10.00am in Lisbellaw parish centre. Prior to

the service at 11.00am (see above), the Lisbellaw Mothers' Union invite you to a birthday celebration in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday where tea and cake (and other tasty treats) will be served. There is no charge but there will be an opportunity to leave a donation which will be used to fund the work of Mothers' Union overseas.

### Fathers' Day Service

Fathers' Day Service of the Word will take place on Sunday 19th June at 11.00am and it is hoped that many children and adults will bring their dads along to mark this special day. Children will be taking part in the service as this will be June's family service.

### Service of the Word for a Commemoration of the Battle of the Somme

Service of the Word for a Commemoration of the Battle of the Somme will take place in Lisbellaw parish church on Friday 1st July 2016 at 8.00am following the lighting of a beacon in the village. All are welcome to this special service which has been compiled by the Representative Church Body in Dublin. The service should last no more than half an hour for those going to work but all are invited to share a cooked breakfast immediately following the service in the parish centre. There is no charge for the breakfast but there will be an opportunity to leave a donation.

### 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 when this book will be launched in Lisbellaw Parish Centre.

### Parish Registers

#### Baptisms

24th April 2016 in Coolbuck Church: James John Robert Armstong, son of Tamsin and Jonathan Armstrong, Station Park, Maguiresbridge



Jonathan & Tamsin Armstrong baby James and sister Dori with grandparents Violet and John Armstrong, Aunt Elizabeth Hamilton and Great Grandmother Elsie Graham

8th May 2016 in Lisbellaw Church:  
 Lucas Daniel Rendell, son of Julie and  
 John Rendell, Hillmorton, Rugby



Julie and John Rendell with their son Lucas who was baptized in Lisbellaw Church. Included are his Godparents Janet and Richard Barr and Matthew Twigg.

## Burial

18th April 2016: Arabella Hazel Jean Hurst,  
 Tattymacall Road, Lisbellaw

## Confirmations on 22nd May 2016

Matthew Kerr, Zoe Cooper, Matthew Dane, Rhiannon Irvine, Jonathan Dane-Evans, Lorraine Nicholl, Scott Moutray, Alice Lindsay, Ryan Beatty, Jodie Hamilton, Rhys Irvine, Lucy Fisher, Craig McDonald, Kirsty Moutray, Wayne Nicholl, Nicole Hoey, Matthew Elliott, Georgia Taylor and Glen Crawford.

## Coolbuck



Youngest parishioner sitting in the sun before the service

## Lisnaskea



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## Services

### June

#### Sunday 5th

11.30am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 12th

11.30am Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 19th

11.30am Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 26th

11.30am Morning Prayer

(Collection for World Vision sponsored children)

## Burial

Saturday 30th April 2016

Mrs Elaine Crawford, 35 Cloughcor Road, Lisbellaw.

Monday 16th May 2016

Mrs Mildred Charlotte Donnan, Castlebalfour, Lisnaskea.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who  
 have been bereaved at this time.

## Queen's Birthday Celebrations



On Sunday 15th May a special Service of Morning Prayer was held in church to mark the Queen's 90th birthday. The theme was 'The Servant Queen and the King she serves'. Members of Children's Church sang a piece and Mrs Val Irvine spoke about her work with 'The Pantry' and how the facility has made a valuable difference to the needy in the local community and indeed further afield. 'The Pantry' is expanding all the time thanks to the generosity of many people giving money, food, household items and even furniture. Copies of 'The Servant Queen' book were given to each household and following the service parishioners were treated to a lovely lunch in The Trinity Hall. Our catering van and barbecue was up and running supplying delicious burgers and hotdogs while inside the hall lovely soup was served along with a vast variety of beautiful sweets and ice-cream. This was all topped off with birthday cake, tea and coffee. The cake was cut by one of our senior parishioners, Mrs Iris Nixon.



We were truly blessed with the sunshine so many were able to sit outside and enjoy their food. It was also lovely to have neighbours from the Methodist and Presbyterian churches as well as Lisnaskea Fold join in the festivities. A really big thank you to vestry members and everyone who made it all possible, especially those who supplied food, decorated the hall and helped on the day to cook and serve.

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## Sunday School Service

The month of June gets off to a flying start on 5th June when we celebrate with our children and young people. The Sunday School Service will be at 11.00am and the Youth Fellowship Service is at 7.00pm.

## Annual 7-a-side Soccer Tournament

On Thursday 9th June the Annual 7-a-side Soccer Tournament will take place at Fisher Park. The current cup holders are Magheracross Parish (ourselves!) but there are some new challengers this year and other teams are being strengthened so we may not be able to hold on to it.

## Youth Club and Youth Fellowship

The Youth Club and Youth Fellowship will continue through June. The Friday Youth Club will be on 10th and 24th and YF every Sunday finishing on 26th. The Yr7 taster night will be on 19th.

## Girls' Friendly Society

When GFS resumed after Easter we had some fun evenings. We had a nature trail in the Park, returning to the Hall to examine the special items collected by the girls. On another fine evening we walked to the Parish Church where we had a quiz featuring all the important areas and some inscriptions, dates and interesting facts. Then it was time to rehearse our songs for Parents Night and Prize-Giving on Tuesday 26th April. There was a good attendance of parents and friends on our Closing Night. After the opening hymn and prayers all girls joined to sing three praise songs. The President gave her report and Kenny Fisher, local Scout Leader and President Elect of Enniskillen Rotary Club, presented the Branch prizes and cups to the girls. At the Diocesan Service in Inishmaccsaint Church on Friday 6th May our girls received their Diocesan awards for Handcraft, Cookery and Bible Study certificates. Well done to all the girls for their hard work and especially to Catherine Graham who was 1st in the Diocese in Bible Study and was Highly Commended at All-Ireland level. Magheracross Branch have had a successful year and this ends our activities until September.

## Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union Summer outing on 2nd June is a boat trip on the Erne followed by dinner at the Killyhevlin Hotel. The boat will leave the jetty at Killyhevlin at 6.00pm.

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## Claiming the Promises

I am sure you have heard the phrase 'a promise is a promise'. When you make a promise, the expectation is that you will keep your promise. But of course we all, I think, operate on a sliding scale of promises that we must keep the big ones and well, sure, what harm is it if we break the small ones. It is great that God does not operate on this model and he keeps all of his promises. The promises that God makes are all recorded in the bible and there are in the region of 3000 promises that are contained in scripture and are waiting to be collected. For me, it is amazing to think that everything that God has promised he will do because he has promised it and so all we have to do is to claim the promise to have God act. The problem is, however, that we are not good at claiming the promise. During the year 2014 we gave as presents £2.5 billion in gift vouchers but £300 million of those gift vouchers went unclaimed by the people they were given to. This amounts to 6% of the gift card and voucher total market in the UK. These are gift vouchers that have been purchased and given to someone but they are forgotten about and left in a drawer until they are out of date and no longer usable. Those cards present a promise that has been paid for and simply needs to be collected, but has not been. In a similar way, Paul reminds us that the promises of the bible have been paid for by Jesus and simply need to be collected. Paul tells us in second Corinthians 1:20: "For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him, Jesus Christ. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory." If the answer to all the promises of the bible is yes, then how do we take the promises of the bible and make them ours? The answer is very simple, we ask God to make them a reality by claiming them. When we talk to God we call it prayer, so in prayer we ask God for the things that he has promised he will do. It could not be any simpler, when you know what you want and have found the promise of God to relate to that; simply ask with the right motive, honouring God in purity of spirit and seeking to grow in our relationship with God, it is yours, because the promise is a gift that Jesus has paid for.

Let me give you a few promises to get you started:

**Hebrews 13:5** *God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*

**Psalm 37:4** *Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

**Psalm 137:7-10** *Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.*

**Revelation 21:4** *He will wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain. All of that has gone forever."*

**Philippians 4:19** *And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

## Deeper Youth Event

On Saturday 7th May, we had the privilege of hosting the CDYC Youth event at The Fountain Centre. Groups from all around the diocese joined us as we looked at the theme of going DEEPER into God's Word. We kicked off the night with a table quiz before spending some time in praise. The Revd Gary McMurray challenged us that the Bible is a lamp for our feet which helps us see what God is like, and where we should go. A sword which goes down deep into us, showing us what we're really like; and a mirror which challenges us to not just see what we're like but to do something about it! It was great to finish the night with some chill out time, chips and chocolate fountains! This was a great night of fun, fellowship and challenge to wrap up our year of DEEPER events. We are looking forward to next year's events already!

## Twiddle Muffs for Alzheimers Awareness Week



The In-Stitches team worked very hard, lovingly producing Twiddle Muffs in beautiful bright colours for those who suffer from Alzheimers to mark Alzheimers Awareness Week. Twiddle Muffs actively encourage active hands as it is made with different materials, buttons and ribbons etc; you put your hands inside and simply 'twiddle' with the different materials. This fits with our vision 'to love God, love each other and love people'. These were presented to various nursing homes and they were very appreciated.

## Mothers' Union Area Service

It was good to welcome ladies from the Northern area of our diocese to the Area Service in Ardess on Friday 13th May. Our thanks to Revd Olie Downey who preached, all who took part in the service and to our Mothers' Union for the wonderful supper they provided.

## Ice-Cream Sunday

We have a wonderful family fun afternoon planned with our Ice-Cream Sunday including ice cream

(of course!) with lots of toppings, acoustic music, face painting, BBQ, games and crafts. 5th June from 4.00pm - 6.00pm @ The Fountain Centre, Kesh. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

### Friends in the Afternoon annual outing

The Friends in the Afternoon have planned a visit to the beautiful historic 550 acre Blessingbourne Country Estate, nestled in the heart of woodlands, lakes and wildlife on the edge of the Clogher Valley, Fivemiletown, for their annual outing. This is sure to be a very enjoyable and relaxing day. On the 14th June the bus leaves the Parish Hall at 1.30pm sharp and will arrive back at approximately 7.45pm.

### Women of Freedom

**Women of Freedom**

**Ardess Parish Hall**  
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### June events for your diary

5th June 2016: 4.00pm - 6.00pm - Ice-Cream Sunday @ The Fountain Centre, Kesh  
 12th June 2016: 11.00am - Confirmation Sunday @ Ardess Church  
 14th June 2016: Depart Parish Hall 1.30pm - Friends in the Afternoon annual outing to Blessingbourne Country Estate, Fivemiletown (arrival back 7.45pm approximately)  
 30th June 2016: 8.00 pm - Women of Freedom @ Parish Hall

### Future Events for your diary

15th - 19th August 2016: 10.30-12.30pm @The Fountain Centre, Kesh - Guardians of Ancora Bible Club - Each morning will include games, stories, drama, crafts and much more. Age: 5-11 years old. Free Admission.  
 18th November 2016: Country & Gospel Concert

### From the Register

#### Baptisms

24 April 2016: Archie James Alan Dickson, son of Marc Dickson and Claire Kearney, 43 Main Street, Kesh  
 8 May 2016: Willow Sheena Joan Little, daughter of Daryl Little and Donna Moffatt, 60 Castle Manor, Kesh

#### Wedding

7th May 2016: Amanda Smith and Christopher McCrossan. The couple are setting up home at 32 The Meadows, Irvinestown.

#### Burials

4th May 2016: Muriel Willemina Hilliard (80) of Edenvale Park, Omagh  
 9th May 2016: Geraldine Agnes Craig (59) of 41 Fortview Park, Kesh  
 9th May 2016: Eva Moore (96) of County Care Nursing Home, Enniskillen  
 Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of those who are bereaved at this time.

### Weekly Events and Further Information

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## 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.

## Services

### June

#### Sunday 5th

10.30am Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 12th

10.30am Morning Prayer/Childrens' Day

#### Sunday 19th

10.30am Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 26th

10.30am Holy Communion

## From the Register

### Baptism

Maguiresbridge

3rd April 2016: Rena Eleanor McWilliams, 35 Gardiner's Cross Road, Maguiresbridge.

### Burial

Derrybrusk

12th April 2016: Gillian Pennell, Whilliter, Lisbellaw. We would all like to welcome Rena Eleanor into the fellowship of Christ Church and to extend our deepest sympathy to the Pennell family on the death of Gillian and especially to her husband Harold and son Adam.

## Enniskillen Rural Deanery Service

It was good to see those people who attended the Enniskillen Rural Deanery Service on Sunday 11th May in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge. We would like to thank our bishop for conducting the service and preaching, to our organist Timothy Elliott and to our ladies for providing the supper after the service. Those who attended the service thoroughly enjoyed.

## Fire Evacuation Procedure

On the same Sunday we had a fire evacuation procedure in the church at Maguiresbridge. Over the last number of months we have been drawn up a fire safety policy and checking out procedures. As a part of this we had to see how we would evacuate the church in case of a fire. Before the last hymn everyone was asked to leave the church. It was carried out successfully and it is good that people see how to do it.

## Maguiresbridge Mothers' Union

As Maguiresbridge Mothers' Union was formed in May 1954, we decided to have our 60th Anniversary Dinner in Saddler's Restaurant, Enniskillen. This was a very good choice as the meal was lovely. Twenty-seven members, friends and guests gathered at 7.15pm for a group photograph and we then sat down to a beautiful four-course meal. Elma Nelson, one of our members, baked a lovely anniversary cake which was decorated by Catherine Lytle, and we each had a piece of this with our tea or coffee. Thank you to both.

After dinner our Leader, Sandra Kettle, welcomed all present, Bishop McDowell, Dr Margaret Knox, Diocesan President, Canon and Mrs Wilson, Mrs Day, Canon Skuce and all the members and friends of our Branch. Sandra called on Dr Margaret Knox to present Certificates to those members who had long and faithful service to Maguiresbridge Mothers' Union Branch:

Molly Alexander - 53 years

Dorothy Armstrong - 48 years

Eileen Howard - 45 years

Mary Armstrong - 30 years

Margaret Dillon - 30 years

Elma Nelson - 30 years

Dora Lee - Lisnaskea - 26 years and

Maguiresbridge 24 years. Total: 50 years

Dr Margaret Knox then replied by saying how the Mothers' Union was a Worldwide Organisation and congratulated Maguiresbridge for honouring and continuing the work of the ladies started 60 years ago.

Bishop McDowell then thanked everyone for the invitation and brought the evening to a close with the 2nd Collect for Evening Prayer.

Thank you to Joyce Howard who took the photographs.

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## Services

### June

#### Sunday 5th: Trinity 2

10.30am St Patrick's Holy Communion;

12:15pm Kilmore Holy Communion

#### Sunday 12th: Trinity 3

10.30am St Patrick's Service of the Word;

12:15pm Ballinode Morning Prayer 1

#### Sunday 19th: Trinity 4

10.30am St Patrick's Service of the Word -

All Age worship & Children's Day

#### Sunday 26th: Trinity 5

10.30am St Patrick's Service of the Word;

12:15pm Ballinode Holy Communion 2

## The Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group annual general meeting was held in the Westendra Hotel on Tuesday 19th April and the following were elected:

**Chairperson** Ms Julie Smyth

**Secretary** Ms Flo Crawford

**Treasurer** Ms Lila Hardy

The evening concluded with light refreshments.

## Mothers' Union

The Diocesan Mothers' Union area service was held in Aghabog Church on Friday 6th May, with a number of members from our Branch in attendance.

## Sunday School

Sunday school end of year service will be held in St. Patrick's on Sunday 19th June at 10.30am.

## Exams

The state exams commence early June and prayerful support for our young people and their families would be appreciated.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Victoria and David Gillmor on the birth of their daughter Sadie Amelia.

## Illness

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

## Bowling Club

The bowling club has completed another very successful year and will resume again in September.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Revd Simon Genoe on his appointment as Rector of the Parishes of Magheralin and Dollingstown in the diocese of Dromore. We wish him God's Blessing and every happiness as he opens a new chapter in his ministry.

## Ballinode Friendship Service

Ballinode Friendship Service was held on Sunday 15th May and was well supported. We express grateful thanks to the guest speaker Revd Gary McMurray, Rector of Aghavea Parish.

## Vortex Youth Group

Vortex Youth Group completed their year with a visit to Magheraculomoney Parish, Kesh for a table quiz, a talk by Revd Gary McMurray and refreshments. They will resume again in September.

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## Services

### June

#### Sunday 5th

9.00am Holy Communion;  
11.00am Morning Prayer (Youth  
Parade & Family Service);  
7.00pm Evening Prayer

#### Sunday 12th

9.00am Holy Communion;  
11.00am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 19th

9.00am Holy Communion;  
11.00am Morning Prayer (Annual Orange Service)

#### Sunday 26th

9.00am Holy Communion;  
11.00am Morning Prayer  
(Please note there are no Evening  
Services in July or August)

## Parish Register

### Bereavements

The Parish was saddened to learn of the death of 2 of our parishioners and extend our sympathy, prayers and support to their family.

Buchanan, Vera Alecia, The Graan Nursing Home, formerly of Breandrum Court, Enniskillen, died 25th April 2016 and was buried on 28th April at Rossorry graveyard following a funeral service in the Parish Church.

Johnston, Sarah Patricia (Sadie) of Derrychara, Enniskillen, died 11th May 2016 and was buried at Rossorry following a Funeral Service in the Parish Church.

### Baptism

Beacom, Cameron Stephen Alan, who was baptised on Sunday 24th April 2016, baby son of Stephen and Jenna.



Cameron Beacom with Mum and Dad, Stephen and Jenna



Burke, Isobel Rose, who was baptised on Sunday 8th May 2016, baby daughter of Chris and Donna



Isobel Rose with Mum and Dad, Chris and Donna.

A very warm welcome to the newest members of the congregation at Rossorry!

## Celebrating 175 Years of Worship at Rossorry



The year of Thanksgiving and Celebration is continuing with a series of planned events. On Saturday 16th April we held our Parish Dinner and Dance at The Enniskillen Hotel. There was a great attendance and it was a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship.

## Coffee and Flowers Morning

On Saturday 7th May there was a Coffee and Flowers morning in the Parish Hall. The Hall was packed to capacity and the audience were treated to a flower arranging display and a lovely spread of morning coffee and freshly baked goodies. Delighted to report that £1,450 was raised for The Church Repair Fund.



Display of memorabilia at Coffee and Flowers Morning

## 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 hoped that 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. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## BBQ for the Children and Young People of the Parish

On Friday 3rd June there will be an evening of fun and games as well as a BBQ for all the children and young people of the Parish (and their parents) as part of our year of celebration. This is being kindly organised by the Scouts and Guides and promises to be mighty craic!

## Fermanagh Choral Society Concert in Rossorry Church

This concert, kindly provided by The Fermanagh Choral Society, takes place in the Church on Tuesday evening, 7th June 2016 at 7.30pm. It will be wonderful to fill the church with a large choir, as part of our thanksgiving for 175 years of worship on this site. There is no charge for this concert, although a voluntary donation may be made on the night towards the Repair Fund and local Charities.

## Rossorry Parish Church - 175th Anniversary (1841— 2016)

### Forthcoming Events

**Friday 3rd June 2016:** Children of the Parish Bar-B-Que from 6.00-9.00pm (games, fun, Bouncy Castle)

**Tuesday 7th June 2016:** Concert in Rossorry Parish Church by Fermanagh Choral Society at 7.30pm

**Friday 25th—Sunday 27th November 2016:** Christmas Tree Festival in Church

**Andrew Irwin Concert:** Date to be announced for Autumn

**January 2017:** Rossorry Arts and Crafts Class Display

**January 2017:** Table Quiz

**February 2017:** Our Favourite Hymns night

**March 2017:** 'Hooley in the Hall'

## Wednesday Club News

On Wednesday 4th May 2016 the Wednesday Club presented a cheque for £400 to Pearl Priddey on behalf of Cancer Research. This was the proceeds of the very successful Craft Fair held in Rossorry Hall in March of this year.



At the final meeting of the Wednesday Club, before the Annual Outing and closing for the summer, Ethel Oldcroft led the group in folding serviettes and making artistic displays.



(Club closed, now, until September 2016). A big programme of events from September onwards is already in planning.

### Arts & Crafts Classes

Arts & Crafts Classes are on-going in the Parish Hall on Wednesday afternoons. Presently underway is the Acrylic Painting Class and the Basket Weaving started on 11th March.



Presentation of cheque to Cancer Connect (Fermanagh)

## Tempo and Clabby



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*"Sir we would see Jesus" (John 12:21)*

The words of the Greeks who asked Philip if they could meet with Jesus Christ. These people had heard about Jesus and now desired to meet him. But there are many in the world who have never heard of Jesus. They need to see Jesus. They can only see Jesus as the gospel is presented to them. This can first be by the manner of lifestyle, character, attitudes and behaviour of Christians. An act or on-going practical acts can speak of the Christian faith before any words about Jesus are spoken. (James 2: 14-17). There are many people in the world who need Jesus, but they can be put off by the hypocritical way professing Christians behave towards them. We must be careful not to adopt religious and moral superiority in our attitude towards those who have lost their way on life's journey for whatever reason (see Luke 18:9-14) 1 John 3:17 teaches us "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and truth". Is your Christian faith living and active? A lived out faith? Is it a faith which is genuine, from the heart or merely one from the lips? Do people see Jesus in us?

### Vintage Bike Run

Thank you to Mr Jim Monteith and his helpers who organized a successful bike run once again this year. Our thanks to the P.S.N.I., the stewards, those who helped with the street collection in the villages on the route and also thank you to all who provide food and served it on the day. The total raised to date for the Restoration Fund was £1,536.

### Garden Fete/Family Fun Day

Garden Fete/Family Fun Day from 12-00noon – 4pm. This annual event will be held on Saturday 4th June at Clabby Church Hall grounds, There will be a variety of events to suit all ages, there will be an appearance of the strongmen team, pony trap rides and a variety of side shows.

### Tempo Parish Flower Festival

Tempo Parish Flower Festival – Friday 30th September to Sunday 2nd October.

The theme is "The Kingdom parables", based on the parables of Jesus found in the gospel of Matthew. This will be held on the usual harvest weekend. It commences with a brief opening at 2.00pm on Friday 30th September by the First Minister, Arlene Foster MLA. At 8.00pm there will be an Epilogue Service. The Flower Festival will run on Saturday 1st October from 10.00am – 8.00pm. On Sunday at 7.30pm there will be a closing service the preacher will be a former Rector, Revd James McMaster.

### Link Missionaries

We were pleased to welcome Trevor, Andrea, Emily, Alice and Grace Watson to our Parishes recently. Trevor along with his wife Andrea will be working with Crosslinks in Sweden at Gothenbrug. They will be our partner link Missionaries. Their children Emily, Grace and Alice will be linked up with our Sunday Schools. We pray God will be with them as they move to God's work and for His blessing in their ministry.

### Farewell

At a recent retirement meal for Precentor Noel Regan, hosted by Clogher Rural Deanery, Canon Maurice Armstrong, Rural Dean, 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. Canon Armstrong 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.



### Clabby Friends Service

Clabby Friends Service was held on 24th April. There was a good attendance with many visitors. Our thanks to the visiting Preacher, Bishop Ken Clarke for excellent sermon on the theme of Friendship. Our thanks also, to the Music group with Ann Bloomfield who led the worship. Finally thanks to those who provided the food and served it after the service.

### The Queen's 90th Birthday

We will celebrate her state birthday on 12th June with a united service at 10.45am in Clabby Parish Church combined with the Sunday School Prize giving. After the service there will be a picnic in the hall grounds or hall according to the weather.

### Advance Dates

**September 2nd** - Midnight Walk in aid of the Restoration Fund.

**Harvest Services:** Clabby: Friday 23rd September at 8.00pm – Preacher: Revd Ian Linton

**Sunday 25th September** at 10.15am - Family Harvest Service - Preacher: Stephen Condy

7.30pm - The Leaders Dedication Service - Preacher: Revd Gary McMurray.

**Saturday 2nd October – Vintage Tractor Run** - registration from 9.30am leaving Clabby Hall at 10.30am. All proceeds towards the Restoration Fund.



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