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Revd Betty Thompson (front right) and Ethne McCord (front left) with some of the choir members rehearsing for the 'Winter's Tale' which is taking place in St. Salvador's Parish Church on Monday and Tuesday, 18th and 19th December. See full story and photos on page 55.

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Galloon Parish Church Newtownbutler

*Warmly invites you to our
Annual Carol Service*

*On Sunday 10th December 2017
@ 7pm*

*Featuring Newtownbutler Primary School
and our Combined Churches Choir.*

*Please join us to sing traditional Christmas Carols.
Refreshments will be served following the service & there
will be a voluntary collection in aid our new organ fund.*

A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



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Dear Friends

Here is something for you to chew on after the Brussels sprouts.

According to St Luke's Gospel it all began with a census. When the Emperor Octavian, who had given himself the god-like title Augustus, was ruling over his vast empire and Quirinius was one of his officials in a very remote but significant part of that same empire, a census was held. Almost certainly it was for the purpose of assessing exactly how much tax could be levied and on whom. Although there wouldn't have been much public debate about interpreting the census returns, there may well have been some discussion among the emperor's policy makers about how to make best use of the conclusions.

Since then governments have developed very substantial bureaucracies to enable them to gather accurate information about citizens. This information is used to "inform" how policies are made in relation to virtually everything under the sun - health provision, education, social policy in relation to marriage and the family etc. It is called "evidence based" policy

formation. However anyone who has ever read over the transcript of the evidence given in a court case will know that interpreting what evidence means can be a very complex and uncertain matter.

We are very used to reading surveys about the decline of religious belief and practice in Western Europe. That can have a rather demoralising effect on us as believers but it can also lead planners and policy makers to conclusions that may not entirely respect the nuances of the figures.

I don't have the relevant figures for Northern Ireland to hand but the most recent census (2016) in the Republic of Ireland showed that 79% of people claimed to be Roman Catholics with 10% ticking the box for "no religion". Both figures are probably slightly exaggerated in the sense that there will be those who claim to be Catholic but who have only a very tenuous cultural link with the church and there will be those who ticked the "no religion" box who are not thorough going atheists or secular humanists.

What is very striking about the census returns (as has been pointed out in a paper written by an academic in St. Mary's University, Twickenham) is that religion and Christianity in particular continues to lay a very significant role in Irish society. This is all the more true as small new church groups (usually very active and committed) are under reported in the census.

In fact what this most recent census analysis shows is that 36% of Irish people attend church at least weekly.

Perhaps even more significant is that this figure has been stable since 2010.

In an even more recent survey known as the European Social Survey which is conducted every two years across 18 European countries it is clear that Ireland is one of the most religious countries in Europe, second only to Poland.

I am not saying that this means there is no work for the churches to do by way of deepening our faith and also spreading it, but it should be comfort to us that, despite the daily drip of bad news stories and forecasts of utter doom about the church, that many people are still with us. Some may be fully committed and some may be holding on by their fingertips but there is still something about the good news of Jesus and the witness to that by his Church which has an appeal for very many people.

As many young people, and some older ones return home over the Christmas period our churches will be much fuller than normal.

Let us make sure that everyone who comes to worship and to encounter the love and the holiness of God in the Christ-child has every chance to be aware that love came down at Christmas and that holiness is a gift to them in the person of Jesus Christ who in baptism took them as his brothers and sisters and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven.

+John Clogher

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh & Drumsnatt



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Services

Sunday 3rd Dec

Aghadrumsee 12.05 pm Holy Communion
Clogh 10.45 am Holy Communion
Drumsnatt 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 10th Dec

Aghadrumsee 12.05 pm Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45 am Children's Carol Service
Drumsnatt 9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 17th Dec

Aghadrumsee 7.30 pm Carol Service
Clogh 10.45 am Morning Prayer
Drumsnatt 9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 24th Dec Christmas Eve

Aghadrumsee 3.00 pm All Age Crib
Service

Clogh 10.45 am Morning Prayer

Drumsnatt 9.30 am Morning Prayer

Christmas Day

Aghadrumsee 10.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 31st Dec

Drumsnatt 10.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 7th Jan

Aghadrumsee 12.05 pm Holy Communion
Clogh 10.45 am Holy Communion
Drumsnatt 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th Jan

Aghadrumsee 12.05 pm Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45 am Morning Prayer
Drumsnatt 9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st Jan

Aghadrumsee 12.05 pm Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45 am Morning Prayer
Drumsnatt 9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th Jan

Aghadrumsee 12.05 pm All Age Service
Clogh 10.45 am All Age Service

Thank You



Clogh parishioners working at shoeboxes.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Clogh Christmas Shoebox Appeal, to members of the congregation, to those who spent an evening making up more shoeboxes and especially to Andrea Nelson for the initial idea to get the church involved and for organizing it. The boxes have been delivered to Team Hope and will be sent out to children struggling in poverty or with the effects of conflict in Eastern Europe and Africa.

Groups

Meetings of the various groups will take place as follows:

Clogh Mothers' Union

Monday 4th December at 8.00pm.

Confirmation Class

Friday 8th December in Aghadrumsee Old School.

Bowling Club

Each Wednesday at 8.00 pm in Clogh Hall

Young Ladies Group

Tuesday 9th January at 8.30pm in Aghadrumsee Old School, AGM.

Aghadrumsee Ladies Guild

Thursday 18th January at 8.00pm.

Volunteers in Clogh parish making up shoeboxes.



Crafty Church



Young people taking part in the October Crafty Church.

Saturday 27th January, 3.00pm – 4.30pm
in Aghadrumsee Old School

Annual Carol Services

Our annual Carol Services will be held in Clogh on Sunday 10th December at 10.45 am and in Aghadrumsee on Sunday 17th December at 7.30 pm. The children play an active role in both services and we would ask you to encourage them with your attendance.

Sunday School Christmas Parties

This year our Sunday School Christmas parties will be held in Clogh on Saturday 9th December at 5.00pm and in Aghadrumsee on Friday 22nd December at 7.30pm, when we are expecting our usual visitor in his red suit.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the late Mr Robert Lovatt whose funeral service took place in Aghadrumsee in November.

Happy Christmas and God's Richest Blessings

Finally can we take this opportunity to wish everyone reading this a very Happy Christmas and God's Richest Blessings for 2018.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

3rd December

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

10th December

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Baptism
7.00pm Cooneen Carol Service

19th December

11.00am Cooneen Nativity Service
7.00pm Colebrooke Carol Service

24th December

11.30pm Cooneen Holy Communion

25th December

10.00am Colebrooke Christmas Family
Communion

31st December

11.00am Cooneen Christmas Service

7th January

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

14th January

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

21st January

11.00am Family Service at Cooneen

28th January

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

Special Services

On Sunday 10th December, at 7pm
Cooneen's Carol Service.

On Sunday 17th December, at 11am
Sunday School Nativity Service in
Cooneen, with Colebrooke's Carol Service
at 7pm that evening.

On Christmas Eve, at 11.30pm, the first
communion of Christmas will be in
Cooneen.

On Christmas Day, at 10am, Colebrooke
will have the Christmas Family Holy
Communion service, and children are very
welcome to bring some of their toys to
church.

On New Year's Eve there will be a
Christmas service in Cooneen at 11am for
the group.

From The Registers

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 5th November 2017, Hannah
Louise Mitchell, daughter of Alan and
Emma was baptised in St Ronan's Parish
Church, Colebrooke. Godparents were
Elaine Beattie and David Foster. We wish
God's richest blessing on Hannah and her
family.

Christian Burial

On Tuesday 24th October 2017, a service
of thanksgiving for the life of Harold
James Trimble, Carrickapolin, was held
in St Ronan's, Colebrooke, with interment
in the parish cemetery following. Our
prayers and condolences are with his
sister Joan and all of Harold's extended
family at this time.

Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday 13th December, it is
our intention to again host a traditional
Christmas Dinner for the senior citizens
of the parish group. Last year was a great
success, and we look forward to another
afternoon of blessing and fellowship over
traditional Christmas fare.

Sale of Works

At the time of writing, the annual Cooneen
Sale of Works was due to be held on
Friday 24th November, in the parish hall.
Thanks in advance to everyone involved.

SNATCH (Sunday Night At the Church Hall) Youth Ministry

Aghavea and Colebrooke
All young people of secondary school age
welcome.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/snatchyf
Website: snatch.colebrookeparish.org

GFS

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

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

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

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 - 8 years)

Cubs (8 - 11 years)

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

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meet in the Parish Hall
each Thursday at 7.45pm.
New members will be very welcome.

Aghalurcher Church

Aghavea



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Services

3rd December

11am-Holy Communion and Sunday School

10th December

11am- Church Family Nativity

17th December

11am- Morning Prayer

7.30pm- Carol Service with Maguiresbridge Silver Band

24th December

11am- Morning Prayer

10pm- Christmas Eve Communion

25th December

10.30am- Christmas Day Family Communion

31st December

11am- Morning Prayer

11.30pm- Watchnight Service

Welcome

We welcome the Revd Margaret Pringle who will provide service cover and pastoral cover under the guidance of the Rural Dean.

Organisations

G.F.S

Wednesdays at 6.30pm Church Hall. Girls of three years upwards are welcome.

Mothers Union

Next meeting, Carol Singing in Northwick House on 12 December 2017

Bowls

The Bowling Club meet in the Parish hall each Monday at 8pm. New members are very welcome, so why not come along and try your hand at bowling? We wish to thank all those who entered our Fun Pairs Tournament last month, and our sponsors for their generosity making it a great success.

Sunday School

All children of primary school age welcome.

Fundraising Events

Saturday 9th December- Craft Fair and Coffee Morning in Aghavea Church Hall from 10am to 2pm

12th July 2018

Aghavea Parish Church will be catering on 12th July 2018 at Brookeborough Orange Hall. More details later.

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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We had a great Hallowe'en Party at the end of October where there was a special fancy dress event. We also made lots of lighted Pumpkins and lighted jam jars for the children's windows when they went home. A great crowd turned up for the event and there was the usual festive treats.

The next Youth Club event will be the Christmas Disco on Saturday, 9th December at 6pm in Christ Church Church Hall, Ballybay where there will be lots of Christmas treats and refreshments and everyone very welcome!

Mothers' Union

A special event to mark the first Mothers' Union branch in Clogher Diocese took place on Tuesday, 7th November at Clontibret Parish Church. A tree was planted in the church grounds in recognition that Clontibret Parish was the first parish to have a Mothers' Union branch in the Clogher Diocese. Lovely refreshments in the church hall kicked off the event and then the Rector led prayers outside before the tree was officially planted by the All-Ireland President, Phyllis Grothier who travelled from Carlow for the special event. Thank you to our Diocesan President, Irene Boyd who spoke at the event and also thank you to Jennifer Leathem for organising the tree and the ladies of Clontibret for putting on such a beautiful tea. Also thanks to Ethel Coulter for speaking at the event and continuing to lead the Mothers' Union for this group of parishes. A very kind letter was received by Liane Armstrong thanking everyone for taking part in the event. Mothers' Union members in the Ballybay Group met in Clontibret Church Hall at 8pm, on Wednesday, 15th November, where Lorna Soden, local ICA President, led a craft evening. Everyone took along a book which was then used to demonstrate how to turn your book into a book fold in the shape of a hedgehog! A great evening was had by all and refreshments were served afterwards.

Youth Club



One of the pumpkin's (above) made at the Youth Club (right)





Mothers' Union Member with their book folds.

Next Mothers Union event is Thursday the 7th December where the ladies of the Group will join with the PW in Castleblayney Lecture Hall for the annual Christmas dinner at 8pm.

Muckno

Shoe Box Appeal

St Maeldoid's Church was one of the Monaghan distribution centres for the Shoe Box Appeal during Nov and December. Thank you to Janet Hill who co-ordinated this tremendous effort and for those who gave of her time to assist her for this very noble cause in remembering those less well off children in our world at Christmas time.

Unveiling of Restored Pulpit



The unveiling of the restored pulpit took place recently in Laragh Tin Church by Minister, Heather Humphreys. The church is leased from Muckno parish to the Laragh Heritage Group who have restored the church to its former glory. The latest addition being the restored

pulpit which has been literally pieced together to reflect how it originally looked.

Community Carol Service

The Community Christmas Carol Service will be on Thursday 21st December at 8pm. Refreshments to follow.

Christmas Sunday School Party

This will take place on Saturday 23rd of December at 3.30pm in the Church Hall, with special guest – Santa Claus!

St Mary's Hospital Carol Service

The annual carol service will take place on Thursday 21st December at 3pm.

Refreshments to follow.

No Service on Sunday 24th December

Celebration of Holy Communion

25th December, Celebration of Holy Communion at 10am

Group Service in Clontibret Parish Church

31st December Group Service in Clontibret Parish Church at 11am.

Remembering in our prayers

We continue to pray for Eddie and Kay Robinson.

Clontibret News

Christmas Services

10th December, Carol Service at 3.30pm

24th December, Service of Morning Prayer 11.15am.

25th December Celebration of Holy Communion at 11.15am.

31st December Group Service 11am.

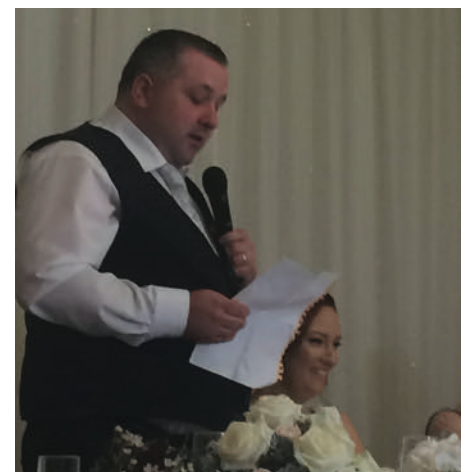
Warmest Congratulations

Warmest congratulations to Suzanne and Darren Tate on their recent marriage on Friday 27th October.

The service took place in St Mary's Church, Threemilehouse. It was a very joyous occasion and it was also a very ecumenical ceremony where Fr Adrain Walshe and Revd Neal performed the wedding service together. Celebrations continued in the Manor House Hotel, Enniskillen and the Rector and Mrs Lucy Phair joined with the happy couple for the celebrations. We wish them health and happiness and God's richest blessing for the years ahead.



Darren and Suzanne cutting the cake (above) and Darren making his speech (below).



Carol Service

Our Carol Service will be on Sunday, 10th December at 3.30pm when the children and teachers from our National School will play a major part in the service. We look forward to their message and ministry to us as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour. Everyone is invited for light refreshment after the service.

We continue to pray for all those who have been bereaved or who are feeling lonely or unwell at this time. We remember especially Esther Dunne and Jim and Robert Graham. We ask for God's Richest Blessings on them all and trust that they will know his love and comfort in their adversity. We pray for our children and our students and all our parishioners that they will know the Love and Grace of our Heavenly Father and give him Thanks and Praise. Clontibret members of the Mothers' Union (MU) were delighted to host a coffee morning on Tuesday, 7th October when fellow members and friends from across the Diocese came along to celebrate 130 years of the MU in Ireland. Mrs Phyllis Grothier, All Ireland MU President, who had travelled from Co

Carlow that morning planted a mountain ash tree to mark the opening of the first branch of the Mother's Union (MU) in the Diocese of Clogher in 1900 at Clontibret. Mrs Ethel Coulter, Enrolling Member and Mrs Irene Boyd, Clogher Diocesan President welcomed members and Revd Neal Phair led prayer. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny morning and everyone enjoyed the occasion. As we look forward to 2018 we are pleased to announce a Country Gospel evening with Kenny Archer and friends at 7.45pm on Friday, 9th March. Kenny will be joined by local talent and everyone can be assured of an evening of ministry through music and song.

Ballybay

Farewell and Welcome

We wish Fr La Flynn every happiness in his new diocesan post in Lough Derg. He will be sadly missed around Ballybay and especially his musical abilities which was very much appreciated at Christ Church where he led the singing at the Carol Service each year. We welcome his successor Fr Eoin McEaney and a special introduction service was due to

take place on Saturday, 18th November in St Patrick's Church where the Rector was to welcome Fr Eoin to Ballybay on behalf of the Protestant Churches in the town and locally.

Community Carol Service

This will take place in Christ Church on Wednesday 20th of December at 8pm. There will be refreshments afterwards. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Eve

The Sunday service on Christmas Eve will be a Holy Communion Candle lit service which will be at 11pm in Christ Church.

Christmas Day

Christmas Day Holy Communion service on Monday 25th December at 12.30pm.

Sunday 31st December Group Service in Clontibret Parish Church at 11am.

Illness

We extend our prayerful good wishes to those unwell in the parish at this time, thinking especially of Mrs Linda Dixon.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh



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Services

Sunday 3rd December

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 9.00am
Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am
Holy Communion Magheracloone 12noon

Wednesday 6th December

NO Holy Communion Service

Sunday 10th December

Morning Prayer St Finbarr's 10.30am
Morning Prayer Magheracloone 12noon
Morning Prayer Ardragh 1.15pm

Wednesday 13th December

Holy Communion, St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Saturday 16th December

Carols By Candlelight, Magheracloone 7.30pm

Sunday 17th December

Carol Service with Nativity, St Finbarr's 10.30am followed by Sunday School
Christmas Party in the Jackson Hall
Carols By Candlelight, Ardragh 7.30pm

Wednesday 20th December

Holy Communion, St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Thursday 21st December

Ecumenical Carol Service, St Finbarr's 8.00pm

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December

Holy Communion Ardragh 7.30pm
Holy Communion Magheracloone 11.00pm

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

Family Service with Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Wednesday 28th December

NO Holy Communion Service

New Years Eve Sunday 31st December

United Service in St Finbarr's 10.30am

Wednesday 3rd January

NO Holy Communion Service

Sunday 7th January

Service of the Word St Finbarr's 10.30 am
Service of The Word, Magheracloone 12noon

Wednesday 10th January

Holy Communion, St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Sunday 14th January

Holy Communion, St Finbarr's 10.30am
Holy Communion, Magheracloone 12noon
Morning Prayer, Ardragh 1.15pm

Wednesday 17th January

Holy Communion, St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Sunday 21st January

Holy Communion, St Finbarr's 9.00am
'Arise and Shine,' St Finbarr's 10.30am
Service of the Word, Magheracloone 12noon

Wednesday 24th January

Holy Communion, St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Sunday 28th January

Holy Communion, St Finbarr's 10.30am
Holy Communion, Magheracloone 12noon
Holy Communion, Ardragh 1.15pm

Ardragh Social Dance

We had a tremendous evening in the Corduff Community Centre at our dance to raise money for Ardragh Church. The Rose McCammon Band entertained us as we danced the night away to many familiar tunes. We are still awaiting to hear the final

total for the evening but we are delighted at the support the event received from parishioners and the local community. A massive well done to all in Ardragh for all their hard work in making the night such a success.

St Finbarr's Fundraising Concert

St Finbarr's are hosting a fundraising concert on Thursday 7th December to raise money for work on the lighting in the Church. The concert will feature two highly acclaimed local choirs The Cantemus Chamber Choir and the Farney Singers and promises to be a most enjoyable evening as we hear excerpts from 'The Messiah', some well known Christmas carols and songs and a great mix of other material. Tickets costing €10 are available from any member of the Select Vestry.

Christmas Youth Evening

Following on from our Confirmation in November we are delighted to be starting a new youth fellowship group for our

young people of confirmation age and above. Our first time together will be for a Christmas Special on Wednesday 13th December from 6.30pm in the Parish Room at St Finbarr's. There will be lots of madcap Christmas games, some worship and Christmas goodies. We are looking forward to this exciting new group growing over the coming years.

Prayer Meeting

As we seek to pray for one another and for our church particularly that we will grow in faith, numbers, unity and love. We meet on the first Monday of each month with our next meeting on Monday 4th December at 8.00pm in the Rectory. There will be no prayer meeting in January.

Ecumenical Carol Service

We are pleased to be once again holding an Ecumenical Carol Service in Carrickmacross following a gap of a few years. This year's service will take place on Thursday 21st December at 8.00pm in St Finbarr's. There will be a lot of congregational singing as well as pieces by our choir. Members of St

Joseph's Roman Catholic Church will also be taking part with Father Larry bringing our address.

Christmas Nativity And Children's Party

Practice is already underway for our Christmas Nativity on Sunday 17th December in St Finbarr's. We are looking forward to having all our children take part on this very special service in our church year. Our new choir will also complement our worship.

Our Children's party will follow the service and all young families are invited to come along.

Gifts For The Women's Shelter

At our three Carol Services this year we are asking people to bring along the gift of a toy or women's toiletries that will be donated to our local women's shelter. We have chosen the shelter as our charity for Harvest and Easter this year and they were very grateful for the gifts of non-perishable foods we collected at our Harvest Services.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Services

Sunday 10th December

10.00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin
11.30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish
7:30 p.m. Mullaghduin Carol Service

Sunday 17th December

10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin
11:30 a.m. Childrens' Christmas Service, Cleenish
7:30 p.m. Cleenish Carol Service

Sunday 24th December, Christmas Eve

10.00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin

11.30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish

11:30 p.m. H.C. Mullaghduin

Monday 25th December, Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. H.C. Cleenish

9:30 a.m. H.C. Mullaghduin

11:00 a.m. H.C. Cleenish

Sunday 31st December, New Year's Eve

10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin

11:30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish

Sunday 7th January

10:00 a.m. H.C. Mullaghduin

11:30 a.m. H.C. Cleenish

Sunday 14th January

10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin

11:30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish

Sunday 21st January

10:00 a.m. H.C. Mullaghduin

11:30 a.m. H.C. Cleenish

Sunday 28th January

10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin

11:30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish

Sunday 4th February

10:00 a.m. H.C. Mullaghduin

11:00 a.m. H.C. Cleenish

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 9th December, BCG Childrens' Party

Sunday 10th December, Annual Carol Service, Mullaghduin

Sunday 17th December, Childrens' Christmas Service, Cleenish

Sunday 17th December, Annual Carol Service, Cleenish

Sunday 24th December, Christmas Eve Communion, Mullaghduin

Monday 25th December, Christmas Day Communion, Cleenish and Mullaghduin

Friday 9th February, Cleenish Parish Supper Dance

Select Vestry Meetings

Wednesday 17th January, Cleenish

Wednesday 24th January, Mullaghduin

Cleenish Harvest Services



Joan Brownlee, organist and William Stinson, a member of the choir for 50 years in Cleenish Parish.

On Friday evening the 13th October, the Choir sang two Anthems, "Jesus is all the World to me" and "Give Thanks with



Cleenish Choir

a Grateful Heart” The special preacher was Revd John McClenaghan, Rector of Colebrooke Parish Church, and the Service was conducted by The Rector. On Sunday morning 15th October, the Sunday School children played a major part in the Service. The Bible Lesson was read by Emily Graham, the children sang “The Sunday School Song”. Occasional Prayers were read by Grace, Sarah, and Kara Lily, and a Poem was read by Ethan Smyth. The Service was conducted by Parish Reader, Rowena Sheridan, who preached on the theme “HARVEST”. On Sunday evening 15th October, the Choir sang two Anthems, “The earth belongs to God” and “Jesus is all the World to me”. The special preacher was Canon Hazel Hicks, Rector of the Arvagh Group of Parishes. The Service was conducted by the Rector. The Organist at all Services was Mrs Joan Brownlee, who also trained the Choir. William Stinson is now the longest serving member of The Choir, having first joined over 50 years ago.

Remembrance Sunday Anniversary Services

During the Anniversary Service in Cleenish, wreaths were laid by Dessi Smith on behalf of the Forces, Grace Hicks on behalf of The Brownies, Cecil Brownlee on behalf of the Select Vestry, and Kenny Humphries sounded the Last Post.

During the Anniversary Service in Mullaghduin, wreaths were laid by John Ryan and Michael Crooke. The Rector conducted both Services, Joan Brownlee played the organ in Cleenish, and Elizabeth Hazlett was organist in Mullaghduin.

Mullaghduin 200th Anniversary Photographs



The brass plate to mark Mullaghduin Parish Church 200th anniversary.

Due to the many photographs taken at the above historic event, it was impossible to print them all in the last edition. The photograph above shows the brass plate dedicated by the Bishop and which will be erected inside the Church, and the decorative arch at the front of the Church.



The decorative arch at Mullaghduin Church

Monthly Healing Service

There are no monthly Healing Services during December and January. The Service recommences on Wednesday 14th February in Mullaghduin Parish Hall.

Cleenish Parish Auction

Details of the above held on Saturday 18th November will be published in next issue.

Cleenish Parish Supper Dance

The Annual Supper Dance will take place on Friday 9th February, in the Unionist Headquarters, Enniskillen. Tickets can be obtained from any member of the Select Vestry.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Cleenish and Mullaghduin members send greetings and congratulations to Shirley Sheridan who recently celebrated her 80th birthday. Shirley remains a faithful member, and when visited on her birthday was baking cakes for the annual cake sale the following evening.

On Tuesday 14th November, Cleenish Branch held their Annual Cake Sale and Supper Event. Thanks to all the members who made this evening possible.

Congratulations to Malcom Cathcart who guessed the name of our knitted scarecrow “Isabella”. Funds raised will enable the Branch to give generously to the Mothers' Union Relief Fund. Members had the opportunity to participate in making Christmas floral arrangements and enjoyed a demonstration by a local artist on Tuesday 21st November in Mullaghduin Parish Hall.

Next meeting will be held in Cleenish on Tuesday 16th January, with an Opening Communion Service to celebrate the theme for 2018 “In Mary Sumner’s Footsteps”. The Programme for 2018 will be available late December.

Cleenish Brownies

Brownies continue in Cleenish Parish Hall, and recently attended the Remembrance Service in St John’s, Florencecourt.

The Pack finish the present term on Wednesday 6th December, and recommence towards the end of January. New girls aged 7 to 11 years will be made most welcome on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm until 7:45pm.

Cleenish Mother & Toddler Group

The Group remains busy following the mid-term break, however there are places remaining should parents wish to enrol their child. A big thank you to all parents who generosity supported the Mothers' Union cake sale on Tuesday morning 14th November.

Mother and Toddler will close for the Christmas break on Tuesday 12th

December following the traditional morning at the movies, and reopens on Tuesday 16th January.

Welcome

Both Parishes extend a welcome to the Revd Ruth West as Incumbent to the Florencecourt Group of Parishes, Diocese of Kilmore. These Parishes form its boundary along our western side.

Thanks

It is normal at this time of year to thank those from both Parishes, who have worked so hard to keep both graveyards in good order, both by grass cutting and collecting leaves.

Illness

As we are about to celebrate this Christmas season, we pray for those in both Parishes who are ill or in distress at this time, and ask God to protect them in their hour of need.

Bereavement

Lizzie Orr was born and reared in Toneyteigue, Bellanaleck. After the death of her parents, she moved with her brother Johnny and sister Sarah to Windmill Heights, Enniskillen. In later life Lizzie spent a period in Barbour Court, before moving to the Millcroft Nursing Home. She passed away peacefully on Friday 3rd November, and after a service in Rossorry Parish Church conducted by Canon Ian Ellis, she was interred in the family plot in Cleenish Parish Churchyard.

Cleenish Centre

The Centre is now completing its 8th year, we realise so much more could be done

if we had volunteers offering to serve the Lord in this place.

The potential for growth is great, and we look forward to Year 9 for which bookings have already been received.

We trust that all will have a good Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Bellanaleck Local History Group

Congratulations to the above Group who won the Northern Ireland heat at the Regional Awards Ceremony at the Grand Opera House in Belfast, on Tuesday 7th November. Organised by the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society, the awards aim to celebrate the "unsung heroes" of local heritage. The Bellanaleck Group was nominated for their 'Making It Home' project, the incredibly moving story of a group of battle-scarred ex-servicemen who were re-settled on Cleenish Island in County Fermanagh at the end of the First World War. The Group then moved forward and represented Northern Ireland at the national awards in the Palace Theatre, London on Monday 20th November.

Bellanaleck Community Group

The Group held their usual monthly meeting on Wednesday 25th October. At the commencement of proceedings, all present stood in silence as a mark of respect following the death of the late Mervyn Willis. Sympathy had previously been sent to his wife Florence, daughters Janet and Sharon, and the entire family circle.

Bulb planting in the Community Garden was then discussed, and it was noted a large number of various bulbs will be planted in the near future. Members

were briefed by the Chairman that a new interpretative panel had recently been erected at the entrance road to The Moorings, thus giving a clear guidance from a point at its northern side, as to the layout of the Loughshore Path. Thanks again to the staff in FODC. Suggested items were then discussed by the Secretary, as to what facilities within the Village should be printed on a new Community Information Panel to be erected early in the New Year. The annual Children's Party which is booked for Saturday afternoon 9th December was then discussed at length, and it was agreed will be held on similar lines as in previous years. Next monthly meeting Wednesday 24th January.

Enquiries to Group Secretary Owen Wilson, E Mail:- owenwilson@btinternet.com

Holy Matrimony

St Salvator's Church, Glaslough, Co Monaghan

Friday 20th October 2017
James Marshall Coalter, 18 Lakeview Park, Enniskillen and Pearl Mabel Mahon, 1 Drumwhinney Road, Kesh.

Mullaghduin Parish Church

Saturday 4th November 2017
Mark Thomas Brownlee, 48 Moybrone Road, Coolyermer, Letterbreen, and Amanda Joan Benson, 18 Moybane Road, Letterbreen.

Christian Burial

Cleenish Parish Church
Sunday 5th November 2017
Elizabeth (Lizzie) Orr, Millcroft Private Nursing Home (after Service in Rossorry Parish Church) aged 83 years.

Cleenish Church



Clogher Cathedral Group



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Services

Sunday 3rd December

10.00am Errigal Portclare HC
10.00am Augher MP
11.30am Clogher Cathedral HC
11.30am Newtownsaville MP
7.00pm Clogher Cathedral Diocesan
Advent Carol Service

Sunday 10th December

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

Sunday 17th December

10.00am Errigal Portclare Carol Service
10.00am Augher Carol Service
11.30am Newtownsaville Carol Service
7.00pm Clogher Cathedral Carol Service

Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

9.00am Clogher Cathedral HC
10.00am Augher MP
11.30am Clogher Cathedral MP
11.30am Newtownsaville HC
7.00pm Errigal Portclare HC

Monday 25th December (Christmas Day)

9.30am Augher HC
11.00am Clogher Cathedral HC

Sunday 31st December

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

Augher

A new organ has been purchased for the church, replacing the one which has been in use for 40 years. It is hoped to have a service of dedication with the Bishop present on 13th May 2018 at 3pm. This may also be used as an opportunity to dedicate other gifts should anyone wish to do so in memory of a loved one. If this is the case

St. Marks Newtownsaville

please contact Canon Armstrong to discuss the matter. This will also be a Gift Sunday for the parish funds. If anyone wishes to invite former parishioners or family friends to this service please give names and addresses to Mr. Norman McFarland.

Sympathy and Prayers

Our Sympathy and prayers are extended to Mr. and Mrs Dan Davidson and family on the recent death of his mother.

Remembrance Service

The Remembrance Service was held on Sunday 12th November. Mr Roy Crowe conducted the service and welcomed everyone. During the singing of hymn; "O God our help in ages past" Dan Davidson carried the Royal British Legion Standard in. David Todd, Parish Reader read the lessons. Roy led the Act of Remembrance while Wreaths were laid below the War Memorial by Dan Davidson, Dessie Millar, Ivan Domer and William Armstrong. David Maxwell was the Bugler and Roy sang a piece for Remembrance Sunday. After an appropriate sermon preached by Roy, William Boyd and Eddie McDowell took up the collection. The service ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

Mothers' Union

The October meeting of Clogher Cathedral group of Parishes Mothers' Union was held in the Carmichael Memorial Hall, Augher. Mrs Iris Moffett, Branch Leader, welcomed visitors from neighbouring women's organisations as well as our own members. She introduced Mrs Nina Wright from the Salvation Army in Enniskillen and her friend Margaret. Using a projector and screen Nina gave a very detailed account that in 1865 a Christian Mission was started in the East End of London. Later the name was changed to the Salvation Army. Mens' Hostels were set up, also soup kitchens. William Booth the founder was responsible for the introduction of the safety matches. Today they work in 128 countries where

they provide help in different material ways as well as spiritual.

Mrs Jean Bell thanked the speaker for her excellent talk. After supper and the visitors had left, a short business meeting was held. The minutes of September were read and passed. Iris reminded members of the Autumn Council Meeting in Dromore on 28th October and also the Christmas meal in the Courthouse, Clogher in November. Menus for the meal were given to the members by the secretary. The meeting ended with the Grace.

Rectory Fund

Thank you to Mrs Heather Jervis for raising £528 for Cash for Cobber towards the Rectory Repair Fund. As you read these notes the work on the Rectory is now completed. There has been an excellent work of repair and building of the extension by Mr. Colin Boyd and his sub-contractors. The house is now in an excellent state of repair, preserving the interior's old character of the building along with a modern extension.

Newtownsaville

Congratulations to the following on the birth of babies, James and Kirsty Beck on the birth of Isla, the first grandchild of Evert and June Beck; Len and Annie Boyd on the birth of Charlotte and Lillie; Sammy and Sarah Crawford on the birth of Edward. a grandson for Mrs. Ann Jordon; Cedric and Vera Mosgrove on the birth of their twin grandsons in Finn and Cole in Scotland.

God's blessing for a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year

The Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong, Revd Olivia Downey, Miss Isobel Stewart and Mr Roy Crowe would like to wish all the parishioners in the group God's blessing for a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss

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Service

Sunday 3rd December

10.00am Clones HC
11.30am Newbliss HC

Sunday 10th December

10.00am Currin HC/Carol Service
3.30pm Killeevan Carol Service & Gift Day

Sunday 17th December

10.00am Clones Children's Carol Service

11.30am Newbliss Carol Service

Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

10.00am Currin MP

11.30am Killeevan MP

Monday 25th December (Christmas Day)

10.00am Newbliss HC Group Service

Sunday 31st December

11.00am Clones MP Group Service

Sunday 7th January

10.00am Clones Holy Communion and
Holy Baptism

11.30am Newbliss Holy Communion

Sunday 14th January

10.00am Currin Holy Communion

11.30am Killeevan Holy Communion

Sunday 21st January

10.00am Clones Morning Prayer

11.30am Newbliss Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th January

10.00am Currin Morning Prayer

11.30am Killeevan Morning Prayer

Illness

We remember those who are ill in hospital, and especially those of our Parishioners who are undergoing treatment at present.

Annual Sale of Work

Dear Parishioners, we are fast approaching Christmas Time and we need to plan for our Annual Sale. As we all know our Church is undergoing restoration and funds are being stretched to the limit so we need to put our heads together to make our Sale a success. The Sale will be held on Saturday 9th December in the Creighton Hotel from 10.00am until 12.30pm

Christmas Communion

The special Communion for parishioners who find it difficult to access the church will be held in the Protestant Hall on Monday, 18th December at 3.00pm.

Marriage

Diana Rusk, a daughter of Cyril and Christine Rusk was married in Malta on 16th September to Mario Cacciottolo. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

Children's Society

The AGM of the Co. Monaghan Children's Society (formerly The Co. Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society) will be held in Clontibret Parish Church Hall on 4th December at 3.00pm.

Parish Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party for the children will be held on Thursday 28th December in the Protestant Hall starting at 6.30pm. A special guest will no doubt be present.

Baptism

We welcome the son of John and Issy Boyle, Ryan James Boyle, to be baptised on Sunday 7th January 2018. He is the Grandson of Florence Faulkner.

Revd Lorraine Capper with baby John, at his Baptism in Clones.



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Services

3rd December Holy Communion 11.30am

10th December Family Service 11.30am

17th December Morning Prayer 11.30am

24th December Carols and Readings
11.30am

25th December Christmas Day, Family
Communion 10.00am

31st December Morning Prayer 11.30am

31st December New Year's Eve praise
service 11.15pm

7th January Holy Communion 11.30am

14th January Family Service 11.30am

21st January Morning Prayer 11.30am

28th January Morning Prayer 11.30am

Remembrance Sunday

The annual service of remembrance was a dignified and humbling occasion as parishioners gathered to pay homage to those who gave their lives in World Wars, subsequent wars, conflicts and through the years of terrorism. Wreathes were laid by representatives of the RUCGC, UDRCGC, LOL, followed by the children who placed their poppies as they paid silent tribute to the fallen. A special mention of the 30th anniversary of the murder of Jim Oldman, and the Enniskillen atrocity amongst the many other terrorist atrocities anniversaries. A poem entitled 'The Memory, The Hurt, The Hope' was read by Mrs Rosemary Barton, MLA which recognised the lived experiences of innocent victims of terrorism, noting that its composition was by the rector. We express thanks to all who contributed to the service, organist, choir, piper, IT and those who laid the poppy wreathes and delivered the Ode to the Fallen.



Young people from the parish at Autumn Soul.

The Memory, The Hurt, The Hope

*Time it passes quickly
But the memory is still as real
Of the horrors of the past
The actions of evil men*

*They robbed us of our loved ones
With no care to how we'd feel
The loss, the trauma and the pain,
It matter naught to them*

*No thought for the grieving widow,
Nor the cry of a weeping child
The heart broken husband
Or how a family would survive*

*Their actions were horrendous
No different now as then
But the greatest, betrayal
When they lauded evil men*

*We've lived with broken promises
The hollow, empty words
The insensitivities of others
With their scornful, mocking voice*

*Truth and justice decimated
No longer a key desire
They'd rather see the terrorist
In the corridors of power*

*Trust not in man, the Psalmist's cry
But in God whose justice will prevail
Therein His judgement will be final
For all will be revealed*

*We rest in His unfailing love
And underneath, His everlasting arms
He guides us through the storms of life
No longer can they harm
But for the terrorist and unrepentant
Their joy, an everlasting flame
For those who know and love the Lord
A home beyond the veil.*

Women's Fellowship

The November meeting welcomed Gordon Quinn and his wife who spoke on his book; "Life, What's it all about". He shared of how the book had come about and his desire to see the Gospel truths reaffirmed in the present generation and the part we play in those seeds being sown, seeds worthy of His kingdom.



One of the teams in the Bake-Off challenge



Some of those taking part in the baking challenge



Waiting to begin their baking



The overall winner of the baking challenge.

The next meeting on 11th December will welcome Adele Moore who will speak on Christmas bakes, with some treats to be sampled on the night.

Young@Heart



Young at Heart members listening to their speaker

The monthly meeting in October, welcomed along a representative from

FODC who spoke on 'Bee-licious', about helping our pollinators and of sowing areas with wildflowers to help provide sources of food for them. The November meeting welcomed FODC to speak on current recycling within the council area and our role with in that. There will be no meeting in December but members will be going on an outing to Belcoo and to the Strule Arts Centre.

CE/Young people's group



Young people at Autumn Soul

The junior CE group enjoyed the 'Great Colaghty Bake Off' when members took part in the decorating of cakes, apples, gingerbread men and chocolate buns. The rector spoke on an apple, basket, coat and a sheep as the children responded by telling the story of each and this was further continued throughout the nights baking skills. The judges for

the night were Derek Evans and Carol Robinson with winning teams judged on a number of things as was the outright winner Abbie Bratton.

A number of our young people went to the weekend Autumn Soul event in Bangor, joining up with Dromore parish youth group and others within the diocese. They had an enjoyable time, taking part in the various activities, worship and teaching throughout.

New Year's Eve

A praise service will be held on New Year's Eve at 11.15pm with refreshments served at 10.00pm in the parish hall. Music will be by Committed with speaker, followed by a social, so please put the date in your diary and plan to come along.

Stitch and Chat

Tuesday nights at 7.30pm.
Bible Fellowship Wednesday nights at 8.00pm
Colaghty bowling club Thursday nights at 8.00pm.
Junior CE Friday nights at 7.00pm – 8.15pm
Youth group Friday nights at 8.30pm – 10.00pm
Young@Heart 3rd Wednesday mornings at 11.30am

Dates and Times

For dates and times of clubs/groups or other activities, please check weekly notices for any changes or additions.

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'Getting people from where they are to where God wants them to be'

Services

Sunday 3rd December

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

Each Service will include the first lighting of the Advent Candles

Sunday 10th December

Derryvullen North 10.30am Family Service with Nativity Drama and gifts for the elderly

Castle Archdale 11.45am Family Service with Nativity Drama

Sunday 17th December

Castle Archdale, 10.15am Carol Service with special music by Brass Ensemble
Derryvullen North, 11.30am Carol Service with special singing by the Choir

Christmas Eve 24th December

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

First Communions of Christmas

Derryvullen North 9.00pm Holy Communion
Castle Archdale 11.00pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day Morning

Castle Archdale, 9.00am Holy Communion
Derryvullen North, 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 31st December

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

Sunday 7th January

(observed as Epiphany)
Castle Archdale, 10.15am Holy Communion
Derryvullen North, 11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th January

Derryvullen North 10.30am Family Service with Special Presentation by those who went on the Hungary Visit in 2017
Castle Archdale 11.45am Family Service

Sunday 21st January

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

Sunday 28th January

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

Bowling Club



The bowls match in progress.

The first match of the season was a friendly played at home on 12th October against the Tubrid Vaughan Bowling Club. This was a well attended match and result was a home win.



Bowls members.

There was a lot of serious and enjoyable bowling accompanied by plenty of conversation and laughter. The evening concluded with an enjoyable supper.

Boys' Brigade

The Boys of the Junior Section entered a team in the West Ulster Battalion Section Quiz and were thrilled to win that event. They then progressed to the Final which was held in Finvoy Presbyterian Church. While they did not win the Final they had

a great time and we congratulate them on their achievement. The annual football competition will begin in January 2018 and they will be entering a team in this event as well. By the time you read this, the annual Enrolment Service will have taken place on Sunday 19th November.

Women's Group

The meeting on Wednesday 18th October took the form of a very enjoyable evening of indoor bowling which gave members the chance to try out a new sport. The talk on Multiple Sclerosis which was to have been given will now take place on another occasion.

Mothers' Union

There was an attendance of about 40 members at the meeting held on 25th October. This included our own members, the Work Group who were involved with the "Days for Girls" project, also visitors from Colaghty Parish as well as ladies from the Methodist Church. Diane Graham of CMS Ireland and Niamh Peach were the speakers and they recounted their experiences in the Refugee Camps in Uganda last July. Mrs Avril Stubbs presented Diane with 38 packs for "Days for Girls" (www.daysforgirls.org) that had been expertly made by the members of the Work Group. These will be distributed when Diane travels to Juba (Republic of South Sudan) in July 2018.

Looking ahead, the members of the Branch will be supporting the Christmas Fayre in Derryvullen North Hall on 2nd December by the preparing and serving of refreshments.

Mothers' Union members with their packs for "Days for Girls project."



Diary Dates

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 2nd December at 4.00pm

Tuesday Club meets December 12th at 2.30pm. This meeting will include a seasonal celebration of Holy Communion. There will be no meeting in January.

Faith & Friendship Inter-Church

Bible Study meets in Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown at 8.00pm on December 12th. The passage for study will be Luke 1:26-38. The evening includes time to chat over a cup of coffee. Anyone from any of our local church denominations is welcome. The January meeting will be held on 9th January at 8.00pm.

The Women's Group will meet on Wednesday 17th Jan at 8.30pm for their fireside Auction Evening.

Tuesday 23rd January 2018 is the provisional date for the annual Senior Citizens Dinner for Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale Parishes. It will be held in Derryvullen North Hall and the meal will be by Saddlers Restaurant. Further details will be in the parish weekly announcements sheets.

The **Mother's Union** Meeting will be on Wednesday 24th January at 8.00pm and will be an informal evening with an Auction.

Holy Baptism

11th Nov 2017 Archie, son of Kyle Weir and Colleen Maye

12th Nov 2017 Jena, daughter of Jeffrey Bryans and Kathryn Bryans

Derryvullen South and Garvary



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Services

10th December

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

17th December

10.30 Carol Service Garvary
12.00 Carol Service Derryvullen South

24th December

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

25th December

8.30 Holy Communion Garvary
10.30 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

31st December

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

7th January

10.30 Holy Communion Garvary
12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

14th January

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

21st January

10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary
12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

28th January

10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary
12.00 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

4th February

10.30 Holy Communion Garvary
12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

Christian Burial

On Monday 30th October 2017 the Funeral Service for Frederick James Kettyles, 20 Killyreagh Road, Tamlaght, took place in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, followed by interment in the adjoining churchyard. Freddie, as he was commonly called, was born on Tuesday 31st January 1939 to William and Sarah Kettyles of

Feaugh. He attended Newtownbutler and Littlemount schools before the family moved to Coolcannel, Maguiresbridge. He was one of a family of nine children. Sadly he was predeceased by four of his brothers, William, John, Herbie and Eric. His working life revolved around driving which he must have loved because he did all the driving even on the family holidays to Portrush and Scotland. He first of all drove for Gracey Brothers, butter and egg merchants, then the Education Board School Bus and finally Webtec where he occasionally proudly drove the boss's Mercedes on long trips to the South. He met Kathleen Boles and they were married on 11th September 1971 in Darling Street Methodist Church, Enniskillen. Keith and William arrived and his life revolved around the family. Later the grandchildren came along and, as with all grandparents, this brought great pleasure and pride. Freddie was always there and many people are still coming to terms with the disbelief that he is no longer with us. For years, at the annual parish auction he was in the middle of it all in the weeks leading up to the event, packing bags with logs. He was part of the team in those days who mowed the graveyard grass and as Rector's Churchwarden not only in Canon Frazer's time but also in Chancellor Stewart's time, he was a most loyal and dependable churchman. Being churchwarden he was a member of the select vestry involved in looking after the furnishing, fabrics and finance of the parish. This meant those extra duties of opening the church, checking the heating and so on not only on Sundays but on other occasions. It is a demanding position which Freddie carried out with great diligence and dependability. His active and loyal membership of the select vestry lasted for 26 years. In spite of his increasing difficulty with walking, he was at church every Sunday settling in to his pew well before the service began. He enjoyed the Derryvullen Bowling Club of which he was a very keen member winning a number of prizes, and outside the Church he was a loyal member of Tamlaght Orange Lodge and Maguiresbridge Black Preceptory. He enjoyed quizzes and crosswords, listening to Hugo Duncan on the radio and watching snooker and nature programmes on television. He was a quiet private man who was very content in his own corner. While he did travel abroad very occasionally, he was never happier than when he was at his own home at Tamlaght. In his address, the rector acknowledged his own family's debt to Freddie for his

help in different ways, not least looking after the various dogs they had over the years, enabling them to go on holiday. On more than one occasion Freddie acted as the rector's chauffeur.

Freddie was always the same, always pleasant, totally reliable, honest and dedicated, and without guile. There were no airs or graces. No pretention. The family was his life.

Thirty years ago in his forties he had major heart surgery and further major surgery in more recent times. His most recent visit to our local hospital sadly did not result in any improvement and in spite of the valiant efforts of the medical team working round the clock for two weeks there was only a gradual decline in his condition. The family pay tribute to the staff of the SWAH Cardiac and Critical Care Units. Freddie's passing leaves a large void in the family and our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Kathleen, sons Keith and William, daughters in law, Lorraine and Jennifer; grandchildren, Jamie, Amie and Emma, Matthew and Rebekah, sisters, Margaret, Martha and Dorothy, and brother Ian. Freddie's was a quiet, personal faith, and his unassuming presence will be greatly missed but we say "Well done, good and faithful servant".

Burial

On Thursday 9th November 2017 the burial of Richard Ernest Potters, Leambreslin, took place in Derryvullen South churchyard. The service was conducted by the Revd Stephanie Woods, Lisbellaw.

Holy Matrimony

On Friday 10th November 2017, the marriage between Emma Louise Wilson, Shankill, and Barry Anthony Love, Garvary, was solemnised in the parish church of Holy Trinity, Garvary. We wish them much happiness in their new life together.

Men's Meeting

On Monday 6th November 2017 starting with a three course meal at the rectory, 13 men belonging to the group of parishes gathered along with the rector to hear Mr Tom Elliott, an active member of Magheracross parish, reflect on his time in politics as well as his experience of the church and farming. Mrs Stewart assisted by Mrs Kettyles were thanked for their work preparing the meal. This was the first meeting of what is hoped will be a Men's Society within our group of parishes to encourage men become more involved within the life of the church and community.

Everyone very much enjoyed the evening and look forward to the possibility of further events.

Mothers' Union

The October meeting was cancelled due to the storm Ophelia and in November members joined with Derrybrusk on their visitors night to hear Shirley from Padang 62, Fivemiletown, speak on image and styling. The December meeting will be held in Garvary parish hall on Monday 4th for a "Members in Action" evening. The theme for 2018 is "In the footsteps of Mary Sumner" and our programme begins

on Monday 15th January at 8 pm with the opening service of Holy Communion in Garvary parish church followed by the AGM in the parish hall.

Carol Services

Please note that this year our Carol Services will take place on Sunday 17th December.

Sunday School

On Saturday afternoon 20th January 2018 at 2.30 pm the Sunday Schools will be attending the panto "Beauty and the Beast" in the Ardhowen Theatre.


Revision Of General Vestry

The January meeting of the select vestry in each parish will include the revision of the list of General Vestry. This will take place on Thursday 4th January at 8 pm in Garvary parish hall and 22nd January in Derryvullen South parish hall. Those who would like their name to be added to the list will be required to sign the declaration form available from the rector.

Happy Christmas

Chancellor and Mrs Stewart wish all our parishioners a very happy Christmas and a peaceful, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Devenish & Boho



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Some of the people who took part in the Remembrance Day service in Devenish Parish Church.

Services

Sunday 3rd December

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 10th December

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm Carol Service, Boho Parish Church.

Sunday 17th December

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Sunday School Service, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm Carol Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 24th December

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church
8.30pm Christmas Eve Service Devenish Parish Church

Monday 25th December Christmas Day.

9.30am Christmas Service Boho Parish
11.00am Christmas Service Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 31st December

11.30am Morning Prayer Boho Parish church
11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm Evening Prayer Devenish Parish church

Monday 1st January

11.00am New Year Service Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 7th January

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm Evening Prayer Devenish Parish church

Sunday 14th January

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm Evening Prayer Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 21st January

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm Evening prayer Devenish Parish church

Sunday 28th January

10.00 am Family Service, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Family Service, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm Evening prayer Devenish Parish church

Sunday School Party

The Sunday School Party will be held on Monday 18th December at 7.00pm in the Reade Hall.

Remembrance Day Services



Eric Whittaker, Ann McCormac and David Eames with the RUCGC wreath.

The services in both Devenish and Boho were conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka. The readings in Devenish were read by Ken McKeown, Florence Eames and Enid Redmond and the organist was Gill Spence. The Girl Guide Standard bearers were Lauren and Zoe Ferguson. The names of those who fell during two World Wars and associated with Devenish were read by David Scott. The RUCGC names were read by Ann McCormac. The UDR CGC names were read by Wesley Scott. Wreaths were laid by Nicola McCullagh Daley and David Ferguson (Parish), David Eames and Eric Whittaker (RUCGC), James Kells and Herbert Johnston (UDRCGC) and Eve Pedersen and Kay McKeown (Girl Guides).

Gavin Rogers played the Last Post and the Reveille. Wesley Scott said the Exhortation and The Kohima Epitaph. India Daley read the poem by William Butler Yeats 'An Irish Airman Foresees his Death.'

Devenish Parish Sale and Auction

Devenish Parish Sale and Auction which was held on Saturday 11th November raised a total of £3642.20. Thank you to the auctioneer, Wesley Scott, the stall holders for all their hard work, everyone that gave produce, gifts and donations and everybody who attended.

Mothers' Union

On Tuesday, 17th October we were delighted to welcome Mrs. Betty Galloway who combined a Christian message with a craft demonstration. Betty spoke on the lovely biblical story about two sisters, Martha and Mary as found in Luke Chapter 10 verse 38. Martha was very hospitable and invited Jesus and his disciples into her home. While she was busy preparing food for her guests, Mary chose to listen to the teachings of Jesus over helping her sister. When Martha complained to Jesus he said "Martha, Martha you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed and Mary has chosen what is better and it will not be taken away from her". In a world filled with many distractions, the story of Martha and Mary could help us all set our own life in

order. Following her lovely message, Betty demonstrated how she could turn a plain notepad and post-it pad into a special gift. She then gave each member a beautifully crafted gift to take home.

On Tuesday, 16th January our guest speaker will be Jean Corrigan, who will speak about her trip to Mongolia. Anyone who wishes to hear Jean will be most welcome.

Opening and Dedication of Extension to the Reade Hall

This service has been arranged for Saturday 21st April 2018 at 3.00pm. Please keep this date free.

Devenish Bowling Club Tournament

Devenish Bowling Club Tournament was held recently in the Reade Hall, Monea. In one of the best finals in recent years with the score locked at seven all on the ninth end, Ian Hobson and Steven Clarke just edged out William Harper and David Ferguson. At the conclusion of the tournament, Tommy Cathcart, President of Devenish club, congratulated the winners, thanked all who had supported the tournament gave donations and the club members who had organised the tournament. Joe Morrison presented the winners of the tournament, Ian Hobson and Steven Clarke from Dungannon Indoor Club with the Mary Morrison Perpetual Cup.

Donacavey and Barr



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Services

Sunday, 3rd December 2017 Advent Sunday

Barr: 10.00am Holy Communion in Advent
Donacavey: 11.30am Holy Communion in Advent

Sunday, 10th December 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer
Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 17th December 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer
Donacavey:

11.30am Morning Prayer
8.00pm Musical Evening with St Eugene's Band and Derrick Mehaffey

Sunday, 24th December 2017 Christmas Eve

Donacavey: 11.30am Children's Carol Service
Barr: 8.00pm Children's Service

Monday, 25th December 2017 Christmas Day

Donacavey: 11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 31st December 2017 First Sunday of Christmas

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer
Donacavey: 11.30pm Morning Prayer

Sunday, 7th January 2018 First Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of Jesus

Barr: 10.00am Holy Communion
Donacavey: 11.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday, 14th January 2018 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer
Donacavey: 11.30pm Morning Prayer

Sunday, 21st January 2018 Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer
Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 28th January 2017 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer
Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer



Some of the items for auction

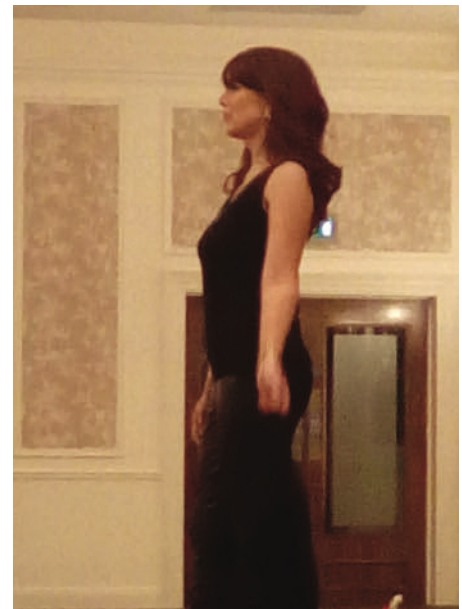
Fundraising events in November

We had a very busy month of November with three very different events to raise funds for the church. The first event was a great evening of song and music with the Police Male Voice Choir and soloist Susan Greer. Our Fashion show proved a great

success with not only the latest women's fashion on display in the Silverbirch Hotel, but also an auction followed by entertainment by Derrick Mehaffey. Thanks to all who volunteered their services for these two events especially Mrs Florrie Telford who undertook the bulk of the organising. Finally, in November (24th), the annual Craft Fair proved an enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to all those who bought table tops, those who prepared and served refreshments, those who donated things for sale and those who came willing to spend their money!

Advent Services

During the three Wednesday nights (5th, 12th, and 19th) leading up to Christmas there will be services in the Donacavey church at 8:00pm. This year we will look at the words of three Old Testament prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah. All welcome.



One of the models at the fashion show.

Donacavey and Barr Sunday School Party

Donacavey and Barr Sunday School party is on Saturday, 16th December from 2:00-4:00pm.

Musical Evening with St Eugene's Band and Derrick Mehaffey

Come along to Donacavey church for an evening of music with St Eugene's Band and Derrick Mehaffey on Sunday, 17th December at 8pm. All welcome.



Florrie in deep discussion with the auctioneer, Patterson Stewart, Derek Telford and the compere, Gerry at the fashion show.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Services

Sunday 3rd December, 2017 The First Sunday of Advent

10.30 am Donagh Parish Church – A Celebration of Holy Communion
3.00 pm A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St. Sillian's Parish Church, Tyholland

Refreshments will be served in Tyholland Community Centre after the service.

Sunday 10th December, 2017 The Second Sunday of Advent

10.30 am Donagh Parish Church – Morning Prayer
3.00 pm A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols - Errigal Truagh Parish Church
Refreshments will be served in Blackwater Valley Learning Centre after the service

Sunday 17th December, 2017 The Third Sunday of Advent

10.30 am Donagh Parish Church – Nativity Play presented by the Sunday children. This will be a combined Service for the three parishes

4.00 pm Carols at the Christmas tree in Glaslough Village Square.

Sunday 24th December, 2017 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30 am A service of Nine Lessons and Carols in Donagh Parish Church
9.00 pm A Celebration of Holy Communion – St. Sillian's Parish Church, Tyholland.

Monday 25th December, 2017

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30 am A Celebration of Holy Communion - Donagh Parish Church

Sunday 31st December 2017 The First Sunday of Christmas

10.30 am Donagh Parish Church A Service of the Word

Sunday 7th January 2018 The First Sunday after the Epiphany

10.30 am A Celebration of Holy Communion - Donagh Parish Church
12.00 noon A Celebration of Holy Communion - St. Sillian's Parish Church, Tyholland

Sunday 14th January, 2018 The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

10.30 am. Morning Prayer – Donagh Parish Church
12.00 noon A Celebration of Holy Communion – Errigal Truagh Parish Church

Sunday 21st January, 2018 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10.30 am Morning Prayer – Donagh Parish Church
12.00 noon Morning Prayer – St. Sillian's Parish Church, Tyholland

Sunday 28th January, 2018 The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

10.30 am A Service of the Word – Donagh Parish Church

12.00 noon A Service of the Word – St. Sillian's Parish Church – Tyholland

Confirmation

Sunday 5th November was a special day in Donagh Parish Church when three of our young people were confirmed. We wish Dean, Ryan and Timothy God's richest blessing. Refreshments were served in the Parish Hall after the service. Many thanks to the ladies for supplying and serving the food. Sunday School Party will be held on Friday 8th December in the Church Hall.

Mothers Union

The January meeting will take place at the Rectory on the 17th January, at 8.00 pm

Winter's Tale

This will take place on Monday, 18th December and Tuesday, 19th December at Donagh Parish Church followed by Tea/

Coffee, mulled wine and mince pies at Castle Leslie.

Holy Baptism

Sunday 22nd October at Donagh Parish Church; Victoria Nicole, daughter of Denise and Robert Jordan was baptised. We wish her God's Richest Blessing

Shoe Box Appeal

A big 'thank you' to everyone who supported the Team Hope project and filled a shoe box. These boxes are appreciated by the children who receive them.

Sympathy

We offer our prayerful support to the Singleton Family on the death of a loved one.

A Blessed and peaceful Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New year is wished for all parishioners and friends of Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh parishes.

Dromore



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Services

N.B. Over the next few months we will be having the main service at 11am, instead of 11.30am. This is on a trial basis.

3rd December

9.00am Holy Communion 2, "Keep Watch" (Mark 13:24 – 37)

11.00am Family Service, "There's no-one like you and no-one like God" (Psalm 139)

7.30pm Advent Carol Service

10th December

11.00am Morning Prayer 2, "Pleasing to God" (Philippians 4:10 – 23)

17th December

11.00am Nativity Carol Service

7.30pm Carol Service

24th December

11.00am Family Service, "The name Jesus" (Matthew 1:18 – 25)

11.15pm Holy Communion 2, "Who is this Man", (Luke 2:8 – 20)

25th December

10.30am Holy Communion 2, "No Ordinary Birth", (Luke 2:8 – 20)

31st December

11.00am Family Service, "Salt & Light" (Matthew 5:13 – 16)

The Best Christmas Ever

'A store owner was doing some last minute Christmas shopping with his young son when he saw another store owner with whom he had been friends for some time. The two of them exchanged greetings and spoke with each other about what a financially profitable season it had been for their respective stores.

The small boy overheard his father say, "This has been the best Christmas ever." As the store owners parted company, the father and son continued their shopping, but the father noticed his son had become very quiet. He inquired as to his son's silence, and his son replied, "Dad, you just told Mr. Johnson that this was the best Christmas ever."

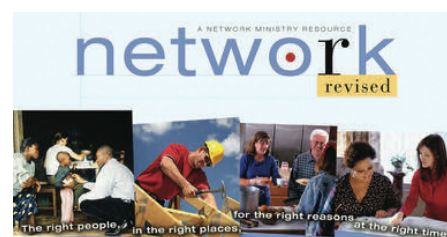
His dad replied, "I did, son. The economy is great, and people are really spending."

"O.K." the son replied, "It's just that I always thought the first Christmas was the best one."

As we prepare for Christmas and go around the shops for presents, let's not forget what it's all about. Remember that the best Christmas was the first one - when Jesus came into our world so that we could come into his Kingdom. The best gift comes not from people but from God.

'Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!' 2 Corinthians 9:15

Network Course



We will be starting a short course aimed at helping people to discover their spiritual gifts and to look at others things that can guide us as Christians to see what God wants us to do in serving Him and extending His Kingdom. The course is as follows (with 2 further sessions in January):

Wed 6th Dec @ 8.15pm – Session 1, 'Serving & Passion'

Wed 13th Dec @ 8.15pm – Session 2, 'Gifts'

Gospel Concert in aid of Fields of Life

We are hoping to take another team out to Uganda with Fields of Life in 2019. We will be holding a Gospel Concert on Saturday 24th March 2018 at 8pm in Holy Trinity Church, Dromore, featuring the well-known Gospel singer and recording artist, Rev David McBeth. Keep this date in your diary. More details nearer the time.



Concert with Rev David McBeth

Early Morning Prayer Meeting and Breakfast

We are meeting every Wednesday morning from 7am until about 7.40am to intercede for the world, our nation, the community, etc., in the knowledge that it is God and His power that we need at work in our lives and in the many situations around the world. As He taught us, we pray His Kingdom in ('Your Kingdom come'). We have a small breakfast together afterwards. Come and join us!

Keeping up to date

There are a number of ways that you can keep up to date with everything that is going on in the parish:

- Visit our website www.holytrinitydromore.org
- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore.

- Get a recording of the service on CD every week
- <http://holytrinitydromore.sermon.net> (to download and listen to sermons)

May yours be the joy of the angels

May yours be the joy of the angels – proclaiming that first Christmas Day, May yours be the faith of the Wise men – as they journeyed to where Jesus lay, May yours be the awe of the shepherds – as they followed a voice from above, May yours be the blessing of Christmas – and always the gift of His love.

Happy Christmas

Happy Christmas to all our Parishioners and Friends

Northern Ireland to Northern India



(By Frank Armstrong)

For the last eight years I have been travelling to Karnal which is located in Haryana Pradesh in Northern India. The local population of Karnal district is equivalent to the whole population of

Northern Ireland. I have been working with a charity based in India, which is called 'Arpana', whose whole ethos is, "the giving of oneself". They have a hospital located at Madhuban – about 14 kilometres outside Karnal—which cares for those who are less fortunate

in life. I got involved with the charity through a retired General Practitioner (GP) from Antrim, Dr Davinder Kapur MBE. Each year a number of my colleagues also join me in the adventure to teach, work and raise money for the medical equipment for the hospital. This year Graham Thompson, John Spratt and Shauna Loughran who are all paramedics from the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service travelled out with me to share their knowledge and skills with the staff at the hospital. You might think I'm being a tad melodramatic by using the term adventure, but if you have ever been to India you would know what I mean, as even trying to cross the road is an experience.

This year like most years we have been teaching the nurses, doctors, paramedics as well as the women's Self-Help Groups in emergency care at the hospital in Madhuban. What never ceases to amaze my colleagues and I is the immense enthusiasm and appreciation from all the participants for what they have been taught. Their hunger for knowledge and new skills is so inspirational—it can only but motivate us in our task. There is such a great need for training in pre-hospital and emergency medicine as it is an area which India greatly overlooks and the consequences are devastating.



The role we play goes beyond just teaching and over the last eight years



the direct interventions of the teams from Northern Ireland have had a positive impact on numerous lives. This year there has been very heavy smog in the mornings, which has resulted in some horrendous road traffic collisions. As the hospital is located right on the side of the Grand Trunk road, which's runs from Delhi to Pakistan, they would get a lot of casualties from road traffic collisions. Unfortunately, there have been a number of seriously injured patients, and with the help and guidance from the team, they

were effectively managed and transferred to specialised hospitals in Karnal.

Over the last two years we have ventured further north into Himachal Pradesh which forms part of the Himalayas. This is such a beautiful area with glorious mountains and it's easy to see God's hand in its creation. When I see these magnificent mountains I'm drawn to the words of Psalm 121 verse 1-2, "I lift my eyes to the mountains, where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." No one could question their beauty and compared to Madhuban, it is so tranquil and the air so clean and fresh. It's a fantastic backdrop to any classroom. When looking at the photograph you will see a grey line that extends along the mountain on the left. This is a road cut into the mountain side. Once you have travelled on these roads, you could travel anywhere in the world. Arpana have two out stations in Himachal, one at Gajnoi, which is used for the education of rural workers and also at Bakrota in Dalhousie, which operates as a health clinic. This year Mark Anderson and Cherith Poots accompanied me and we taught women's Self -Help Groups, nurse's and local villagers in First Aid and also supplied some First Aid kits and External Automated Defibrillators to local health clinics.

Before I headed out to India in 2009, Dr Kapur told me that it was going to be the case of either I will fall in love with India, or, I am going to totally dislike it. Well, I have fallen in love with India and one can only put it down to the warmth and generosity of spirit that extends from all the family at Arpana to all who



visit. It is immensely overwhelming the love that is poured upon us during our stay and I guess this is what Paul wrote in Galatians, "the only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love". Mahatma Gandhi once said, "be the change that you want to see in the world" and the Bible also teaches us in Philippians 2 verse 4 "do not merely look after your own interests, but also for the interest of others". I feel that God has led me to share the talents that he has blessed me with.

Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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

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

Services

Sunday 3rd December

10.00 Templecarne MP.
11.30 Drumkeeran HC.
7.00 Dernasesk Carol Service.

Sunday 10th December

10.00 Muckross Carol Service inc HC.
11.30 Drumkeeran Children's Carol Service.

Sunday 17th December

10.00 Templecarne Carol Service inc. HC.
11.30 Drumkeeran Carol Service.

Christmas Eve

10.00 Templecarne HC.
11.30 Drumkeeran HC

Christmas Day

10.00 Muckross Holy Communion

Sunday 31st December

10.00 Templecarne MP.
11.30 Drumkeeran MP

Special Collection

There will be a special collection for the relief of world hunger through the Bishops' Appeal in each of the three churches at the Christmas services. I hope there will be a generous response.

Join in Worship

At this Christmas time I would ask all our parishioners to make a special effort to

join in worship and to meet around the Lord's Table.

Emergency Pastoral Cover

From 26th to 30th December emergency Pastoral Cover will be provided by the clergy of Ardess.

Other Services

Sunday 7th January

10.00 Templecarne MP
11.30 Drumkeeran HC

Sunday School reopens

Sunday 14th January

10.00 Muckross HC
11.30 Drumkeeran MP

Sunday 21st January

10.00 Templecarne HC
11.30 Drumkeeran MP
7.00 Dernasesk

Sunday 28th January

10.00 Muckross MP
11.30 Drumkeeran HC

Templecarne Concert

This annual event was held on 19th October in the Methodist Youth Hall in Pettigo. It was a most enjoyable evening. The compère was Gary Wilson. We are grateful to him, to the many local artists and performers, to the musicians and technicians and to all who helped in whatever way. Thank you to our Methodist friends for the use of their hall. A special thanks to David and Hilda Johnston, who with help from others, organise this event year by year. This event draws great support from the local community. The amount raised from the concert was £1910 and €580.

Remembrance Sunday

Both in Muckross and Drumkeeran there was a good attendance at the annual Remembrance Services. In Muckross

wreaths were laid by Stephen Loane and Bertie Keys. In Drumkeeran wreaths were laid by William Seaney and Bertie Keys. In a border area the annual Remembrance Services take on an extra significance, the remembrance of parishioners who lost their lives during the 'Troubles'. Each year bereaved family members who have moved out of the area many years ago, return for this act of remembrance. To them and to the whole parish community it brings back sad memories. My thanks to all who contributed with the readings and music at the services.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

The work of packing and sorting the Shoe Box appeal was well under way when the Magazine notes were being prepared, A generous tribute to Irene Boyd and her band of willing helpers for this marvellous annual effort on behalf of less fortunate children. From this effort children in poverty stricken countries will receive a gift for Christmas. And a big 'Thank You' to all, in and beyond the parish, who make this great effort year by year.

Kindfund

Our prayers are with Gillian Stevenson who has returned to Kenya to spend more time there helping with the work amongst children.

Pastoral Cover

The clergy of Ardess will provide emergency pastoral cover in the parish from 26th to the 30th December.



Muckross Church

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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9.45am Aghabog MP
11.00am Rockcorry MP
12.15pm Drum MP
3.00pm Crossduff Carol Service

Friday 8th December

8.00pm Drum Carol Service

Sunday 10th December

11.00am Dartrey MP
3.00pm Aughnamullen Carol Service

Sunday 17th December

12.15am Drum HC
3.00pm Dartrey Carol Service
7.30pm Aghabog Carol Service

Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

9.45am Aughnamullen HC
10.00pm Rockcorry HC

Monday 25th December (Christmas Day)

10.00am Aghabog HC Group Service

Sunday 31st December

11.00am Dartrey MP Group Service

Dartrey/Rockcorry

Harvest Thanksgiving

In Rockcorry Church, Revd Daryl Edwards from Cootehill Presbyterian Church was the special preacher and we were also delighted to have Dorothy Hawthorne as soloist and Audrey Doogan as organist for the occasion. As usual, our grateful thanks to all who helped in any way in preparation.

Farewell

On Sunday, 29th October, parishioners gathered together for a United Service in Aghabog Church where Revd. Margaret's ministry began over two years ago. On this occasion we were back in Aghabog to bid her a fond farewell. Warm and heartfelt tributes were paid to her as presentations were made from all branches of our group of parishes and also from the Sunday Schools. We thank her for her love, ministry and support. We

are extremely sorry to lose her and wish her God's blessing and good health in her new sphere of work in Aghavea. Revd. Margaret's departure inevitably means changes for the parish. We extend a warm welcome to the Readers and Clergy who will be helping out in the immediate future. Mr C. Brownsmith and Mr. Abraham Storey will be responsible for the services of Morning Prayer and pastoral care while Revd. L. Capper, Canon Johnston and Dean Ferguson will be helping out with Holy Communion services. A full schedule of services, until end of the year, has been circulated to all parishioners.

Remembrance Service

There was a good attendance at the Annual Remembrance Service in Dartrey on Sunday 12th November. We extend our thanks to Abraham Storey for conducting the Service, to those who did the Scripture readings and to Killyfargue Pipe Band for leading the Parade to and from the church, Audrey Doogan, organist, and to Leslie Soden for playing the Pipers Lament, "Flowers of the Forest".

Carol Service

This will take place in Dartrey Church on Sunday, 17th December, at 3pm. Mr Brownsmith will be leading the service and schoolchildren will be taking part.

Christmas

The annual Group Christmas party is in Rockcorry School on 16th December at 6.30pm.

Service of Holy Communion in Rockcorry church on Christmas Eve at 10pm and on Sunday 31st December a Group Service will be held in Dartrey Church at 11am.

We wish all our Parishioners a Happy and Holy Christmas and every blessing in 2018.

Congratulations

We were delighted to hear of the safe arrival of a baby girl to James and Lynne Prunty, a new granddaughter for Stephen and Carol Carleton.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been in hospital or unwell in recent weeks. We also sympathise with Daisy Wilkin on the death of her nephew in Canada. May they experience the comfort of God's love.

Aghabog

Parish Group Service

A Parish Group service held in Aghabog Sunday 29th October was very well supported from the whole group as this coincided with a farewell service for the Revd. Margaret Pringle as she took leave in this group of parishes. Presentations were handed over to Revd Margaret from each parish and afterwards refreshments were served in the parish hall. Our thanks to all who brought food and helped in any way. We wish her well in her new parish.
Illness

Remember In Our Prayers

We continue to remember in our prayers all who are unwell at home or in hospital at this time.

The Carol Service

The Carol Service will be held on Sunday 17th December at 7.30 pm .

The Christmas Day Group service in Aghabog 10.00am conducted by Revd L Capper.

Children's Party

This year the annual party will be in Rockcorry school on Saturday 16th December.

Aughnamullen

Farewell

we said farewell to the Revd Margaret Pringle at a group service in Aghabog Church on Sunday 29th October and we were able to express our thanks to her for her ministry with us over the last two years and we wish her God's blessing in her new parish.

Memorial Service

On Sunday 22nd October we had a memorial service for the late Sir Richard Hanbury Tenison at which we welcomed visitors who had known him over the years and members of his family who took part in the service which was conducted by Revd Margaret Pringle. After the service all were invited to Lough Bawn for refreshments. Our sympathy to those in our parish who have lost friends and loved ones recently. The Annual Carol service will be held on Sunday 10th December at 3pm and will be conducted by Mr Abraham Storey, Diocesan Reader. All are welcome.

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Services

Sunday 3rd December: The First Sunday of Advent

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion
7.00pm – Evening Prayer
Thursday 7th December
11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 10th December: The Second Sunday of Advent

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Nativity Service
7.00pm – Evening Prayer
Thursday 14th December
11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 17th December: The Third Sunday of Advent

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion
7.00pm - Carol Service
Thursday 21st December: Christmas Day
10.30am – Holy Communion 4.00pm – Messy Church

Sunday 24th December: Christmas Eve

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Morning Prayer
11.00pm - Holy Communion
Monday 25th December: Christmas Day
9.00am - Holy Communion
10.30am – Holy Communion (Family Service)

Sunday 31st December: The First Sunday of Christmas

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 4th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 7th January: The Second Sunday of Christmas

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 11th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 14th January: The First Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Thursday 18th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 21st January: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Thursday 25th January

11.00am - Holy Communion
1.05pm – Healing Service

Sunday 28th January: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Family Service
7.00pm - Holy Communion

Holy Baptism

15th October

Ella Sophie Hurst
Jodie Janice Albutt
Shay James McCaffrey
Aria Iris McCaffrey

Christian Burial

30th September

Stewart Harold Scott, 3 Trasna Park,
Enniskillen

2nd October

Rebecca Reilly, Millcroft Nursing Home,
Enniskillen.

12th October

Herbert Samuel (Herbie) Bell, 3 Carrigans
Park, Enniskillen.

16th October

Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Morton, Millcroft
Nursing Home, Enniskillen

Burial of Ashes (Cathedral Garden of Remembrance)

1st October

Kenneth Robert Saunderson, The Battery
House, 7 Forthill Road, Enniskillen.

Dedication of Captain Oates Plaque



The service of dedication of the Memorial Plaque to Captain L.Oates.

A plaque has been dedicated in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen in memory of Captain Laurence Edward Grace Oates, of The 6th Royal Inniskilling Dragoons and a member of Captain Scott's expedition to the South Pole. The service on Sunday, 29th October was attended by Viscount Brookeborough, Representative of Her Majesty the Queen for Fermanagh as well as Officers of the Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. It was conducted by the Dean, The Very Revd Kenneth Hall and the sermon was preached by the Revd Fr A E Strachan CF(RC), Chaplain to The Royal Dragoons Guards.

Remembrance Day

It was a great pleasure to welcome The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, The Rt Hon James Brokenshire, MP representing the British Government, An Taoiseach Mr Leo Varadkar TD, The Consul General Daniel J Lawton representing the American Government, the Former First Minister The Rt Hon Arlene Foster and Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Fermanagh, The Viscount Brookeborough accompanied by his wife The Viscountess. Glenn Moore was the organist. Ballyreagh Silver Band were also in attendance and played during some of the hymn singing. The Last Post and The Reveille were sounded by Warren Kerr from Ballyreagh Silver Band and the Pipers Lament played by Pipe Major Gordon McKeown, Derryclavin Pipe Band.

The First Lesson, Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 was read by John Jones, Chairman of The Royal British Legion, Enniskillen Branch. The Second Lesson, Romans 8: 31-38 was read by The Viscount Brookeborough. The Gospel Reading was from John 15: 1-17 and read by The Rt Rev Monsignor Peter O'Reilly PP, VG. The Choir conducted by Jayne Haslett sang the Anthem, 'The Mansions of the Lord' accompanied by Warren on Trumpet and Rodney White on Drums. The Prayers were led by the representatives from the British, Northern Ireland, Irish and American Governments. The Preacher was The Rev Alexander Bennett, Deputy Assistant Chaplain General - 38 (Irish) Brigade.

Cathedral Website

Please go to our Cathedral Website: www.enniskillencathedral.com for photographs. We extend our grateful thanks to Dr William Holmes for maintaining our Cathedral Website.

The Season of Advent

Advent is a time of impatient waiting, of holding our breath for what's waiting for us just around the corner. We're making preparations to celebrate Christmas Day,

of course, but most importantly, Christians spend this time preparing and waiting for Christ to be born again into the world which so desperately waits for Him. We're not the first people who have longed for a different world – all through history people have waited, just as eagerly, for peace, hope, joy and love.

60+ Parishioners' Party

The Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 12th December at 7.00pm. All those with a 'bus pass' are welcome!

Tuesday Club



Tuesday Club activities

Dean Hall opened the October meeting with scripture and prayer.

The speaker, craft teacher, Denise Kettle received a warm welcome. Denise told

us the history of the poppy and then provided members with the materials to make a poppy.



Tuesday Club members listen to a speaker

Everyone received detailed instructions and help to make their poppy and enjoyed the finished result. A most welcome cup and tea and treats brought the meeting to a close.

The next meeting is on 28th November when Claire Holmes, Dietitian, is the speaker and will have information on 'Healthy Eating'. Don't forget the 60+ Christmas on 12th December in the Main Hall at 7.00pm. Please give your name to the office by Friday 8th December if you wish to attend.

Mothers' Union

The November meeting was opened by the Dean and Stephanie Hamilton with

Attending the Remembrance Day service in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen were (from left); Monsignor Peter O'Reilly; Mr James Brokenshire, Secretary of State, N.I.; Mr. Leo Varadkar, T.D., Taoiseach; Mr. Daniel T. Lawton, Consul General representing the United States; Mrs. Arlene Foster, former First Minister and the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall.



prayers from the All Ireland Prayer Vigil 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2017. There will be a service in Lisbellaw Parish Church on Tuesday 28th November at 8.00pm. All members are encouraged to attend and are asked to bring items to donate to women's aid such as basic toiletries, nightwear, towels, slippers etc. They have also appealed for unwrapped Christmas gifts for teenage boys.

Our guest speaker was Noreen Little from Action and Outreach who gave us a detailed account of her work distributing blankets, fiddle muffs and fiddle blankets to local nursing homes, angel gowns, hats, blankets, bootees and cardigans to the neo-natal and maternity wards in the hospital. She had samples of some wonderful needlework. Everyone is encouraged to help with this worthwhile work. There is a special appeal for trauma teddies as stocks are low. Patterns are available from Sally Masterson, Branch Secretary.

Our branch was represented at Autumn Council in Dromore on 26th October when Revd Andrew Quill gave a moving sermon encouraging outreach in even the smallest way using our God given talents. The evening concluded with the mother's union prayer.

On 5th December the outing is to Ardhowen Theatre to see the musical "Singing in the Rain."

A very happy Christmas to all our members.

The New Year meeting is a service of Holy Communion celebrated by Dean Hall on Monday 8th January at 8pm. A date for your diary - prayer breakfast on 3rd March 2018.

SANDS NI Carol Service

SANDS NI support people who experience the tragedy of stillbirth or the death of an infant in the first weeks of life. SANDS is organising an ecumenical Christmas Carol Service for those who have been affected by the loss of a baby, in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Friday 8th December at 8.00 pm. This will be a gentle, hope-filled service of carols, readings and prayers.

Those attending are asked to bring a gift-wrapped toy appropriate to the age that the child you lost would be today. These gifts will be placed under the Christmas tree and donated to local charities. Tea and light refreshments will be served after the service.

Nativity Service

Sunday Lights and Sunday Café (Sunday School) will have their Nativity Service

on Sunday 10th December at 11.00am. At this service we ask children (and parents) to bring a new Christmas present for the Church of Ireland Board of Social Responsibility's Christmas appeal. These are given to children less fortunate than our own. Please indicate on the present who it is suitable for – age group and whether for a boy or girl. Thank you.

Carol Services

Wednesday 6th December at 7.30pm – Community Christmas Concert featuring Sligo Gospel Choir with St Macartin's and St Michael's Choirs (begins in St Macartin's Cathedral and ends in St Michael's Roman Catholic Church). Organised by Enniskillen Rotary Club.

Sunday 17th December at 7.00pm – Parish Carol Service

The loose collection at the Carol Service at 7.00pm on Sunday 17th December will be given towards the Dean of Belfast's Black Santa Charities. Please give generously.

Messy Church

It's Jesus' birthday.

And you're invited to his party!

Come along and join in the crafts to make a birthday present for Jesus! Hear the story of His birth, sing carols, join the candle-lit procession and enjoy party food and games!

The invitation is open to all children of primary school age and your parents/guardians.

Note – children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Where: St Macartin's Cathedral Hall

When: Thursday 21st December, 4-6 pm

No need to RSVP – just come on the day!

The next Messy Church will be on 15th February 2018.

Christmas Services

Three Holy Communion Services will be held. The Celebrant at our Christmas Eve Service (11.00pm) will be our Bishop, the Rt Revd John McDowell. Two services will be held on Christmas Day at 9.00am and at 10.30am.

You are welcome to attend the most suitable service. It is hoped that as many families as possible will attend the 10.30am service. All ages are welcome and children are asked to bring with them something that Santa brought (adults can do this too!). The Dean and Curates will take a walk about to view the toys!

Confirmation Classes

There will be two Confirmation classes in December, on Monday 4th and Monday

11th, from 6.30 – 7.30 pm in the Upper Room, Cathedral Hall.

If you're in Year 9+, it's not too late to register for Confirmation in May 2018 – just get a form from Beth in the Cathedral Office or speak to Revd Chris.

In the New Year, classes start back on Monday 8th January.

The Clergy will give every encouragement and help to all who want to be prepared for Confirmation, but they do need the full support of the candidate and their family, and their presence at church!

Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed and would like to be, please contact the clergy or fill in a questionnaire available from the Parish Office and a member of the Clergy will contact you.

Home Holy Communions for Christmas

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

The Shoebox Appeal

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

Season Greetings

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

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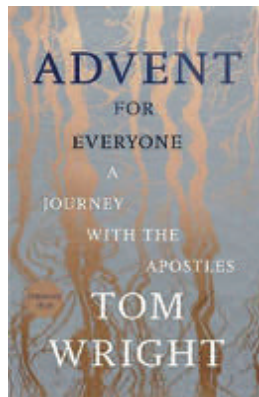
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Silence, Love and Practical Help.

Today has been one of those lovely autumn days that we have been waiting for. Bright sunshine, light winds, and paths underfoot are drying. Twice in recent days, I've heard mention of the concern about fodder this winter because of the wet weather, so today is a welcome change. The last of the leaves are still to fall from the purple beech tree outside my study window, and I am glad of the extra light. Birds are busy in the dry weather, searching out food in the leaf-fall, and visiting the bird table in the hope of a free meal.

When you read this, the season will probably be hurtling towards the day with the shortest hours of light, and the season of gaudy street lights and compulsory festive cheer. But for now, we are still in a season of remembering, a season of quiet dignity, and a time for thoughts of those who have gone before us. All Saints Day to Remembrance-tide is a season which has its own shape. It asks us to think of the Great Cloud Of Witnesses who have gone ahead us, and of those who made a great sacrifice in the cause of justice and freedom. For us, the Parish is privileged to be invited to take part in a solemn act of remembering

at the Royal British Legion Hall. Later our uniformed organisations parade to Church, along with serving and former members of the forces, and this year St John's was filled to capacity by those attending Evening Prayer. It is a time which is very different from the busy reopening of ministries which characterises September, and the familiar round of the Harvest Thanksgiving. We look forward to the beginning of a new Church Year, as Advent approaches.



This year I am encouraging the parish to read *Advent For Everyone, A Journey with the Apostles*, written by Tom Wright. Available on special offer from the Real Life Bookshop in Enniskillen for £5.99, we will follow the daily reading and comments. Tom's writing is helpfully straightforward and plain.

It will follow on from the teaching series during August to November, based on St Paul's Letter to the Philippians, which has been so positive for us. That time also included the four Sunday evening services in September with the local Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, which were appreciated by so many.

I also have made an early November start on some reading for Advent, and can recommend to you *Unearthly Beauty*, by Magdalene Smith. It is a collection of writing which reflects on the life of some who have gone ahead of us. On the theme of Remembering, she recounts the life and purpose of some of the Saints, including familiar figures such as St Andrew, and St John the Apostle, along with some less well known to us. I have been very challenged to read about the example to Charles de Foucauld who lived in the 1800s and founded the 'Little' communities. Groups of disciples who were willing to live 'with' and not 'for' the poor, joining in the ordinary things of life, as a witness to Christ. His rule was to offer silence, love and practical help as a living example of the Gospel. In such a noisy age, who of us couldn't offer silence, love and practical help? Perhaps our brothers and sisters who have gone ahead of us, are able still to tell us something of the

way to run in this modern age, as we go on with Christ.

Carols By Candlelight

7pm Sunday 17 December St John's

Christmas Eve

11am Nativity Service St John's
8pm Holy Communion Kiltermon

Christmas Day

9am Holy Communion Kiltermon
10.30am Holy Communion St John's

Mothers' Union

The November meeting which was our Community Outreach was held in the Parish Hall. Following the opening hymn, Margaret Bothwell, Sheila Burke and Claire Millar led the readings and prayers set down in the All Ireland Prayer Vigil for 16 days of Activism against gender based violence.

Members then packed 39 hampers and toiletry gifts for distribution to the senior members of our church who are at home or in nursing homes enclosing a Christmas card from Mothers' Union.

Branch Leader Elvina Funston thanked all those who had contributed and helped at the Cake Sale on 28th October. The total amount raised was £545 which will be divided between the Worldwide Relief Fund and our Branch Funds.

Branch Leader Elvina Funston and Emily Kells attended the Training Day in Belfast in preparation for The Women's World Day of Prayer which we will be hosting in March 2018.

Elvina Funston, Sheila Burke and Emily Kells attended Autumn Council in Dromore Church on 26th October and attended the Training Day for leaders, treasurers and secretaries in Enniskillen on 18th November.

Activism against Gender Based Violence

A Prayer Vigil in support of 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence is being held in Lisbellaw Parish Church on Tuesday 28th November at 8pm. The speakers will be the P.S.N.I.

Instead of a retiring collection, each M.U. member has been asked to donate one item for use by Women's Aid Fermanagh. Carol Singing in the homes and Nursing Homes of house bound members of our Church has been planned for Monday 11th December and Tuesday 12th December. A Committee Meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 22nd December at 8pm in the Parish Hall

The meeting closed with the Mothers' Union and The Grace.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Service

09:00 Drummully
10:30 Sallaghy
12:00 Galloon

Sunday School Times

Drummully: 9:00-10:00am in Drummully Church
Sallaghy: 10:30-11:30am in Sallaghy Church Hall
Galloon: 12:00-1:00pm in Galloon Sunday School Rooms

December Worship

Sunday 3rd December 9.00/10.30/12.00:
Holy Communion x 3

Sunday 10th December

9.00/10.30/12.00: Morning Prayer x 3

Sunday 10th December 7.00pm

Community Carol Service in Galloon Parish Church

Sunday 17th December 11.00am:

Nativity for all three Churches in Galloon Parish Church. The service will be followed by a cup of tea when we will have a "special visitor"!

Sunday 24th December 7.00pm

Christmas Eve: Group Carol Service in St Mary's Drummully featuring the Group Choir and the service will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Monday 25th December 11.00am

Christmas Day: Service in Sallaghy Parish Church

Sunday 31st December 11:00am 1st

Sunday of Christmas: Group Service in Galloon

Remembrance Sunday

The annual Group Remembrance Service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday 12th November. We were pleased to have our Methodist and Presbyterian neighbours present in the congregation.



The Methodist Lay Pastor Mr Ian Graham took part and Mr Charles Crawford preached the sermon in the service at which over 200 were in attendance. Mrs Marina Elliott led a group of primary school children in the singing of "Bless the Lord, O my soul". The presence of the uniformed organisations Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and Beavers all contributed wonderfully to this solemn service.

Acts of Remembrance were also held in Sallaghy and Drummully on the Sunday prior to Remembrance Sunday (photos above and below).

Confirmation Class and TAG Group

The confirmation class and the TAG Group will combine for a Christmas Party on Sunday 3rd December at 7.00pm in The Church Hall, Newtownbutler

Mothers' Union

In December the Mothers' Union branches will come together on Thursday 14th December in Sallaghy Parish Church Hall for a Christmas Celebration.

Galloon Parish

Community Carol Service



A Community Carol Service will be held in Galloon Parish Church on Sunday 10th December at 7.00pm. The service will feature Newtownbutler Primary School Choir and the group's own Combined Choir. Refreshments will be served after the service and there will be a voluntary collection for the Organ Fund. The parish is raising funds to install a Lewis pipe organ in the church. The organ was originally in Carrickfergus Methodist Church.



Everyone will be made most welcome at this Carol Service.

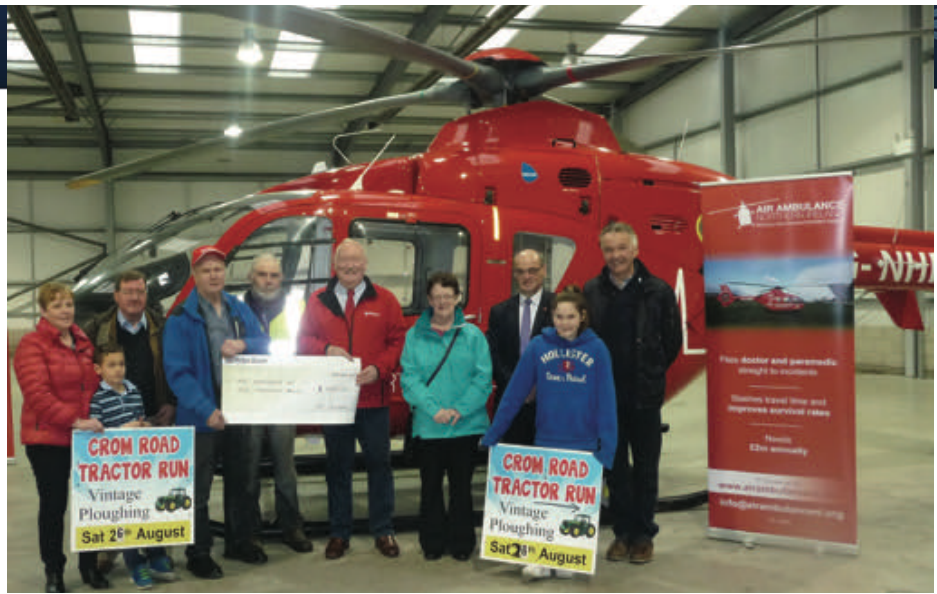
Sympathy

Willie Ebbitt of Bunn passed away peacefully in the Palliative Care Unit in Tyrone County Hospital, on Thursday 9th November 2017. The funeral in Galloon Parish Church on Saturday 11th November was conducted by the Rector. We extend our sincere condolences to the Ebbitt Family on the loss of a much loved brother and uncle.

Sallaghy Parish

“Songs of Praise”

On Sunday 29th October over 120 parishioners and friends of the group came together for a “Songs of Praise” Service in Sallaghy Parish Church when the theme of the service was “Music which moves you”. Parishioners in each of the three Group churches had an opportunity to submit their choice of favourite hymns. The top 10 hymns were sung in reverse order. The service opened with Hannah Frazer and Michael Smith on flutes accompanied by Jennifer Smith on the clavivova leading the singing of “As the Deer pants for the Water”. Members of Lisnaskea Silver Band provided the musical accompaniment for three hymns, namely “Guide me Oh Thou Great Jehovah”, “Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven” and “Lord, the light of your love is shining”. The Group choir sang “Here I am to worship” with Joyce Clingan singing some solo lines. There were



several readings linked to the various hymns and these were read by Jacqueline O’Cuilleainain, Patricia Hutchinson, Valerie Crawford, Charles Crawford and Revd Anita. Three of the group organists, Joyce Clingan, May Leitch and Grace Robinson accompanied two hymns each. The finale to the service was the singing of the most popular hymn, “I the Lord of Sea and Sky. Afterwards a beautiful supper was served in the Church Hall.

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped with the organisation of this event and who supported it on the evening.

Crom Road Tractor Run and Vintage Ploughing Demonstration

On Saturday 11th November a cheque for £6000 was handed over to Air Ambulance NI at St Angelo Airport, Enniskillen. Air Ambulance NI is the charity that fundraises for and manages the

helicopter operations of Northern Ireland’s Helicopter Emergency Medical Service. A cheque for £1500 was also presented to Sallaghy Parish Church. Thanks are expressed to all who supported this event in any way to raise such a healthy sum for a worthy cause and in particular to Vera and Tommy Fiddis for hosting and leading the organisation of the event held at the end of August. Pictured in the photo (above) are: Tommy Fiddis, Vera Fiddis, Harry Fiddis, William Parker, Brian Martin, Rodney Connor, Maureen Faulkner, David Morrison, Annabella Martin and Geoffrey Kerr.

Burial Register:

Robert John (Robbie) Fleming, Killard, Newtownbutler on Thursday 16th November 2017 aged 88 years. “In Heavenly Love Abiding.”

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Services

Sunday 3rd December

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 10th December

Slavin 11.30am Group Family Service & Nativity

Sunday 17th December

Belleek 11.30am HC
Kiltyclogher 7pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December

Belleek 8pm HC

Christmas Day Sunday 31st December

Kiltyclogher 4pm
Christingle Service

Sunday 7th January

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 14th January

Kiltyclogher 10am HC

Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 21st January

Garrison 10am MP
Slavin 11.30am MP

Sunday 28th January

Kiltyclogher 10am MP
Belleek 11.30am MP

Sunday 4th February

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Mothers’ Union

The MU meeting in October was held in Slavin Parish Church. We were delighted to welcome Rosemary Barton MLA. She spoke of her work in the constituency and in Stormont, illustrated by a slide show. It was a very interesting evening and we thank Rosemary for making the journey down and sharing her experiences with us.

Remembrance Service

Sunday 12th November was the Remembrance Service in Garrison Church at 5pm. The service was conducted by the Rector. The Poppy wreath in memory of the lost in the First World War was laid at the memorial stone of Private Thomas Carson by Garrison parishioners. The other wreath in memory of those who lost their lives in Northern Ireland was laid at the plaque in memory of Mr Johnny Fletcher by Mr Clive Mc Kee accompanied by Mr Wesley Scott, members of the Regimental Association. Mr Robert Johnston read the first lesson. A lament was played by Mr Paul Barton on the bagpipes. Alan Gault read out the names of those who lost their lives. Tea followed the service in the church hall. The Rector proposed a vote of thanks to all involved particularly the Regimental Association for their presence which adds so much to this service each year. John McClure replied on behalf of the Regimental association and conveyed his thanks again to Revd Ngozi and to the ladies for providing the lovely supper.

The Launch of The 'Slavin Poetry Book



Audrey Owens, contributor to the book and soloist at the event; Revd. Ngozi Njoku, Rector of Garrison Group of Parishes and, Bishop John McDowell.

Councillor Alex Baird (Vice-Chairman Fermanagh and Omagh Council), Doreen Earls (member of Slavin Church), Vivienne Ferguson (author of the book) and John Maguire (Managing Director, Belleek Pottery) at the book launch.



Joe O'Loughlin (M.C. at the Book Launch), Vivienne Ferguson, Michelle Duffy (Artist, Camlake Canvas), Soinbhe Lally (Contributor to the book), Doreen Earls, Audrey Owens, Albert Cluff (Printer).

The Launch of The 'Slavin Poetry Book of Katherine C. Elliott' by Vivienne Ferguson took place in the Wark Hall, Belleek on Tuesday, 25th October by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell.



May Somerville, Jim Wilson, Maggie Reilly.

Slavin Church received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to erect a memorial stone to Katherine Elliott, the first choir mistress and organist of the church. Katherine, the daughter of Robert

Williams Armstrong, a co-founder of Belleek Pottery, was a gifted artist, poet and musician. Born in London in 1850 she was educated in France and Germany and was fluent in a number of languages. She came to live in Belleek in 1857 when her father was involved with the Pottery. She became attracted to a very good looking local farmer, James Elliott and married him, in spite of her parents' disapproval. Times were hard in the late 1800s and Katherine struggled with manual work on a farm and with poverty.



Robin and Vivienne Ferguson with Ernie and Pauline Elliott (Blaney). Ernie is the only surviving grandson of Katherine Elliott.

The church at Slavin became a comfort to her and she trained an accomplished ladies choir; later raising money to buy an organ. Katherine's name was missing from the family headstone so a stone in her memory was dedicated in September this year.



Kiltyclogher Service of Thanksgiving- Wilfie Carson and family



Some poems written by Katherine have been preserved over the years by some of Katherine's grandchildren. These form part of the book. Four generations have contributed items for the book.

Katherine, her grand-daughter Lily McAllister (née Elliott), living in Cork, her great grand-daughter Soibhne Lally, from Rossnowlagh, and her great great-grand daughter Sharon Ferguson, daughter of Vivienne and Robin.

The book has been compiled by Vivienne Ferguson, married to Robin (Derrygonnelly), a great grandson of Katherine.

Audrey Ovens, a Slavin Parishioner, has also contributed poems and illustrations. Local artist Michelle Duffy, Camlake Canvas, has illustrated most of the poems with her drawings and paintings. The MC for the Launch evening was local historian Joe O'Loughlin who has also contributed to the book.

Revd Ngozi Njoku welcomed everyone. Audrey Ovens sang two pieces entitled 'Rejoice' and 'Pie Jesu.'

Mr. John Maguire, Managing Director of Belleek Pottery, gave his support for the book launch and was delighted that the book contains a photo of Belleek Pottery. Precentor. Noel Regan, a former minister of the Garrison Group of Parishes complimented Vivienne on her book, which he said was very well presented. He recalled the close involvement the parishes had with Belleek Pottery and John Maguire. One of the highlights of his ministry was the installation of a stained glass front window in Belleek Church, just after Slavin Church had been completely renovated. He urged everyone to be generous when purchasing as the book was worth more than the set price.

In his remarks launching the book, Bishop John thanked Vivienne for the enormous amount of work which she had put into producing a work of such varied content and with something that would appeal to a very broad range of people. He then talked a little about Katherine's early years in London and went on to set Katherine Elliott's poetry in its historical context, drawing particular attention to the poems about the Boer War and its significance for Ireland in a time of turmoil and revolution.

He talked also about the significance of Katherine's absolutely steadfast and straightforward faith which saw her through the many difficulties and sadnesses in her life.

Bishop John remarked that perhaps the saddest words in the whole book were that, following her marriage 'her father

never spoke to her again.' However she remained resourceful, outward looking, practical and optimistic, as was evidenced by her constant stream of good works and community involvement. Vivienne presented Bishop John with a signed copy of her book and went on to thank all the contributors to the book especially Joe O' Loughlin, Soibhne Lally and Doreen Earls.

Audrey Ovens recited one of her own poems, 'Castlecaldwell' and two poems from the book.

To close the proceedings, Audrey sang 'Amazing Grace'.

The event was attended by Rosemary Barton MLA and Councillor Alex Baird, Vice-Chairman of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. A vote of thanks was given by the Rector's Churchwarden Robert Ovens. He thanked everyone for attending especially Ernest McAllister and Pam O'Regan, great-grandchildren of Katherine. They made the journey from Cork on Tuesday and drove back home after the launch. Robert thanked Vivienne for her generosity in donating the proceeds of the book to Slavin Church. DVDs are available at a cost of £8 for anyone who missed the evening. The book costs £5 and can be obtained from any member of Slavin Select Vestry or by private messaging the Garrison Group of Parishes Facebook page.

Holy Matrimony- Apology

Sincere apology to the Hamilton family for the error in last month's magazine, the correct version is below;

The Rector conducted the marriage of Karen Hamilton, Gurteen, Garrison to Colin Mulrone, Belleek on Friday 6th October 2017. Many congratulations to the happy couple.

Christian Burial

Mrs Gladys Thompson, Gorteen, Garrison passed away last month in SWAH after a short illness. The funeral service took place in Belleek Parish Church on Tuesday 17th October conducted by Revd Ngozi. The interment was in the adjoining churchyard. Rev Ngozi commented on the gentle, respectful nature of Mrs Thompson and the warm welcome she always had for her when she visited and also the great love she had for her family. Our Prayers and sympathy are extended to her children, Oscar, Helen, William and Phyllis. Also her grand-daughters, Laura, Avril and Clare, Mrs Thompson's brothers, Ivan and George and sister Phyllis and their families and all of the extended families.

Sunday School Party

The children's Sunday School Party will be held on Thursday 21st December at 7pm in the Wark Hall, Belleek.

Thanksgiving Service in Kiltyclogher Church

On Sunday 29th October a service of thanksgiving was held in Kiltyclogher Church in appreciation of the life-saving treatment which Wilfie Carson received after his farm accident last year. A collection in excess of £1000 was received which will be given to SWAH, Struce House, Altnagelvin Hospital and Kiltyclogher church. Revd Ngozi conducted the service at which the choir sang and Audrey Ovens sang a solo. The family expressed their thanks to everyone for their generosity. Tea followed the service in the Community Centre.

Garrison Parish Dinner Dance



Garrison parishioners and friends enjoying the Dinner Dance

Garrison Parish held a dinner dance on Friday 3rd November in the Gillaroo Centre. Thanks to Camlake Catering in the Holiday Centre for their lovely food. The Ladies of the Parish provided the desserts and tea. Dancing followed to DJ Albert. A lovely evening was enjoyed by everyone and a total of £781 was raised towards Church Funds. Thank you to everyone who supported it in any way.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been in hospital or unwell in recent weeks. We remember Christina Breen who has been in hospital and is now recovering at home after a fall. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Keep up to date

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org. The web manager is Jenna Earls.

Photos and articles etc. for the website to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls at Social Networking: Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.

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The year is certainly moving on and we had very good services of Harvest Thanksgiving. The church was tastefully decorated and the singing was uplifting. It is important that we thank God for the many blessings, which he has given to us and we so often take for granted. Whenever the next edition of the diocesan magazine will be printed – we will be into the season of Advent and will be preparing ourselves again for the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Services

This year our services will be as follows:-

Tuesday 12th December

7.00pm Community Carol service in Derrygonnelly community centre

Sunday 10th December

11.30am Young people's service in preparation for Christmas
7.30pm Carol service in Churchill Methodist Church. No service that evening in Inishmacsaint

Sunday 17th December

11.30am Morning Prayer
7.30pm Service of nine lessons and carols

Sunday 24th December

11.30am Morning Prayer
10.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 25th December

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 31st December

11.30 am Morning Prayer
7.30pm Holy Communion

Monday 1st January

10.30am Morning Prayer
Services as usual for the rest of the month. If anyone needs home communion – please contact the rector and let him know.

Community Carol Service

Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm the Churches Forum will be holding their

annual Christmas community carol service in Derrygonnelly Community Centre. This event involves all local churches and the children from our local schools. The music will be led by the schoolchildren and the choirs from the churches. After the service there will be light refreshments after the service. We look forward to welcoming as many members from our churches and the wider community to this carol service.

Inishmacsaint Mothers' Union

Our October meeting was held in Derrygonnelly Orange Hall on Monday 23rd October when our speaker was Lesley Ward from PSNI. She spoke about protecting against scams - mail, door step and internet. We were joined by other parishioners for this meeting and it proved to be most interesting and informative. We look forward to singing members' favourite carols at our December meeting and then sampling some of the favourite recipes from our booklet. This booklet has been produced following a magnificent response to our request for members' favourite recipes in time for Christmas festivities.

In January the Mothers' Union plan to have a meal on Thursday 25th in the Killyhevlin Hotel.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Dates for the Diary

Sunday 3rd December: The First Sunday of Advent

11.00am Joint Advent Carol Service in Trillick Parish Church with Girls' Brigade Enrolment

Tuesday 5th December:

Choir Practice, Kilskeery Parish Hall at 8.30pm

Sunday 10th December: The Second Sunday of Advent

10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer

11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer

Trillick 2020 Christmas Craft Fayre and Switching on of Christmas Lights.

Anyone interested in having a table at the fayre please contact Claire – 07873136483,

Joan – 02889561378, Bernie – 02889561601.

Monday 11th December:

Mothers' Union Dinner – Bridge Inn Trillick

Tuesday 12th December:

Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner – Kilskeery Hall

Choir Practice, Kilskeery Hall at 8.30pm

Thursday 14th December: QEII Christmas Carol Service

7.00pm Kilskeery Parish Church

Saturday 16th December:

'Being together in fellowship and relationship' – Family celebration in Kilskeery Hall at 4pm with the switching on of Christmas lights and a visit from Santa Claus

Sunday 17th December: The Third Sunday of Advent

11.00am Trillick Parish Church – Carol Service (Joint)

You are invited to bring gifts, for distribution to the 'needy' at this Service

Thursday 21st December:

Senior Citizens Celebration of Holy Communion with tea and Christmas music to follow

2.30pm Kilskeery Hall – a special invitation extends to those who find attending at church, difficult, and transport can be arranged if required.

Sunday 24th December: Christmas Eve

11.00am Kilskeery Parish Church – Carol Service (Joint)

9.30pm Trillick Parish Church – Holy Communion (Joint)

Monday 25th December: Christmas Day

9.00am Trillick Parish Church – Holy Communion

10.30am Kilskeery Parish Church – Holy Communion

Sunday 31st January: The First Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer

11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer

Sunday 7th January: The First Sunday after the Epiphany

10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Holy Communion

11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Holy Communion

Sunday 14th January: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer

11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st January: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer

11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th January: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer

11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer

Holy Matrimony



The marriage of Andrew Murphy and Charlene Stewart in Kilskeery Parish Church.

Warmest congratulations to Andrew Raymond Murphy and Charlene Elizabeth Stewart who were married at Kilskeery Parish Church on November 4th. All praise and glory to you most gracious God, for in the beginning you created us man and woman.

Grant your blessing then, we pray, to Charlene and Andrew so that in marriage they may be a source of blessing to each other and to all, and live in holy love until their lives' end.



Wreath laying at Kilskeery

Holy Baptism

Becka Molly Jane Keys daughter of Richard and Karen, Kilskeery, on Sunday October 22nd.

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 Becka entrusted to our care.

May we be patient and understanding ready to guide and forgive that in our love Becka may know your love.

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



GB members lay a wreath

Remembrance



Mervin and Myrtle Faris attending Trillick Remembrance

Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Club

Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Club hosted another very successful, very well attended Annual Tea Dance on November 7th and we congratulate and thank all concerned – committee members Gwen C, Emily, George, Marlene, John, Hazel, Doris and Gwen P especially, together with our very faithful, much appreciated additional helpers!



Enjoying the senior citizen's tea dance

Members look forward to Christmas Dinner on December 12th and thank those who regularly prepare and serve a delicious meal every Tuesday – with

yet another special dinner planned for January!!

Sincere Thanks

Sincere thanks to the family of the late Mrs. Sadie Murphy for the very generous gift of the very beautiful 'Summer seat' now gracing Kilskeery churchyard. 'Mother of love' (Robin Gibb – Sadie's son-in-law) – the piece played at Sadie's funeral.

Mothers' Union

Due to inclement weather (Storm Ophelia!) MU was unable to welcome Jill (Funston) – Operation Christmas Child – on October 16th; (Shoe-box collection continued none the less!) and are looking forward, weather permitting, to Christmas Cooking on November 20th and their Annual Dinner on December 11th.

'Cash for clobber' collection

'Cash for clobber' collection for church funds raised a very healthy £270! Thank you!!

Family Fancy-dress Fun



Enjoying the fun.

Family Fancy-dress Fun on October 28th was really Spectacular, as evidenced by our 'pics' and a big thank you to all!

Boys' Brigade



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

Girls' Brigade

Enrolment will take place at a joint Advent Carol Service in Trillick Parish Church on Sunday, December 3rd (First Sunday of Advent). GB are again, this year, taking part in 'Operation Christmas Child' (Shoe-Box Appeal) and will also prepare 'Gift Bags' for distribution at our Senior Citizens Celebration of Holy Communion on December 21st in Kilskeery Hall. Girls are hosting a Craft n' Coffee Sale in Trillick Hall on Monday 4th December from 7.00 – 9.30pm. All welcome!

Messy Kids Club

Messy Kids Club look forward to joining the celebrations in Kilskeery Hall on December 16th – 'Being together in fellowship and relationship'. A reminder that Crèche is available, during Sunday Service at Kilskeery!

'Being together in fellowship and relationship'

The Rector and Select Vestries of Kilskeery and Trillick Parish Churches warmly invite the children/parents/grandparents of our Child/Youth Ministries – Crèche, Sunday Schools, Messy Kids, Girls' Brigade, Boys' Brigade and Youth Club to Kilskeery Hall on Saturday, December 16th at 4.00pm for a very special 'Celebration' - 'Being together in fellowship and relationship'. Children's entertainer, 'Parky' will bring us a fun-filled one hour show followed by the switching on of Kilskeery Christmas tree lights and a visit by Santa Claus.

Missionary Boxes

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

Thank You

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

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Services

Sunday, 3rd December 2017 Advent Sunday

Lisbellaw: 11am Holy Communion in Advent

Coolbuck: 3pm Holy Communion in Advent

Sunday School and Bridge.

Sunday, 10th December 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

Lisbellaw: 11am Morning Prayer

Lisbellaw: 3.00pm Christingle Service
BRING AN ORANGE FOR EACH PERSON
Sunday School and Bridge.

Sunday, 17th December 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

Lisbellaw: 9.45am Holy Communion Form One

11am Family Service: Christingle BRING AN ORANGE FOR EACH PERSON

Lisbellaw: 7pm Carols by Candlelight (No service in Coolbuck). Sunday School or Bridge are leading the family service.

Sunday, 24th December 2017 Christmas Eve

Lisbellaw: 11am Holy Communion for Christmas Eve

Coolbuck: 5pm Crib Service

11pm Holy Communion for Christmas Eve
No Sunday School or Bridge.

Monday, 25th December 2017 Christmas Day

Lisbellaw: 9.45am Holy Communion
11am Family Holy Communion
(No service in Coolbuck). No Sunday School or Bridge.

Sunday, 31st December 2017 First Sunday of Christmas

Lisbellaw: 11am Service of the Word
(No service in Coolbuck). No Sunday
School or Bridge.

**Sunday, 7th January 2018 First Sunday
after Epiphany: Baptism of Jesus**

Lisbellaw: 11am Holy Communion
Coolbuck: 3pm Holy Communion
No Sunday School or Bridge.

**Sunday, 14th January 2018 Second
Sunday after the Epiphany**

Lisbellaw: 11am Morning Prayer
Coolbuck: 3pm Compline
Sunday School and the Bridge.

**Sunday, 21st January 2018 Third Sunday
after the Epiphany**

NO EARLY COMMUNION AT 9.45AM AS
RECTOR IS ON HOLIDAY.

Lisbellaw: 11am Morning Prayer
Coolbuck: 3pm Evening Prayer

**Sunday, 28th January 2017 Fourth
Sunday after the Epiphany, Presentation
of Christ in the Temple**

Lisbellaw: 11.00am Family Service
Coolbuck: 3.00pm Service of the Word

Parish Register

Death

7th November 2017
Richard Ernest Potters (Dickie)
Leambreslin, Lisbellaw.
Burial on 9th November 2017 in St
Tighernach's, Derryvullen South, Tamlaght.

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere and
heartfelt condolences to the family and
friends of the late Dickie Potters, formerly
of Leambreslin, Lisbellaw.

Sunday School Christmas Party

Sunday School Christmas Party on
Saturday, 9th December from 11am to
1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Christmas Holy Communion

Christmas Holy Communion on Friday, 1st
December at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Sale



Ann Orr and Jean Hunter made many beautiful things
to sell at the Coolbuck table



A young man is very pleased with his steed.



A young entrepreneur raises money for her church.

Baptism



Rachel and William Acheson with their daughter,
Sophie Jane on the occasion of her baptism last
month.

Pastoral Holiday Cover

Pastoral holiday cover from Tuesday, 16th
– Monday, 22nd January 2018 (inclusive)
will be provided by Dean Kenny Hall
while the rector is on holiday. He can be
contacted on 028 663 22465 or 028 663
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Albert Brown and Ashley Johnston assist our auctioneer Gordon Robinson



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Services

Sunday 3rd December

11.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 10th December

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday 13th December

3.00 p.m. Holy Communion in Trinity Hall
for Senior Citizens

Sunday 17th December

11.30 a.m. Family Carol Service
(Collection for sponsored children)

Christmas Eve

11.30 a.m. Holy Communion
(Please note there will be no evening
service)

Christmas Day

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 31st December

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 7th January

11.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Wednesday 10th January

3.00 p.m. Holy Communion in Trinity Hall
for Senior Citizens

Sunday 14th January

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st January

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th January

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
(Collection for sponsored children)

Holy Baptism

Sunday 29th October
Oscar Richard Charles Farrell, 36
Carnwood, Lisnaskea.
Son to Richard and Gillian.
Congratulations to you both.

Burial

Saturday 18th November
Margaret Muriel Irvine, Glasdrummond,
Lisnaskea.
(Buried in Derryvullen)

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who has been bereaved at this time and also those who are ill at home, in hospital or nursing homes or for some reason can't be with their loved ones over the Christmas season.

Remembrance

A large crowd attended this year's service of remembrance on what was a lovely crisp autumn morning. Representatives from all our youth organisations and security forces past and present took part in the parade and wreath laying. The Earl of Erne and Ken Funston read the lessons and hymns were led by our organist Karen and Lisnaskea Silver Band who along with Lisnaskea Accordion Band led the parade. Revd. Capper gave the address.

Thanks to all involved.

Holy Communion for Senior Citizens

These services have been held throughout the year in The Trinity Hall on the second Wednesday of each month and have proved very popular with some senior members of our parish who prefer the informal setting. These will continue in 2018 and we hope there will be a good attendance.

Mothers' Union

At our last meeting we were delighted to welcome our Diocesan President, Mrs Irene Boyd. Irene gave us a very inspiring and informative talk on the work being done by MU and our aims for the future. She answered a lot of our questions and left us feeling that as a branch working together we can make changes for the better in our parish and in the community. We thank Irene for coming to our meeting and we are grateful to her for fitting us into her very busy schedule. Some of our members attended the Training Day on Saturday

18th November and we look forward to hearing more from them. Sometimes we feel isolated in our branches so it will be good to share our experiences with others and hear theirs.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas dinner in Carrybridge Lakeside Lodge on Thursday 7th December at 1.00pm. We will be joined by other members of the congregation and friends. We are looking forward to having an enjoyable time. As we will not meet as a branch again until the New Year we hope our members and friends have a very Happy Christmas.

Pantry Appeal

As last year, we have decided to have this after Christmas and everyone is encouraged to bring along to church non-perishable food items. This will begin on Sunday 14th January and run through until the end of February. All of these items will be passed to Val for the food bank and will be much appreciated.

Parish Dinner

This is planned for The Archdale Centre on Friday 26th January with food being served by "Saddlers" and dancing to Doreen Crozier. A list will be going up in church for names so please keep the date free.



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Blessing and Prayers

We extend an assurance of blessing and prayers to our neighbouring parishes of Troxy and Killadeas and to the Revd Canon Mark Watson on his appointment to the parishes of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union met in the Archdale Hall on Thursday 2nd November when the speaker for the evening was Andrea from Polliwogs Paint Pots. We spent a very enjoyable and fun filled evening painting Christmas pottery and are very pleased with our completed products which have now been returned after glazing.

Christmas Meal

Our Christmas meal has been arranged for Tuesday 12th December in Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown (please note change of date) where we will look forward to a visit from Santa.

Christmas Activities

The Christmas festivities begin early in Magheracross with a special service on December 3rd at 3:30pm in association with Mencap. This annual service has been well-attended over many years by families, adults and children and everyone is treated to refreshments afterwards.

On Friday 8th, the Village lights will be turned on and this will be followed immediately by the Parish Fair, Santa's Grotto and refreshments in the Archdale Hall.



Annual Carol Service

On Saturday 16th, following the game against Coleraine, Ballinamallard will host their annual carol service in the Stand with players and fans delivering the readings and a variety of brass players providing the music.

Sunday School Nativity Play

Sunday 17th at 11am is our Sunday School Nativity Play. The youngest parishioner usually plays the part of baby Jesus in the manger and, at time of writing, we're still waiting to see who will be cast!

Annual Christmas sit-out

The annual Christmas sit-out is planned for Wednesday 20th from 8am to 8pm. The Methodist and Parish clergy will be wrapped up warm and waiting to receive donations. This year the donations will be forwarded to Abaana Children's Choir (pictured top) who visited us during the year and the Air Ambulance Service.

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24th, Christmas Eve, is the day of Carol Services. The parish service begins at 10:30am with Ballinamallard Silver Band and the Methodist Carol Service will be at 7pm.

Midnight Communion Service

The Midnight Communion Service will begin at 11:15pm and finish shortly after midnight.

Christmas Day

On Christmas Day, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8:30am and

10am with a special welcome for children at 10am.

Sunday 31st

On Sunday 31st, worship will be as usual except that there will be no service at 7pm – there will be a Watchnight in the Methodist Church later in the evening.

Shopping Trolley

During the month of December, there will be a shopping trolley at the back of church to collect food items for the Enniskillen food bank. On December 10th, we will also be receiving gifts for the salvation Army/Vincent de Paul Appeal.

Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year

We wish all our friends throughout the diocese a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Congratulations

Heather Harper, Paula Lynch and Archdeacon Brian Harper after Paula and Brian completed their 100th Park Run. See Diocesan News on page 58.



Magheraculmoney



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Good News

The words the angel brought to the shepherds are important words for us to take hold of for today: Luke 2:10 And the angel said to them "Fear not, behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour who is Christ the Lord." That message of the Saviour has been present in Ardess Parish Church since the

Baraka Fashion Night.

14th century and the work done outside last year, and the work inside this year will secure the presence of the building for the next century. But the church is not the building but it is the people who meet to worship God. It is the people gathering to worship God that make the church, as we come together to say thank you to God for all he has given us.

There is something very powerful when we come together to worship God and over Christmas we have a number of special services, in addition to our regular Sunday morning services (9.30am and 11.00am).

When we come to worship, the psalmist reminds us that we enter into the courts of God, right into his presence. The story of Christmas is of a baby that grew up to become the Saviour of the world, and died on a cross to fulfil the plan of God that Isaiah set out 500 years earlier. He came because of God's love for us and to show us the depth of God's love. We have a choice, to respond to God's love and live with Him or to live life our own way. Christmas brings a message of good news and a decision for each of us.... The choice is yours - God's way or My way?

Messy Harvest

Children and their parents joined together on Sunday, 15th October 2017 to make different harvest crafts (wreaths, sun catchers, scarecrow biscuits, light holders, vegetable printing etc). It definitely owned up to its name of 'messy'! Everyone joined together as Revd Philip spoke to us about the cross and how Jesus was willing to become 'messy' for us, so that we might be clean demonstrating by removing the messy inside of a pumpkin and replacing

it with a candle being His light within us. We were then treated to hospitality with soup, rolls and hot dog.

In-Stitches



Sylvia Phillips, on behalf of In-Stitches, presenting hats, coats and blessing gowns to Mrs Eileen Simpson, Nursing Manager at the Royal Victoria Hospital Neonatal Unit for the benefit of the babies in the neonatal unit.

On Friday the 3rd November 2017, Sylvia Phillips, on behalf of In-Stitches, presented a number of items (hats, coats and blessing gowns) to Mrs Eileen Simpson. Mrs Simpson is the Nursing Manager at the Royal Victoria Hospital Neonatal Unit and these items will be used for the benefit of the babies in the neonatal unit.

Ardess Parish Auction

We had excellent support for our Parish Auction and wish to thank everyone who contributed for all the items, help in transporting items to and from the community centre, each of the stalls, the tea served throughout the day and the burger stall. We thank God that annually we get supported in this event and that it's always a great success.

Men's Night

We continued with our A.D. Kingdom and Empire cinema experience on Tuesday 24th October 2017 watching Episode 3 (The Spirit Arrives) and Episode 4 (The Wrath). This has been a great opportunity for our men to get together and enjoy each other's company with a few sweet treats!

Friends In The Afternoon

Our Harvest Lunch was held on Tuesday 24th October and was attended by approximately 70 people. The Parish Centre was beautifully decorated by the



Committee who then helped serve (along with the help of Iris Irwin) the tasty stew made by Gillian McCutcheon. Thank you to all those who helped and Stephen Hey and Paddy O'Roidan for the entertainment.



Friends in the Afternoon Harvest Lunch.

Friends in the Afternoon: Tuesday, 9th and 23rd Jan '18

Ardess Historical Society

Next meeting on Monday, 15th Jan '18 8.00pm. Speaker - Ann Orr BEM, Fermanagh County Show

Baraka Fasion Night

Kate Osborne organised a fashion night which was very successful and we thank everyone who attended and give their support. Kate, and her husband Colin, two of our parishioners, have done missionary work at the Footprints Children's Home over the last number of years and they continue to support it in any way they can.

CDYC Youth Weekend

In October, as part of the wider diocesan group, some young people from CONNECT YF attended Autumn Soul Youth Weekend in Bangor. The theme for the weekend was 'Breathe' - exploring all that God wants to us to breathe in, so we can pour out and share the life that Christ offers to everyone.

The young people enjoyed hearing Jasper Rutherford share from the Bible about the person of Holy Spirit as well as personal stories of seeing the Holy Spirit

Attending CDYC Youth Weekend.



at work in his everyday life. We were reminded that we receive the Holy Spirit when we are adopted as God's children that we might know deep in our being that we are children of God and deeply loved by him (Romans 5:5). We must also then be continually filled with Spirit so that the fruits of his Spirit would overflow from our lives so that we might be effective in sharing God's love with those around us. Breathe in, Breathe out!

The weekend also included worship, workshops, late night cafe and games venues, a dodgeball competition and a quick visit to Pixie Park. The young people appreciated the opportunity to get away for the weekend, enjoying fellowship with one another as well as being equipped to walk more closely with God.

Events

Youth @ The Fountain Centre

Glow YC (P5 - P7): Thurs (fortnightly) 6.30pm - 8.30pm (7th Dec last date this term)

Blaze YC (Year 8-10)/Flame YC (Year 11+): Fri (weekly) Blaze 7.00pm - 8.30pm / Flame 8.30pm - 10.30pm (last date 8th Dec followed by a joint cinema trip 15th Dec)

Connect YF (Year 8-14): Sun (weekly) 7.00pm - 9.00pm (10th Dec last date this term)

Events @ Ardess Parish Centre

Ardess Little Lambs: Mon (weekly, term-time, 18th Dec last date this term, recommences 8th Jan '18)

Friends in the Afternoon: Tuesday, 9th & 23rd Jan '17 2.00pm

Share Ardess @ Main Street, Kesh

Share Ardess Drop-In Centre (Every Tuesday, closed Tues 26th Dec '17, re-opens Tues 2nd Jan '18) 11.00am - 1.00pm @ Main Street, Kesh Tel: 07542 827 127

Christmas Events

Mullaghfarne Carol Service Sun 10th Dec '17 3.00pm

Messy Christmas @ The Fountain Centre Sun 10th Dec '17 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Children's Church Christmas Party Sat 16th Dec '17 3.00pm
Children's Carol Service Sun 17th Dec '17 11.00am
Community Candlelight Carol Service Sun 17th Dec '17 7.00pm
Midnight Communion Sun 24th Dec '17 11.30pm
Christmas Morning Communion Mon 25th Dec '17 10.00am
Christmas Dinner @ Ardess Parish Centre Mon 25th Dec '17 12.00noon
Normal church services commence Sunday 31st Dec '17 (9.30am & 11.00am)

January Week Of Prayer

Prayer is how the bible teaches that we are able to talk to God. It is to be just like any conversation that we would have but one thing we struggle with is understanding how God responds to us. The bible tells us that when we ask we receive and when we seek we find Matthew 7:7.

We will begin the New Year, from Monday 1st January 2017 to Sunday 7th January 2018, with a Week of Prayer. What better way could we begin the year than to spend time prayerfully seeking God to show us his plans for the year ahead.

Each day we will have services at the following times in addition to having space for personal prayer throughout the day:-
1.00pm Holy Communion
3.00pm Bible Study
8.00pm Worship & Prayer

New Year's Resolution

We all love to make New Year resolutions to get us physically healthy, but what about adding a spiritual resolution this week as well. Over the Christmas period, we will be giving out a little booklet to encourage you to begin to read the bible in January. The booklet is called a "Spiritual Health check", 16 Steps to a Thriving Christian Life. Do make sure you get your copy and make it your New Year's resolution to grow in your relationship with God.

Baptisms

30th July '17 Charlotte Rose Graham, Daughter of Brian and Helen Graham, of Deerpark Ederney
22nd Oct '17 Eliza Martha Ross, Daughter of Alistair and Emma Ross, of Forthaven Lane, Ballyrobert
29 Oct '17 Hallie Louise Milligan, Daughter of Ryan Milligan and Ruth Lafferty, of Fortview Park, Kesh
5 Nov '17 Sophia Louise Martin, Daughter of Dean Martin and Sabrina Little, of Roscah View, Kesh

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk

Vacant

During the vacancy the Ven Brian Harper is providing pastoral cover together with Mrs Sue Hogg, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.

Services

Sunday 3rd December

10.30am Maguiresbridge MP

12noon Derrybrusk MP

Sunday 10th December

10.30am Maguiresbridge MP/Carol Service

12noon Derrybrusk MP

Sunday 17th December

10.30am Maguiresbridge MP/Children's Carol Service

12noon Derrybrusk FS/Carol Service

Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

10.30am Maguiresbridge MP

12noon Derrybrusk MP

11.30pm Maguiresbridge HC

Monday 25th December (Christmas Day)

9.00pm Derrybrusk HC

Sunday 31st December

10.30am Maguiresbridge MP

12noon Derrybrusk MP

Sympathy

Both Parishes would like to express sympathy to all who have been recently bereaved. Our thoughts and prayers are also with those who are sick at home or in hospital.

Appointment of Rector

Both Parishes would like to congratulate Canon Mark Watson on his appointment to our Parishes. We look forward to welcoming Canon Mark, his wife and family to Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk in the near future.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

3rd December The First Sunday of Advent

Advent

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion

Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

10th December The Second Sunday of Advent

Advent

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word

Kilmore 12.15pm Morning Prayer

17th December The Third Sunday of Advent

Advent

St Patrick's 10.30am Morning Prayer

Ballinode 7pm Group Carol Service

24th December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent

St Patrick's 10.30am All Age Worship

Ballinode 12:15pm Holy Communion

25th December Christmas Day

St Patrick's

9.30am Group Traditional Holy

Communion Service

10.30am Group All Age Holy Communion

31st December Christmas 1

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word

7th January Epiphany 2

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word

Kilmore 12.15pm Morning Prayer

14th January Epiphany 2

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion

Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer

21st January Epiphany 3

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word

Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

28th January Epiphany 4

St Patrick's 10.30am All Age Worship

Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group met on Tuesday 17th October in the Hall. The evening featured an art talk by Niamh O'Connor, followed by business meeting and refreshments. They will meet on the 15th December for their Christmas dinner in Andy's Restaurant.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union members met in the Church on Tuesday 7th November for an evening of knitting squares, fellowship and supper.

Their Christmas Party is on Tuesday

5th December in Andy's Restaurant, Monaghan.

Monaghan Parish Sale

The sale was held on Friday 20th October with in excess of €3200 after expenses, being raised. Our grateful thanks are due to the Committee who organised the event, all who contributed saleable items, gave donations, sponsored hampers or helped on the

day. We are as ever indebted to our friends in the wider community for their valued support.

Holy Baptism

Sunday 22nd October - Charlotte Rose

Gray, daughter of Wayne and Roberta.

Sunday 5th November - Charlie Herby

Browne, son of Ryan and Lauren.

We welcome them into our Congregation and trust God will richly bless them and their families in the times ahead, also their friends and the wider community, coming together to reflect and give thanks to God for his unfailing provisions, for our spiritual and physical needs.

Ladies' Group Interdenominational Carol Service

This will be held in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 12th December at 8pm with participants from other churches in the town.

All are welcome and it will be followed by light refreshments in the Hall. The collection will be donated to charities.

Illness

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

Bible Study and Prayer Meetings

Bible study and prayer meetings continue fortnightly and last Sunday of the month respectively.

Christmas Service Arrangements

Sunday 17th December

at 7:00pm Carol Service in Ballinode Church.

Sunday 24th December

normal Sunday service times.

Christmas Day

9:30am Group Traditional Communion

Service in St. Patrick's Church

10:30am Group of All Age Communion

Service in St. Patrick's Church.

Vortex

Vortex continues to meet each month. In October there was a table tennis night when Philip Condell came to speak and in November there was a night of bowls with the bowling club.

Monaghan Collegiate School Annual Sale

This will be held on Friday 8th December from 10:00am - 3:00pm in St. Patrick's Hall, Church Square, Monaghan.

There will be the usual stalls with tea and coffee available. All are welcome.

The Department of Social Protection Community Employment Scheme

The end of another year beckons – we want to express our grateful thanks to our supervisors, Elizabeth Murphy and Elaine Gunn O'Connor and the participants for their work carried out during 2017 at the various locations.

Christmas Greetings

We wish all the members of the Congregation and their families a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Posada

Posada is based on a South American tradition of getting ready for Christmas where families would hold posada parties in their houses and travel to each other's houses to remind them of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Using some resources from Church Army and figures knitted by Mothers' Union we will do our own Posada as these figures go round houses in the parishes symbolising making room for Jesus at Christmas.

The Posada figures on their journey.



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A note from the Rector

As we approach the season of Advent and Christmas in Rossorry we shall very soon be placing our illuminated star on the tower of the church. It was a key feature of our Christmas Tree Festival last year and acted as a great beacon of hope to those who passed by our church and grounds. The brightness of the star of course speaks of the star of Bethlehem marking the place where the Messiah was born and guiding the Magi who were seeking to worship him. We trust that our Rossorry star will act in a similar way and be an inspirational sign of hope to our community – that light overcomes the darkness and in a world which seems fragile and uncertain that good will ultimately overcome evil. May the star draw to Christ all those who are seeking his light and hope this Christmas.

We look forward to welcoming you to our seasonal services as we celebrate the coming of Word made flesh whom St John proclaims, 'in him was life, and the life was the light of all people' Home Communion for Christmas The clergy are happy to bring Holy Communion to our elderly parishioners and others in their homes who are unable to attend church. We have a list of parishioners who do receive in this way and if any others wish to be included please let the parish office know as soon as possible. We are also holding a service of Holy Communion for our older parishioners in the Parish Hall, to be followed by Christmas Afternoon Tea, on Sunday 3rd December at 3pm. Any who would like to come along are most welcome and again please let the office know.

Ian.

Canon IW Ellis
Rector

Annual Remembrance Service



“We will remember them.”

The Annual Remembrance Service was held on Sunday 12th November, at Rossorry, at 11am. The uniformed organisations paraded to church with their flags and took part in the service based on material from the Royal College of Church Music. The service was taken by the Rector and Revd. Lindsey Farrell, assisted by the Parish Readers, Sarah Maguire and Nick Hambly. Two poems were read by Gerry O’ Callaghan. The Rector’s reflection was on the thought that, while we remember our list of dead as soldiers of the two wars, we should not lose sight of the fact that they were friends, neighbours and young parishioners of this church where we pray today, and the debt we owe them for our present day freedoms. The Act of Remembrance included the reading of the names of the deceased, laying of wreaths on behalf of the UDR Benevolent group, the Parish, the Scouts

The wreath laying ceremony



and the Guides, the Last Post and Reveille. It was a solemn and moving ceremony.

ROSSORRY PARISH CHURCH 175th Anniversary (1841– 2016)



Dancing at ‘the Hooley’

Our Anniversary year has come to an end! The last event was a “Hooley”, held in the Parish Hall on 3rd November. A good crowd enjoyed a free night of barbecue and country dancing, as a way of thanking the parishioners for their practical help and support at all the events throughout the year.

What a year it has been – a balance of thanksgiving for the life and vibrancy of our parish and a mix of fundraising and just ‘for fun’ events.

At the end of the year, we have celebrated together as a Christian community and thanked God for the many blessings he has bestowed on Rossorry throughout our history.

We have laid the foundation for a Building Fund that will continue to maintain our beautiful Church and improve the physical surroundings for the benefit of our parishioners and visitors.

Parish Draw

To help support the Parish Building Fund which is fundraising to refurbish the Parish Hall and provide enhanced meeting and hospitality facilities at the Stables, the Parish is currently running a Draw.

Rossorry Parish Grand Draw

Win this 6mth old Charolais Bull Calf
(or equivalent cash value)
in our grand draw

Other great prizes

- Fat lamb
- Side of Venison
- 10 Apple Trees

Tickets Available Here
£5

Proceeds to: Rossorry Parish Building Fund

The draw.

Tickets are available from members of the Select Vestry with wonderful prizes – a Charolais Bull Calf, A Fat Lamb, a Side of Venison, 10 Apple Trees. The Draw will be made on 11th December – so still time to grab a few tickets !

Presentation of Cheque



Alan Houston presenting cheques to Canon Ian Ellis of Rossorry Church and Janet Kilfedder from Hospice.

At the beginning of November, the Rector was delighted and honoured to receive a cheque on behalf of the parish from Alan Houston, being half of the proceeds of his recent Three Properties Challenge fund raiser. Alan has chosen to divide his total of £4260 equally between Rossorry Parish Church Building Fund and Fermanagh Hospice Care. This is a fantastic achievement and the sum raised simply amazing - thanks to the generosity of so many supporters both local and across the world. We offer our sincere thanks to Alan for this superb challenge now fully completed.

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group started up on Wednesday 27th September with a service of Holy Communion. It will continue now throughout the year with meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The December meeting is early – on 6th December as there are many events coming up, in the build up to Christmas. Feel free to come and join us- everybody is welcome. It is an informal group (nobody has to perform !!) which meets to pray for the parishioners, young and old, for the world, as well as other good intentions that arise. We finish with the fellowship of a cuppa and a chat.

Rossorry Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union held their November meeting on 16th November 2017 at Enniskillen Castle Museum. As well as the very interesting visit to the museum, the members heard a talk by Mrs Gillian Redmond, detailing her family's involvement in the World Wars. Rossorry Mothers' Union will hold their next meeting on Thursday, 7th December, a Visitors' Evening when the speaker will be Revd David Cupples on "Walk on Camino, Spain."

Wednesday Club News

The meetings of the Club are every Wednesday at 10.30 am, from September onwards. Everyone is welcome - there is always room for new members.

This month's Programme:-

1st November - Annual Sale of Work - open to all.

8th November - Jessica and Kevin's holiday to Vietnam.

15th November - Home made Soda Farls – a cookery demonstration.

22nd November - Variety of Board Games.

29th November - Christmas Crafts – small wine bottles with beads.

If you want to know more give Ethel Oldcroft a ring at 66 326339

Arts & Crafts Classes

Classes are open again . – acrylic painting and basket weaving.

All are welcome – no level of skill is required – novices welcome!!

These classes are very popular – but there is always room for someone else - so be sure to speak to Yvonne Elliott on 02866 342514 for information .

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meets on a Monday evening and occasionally on a Thursday in the Parish Hall at 8pm.

Always looking for new members for the club – come along, have a look, try it out! For information:- contact William Stevenson on 07719662473.

Services for December

Sunday 3rd December

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 am. Holy Communion.

3.00 pm. Communion in the Hall for Elderly or housebound.

Sunday 10th December

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7.00 pm ' A Quiet Christmas'

Sunday 17th December

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Sunday School Nativity Play

7.00 pm Carol Service.

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.00 pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

10.00 am Christmas Day Holy Communion

Sunday 31st December

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Parish Register

Christian Burial

ORR, Elizabeth, late of Barbour Court and formerly of Windmill Heights, Enniskillen, died, peacefully, at Millcroft Nursing Home, Enniskillen, on 3rd November 2017. Funeral Service at Rossorry Parish Church, Enniskillen at 2.30 pm on 5th November 2017. Interment followed at Cleenish Parish Churchyard.

BREEN, Dorothea Joan (nee Beggs), late of Millcroft Nursing Home and formerly of Old Rossorry Road, Enniskillen, (wife of the late Crawford Breen), died (peacefully) on 27th October 2017 at Millcroft. Funeral service was held at 2pm on 31st October 2017 in Rossorry Parish Church, followed by interment in the adjoining family plot. The congregation of Rossorry offers their deepest sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of the departed.

Holy Baptism



Seth David Walker, son of Glen and Nicola Walker.

WALKER, Seth David, infant son of Glen and Nicola Walker of Crownhall was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 22nd October 2017



Marley-Joe Morton, son of Paul and Sarah

MORTON, Marley-Joe, infant son of Paul and Sarah of Letterbreen, was baptised in Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 29th October 2017

We welcome Seth and Marley-Joe to the family of God and pray he will learn to follow Christ as he grows in faith.

Marriage

CHESHIRE / THOMPSON.



Derek and Aoife Cheshire.

On 21st October 2017 the marriage took place at Rossorry Parish Church of Derek and Aoife Cheshire(nee Thompson) of Letterbreen.

Contact Us

Our Website is :- rossorryparish.com

We are also on Facebook as :- Rossorry Parish Church and we update, regularly, on events in the church as well as weddings and christenings.

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Brass and Voices

A highly successful and full capacity attended event that was held at Tempo Parish Church on Sunday 22nd October. The event had been organised by churchwardens, Rodney White and Mark McDonald. Those taking part were St. Macartin's Cathedral Choir, Enniskillen with their Director of music and organist, Glenn Moore and conductor, Jayne Hazlett. The Choir sang several pieces- The Lord is my Shepherd, Before I Kneel, Still my soul be still, God's Choir and An Irish Blessing. Also taking part were Church Hill Silver Band with their conductor Stephen Magee. The Band played Repton- Dear Lord and Father of Mankind and during this the offering was taken up.

The choir and band led and accompanied the singing of several hymns which were introduced by Miss Molly White (Tempo Sunday School)- One more step along the world I ago; Mrs Georgina Johnston (Tempo Methodist Church)- And can it be

that I should gain; The Rt Hon Mrs Arlene Foster MLA- Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord; Mr Mark McDonald (People's Churchwarden- Tempo) – Jesus Loves me this I know; Mr James Armstrong (Clabby Parish Church)- In Christ alone; Miss Victoria Breen (Tempo Presbyterian Church)- How great thou Art; Mr Stuart Brooker (Worshipful County Grand Master)- Stand up, Stand up for Jesus.

The Rector welcomed everyone to the event and thanked all responsible for organising the event, all who participated and the ladies for the supper. Mr Rodney White made a detailed vote of thanks during the service, commenting on the reason why each person who introduced their favourite hymn had been invited and made a brief well worded appeal for the proceeds of the evening towards church repairs.

The wonderful evening of praise to God was rounded off with a lovely supper provided and served by the younger ladies of the Parish. The evening was also financially a success raising £5,046 towards repair work to be carried out on the church and hall.

Clabby Auction

This annual event was held on 4th November and raised £2,378 towards the restoration fund. Thank you to all who supported the event, those who helped prior to and on the day of the auction.

Diary of events for December

Sunday 3rd December

LOVE FOR LIFE programme for young people in Fivemiletown 7-9pm. Anyone wishing to go please contact the Rectory

Sunday 10th December

SNATCH Christmas Party, Aghavea church hall 7-9pm.

Tuesday 12th December

Mother's Union in Tempo Church Hall Food and Fellowship with husbands at 8pm.

Sunday 17th December

Clabby Sunday school Carol service at usual time.

- Tempo Parish Church Young people's Carol service and Parish Carol service at 11:30am.
- Carol service at 7pm in Clabby Parish Church

Sunday 24th December

Christmas Eve Morning Services as usual

- Holy Communion service at 10:30pm in Tempo Parish Church.

Monday 25th – Christmas Day

Family Service and Holy Communion in Clabby at 10:30 am children to bring along their Santa Presents. Collection at Carol Services and Christmas Service towards Bishops' Appeal.

Advanced Dates

Tuesday 9th January- Mother's Union Holy Communion 8pm in Tempo.

Monday 8th- Friday 12th January- Dick Browne Memorial Bowls Tournament.

Thursday 8th February- Table Quiz in Tempo Church Hall at 8pm.

Friday 9th March- Marching Bands Concert Tempo Church Hall at 8pm.

Wednesday 14th February- Ash Wednesday Service in Tempo Parish Church at 8pm.

The Lent Services are as followed: Tempo: February 28th, March 14th.

Clabby: February 21st, March 7th and 21st.

Clabby Fundraising Events

- Friday 6th April- 5k/10k Fun Run
- Sunday 22nd April- Friends Service
- Saturday 12th May- Vintage bike Run
- Saturday 2nd June- Fun Day

Performers who took part in the 'Brass and Voices' event



- Friday 7th September – Midnight Walk
- Saturday 3rd November- Auction

General Vestry Register

The general vestry is now open for new members to sign during the month of January. Anyone who is over the age of 18 and has paid at least £50 to church funds for the previous year is eligible for membership. Please contact the churchwardens for the membership form.

God with us

There are many references in scripture to the fact that God is with us. These can be words from God himself for example in Genesis 12 God promises Abraham that he will be with him to show him a new land. When Joshua assumed leadership of the people of Israel God makes the same promise to him as he did to Moses. "As I was with Moses so I will be with you: I will never leave nor

forsake you". (Joshua 1:5-9). He showed his presence to Moses as the people of Israel left Egypt by providing the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. He promised Gideon he would be with him to defeat the midianites He made similar promises to King David and Solomon.

When Jesus came to earth he was called "Emmanuel, God with us", a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy. God demonstrated in a very real way he was with us by taking on our human flesh and living on earth. As Jesus returned to Heaven he made the promise never to leave us or forsake us (Matthew 28:20). The writer of Hebrews made a similar statement for God's promises.

Paul writing in Romans (8:31) says "if God be for us who can be against us." In other words no matter who or what seems against us, with God we have the majority.

Advent and Christmas remind us very clearly that God is for us, he wants the very best for us, our salvation. Christ

was born the sinless son of God who went to the cross taking our sin upon himself. He died in place of us and on our behalf so that we may be forgiven and one day by faith in him alone be in Heaven. One day we can be in Heaven with Jesus in the place he has gone ahead of us to prepare for us. "I am going there to prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am". God promises to be with us everyday, everywhere for every situation or circumstance of your life. He has been here on earth and has promised by the cross and through our faith in Christ alone a way and a place for each of us to be with him one day when he calls or returns. May you all know God with you each day and most importantly may he live with you in your life each day by faith in Christ alone.

Jean, Deborah, Sarah, James and I join together in wishing you all God's blessing, presence and peace this Christmas and New Year.

Troy and Killadeas



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Dear Parishioners,
we in the Rectory wish everyone a blessed and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Remembrance Sunday

The three acts of Remembrance in the parish were conducted with due ceremony and dignity. Thanks to the service, ex-service and Police who took part in the acts of remembrance.

Jump in!

The Jumpers and garments for Krasnoslobodskaya School in Belarus

have left Ireland for Belarus. The total donated was 22.4 kg or about 3½ stone of jumpers. It is amazing how hats, tights, gloves managed to appear in an appeal for jumpers. However everything was sent and should be in place before Christmas.

Grouped Service and Soup and Cheese Lunch

Thanks to all who helped with the soup lunch after the grouped service on 26th November (Christ the King)

Sponsored Run

All four runners have completed their 10mile run in aid of Troy funds. A total of £1270 was raised by Alison Jackson in the Sligo Coast to Coast and by Peter Watson, Samuel Watson and Lewis Jennings in a run around the streets of Enniskillen. (See photograph)



Troy soup lunch

A profit of £225 was raised from the soup lunch at Troy. Again many thanks to all who helped or supported the fund raising lunch in any way.

Advent and Christmas activities

Fridays in Advent 8th, 15th, 22nd December at 10.00am Daily office and Bible Study in the Rectory.

13-15th December at 8.00pm each evening in the school house wreath making for the Christmas Coffee morning sale.

16th December 10.00am -12.30pm Troy Wreath Sale and Coffee morning in the Ballycassidy Parochial Hall.

16th December (Time to be advised) Group Sunday Schools trip to Enniskillen Cinema. Teachers will forward details and attendance forms through the children.

Sunday 17th December: Nine lessons and Carols at 10.00am in Killadeas and 11.30am in Troy.

Christmas Eve 24th December: Holy Communion in Killadeas at 10.00am and 11.30pm

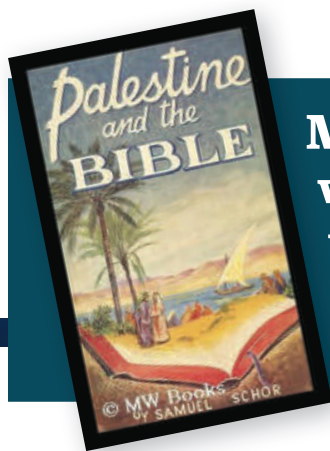
Holy Communion in Troy at 11.30am

Christmas Day 25th December

Holy Communion in Troy at 10.00am

Christmas 1-on 31/12/17 Group service in St. Michaels Troy at 11.30am

CMJ-UK's "The Bible Comes To Life" Exhibition The Bible - Alive



Meet the people, see where they worshipped, visit their homes and eat and drink with them!

In 1891 a Jerusalem born Anglican clergyman named Samuel Schor had a vision to teach British Christians about the Bible in its original context. Using models, costumes, religious and cultural items to tell Bible stories his exhibition became legendary. In 1910 over 300,000 people visited a 9 day exhibition in London!

The Church's Ministry Among Jewish People (CMJ) continues with that vision. Today's exhibition includes many pieces from Samuel's original exhibition.

Explore the beautiful 3m x 2m replica of the Jerusalem Temple. See the desert Tabernacle, and the Ark of the Covenant (don't touch!!).

Meet the woman who lost her coin or the Roman centurion from the crucifixion story. Talk to a desert tribal leader and hear the testimony of Simeon, the old man who met with Jesus.

See a genuine Torah scroll, eat foods from the Biblical festivals, visit the nomad's tent and find out about the amazing properties of goat hair!

This unique exhibition returns again after 25 years to Enniskillen!

Hosted by the Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall from Thursday 8th – Sunday 11th March 2018. Contact the Dean, The Very Rev Kenny Hall for further details.



MOTHERS' UNION

Autumn Council hears about special events in 130th anniversary year

The Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Autumn Council meeting took place on Thursday 26 October 2017 in Holy Trinity Parish Church, Dromore, where there were 52 members in attendance. The meeting opened with a service of Holy Communion led by the Revd Andrew Quill and Mrs Lorna Thompson was the organist. Revd Quill gave a very challenging reflection on the use of your 'Talents'. Lynn Winslow was also commissioned during the service for her role as Vice-President of the Action and Outreach Unit. After the service the ladies of Dromore provided a very tasty and beautifully served supper.

The Diocesan President Irene Boyd welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the guest speaker, Mrs. June Butler, Diocesan President of Down and Dromore, to speak. June gave a very moving account of her time spent at the United Nations where she was representing Mothers' Union at the Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work. She highlighted the vast inequalities in many countries, around the working environment and reward for women in work, and the differing values placed on women in society. In so many countries, women are the main workers for poor wages and are still

the main carers for the family and the home. June also highlighted how little reference was made to the work of faith organizations in the work being done in developing countries. Geraldine Beattie thanked June for her interesting and challenging talk and presented her with a small gift.

The Diocesan President Irene Boyd thanked the Rector for conducting the service, the organist and the Select Vestry for the use of the Church and the hall and the members of Dromore Mothers' Union for providing a lovely supper. Irene then outlined her activities since the Spring Council highlighting the many special events organised to celebrate 13 Decades of Love and service in Mothers' Union in Ireland.



Irene Boyd, Mothers' Union Diocesan President, Clogher Diocese; June Butler, Diocesan President, Down and Dromore and Geraldine Beattie, Branch Leader, Donacavey and Barr Mothers' Union, who presented a vote of thanks.



Fifteen members from Clogher who attended.

Mothers' Union Weekend 2017

This year the Mothers' Union All Ireland Women's Weekend was held in the Radisson Blu Hotel and Spa at Rosses Point, Sligo from 20th- 21st October. The weekend was organised by the Young Members Co-ordinators, Barbara Clarke and Mary Burke. 15 members from Clogher Diocese attended.

On the Friday night, 73 members from all 12 Dioceses gathered for a meal. After dinner the Conference Leader, Mary Good, Barbara Clarke and the keynote speaker, Alice Leadbeter organised entertainment.

On the Saturday morning after breakfast 30 more members came along for the day Conference. The Conference leader, Mary Good commenced the proceedings under the heading – 'Ireland's Got Talent'. After reading the Parable of the Talents from Matthew 25 she challenged those present to consider what their talents were and then went on to question them if they used them as God had intended. She informed the group that often fear prevented them from doing things and she encouraged them to face their fears and to get involved in church life and in the community.

After this the keynote speaker, Alice Leadbeter from Cambridge spoke about her life story. Alice is a mother of three boys and is a school teacher. After the birth of her third son she suffered from Post Natal Depression and she spoke with great feeling about how this changed her life and what she did to turn things around. She took up running and told the group how this helped her to concentrate on other things and it eventually led to

her completing the London Marathon this year. She also made the ladies think about why they were members of Mothers' Union and after some discussion among the Clogher members these were some of the reasons:

- Their mother was a member
- Neighbour/friend asked them to join
- It was the done thing to join when you got married
- Attracted by the fellowship

Following this those present were entertained by Richard Mitchell, the Conductor of Sligo Gospel Choir along with Mabel, one of the choir members. The next activities included either making jewellery or taking part in Zumba. After lunch the All-Ireland President, Phyllis Grothier encouraged members to continue being effective members of Mothers' Union and to use their talents to promote Mothers' Union. In summing up Mary Good also encouraged everyone to continue to work on Life's Patchwork Quilt. Then it was time to go home after a great time of fellowship and learning.



Ruth McCabe, May Sweeney, Valerie McMorris, Liane Armstrong (Magheracross) Ivy Edwards, Freda Beacom (Derryvullan and Garvary)



Ruth McCabe, May Sweeney, Valerie McMorris, Liane Armstrong (Magheracross)



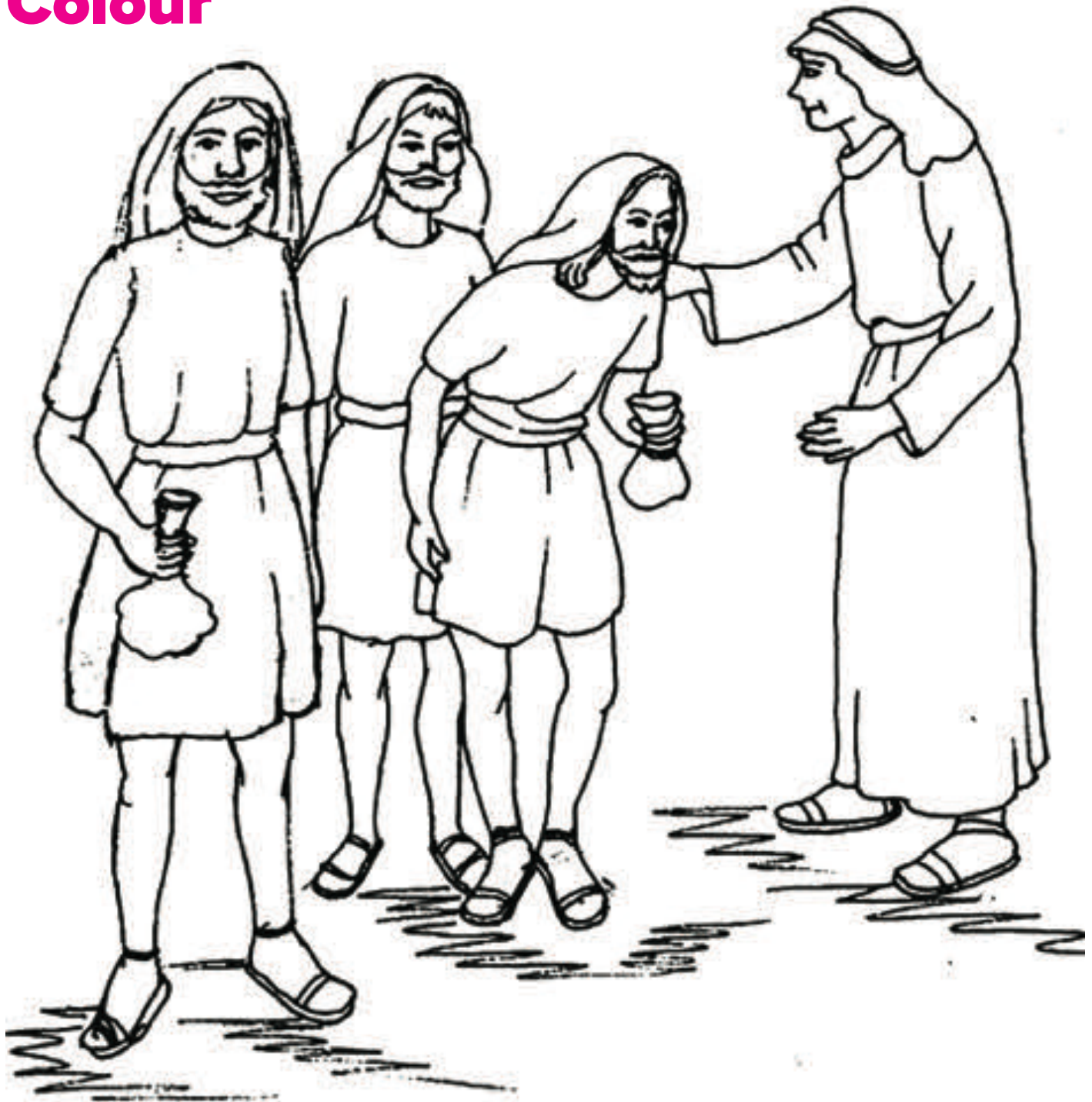
Sandra Kettyles and Edna McWilliams (Maguirebridge) and Valerie Clendenning (Colebrooke)



Hazel Speer Diocesan President of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh with Irene Boyd, Clogher Diocesan President.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Colour



THE RICH MAN GIVES TALENTS TO HIS SERVANTS

Read

READ – The Parable of the Talents (You can read this in Matthew chapter 25 verses 14-30)

Are you planning on giving a Christmas present to someone you love? We spend a lot of time trying to find gifts that we think people will like. We want them to enjoy what we've given them, and have chosen it especially for them. Imagine if they didn't bother to take it out of the wrapping. Or if they just left it lying there, unused. We would feel really disappointed, and maybe even feel cross with them. Imagine how God feels when he gives us with things and we don't use them as we should...

Jesus told a story about a rich man who was going on a long journey so he gave his servants some money (called 'talents') to look after for him. A talent was a huge amount of money in Bible times. The man gave one servant five talents, he gave two talents to another servant and to the third servant he gave one talent. The man left on his trip and each of the servants did something with the money that they had been given.

The man with the five talents used his money wisely and got five more. The man with the two talents also used his money wisely and he got two more talents. But the man with one

talent took his talent and buried it in the ground to keep it safe. He didn't even try to do something with it.

When the master came back he wanted to know what his servants had done with his money. The first servant said, "You trusted me with five talents and I made five more!"

His master smiled and replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! I will put you in charge of lots of things."

Then the servant with the two talents came and said, "You trusted me with two talents and I made two more!"

His master smiled and replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! I will put you in charge of lots of things."

Then the servant who received the one talent came and told his master, "I know you work hard for your money, so I was afraid to lose any of it. I decided to bury it and keep it safe. Here is your one talent back."

The master was not happy and said, "You lazy servant! You could have at least taken the money to the bank and collected some interest from it."

He immediately took the talent away from the man and gave it to the first man who had used his talent to make more.

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good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour grey the word that means not willing to work • Colour purple the word that means a long trip • Colour yellow the word that means to be trusted or loyal 	talent
hide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour brown the word that means to be scared • Colour orange the word that means the opposite of bad 	lazy

Find and colour

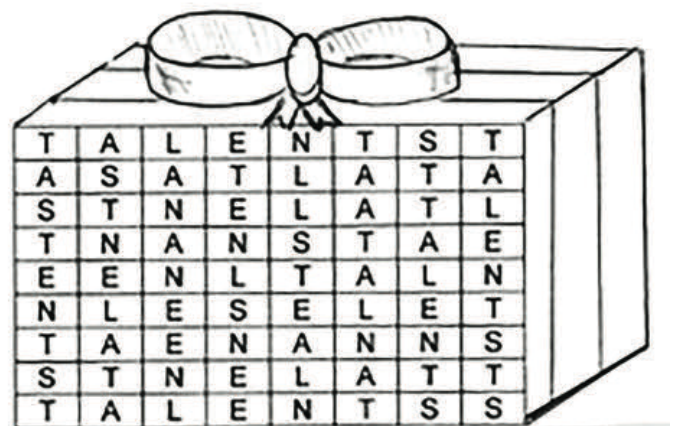
A talent in this story can also mean our skills or abilities - something special God gives to you. In the story Jesus meant that if you use your special skills God is happy and will give you more to keep doing these things you are good at. What can you do with this special skill to help others? If you have a chance to do something and don't because you want to watch tv, play on your ipad or because you just don't want to do anything, then God will take that valuable gift and give it someone who is doing something with their skills.

Thank You



When someone gives us a present, it is polite to say "thank you". Why not thank God for all the gifts he has given you - his son Jesus, and all the special talents you have.

How many times is the word TALENTS hidden in this gift?



Don't hide your talents - use them for God - start today! You could paint a house, or an owl, or the name Jesus - or maybe an idea of your own.

YOUTH PAGE

Young people walking in the footsteps of St Columbanus

Bangor Abbey is regarded as one of the most important of the early Northern Irish monastic sites, second only to Armagh. When we think of the monastery at Bangor, St Columbanus is the most obvious character who, springs to mind and perhaps it was fitting that it was in the present day Bangor Abbey church and halls that our diocesan young people stayed as they “retreated” for a weekend together.

The Abbey was their destination and the annual “Autumn Soul” youth weekend the objective. The theme of this year’s weekend was entitled “Breathe” focusing on the work and role of the Holy Spirit. The keynote speaker for the weekend was Jasper Rutherford from Summer Madness. Dramas were added by the “Play It By Ear” company who were enjoyed so much last year at Anois. It was an early evening arrival at the Abbey armed with sleeping bags, airbeds and all the other necessary items that go with sleeping on church hall floors. This after a lengthy journey picking up others until the bus was full of excited young people and their luggage. To describe the accommodation as luxurious is not an overstatement in this context and many thanks are due to the Revd Ronnie Nesbitt for his welcome and kind considerations throughout the weekend. No sooner unpacked than it was time to take the short walk to the main stage venue in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church to join hundreds of other youth groups for the open praise and talk. It is

quite an experience to be present when this number of young people gathers in one place to worship. Having been introduced to this body and fellowshiped and learned together it was time to relax and enjoy the Late Night Extra programme for all in the adjoining church halls. This came as a suitable contrast and complement to the earlier evening. The late night extra included entertainment, chill out zone, snacks and drinks. All the activities were in one venue allowing access back and forth between rooms to experience all the different things that were on offer. All programmes finished at 12 midnight and it was excited voices and hearts that then made the journey back to the Abbey to try and settle for a night’s sleep.

With heads buzzing from all that had happened in the last few hours it was difficult to sleep but eventually sleep came. With morning worship at the main stage at 9:30am breakfast was a fairly swift affair kindly provided and it was time to press out into the autumn coolness and the now familiar walk to Hamilton Road. Following morning worship there were six seminars on offer around the theme of “Breathe” for our young people to choose from. After lunch there were workshops to attend, which included Energy, Reflection, Creativity, Chill Out and Madness as interesting titles.

With such a busy programme it was good to have some downtime together as a group and visit the local food outlets across

Abbey Street from the halls; bringing back choices of food to eat together and chat. Before long it was time to tidy up and return for the final evening’s worship and teaching and again to enjoy the Late Night Extras. It was much more tired bodies and minds that made their way back to the Abbey later. Hearts full of all that had been seen and heard and warmed by the new friends made. Sleep comes quickly in these circumstances and it’s amazing how welcome a sleeping bag and camping mattress can be!

Refreshed by breakfast and a good night’s sleep the final morning session’s worship and talk had nearly become familiar.

There then came a highlight as the group gathered before lunch in the Abbey to reflect together on what the weekend had meant to each individual. Having reflected and expressed our prayerful thanks for all that had happened over the weekend it was time to make our way to the local Aurora Leisure centre and the Dodge Ball competition. This proved to be the perfect remedy for tired eyes and bodies as energy was expended and there was at time to laugh together.

The chance to have a shower and relax was very welcome followed by the closing worship and lunch. This had been a very new experience and one that would not be easily forgotten. As many slept on the journey home it was the sleep of the satisfied, the spent and the encouraged. “Breathe” had been literally that; an opportunity to take in so much and to allow it to enter open hearts and minds knowing that there would be a lasting effect from the wind of the Spirit in young hearts.

As always many, many thanks to all those leaders who gave of their time and energies to allow this retreat weekend to be made possible for our diocesan young people. With the words of Bishop John ringing in our ears that he wants to see parishes doing something for their young people what better way to begin than by travelling with them. To retreat together and to share this type of experience is demanding yes but far more inspiring as their passion and energy is infectious to all those who take the time to journey with them.

It was the journey of St Columbanus across the sea to Europe that brought the gospel of Christ to many. His was no easy quest nor for those who dared to join him. No more so is ours today but the rewards are just as eternal for us all.



AUTUMN
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DIOCESAN NEWS



Winter's Tale, an evening of music and verse reflecting the true meaning of Christmas

The candles will be twinkling to light the path to St. Salvator's Parish Church in Glaslough, Co. Monaghan, for the fourth year of The Winter's Tale this month. According to Revd Betty Thompson, it is not only the paths leading to the church which are decorated but the inside of the church is decorated with candlelight giving an added charm to this very historic and beautiful church building. The Winter's Tale is an evening of music and verse reflecting on the true meaning of the Christmas story.

"We live in a world of hype and commercialisation with less thought given to the real reason as to why and how we celebrate Christmas", she said. During the two evenings of Monday and Tuesday, 18th and 19th December, Revd Betty Thompson welcomes the guests and visitors and acts as compere for the evening. The musical director is Mrs. Ethne McCord who trains the Donagh Community choir and the Junior church choir. Gerard Toal will be the organist and pianist for the evening together with Ken Atkinson on violin, George Watson on Guitar

and Diane Wright-Kendrick and Gareth Corrigan singing a duet. The Very Revd Raymond Thompson shares some of his favourite poems and stories. Everyone is invited to sing carols and then to conclude this part of the evening, everyone is invited to welcome a very special visitor who brings with him good wishes and treats. But the evening doesn't end until all the visitors and guests have made their way to the beautiful Castle Leslie where tea, coffee and mulled wine and mince pies are served. Transport is provided from the Church to the Castle. Revd Thompson said: "On occasions such as this friendships are renewed and fellowship shared. This occasion sets the scene for all to celebrate the real reason for the season the birth of Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world."

Photographs showing rehearsals for 'The Winter's Tale' in St. Salvador's Church, Glaslough, Co. Monaghan



Parish representatives attend Charity Accounts Seminar



Over 85 parish representatives and some independent examiners attended a Charities Information evening held in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall on the evening of Thursday 19th October 2017.



Archdeacon Brian Harper welcomed everyone to the event and opened in prayer.



Kate Williams, Head of Finance in the Representative Church Body, gave a power point presentation on the new requirements for accounts and annual reporting in Northern Ireland.



Kate provided very detailed responses to the number of questions which were asked during and after the presentation.

Dean Kenneth Hall thanked everyone involved and closed the proceedings. The Diocese wishes to thank Kate for her excellent presentation and the information which she provided.

Good practice when using social media and the internet



Margaret Yarr (second left), Child Protection Officer, Church of Ireland and Inspector Elaine McCormill (second right), with Canon Geoffrey Bridle, Rector of Cleenish and Mullaghduin Parishes and Heather Carson, Mullaghduin.

Important advice on good policy and practice using social media has been delivered to parish representatives in Enniskillen at one of six meetings held throughout Northern Ireland.

Organised by the Church of Ireland Board of Education, the meetings provided presentations that could be used by leaders for delivery to their children and young people to promote good practice when using technology.

The Church of Ireland's Child Protection Officer, Margaret Yarr spoke on the use of social media with slides on social media usage, how leaders should behave, mobile phones, texting, phone cameras and good practice when allowing external photographers visit groups.

In a separate presentation Inspector Elaine McCormill from the PSNI, outlined details of a new project, "Virtual Reality" about working with children and young people.

Inspector McCormill, in a hard-hitting message, discussed aspects such as privacy, cyber-bullying, gaming, taking selfies and webcams.

Safeguarding Board for NI has produced a guidance leaflet for faith-based groups. It contains many good points for organisations working with young people.

For example, the social networking site profile must be password-protected and held by at least three leaders of the organisation, the site should be

monitored by a designated supervisor, the site should be kept 'Private' for only permitted members or friends and the use of personal addresses and telephone numbers should be avoided.

Leaders should not 'Friend' or 'Follow' children or young people on social media, leaders should not network with members of their group via closed (one-to-one) chat rooms such as Facebook Messenger or Whatsapp but through 'Group Chats.'

Any emails sent to young people via the site must be sent to at least one other leader and any communicating with children or young people in their group via email should be avoided late at night.

Signing off a post should not be done in a way that should be misconstrued by the recipient but simply signed by their name.

For additional material for information for leaders, parents and carers about e-safety to help protect their children from harm, the following can be accessed;

Safeguarding Board for NI:

<http://www.safeguardingni.org/esafety>

NSPCC/02 Helpline:

<http://www.02.co.uk/help/nsppcc/child-protection>

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP):

<http://ceop.police.uk>

Childnet:

<http://www.childnet.com>

The UK Safer Internet Centre:

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk>

Information seminar on reclaiming tax



Parish Secretaries and treasurers have attended an Information Evening on Reclaiming Tax on Annual Giving in St. Patrick's Church Hall, Monaghan on Wednesday 8th November.

Titled, 'How to boost your income by Reclaiming Tax on Annual Giving,' Speakers included Mr Chris Treacy and Mr Lorcan McGrane.

Photo by David Waller.

Representatives from four governments take part in Enniskillen Service of Remembrance

Representatives from the four governments of Northern Ireland, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland and the United States led the prayers at the Remembrance Day service in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Sunday, 12th November 2017.

The service which followed the wreath-laying service at the War Memorial in

Belmore Street was attended by the Secretary of State, Right Hon. James Brokenshire MP; former First Minister, Right Hon. Arlene Foster; Taoiseach, Mr. Leo Varadkar TD and Consul General in Northern Ireland representing the United States, Daniel Lawton.

The service was conducted by the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, assisted by the Curate, Revd Chris MacBriuthin; the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly. Among the guests was Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Fermanagh, Viscount Brookeborough.



The preacher was Revd Alexander Bennett, Deputy Assistant Chaplain General, 38 (Irish) Brigade.

The hymns were; "Be Thou my vision," "I vow to thee my Country," "Abide with Me," "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," "All people that on earth do dwell," and "Nearer my God to thee." The organist was Mr Glenn Moore.

During the Act of Remembrance led by the Dean, the Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Warren Kerr of Ballyreagh Silver Band and a Piper's Lament played by Pipe Major Gordon McKeown, 4 UDR Association.

The Choir anthem, "The Mansions of the Lord" was sung with Warren Kerr on trumpet and Rodney White on drums.

The National Anthem was sung and the Blessing was given by the Bishop of Clogher.

DIOCESAN CAROL SERVICE

The annual Diocesan Carol Service will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral, Clogher on Advent Sunday, 3rd December at 7.00pm.

Clergy and readers are invited to robe.

All are welcome.

Dedication ceremony of the new memorial in Enniskillen



The Dean of Clogher, The Very Revd Kenneth Hall(right) carrying out the dedication of the memorial to victims of the Enniskillen Remembrance Day bomb while Her Majesty's Representative in Fermanagh, Viscount Brookeborough unveils the memorial situated in Belmore Street, Enniskillen.

The Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall has dedicated a memorial to the 12 victims of the Enniskillen Remembrance Day bomb and the scores of those injured, on the 30th anniversary on 8th November.

The Dean, who took part in the unveiling and dedication ceremony with church colleagues from Enniskillen Presbyterian Church and Enniskillen Methodist Church, dedicated the memorial in front of representatives of the families who had loved ones killed and injured in the atrocity.

The unveiling was performed by Her Majesty's Representative in Fermanagh, Viscount Brookeborough, who read a special message from The Queen who said the memorial was a poignant reminder of a terrible event. Invited guests included the Secretary of State, James Brokenshire; DUP Leader, Arlene Foster and the Chief Constable, George Hamilton. Ballyreagh Silver Band which took part in the Remembrance Day 30 years ago provided the music for hymn-singing and there was a recitation of a special poem and a solo by a great-granddaughter of one of the couples killed in the bomb.

The running Archdeacon who has clocked up 100 parkruns



The Archdeacon of Clogher Diocese, the Venerable Brian Harper, who is Rector of Magheracross Parish in Ballinamallard, has completed his 100th parkrun.

A notable achievement, across the country, this milestone is celebrated with a T-shirt and cake.

Brian started running for fun three years ago at the age of 53, when he felt an urge to run in Central Park whilst on holiday in New York. A few days later he ran on Washington Mall and has continued running since then, having completed 10K runs in Clabby, Irvinestown, Enniskillen and the Mersey Tunnel, the Great South Run(10 miles in Portsmouth) and the Liverpool Half Marathon.

"The only running I did in my early life was at school and then it was cross-country. In reality we were sent out the school gate on a route and were expected back in an hour – the route sometimes passed our house so I just nipped in home for an hour instead!" he said.

The main part of his running programme has been the Enniskillen parkrun – a 5K route at the Lakeland Forum, which he usually completes in 28 minutes.

"This is a highlight every week – not just the running but also meeting up with friends and occasionally marshalling with cowbells and encouraging other runners. There is such a huge variety of people from speedy front runners to those who run and walk and chat. Parents run with children and the age range can be from 8-88 years or beyond. Some run with babies in buggies and others with dogs. It's not about racing – it's just about challenging yourself to keep going," he explained.

Brian and his wife, Heather, who joins him on the runs have also taken part in other parkrun events in Portrush, Dublin, Belfast, Omagh, Armagh and a variety of locations throughout England. Brian's family have also joined parkrun. His wife, Heather, has completed over 60 runs. Their eldest son, Jonathan, runs in Belfast, the youngest son, Samuel runs in Southampton Common, and daughter Elizabeth runs in Widnes Park. All the family ran together in Enniskillen in September to mark Heather's 60th birthday last month.

"Usually, it's not about reaching the end but just about getting to the bend, the next tree – it's one step at a time. Sometimes, it is about emptying the mind and focussing only on the running but often the runs can be dedicated to praying for someone in need or in memory of someone – for example, I ran the Liverpool half-marathon several days after my father-in-law died and did so with him in mind."

Running on Saturday, 11th November, Archdeacon Harper said he was thinking of his great-uncles who died at the Somme and the lives that were impacted tragically in Enniskillen 30 years ago.

"My wife and daughter have dedicated their running to Alzheimers UK as dementia has affected several close relatives, including Heather's mother. Elizabeth is taking sponsorship for this charity when she runs the London Marathon next April."

"I vowed as a student that I would never even run for a bus. I never thought I would be running every Saturday morning in my mid-fifties!" he added.

New appointment for Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk

Canon Mark Watson, who is currently serving as Rector of the Grouped parishes of Trory and Killadeas, has been appointed



Rector of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk Group of Parishes also in Clogher Diocese.

The Service of Institution will take place in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge on Wednesday, 31st January

2018 at 8pm.

Canon Watson, a native of Omagh, served as a Curate in the Grouped Parishes of Ballymoney, Finvoy and Rasharkin in the Diocese of Connor between 1995-1998 and served as Rector of Brackaville, Donaghendry and Ballyclog(Coalisland) in Armagh Diocese between 1998-2001. He was appointed Rector of Killesher(Florencecourt) in Diocese of Kilmore in 2001 and has been Rector of Trory and Killadeas in Clogher Diocese since 2006.

Canon Watson, who is Prebendary of Devenish, and his wife, Rona have two sons, Samuel and Peter.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Irish President visits church ransacked by vandals



The President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins, is shown around Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Errislannan, by the Very Revd Stan Evans



The President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins, has paid a visit to Holy Trinity Anglican Church on the Errislannan peninsula in Connemara, County Galway, to see the €70,000 (Euro, approximately £62,800 GBP) damage caused by vandals on a wrecking spree.

The Church was built by the Revd Richard Wall on land belonging to Errislannan Manor, which he acquired in 1850. But with the diminishing size of the estate – and its population – it was decided to demolish it in 1957. But four years later it was rescued by the Friends of St Flannan's. It is now used for services in July and August to cater for the many visitors to the beautiful peninsula. But last month, vandals ransacked the church causing tens-of-thousands of Euros worth of damage. The cost of repairing the church has been estimated at €70,000. A crowd-funding campaign has already raised nearly €25,000.

The Diocese of Tuam said that the visit by President Higgins was “a marvellous encouragement” to parishioners, neighbours and friends of the church, who “are still coming to terms with the hurt of finding their church broken and battered.” The President – referred to in Ireland as Uachtarán na hÉireann – was guided through the church by Mr Evans, accompanied by the Cathaoirleach – or chair – of the local Galway County Council, Eileen Manion. Together they examined the interior of Holy Trinity in its present state which, “far from being restored, is now at least in a less chaotic condition than it was a fortnight ago,” the diocese said.

New Open Learning Course in 2018 for Ordained Local Ministry

The Church of Ireland, along with the Methodist Church in Ireland, has been developing a course of training for those who wish to offer themselves for service as an ordained local minister.

Training for ordained local ministry (OLM) is now due to begin in September 2018 and applications for the training next September should be submitted to Diocesan Directors of Ordinands by the end of January 2018 (at the latest). An ordained local minister will not be an incumbent of a parish but will be someone who can exercise some leadership role within a local congregation – the nature of their deployment may vary from diocese to diocese.

The underlying philosophy of the open learning course is that it will be integrated so that the development of learning and understanding takes place alongside the honing of practical ministerial skills and continuing spiritual formation. There will be a blended form of learning with

the use of lectures, tutorials, workshops, on-line learning and self-study. It will be accessible to OLM training but also to ministerial training for the Methodist Church in Ireland and to a wide range of other users. It is hoped too that future modules will be developed for the training of specialist areas of ministry such as pioneer ministry and chaplaincies.

It will be a flexible Open Learning Certificate Course provided through Queen's University, Belfast. Teaching may be local, which might mean diocesan or inter-diocesan depending on location and numbers, with central input.

Five modules may be undertaken per year in Years 1 and 2, with a further two modules in Year 3. OLM training will last two years but those who have undertaken the Foundation or Readers' Course will be given an exemption for two modules enabling them to be ordained deacon after one year. Training will continue beyond ordination as a

deacon with the aim that all students will successfully complete the necessary modules to gain the Open Learning Certificate.

The modules being put together for September 2018 are Biblical Studies, Theological Reflection, Worship and Preaching 1, Introduction to Pastoral Skills, and Church History. Staff from both the Church of Ireland Theological Institute (CITI) and Edgehill College are involved in this module preparation.

The bishops have put together a Selection Process with Criteria for OLM. Central to it is a sense of God's call. Those applying must be baptised and confirmed members of the Church of Ireland with a sense of their vocation to this particular ministry; a vocation which in the first instance may have been locally identified. Their personal commitment, spirituality, character, leadership potential and flexibility will be assessed during the selection process. Selection itself will be undertaken in each diocese to reflect the local or diocesan nature of this ministry. Those wishing to pursue OLM should speak to their Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

Protect religious sites in Jerusalem: Archbishop Welby

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has echoed Pope Francis' call for the "Status Quo" agreement over religious sites in Jerusalem to be protected.

After meeting the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, Theophilos III, at Lambeth Palace Archbishop Justin said: "I join other Church Leaders in calling for all parties to uphold the Status Quo and resist weakening it. I believe that a continued Christian presence in the Holy Land is of paramount importance."

A Bill before the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament, which would restrict the right of churches to deal independently with their land has been signed by 40 Knesset members.

In re-stating his support for Christian communities throughout Israel, the Palestinian Territories, and across the Middle East, Archbishop Justin asserted that Jerusalem must remain a place where people of all faiths can live and thrive together. He had visited the region in May.



MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE NEWS



Ballinamallard clergy sit out for Christmas

The clergy from Ballinamallard will be sitting out as Black Santas again this year.

The annual Christmas sit-out is planned for Wednesday, 20th December from 8am to 8pm led by Archdeacon Brian Harper, Rector of Magheracross Parish Church and Revd John Beacom, Minister of Ballinamallard Methodist Church. The clergy will be wrapped up warm and waiting to receive donations.

This year the donations will be forwarded to Abaana Children's Choir who visited Magheracross Parish during the year and the Air Ambulance charity.

Caribbean churches prepare for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which traditionally takes place in the northern hemisphere each January, has been prepared by the churches of the Caribbean.

The annual event traditionally takes place between the feast of St Peter on 18 January, and the feast of St Paul on 25 January. Next year's theme is "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power". Following the usual pattern, the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (PCPCU) asked churches in a region to prepare the material – this time the Caribbean – before it was submitted to an international editorial team of WCC and Roman Catholic representatives to refine the text to ensure that it can be prayed throughout the world, and to link it with the search for the visible unity of the church. The completed text, published jointly by the WCC and the PCPCU, is now available in English and French on the WCC website.

Historic agreement between Anglican and Oriental Orthodox churches

Theologians from the Anglican Communion and Oriental Orthodox Churches have signed an historic agreement on the Holy Spirit. The Agreed Statement on the Procession and Work of the Holy Spirit was signed at the end of a week of discussions by the Anglican Oriental-Orthodox International Commission (AOOIC) in Dublin.

This year, the Commission members finalised the text of both sections of the combined Agreed Statement on the Procession and Work of the Holy Spirit, which was then signed by the co-chairs; the Church in Wales' Bishop of St Asaph, Gregory Cameron, and the Coptic Orthodox Church's Metropolitan Bishop of Damiette, during a special choral evensong at the Dublin's Christ Church Cathedral.

The Archbishop of Dublin, Dr Michael Jackson, is a member of AOOIC and acted as host for the meeting. In a sermon during the special evensong, he said that members of AOOIC had "worked together as two families who have become one family."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Charity Concert

A Christmas Charity Concert will be taking place in Enniskillen on Wednesday, 6th December at 7.30pm.

Presented by the Rotary Club of Enniskillen, the concert will feature Sligo Gospel Choir and St. Macartin's and St. Michael's Choirs.

The first half of the programme will take place in St. Macartin's Cathedral with the second half in St. Michael's Church.

All proceeds from the concert will be in aid of Action Mental Health. Donation £10.

Tickets are available from a number of outlets including St. Macartin's Cathedral Office.

The co-chairs of AOOIC, Metropolitan Bishop and Bishop Gregory Cameron, sign the Agreed Statement on the Procession and Work of the Holy Spirit during a special evensong service in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, as members of the Commission including Archbishop Michael Jackson look on.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2017

Sunday 3rd December – **Girls' Brigade Enrolment and Joint Advent Carol Service** in Trillick Parish Church on

Sunday, 3 December. GB are also involved in Operation Christmas Child.

Sunday 3rd December – **Special Christmas Service** in Magheracross Parish Church, Ballinamallard at

3.30pm in association with MENCAP

Sunday 3rd December – **Annual Carol Service** in Crossduff Church at 3pm with preacher, Revd Colin McConaghie. Music by Ballybay Community Gospel Group.

Monday 4th December – **Trillick Girls' Brigade Craft n' Coffee Sale** in Trillick Hall from 7pm - 9.30pm.

Monday 4th December – **AGM of Co.Monaghan Children's Society formerly Co.Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society** in Clontibret Parish Hall at 3pm.

Wednesday 6th December – **Clogher Clerical Association Christmas Lunch** in St Patrick's Parish Church, Monaghan with Holy Communion, tea/coffee and AGM at 10.30am. Afterwards lunch in the Westenra Hotel, Monaghan.

Wednesday 6th December – **Christmas Charity Concert presented by Rotary Club of Enniskillen** at 7.30pm. First half hosted by St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen and second half hosted by St. Michael's Church. Featuring Sligo Gospel Choir and St. Macaratin's and St. Michael's Choirs. Everyone invited to the Cathedral Hall afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies. Donation £10 with all proceeds in aid of Action Mental Health. Tickets available from St. Macartin's Cathedral Office.

Thursday 7th December – **St Finbarre's Carrickmacross Funding Concert featuring The Cantemus Chamber Choir and the Farney Singers** in St Finbarre's Parish Church.

Friday 8th December – **Sands NI Ecumenical Carol Service** in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 8pm for those affected by the loss of a baby.

Friday 8th December – **Monaghan Collegiate Sale** in St Patrick's Hall, Monaghan from 10a to 3pm with the usual stands with tea and coffee available.

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Saturday 9th December – **Craft Fair** in Aghavea Church Hall at 8pm.

Saturday 9th December – **Sale of Work** hosted by Clones Parish in the Creighton Hotel, Clones from 10.00am - 12.30pm. On sale will be handmade wreaths, cakes and many other items.

Saturday 9th December – **Clones Sale of Work** in the Creighton Hotel, Clones from 10am-12.30pm.

Sunday 10th December – **Community Carol Service** in Galloon Parish Church at 7pm featuring Newtownbutler Primary School choir and the Galloon group's own combined choir. Voluntary donations in aid of the organ fund.

Sunday 10th December – **Carol Service and Gift Day** at 3.30pm in Killeevan Parish Church, Clones with Maguiresbridge Silver Band, Lynda Lindsay and Stuart Gibson. Led by Mr Walter Pringle.

Tuesday 12th December – **Faith & Friendship Inter-Church Bible Study** meets in Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown at 8.00pm. The passage for study will be Luke 1:26-38. The evening includes time to chat over a cup of coffee. Anyone from any of our local church denominations is welcome. The January meeting will be held on 9th January at 8.00pm.

Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th December 2017 – **Wreath Making for the Christmas Coffee Morning** for Trory and Killadeas Parishes in the School House at 8pm.

Saturday 16th December – **Annual Carol Service** at the Stand, Ferney Park, Ballinamallard following the match between Ballinamallard and Coleraine. Players and fans giving the readings and brass players providing the music.

Saturday 16th December – **Trory Wreath Sale and Coffee Morning** between 10am - 12.30pm in Ballycassidy Parochial Hall.

Sunday 17th December – **Nine Lessons and Carols** at 10am in Killadeas and 11.30am in Trory Parish Church.

Sunday 17th December – **Musical Evening with St Eugene's Band and Derrick Mehaffey** in Donacavey Parish Hall at 8pm

Monday 18th - Tuesday 19th December 2017 – **A Winter's Tale** in Glaslough Parish Church followed by mulled wine and tea and coffee in Castle Leslie. Funds raised go to the Sunday Project which is very much needed for the children.

Wednesday 20th December – **Annual Christmas Sit-out** from 8am to 8pm led by Archdeacon Brian Harper, Rector of Magheracross Parish Church and Revd John Beacom, Minister of Ballinamallard Methodist Church. Donations to Abaana Children's Choir and Air Ambulance.

Thursday 21st December – **Ecumenical Carol Service** in St Finbarre's Parish Church, Carrickmacross, at 8pm.

January 2018

Tuesday 23rd January – **Senior Citizens' Dinner** for Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale Parishes will be held in Derryvullen North Hall and the meal will be provided by Saddlers Restaurant. Further details will be in the parish weekly announcements sheets.

Friday 26th January – **Lisnaskea Parish Dinner** in The Archdale Centre, with food served by Saddlers, Enniskillen and dancing to Doreen Crozier.

February 2018

Friday 2nd - Monday 12th February 2018 – **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** led by the Bishop of Clogher, Rt. Revd John McDowell. Visits to Tel Aviv, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea and Jerusalem. For further details contact Canon David Skuce on 028 68641235 or

email inishmacsaint@clogher.anglican.org

Tuesday 6th February – **Board of Education Committee Meeting** at 10am.

Tuesday 6th February – **Glebes Committee Meeting** at 11.00am.

Tuesday 6th February – **Diocesan Council Meeting** at 2.00pm

Friday 9th February – **Cleenish Parish Supper Dance** in the Unionist Headquarters, Enniskillen

March 2018

Thursday 8th - Sunday 11th March 2018 – **The Bible Comes to Life exhibition** hosted by Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission in St Macartin's Cathedral Hal. This unique exhibition returns again after 25 years to Enniskillen.

Friday 9th March – **Country and Gospel Evening** in Clontibret Parish Hall. Music by Kenny Archer. Tickets £10.

Friday 9th March – **Marching Bands Concert** in Tempo Church Hall at 8pm

Saturday 24th March – **Gospel Concert in aid of Fields of Life** in Holy Trinity Church, Dromore featuring Gospel singer and recording artist, Revd David McBeth.

April 2018

Saturday 21st April – **Opening and Dedication of extension to the Reade Hall**, Monea The ceremony begins at 3pm

May 2018

Tuesday 1st May – **Diocesan Council meeting** at 2pm.

Tuesday 1st May – **Board of Education Committee meeting** at 10.00am

Tuesday 1st May – **Glebes Committee meeting** at 11.00am

Thursday 10th - Sunday 13th May 2018 – **Church of Ireland General Synod** will take place in the Armagh City Hotel.

Sunday 13th May – **Service of Dedication of New Organ** in St Mark's Parish Church, Augher at 3pm. Dedication by The Bishop of Clogher.

June 2018

Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th June 2018 – Colebrooke Home and Garden Open Days: Colebrooke Church will open for visitors with tea and refreshments provided in the Parish Hall. Proceeds towards charitable and philanthropic purposes.

July 2018

Sunday 8th - Friday 13th July 2018 – **NewWine Sligo Summer Conference**: A week of worship, teaching and ministry for individuals groups and families.

September 2018

Tuesday 4th September – **Board of Education Committee Meeting** at 10am.

Tuesday 4th September – **Glebes Committee Meeting** at 11am

Tuesday 4th September – **Diocesan Council Meeting** at 2pm.

Thursday 27th September – **Diocesan Synod** at 5.30pm commencing with a Service of Holy Communion in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen followed by Synod in the Cathedral Hall.

October 2018

Tuesday 23rd - Thursday 25th October 2018 – **Clergy Conference** in Arnold's Hotel, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal.

November 2018

Tuesday 6th November – **Board of Education Committee Meeting** at 10am.

Tuesday 6th November – **Glebes Committee Meeting** at 11am

Tuesday 6th November – **Diocesan Council Meeting** at 2pm.

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