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Canon David Skuce with some of the group who are currently in the Holy Land on the Clogher Diocese Pilgrimage, when they had a pre-tour meeting in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. See full story and photos on page 63.

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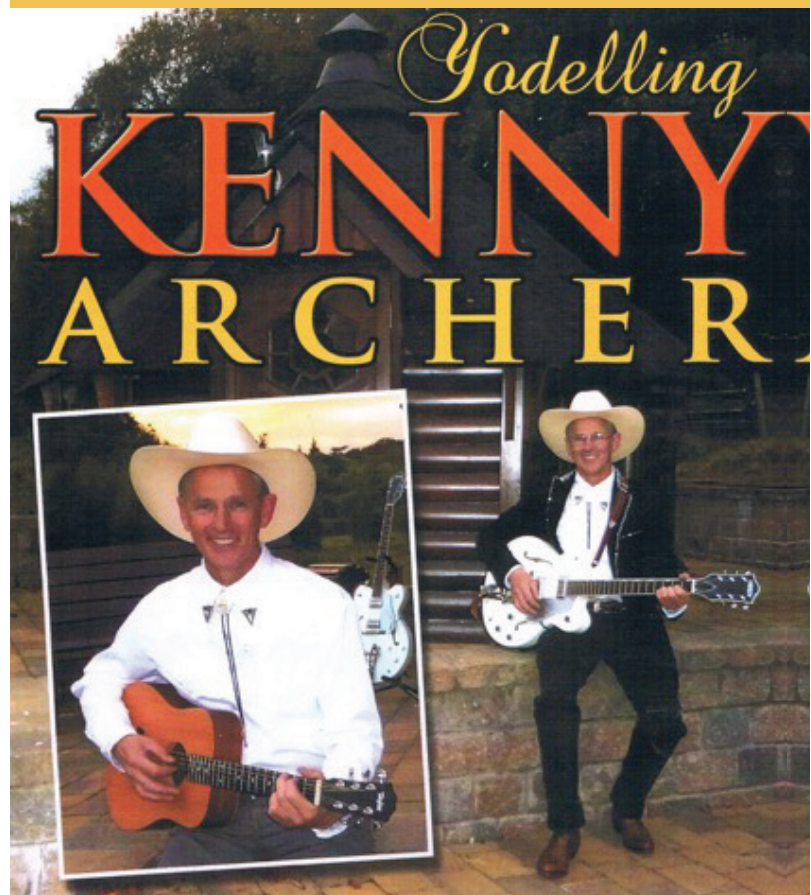
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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Great Britain and Europe

Bishop John McDowell helps us understand an uneasy relationship

I try not to write directly about politics or political matters in the Diocesan Magazine but as we have been and will probably continue to be bombarded with Brexit news I thought a little impartial historical background would do no harm.

Since at least early modern times Great Britain has had an ambivalent relationship with Europe from which it has always considered itself distinct but not separate.

This ambivalence manifested itself very clearly in 1973 when the United Kingdom voted in a Referendum to join the European Economic Community but the initiative was vigorously campaigned against by the left wing of the Labour Party (soon to be in government), led by Tony Benn. It is a peculiar coincidence that the 2016 Brexit Referendum was held at a time when the Parliamentary Labour Party was controlled, for the first time in its history, by the hard Left who neglected, probably deliberately, to campaign effectively for a Remain vote.

The Conservative Party, then and since, has been even more divided on the issue of EU membership. Membership was championed in the 1970s by the

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Party's least popular and least successful Leader, Edward Heath, and has led to a bitter attritional internal war ever since.

Although the UK was probably the principal, albeit not the only, begetter of the Maastricht Treaty in 1992 which introduced the Single Market, its opponents within the Conservative Party almost unseated the then Prime Minister, John Major.

As a prelude to the current Brexit difficulties a senior Conservative politician, Michael Gove, renowned for his elaborate courtesy and intelligence first destroyed the Prime Minister (David Cameron) and then sunk the leadership prospects of his friend Boris Johnson, whose campaign he had agreed to lead. In June 2016, just before the Brexit Referendum that same leadership aspirant, now the Foreign Secretary, set out his post-Brexit plan in an article in the Daily Telegraph, including the desire that the UK should remain within the Single Market. One senior civil servant characterised the idea as "science fiction". Whatever one's personal views are about the UK leaving the EU, it is perhaps as well to realise that its departure reflects a deeper pattern of British history which would have led to an exit at some future date in any case.

Brendan Simms, the Dublin born professor of International Relations and History at the University of Cambridge, has summed up the relationship between Britain and the EU in two simple geopolitical propositions. First, that the EU was designed to deal with the German Problem and the European Question (or if you prefer vice-versa). Second, the EU was not designed to deal with the British Problem. By that he means that nobody claimed after 1945 that the UK had been such a danger to European peace that it required a supranational structure to embed and contain it. Nor was the UK so weak in the face of totalitarian threat from

others that it needed the protection of a supranational body.

After the Second World War the European integration project, promoted and conditionally financed by the USA and which has resulted in the EU, had a dual purpose; to embed Germany and to deter Stalin. From an American point of view this had the added dimension of enlisting Germany in the fight against communism. Strongly implicit in this vision was the eventual evolution of a political union which, although not yet achieved, has been partly realised in projects such as the Schengen travel area and a common security policy.

Britain's European policy objectives before and since have been altogether different. Every UK school pupil who has studied European history at 'O' Level will have learnt that the primary objective of British Foreign policy down to 1910 was to isolate France. Although something of a caricature this was true insofar as Britain's aim was to maintain a balance of power in Europe as a means of neutralising its two most potent nations, France and Germany. This attitude is very deeply embedded in what might be called Establishment thinking. In the 16th and 17th centuries there was the threat to Protestantism and parliamentary liberties from Philip II and Louis XIV's absolutism and from Counter Reformation Catholicism. In the 19th century there was the challenge of Revolutionary France (where, in the well-known phrase of Pitt the Younger, England had saved herself by her exertions and Europe by her example) and of Napoleon. This was followed by the confrontation in Crimea between British liberalism and Tsarist autocracy and the resistance to Prussian militarism and then to Nazi barbarism. Then, after 1945 there was much effort and money expended to deter the Soviet Union during the Cold War. During this period Britain had its own internal balance of power difficulties.

But the solution it arrived at, in constitutional terms, was fundamentally different from the diplomatic solutions it has pursued in Europe. To neutralise the “Auld Alliance” between Scotland and France during the War of the Spanish Succession, England and Scotland entered a complete political union in 1707. The state debts were merged, as were armies and foreign policies and all was anchored in common parliamentary representation in Westminster. The same policy was attempted for Ireland in the Act of Union but this time it failed for quite distinctive reasons. To summarise, on the continent Europe was the problem and the EU was the solution. In Britain Europe was the problem and the United Kingdom was the solution. As Brendan Simms says: “ For this reason, the British have never seen the need to sacrifice their sovereignty in a supranational project. They have therefore co-operated with Europe on a largely intergovernmental and not a supranational basis”.

This helps to explain why the UK has stood aloof from some crucial European projects: the euro, a European Army and the Schengen Zone. Drawing on the lessons of its own history the UK rightly understood that these federal projects required political union. Although it did not want such a union for itself it has not stood in the way of it being achieved on the continent and indeed in more recent years has recognised the need for closer political, fiscal and monetary union within the 27. There are some within the European Union (notably Jean-Claude Juncker) who seem to agree with Yes Minister’s Sir Humphrey Appleby when he said that Britain only joined the EEC to make a “pig’s breakfast of it from the inside”. However, the two biggest pig’s breakfasts of recent years- the handling of euro crisis and the immigration crisis - have had nothing to do with the UK. They have been the unaided achievement of the Union itself. Without the euro and migration crises there would never have

been a majority for Leave. The leaders of the EU sense this. As Brendan Simms again says: “They all know that whereas Grexit would [have been] a judgement on Greece, Brexit was a judgement on the EU.” Paradoxically the EU’s (or at least the Eurozone’s) best chance of success lies in closer political union, a prospect which will be encouraged by both the USA and the UK. Of course, that ambition itself is fraught with difficulty. If it is “asymmetric” with Germany playing the role in the EU that England played in the formation of the UK it will create yet greater tensions with some newer members such as Poland, the Czech Republic, Lithuania and Hungary. However, a more equitable Union will require heroic restraint and generosity from Germany and it remains to be seen whether or not that remarkable nation can continue to be the fairy godmother of the Union.

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Sunday 4th Feb

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

Sunday 11th Feb

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

Sunday 18th Feb

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

Sunday 25th Feb

Aghadrumsee 12.05 pm All Age Service
Clogh 10.45 am Morning Prayer
Drumsnatt 9.30 am Morning Prayer

It was with regret that due to personal circumstances Canon Riddel decided to retire from the majority of his pastoral duties from the end of January. He has served our parishes both during the time of vacancy and more recently over the past five years faithfully assisting in Communion and Baptismal Services. Presentations in each of the churches took place on 7th January.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank him for his service and friendship wishing him a long and happy retirement.

Clogh Bowls

Annual Pairs Tournament took place recently. Congratulations to the winners, Sean Quinn and Niall Hand and to runners-up, Stanley and Linda Carleton.

Clogh Bowling Club took the opportunity at its recent tournament finals to make a presentation to longstanding members, William and Margaret Nelson who have celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



The presentation at the end of Clogh Bowling Club Open Pairs Tournament Finals that took place on Wednesday 10th January at Clogh War Memorial Hall. The winners, Sean Quinn and Niall Hand were congratulated by Geoffrey Egerton from Abbey Garage Doors, one of the sponsors. Also in the photo are Cleone Egerton with Stanley and Linda Carleton runners-up and other prizewinners.





Children from Aghadrumsee Sunday School who took part in the Carol Service at St Mark's in December.



Clogh Sunday School who led a Nativity Service before Christmas in Clogh Church.

Meetings of the various groups will take place as follows:

Bible Study Lent Group commenced on Monday 29th January at 8.00pm in the Rectory and will continue for six weeks. This year we look at John Ortberg's study 'God is closer than you think', where he helps us to discover and enjoy a vibrant, moment-by-moment relationship with God the Father.

Clogh Mothers' Union – Monday 5th February at 8.00 pm in Clogh Hall. Revd David Moses will be the guest speaker.

Young Ladies Group - Tuesday 13th February at 8.30 pm in Aghadrumsee Old School.

Aghadrumsee Ladies Guild – Thursday 15th February at 8.00 pm.

Crafty Church – Saturday 24th February, 3.00 pm – 4.30pm in Aghadrumsee Old School

Sympathy

Over recent months Aghadrumsee Parish has lost two long-standing faithful members of our congregation. Mrs Annie Forster formally of Carneyholme and more recently Lisnaskea died in November. We extend our sympathy to her husband Tommy, daughters Tanya, Zena, Alva and the extended

family circle. Then just a fortnight before Christmas, the death of Dick Elliott occurred, a lifelong parishioner and avid supporter of the Parish where he was a member of the Select Vestry for 60 years. We extend our sympathy to his wife Freda, son Andrew, daughter-in-law Marina and grandchildren Emma, Sarah, James and Peter.

Condolences

The group would also like to offer our condolences to the Riddel family on the death of Canon Riddel's brother in Castlerock.



Aghadrumsee Choir with some guests from Newtownbutler Parish who sang at the Carol Concert at St Marks in December.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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SERVICES

4th February

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

11th February

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

18th February

11.00am Family Service at Cooneen

25th February

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

Lent Services

(Wednesdays in Lent)

14th February 8.00pm Colebrooke Ash
Wednesday Holy Communion Service.
Lent Services continue each Wednesday
at 8pm in Colebrooke.

Mothers' Union

On visitor's night in October, Mrs Mary Good, Diocesan President of Derry and Raphoe Diocese, spoke on 'No Ordinary Women'. Referring to some women in the



Bible e.g. Ruth, and Mary, she reminded us that they demonstrated their love by Faith in Action. She also compared our Faith to a seed, which is small but full of potential and powerful when nurtured by the power of the Holy Spirit. She encouraged us all to hold on to our Faith and reminded us that we are not just 'ordinary women' but 'Extraordinary' when we step out in Faith empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Members and friends gathered in November, ready for a fun filled practical night, decorating cup cakes with seasonal designs. Carol McClenaghan and June McKee had baked the cupcakes and prepared the decorations. After observing how to make the design, each person had an opportunity to decorate four cupcakes. Much fun and laughter was shared but everyone had a box of tastily decorated cupcakes home with them.

To open the meeting Valerie, Joy and Irene read the solemn and meaningful message highlighting Gender Based Violence issues around the world and the need to bring these issues to the attention of more people so that change can be initiated.

On December 13th, some members helped serve Christmas dinner to senior citizens from Colebrooke and Cooneen Parishes. The meal was enjoyed by those present.

The opening service of Holy Communion was planned for 17th January at the time of going to Press. As Mary Good challenged us back in October, we are to 'Step out in Faith' in the 'Footsteps of Mary Sumner' as the 2018 theme states. We then look forward to Wednesday 21st February, when we welcome Noreen Little, Unit Co-ordinator of the Action and Outreach Unit. She will bring along samples of the many practical items which Mothers' Union members make and supply to needy people in the Diocese. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come and bring a friend!

SNATCH (Sunday Night At the Church Hall) Youth Ministry

Aghavea & Colebrooke

All young people of secondary school age welcome.

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GFS

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

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Group meet every Tuesday from 7pm-8.30pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years. Scouts (11 – 14) meet on Friday evenings. The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 – 8 years)

Cubs (8 – 11 years)

Scouts (11 – 14 years)

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meet in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7.45pm.

New members will be very welcome.

Mullaghfad Carol Service



Michelle handing over a cheque for £410 to Julie Ann on behalf of the Alzheimer's Society.

On Sunday 19th November, 2017, Mullaghfad had a Carol Service, the collection to be in aid of Alzheimer's Society. Great care had been taken in preparing the church building for worship, and a great crowd attended. The resultant collection, and a number of donations, amounted to £410, which was presented to Julie Ann on behalf of Alzheimer's Society, by Michelle.

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Services

Sunday 4th February

11am Holy Communion and Sunday School
7pm Snatch in Aghavea Church hall

Sunday 11th February

11am Morning Prayer and Sunday School

Wednesday 14th February

8pm Lent Service begins

Sunday 18th February

11am Family Service

7pm Snatch in Aghavea Church Hall

Wednesday 21st February

8pm Lenten Bible Study Church Hall

Sunday 25th February

11am Morning Prayer and Sunday School
Burial Records

30th December 2017- Josephine Morrow,
29 Tiegshill, Brookeborough.

We extend our sympathy to the Morrow
family at this sad time.

Gospel Concert

Friday 23rd February at 8pm in the parish
hall, with Kenny Archer, Billy Mc Farland
and Strule River String Band. Tickets
Available.

Organisations

G.F.S: Wednesdays at 6.30pm Church
Hall. Girls of 3 years upward are welcome.

Mothers Union: Next meeting 13th
February 8pm Flowers by Sharon

Bowls: The Bowling Club meets in the
Parish hall each Monday at 8pm New
members are very welcome

Sunday School: All children of primary
school age welcome

Fund Raising Events

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

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New adventures with the Lord
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The things of this past year
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For he will make a way for us
As we put our trust in him
And he will guide our every step
By his presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts
Well find we'll be able to do
If we look for opportunities
We'll see the door to go through
We mustn't let anything hold us back
But wise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of his grace”



Scenes from the Christmas services in Aghavea
Parish.



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Youth Club – Club Diversity

The Benefice Youth Club disco was a great success on Saturday, 9th December in Christ Church Hall, Ballybay, with our DJ from Monaghan keeping everyone boogieing on the dancefloor! Also there was a great array of festive treats and the many children and adults who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Rector applied for a youth grant for the Youth Club last Autumn. He had to fill in a very long and detailed application form for the grant but it bore much fruit in the shape of 5000 euros! So he was busy before Christmas buying lots of different items which will benefit our young people in the group of parishes.

The youth club will meet on the 10th and 24th February at 6pm in Ballybay Hall.

Everyone very welcome!

Mothers' Union



St. Colman's Parish Church

The Mothers Union from the Ballybay Group of Parishes joined with their Presbyterian counterparts on Thursday the 7th December for the annual PW Christmas dinner in Castleblayney Lecture Hall. A great night was had by all.

Ash Wednesday

A service of Holy Communion will take place on Ash Wednesday, 14th of February at 11am in St Maeldoid's Church, Castleblayney.

Muckno

Community Carol Service

The Community Christmas Carol Service was held in St Maeldoid's on Thursday 21st December at 8pm. The Rector and Fr Pat McHugh led the service. This year's service was extra special as St Mary's congregation have been sharing the church with us and will continue to do so until the summer. Hence a BBC television crew came along to televise the service and they broadcasted it twice on New Year's Day on the Northern Ireland News. The BBC correspondent, Gordon Adair, also interviewed the Rector, Fr McHugh and Minister Humphreys about the church sharing initiative. Members of the whole community read lessons and Minister Heather Humphreys was also in attendance. Local Garda representatives and members of the County Council were also in attendance. St Mary's Choir led the singing and sung three beautiful pieces of music. Thank you to the Director of Music for St Mary's, Gary Carville, and for his role as Diocesan Communication Officer along with our own DCO, Brian Donaldson, who publicised this significant event. A great time of fellowship followed the service over a cup of tea and some seasonal treats.

Christmas Sunday School Party

This took place on Saturday the 23rd of December in the Church Hall and special guest Santa Claus was welcomed wholeheartedly by everyone!

Remembering in our prayers

We pray especially for Ian Collie at this time who is in Beaumont Hospital and we continue to pray for Eddie Robinson.

Clontibret News

We continue to plan for our Country Gospel evening with Kenny Archer and friends at 7.45pm on Friday, 9th March. Kenny will be joined by Billy McFarland and local talent so everyone can be assured of an evening of ministry through

music and song. Tickets are available from all parishioners.

On Sunday, 21st January we welcomed the Moorehead and Mullen families to St Colman's for the baptism of Ella Grace, a sister for Lucy Marie. We trust that she and all the family will know God's love in the years ahead.

We continue to pray for all those who have been bereaved especially the Leathem family on the death of Jennifer's cousin, Gladys Sharpe and her aunt Gladys Parkes. We remember 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.

Ballybay

Community Carol Service

This service which was flowing to capacity, took place in Christ Church on Wednesday, 20th of December at 8pm. The special singing was by Ballybay Community Choir who performed beautifully. Also a big thank you to Greystone Silver Band who came from Dungannon to lead the congregational singing and also we thank members of Camphill Community who came along to perform some beautiful festive tunes on their hand bells. Also thanks to George Wallace who very kindly supplied many cakes and buns for the feast afterwards in the Church Hall.

Joint Holy Communion Service

On 7th of January, Christ Church congregation attended Derravalley Presbyterian Church for the annual annual joint Holy Communion Service. The Rector preached at the service and assisted Revd Jerry Clinton with the administration of Holy Communion.

Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jerry, Joann and Ella Grimes on the death of Jerry's Mother, Mrs Teresa Grimes who passed away on 30th December. We pray also for the wider Grimes family at this time.

Illness

We continue to extend our prayerful good wishes to Mrs Linda Dixon who is recovering from a spell in hospital and we remember all those who have been suffering with flu and ailments recently.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh



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Services

Sunday 4th February

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

Wednesday 7th February

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Sunday 11th February

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

Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday Service St Finbarr's 8.00 pm

Sunday 18th February

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

Wednesday 21st February

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Sunday 25th February

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

Wednesday 28th February

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Confirmation Service

Sunday 26th November was a wonderful day in the life of our parish as we celebrated with nine of our young people who were confirmed by Bishop John in St Finbarr's. Amy, Dawn, Ella, Lauren, Leah, Matthew, Sarah, Sienna and Tracy were a joy to have as a Confirmation Group and they grew together in exploring their faith and preparing to publicly commit to wanting to follow and serve God. It was such an encouragement to see the church filled to capacity as family, friends and parishioners gathered to support the young people on this important occasion. The sense of

celebration continued after the service as we came together in the Jackson Hall for a dessert party with everyone enjoying the desserts and in particular the chocolate fountain.

Youth Group



Following on from their Confirmation we have started a new youth group aimed at Confirmation age and above. The group currently meets one Wednesday a month in the parish room and consists of games, challenges and a time of worship. Our first Teen Evening was a Christmas Special with a variety of Christmas themed games from 'onesie' races to gargling Christmas Carols. The night ended with a time of worship in which we looked at the greatest gift of Christmas. In January we had a number of games and challenges around the theme of choice, which we then focused on in our worship.



Our February Teen Evening meets in the Parish Room on Wednesday 21st February at 6.30pm.

Women's Shelter Donation

A massive thank you to everyone who donated gifts for our chosen charity for 2017, our local Women's Shelter, at our three Carol Services. We were able to bring a car packed full of gifts of pyjama's, ladies toiletries and bed sheets to the Shelter and

they were delighted to receive the gifts which will be of great help to women and their children who arrive at the Shelter with little or nothing. As a result of the collection at our Ecumenical Carol Service we were also able to hand over a cheque of €260 to the Shelter for their ongoing work.

Men's Breakfast

We are excited to be holding our first Men's Group event with a breakfast in the Rectory on Saturday 10th February at 9.00am. As well as enjoying a full 'Ulster Fry' there will be a short talk by Philip Keegan on his trip to South Africa to help with a building of a school. All men in the parish and friends are welcome; please let Revd Colin know in advance if you are coming for catering purposes.

Pancake Tuesday

Tuesday 13th February marks Shrove Tuesday, the day in which traditionally "treat" foods were used up to make pancakes ahead of the penitential season of Lent. This year we plan to come together as a church family to enjoy the occasion together in the Jackson Hall. There will be the opportunity to flip your own pancakes as well as enjoying some yummy savoury and sweet options. This will be an evening for all ages to come together to join together for some fun and the opportunity to get to know each other better.

Ash Wednesday Service

We meet together in St Finbarr's on Wednesday 14th February at 8.00pm for a special service to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. This will be a time of thoughtful reflection as together we begin the journey of Lent towards Holy Week and the victory of Easter Sunday.

Lent 2018

Throughout Lent this year we are going to alternate between a series of short services and Bible Studies. We are delighted that once more Lorna and Carl Moy have offered the use of their home for our studies. Full details of the study and the dates will be on our Facebook Page and newsheets.

Jewel's Women's Group

Jewel's meets again on Thursday 22nd February in the Parish Room in St Finbarr's at 8.00pm. We are delighted to be joined by Emma Rothwell, youth officer of Meath and Kildare Diocese, who will tell us her story of mission work in India with the Leprosy Mission.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Services

Sunday 11th February
10.00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin
11.30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish
Ash Wednesday 14th February
10.00 a.m. Monthly H.C. Mullaghduin Hall
8.00 p.m. E.P. Cleenish
Sunday 18th February
10:00 a.m. H.C. Mullaghduin
11:30 a.m. H.C. Cleenish
Sunday 25th February
10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin
11:30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish
Sunday 4th March
10:00 a.m. H.C. Mullaghduin
11:30 a.m. H.C. Cleenish
Please note:- Services may change from
time to time, updates in Church Porch

Dates for your Diary

Friday 9th February, Cleenish Parish
Supper Dance
Wednesday 14th February, Ash
Wednesday
Friday 30th March, Good Friday
Sunday 1st April, Easter Sunday

Tuesday 3rd April, Mullaghy Flute Band,
Annual Concert

Monthly Healing Service

The monthly Healing Service takes
place on Wednesday 14th February, in
Mullaghduin Parish Hall. It combines the
usual shortened form of Holy Communion
with the opportunity for prayer for the sick
and bereaved, followed by a cup of tea
and time for a chat.

Mullaghduin Children's Party

The annual Children's Party was held in
the Parish Hall on Friday evening 15th
December. Fun, games, and festive treats
were enjoyed by all present. During the
evening a very special visitor paid a visit
and everyone (including the Rector) was
presented with a gift.

Cleenish Children's Family Service

The annual Family Service took place
in Cleenish on Sunday morning 17th
December. The Service was conducted
by Rowena, who based her CEF Talk on
the theme "Christmas". The children sang
"The Sunday School song, "Listen to the
Angels". The bible reading was read by
Ethan, and the Sunday School prayers
were read by Grace, Sarah, and Kara-Lilly.
(see photo).

Cleenish Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Service was held in Cleenish on
Sunday evening 17th December. The
Welcome was given by the Rector,
followed by the Bidding Prayer and Lord's
Prayer. Lessons were read by:- Jacqueline
Balfour; Rowena Sheridan; Robert Forde;
Ruth Wilson; Shirley Connolly; Leslie
Nixon; Sheilagh Kerr; Cecil Brownlee; and
the Rector. The Choir sang two anthems

"Prince of Peace", and "Come and Hear
the Joyful Singing" Joan Brownlee played
the organ.

Mullaghduin Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Due to adverse weather conditions the
Carol Service at Mullaghduin was re-
scheduled to Sunday 24th December,
Christmas Eve morning. The Service was
led by Canon Bridle and the readers
were Andrew Humphries; Caroline Little;
Wendy McKeown; George Carson; Stanley
Moffatt; Evelyn Clements; David Fawcett;
Desi Coalter; Heather Carson, and Canon
Geoff Bridle. The Choir with Elizabeth
Hazlett at the organ led the singing, and
also sang two pieces, "O Beautiful Feet"
and "Angels We Have Heard on High".
(see photo).

Cleenish Parish Auction

The above Auction which contained a
large number of items, took place in
Cleenish Parish Hall on Saturday
afternoon, 18th November. Many thanks
are due to the auctioneer William Stinson,
to Robert Forde and his administrative
team, and to the ladies who provided the
tea. Thanks are also due to those who
offered goods for sale, and the many who
purchased items or supported the Auction
in any way. The total profit was £2,600.

Cleenish Parish Supper Dance

The Annual Supper Dance will take place
on Friday 9th February, in the Unionist
Headquarters,
Enniskillen, dancing to the Singing Digger
Man. Tickets £15 each, can be obtained
from any member of the Select Vestry.

Mullaghduin Select Vestry

Members are delighted to congratulate
Parish Treasurer Caroline Scott, on her
recent engagement to Harold Nixon.
Members wish the happy couple, "God's
Richest Blessings" for the future. Vestry
Member Tommie Gallagher is now almost
back to full health after recent surgery

Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Thank you to all who joined members
for carol singing in Tilery Nursing Home,
on Sunday 17th December. Residents,
relatives and staff expressed their thanks.
Members participated in a Service of
Holy Communion in Cleenish Parish
Church on Tuesday 16th January, to
celebrate the theme for 2018 "In Mary
Sumner Footsteps". The Service was
conducted by Canon Geoff Bridle, prayers

Mullaghduin Choir



and readings were read by members. Refreshments and fellowship was enjoyed by all following the Service. Members next meet, and look forward to going back in time with Evelyn Hassard at the annual Visitor's Night, on Tuesday 20th February, in Mullaghduin Hall. Parishioners, family, and friends welcome. We remember our indoor members at this time and think especially of Bertha Vance who has recently returned to the Tilery Nursing Home following a long spell in hospital over the holiday season. We continue to keep them in our prayers and wish them good health for 2018.

Cleenish Mother & Toddler Group



Cleenish Mother & Toddler Group

Members of the Group enjoyed their Christmas Party on Tuesday 12th December. The meeting closed with the usual sing song led by Rosita on the keyboard, toddlers particularly enjoyed shaking bells to the music of Jingle Bells. The Group re-opened on Tuesday 16th January, and meets every Tuesday 10am to 12 noon.

Cleenish Brownies

Brownies re-opened for the new season on Wednesday 17th January, when the new season's programme was arranged. It is anticipated the Pack will attend the Thinking Day Service, on Sunday 25th February. New girls aged 7 to 11 years can still join, when the girls meet in Cleenish Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm until 7:45pm.

Retirement of Ven Cecil Pringle

The former Archdeacon of Clogher, the Venerable Cecil Pringle retires from pastoral ministry at the end of this month. He was former Rector of Cleenish from

1969 until 1980, and during his last three years in the Parish, he oversaw its amalgamation with Mullaghduin. Whilst serving in Cleenish he got married to Hilary, and it was during this period his three children were born. It was during his long ministry in Rossorry, he was promoted to Canon, and further elevated to Archdeacon in Clogher Diocese. Cecil now resides in Mullaghduin Parish near its border with Cleenish. After his final Sunday in the northeast Fermanagh group of Parishes, we wish both himself, wife Hilary, and his entire family God's blessing for the future, from the Select Vestries and all parishioners in Cleenish and Mullaghduin,

Cleenish Centre

Bookings are now being received for Year 9, and there is great potential for growth within the Centre and its grounds, as we move towards the Spring and Summer seasons. To hire the Centre, or if you feel that you are called to serve in any way, please make contact by e.mail: enquiries@cleenishcentre.com or telephone 02866349647. You may also view the Cleenish Centre website.

Bellanaleck Community Group



Bellanaleck Community Group, Childrens' Party. From left; Owen Wilson, Secretary; Louise Cullen, BBC Southwest correspondent; Alex Baird, FODC, .

The Group held their usual monthly meeting on Wednesday 22nd November. The Secretary stated he had received an email from FODC about a proposed Community Information Panel, which contains advice about the grant application to obtain approval for erecting the panel on Council property at Bellanaleck Quay. Some time was then allocated to making final arrangements for the Children's Christmas Party, to be held on Saturday 9th December. It was then agreed to support the Arney History & Heritage Corridor project, although the project is outside the boundaries of the Community Groups land area. At the conclusion of the meeting, three

members volunteered to attend CPR and Defibrillator Training, on Wednesday 29th November.

Figures obtained from FODC, reported the Loughshore Path had been utilised 11,463 times during the period July to September. Next meeting Wednesday 28th February. Enquiries to Group Secretary Owen Wilson, E Mail:- owenwilson@btinternet.com



Cleenish Sunday School

Children's Party

The Annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday afternoon 6th December, was again very successful with over 70 children attending with their parents etc, and receiving a gift from Santa Clause.



Santa Claus presents gift as Beatrice Thornton looks on

Sincere thanks are expressed from the Group to all who volunteered or assisted in any way, especially to Malcom who kept the Children entertained with his musical disco.

Holy Baptism

Mullaghduin Parish Church Sunday 19th November Sophia Elizabeth Lindsay Daughter of David Thomas and Lisa Jayne 69 Corryglass Road, Brockagh, Florencecourt

Clogher Cathedral Group



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Services

Sunday 4th February

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

Sunday 11th February

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

Sunday 18th February

10.00am Errigal Portclare MP
11.30am Clogher HC
10.00am Augher MP
11.30am Newtownsaville MP
Sunday 25th February
9.00am Clogher HC
10.00am Errigal Portclare MP
11.30am Clogher MP 10.00am Augher MP
11.30am Newtownsaville MP

Christmas at St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher.

Sunday School Christmas party

On Friday 15th December 2017 Clogher Cathedral Sunday School held their annual Christmas party in the British Legion Hall, Clogher (kindly granted). The children enjoyed a variety of games followed by sausages, chicken nuggets and chips. Santa arrived and did a brilliant job giving out presents and sweets to all the children.

Carol Service

On Sunday 17th December 2017 the congregation of Clogher Cathedral were joined by family, friends and members of Murley Silver band to celebrate their annual service of Lessons and Carols. The service was led by the Revd Olie and the organist was Janice Clingen. The lessons were read by a number of children and adults; Mrs Joy McElwaine, Jack Foster, Mrs Audrey Johnston, Mr Oscar Clingen, Robert McLaren, Mrs Iris Moffett, Tori

Robson and the Revd Olie. Murley Silver band shared the accompaniment of the traditional carols to provide a marvellous uplifting service. Murley Silver band also played a melody of Christmas music during the service.

Traditionally the Sunday school take part in the service and this year was no exception. They performed the sketch entitled 'A Super Christmas'. While there were the traditional roles of Mary, Joseph, shepherds and angels there was also the additional roles of seven superheroes who were searching for a new superhero. Their search led them to Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus who they discovered was the new superhero! The children finished by singing 'Jesus, you're my superhero'.

After the service everyone was invited to stay for a cup of tea and some shortbread.

Augher

Funerals

18/11/17 Alister McKeown Knockmany Road, Augher.

Alistair's death came after an illness starting three years ago from Kidney failure and recently COPD. He bore these with courage and no complaint. However 32 years ago he had been robbed of an active life due to being disabled in a terrorist attack. He lived with determination as active a life as possible ploughing in the area and sowing fertiliser for farmers on his automotive tractor. Our sympathy and prayers are

Mrs Jean Bell, receiving a gift from Mrs Charlene Giles, People's Churchwarden on behalf of the Select Vestry at Newtownsaville Parish, on the occasion of retiring as relief organist. Looking on are Alan Lavelle, Parish Reader and Roy Crowe, Diocesan Reader who took the service.



extended to his wife Ruth and their family. We pay particular tribute to her devoted care for Alistair from the time of his injury.

28/12/17 William (Billy) McClung, Glenhoy Road, Augher.

It was with deep shock and a sense of disbelief that we all learned of Billy's sudden death just an hour after coming home from church after the Christmas Day service. Billy had moved to the area nearly 50 years ago on his appointment to a manager's position in the Creamery. Latterly until retirement he had worked for the Department of Agriculture. On his marriage to Sylvia they made their home at Glenhoy Road. He had served faithfully for over 40 years on the Select Vestry, for 11 years as treasurer. He will be greatly missed by the entire church family and not least by his own family. We extend our sympathy and prayers to his wife Sylvia, daughters Jennifer and Judith and their families.

Christmas Party

On Wednesday 6th December a very successful Christmas party was held in the Carmichael Memorial Hall, Augher, for the children and adults. Roy Crowe, Diocesan Lay Reader, dressed as Rudolph the reindeer, welcomed everyone at the door. Games were organised by Eva Armstrong and Judith McLaren. Before everyone tucked into a delicious supper, Ann Graham welcomed everybody especially Roy who gave thanks for the food. After supper the children waited patiently for the arrival of Santa Claus, who did an excellent job distributing presents to all the children. Ann thanked the parents, the children and those who helped during the year. She thanked Santa and asked Scarlett Egerton and Ben Armstrong to hand over a small gift to Santa. Roy announced the times of the Christmas Services before leading Santa out. Parents took tired children home after another enjoyable party.

Carol Service

On Sunday morning 17th December the congregation gathered for their annual Carol Service. Roy Crowe, Diocesan Lay Reader led the Service. The Lessons were read by Ann Graham, Dan Davison, Linda Blackledge, Sandra Nixon, Jack Thompson, James McLaren, David Todd, William Armstrong and Roy Crowe. Traditional Carols were sung by the congregation accompanied by the organist Mrs Sylvia McClung. The Junior Sunday School said an acrostic poem C.H.R.I.S.T.M.A.S. The children sang "Mary had a baby" while the senior girls sang "C is for the Christ Child". Erin and Lauren Robinson recited the poem "Where can we find Him" and the

whole Sunday School told the story of the "Candy Cane at Christmas" The choir sang "O Come all ye Faithful" and "Shepherds were watching". Roy gave an excellent message, led in Prayer and thanked all who had taken part to make the service a success. The collection was received by William Thompson and William Armstrong. Mrs Sylvia McClung was the organist while Judith McLaren played the guitar for the children. Everyone was invited for refreshments in the adjoining hall after the service.

Congratulations

Congratulations to William and Charlene Thompson on the safe arrival of their son.

Newtownsaville

Funeral

Jim Scott, Florence Road, Coremore, Eskra. We extend our sympathy and prayers to his wife Pat and their family. Jim had bore his illness over almost two years with courage, patience and no complaint. The large attendance at his funeral was testimony to the respect he was held in the community and further afield due to work for many years with the forestry service and his willingness to help people with no fuss or desire for publicity. His presence, straight talking no nonsense and unique character will be missed by family, friends and all who knew him.

Baptism

19/11/17 Edward Drew Ronald Crawford, son of Samuel and Sarah Crawford, Glennan Road, Omagh.

Carol Service

The Carol Service in Newtownsaville, which was conducted by Mr Roy Crowe, assisted by Mr Alan Lavelle, took the traditional form of Nine Lessons and Carols. The children of the Sunday School set the scene with their lively poems and singing, and they participated with enthusiasm in Roy's storytelling. Lessons were read by Ian Bell (Treasurer), Charleen Giles (Churchwarden) and Derek Lavelle (Select Vestry). Young people, Daisy Smyth, Georgia Crawford, Rachel Funston and Jack Crawford also read Bible passages and the final two lessons were read by Alan Lavelle (Parish Reader) and Mr Roy Crowe (Diocesan Reader). A duet by Charleen and Wendy who sang 'Love came down at Christmas' and the choir's singing of 'The holly and the ivy, accompanied by the organist, Mrs Lorna Stewart, complemented the congregational praise. Mr Crowe thanked all who had taken part in the Service as well as in the decoration of the church, creating a sense

of joy and gladness for the Christmas season.

Presentation

Mrs. Jean Bell has retired from the post of relief organist. Prior to that she had been organist for many years, beginning in 1962. To mark the occasion a presentation was made recently to her to mark her many years of service. After morning prayer at the end of November which was also near to a special birthday for Jean, Mr. Roy Crowe spoke words of tribute, read a letter of appreciation from the Rural Dean, Canon Maurice Armstrong who was unable to attend due to services in his own churches. Mrs. Charlene Giles, the people's Churchwarden made a presentation on behalf of the Select Vestry. Jean suitably replied to the surprise gift presentation.

Clogher

Funerals

18/11/17 John (Jack) Kirkpatrick, Kell Road, Clogher.

3/12/17 Florence Taggart, Main Street, Clogher.

Our prayers and sympathy to those bereaved by these deaths, especially Walter and the family on Florrie's death. Both Jack and Florrie were faithful members of the Cathedral and regular worshippers as long as health permitted. Jack had been a generous contributor of finances and provided items for the Cathedral.

12/1/18 Bertha Isobel Noble, Carnahinney, Clogher.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to her husband Walter and their family on Bertha's death after a long number of years of illness. Bertha had served as a health visitor in the community for many years and was highly respected in this work. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and sister.

Errigal Portclare

Lent Services all at 8 p.m.

February 14th Clogher

February 21st Augher

February 28th Errigal Portclare

March 7th Newtownsaville

March 14th Clogher

March 21st Augher.

Christmas at St. Mary's, Errigal Portclare Carol Service

The congregation of St. Mary's Errigal Portclare held their Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday 17th December 2017. The traditional service was enhanced by participation of the Sunday School who did a wonderful presentation on 'The Candy Cane' and delighted everyone in the congregation afterwards by handing

out candy canes to everyone present. St. Mary's adult and junior choirs joined to sing 'It's Somebody's Birthday' and 'Peace to you' accompanied by Caroline Gervis playing clarinet and Revd Ollie playing guitar. Revd Ollie led the service and Christine Gervis was the organist. The lessons were read by Charlene Johnston, Kate Millar, Doreen Millar, Edgar Bingham, Bobby Donaldson, Gladys Gervis, Caroline Gervis and Revd Ollie. Following the service everyone enjoyed a cup of tea and some shortbread. Bobby Donaldson treated everyone to an expert rendition of 'Jingle Bells' on his saxophone and Santa arrived with presents for all our young people – and those not so young!

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union met in the Carmichael Memorial Hall on 13th December. Branch Leader Iris welcomed everyone on a very snowy night especially Revd. Ollie was our speaker. The November minutes were read and adopted apologies and announcements given. "Away in a manger" accompanied by Revd Ollie on the guitar was sung. Revd Ollie read a portion of Scripture and used as Prayers the M.U. Prayer Vigil against violence

for November. With the aid of a projector and screen Revd Ollie gave an interesting talk on "Who am I." Born in Rosslea and a member of Aghadrumsee Parish, during her teens she went to Summer Madness camps and decided to be a Paramedic. This did not materialise so she decided to apply for nursing and went to train in Chichester. She returned to Belfast and found a calling for the Ministry. She was ordained on 13th September 2014 but unfortunately her mother died before she was ordained.

Iris thanked Rev Ollie for her inspiring talk and handed over a small gift. The second carol "O Come all ye faithful" was sung. Supper was served by Mrs Ann Graham and Mrs Gladys Mills.

Mrs. Jean Bell celebrated her 88th birthday at the end of November. A gift and a card were handed over by Iris. The meeting ended with the Grace.

Lent

The Church observes this season as one of penitence and reflection on the suffering and Sacrifice of Christ. What did it mean for Christ to suffer? It would mean he would be betrayed, denied, false witnesses, mocking,

rejection by disciples and God the Father and death.

This was the Fathers' plan for our salvation. "The Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2: 20)

What is our response to Christ's suffering and death in our place and our behalf?

The hymn puts it well "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all". Paul expresses it so well "I want to know Christ and all the power of his resurrection" (Philippians 3 v 10) so he advises "I urge you in view of God's mercy, offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship".

Come to Christ admit our sins, believe he alone can forgive them, confess them and then we are declared forgiven, we receive his free gift of eternal life and his grace (strength) in the power of the Holy Spirit living in us to make a fresh start to live out the Christian life and faith.

Please pray for the nominators as they now begin the task of seeking a new Rector for the Group of Parishes, that God will guide them in this important responsibility and lead someone to be called to this post.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss

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Services

Feb 4th: Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion

Newbliss 11.30am : Holy Communion

Feb 11th: Currin 10.00am : Holy Communion

Killeevan 11.30am : Holy Communion

Feb 18th: Clones 10.00am : Morning Prayer

Newbliss 11.30am : Morning Prayer

Feb 25th: Currin 11.30am : Morning Prayer

Killeevan 11.30 am : Morning Prayer

Mar 4th: Clones 10.00am : Holy Communion

Newbliss 11.30am : Holy Communion

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

Our annual Sale of Work on 9th Dec 2017 was a great success raising a staggering €5,492.46. Thank you all who helped out on the day and those who supported us in other ways.

A special thanks to Clones credit Union for their continued support.

Parish Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party for the children on Thursday 28th December in the Protestant Hall was also a success with over 27 children in attendance. Again a special thanks to the Sunday School teachers for organising this event annually .

Prayer Meeting

'Exploring our faith together evenings', recommenced on Tuesday 9th January at 8.00pm at Roy and Etta Crowe's home and will continue to meet every Tuesday until further notice.

We would love to see new people coming along, everyone is invited both young and not so young.

Killeevan

Bereavements

Since the last notes for Killeevan Parish we have had the sad news of the death of Lyn Tierney, beloved daughter of Willie and Jean Genoe. Lyn grew up in the Parish and

lost her life at an early age, after a valiant battle against illness. We express every sympathy to the family.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the Hall family, Lissarley, on the passing of Jack, who was a very faithful and dedicated member of the Church and served on the Select Vestry for very many years. He was always to be found doing some necessary work around the Church and the size of his funeral bore testament to his stature in both the Parish and local community.

Illness

We are delighted that Jim Leghorn has made a wonderful recovery after a very serious illness. Also Mrs Mabel Keating is out of hospital and continues to improve. We will all miss Mabel in Killeevan now that she is residing in Lisnaskea.

Carol Service

Killeevan Parish held a Carol and Gift Day Service on Sunday 10th December. We were pleased to see such a large congregation from many different denominations who all joined in singing the carols led by Ballyreagh Silver Band. Lynda Lindsay, Stuart Gibson and Ballybay Country Gospel Group provided lovely seasonal musical renditions. The total amount raised from the Gift Service amounted to € 3,500 which will be used for Church funds. Thanks to everyone who supported our Parish.

Colaghty



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Services

4th February Holy Communion 11.30am
11th February Family Service 11.30am
14th February Evening Prayer Lent begins
8.00pm
18th February Morning Prayer 11.30am
25th February Morning Prayer 11.30am
25th February Praise Service 7.00pm
4th March Holy Communion 11.30am
11th March Family Service 11.30am
18th March Morning Prayer 11.30am
25th March Morning Prayer 11.30am
29th March Maundy Thursday 8.00pm
30th March Good Friday 8.00pm
1st April Easter Holy Communion 11.30am

Christian Baptism

26th November 2017 Ellie Jean and Annie Elizabeth Woods, twin daughters of Mark and Stephanie, Glen Road, Drumquin.
17th December 2017 George Nixon Armstrong, son of George and Alison, Stranahone, Lack

Christian Burial

28th November 2017 David Geoffrey Johnston, 1 Tirwinny Road, Lack

New Years' Eve

The New Year's Eve praise night was an enjoyable time of worship, fellowship and

food as parishioners and friends joined together to welcome in 2018. Music was led by 'Committed,' the rector gave the address, and the members of the Select Vestry sponsored the evening. We express sincere thanks to everyone for their help and support on the night and to the pipers and drummers for piping in the New Year. (Photo bottom of page)

Crosslinks



Trevor Watson of Crosslinks with some of the children who attended Autumn Soul in Bangor.

We were delighted to welcome Trevor Watson to our church in November where he gave an update on the missionary events that he is currently undertaking. He highlighted the percentage of those in Sweden who identify as Christian as 2%, a drop from 25% some years ago. Within his address, he challenged us as Christians, as parents of children with a quote 'what spiritual breathe we breath out, children take in', of our need to engage in discipleship. At the same service, a number of the young people with their leader gave an insight to their time at the Autumn Soul event in Bangor and of their experiences worshipping and sharing with others across the island as a whole. We express our thanks to our leaders for all they do and ask for your continued prayers for them, the children and young people and for Trevor and his family in Sweden.

Samaritans Shoe Box Appeal



Well filled shoeboxes for Samaritans shoebox appeal

The parish have again supported the annual appeal with 100 boxes being sent to the coordinator Mrs Irene Boyd. Parishioners gathered at the hall to pack the boxes following the donation of suitable items and donations towards toiletries etc. and postage costs. We express our sincere thanks to everyone who supported this annual appeal, and acknowledge May for wrapping our boxes in preparation for filling.

Gift Sunday

The Parish Gift day was held on Sunday 26th November. Sincere thanks are expressed to all who gave generously, which will help towards continual remedial repairs and further church activities.

Family Service



Children singing at the family service

The Sunday School family service on Sunday 10th December was held in the church hall, and a short sketch entitled 'The Christmas Committee' was performed by the children. A simple reminder that while we may meet in committees and thinking that we all are to some extent in charge, ultimately God is in charge.



He alone is sovereign over all things and what we have is from Him. The organist and children led the praise with others reading and offering prayers, while the teachers and leaders provided light refreshments after the service. Our thanks to all involved with the service preparation and for their continual sharing of God's word with our children and young people.

Christmas Carol Service



Enjoying the soup lunch

This year's service was held on Christmas Eve in the morning amidst a beautifully decorated church for the occasion. The service had a family appeal this year with the lessons being shared and read by family members of all ages. Many of the traditional carols and hymns were sung with the choir singing the Christmas Calypso. The rector spoke on a favourite children's hymn now closely associated with Christmas, "Once in Royal David's City." After the service, those

in attendance enjoyed a soup lunch with all proceeds going towards this year's Christian Aid Appeal. A sum of £465.28 was raised from donations and we express our thanks to everyone for supporting this appeal.



Enjoying the soup lunch

Thanks are extended to our chef, Derek Evans and for all who set up the hall, served, and cleared up afterwards.

Sunday School/CE party night



The CE and Sunday School party

This was an enjoyable night enjoyed by everyone in attendance, with Jason leading the activities with the children, young people and leaders. The Rector shared a very suitable message for the time of year. All enjoyed refreshments at the close of the night. Once again we thank all those who faithfully assist each week with children and youth activities within the parish family.

Praise Service

A praise service will be held on 25th February 2018 at 7.00pm with guest speaker, Revd Alison Calvin. The music will be provided by 'Committed' and light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall afterwards. Please put the date in your diary and plan to attend.

Many of the groups have held party nights over the Christmas period, among them, Bible Fellowship, Bowling Club, Women's Fellowship and Young@Heart group. For dates and times of clubs/groups or other activities, please check weekly notices for any changes or additions.

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Services

Sunday 4th Feburary

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

Sunday 11th Feburary

Derryvullen North, 10.30am Family Service
Castle Archdale, 11.45am Family Service

Sunday 18th Feburary

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

Sunday 25th Feburary

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

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is on 14th February and on this evening and on each Wednesday of Lent there will be a Service at 7.30pm in Derryvullen North Church.

Bowling Club

The Club will be having a couple of matches coming up in the near future – on Friday 19th January with Aghavea and on 6th February with St Macartan's. The Club always welcomes new members and no experience is necessary. If you would like to come just to try it please do come along to one of the regular Tuesday Club night (meeting at 8.00pm).

Boys' Brigade

The Junior Section will be taking part in the annual football competition at the end of January. We will be sharing the results in the next month's magazine.

Presentation Of Bible



The LOL Bible

One of the Derryvullen North Parishioners, Mr Robbie Johnston, had made a presentation to the Church, one that is of considerable historic significance. He is the last member of LOL 1270 and was in possession of the copy of the Scriptures used in the Lodge while it was still active and requested that the Church receive it and hold it. This Bible was presented to the Lodge in 28th January 1889 by the then Rector, the Rev Richard Verschoyle. It is now located in one of the display cabinets in St Tighernach's Church, Derryvullen North and the Rector plans to use this copy of the Holy Scriptures when the members of the Orange Order attend for their annual service later in the year.



Celebrating at the Margaret Wilson Awards

Margaret Wilson Awards

This is an annual feature of the Irvinestown community and is an evening to mark the valuable contribution of those who by volunteering give so much to the community. It is organised by the Irvinestown Community Partnership. It was held as usual in Mahon's Hotel, this year on 17th November. The Rector attended along with other local clergy and a good number of parishioners were represented in those who attended, in the nominations and in the Community Choir that contributed several pieces. It was an enjoyable and entertaining evening but also one that reminds us of the great work by volunteers in the churches and in the general community.

Christmas Updates

The children of the two parishes each made special Nativity Presentations at the morning services on 10th December. There were large congregations at each service and our thanks are due to all the Sunday School Leaders and the Young People for their work in preparing for these events. At Derryvullen there were gifts made by the children for the elderly and these were distributed by the Rector during the Home

Communions for Christmas and by Dr Margaret.

At the Turning on of the Christmas Lights in Lisnarick, two members of Castle Archdale Parish, Mr and Mrs Jeavons, were the special guests and carried out the switching on ceremony.

The Carol Services were held on the 3rd Sunday of Advent this year rather than the usual 4th Sunday due to the 4th Sunday of Advent falling on a Sunday. At Castle Archdale Parish we were joined by members of a Brass Ensemble organised by Organist, William McBride and at Derryvullen North there were special anthems by the Choir and a solo by Alice Stubbs. All of these music and choral contributions added a lot to the worship of these special services and was much appreciated by the congregations.

Christmas Fayre

The Derryvullen North Christmas Fayre, which was held on Saturday 2nd December, was a very successful occasion and raised a total of £3092.97. A lot of work was put in by a lot of people and this was all much appreciated. The new stall selling Christmas Holly Wreaths proved very popular and so much so that those who made them had to meet for a second time subsequent to the

Fayre to make more to fulfil the requests.



Mrs Edna Ferguson at the Craft Fayre

Comet

A number of people are going through the vetting and training process and once this is complete we plan to re-start the Comet Youth Group. Details of this will be made known in due course.

Mothers' Union

At the November meeting there was a very enjoyable flower arranging demonstration given by Irene Armstrong, assisted by Heather Clyde (both of Castle Archdale Parish). The members of the branch also used special reflections as part of a national campaign to highlight gender based violence.



Mrs Irene Armstrong

Youth Event

At the Family Service held at Derryvullen North on 14th January we were delighted to have a special presentation by Andrew Loane assisted by Lucy Sproule, Lucy Humes, Rachel Thompson, Nadine Hunter. Andrew was a leader at a Christian Youth Camp in Hungary in 2017 that was organised by our neighbour, Revd

Steve Foster of the Methodist Church. This is an annual event and sees young people from our local churches join with young people from Hungarian churches. Andrew explained that the daily routine consisted of morning prayers, study and discussion groups, sightseeing and social activities. At the Service, Andrew used a selection of photographs to illustrate the Camp. The Rector also spoke of such a time was a way for us to understand that the church is a worldwide fellowship that crosses all cultures and nationalities. At the same service a number of OCN certificates presented: to Leah Doherty, Nathan Graham, Scott Hughes, Josiah Johnston, Lucy Sproule, Lucy Humes, Nadine Hunter, Rachel Thompson. The presentations were made by Ethel Johnston who explained that the work had been carried out through the support of the Diocesan Youth Officer, Jonny Phenix.

70th Wedding Anniversary

Mr Geoffrey and Mrs Kathleen Jeavons, of Castle Archdale Parish, marked their 70th Wedding Anniversary in 2017 along with HM The Queen. This photograph shows them after the Sunday Morning Family Service on 14th January in St Patrick's Church. They never miss a Sunday and are valued members of the Parish and Community.

By the submission date for the magazine several of the January events will not have taken place and these will be noted in more detail in the next edition. These are:

- The Women's Group Fireside Auction Evening on 17th January
- The Citizens Dinner for Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale Parishes

on 23rd January. It will be held in Derryvullen North Hall and the meal will be by Saddlers Restaurant.

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

Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th February 8.00pm

The Faith and Friendship Inter-Church Bible Study meets in Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown. The passage for study will be John 8:1-11 which is an account of Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple and includes the words of Jesus "Let whoever is without sin cast the first stone." You do not need to be an expert in the Bible to attend. The evening is about expressing friendship with each other as the Bible passage is discussed. The evening includes time to chat over a cup of coffee. Anyone from any of our local Church denominations is welcome.

Tuesday 13th February at 2.00pm

The monthly meeting of the Tuesday Club will take place in Derryvullen North Parish Hall.

Wednesday 21st February

The Women's Group Meeting.

Wednesday 28th February at 8.15pm

The Mothers' Union will meet and the Rector will be giving a talk about prisons and prison ministry.

Friday 2nd March at 8.45pm

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be hosted this year by Derryvullen North Parish Church

Holy Baptism

9th January 2018, Masie Ann, daughter of Tara and Richard Taylor-Craig (Castle Archdale)

Holy Matrimony

22nd December 2017, Patricia Jane Kempton and Stanley Acheson Allingham (Derryvullen North)

Christian Burial

28th November 2017, Maud Spratt (Derryvullen North)

19th December 2017, John Mitchell (Castle Archdale)

28th December 2017, Sandra Hunter (Derryvullen North)

Derryvullen North Parish Church



Derryvullen South and Garvary



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11th February

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

18th February

10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary
12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen
South

25th February

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

4th March

10.30 Holy Communion Garvary
12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen
South

Christian Burial

On **Saturday 18th November 2017** the remains of Margaret Muriel Irvine, Fife, Scotland, formerly Glassdrumman, Lisnaskea, were interred in Derryvullen South churchyard. The service was conducted by the Revd Alan Capper, Lisnaskea.

On **Monday 20th November 2017** following a service in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, the remains of Elizabeth Rebecca Clarke nee South, Fivemiletown, formerly Tamlaght, were interred in the adjoining churchyard.

Elizabeth Rebecca (Betty) was born on Monday 1st September 1924 to Thomas and Rebecca South of Derrybeggs, Derryharney. She was one of a family of six and sadly she was predeceased by her four brothers. She attended the local primary school and when she met and married her husband William, apart from the time when they were caretakers of Ballindarragh School, she settled down

to rear the family to which she devoted her full attention. Her upbringing within a country environment meant that she had a great love of animals and especially dogs. In later life she enjoyed the company of her pet dog Sussie. She loved gardens and flowers and the simple pleasures in life. Betty and William took the family on many enjoyable holidays in the caravanette to places such as Portrush. About 20 years ago she moved with her husband William from Ballindarragh to Tamlaght. She was a very quiet lady not wishing to be a bother to anyone and God granted her a long and healthy life. She was of course very fond of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and they in turn cared for her. We extend sympathy to her five children, Violet, Hilda, Derek, Margaret and Sandra, her grandchildren, her great grandchildren and her sister Martha.

On Saturday **9th December 2017** the Funeral Service for Robert Henry Kenny, Tamlaght, took place in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, followed by interment in the adjoining churchyard. Robert Henry (Harry), was born to William and Elizabeth Kenny on Thursday 3rd December 1931 at Killygrania, Tamlaght, the sixth of eight children, four of whom were predeceased, William, Hugh, Jean and Jim. He was baptised on 27th December 1931 by Chancellor McFarland. After his education under Miss Howell at Tamlaght Primary School, Harry worked for Gracey Brothers' Limited, both in Enniskillen and Lisburn until they closed. He brought not only eggs to the houses he visited but also chat and camaraderie. He loved to meet people and socialise. He asked how they were and offered help if needed. He worked as a groundsman in the Government Training Centre in Enniskillen for 22 years and maintained friendship with former work colleagues with whom he was able to share happy memories. His last place of employment was at Necarne Estate in Irvinestown where he undertook security duties for 12 years. He also had a part-time job collecting meal bags for Bibby's but it was as much the social contact than anything else. He enjoyed gardening, maintaining it, the grounds and the house in immaculate condition helped at times by his grand nephews. In his younger day he rode a Velocette motorbike and looked forward to attending the North West 200 at Portrush. At one time he delivered cars

for T P Toppings. He always had a new car which he kept in pristine condition; it was typical of his general character. Most of all he was a great family man and was particularly kind to his mother taking her to visit family or for a walk up Topped Mountain even in her early nineties, something which would be a challenge to a much younger person today. His long membership of the Loyal Orders and his lifelong support for his local parish church was appreciated.

On **Wednesday 3rd January 2018** the remains of William Desmond McKeown, Tattygar Road, Tamlaght were interred in Derryvullen South churchyard. The service was conducted by the Revd Mark Durrell, Lisbellaw Methodist church.

Bereavements

We extend sympathy to all who have been bereaved including Ronnie Phair, Glenda Black and Raymond Funston on the death of Mrs Ivy Funston nee Clarke, Fivemiletown, formerly Largy; Raymond Funston on the death of his cousin, Robert Ellison, Fivemiletown; Violet McVitty, on the death of her sister, Mrs Doris Moore, Bangor; Audrey Moorhead, on the death of her uncle, Jim Coalter, Enniskillen; Alison Graham, on the death of her grandfather, Eric Walmsley, Kesh; Emily McLaughlin, on the death of her mother Mrs Flora Roberts, Kesh; and Tommy Armstrong, on the death of his sister, Mrs Eileen Trimble, Manchester. Many of our parishioners have had children attending Lisbellaw Primary School during the time of the present Principal, Mrs Ingrid Logan, and on their behalf we extend sympathy to Mrs Logan on the death of her mother Mrs Violet Wood, Enniskillen.

MU Quiz

Our thanks to Betty Little for a very successful Christmas Quiz which realised a total of £275. The first prize was won by Ena Morrow, Fivemiletown. The second prize was awarded to Mae Eames who kindly returned her money to MU funds. The next branch meeting takes place in Derryvullen South parish hall on Monday 19th February 2018 at 8 pm when the focus will be on the important subject of CPR and First Aid. Members are encouraged to mark the beginning of Lent by attending the Ash Wednesday Penitential Service on Wednesday 14th February 2018 at 8 pm in Derryvullen South parish church. The service will be led by Mr John Irvine.

Bowls

Garvary's annual Bowling Club Tournament takes place during the week commencing Monday 26th February 2018. Any queries please get in touch with Miss Hilda Lucy 02889541267.

Clothes For Clobber

Hilda is organising another fundraising event by gathering up secondhand

clothing. Please keep this in mind. The collection will take place from Garvary parish hall on Tuesday 20th March 2018. Details regarding when to leave bags of clothing at the parish hall will be published shortly.

Congratulations

Well done to Miss Catherine Graham, Ballintarson, presently studying

medicine, who was recently awarded an MSc in Child Care by Queen's University, Belfast.

Retirement

On Sunday 7th January 2018 Chancellor Stewart announced his decision to retire stating that Sunday 11th February 2018 would be his last Sunday in his 41st year of ministry.

Devenish & Boho



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

Sunday 11th

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

Sunday 18th

10.am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 25th

10am Family Service, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Family Service, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Burial

Wednesday 3rd January 2018. Mary Jane Rees, Kookaburra Cottage, Monea. The funeral service in Devenish Parish Church was conducted by the Revd

Sampson Ajuka followed by the burial in the adjoining graveyard

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Rees' daughter Karen, her son-in-law Gary, her grandchildren Katie, Jane and Charlie and the wider family circle

Sympathy

We also extend our sympathy to our former rector, Canon Derek Kerr on death of his mother, Jean

Baptism

Sunday 26th November 2017 in Devenish Parish Church. Ruby Lindsay, daughter of Leroy and Wendy Lindsay.

We remember in our prayers Ruby, her parents and godparents, her brother and sister and her grandparents.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 14th February 2018 and there will be a service in Devenish Parish Church at 8.00pm. During Lent midweek services will alternate between Devenish and Boho churches.

Christmas Services

Boho Carol Service was held on the evening of Sunday 10th December. The readers were Enid Redmond, Marion Saunderson, Danny Redmond, Innes Redmond, Trevor Irwin, Trevor Smith, Albert Cluff, and Revd Sampson Ajuka. The organist was Kathleen Irwin. After the service a lovely supper was served to the congregation.

Devenish Sunday School Christmas Service

We wish to thank Devenish Parish Sunday School children and their leaders for their Christmas Service; 'Ready Steady Christmas.' It was good to see all members participating. Thanks to Emma Little, Kathryn Haskins, Gemma Elliott, Rachel Cathcart, Jacob McHugh, Aerin Daley, Sophie Collum, Maisie Cathcart, Michael Fox, Jason Elliott, Joseph Giles, Nathan Ferguson and Dylan Fox for their excellent performance. Awards

for church attendance were given out during the service.

Devenish Carol Service

Devenish Carol Service was held on the evening of Sunday 18th December. The choir sang a number of carols including **The Colours of Christmas, The Christmas Lullaby** and **O Holy Night**. The readers were Norma Ferguson, Emma Little, Keith Little, Kay McKeown, Raymond Bell, Stewart Hassard, David Scott, Dorothy Scott, and Joan Cathcart. Special thanks to the choir and organist, Mrs. Gill Spence for their musical contributions. After the service the congregation enjoyed tea and fellowship in the Reade Hall.

Holy Communion Services were held on Christmas Eve in Devenish and on Christmas Day in both Devenish and Boho.

Sunday School Party

The Sunday school children had a very enjoyable party on Monday 18th December. Thanks to the Sunday school teachers who organised it and to Santa Claus, who appeared as usual.

Devenish and Boho Mothers' Union

As these are our first notes for 2018 we would like to wish everyone a peaceful and blessed New Year.

On Thursday 26th October Georgina and Carole attended the Autumn Council Meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Church, Dromore.

A number of our members and parishioners attended Inishmacsaint Mothers' Union Visitors' Night on Monday 27th November to hear Maud Kells, a missionary midwife from Cookstown, speak on how she had helped spread the word of God to the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo and how she had survived a terrible shooting incident which nearly took her life. It was wonderful to hear the story of how Maud had become a Christian and how the Lord had directed her to Bible College and into missionary life and why the words

of Psalm 23, The Lord is my Shepherd, mean so much to her. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a lovely supper. On Tuesday 28th November we attended the Prayer Vigil in Lisbellaw Parish Church to hear a member of the PSNI Domestic Abuse and Vulnerable Adult Team speak on domestic violence. Instead of a collection each person attending was asked to donate items to Women's Aid, which had an overwhelming response. It was lovely to welcome senior members of our community to the Reade Hall on Saturday 2nd December for a Christmas dinner and party. Thank you to everyone who helped with this event in particular our members and ladies of the parish who worked tirelessly in the kitchen, the Henderson family for their beautiful singing during the meal, Robert Wilson who played a selection of Carols and familiar tunes on

the accordion and to our parishioners, Paul, Vivienne and Pearl who provided a variety of entertainment. No Christmas party would be complete without the arrival of Santa - so thank you Santa (Mervyn) for travelling to the Reade Hall with your sack full of treats. A group of members and parishioners went Carol Singing to the Tilery and Graan Nursing Homes on Wednesday 13th December. Residents chose their favourite Carols and those who were able joined in the singing. Our annual Dinner will be held in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Tuesday, 20th February at 7.30 pm. This is always a relaxing evening when we can enjoy good food and fellowship so please bring along a friend.

Select Vestry

The Select Vestry wish to extend their thanks to members of the Mothers' Union and the ladies of the Parish for the excellent work in preparing and organising the Christmas Dinner and party for the senior citizens of the community. The service was of the highest standard and there was excellent feedback from the wider community. As a parish we must always appreciate the work and dedication of the Mothers' Union and the ladies of the parish in the work that they do. The Select Vestry also wishes to thank the men who tidied around the hall prior to Senior citizens' party.

Flower Rota

The Select Vestry wish to thank everyone that put their name on the Flower Rota for providing flowers in the church.

Donacavey and Barr



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Services

Sunday, 4th February: The second Sunday before Lent

Barr: 10.00am Holy Communion followed by Sunday school.

Donacavey 11:30am Holy Communion & Sunday School.

Sunday, 11th February: The Sunday before Lent

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer followed by Sunday school.

Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer & Sunday School.

Ash Wednesday service, including Holy Communion, on 14th February at 8pm in Donacavey church.

Sunday, 18th February: The First Sunday in Lent

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer followed by Sunday school.

Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer & Sunday School.

Sunday, 25th February: The Second Sunday in Lent

Barr: 10.00am Service of the Word.

Donacavey 11:30am Service of the Word.

Sunday, 4th March: The Third Sunday in Lent

Barr: 10.00am Holy Communion followed by Sunday school.

Donacavey 11:30am Holy Communion & Sunday School.

Sunday, 11th March: The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer followed by Sunday school.

Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer & Sunday School.



Some of the team behind the Craft Fair

Sunday, 18th March: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer followed by Sunday school.
Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer & Sunday School.

Sunday, 25th March: Palm Sunday.

Barr: 10.00am Service of the Word.
Donacavey 11:30am Service of the Word.

Congratulations

Emily Rebecca Davies who was baptised on New Year's Eve. Continue to pray for her and her parents Ian and Rhonda as they seek to bring Emily up in the knowledge of our Saviour.

Craft Fair



These young people admiring the lovely toys at the Craft Fair

Our Craft Fair was held on Saturday 25th November. Thanks to everyone who came and supported this event. Thanks also to the stall holders who brought such a wide variety of excellent items.



An iced cake is sold at the Craft Fair



One of the toys for sale



Admiring the decorations



The Rector admires some of the beautiful crafts

Thanks to the team of people who baked and provided the lovely food on the day. Over £1,900 was raised.

Police Male Voice Choir

We were delighted to welcome the Police Male Voice Choir to Donacavey for a concert on Friday 3rd of November. The evening met expectations of a wonderful time of music and song.

St Eugene's Band

St Eugene's came along to Donacavey on 17th December and played some wonderful tunes. One of our parishioner's, Derick Mehaffey, sang a few favourite hymns and songs and Nadia and Laura from Germany, who are doing a year out working with young people near Omagh, sang 'Silent Night' in German. A total of £670 was collected and passed on to the work of Open Doors.

Donacavey Parish Church presented 'Fashion show meets Music' by Tom Morrow and Derrick Mehaffey

On Tuesday 14th November in the Silver Birches Hotel, Omagh. This evening was very well supported and raised over £1,800. Thanks to all those who helped organize this event, especially Florrie Telford.

Enjoying a cup of tea at the Craft Fair



Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Services

Sunday 4th February, 2018 The second Sunday before Lent

10.30 am Donagh Parish Church – A Celebration of Holy Communion

12.00 noon Tyholland Parish Church – A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 11th February, 2018 The Sunday before Lent

10.30 am Donagh Parish Church – Morning Prayer

12.00 noon Errigal Truagh Parish Church – A Celebration of Holy Communion.

Sunday 18th February, 2018 The First Sunday in Lent

10.30 am Donagh Parish Church Morning Prayer

12.00 noon Tyholland Parish Church – Morning Prayer

Sunday 25th February, 2018 The Second Sunday in Lent

10.30 am Donagh Parish Church – Morning Prayer

12.00 noon Errigal Truagh Parish Church – Morning Prayer

Month of December

The month of December was exceptionally busy in the group of parishes. The Winter's Tale held on the 18th and 19th December was a resounding success. Thanks to Ethne, the Junior and Senior choir, to the musicians and Dean Raymond for the part they played in making it such an enjoyable occasion. Thanks also to the Sunday school teachers and Ethne for their hard work and preparation with regard to the Sunday School Nativity Play. It was a great occasion with the young people playing a leading role.



Revd Betty Thompson with the Sunday School children from the Donagh Group of Parishes who took part in a Nativity play entitled "Shepherds, Sheep and a Saviour" on Christmas Eve morning.

Ash Wednesday Service

This will take place in Donagh Parish Church on 14th February at 8.00 pm.

Sympathy

We offer our prayerful support to Daisy Montgomery, her husband David and the wider family circle on the death of Daisy's Mother.

Burial

Sadly Gladys Sharpe died on Sunday 7th January. A service of thanksgiving for her life was held in Tyholland Parish Church on Wednesday 10th January. We offer our prayerful support to her family and friends.

At the enrolment of the Girls' Brigade in Glaslough with the Leader, Margaret Dudgeon.



Tyholland Parish Church

Best wishes and congratulations to Doris and Ronnie Wilson on the birth of a lovely Grandson and to Elizabeth and Wilfie Garland on the birth of a lovely Granddaughter.

Thanks

This is the last magazine notes I will write for the Donagh Group of Parishes. My thanks to the parishioners for their support to me during my time with them. I wish them God's blessing in the future as they begin a new chapter of ministry within the group.

Dromore



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4th February

9.00am HC 2, "Follow me" (Mark 2:13-22)
11.00am S o W, "Calling ALL" (Mark 2:13-17)

11th February

11.00am MP 2, "Challenge & Opposition"
(Mark 2:18-3:6)

Wed 14th February

8.00pm HC 2, "I AM the Bread of Life" (John
6:25-66)

18th February

11.00am HC 2, "Fan or Follower" (Mark
3:7-34)
7.30pm Praise & Ministry Service

25th February

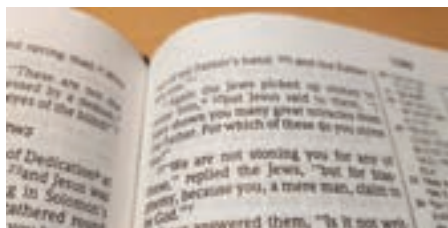
11.00am MP 2, "...the Kingdom of God is
like..." (Mark 4:21-34)

Wed 28th February

8.00pm, "I AM the Light of the World" (John
8:12-30)

S o W – Service of the Word
HC 2 – Holy Communion, Form 2
MP 2 – Morning Prayer, Form 2

Is Jesus God?



There is more confusion around the person of Jesus Christ than any other figure in human history. While most people readily accept that Jesus was a man, many will become angry if you claim that He is more than a man.

But was He? And if so, what's the evidence? First, Jesus understood himself to be divine. He claimed to be the eternal "I am" (compare Exodus 3:14 and John 8:58). He claimed equality with God (John 5:18; 10:30-33). He openly accepted worship (Matthew

14:33; John 9:38; 20:28) and often referred to himself as the 'Son of Man', a title that Daniel says of '...all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him.' (Daniel 7:13-14). He forgave sin (Matthew 9:2; Luke 7:47-48). He even expected His disciples to pray in His name (John 14:13-14). He told the Pharisees; "if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins." (John 8:24, NIV 1984). Second, the disciples believed Jesus was divine. Thomas called Him God (John 20:28). John wrote, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). Matthew referred to Jesus as "Immanuel," which means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). Paul wrote of Jesus, "For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form" (Colossians 2:9). And that is just a mere sampling. Third, God the Father recognized the divinity of Christ. In Hebrews 1:8 we read, 'But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever."' In this verse the Father calls Jesus, His Son, "God." Pretty powerful! Finally, the early church believed Jesus was divine. This is seen through their writings and creedal documents such as the Nicene and Chalcedonian Creeds. For example, the Chalcedonian Creed of AD 451 exclaims that Jesus is "truly God and truly man." That is to say that He is one person with two natures: human and divine. He's man, and He's more than a man. He's the God-man. That's the story of Jesus, attested to by His disciples, the Father, and church history. It's the message that we should give with confidence to those around us. (adapted from YouVersion Bible Plan, 'One Minute Apologist "Who is Jesus?," Day 1)

Holy Trinity, Dromore, Fields of Life – The Next Step...

Holy Trinity Fields of Life Committee has decided to embark on another project with Fields of Life in another area of Uganda. Nyakagyera Primary School is an Anglican School and is located in the Kabale District, South West Uganda. The school was constructed in 2004 and consists of three classroom blocks. There are 14 teachers and 289 children.



There are 66 children sponsored. Staff accommodation is currently one block of

two rooms made of wattle and mud and the latrines are very old with only one block of four stances.



Pupils at Nyakagyera Primary School

The project urgently needed at this school is a dormitory facility for girls. The Committee has decided to fundraise £35,000 for the construction of a 50-bed dormitory as the school has no boarding facilities.



Pupils at Nyakagyera Primary School

This is a huge undertaking but we know that with God's help we can succeed!



Teachers at Nyakagyera Primary School

The Committee plan to send a team in 2019 to oversee and partake in this project and there will be opportunities for the team to help with the following:

- Working in the community – outreach
- Finishing off the new building project
- Helping out in the school – help teachers
- Girls and boys hygiene programme
- Working with the children – organise games
- Make or install playground equipment
- Maintenance work at the school
- New school books for the children and teachers materials
- Provide soaps, basins, tooth brushes, tooth paste, etc.

You will hear about our fundraising events over the next year and we thank all those who continue to support our projects and to those who help us with fundraising events.

If you would like more information or make a donation contact Gordon Deazley (Team Leader) on 028 8289 8005 or email gdeazley@btinternet.com
To volunteer on a short-term mission trip with Fields of Life is an excellent way to experience the East African culture, meet new people and the experience is rewarding and unforgettable! For more information visit www.fieldsoflife.org



Life at Nyakagyera Primary School.

Prayer Points

- For our old school Hope Life Primary School, our new project Naykagyera Primary School and the head teacher Jovent Musiime
 - Our trip in 2019
 - Fund raising target £35 /£40k
 - For the next FoL Team Members
- “Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.



Life at Nyakagyera Primary School.

There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be open-minded towards the poor and needy in your land.” Deuteronomy 15:11
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Gospel Concert in aid of Fields of Life



Revd David McBeth.

We will be holding a Gospel Concert on Saturday 24th March 2018 @ 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 in next month’s Diocesan Magazine and on Facebook.

Praise and Ministry Service, 25th Feb @ 7.30pm

This all-age service (normally on the 4th Sunday of the month) is more informal and may vary in format from month to month. Opportunity will be given within the service to receive prayer ministry for anything (including healing). Come along and enjoy a less liturgical style of worship, learn some of the new songs that the Church is being blessed with and grow in your passion for God, His Word and His Works. There will be tea and coffee afterwards.

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)

Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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Services

4th February

10.00 am Templecarne MP
11.30 am Drumkeeran HC
7.00 pm Dernasesk

11th February

10.00 am Muckross HC
11.30 am Drumkeeran MP

18th February

10.00 am Templecarne HC
11.30 am Drumkeeran MP

25th February

11.00 am Group Service of Holy Communion.

Celebrant – The bishop.

This service on 25th February will mark the end of the ministry of Venerable Cecil Pringle in the Drumkeeran group of parishes. The Revd Charles Eames, presently assisting in Magheracross Parish, will commence ministry in the Drumkeeran group on 1st March. Full details in the next Magazine.

Christmas Communions

There were Communion Services in all three churches in the group for Christmas, in Drumkeeran and Templecarne on Christmas Eve and in Muckross on Christmas morning. The collection which will be given to the Bishops’ Appeal for World Hunger was generously supported. Thanks to all who contributed.

In the period leading up to Christmas a number of housebound parishioners

and those in Care Homes received the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you know someone in a Care Home, particularly someone who once worshipped in the group of parishes, or someone known to you, perhaps you could drop in from time to time for a chat so that they might be assured that they have not been forgotten.

Carol Services

Carol Services were held as follows. In Dernasesk on 3rd, in Muckross on 10th and in Templecarne and Drumkeeran on 17th. Thanks to the organisers, readers, organists and all who participated. And thanks to those who added Christmas decorations in each of the churches, giving a more Christmas feel for the special services.

Children’s Service

A Children’s Carol Service was held in Drumkeeran Church on 10th December, followed by a light lunch in the Parochial Hall. The Sunday School children and their teachers conducted the service. And they did exceptionally well. Thanks

to the teachers and children who not only prepared for the service but also created and arranged magnificent Christmas decorations in the church which were greatly admired over the Christmas season. And they prepared and served lunch in the hall after the service. Thanks to Santa who came to the Hall bearing gifts. Sunday school resumed on 7th January after the Christmas break. There will be no Sunday School on 18th February due to school half-term. Classes will break for Easter with a Children's Palm Sunday service on 25th March, resuming again on 15th April.

Holy Baptism

Sunday 10th December at the Carol Service in Muckcross, Elsie Elizabeth Lowry, daughter of William and Leah Lowry, 82 Letter Road, Kesh, was baptised. The numbers at the normal services in Muckcross are small. For Elsie's baptism there was a great gathering of family and friends for the service, a five-fold increase! We pray that God will be with Elsie, with her parents and godparents and with all who will have an influence on her in the days and years to come.

Christian Burial

Before Christmas three parishioners from the group of parishes passed to their eternal reward.

Dale Robert John Lyttle, Tullyhommon, Kesh, son of William and Laura, died suddenly on 26th November, aged 48, and after service in Templecarne Parish Church on 29th, was laid to rest in the adjoining graveyard. During his late teens Dale involved in a motor accident. Despite the handicap from that accident he lived an active life and was involved in various activities. Our sympathy

to his parents William and Laura, and the wider family circle.

Gladys Shaw, 16 Roscolban Meadows, Kesh, died on 5th December and after funeral service in Templecarne church was laid to rest in the adjoining graveyard on 8th December. Gladys had been a lifelong parishioner of Templecarne and had been a member of the Select Vestry and Parochial Treasurer up to the end. We express our sympathy with the family circle.

Alice Fitzpatrick, Letterkeen, Kesh, a lifelong member of Drumkeeran, died on 6th December and after the Service in Drumkeeran Church, was laid to rest in Sydare Cemetry on Saturday 9th beside where her husband Norman was buried in 2007. Alice Fitzpatrick was a most faithful member of Drumkeeran Church throughout all her life. In her time she was a member of the Select Vestry, a Sunday School teacher, a member of the Guides and Ladies Group. Until a few weeks before she died, she was in church every Sunday. She was a lovely person. To her daughter Norma, son-in-law Gordon, grandsons Alistair and Gregg, and to the wider family we extend our sympathy.

Shoebox Appeal

Each year Mrs Irene Boyd makes a magnificent effort with the Shoebox Appeal, sending Christmas Boxes to children in need. Thanks to all who help Irene with the sorting, preparation and packaging. Thanks to all who contribute to the appeal from within the group of parishes and from far beyond. Thanks to the men who came along on 7th December for the loading of the container truck. This year there were 4820 boxes sent off to children in Ukraine. This means that there were 4820 children in

Ukraine who without the Shoe Box Appeal might not have had any Christmas gift. In this part of the world, despite the gloomy forecasts that come from time to time, we all live most comfortably. This practical reaching out by the Shoe Box Appeal to less fortunate children is to be warmly commended. As a parish we feel honoured to be associated with the project. Again, a special 'Thank You' to Irene. The collection at the Carol Service in Tubrid Orange Hall on 17th December was given to the Shoebox Appeal to help with the associated costs.

Party

Each year the Pettigo Community Association organise a New Year's Dinner and Entertainment Party for Senior Citizens. This year it was held on 4th January. It is always a most pleasant event with delightful food and enjoyable entertainment. It is great to see such excellent community participation, people coming together to share in this way. Thanks to the organisers and to those who fund the event.

Lent

This year Lent begins on 14th February. Ash Wednesday service in Drumkeeran Church at 8.00 pm.

Cover

Thanks to the clergy of Ardess who provided emergency pastoral cover from 26th to 30th December and to the Rev Alan Irwin for his help.

Advance Notice

A service of Confirmation has been arranged to take place in Drumkeeran Parish Church on Sunday 21st October at 11.00 am

Muckross Parish Church



Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aghnamullen and Drum

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Services

Sunday 4th February

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

Sunday 11th February

9.45am Aghnamullen MP
11.00am Dartrey MP

Sunday 18th February

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

Sunday 25th February

9.45am Aghnamullen HC
11.00am Dartrey HC

Drum

A Night of Carols took place on Friday 8th December 2017 featuring Killeshandra Group Choir and the Sunday school children.

Farewell

on the 29th October we said farewell to Revd Margaret Pringle as she moved to Aghavea Parish. After two years with us we will miss her and wish her God's blessing in her new parish.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the older Sunday school children who won third place in Archdeacon Ruddell Prize. The theme was The 10 Commandments. Well done to Ellie Lancashire Dugan, Chloe Reilly, Shakira Stewart, Thomas Wilkin, Jasmine Doyle and Zoe Wilkin. Certificates were presented by Revd Margaret at her last service in Drum.

Baptism

Baptism, we welcome little James Martin Doyle into God's family on October 1, sending God's blessing to mum and dad Louise and Martin, and his big sisters Jasmine and Chloe.

Mothers' Union

Last meeting was 26th October where Sharon Lancashire gave a talk about local charity, Bravery Blanky, a charity set up by a mother of a child with cancer to supply cosy crotchet/knit blankets to children with cancer. They also accept crotchet/knit hats. As well as these they appeal for little baby bodysuits with cotton pockets sewed on the front to hold the bag of chemo safe while it is administered during their cancer treatment, and cotton bags called freddy bags used for bigger children and teenagers during treatment. Sharon had examples of these with her that she had sewed and is near ready for donating. She has asked if the Mothers union members would like to donate a packet or two of bodysuits to the charity that she will do the sewing part and donate them in on behalf of the MU. Shirley Stewart thanked Revd Margaret for her support and assistance in the MU during her time in the group, and wished her well in her new parish.

October 2017 Parish barbecue

The annual steak barbecue was jointly hosted this year by Parishes of Aghnamullen and Drum. It was held in Drum Hall on 19th August. It was very well supported with lots of friends and families from the local area and some travelling quite a distance to enjoy a steak supper. Music on the night was from John, Jason and Gordon who provided the entertainment while everyone enjoyed the food and the socialising afterwards. We thank everyone who helped in any way to make this event such a success. It involves a lot of work but there was a great team effort. Proceeds of the night was donated to the local charity 'Monaghan Cancer Treatment Support' who provide and assist cancer patients with transport to hospital appointments/treatment appointments. It is not funded in any way other than voluntary donations like this. We

had the pleasure of having Mary Jo Earley from Monaghan Cancer Treatment Support group with us in Drum at our harvest to receive the cheque of €1225. She spoke of how this money would be used and was so grateful to all those involved.

Harvest

As mentioned above our Harvest in Drum was the first of the group on September 3. Our guest speaker was Revd Stanley of Stewart of Clones Presbyterian Group. It was his first visit to Drum even though he lives only six miles away, may it be the first of many! Mary Jo Earley received the proceeds of the parish barbecue on the night. Sincere thanks to Revd Margaret for conducting the service and Revd Stewart for preaching. Also thank you to everyone to attended the service and to all those who prepared and decorated the church.

Mothers' Union

Some branch members and some non-members had the great opportunity to be part of 'The MU Big Sing' in The National Concert Hall in Dublin on September 9. After tickets were purchased last November it was a long wait but worth waiting on! It was a wonderful experience to join in the singing of the MU favourite hymns along with the choir of MU members who only met that morning for the first time, and led by very talented musicians. As well as the singing it was lovely to hear of the work that the MU does worldwide and hearing from families closer to home on our own little island. A truly lovely day out! Sunday school has started again and as our children resume their studies at both school and Sunday school, we pray God will bless them and their teachers as they start new classes and move on the secondary school.



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Enniskillen Cathedral



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Services

Sunday 4th February: The Second Sunday before Lent

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

Thursday 8th February

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 11th February: The Sunday before Lent

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

Wednesday 14th February: Ash Wednesday

7.30pm – Penitential Service with Holy Communion

Thursday 15th February

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 18th February: The First Sunday in Lent

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

Wednesday 21st February

7.30pm - Compline

Thursday 22nd February

11.00am – Holy Communion
1.05pm – Healing Service - Iona Room,
Cathedral Hall

Sunday 25th February: The Second Sunday in Lent

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

Wednesday 28th February

7.30pm - Compline

Holy Baptism

3rd December - Molly Eva Armstrong

Christian Burial

18th November – John James (Jim)
Coalter, 11 Aughaward Road, Enniskillen,
formerly Derrychara, Enniskillen.

13th January - Iris Winifred Josephine
Thompson, 35 Derrychara Park, Enniskillen.

19th January - Ian Campbell Bailey. MB, BCh,
BAO, FRCS Boa Island, Co Fermanagh.

Burial of Ashes
(Cathedral Garden of Remembrance)

27th December - Julie Sharon Jones (nee
McBrien) formerly Killynure Park, Enniskillen.

Midweek Services

The Dean of St Macartin's is offering opportunities for busy parishioners to consider a short Midweek service (see below). He also wants to encourage non parishioners and town shoppers to attend, pause from a busy world outside and find spiritual refreshment. All are welcome!

Thursdays at 11.00am

Service of Holy Communion (30 minutes)
Followed by a cup of tea/coffee

Wednesdays at 7.30pm

Begins on Ash Wednesday 14th February –
Penitential Service with Holy Communion
Then short 30 minute service every
Wednesday (7.30pm – 8.00pm) during Lent.
I was glad when they said unto me 'Let us
go into the House of the Lord'
Psalm 122:1

Lenten Project – Mission Focus

Mothers' Union Overseas Fund



One of the aims of Mothers' Union is 'to help those whose family life has met with adversity.' The Mothers' Union Relief Fund is founded upon this principle. It enables grassroots Mothers' Union members to be a source of hope in their local communities when emergencies strike, wherever they find themselves in the world. When an emergency situation suddenly destabilises family life – either natural disaster or man-made conflict – local Mothers' Union groups can receive a grant from the Relief Fund which helps them provide support to meet the most urgent needs facing communities. Grants are sent quickly to equip the local Mothers' Union to respond as fast as possible to meet these needs, using local resources. By equipping our members to respond right at the heart of the affected region, we are often one of the first agencies to deliver effective relief. Mothers' Union works with communities that are vulnerable to either conflict or climate change to prepare for potential disasters. In South Sudan, prior to the outbreak of conflict in 2013, the Mothers' Union and the Church were trained in disaster preparedness. When the conflict broke out, many congregations on the Ethiopian border mobilised their members and together, they walked to Ethiopia to safety. In Tanzania, the Mothers' Union in 2015 in the Diocese of Tarime helped families create kitchen gardens to ensure that families can survive through drought periods. In the dioceses in the Central belt of Tanzania they are exploring how to compensate for the lack of rainfall that leads to poor crop growth and famine. In many areas the Mothers' Union act as the health service, the social service, as the education service and have trained project workers in many spheres! This Lenten Season we as the Parish of Enniskillen are going to support this vital work. Please take a Lenten Box and return it during Holy Week. 'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.' (2nd Corinthians 9:7)

Messy Church

On 21st December, we had a special Christmas Messy Church. In order to celebrate Jesus' birthday, we made Him cards and presents, and then walked by candlelight from the hall up the steps to the cathedral. The organist and choir were there to help us sing a few carols, and the chancel step had been recreated as a Nativity scene complete with hay. (We were relieved that the 'sheep poo' was really just dried dates!) We heard the Christmas story, and then returned to the Cathedral Halls for party games and food. Santa dropped by with an early Christmas gift for the children, including a copy of 'The Greatest Journey'. Messy Church took a break in January, and is back on February 15th from 4-6 pm. Our theme is Messy Valentine's – God's love. Messy Church is aimed at primary age children, but younger children are also welcome. Every child must be accompanied by an adult, and every adult has to attend with a child. You don't have to be a parishioner of the Cathedral to attend – all welcome! If you have special requirements such as accessibility and would like to let us know beforehand, you can email Revd Chris at criostoir316@gmail.com.

The programme for the rest of this school year is:

Feb. 15th – Messy Valentine's Day

Mar. 17th – Messy St. Patrick's

Apr. 19th – Messy Earth Day

May 17th – Messy Ascension

June 21st – Messy Sports Day & BBQ

Confirmation

Twenty of our young people continue to prepare for Confirmation this spring. As we get into February, we start work on our portfolios – a folder containing evidence of what we've learned along the way. This portfolio will contain work sheets, posters, project work and other evidence that each candidate is ready to be confirmed. So when the Bishop asks the Cathedral clergy during the service 'Have these persons been carefully prepared in their understanding of the Christian faith?', we can look at the portfolios as evidence and answer 'I believe they have.'

Classes run in February on Monday 5th and Monday 12th, from 6.30-7.30 pm in the Upper Room, Cathedral Halls. We take off Monday 19th for Half-term, and on Monday 26th we have Xplore (see below).

Xplore ... When I Grow Up!

How do I know what God's plan is for my life? Which subjects should I pick? Are there some jobs Christians shouldn't do? What if I fail? I'm so confused!!!

Young people in Years 9+ are invited to Xplore on 26th February, 6.30-8.30 in the Upper Room.

As well as the usual snacks and games, we are going to Xplore ... When I Grow Up! A short Christian introduction to choosing school subjects and careers, and generally finding our place in the wider world.

Feel free to bring a friend. It's especially fun to catch up with the Confirmation Class of 2017! If you have any questions, or to let us know about special requirements (dietary, accessibility), email Rev Chris at criostoir316@gmail.com.

Pilgrim

Dates in February are Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 20th. We meet from 7.30 – 9 pm in the Devenish Room over coffee and nibbles, and then explore ways in which we might deepen our Christian faith.

As we will be starting a new booklet this month, it's the perfect time to return if you haven't been in a while, or to start for the first time.

Mothers' Union

Members attended the first meeting of 2018 on Monday 8th January 2018.

A service of Holy Communion was celebrated by Dean Hall.

The AGM followed with Dean Hall presiding. The annual reports were presented by the Hon Secretary, Sally Masterson; Hon Treasurer, Eleanor Lynn and Overseas Representative, Jennifer Johnston. All officers were re-elected as follows - Stephanie Hamilton, Branch Leader/ Enrolling member; Sally Masterson, Hon Secretary; Valerie Thompson, Assistant Secretary; Eleanor Lynn Hon Treasurer, and Jennifer Johnston, Overseas Representative.

Committee - Avril Kee, Estelle Latimer, Hazel Hunter, Margaret Owens, Myrtle Irvine, Joyce Stewart and Stephanie Hall.

The Dean and Branch Leader, Stephanie Hamilton spoke on mental health and advised everyone to communicate and support each other. The meeting closed with the Mother's Union prayer.

The next meeting is on Monday 12th February at 8.00pm with "All Sorts" of Activity.

Tuesday Club

Dean Hall opened the November meeting with a reading from Psalm 121 and prayer. A warm welcome was extended to dietitian, Claire Holmes who gave a most interesting and informative talk, with the aid of slides on the importance of 'Healthy Eating', outlining foods and vegetables necessary to maintain the 5B's—Blood, Brain, Bones, Bowels and

Belly. This was followed by a question and answer session. Afternoon tea brought a most enjoyable afternoon to a close.

Members attended the 60+ Christmas Party in December. We are grateful to all who arranged the evening.

The speaker is Andrew Humphreys who will advise on "General Water Use." The February meeting is on 27th February when Alan Crooks will give a talk on "Policing and Community Safety." It will be good to see familiar faces and new members will be most welcome. Transport is available. Please contact Eleanor Lynn on 6632 4603 or the Cathedral Office on 6632 2917. Dr William Holmes is the guest speaker on 24th February and his subject "General Health".

Day of Prayer

A day of prayer to seek God's peace and healing will be held on Saturday 10th February 2018 –

Enniskillen Presbyterian Church

1.00-2.00pm

St Michael's Roman Catholic Church 2.15-3.15pm

St Macartin's Cathedral

3.20-4.20pm

Enniskillen Methodist Church

4.30-5.30pm

- Are you carrying burdens and issues from the past?
- Have you been hurt by the words or actions of others?
- Are there things for which you need to say sorry and put to rest?
- An opportunity to pray for the future of our community and our land.

You are welcome to join our journey of prayer at any point on Saturday 10th February. Beginning at 1.00pm it will include an hour in each of the town churches, as detailed above. If your peace has been disturbed for whatever reason, maybe from experiences in the past, please come and spend time with God in an atmosphere of godly calm. Quietly, between you and Him, you can lay down any of the things that disturb you, forgive those who have hurt you, say sorry where you may have hurt others and make a commitment to help build a better future for our community and our land. The focal point will be a large plain wooden cross at the front of each worship space. All the prayer will be in silence. This time is for people to come as individuals before God, and through that encounter, however long or short, to find His peace.

Jack Watson to Retire



Mr Jack Watson, Verger and Caretaker in the Cathedral, has decided to retire. This will be a very well earned retirement for Jack who has completed 55 years of loving and devoted service to the cathedral. When Jack was appointed in 1962 his duties also included caretaking of the cathedral hall and cutting the grass both at the cathedral and in the area beside the cathedral hall and the curatage. Caretaking of the cathedral included looking after the heating arrangements. The heater unit was fired by 25 tons of coke (a solid fuel like coal) per year until it was converted to oil in 1993. Keeping the fire supplied with the solid fuel and removal of the ashes was a very regular and physically demanding task. In 1974, the duties in relation to the caretaking of the cathedral and cathedral hall were split with Jack retaining responsibility for the Cathedral. As well as preparing the cathedral for acts of worship, Jack performed other important roles. He was at the door to welcome the visitors and worshippers and on those frequent and special ceremonial occasions in the cathedral, Jack performed the role of Verger in a most professional and dignified manner. In addition to his duties for normal services in the cathedral, Jack was always present for those joyous occasions, like weddings, and for those sad gatherings when funeral services were being held. In addition to his service to the Cathedral, Jack also served the Church of Ireland as a Diocesan Reader and, in the past, as an elected member of both the Diocesan and General Synods. Parishioners will wish to mark Jack's years of outstanding service to the Cathedral. It is therefore proposed to make a presentation to Jack at a morning service on Sunday, 4th March. Those wishing to be associated with the presentation should make their contribution using the envelope enclosed with the Cathedral News.

Cathedral Roof



Parishioners will be aware that the roof of the cathedral, which is a Grade A listed building, has been giving rise to problems in recent years. There is the very obvious damage to the plasterwork in the south-west corner of the nave beside the Pokrich stone, which has been caused by ingress of rain water. Slates are constantly falling off which may allow rain water to enter the roof space. Falling slates also give rise to serious health and safety risks which may cause personal injury. In stormy conditions, the slates can be observed moving on the roof. A preliminary survey has been carried out which has confirmed the worst fears. Major expenditure will be required on the roof. A recent investigation has indicated a woodworm infestation which may require the replacement of some of the roof timbers.

The last major expenditure on the Cathedral roof was in 1960 when a re-roofing project was undertaken. It is not surprising therefore that, after a period of 57 years, major works are once again required. This will be an expensive project which will involve elaborate scaffolding. Slates will have to be removed and stored carefully, damaged timber will need replacement, other timbers will require treatment, and insulation will need to be upgraded. Slates will then have to be replaced using durable nails. The opportunity will also be taken to replace damaged stonework and faulty gutters, downpipes and lead valleys. It is most likely that internal redecoration of the cathedral will be required when the roof project is complete.

It is difficult to estimate the cost of the work at this stage other than to say that it will be substantial. Professionals will need to be employed to carry out detailed surveys and prepare specifications for the work to be undertaken. Only then will it be possible to estimate costs accurately. The possibility of obtaining grant aid or other financial support will be explored fully. If grant aid is obtainable, then the procedures laid down by the funding bodies will have to be followed rigidly. In the meantime, we can be sure that substantial financial support from parishioners will be

needed to enable the essential work on the Cathedral roof to be carried out. A major effort will be required to raise the necessary funds for this vital work.

The Bible Comes To Life Exhibition



The Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission are hosting "The Bible Comes to Life" - Exhibition in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall from Thursday 8th March to Sunday 11th March 2018. This unique exhibition returns again after 25 years to Enniskillen! It was highly popular and very well attended when held in September 1993. See page 67 for further details.

Holy Baptism

If there are any children who are not baptised, the parents should contact the clergy to arrange a suitable time. All Baptisms are held in the context of a Sunday Service and can be at either the morning or the evening service. For older children who may feel self-conscious about being baptised in front of their friends, it is possible to baptise them after a Sunday evening service.

Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy. Adult Confirmation will be held on Ascension Thursday at 7.00pm.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year the service is themed "All God's Creation Is Very Good" and will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral on Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm, conducted by Revd Olie Downey. All women are welcome to attend!

A New Year Prayer

Loving God, inspire us with courage and hope as we embark on this New Year. May our lives throughout the coming months be an example of your love in our relationships with family, with friends and with those we meet in the community. Bless us with fruitful opportunities this year, grant us the wisdom to grasp them and the resources to realise them, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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Mother's Union

The opening service for 2018 was held in St John's Church, Fivemiletown. The service with Holy Communion was conducted by Revd Canon Kyle Hanlon who spoke on the 2018 theme "In the footsteps of Mary Sumner". One new member, Irene O'Malley, was enrolled and Long Service Certificates were presented by Diocesan President,

Mrs Irene Boyd to Jennifer Bennett - 35 years,
Florence Brunt and Renee Lendrum - 45 years and Margaret Cowan and Eileen Johnston - 50 years
Diocesan President, Mrs Irene Boyd thanked members for their hard work and support over the past year and used some Mary Sumner quotes and prayer to encourage us.
Branch Leader, Elvina Funston, thanked Irene and presented her with a token of appreciation. She also thanked Canon Hanlon for his support and presented him with a gift.
The Annual Secretary and Treasurer's report were presented by Emily Kells and Sheila Burke.
A new register is now being used and members are requested to sign in at each meeting.
The meeting closed with prayer.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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

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

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

TAG Group

In February the TAG Group will meet on Sunday 11th February and Sunday 25th February from 7.00pm to 8.30pm in the Church Hall, Newtownbutler under the leadership of Helen, William and Marina.

Good News Group

Our Good News Group continues to meet for Prayer, Bible Study and Fellowship, following the "E 100". Join us to talk to and about God, to listen to Him and each other over a "cup of tea". Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th February in Sallaghy Parish Church Hall at 8.30pm. All Welcome!

Confirmation

The monthly class will be held on Thursday 8th February at 7.00pm in Galloon Sunday School Hall. Our theme for this month is 'Sharing our faith'.

Mothers' Union

The Galloon and Drummully Branch was hosted by the Sallaghy Branch for their Christmas meeting (photo below).

Service Times

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

Monthly Cycle of Services:

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





There was a good attendance with festive fun and fellowship enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Mrs Elizabeth Johnston and Mrs Jennifer little who used the Art of Book Folding to make everyone a Christmas Cracker table decoration to take home.

Christmas



Thanks is expressed to all those who helped with the decoration of our churches for Christmas, those who took part in the Carol Services, provided the refreshments after the Carol Services and all who helped in any way.

Newtownbutler PS Choir



Flautists

Sunday School Nativity

This year the Sunday Schools combined to tell the story of the nativity on Sunday 17th December with all the members of the Sunday Schools having a role to play. The young people also led much of the music with Isaac Hutchinson, Emma Darling, Holly Hutchinson each playing a piece on the organ. Hannah Fraser, Michael Smith and Cameron Smith led a hymn on their flutes. Our thanks to the Sunday School teachers for their work in preparing the children for the service and the Sunday School children were delighted to have a "special visitor" join them after the service. The Sunday School children will be attending the Ardowen Theatre's production of "Beauty and the Beast".

Group Carol Service

This candlelit service of nine lessons and carols was held in Drummully Church

on Sunday 24th December and opened with Issac Allen singing the first verse of "Once in Royal David's City". The Group Choir sang two pieces: "Joy to the World" and "Carols, sing to the King". The organists were May Leitch, Joyce Clingan and Jennifer Smith. The service was followed by mince pies and mulled wine as everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship.



Young Organists with Grace Rickey

Thank you to everyone who took part in the service or helped with the refreshments.

Ash Wednesday

An Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion will be held in Drummully Church at 7.00pm on 14th February.



Galloon Parish

Community Carol Service



Organists with Revd Anita and Dean Raymond at the Community Carol Service

On Sunday 10th December a congregation of over 150 gathered for the Community Carol Service in Galloon Church which opened with Isaac Allen singing the first verse of "Once in Royal David's City" and he was joined by the Group Choir for the second verse with the whole congregation then joining in. The scripture readings were read by Mari Sharkey, Florence Pryce and Revd Anita. Members of Aghadrumssee Parish choir joined the Group Choir who had been prepared by Dean Raymond Ferguson to sing four pieces: "Angels from

the Realms of Glory", "Like a Candle Flame", "Joy to the World" and "Carols sing to the King". There were Christmas readings by

Holly Hutchinson, William Little and Ina Latimer. The Newtownbutler Primary School Choir who had been prepared by Marina Elliott sang "There is a Great Big Star" and "Thanks and Praise". The organists were Grace Rickey, Joyce Clingan and Jennifer Smith.

Refreshments were served after the service and there was a voluntary collection for the Organ Fund which

raised £750. The parish is raising funds to install a Lewis pipe organ in the church. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success.

Sympathy

The funeral of Samuel Hutchinson took place in Galloon Parish Church on Tuesday 12th December conducted by the Rector. Our sincere condolences to his widow Carrie, daughter Lorna, son Gordon and all the family. Sam is fondly remembered by all who knew him with thanksgiving for a lifetime of faithful service to our parish, serving on Select Vestry and singing in the

Choir. "Lord, in your mercy, grant him safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at last."

Mothers' Union

Galloon & Drummully Branch February meeting will be on Monday 26th February at 8.00pm. On this evening, members will be taking part in 10 pin bowling with supper afterwards in Irvinestown. All are warmly welcome to join members for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Sallaghy Parish

Dance

A Parish Dance was held on Friday 11th November 2017 in the Church Hall. Music was by the Livingstone Country Band with over £635 being raised for church Funds. Thanks to Wray Whittendale for his organisation of this event and all those who supported it in any way.

Tidy Up

Thank you to all who helped tidy up around the church and hall during November when the main task was removing all the fallen leaves.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union will meet on Thursday 8th February at 8.00pm when the Educational Officer from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will speak on recycling.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Services

Sunday 4th February

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 11th February

Kiltyclogher 10am HC

Belleek 11.30am HC

Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday Service at 8pm as announced

Sunday 18th February

Garrison 10am MP & FS
Slavin 11.30am MP & FS

Sunday 25th February

Kiltyclogher 10am MP
Belleek 11.30am MP

Sunday 4th March

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Mothers' Union



Some members enjoying the MU dinner

The Mothers' Union / Choir Christmas Christmas Dinner was held in the Holiday Centre, Garrison on Tuesday 12th December. A lovely meal was served by Dawn and her staff. Thank you to Dot Barlow (Branch Leader) for all the organisation involved.

Christmas Family Service

The Christmas Family Service was held in Slavin on Sunday 10th December. Garrison Sunday School performed the play, 'A Super Christmas'.



Garrison SS children and teachers

This was a fun twist on the Nativity Story where the characters of the play were the everyday Superheroes, such as Batman, Cat woman, Superman, Wonder woman, etc.

The underlying story of the nativity was never far from the forefront as the Superheros began to hear of the arrival of a 'new Superhero'. They began to worry and question their roles and what this new arrival should mean for them.

Mary and Joseph made their way to Bethlehem, and awaited the arrival of the new Superhero.

Once again the shepherds in the field were given word of the arrival and made their way to the stable in Bethlehem as did the Superheroes. What a shock they all got when they arrived and saw that the new Superhero they had all feared was a baby. They learned that the Baby Jesus came to save the world from sin and realized that they had nothing to fear from his arrival. God sent his Son so that we can be saved from ourselves and the sins we do. Jesus is reminding us of God's love, to put our trust in him, and share his word with others.

The Characters were Superman played by Ryan Graham and Ryan Carson. The Hulk was acted by Carly Graham and Robin Boyd. Wonder woman was Clare Thompson and Cara Brock.

The part of Cat woman was played by Emma Kettles. Batman was acted by Glen and Scott Brock. Spiderman was Blake Duffy, Finlay Duffy and Joe Ferreira. The part of Mary was acted by Abi Brock and Joseph was Cameron Duffy. The Shepherds were Andries Ferreira, David Ferreira, Avril Thompson, Mia Weir and the 'Voice' was Amy Kettles. The kids had such fun doing this play; while not taking away from the true meaning of the nativity, they wore their superhero costumes, some of which were handmade. To conclude Abi Brock played the piano while the kids sang "We wish you a Merry Christmas"



Slavin SS children and teachers

Slavin Sunday School performed The Christmas Alphabet Nativity. Mary was Jessica Johnston and Joseph was Henry Gregg. Matthew Johnston was a shepherd and William Pye and Callum Gregg were the Wisemen.



Jessica and Matthew Johnston at the SS party

The Senior Class, Aoife Gregg, Ethan Johnston, Skye Love, Oisín Gregg and Sarah Johnston narrated the Christmas Alphabet. Sarah was also the angel. Oisín Gregg was also King Herod and Levi Love was the Instructor, asking for audience participation throughout the performance. Occasionally he wasn't happy and had to ask for a better response! Levi also did the part of the Innkeeper and displayed all the letters at the front.



Zara Love's children at the SS party

The nativity included seven songs, sung by all the children and they were accompanied by Ethne Earls.



The Brock family at the SS party

Rev. Ngozi thanked all the children for their hard work, attending practices, and for their presentation of the Christmas Story; she also thanked all the Sunday School teachers

who had worked hard with the children over the previous weeks to achieve the performance.

Community Carol Service

The Community Carol service in the Gillaroo Centre on Friday 29th December, was attended by members of our choir who helped form the 'Six Churches' Choir. Louise Leonard directed the choir, who were accompanied by Joy Graham who played the organ and Jane Weir on clarinet. Anne McCaughey sang a solo entitled 'The Prayer' accompanied by Louise. The readers were Mary Maguire, Melanie Lewis, Frank Fox, Patricia Duffy, Dominic Sharp and Rev. Ngozi. Thank you to all the readers and to those who attended the service.

Christingle Service



Children receiving their seats and oranges at the Christingle service in Kiltyclogher

A Christingle service was held in Kiltyclogher Church on Sunday 31st December. Rev. Ngozi led the service and at the end the children were invited to receive their individual Christingles made from oranges, fruit, red ribbon and a candle.

Choir

Thanks to choir members for attending practices, services and community events over the Christmas period. Switching on the Christmas lights in Garrison was held on Friday 13th December. The 'Six Churches Choir' accompanied by Joy Graham sang a selection of Christmas Carols and Songs.

Thanksgiving Gifts in Memory of the Late Mrs Gladys Thompson



Avril, Laura and Clare Thompson, daughters of June and Oscar Thompson, the grandchildren of Gladys and Rev. Ngozi Njoku.



Rector Rev. Ngozi Njoku, Phyllis Elliott, Helen Thompson, William and Oscar Thompson, the sons and daughters of the late Gladys, her brothers Ivan and George with members of the extended family and the Hamilton family

At a service of Holy Communion in Belleek Church on Sunday 17th December the family and close friends of the late Mrs. Gladys Thompson presented a cheque in lieu of flowers to Rev. Ngozi Njoku.

A total of £1850 was donated and £1550 was presented to Belleek Church by Laura, Avril and Clare, the three granddaughters of Gladys. £300 has been donated to Ward 5 in SWAH. Robbie Johnston, on behalf of Belleek parishioners, thanked the Thompson

family for such a generous donation to church funds. He also thanked all who had given donations.

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations to Jayne (nee Kempton) and Stanley Allingham, on their marriage in Derryvullen North Parish on 22nd December. They were married by Rev. Ngozi. Best wishes to them as they make their new home in Garrison

Sunday School Party

The children's Sunday School Party was held on Thursday 21st December in the Wark Hall Belleek. A great night was had by all. Pat and Gerry (The Lakelanders) provided our music and the evening was complete with a visit from Santa.

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 Holly Gregg, George Love, Christine Breen, Betty Johnston, Bob Irwin and George McBride.

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 & articles etc. for the website to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls at

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Over the Christmas period

Over the Christmas period – it was great to see (despite all the colds and flu), so many people coming together to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The music and singing was excellent and everyone seemed to enjoy the services. It was also good to have so many people present at village carol service in Derrygonnelly, just before Christmas. With Christmas and the New Year past, it is hard to think that we are very soon going to be preparing ourselves for Lent. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday which will

be St. Valentine's Day, 14th February. Each Wednesday morning there will be a service of Holy Communion at 10.30am and in the evening we will have 'Compline'.

Mothers' Union November Meeting

Our November meeting was held in Inishmacsaint Parish Church where we were welcomed by the Rector, Canon David Skuce. This was our Visitors' Night when we welcomed Mothers' Union Members from Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher and Devenish and Boho. We also welcomed members from Church Hill MWI and other friends who came along to hear our special speaker, Maud Kells from Cookstown.

The meeting began with a short act of worship based on Activism against Gender Violence, conducted by Eileen and Laura. Following this Marion read Maud's chosen bible reading from Psalm 23 and then Maud came to speak. She enthralled all with her stories of her work in Democratic Republic of Congo where, motivated by her Christian Faith, she has worked tirelessly to bring medical supplies to this area and worked on different building projects and as a result has brought aid and happiness to many disadvantaged people. She risked her own life several times and was seriously injured in a shooting incident. Her power

point presentation showed this incident in graphic detail. At 78 years of age she hopes to return to this area with more supplies. She continues to raise funds for different projects. A truly inspirational lady who has felt God's support in all she has done and continues to do. Doris proposed a vote of thanks to Maud and supper was served by our members.

Two of our members, Dorothy and Eileen, attended the Prayer Vigil in Lisbellaw Parish Church, in support of Activism against Gender Violence. They brought along items from our Branch, which were to be forwarded to Women's Aid.

December Meeting

At our December Meeting we had a most enjoyable evening when we sang our favourite Christmas Carols accompanied by Barbara. We also sampled many favourite recipes from our recently produced recipe booklet. We tasted samples of starter, main course and dessert with in between samples of boxty and various sweet items. Our booklet was distributed to members for sale and these have proved a useful Christmas present for many, with money raised going to funds.

At our February meeting we look forward to welcoming Mrs Marion Maxwell as our speaker.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Church Groups/Organisations

Sunday School During our morning services

Crèche During our morning services

Girls' Brigade Mondays 6.30 - 8.00pm

(Gwen 89561763)

Mothers' Union The 3rd Monday of each month (May 89561291)

Craft Group Mondays as arranged (Gwen 89561763)

Kilskeery Silver Band Mondays 8.00pm

Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Group Tuesdays 12.30 – 3.30pm (Emily 66388683)

Choir Tuesdays 8.30 – 9.30pm (Art 89561457)

Boys' Brigade Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.30pm (Adele 89561932)

Youth Club As per Pew Sheet

Bowls Club Fridays 8.00pm (Marlene 89561285)

Messy Kids Club The 3rd Saturday of each month (Alison 89561128)

Burial of the Dead

'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.' Mervyn Mills, Trillick on December 29th.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Mervyn and we extend our deepest sympathy to Mervyn's wife Wilma, his daughter Jennifer, sons Gary, Leroy and Nigel and all the family circle.

O God our Father, we pray for those whose life is saddened by the death of a relative or friend especially the family of Mervyn and we remember in our prayers all those in our parishes who have recently been bereaved.

'Youth Initiative'

'Being together in fellowship and relationship'

In response to Bishop John's challenge that every parish should plan to do one 'new thing' for young people in the year ahead and wishing to build on the fellowship and relationship evident among, not only our young people themselves but our parents and wider family circle, the Rector and Select Vestries of Kilskeery and Trillick Parish Churches invited 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 December 16th for a very special 'Celebration' - 'Being together in fellowship and relationship'. Children's entertainer, 'Parky' brought us a fun-filled

show which was followed by the switching on of Kilskeery Christmas tree lights and a visit by Santa Claus. (See our pics!)

Just for our Seniors

A very special Christmas Celebration of Holy Communion took place on December 21st in Kilskeery Hall. Revd. Rosemary was assisted by Parish Reader, Adrian (a first for Adrian), parishioners Sandra and Catherine, with Art on guitar, brought us two very beautiful pieces – 'Who would think that what was needed' and 'O holy night' during the Celebration. Tea followed (sincere thanks to Gwen and her team), Christmas Gift Bags, complete with hand-made cards made by Girls' Brigade were distributed (many thanks girls!) and the choir brought a fabulous and very moving occasion to a close.

Girls' Brigade



Captain Gwen takes the lead at GB fundraising

The GB at the Advert Carol Service



Enrolment Service took place, by candlelight, during our Advent Carol Service on December 3rd. Additional funds were raised with a 'Coffee Evening and Sale' on November 4th and we thank all those who gave so generously. Girls prepared gift bags, complete with handmade Christmas Cards which were distributed at a very special Christmas Celebration of Holy Communion in Kilskeery Hall and to those house-bound seniors unable to join us on that day.

Queen Elizabeth II Primary School



Christmas Carol Service took place in Kilskeery Parish Church on December 14th – warmest congratulations to all! Tea and mince pies were provided in Kilskeery Parish Hall by parents and staff following!!

Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Club



Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Club had a fabulous Christmas Lunch in Kilskeery Hall early December.

Dinner is available every Tuesday – Booking essential - and we again thank Emily, Gwen, Pauline and Violet who look after us so well!!

The hall is open for Boccia/New Age Curling and other games on every Tuesday from 2 – 4.30pm.

Operation Christmas Child

We thank all those who got involved here, Gwen Crozier, Edie Brunt and Jean Funston especially who gathered the boxes and Jill Funston who co-ordinated our efforts!

Women's Aid

Women's Aid thanks us for sending the lovely gifts (generously left by parishioners, under the Christmas Tree at the first of our Christmas Carol Services) to add to their appeal, telling us how much they, together with those who received the gifts, appreciated our kindness.

Mothers' Union



MU Members' sample the goods

Mothers' Union held a fun night in late November – supplying and sampling the goodies and had their Annual Dinner at The Bridge Inn in December – sincere thanks to all who made this possible.

Christmas 2017



We again thank all those who helped in any way with our wonderful celebrations, those who created the very beautiful displays in our churches; our organists Elizabeth and Art; our choirs, Parish Reader Adrian and also those who help in any way in the running of our churches. Art and I thank all those who sent cards and gifts or who called at the rectory over the Christmas period – your kindness was very much appreciated!



Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Services

Sunday, 4th February 2018 Second Sunday before Lent

Lisbellaw: 11am Holy Communion
Coolbuck: 3pm Holy Communion

Sunday, 11th February 2018 Sunday before Lent

Lisbellaw: 11am Morning Prayer
Lisbellaw: 3.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday, 18th February 2018 First Sunday in Lent

Lisbellaw: 9.45am Holy Communion
Form One
11am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 25th February 2018 Second Sunday in Lent

Lisbellaw: 11.00am Morning Prayer

Lisbellaw: 3.30pm Thinking Day Service
No service in Coolbuck.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday service, including Holy Communion, on 14th February at 8pm in Lisbellaw church.

Lent Services

Lent services every Wednesday at 8pm in Lisbellaw church. Dates: 21st & 28th February & 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March.

Thank you

Thank you to Dean Kenny Hall and his team for providing pastoral holiday cover for the rector in January.

Church Breakfast

Church breakfast on Saturday, 10th February at 9.30am in the Parish Centre with a speaker from Marie Curie. Please come along to support this fund raising and social initiative.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union on Tuesday, 27th February 2018 with speaker John Hay on the Leprosy Mission.

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Beatrice Walker formerly of Lisbellaw; the late John Stewart formerly of Tobermore; the late Dale Lyttle formerly of Pettigo; the late David Johnston formerly of Lack; the late Vera Wilson formerly of Belturbet and James Wilson also formerly of Belturbet; the late William McCusker formerly of Lisbellaw; the late Harry Kenny formerly of Tamlaght; the late Victor Graham formerly of Cornafannog; the late Dessie McKeown formerly of Lisbellaw; the late Kenneth Purdy formerly of Omagh; the late Bertie Vance formerly of Ballyshannon and the late Violet Wood formerly of Derrygonnelly.

Christingle Service



Jean and Davy work hard during the Christingle service

Holy Matrimony



Kenneth and Christine Dane who were married in Lisbellaw Parish Church in November.

Year-End Service



Revds Stephanie Woods with Revd Jim Caldwell who preached at the year-end service.

Christmas Carols



Lighting the Advent candle.



Rosie, Gordon and Wesley show off their Christingles.



Carols by candlelight.

Lisnaskea



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SERVICES

Sunday 4th February

11.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 11th February

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Ash Wednesday 14th February

3.00 p.m. Holy Communion in Trinity Hall
for senior citizens &

8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sunday 18th February

11.30 a.m. Founder's Day Service
(Collection for sponsored children)

Sunday 25th February

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Burial

Sunday 14th January

William Robert (Billy) Hogg, Rochester, Kent.

Christmas

The Carol Service took place on Sunday
17th December. All the members of
Children's Church took part through reading
the lessons, singing and performing a play
entitled "The sad Christmas Cracker".

The choir sang a lovely piece entitled "Joy
has dawned" and Molly McAlister played
beautifully on the oboe. Thank you to all
involved in putting the service together.
Our organist and choir members were also
pleased to be able to visit the "Colorado

Nursing Home" again this year for some
carol singing with the residents.

Holy Communion for Seniors

This has been ongoing on the second
Wednesday of each month in The Trinity
Hall. A good number generally attend this
informal gathering and these services
will continue until May. Thank you to the
ladies who provide a welcome cup of tea
afterwards.

Pantry Appeal

A collection of non-perishable food items
for "The Pantry" will run until the end of
February so please remember to bring
along anything you can to church and this
will be passed on week by week to Val
Irvine.

Confirmation

There will be a service of Confirmation and
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Magheracross



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Christmas Sit Out

The clergy of Ballinamallard (Archdeacon Brian Harper, Revd Charlie Eames and Revd John Beacom) are delighted to announce that they collected £6159.45 by spending 12 hours on the footpath outside Magheracross Parish Church on the Wednesday before Christmas. This will be divided between the NI Air Ambulance and the Abaana Children's Choir in Uganda. The day passed with very mild weather and lots of company. We are grateful who took the time to stop and contribute.

Christmas Services

We had an unusually high attendance at our Carol Service this year on December 24th, mostly due to the way Christmas fell on the Monday and so lots of those who live away from the parish were home for the long weekend. Our choir, readers from the YF and soloists Alice Seaney and Katherine Graham were all outstanding. On the previous Sunday, the Sunday School presented their Nativity with the usual collection of shepherds and angels. The youngest member of the parish gets to play the part of Jesus in the manger and this year it was ably fulfilled by two-week-old Tommy Fisher.

Mothers' Union

At the Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December, MU took charge of the cake stall and also served supper.

Our next event was the Mencap Service on Sunday 3rd December at 3.30pm. After the service led by Archdeacon Brian Harper and a sermon by Rev Charlie Eames, a lovely tea was very much enjoyed by all present and the afternoon ended with some Carol singing, accompanied by Joan on the accordion. Many thanks to members who helped and provided such a variety of food for this very worthy event.

As usual small gift parcels of toiletries etc. were prepared and distributed to the housebound and elderly. These were very much appreciated by the recipients and thanks goes to the Social Concern Representatives, Iris Elliott and Iris Hurst for organising this project.

On Tuesday 12th December our Christmas meal took place in Mahon's Hotel in Irvinestown. Forty-one members and friends enjoyed a beautiful meal, conversation and fellowship. Archdeacon Harper joined us for the evening. After the meal a draw took place with three prizes and as usual we had a visit from Santa Claus. He had a hug and a gift in his sack for everyone.

Well done Santa! Afterwards we joined in singing some Carols accompanied by Joan on the accordion. The evening ended with Norma wishing everyone good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

The first MU meeting in the new year was held on Thursday 4th January 2018 when Lorna Mitchell showed us how to do some armchair exercises. This was a light-hearted evening, not too strenuous and was enjoyed by all.

The meeting on Thursday 1st February had Wendy Watson speaking about the work of the Red Cross.

Annual Sports Service

The Annual Sports Service in partnership with Ballinamallard United Football Club will be held on February 18 at 7pm. Sports fans and participants from across the county and beyond will be very welcome.

The Revd Charlie Eames

We are very sorry to be losing Charlie from our ministry team but wish him well with his new responsibilities in the Tubrid grouping. Charlie has been with us since April 2008 and has provided support in many different ways, especially during the vacancy. He has endeared himself to many through his pastoral and practical support, his preaching and worship leading, his organisational skills and, of course, his friendship. His departure will be marked by a parish lunch after church on February 18.

Magheraculmoney



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Note from the Rector

As we are now into the second month of the year, we can reflect on our New Year's Resolutions. Did all we set out to do come to pass? Have we yet again gone into the humdrum of normal everyday living, busy doing, but not living our lives as Christ has taught us to do because something holds us back? The Alpha course could be a useful place to start to understand what God might be saying to you. Is there something that we said would be our New Year's Resolution because it's actually an addiction and we feel powerless under it's control over our lives? It is important that we remember that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and are not our own to do with as we wish, we were bought at a very high price, the blood of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). We should not mistreat our bodies in any way but understand that any affliction/addiction, no matter how great or small, can be brought under the authority of Jesus. We can overcome anything with the power of the Holy Spirit. So I urge you, if you feel the New Year didn't quite get off to the beginning you wished it did, don't wait for next January to repeat the same New Year's Resolution, as Jesus has given his life for you, give him back your life so you may be able to live it abundantly as God intended. Please feel free to avail of our healing

prayer every Friday night (and prayer after our 11.00am Sunday service).

Healing Prayer

It was wonderful to have Canon Eric with us to teach on the topic of healing prayer for three Sunday evenings. Each evening we had around 50 come along and hear how God wants us to understand his desire to heal us and to meet our needs. The clear message in all of the teaching is very much one of a loving Heavenly Father who seeks to meet all of our needs if we will meet with Him.

Mothers' Union

In November, Hilary showed us how she made two lovely Christmas flower arrangements (and we'd a game during this). Pam Curtis and Myrtle McFarland each won one of the flower arrangement displays and it was a good nights fun. We enjoyed a 3-course meal at the Mayfly Inn for our Christmas party, played pass the parcel and each lady received a Secret Santa present.

Friends In The Afternoon



Friends in the Afternoon.

We joined together and were led by Revd Philip in our service of Holy Communion on 12th December. We sang some songs and enjoyed a wonderful Christmas tea. Although we were still suffering the after effects of the snow, a good number braved the elements to come and join in. We were joined by Viola Bryson on 9th January 2018 who shared with us her experience in growing up in Germany and how she found her faith in Ireland.

Men's Breakfast: Does God Exist?

Michael Lonergan joined us on Saturday 25th November to tell us his story about how he was so determined to prove that Jesus does not exist however he found himself with a growing Christian faith having worked through the affects and hurt of abuse, adultery and abortion. Around 50

men came for a wonderful cooked breakfast and to listen to Michael who challenged us all that God calls us to invite him into our lives and sets a standard for living that is higher than the world.

Half Night Worship And Prayer

In December 2017, we changed the format of our 24 hour monthly prayer to a 5-hour time of corporate prayer from 7.00pm to 12.00 midnight. Our numbers were smaller than usual due to the snow. However, the very different format of worship, listening to an extract from the life of one of God's servants (who were used in humility to usher in significant times of refreshing in the church), reflection and meditation on the reading followed by prayer into the issues that arose, was appreciated and enjoyed by those present.

Christmas Services



The Carol Service

We started off our Christmas carol services on 10th December '17 with a wonderful afternoon of singing at Mullaghfarne and hearing the Christmas message. At the Children's Church Carol Service, on Sunday 17th December, they presented 'Glory in the Highest' and reproduced the Christmas story through short scenes of words and songs together with reading scriptures leading us in prayer. It was great to see so many children and young people playing their part in sharing the Christmas story. Later that evening, we had our Carols by Candlelight service which was very much enjoyed and we brought the light of Christ out of the church into the world by everyone receiving a Christingle to bring home with them. Christmas Eve marked our first Christmas communion where we came together to worship God and partake in midnight

communion. On Christmas morning, families came together (and children brought along their presents to show us what they had received) to worship God and reflect on the greatest present of all time, that is the gift of Jesus Christ and all he done for us through his life, death and resurrection.

Our Children At Christmas

Messy Christmas

At Christmas we continued our 'Messy' theme to involve children in the Christian calendar and our 'Messy Christmas' entailed a colouring in competition, making peg angels, decorating shortbread and making Christmas decorations. Revd Philip Bryson led us in prayer, worship and a talk in relation to how the star of David showed the wise men where Jesus was and throughout the celebrations of Christmas we should remember that Christmas is about the birth of Christ. An amazing selection of sandwiches, cocktail sausages, sausage rolls etc was provided as we all joined together for a Christmas Buffet (80).

Children's Church Christmas Party

On Saturday the 16th December 2018, the Children's Church had their Christmas party. It was a fun afternoon with games and food followed by much excitement as Santa arrived with a small gift for everyone.

Ardes Little Lambs

On Monday 18th Dec we had 30 children at our party. They cut out pictures and had Christmas stickers to make their own cards. We had extra party food as well as their playtime. As we want Jesus to be the centre of Ardes Little Lambs, we also gave them some Bible colouring in pictures and a Bible activity sheet (for their older siblings) to bring home.

Our Youth At Christmas

Our Glow Youth Club's final night for 2017 celebrated Christmas with a variety of games and a depiction Christmas buffet. The Blaze and Flame Youth clubs had a joint Christmas cinema trip and chose to watch 'Wonder' or 'Star Wars' (both great films!) and finished with a quick trip to McDonalds where everyone indulged in a McFlurry!

Connect completed the 24/7 Youth Prayer Course in the autumn term and on Sunday 10th December celebrated the end of the year with a Christmas Party night which included games, a photo challenge, a secret Santa present swap and a selection of delightful desserts.

In-Stitches Christmas Outing



The In Stitches Christmas outing.

The In-Stitches started their Christmas outing in 2017 with a morning coffee at the Craft Shop in Ballygawley. Revitalised they headed to the Linen Green for some shopping and topped it off with a fabulous meal at the Viscount Winter Wonderland.

Christmas Dinner

Yet again this year, members of our church provided Christmas dinner for those who wanted their Christmas dinner cooked for them and some extra company. Together with the meal was mulled wine, entertainment etc. Members of our church give up their time, effort and skills to provide this service annually which includes their cooking skills, entertainment and commitment to Christ.

January Week Of Prayer

There could be no better way to start the New Year than with a time of prayer and focusing on God. The Parish Centre was open for prayer from 9am to 9pm each day and we had Holy Communion at 1pm and a Bible study at 4pm looking at the spiritual health check booklet that was given out to every family as a Christmas gift. In the evenings, we had a time of worship at 7.30pm followed by a teaching on how we hear God and the various ways we hear God including through his word, and followed this with a time of prayer to finish the evening. It is really exciting when we can think that the creator of everything, God, Our heavenly

Father wants to talk to us as we talk to him in prayer. The greatest thing that we can have is answered prayer. As we went through the week many people sensed God speaking to them about the life of the parish. We now need to take some time to test what we think God is saying and what it means for a specific vision for 2018.

Dates For Your Diary

Events @ The Fountain Centre
Messy Church Valentine Special: Sun 11th Feb '18, 4.00pm - 6.00pm
St Patrick's Night Gathering: Sat 17th Mar '18
Movie - The Quiet Man, Easy Listening Live Irish Music, Space to relax and chill out for all the family.

Special Church Services @ Ardess Parish Centre

Ash Wednesday: Wed 14th Feb '18, 8.00pm
Thinking Day: Sun 18th Feb '18, 11.00am
Mothers' Day: Sun 11th Mar '18, 11.00am
Palm Sunday: Sun 25th Mar '18, 11.00am
Baptism Service (full immersion baptism): Sun 27th May, 7.00pm if you have never been baptised and would like to be, please speak to Canon Henry.
Confirmation Service: Sun 3rd Jun '18, 7.00pm

Regular Events @ Ardess Parish Centre

Church Service: Sun 9.30am Morning Prayer & 11.00am Family Worship (held @ Ardess Parish Centre due to church renovations)
Revival Prayer: Mon 8.00pm - 9.00pm
Wednesday Prayer: Wed 9.30am - 11.00am
Friends in the Afternoon: Every 2nd & 4th Tues, 13th Feb '18 Reflections by Helen Houston and 27th Feb '18 MBE by Maurice Lee
Mothers' Union: Every 3rd Thurs, 15th Feb & 15th Mar '18
Healing Ministry: Every Friday 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Regular Prayer Events @ Ardess Parish Centre

Alpha: Thurs. @ 8pm-9.30pm starting 1 Feb 2018 Do come along and learn what the christian faith is all about. A great course on the basics of faith. Lasting 10 weeks.
Revival Prayer: Mon 8.00pm - 9.00pm
Wednesday Prayer: Wed 9.30am - 11.00am
Healing Ministry: Fri 7.30pm - 8.30pm
24 Hour Prayer: Once a Month, Fri 12.00noon - Sat 12.00noon

Regular Events @ The Fountain Centre

Connect YF (Year 8-14): Sun (weekly) 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Ardess Little Lambs: Mon (termtime only), 10.00am - 12.00 noon (note new venue)
Rainbows (Age 4-7) & Brownies (Age 7-10): Mon 6.30pm - 7.45pm
Guides (Age 10 - 14) & Rangers (Age 14+): Mon 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Beavers (Age 6-8) & Cubs (Age 8-10 1/2): Wed 6.30pm - 7.45pm
Scouts (Age 10 1/2 - 15): Wed 7.30pm - 9.30pm
In-Stitches: Thurs (except 3rd Thurs of the month): 8.00pm
Glow YC (P5 - P7): Thurs (fortnightly) 6.30pm - 8.30pm (15th Feb, 1st & 15th Mar '18)
Blaze YC (Year 8-10) / Flame YC (Year 11+): Fri (weekly) Blaze 7.00pm - 8.30pm / Flame 8.30pm - 10.30pm

Regular Events @ Other Venues

Share Ardess Drop-In Centre: Tues 11.00am - 1.00pm @ Main Street, Kesh Tel: 07542 827 127
Waterworks (P3 - P7): Thurs (term-time only) 3.15pm - 4.30pm @ Kesh Primary School
Life Groups: Various dates/times throughout the week. Contact Henry if you wish to join one.

Baptisms

24th Dec '17 Esmae Hazel Wilkin daughter of Ashley & Tracey Wilkin, 51 Fortview Park, Kesh

Funerals

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the bereaved at this time.
20 Nov '17 Margaret Dorothy Holman (91), Roscah, Kesh
30 Nov '17 Kathleen Armstrong (97), Dromore Road, Irvinestown
4 Dec '17 Vera Wilkin (91) Drumwhinney Road, Kesh
7 Dec '17 Flora Elizabeth Roberts (90), Drumkeeran House, Kesh
22 Dec '17 Eric John Walmsley (91), Manoo Road, Kesh

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Welcome

The members of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk would like to welcome Canon Mark Watson and family to our Parishes.

Mothers' Union

Our first meeting for 2018 was held on Monday 8th January in Christ Church Hall at 8pm.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs Fiona Wright from the Cleenish Historical Society who gave a very informative powerpoint presentation on the Resettlement of World War 1

Soldiers in Cleenish – 'Making it Home'.

It was a very interesting evening as many of the 11 survivors who returned to live and work on the Island were known to us. We thank members from Derrybrusk Mothers' Union and visiting branches for joining us on this evening. A small token of appreciation was presented to Fiona.

In February we are looking forward to our annual meal in the Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Mothers' Union

The Christmas dinner was held in Andy's Restaurant, Monaghan, on Tuesday 5th December, 2017 and all reports indicate good food, fun and fellowship on the night. The opening meeting of 2018 was a communion service in St. Patrick's followed by the Annual General Meeting at which the following were elected for 2018.

Branch Leader : Mrs Dorothy Adams
Hon Secretary: Mrs Hilary Workman
Hon Treasurer: Mrs Frances Ebbs

The evening concluded with refreshments and chat. The February meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6th 2018, at 8pm in the Church.

The guest speaker will be Mrs. Jennifer Leatham, Diocesan Mothers' Union Social Policy representative for youth.

This was held in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 12th December. Mrs. Trudy Taylor welcomed the large congregation and thanked all those who had assisted in the arrangement. The visiting choirs were Monaghan Unity, St. Macartan's College, Ardagh Parish and Monaghan Model School. The lessons were read in English, Irish and Spanish. The offering was in and of Monaghan Arch Club and Hope Storehouse.



The evening concluded with mulled wine, mince pies and shortbread, in the hall immediately after the service. The Chairperson and members are to be congratulated on a very successful evening.

Services

4th February Second Sunday before Lent

St Patrick's Holy Communion 10.30am

Kilmore Holy Communion 12.15pm

11th February Sunday before Lent

St Patrick's Service of the Word 10.30am

Ballinode Morning Prayer 12.15 pm

18th February First Sunday in Lent

St Patrick's Morning Prayer 10.30am

Kilmore Morning Prayer 12.15 pm

25th February Second Sunday in Lent

St Patrick's All Age Worship 10.30am

Ballinode Holy Communion 12.15pm

4th March Third Sunday in Lent

St Patrick's Holy Communion 10.30am

Kilmore Holy Communion 12.15pm

Ladies' Group

The Ladies Group met on Tuesday 21st November when members enjoyed a body shop demonstration by Mrs. Shirley Kerr.

They held their Christmas dinner in Andy's Restaurant on Friday 15th December and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

The February meeting on Tuesday the 20th at 8pm will be a cookery demonstration by Jason Graham and this will be a fundraising event.

Ladies' Group Interdenominational Carol Service



Condolences

We express prayerful sympathy to Mrs. Amanda Hall and family on the death of her father, and Heather Stirrat on the death of her brother-in-law, Bertie Adams and family on the death of his brother and Mrs. Eileen Corbett and family on the death of her sister in law, Tommy and William Carson and Ruth McMahon on the death of their aunt.

Christian Burials

Mr. William Smyth passed away peacefully on 1st December at Cavan General Hospital. His funeral service was held in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, 3rd December conducted by the Rector with burial in Coolshannagh graveyard. We express prayerful sympathy to the entire family circle on the sad loss.

We learned with sadness of the death of Mrs. Addie Leitch on Sunday, 17th December at home. She was a loyal, dedicated member of the church, also, a member of Mothers' Union and former branch leader, served on Select Vestry and was a regular in worship while her health permitted.

The large attendance at her funeral service on Tuesday, 19th December conducted by the Rector was indicative of the esteem in which the deceased and her family were held in the community. We express heartfelt sympathy to her daughter Ruby, son-in-law Moore, and their family and the wider family circle on their sad loss. Please remember them in prayer in the days that lie ahead.

Christmas Services

These commenced on Sunday, 17th December with a group carol service in Ballinode Church and we express grateful thanks to the newly formed U3A

Choir and readers for leading worship and to the members of the congregation for the refreshments provided in the hall after the service.

On Christmas Eve members from the churches in the town gathered at 3pm at the Courthouse to sing Carols followed by light refreshments in St. Patrick's Church.

The group services on Christmas day were in St. Patrick's 9:30am traditional communion service followed at 10:30am by the all age communion service. The attendance at both services of members and their extended families was very encouraging.

The celebrations concluded with on Sunday, 31st December with a Songs of Praise service in St. Patrick's.

Posada

During Advent we had our traditional Posada where the figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey were hosted by members of the congregation to symbolise making room for Jesus in our lives at Christmas time but also throughout the year.

Congratulations

Congratulations to William and Barbara Carson on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Margaret and Malachy and Julie Smyth on the birth of their daughter, Holly.

Illness

Please remember in prayer all those who are ill, at home or in hospital, the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

Parish Organisations

All organisations have re-commenced activities after the Christmas break.

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Services

Sunday 4th February

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.00 am. Holy Communion.
7.00 pm. Evening Prayer.

Sunday 11th February

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday 14th February

8.00 pm Holy Communion
(Ash Wednesday)

Sunday 18th February

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.

Sunday 25th February

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.

A note from the Rector

Parish Youth Ministry

- Mr. Jonny Phenix

The Select Vestry is delighted to have secured the services of Mr. Jonny Phenix, the Clogher Diocesan Youth Officer, in a part-time capacity, to assist with the development of our parish's youth and children's ministry. In Rossorry we are blessed to have very active uniformed organisations and a lively Sunday school. We hope that Jonny will work with our existing groups and help us to find new ways of extending our current work and also to develop our young people in leadership. We wish Jonny every blessing as he and his wife Janet join us.

Tear Fund visitor

On Sunday 11th February we look forward to welcoming Helen Mills, a representative from Tear Fund (an international relief agency) who will address us at our 11am service.



*Following Jesus where
the need is greatest*

Lent 2018

We shall be holding our traditional Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion at 8pm on 14th February. Details of weekly Lent services will be published in the parish news sheet.

Ian.

Canon IW Ellis
Rector

Christmas Celebrations 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 held 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.



Communion for older parishioners took place in the hall before Christmas.

Samaritan's Purse

This year again the Parishioners donated a large number of Christmas parcels for sending off to the missions for children who would otherwise receive no gifts at Christmas.

Some of the Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes.



Rainbows and Brownies, Carol Singing, entertain at The Graan

On 16th December, the Rainbows and Brownies went visiting at the Graan Nursing Home.

They sang Carols and chatted with the residents. I am sure they brought a few smiles to their faces!



Rainbows and Brownies singing carols at the Graan Nursing Home.

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group continues with meetings on Wednesday 14th and 28th February 2018.

It will continue now throughout the year with meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

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.



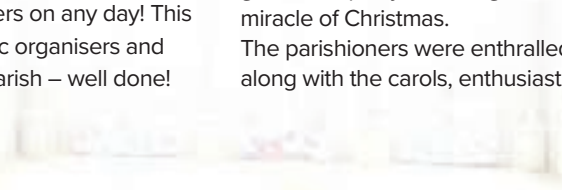
Parents and Toddlers Christmas Party

Parent and Toddlers Group Christmas party

On 6th December, a Christmas Party was held in the Parish Hall for the Parent and Toddler Group. There was a big crowd and lots of fun. A special visitor also dropped in. The group has grown significantly over the year with up to 15 toddlers on any day! This is due to the enthusiastic organisers and their helpers from the parish – well done!

Sunday School Nativity Play

(Photo below) The children of Sunday School performed their Nativity Play on Sunday 17th December during the 11am service. Beautifully dressed and faultlessly prepared by the Sunday School teachers, the children gave a simple, yet moving account of the miracle of Christmas. The parishioners were enthralled and sang along with the carols, enthusiastically!



Sunday School Nativity play.

Rossorry Mothers Union

At the December meeting on 7th December, the guest speaker was Rev. David Cupples, Minister of Enniskillen Presbyterian Church, who gave an illustrated talk on his recent sabbatical to the Camino Walk. (The Camino de Santiago (Latin: Peregrinatio Compostellana, known in English as The Way of Saint James among other names, is a network of pilgrims' ways serving pilgrimage to the shrine of the apostle Saint James the Great in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in northwestern Spain, where tradition has it that the remains of the saint are buried. Many follow its routes as a form of spiritual path or retreat for their spiritual growth.) Rossorry Mothers Union reopened after Christmas with a Communion Service in the Church on 25th January 2018 and continues to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Revd David Cupples with Arlene Graham and Heather Ellis, Branch Leader at the Mothers' Union.





The Wednesday Club Christmas outing.



Ashley Poppy Benson, daughter of Gary and Donna at her Baptism.

Wednesday Club News

The club held their Christmas outing and lunch at the Moorings Restaurant, Enniskillen on Wednesday 13th December. There was a big turnout and a very pleasant occasion it proved to be! 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: - 7th February - 'My holiday in Asia' with Mrs. Heather Ellis. 14th February - Craft morning working on a Valentine Branch. 21st February - 'What can your Chemist do for you?' with Mrs Helen Houston. 28th February - Fermanagh and Omagh District Council -with tips on recycling. 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.

Parish Register

Holy Baptism

BENSON, Ashley Poppy, infant daughter of Gary and Donna of Bellanaleck was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 19th November 2017. ELLIOTT, Jackson Ronnie Raymond, infant son of Jason and Nicola, College Lane, Enniskillen was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 19th November 2017. ELLIS, Toby Robert, infant son of Darren and Elaina, of Killesher was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 14th January 2018. We welcome Ashley, Jackson and Toby to the family of God and pray they will learn to follow Christ as they grow in faith.

Christian Burial

REYNOLDS, Olive Eileen, of Meadow Lane, Enniskillen, died peacefully at South Western Acute Hospital on 9th December 2017. Funeral service took place on 15th December 2017 at her family parish in Co. Cavan. CLARKE, David Hamilton, of Lawnakilla, Enniskillen, died after an illness in hospital on 1st January 2018. Funeral service took place at Rossorry Parish Church on 3rd January 2018 at 2pm, with interment in the adjoining Churchyard. The congregation of Rossorry offers their deepest sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of the departed.

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. You can contact by these means or by e-mail at rossorryoffice@btinternet.com or indeed by Telephone at 02866 329889.



Toby Robert Ellis, son of Darren and Elaina at his Baptism



At the Baptism of Jackson Ronnie Raymond Elliott, son of Jason and Nicola.

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Tempo Parish

Baptism 26/11/17 Scott Rowley Veitch,
Edenmore Road, Tempo, son of Brian and
Jayne Veitch.

Funeral 9/1/18 Mrs. Olive Irene Gilmour.
Our prayers and sympathy to Janice, Lisa
and David, her grandson Callum and the
all the family circle.

Tempo Carol Service

The Young People's and Senior Carol
Service was held at the one service.
The Sunday School members read the
Angel poem, Candy Poem and Santa's
prayer and the Nativity play. The Choir
and Sunday School sang together Away
in a manger and Joy to the world
accompanied by Mark McDonald on the
flute and Carole Graham at the organ.
The Choir sang No Room. Members of the
congregation shared in the Readings.

Clabby Young People's Carol Service

This service had active participation
by the young people from the Sunday
school. They also performed two dramas
'Where is Baby Jesus' and the 'Unopened

Gift.' Children from the Sunday School
read the lessons and led the prayers. The
music group accompanied by Mrs. Ann
Bloomfield led the music. The Sunday
School concluded the service by singing
"We wish you a merry Christmas"

The parish carol service took the usual
form of traditional readings and carols
for Christmas. Ryan Crawford was the
organist.

February Diary

Thursday 8th Table Quiz Tempo Church
Hall 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 13th Mothers' Union 8 p.m.

Tempo Church Hall, Upcycling.

Wednesday 14th Ash Wednesday 8 p.m.

Tempo

Lent Service Tempo : 28th February & 14th
March.

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

Theme: In Touch with God – meditations
on Bible characters and their prayers.

S.N.A.T.C.H.

4th Feb 7-9pm. Media influence.

Aghavea Church Hall.

Anyone who is in Secondary School are
Welcome from Aghavea, Colebrooke
Group and Tempo and Clabby.

18th I want to be like you.

March 2nd – 4th Weekend Away, C.E.F.

Centre, Rossnowlagh, details available
from the Churches.

Advance Date for Diary

9th March Marching Bands Evening 8 p.m.

Tempo Church Hall for Tempo Church
funds featuring Manorcunningham Pipe
Band, Co. Donegal (All Ireland Pipe
Band Champions) Ballyreagh Silver
Band, Brookeborough Flute Band and
Ballinamallard Accordion Band. Admission
£10-00.

5th – 9th March – Clabby Bowls
Tournament.

8th – 11th March Bible Comes to Life
Exhibition, Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. See
details in Diocesan Magazine and local
press

Lent

This year it is planned to look at some
Bible characters and their prayers. David:
Success and gratitude.

Read Samuel Chapter 7 v 18-29

David was Israel's greatest King. He went
from being a lonnely, despised job as a
shepherd to Israel's greatest King. He
conquered Jerusalem and brought the
Ark of the Covenant there. "The Lord had
given him rest from all his enemies around
him (v7) But David did not become proud.
He was annoyed that the ark should rest
in a tent while he lived in a grand Palace.
He wanted to build a house for God's ark,
the Symbol of God's presence. His prayer
from 7:18 onwards is humble, trusting and
full of gratitude. This is the lesson David's
prayer teaches us about our prayer life.

In chapter 7 v 5-16 Nathan is given
a message from God for David. God
declines David's offer instead the task
would fall to Solomon to build the temple.
But God does promise David to build him
a house (Dynasty) that would last forever.
This teaches us that we need to ask God
what he wants us to do instead of telling
him what we propose to do.

This great promise of God was fulfilled
when Jesus was born. The genealogies
in Matthew and Luke both emphasise this
promise of God being completed. The
Kingdom which would lost forever and
became worldwide. A kingdom which
now extends into nearly all the world and
growing daily.

Are we humble before God, expressing
our need of him daily, depending for our
daily needs and in his Son as our Saviour?
Are we grateful that we have a loving,
caring, faithful and promise keeping God?
Are we open to listen to what God's will is
for our lives and then humbly accept and
obey his will?



Trory and Killadeas

Vacant

During the vacancy the Ven Brian Harper is in charge with Mrs Sue Hogg, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant, assisting with pastoral care.

Services

Sunday 4th February

10.00am Killadeas HC

11.30am Trory HC

Sunday 11th February

10.00am Killadeas SW

11.30am Trory SW

Sunday 18th February

10.00am Killadeas MP

11.30am Trory MP

Sunday 25th February

10.00am Killadeas MP

11.30am Trory MP

Dear Parishioners

Dear Parishioners,
Many thanks for your many gifts and kind expressions of goodwill to myself and the Rectory family as we leave Trory and Killadeas after 11 years.

The Priory

Killadeas Priory suffered storm damage to its interior ceiling on 30th December 2017. This has meant that we can no longer use the nave for public worship. Repairs are in hand but may take some time. To this end we will continue to use the choir and the right hand transept until repairs are completed.

Arrangements for services which require the use of the nave will be arranged as and when needed for other churches. The restoration of the church will also begin shortly and parishioners are advised to listen for relevant announcements as regarding services.

Pastoral Cover

During the interregnum anyone requiring a cleric for pastoral needs should contact Archdeacon Harper in Ballinamallard. He will also be responsible for organising services such as Holy Baptism, marriages and funerals.

Diocesan Magazine

Will Stevenson (Trory) and Hazel Allen (Killadeas) are looking after the Diocesan magazine notes and items for publicity should be with them by the 10th of each month.

Church Services

A list of church services will be available in the church porch. A thank you to Anne Loane and Erica McClean for undertaking this task.

Every Blessing,
Canon Mark



Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and Bishop's Medal Competitions 2018

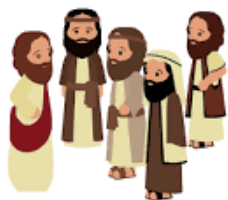
Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education invites children and young people to enter the following competitions. This year's theme is:

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is the most common of three Creeds recognised by the Church of Ireland. It is found in the Book of Common Prayer and is used in the Service of Baptism and at Morning/Evening Prayer. The word 'Creed' comes from the Latin word 'credo' meaning 'I believe', and is simply a statement of Christian belief for everyone who is baptised.

Archdeacon Ruddell Prize

- Using illustrations to help, show what you have learned from the Apostles' Creed about God the Father and about Jesus Christ, God's only Son.



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

Bishop's Medal

- Demonstrate your understanding of The Apostles' Creed. Mention what you have learned about the three persons of the Trinity, the church and the hope which Christians have of eternal life.



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

Entries should be on A4 Paper and can either be handwritten or word processed.

Relevant text, pictures, diagrams, photographs etc. should be included.

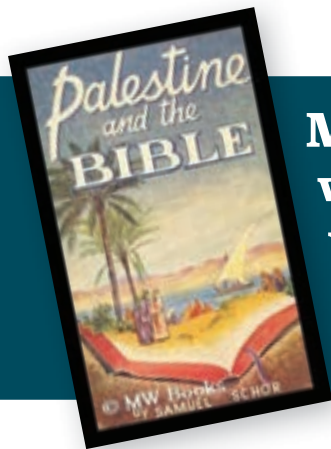
All entries must be original, the work of those entering.

All entries should please be left in the Diocesan Office by Wednesday 25th April 2018

N.B. In approaching this work with children, Sunday School Teachers might find the following resource very helpful:-

'The Apostles' Creed, A Teaching Resource for Sunday Schools' produced by the Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education in 2009 and available online to download at www.clogher.anglican.org

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!

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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.



Day of Prayer to seek God's Peace and Healing

- Saturday 10th February 2018 -

Enniskillen Presbyterian Church

1.00pm to 2.00pm

St Michael's Parish Church

2.15pm to 3.15pm

St Macartin's Cathedral

3.20pm to 4.20pm

Enniskillen Methodist Church

4.30pm to 5.30pm

- Are you carrying burdens and issues from the past?
- Have you been hurt by the words or actions of others?
- Are there things for which you need to say sorry and put to rest?

An opportunity to pray for the future of our community and our Land.

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- Saturday 10th February 2018 -

You are welcome to join our journey of prayer at any point on Saturday 10th February 2018. Beginning at 1pm, it will include an hour in each of Enniskillen Presbyterian Church, St Michael's Parish Church, St Macartin's Cathedral and Enniskillen Methodist Church: see timetable overleaf. If your peace has been disturbed for whatever reason, maybe from experiences in the past, please come and spend time with God in an atmosphere of godly calm? Quietly, between you and Him, you can lay down any of the things that disturb, forgive those who have hurt you, say sorry where you may have hurt others and make a commitment to help build a better future for our community and our land. The focal point will be large plain wooden crosses at the front of each worship space. All the prayer will be in silence. This time is for people to come as individuals before God, and through that encounter, however long or short, to find His peace.



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MOTHERS' UNION



Bishop of Clogher announces new Diocesan Chaplain of Mothers' Union



Revd Charles Eames, who has been appointed Diocesan Chaplain for the Mothers' Union in Clogher Diocese.

The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell, has announced that

the Revd Charles Eames has accepted his offer of becoming the next Diocesan Chaplain of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese. The Bishop has held this position since 2012.

Making the announcement, the Bishop said: "First, I wish to place on record the privilege it has been to act as Diocesan Chaplain to the Mothers' Union in Clogher. It has enabled me to get to know three successive Diocesan Presidents and to meet many members in their branches, at Trustee meetings and on innumerable other occasions. On each of these occasions I have been impressed by the dedication of officers and members and most particularly by the quiet witness to the importance of family life in our parishes and in our society. I have also found much friendship and fun.

"I am delighted to be in a position to announce that the Revd Charles Eames has agreed to take over as the Diocesan Chaplain, a matter which I have discussed with Mrs Irene Boyd, the current Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union. The new chaplain has a very strong commitment to the work of the MU and a good knowledge of many of the parishes where it is active and I commend him to your prayers for the ministry on which he will now embark."

Mrs Boyd stated: "As Diocesan President, I convey my sincere thanks to Bishop McDowell for his faithful support for Mothers' Union in the past five years.

"I am delighted to extend a warm and sincere welcome to Revd Charles Eames as the new Diocesan Chaplain and look forward to meeting with him to discuss the work and witness of Mothers' Union in the Clogher Diocese."

Revd Charles Eames said he is looking forward to his new role.

"I'm delighted to accept the Bishop's offer to take on the role of Diocesan Chaplain of the MU, an organisation which does some very worthwhile work within the Diocese and I look forward to working with them," he said.

Mothers' Union Prayer Vigil

Mothers' Union marked the 16 days of Activism against Gender Violence with a Prayer Vigil which was held on 28th November in Lisbellaw Parish Church. 84 ladies from branches across the Diocese and from local Methodist and Presbyterian Church attended.

Mr John Armstrong from the PSNI Domestic Abuse and Vulnerable Adult Team was the speaker. He spoke about his work in the team and gave the ladies information on the numbers of cases in our county and how difficult his work is in cases of domestic abuse especially when children are involved. Members of Mothers' Union took part in the service. Each member of the Mothers' Union were asked to bring one item of clothing or toiletries to be given to Women's Aid in Enniskillen and the response was overwhelming. Ms Kerri Flood from Women's Aid attended the Vigil and thanked everyone for their generosity. At the close of the Vigil refreshments were served by members of the Mothers' Union in Lisbellaw.

Letter of thanks to Mothers' Union members from Kerri Flood – Women's Aid

Dear Valerie,

Our staff have been sorting the items this morning and I have to say, there have been some tears in our office today. We are truly overwhelmed by the thought, generosity and kindness that has been shown and we can not say thank you enough. It looks like we will have a gift for every woman in our service from your donations alone. I can not tell you what this will mean to them.

Please pass on our sincerest gratitude to your members and if there is anything that Fermanagh Women's Aid can do to support you in the future, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you again Valerie, we are truly overwhelmed by your kindness.

Yours Sincerely,
Kerrie
Kerrie Flood,
Strategic Development Manager
Fermanagh Women's Aid

MU branch officers attend diocesan training event

On Saturday 18 November 2017 Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union organised a training day for Branch Leaders, Branch Secretaries and Branch Treasurers. Sixty members from 27 Branches attended the training.

The morning began with tea /coffee and registration. Mrs Irene Boyd, Diocesan President welcomed everyone to the training and outlined the programme for the day.

The Opening Worship was led by Revd Lindsay Farrell followed by "Beyond your Branch" from Diane Whittaker and the role of the Trustee Board members. Muriel Treacy and Valerie McMorris performed a drama on the importance of communication. The President's remarks followed with mid-day prayers led by Dr Margaret Knox. The members were then divided up into three groups, where Irene Boyd and Valerie McMorris talked to the Branch Leaders, Liane Armstrong and Noreen Little to the Branch Secretaries and Anne Armstrong and Ivy Edwards to the Branch Treasurers. Each branch received a pack of information regarding Mothers' Union and a questionnaire was completed by each branch on methods of communication and how we can do things better.

The "Jolly Sandwich" provided scones for our morning tea/coffee and soup and sandwiches for our lunch. The refreshments were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union are very grateful for the funding received from All Ireland Mothers' Union 'Mums In May Fund' which covered the cost of this event.



Photos of MU Members at their training event



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1 March 2018 at 11.15 am
- Mothers' Union All-Ireland Holy Communion Service - Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

Saturday 3 March 2018 at 9.30 am -
Prayer Breakfast in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen.

Friday 4 May 2018 at 8.00 pm - Area Service hosted by Donagh Parish.

Friday 11 May 2018 at 8.00 pm - Area Services hosted by Magheracross and Sallaghy.

Thursday 25 May 2018 at 8.00 pm - Spring Council meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.

June 2018 - Indoor Members Tea Party - Date and venue to be confirmed.

Thursday 9 August 2018 - Mary Summer Day.

Monday 17 & Tuesday 18 September 2018 - Annual General Meeting – Swansea.

Tuesday 18 - Thursday 20 September 2018 - Ploughing Championships - Scraggan, Tullamore.

Thursday 25 October 2018 - Autumn Council Meeting in Clogh Parish.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Colour



THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

Read

READ – The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (You can read this in Matthew chapter 18 verses 21-35)

Have you ever hurt another person? Maybe you've stepped on someone's foot, or pushed someone, or called your brother or sister a mean name, or made someone feel bad. If we do something wrong to someone else we should say, "I'm sorry." And hopefully, the other person says, 'It's ok'. They have forgiven us. How many times do you think we should forgive someone?

Peter asked Jesus this very question, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or friend when he does something mean to me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered him, "I tell you, seven times is not enough but forgive them as many as seventy seven times." Then Jesus began the parable to explain.

The kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted all his servants to pay him back. These servants had borrowed money from the king and the king wanted it back today. As he was going down a list of servants who needed to give him money he came to one who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. The man was brought to the king but he was not able to pay so the king ordered that the servant, his wife and his

children and all that he had be sold and the money given to the king to repay the debt. When the servant heard this he fell on his knees and begged, "Be patient with me and I will pay back everything." The king took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed the man and began to choke him and yelled, "Pay back what you owe me!" Then his servant did the same thing that he had just done - he fell on his knees and begged, "Be patient with me, and I will pay you back."

But he said, "No way!" Instead, he had the man thrown into jail until he could pay the money back.

People heard what had happened and told the king about the unforgiving servant. So the king called the servant in. "You wicked servant, he said, "I cancelled all that you owed me because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your servant just as I had on you?" The king threw the servant into jail to be tortured until he paid back all the money he borrowed.

Jesus ended the story with this final statement. "This is how your heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother with all your heart".

Decode

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letters for the numbers to reveal the coded words from the story.

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- 10-7-18-7-23 _____
- 2-23-22-18-25-7-23 _____
- 11-7-13-7-21 _____
- 6-7-11-3-11 _____

Wow! 70 times 7! That's 490 times. I think that before I got to four hundred and ninety I would lose count. I think that is probably what Jesus was trying to get Peter to understand and he wants us to understand it too. We shouldn't worry about keeping count of how many times we have forgiven someone -- we should just keep on forgiving. We should wipe it out. Isn't that what God does? He forgives us all the time for small and big things so why wouldn't we forgive others just the same. It's not always easy but it's what God wants us to do! God doesn't keep count of how many times he has forgiven us. He just keeps on forgiving.

CROSSWORD

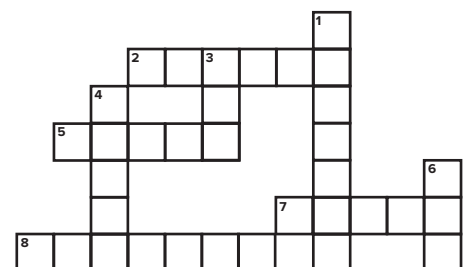
ACROSS

- A statement given in reply to a question
- The number that is equal to six plus one
- The Son of God
- To pardon someone for doing something wrong

DOWN

- A male with the same parents as someone else
- To break God's law
- A fisherman who became one of Jesus' disciples
- To seek an answer to a question

Seven Brother	Ask Forgive	Peter Answer	Jesus Sin
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YOUTH PAGE

First CIYD Youth Forum - The Voice of Young People Positively Affecting Change

On Saturday, 20 January, 36 youth representatives from throughout the island of Ireland gathered at City North Hotel, Dublin for their first meeting.

They were there to represent each of their diocese, Clogher being represented by Harry Dane from Garvary, Adam Garland from Monaghan and Emma Elliott from Magheraveely.

The overall aims and objectives of the Forum were to;

- Debate Issues affecting all young people
- Encourage and support youth participation
- Facilitate change and take action
- Support young people on their spiritual journey

To aid them in their task CIYD had asked Captain Nic Sheppard from the Church Army and his wife Mrs Sally Sheppard to act as facilitators.

Captain Canon Nic Sheppard served for many years as Diocesan Youth Officer in the Diocese of Ripon and Leeds, Yorkshire. Nic co-wrote the book 'Employing Youth and Children's Workers (2008) published by Church House Publishing and was involved in establishing the Church of England Youth Council (CEYC). He has vast experience working alongside young people and their leaders. As such Nic was able to bring creativity and energy to the Youth Forum. Following registration on Saturday morning and an opening devotion time and prayer Nic and Sally divided the group into three groups to hold a

"Conversation Café". Each group had three "courses" which were served with a two minute "service" introduction followed by 10 minutes debating "consumption" and finally a three minute "digestion" to agree main points

Here is the "menu" they followed;

STARTER – Young people coming together

- What's good about young people coming together?
- What makes it harder for young people to get together?
- What helps young people come together?
- What opportunities are there for young people to gather?
- What would help encourage young people to gather?

MAIN COURSE – Issues affecting Young people

- What are the big issues of concern to young people today?
- What are the issues for young people in your area?
- What do young people worry about?
- What priorities do young people have?

DESSERT - Young people...God, The Church and Us

- What is exciting or inspiring in your spiritual journey?
- What do you find hard in your spiritual journey?
- What helps you in your spiritual journey?

- What do you get out of being part of a Church community?

To following this main course the young people were given time to continue talking in their small groups and dream Dreams. Using flip chart paper and felt-tips, the young people illustrated their perfect world and church addressing the issues and needs discussed previously in the Conversation Café

After a short break Nic and Sally led a time of prayer and reflection in which each young person was then encouraged to write one or two words on a stone pebble expressing their feelings and then place it at the foot of the cross.

By now it really was time to eat and continue the conversation and make new friends. Lunch heartily consumed in table teams of six the young people were given a pile of scrap paper and rolls of Sellotape. Working together they had ten minutes to plan and build a structure strong enough to support a Bible. The tallest, strongest, and most creative wins! Staying in their table groups the young people were then asked to discuss issues and needs such as, "What changes in the Church nationally and or locally do members of your group wish to work towards in the future". This was followed by a feedback opportunity again led by Nic and Sally. They were then free to wander around the room and look at everything that had been shared by others. All the thoughts, feelings, actions hoped and prayed for by their contemporaries.

There then followed an opportunity for the diocesan representatives to share with their diocesan youth officers and leaders from their own Church and diocese. This helped to reflect on the day, talk about where they could go to next and what they would like to see happen closer to home and further afield. Also, what they would like to do again or differently, what help and support might they need and were there any big ideas or big issues that nationally young people might want to tackle in the future.

Time was then given for the young people and their leaders to pray together in small groups about what they had been thinking about and to reflect on the future possibilities. This was an excellent way to draw the discussions and many thoughts of the day into perspective as they presented all into the hands of God.

YOUTH
FORUM



DIOCESAN NEWS



Enjoying a cup of tea following the Diocesan Advent Carol Service are (from left); Robert Forde, Glebes Secretary; Revd Sampson Ajuka, Diocesan Curate, Devenish and Boho; Revd Philip Bryson, Curate Assistant, Magheraculmoney; Canon Henry Blair, Rector, Magheraculmoney and Basil Johnston, Derryvullen South.

Advent Carol Service raises funds for Bird of Paradise Ministries

The Clogher Diocesan Advent Carol Service took place on Sunday evening, 3rd December 2017 in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher.

The service of lessons and carols marked the beginning of the season of Advent described as "under a month of restrained and prayerful preparation for the joy and jubilation of Christmas."

The service was led by the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall and the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell, sang the blessing.

The Cantor, the Revd John McClenaghan, sang "A Matin Responsory" at the beginning of the service before the processional hymn. The service, attended by clergy and lay people from throughout the diocese, took the form of seven lessons, read by representatives of various committees within the diocese. These included Rosemary Barton MLA, a member of Clogher Diocesan Council; Robert Forde, a member of the Clogher Diocesan Glebes Committee; Revd Charles Eames, from the Clogher Diocesan Board for Social Theology in Action; Brian Donaldson, representing the Clogher Diocesan Magazine Committee; Revd Philip Bryson,

from the Clogher Diocesan Youth Council; Joyce Clingen, a member of the Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education and Canon Maurice Armstrong, a member of Clogher Diocesan Ministry of Healing. The organist, Diane Whittaker, and combined choirs of the Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes, led the singing of the hymns and anthems.

The hymns were; "O come, O come, Emmanuel," "Waken, O sleeper, wake and rise," "The Magnificat," "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry," "Make way, make way, for Christ the King," "Hail to the Lord's anointed" and "Lo! he comes with clouds descending." There were two anthems; "Come, the Redeemer of the earth" and "Zion, at thy shining gates."

The collection was taken up in aid of "Bird of Paradise Ministries" a charity registered in Northern Ireland operating in Rwanda where it provides the basic needs of shelter and care for destitute elderly people. These people had families decimated during the genocide of the mid 1990's.

"Bird of Paradise Ministries" is the initiative of Canon Jerome Munyangaju and his wife, Mary. Canon Jerome is originally from Rwanda and was rector of Killyleagh for over 10 years before returning to Rwanda. Instead of retiring, he began this new ministry when he saw the needs of elderly people.



Norma Heap and Sue Hogg enjoying a cup of tea following the Clogher Diocesan Carol Service.



Dean Kenneth Hall and Bishop John McDowell helping to promote "Bird of Paradise Ministries" in Rwanda at the Diocesan Advent Carol Service in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher.



John Hull, Verger at St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher with Jack Johnston, parishioner of Clogher Cathedral.

LONGEST SERVING MINISTER IN CLOGHER DIOCESE ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT



The longest serving minister in Clogher Diocese, the Venerable Cecil Pringle (Archdeacon Emeritus), has announced his retirement to take effect from the end of February 2018.

Apart from his curacy in East Belfast, he has spent his entire ministry in Clogher Diocese.

After a ministry with the Church of Ireland spanning over 50 years, the former Archdeacon of the diocese for 25 years will retire following his last service in the Drumkeeran Group of parishes in North Fermanagh where he has been Bishop's Curate for the past 10 years. "I have found my ministry very fulfilling. I would not have remained as long as I did if I had not had that fulfilment," he commented.

During his extensive ministry, the Archdeacon Pringle has seen huge changes not only within church life but in society in general but he has embraced many of these changes in his work in parishes where he has served, always respectful of other people's opinions. Cecil Pringle was the third of five children of Joseph and Isabella Pringle, born outside Clones, Co Monaghan, in Clogher Diocese, as the Second World War was raging in Europe. His father, Joseph died when he was only seven and his mother, Isabella brought up five of family during a difficult time in rural Ireland.

"The lesson I learned from that is that we would not have survived if it had not been for the help and kindness of our neighbouring farmers, almost all of whom were Roman Catholic, and which was freely given again and again," he recalled.

Progressing in education, the Cecil was attending Clones High School when in his teenage years, felt the calling to God and the late Archdeacon Victor Forster encouraged him to go forward for ordination training.

Following his degree and theological training at Trinity College, Dublin, he was ordained for the curacy of St. Donard's Parish, East Belfast, in 1966 where he served until 1969.

He was appointed rector of Cleenish Parish, near Bellanaleck in Clogher Diocese in 1969 and it was during his time there that he oversaw the grouping with Mullaghduin Parish, near Letterbreen, in 1978.

In 1980, he moved the short distance to the neighbouring parish of Rossorry where he remained for a further 28 years. During this time, he was appointed firstly, a Canon, in 1985 and then Archdeacon of Clogher in 1989, a position he held for 25 years.

In 2008, he was appointed Bishop's Curate of Drumkeeran, Muckcross and Templecarne group of parishes where he remains until his retirement at the end of February.

During his ministry in Clogher Diocese, Archdeacon Pringle has worked with six bishops including the current Bishop, the Right Revd John McDowell.

Apart from his pastoral and parish duties, Archdeacon Pringle served on numerous committees and boards within the diocese and at wider Church of Ireland level, being a member of the Representative Church Body, serving on its Executive Committee.

He was also interested in progressing education and as well as teaching

R.E. to pupils, served on the Board of Governors of Jones Memorial Primary School, Enniskillen and was Chairman of the Board of Management of Enniskillen High School for many years. He also served as a church representative on the Western Education and Library Board and was Chairman of the Teaching Appointments Committee for a period of time.

It was during his ministry in Rossorry Parish that Archdeacon Pringle helped to progress community relations when he accepted an invitation from Father Brian D'Arcy at The Graan Monastery, to speak at the Novena of Hope in the mid 1990's. He has spoken at every Novena since.

"Having grown up when we were so dependent on the wider community I realised those people were very kind and helpful. However I could not have envisaged the next big step," he said of the time he received Father Brian's invitation.

Having spoken at the Novena of Hope to great acclamation, Archdeacon Pringle continued the relationship by inviting Father Brian to speak at a service in Rossorry Parish Church during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Looking back over such meritorious service, Archdeacon Pringle said the key to successive ministry is to let people know they are cared for and that clergy must be prepared to listen.

"I would underline the role of listening in pastoral ministry," he said.

He and his wife, Hilary, who live near Letterbreen, have three children; Tanya; Mark and Claire and four grandchildren and he is looking forward to having more time with his family as well as pursuing his pastimes of regular walking, playing pool and enjoying holiday breaks. But he leaves with having had a fulfilling life of service in the church.

"My length of service says its all," he added.

Ministerial approval for shared church initiative as two congregations sing carols together



St. Mary's Choir

St. Maeldoid's Church in Castleblayney, hosted a community Carol Service with a difference on Thursday, 21st December 2017.

Not only was it an interdenominational event, but the Church of Ireland parish at St. Maeldoid's are sharing the church premises with their Roman Catholic neighbours of St. Mary's for a year while their own church is undergoing extensive renovations.

On Thursday night, the Church of Ireland parishioners of St. Maeldoid's welcomed St. Mary's Choir to sing a number of Christmas Carols and their Parish Priest, Father Pat McHugh joined with the Rector, Revd Neal Phair during the service including giving the Blessing at the end of the service.

Both church congregations have been using St. Maeldoid's for their own services of worship since June.

Revd Neal Phair said the arrangement has been working well.

"It's been going like clockwork and there's a wonderful atmosphere," he explained.

Father McHugh echoed his words.

"It's been going seamless and from my and our experience the welcome could not have been more wholesome. Everything that is possible has been done for us," he said.

He said the Church of Ireland congregation had accommodated their needs on a day to day basis extremely well.

During the past six months, the congregation of St. Mary's have held baptisms, weddings and funerals in St. Maeldoid's.

Among the guests at the Carol Service was Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and who is from Co. Monaghan.

She praised the co-operation between the denominations.

The Minister stated: "This is a great example of churches coming together and when there was a need identified by the Roman Catholic church, the people here (St. Maeldoid's) very graciously asked them to use their premises. It shows there is room for everyone.

"I would commend Revd Phair and Father McHugh for taking this step. It absolutely reflects Christian values what they have done," she added.



Heather Humphreys TD, Minister of Business, Enterprise and Innovation being welcomed to the service by Revd Neal Phair with Father Pat McHugh looking on

The Carol Service took the form of nine lessons and carols with a number of the carols sung by St. Mary's Choir, conducted by Colette Gallen and accompanied by their Director of Music, Gary Carville.

The organist for the congregational singing was Charlotte Adair, from Castleblayney Presbyterian Church. On Christmas Day, St. Mary's held their Mass at 8am and St Maeldoid's parishioners held their service at 10am.





Chancellor John Stewart announces retirement

The retirement has been announced of Revd Chancellor John Stewart, Rector of Derryvullen South and Garvary, where he has been for since 1990.

His father grew up in Fintona while his mother was from Belfast. Interestingly the assisting minister at their marriage was Revd Dr. William Lumley, who was Chancellor Stewart's predecessor in both Ballybay and Derryvullen South and Garvary parishes. Chancellor Stewart was born when they lived in the university area.

Some of Chancellor Stewart's ancestors were of Huguenot descent and others were gardeners for the Cleever family, Belfast; Lyle family, Donaghmore and the Duke of Manchester, Tandragee.

His mother recalled hiding under the table while bombs fell on Belfast during the Blitz while her father fought in and survived the Battle of the Somme.

In connection with choosing a vocation in the church, Chancellor Stewart said: "The Rector of St Elizabeth's parish church, Dundonald was Canon T H Frizelle, originally a teacher from Dungannon. His curates in my time were Desmond McCreery, Brian Blacoe, Billy Neill, Jim McMaster and Ken

Clarke. As organist and choirmaster in the newly established church extension at Ballybeen, I came in close contact with the clergy who all played their part in encouraging me. Other influences included the B C M S camps and the Keswick convention.

"My father was a diocesan reader in Down and Dromore for nearly 30 years before his own ordination. My neighbour in Dundonald, fellow parishioner at St Elizabeth's, Sunday School teacher, and future ordinand, David Coe, was another encourager.

"After a three year apprenticeship in the engineering side of the Post Office, I did the new Bachelor of Divinity course at QUB followed by a year in the Church of Ireland College, where my spare time activities included playing table tennis with the late Most Rev Donald Caird, newly appointed Bishop of Meath and Kildare, later to be Archbishop of Dublin.

"The Warden, Canon John Brown, allocated me to the Rev W Bridcut, for training purposes. I was ordained deacon in 1977, priest in 1978 where my first curacy was at Seagoe parish in Portadown. There were 800 houses to visit along with the chaplaincy at Craigavon Hospital and the local school. My move to Christ Church, Lisburn, as senior curate, involved an increase to 1000 houses to visit and the chaplaincy of the Lagan Valley Hospital and schools. Training in those days was rigorous!

"My marriage to Valerie Lipsett took place while I was in Lisburn, and following the death of our first child, Esther, Andrea was born.

"My first incumbency after nine years as a curate, was in the Ballybay Group in the Diocese of Clogher. Then in 1990 we came to Derryvullen South and Garvary.

Contributions to the diocese included my work as Bishop's Chaplain, Rural Dean, Glebes Secretary, Diocesan Registrar, Housing Association Representative, Ministry Panel, Clogher Board of Religious Education, Diocesan Council, General Synod and Standing Committee.

"I went through the ranks of the Cathedral Chapter firstly as one of the two Canons, then Prebendary of Tyholland and lastly Chancellor. Additional duties have involved my membership on the Board of Governors of Lisbellaw, and more recently as Chairperson.

"Altogether I have had experience of working with six Bishops.

"My attempt at making a contribution to the area of the theological and historical reflection have included the occasional correspondence to the Church of Ireland Gazette, and publications such as Recollections of Parish Life in Derryvullen South and Garvary, Derryvullen South 150 years on, Celebration of 150th anniversary of Garvary parish, Origin of the Office of Reader, An explanation of some language in the Book of Common Prayer along with a guide to the Catechism, The Articles of Religion, What do these stones mean – Confirmation and Baptism, BCP theology on baptism, and some short papers on repentance and forgiveness, Our Lord's Mother, Ordination and the pastor.

"As we get older, time goes faster, and we seem to spend more time getting less done! But I hope to continue to study and reflect on the traditional theological areas and have more time for family, a bit of gardening, family research, listening to music and other hobbies.

"The role of pastor in the Church of Ireland was rightly emphasised by those who were my mentors in the early days of training. While visiting can be a demanding discipline it is an important and rewarding one. It has been a privilege to be allowed to sit with people from a wide range of social backgrounds in the sanctum of their homes and to have made many friends," Chancellor Stewart added.

Diocese of Clogher Pilgrimage to Holy Land has begun

A group of over 20 people from throughout Clogher Diocese left on Friday, 2nd February on a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Flying to Tel Aviv, the group led by Canon David Skuce, will be exploring the area and visiting many of the sites which they have read about in the Bible.

Among the places of interest they have already visited are Jaffa, Caesarea Martima, the Anglican Church at Haifa and Nazareth.

This week, the group will be visiting the Sea of Gallilee, Capernaum and the Mount of Beatitudes with further visits to the Golan Heights, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Mount of Olives and the Garden Tomb.

Clogher Diocese has organised numerous pilgrimages throughout the Middle East including a similar visit to Israel, as well as Jordan and Rome and Assisi.

Many of those on this visit have been on many of the previous visits.



Bishop announces changes in parish ministry

A number of changes in parish ministry have been announced by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell.

Bishop McDowell has asked Revd Charles Eames, currently a Non-Stipendiary Minister in Magheracross Parish, to provide ministry in the Drumkeeran Group during the vacancy following the retirement of Archdeacon Cecil Pringle.

The rector of Garvary and Derryvullen South, Revd Chancellor John Stewart, has announced his retirement to take effect in February.

Bishop McDowell has asked Revd Betty Thompson to provide pastoral and service ministry of Garvary and Derryvullen South from the first Sunday in March.

Revd Betty Thompson is currently Non-Stipendiary Minister in the parishes of Donagh, Tyholland and Errigal Truagh in Co. Monaghan.

Bishop McDowell has asked Revd Lorraine Capper to provide part-time stipendiary ministry for the parishes of Donagh, Tyholland and Errigal Truagh for the foreseeable future beginning on the first Sunday in Lent, 4 March 2018.

Trinity University Choir visits Enniskillen

The Trinity University Chapel Choir (below) with St Macartin's Cathedral Choir who sang at the morning service on Sunday 14th January in St Macartin's Cathedral.

Pictured with the choir are Dr Kerry Houston the Director of Music for Trinity; the conductor of the choir, Mr Andrew Burrows and the Church of Ireland Chaplain for Trinity, the Revd Steve Brunn who was the preacher.

Also included are the cathedral Director of Music and organist, Mr Glenn Moore; the Dean, The Very Rev Kenneth Hall; the Curate, The Revd Chris MacBriuthin and the Director of Music for St Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Mr Paul Flynn where the choir sang at the Saturday evening Mass.

The Trinity University Chapel Choir chose Enniskillen this year for their annual outing.



CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

'The News Behind the News': Online Presentations Explore Human-interest Stories in the Pages of the Church of Ireland Gazette, 1856-1923

Archive of the Month January 2018

In the run-up to marking 150 years since Disestablishment in 2019, the RCB Library – the Church of Ireland record repository – is making available more editions of the Church's weekly newspaper, the Church of Ireland Gazette, as a freely-searchable resource online.

The Library holds the only complete hard-copy run of this newspaper published weekly since 1856, and through incremental digitization has gradually endeavoured to share its rich content with a wider audience. Now all editions for the 70-year period between March 1856, when the paper first appeared, up to and including the end of the Revolutionary period in December 1923 are shared for all.

Furthermore, beginning this month, the historian Dr Miriam Moffitt will present a new series of online exhibits entitled: 'The News Behind the News', to periodically appear

during 2018 showcasing particular stories of interest.

The first story reveals the content of a series of articles published 100 years ago in early 1918 editions of the Gazette where members of both laity and clergy provided insight into what they thought of each other. The series began with two columns entitled 'If I were a clergyman', published on 18th and 25th January 1918, with a third following on 8th February 1918. Most laypersons were united on one opinion: they expected their clergyman (and he was, of course, a man at this time) to have a good grasp of Scripture and doctrine and promised that, if they were in his place, they would equip themselves with the necessary training and knowledge. The free-to-view finding aid to all editions of the Gazette between 1856 and 1923 is available here: <https://eSearch.informa.ie/rcb> The 'News Behind the News' presentation begins at this link: www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive

Church representatives meet with Taoiseach and ministers

The Church of Ireland long with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and the Methodist Church in Ireland accepted an invitation from An Taoiseach, Mr Leo Varadkar TD, to hold a bilateral meeting with ministers in Government Buildings, Dublin, under the Church-State structured dialogue process.

The delegation from the three Churches was as follows: for the Church of Ireland, The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke (Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland), The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson (Archbishop of Dublin), the Revd Canon Gillian Wharton and Mr Ken Gibson (both Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod); for the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, The Right Revd Dr Noble McNeely (Moderator), the Very Revd Dr Trevor Morrow (former Moderator and Convenor of the Church's Republic of Ireland Panel) and the Revd Trevor Gribben (Clerk of Assembly and General Secretary); and for the Methodist Church in Ireland, Dr Fergus O'Ferrall (Lay Leader of the Methodist Conference), the Revd Andrew Dougherty (District Superintendent, Dublin District) and Ms Liz Parkin (Secretary, Council for Social Responsibility, Southern Executive).

After the meeting, Archbishop Richard Clarke, on behalf of the three Churches, said: "We welcomed the opportunity to meet the Taoiseach and his ministers today as part of the Church-State dialogue, which we were assured will be a continuing and constructive two-way conversation. Our wide-ranging discussion included many of the most important and pressing social and ethical matters relating to contemporary Irish society." The agenda for the meeting included: migration, direct provision and overseas aid; the impact of Brexit on Ireland and Northern Ireland; abortion and the 8th Amendment to the Constitution; homelessness, social housing and wider economic issues; and Education issues.

Minibus transport in Northern Ireland

Clergy, youth workers, children's workers, and others who are employed by parishes are no longer allowed to drive a minibus for the church without passing a test for a D1 licence.

Parishes in Northern Ireland are advised that the Department of Infrastructure has clarified the legal requirements for minibus drivers under existing legislation. Anyone who is paid to drive, as a consequence of their employment, must have a full D (bus) or D1 (minibus) category licence. The D1 is a higher qualification and requires an additional driving test; this is separate from the D1 status held by drivers who received their full licence before 1st January 1997. Driving as a consequence of employment includes situations where a person is:

- expected to drive a minibus occasionally as part of their contract of employment;
- driving for their organisation during their normal work hours even where it is not included in their contract of employment; or
- subject to employer discipline while making the trip.

An applicant must currently hold a valid full licence for driving a car before making an application for the D1 category. The process includes a medical test, application for the provisional category to be added to your licence, a theory and hazard perception test, and a passenger carrying vehicle (PCV) driving test. More information is available at www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/apply-provisional-driving-licence

The department will seek to take drivers through the testing process in the shortest possible time.

Volunteer minibus drivers will continue to be able to drive for voluntary organisations (including parishes) as they do at present. The full guidance from the department is available at www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/letter-regarding-issue-and-use-section-10b-permits-road-passenger-transport-and-minibus-driving Parishes are asked to contact their insurers and/or legal representatives for the avoidance of doubt.

David Ritchie

Chief Officer and Secretary General

MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE NEWS

Clergy sit out for Christmas raises £6,159.45

Clergy in Ballinamallard have raised £6,159.45 from their charity sit-out at Magheracross Parish Church before Christmas.

The funds will be divided between Air Ambulance NI and the Abaana Children's Choir in Uganda.

The annual Christmas sit-out took place on Wednesday, 20th December from 8am to 8pm led by the Archdeacon of Clogher, the Venerable Brian Harper, Rector of Magheracross Parish Church along with his fellow Minister, Revd Charlie Eames and Revd John Beacom, Minister of Ballinamallard Methodist Church.

The clergy reported that the day passed with very mild weather and lots of company.

"We are grateful to those who took the time to stop and contribute," they said.

Lent Reflection from Christian Aid

The Bible gives us a dramatic picture of wilderness, from the Israelites' 40-year search for the promised Land, to the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying. Every Lent, we travel once more into the wilderness, following Jesus on his journey through the desert, to the Cross and, ultimately, to death.

Just like difficult stories on the news, the wilderness is something we often try to avoid confronting. But for millions of our sisters and brothers across the world, living in the wilderness is all too real. Millions have been forced from their homes for many reasons: conflict, drought, danger and fear. Two thirds of displaced people globally are seeking safety within their own country, and they're often ignored by the international community and unprotected. Having experienced severe trauma, they create a life for themselves and their families in unfamiliar surroundings, with little support.

Yet even in the darkest moments there is still hope in God. As we arrive at Easter, the risen Christ welcome us in from the wilderness with the promise of new life. In Jesus' death and resurrection, we witness God's love, a love so strong that it even overcomes the grave.

This Lent, we invite you to step into those places of deep suffering and deep hope as we walk with the 40 million internally displaced people in our world today.

To join us in the journey – Contact:

Dublin: 01 4967040 - Dublin@christian-aid.org

Belfast: 028 90648133 - Belfast@christian-aid.org

Christianaid.ie/lent



Kate Outram makes a donation as the Revd Charles Eames, Revd John Beacom and Archdeacon Brian Harper sit-out for charity at Magheracross Parish Church, Main Street, Ballinamallard on Wednesday, 20th December.

TO LET IN PORTSTEWART

- Modern 4-bedroom semi-detached house with full amenities.

Sleeps six. Bed linen provided. Enclosed rear garden. 20 minutes walk to promenade.

No pets or smokers. Contact - Tel: 028 82240610 Available April to August.

The Bible Comes To Life Exhibition



The Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission are hosting "The Bible Comes to Life" - Exhibition in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall from Thursday 8th March to Sunday 11th March 2018. This unique exhibition returns again after 25 years to Enniskillen! It was highly popular and very well attended when held in September 1993.

The exhibition introduces an understanding of Biblical Jewish life, culture and religion and helps in understanding the roots of Christianity. A significant collection of historic artefacts is used as part of this educational work. By working closely with local churches, schools, children's workers and youth leaders the team can bring a taste of the Biblical Middle East within the framework of local teaching programmes or curriculum. The emphasis can either be on exploring Judaism—referencing Biblical Festivals, worship ritual, and the Bible narrative of the Jewish people—or on talking about early Christianity and its links to Judaism. On the basis that an audio-visual experience helps people to remember teaching more effectively than just talking about a subject, the exhibition provides effective illustration, especially through a spectacular 3m x 2m

model of the Jewish Temple in the time of Jesus; LED lighting helps to explain the various sections and a smoking altar adds to the effect. The Temple Model is a 2m x 1m scale model of the Desert Tabernacle with illustrative coverings, ritual furniture and animals. They also have "Jewish life" artefacts such as Sabbath candlesticks and bread, Jewish prayer shawls, phylacteries, a Passover plate, mezuzah (door post blessings), Illustrating Jewish Life and a unique Middle Eastern clothing collection with some garments dating back 150 years. Some of the clothing is used in giving character or costume themed Bible talks (eg The Shepherd, The Tribal Leader, The Middle Eastern Bride). Where practical, children are encouraged to try on the costumes. All the artefacts have a fact sheet of explanatory notes by using a multisensory approach they aim to give our exhibition visitors an insight into the Biblical world. All talks and materials can be adapted to suit either school curriculum requirements or the church's educational needs. The exhibition is staffed by The Church's Ministry Among Jewish People—CMJ, an Anglican Church mission society that has been active since 1809. The team is led by Paul and Janey Hames who have lived in Jerusalem for five years and have considerable experience in working with churches, and prayer groups, as well as students and young people. This is the only venue for the exhibition to be held in Ireland in 2018. Entrance is free!



Opening times are as follows:

Thursday 8th – 3.00pm – 5.00pm and 6.30pm – 9.30pm.

Friday 9th – 3.00pm – 5.00pm and 6.30pm – 9.30pm (Youth Groups are welcome but not exclusive for youth as adults are also welcome) Saturday 10th – 9.30am – 5.00pm

Sunday 11th - 11.00am – 12.30pm (incorporating Morning Service) and 3.00pm – 7.00pm followed by a closing service.

Entrance is free but donations to cover costs would be very welcome. There is no need to book but if you are attending in groups from parishes it would good to have advance warning.

Cleenish Parish Supper Dance

Friday 9th February 2018, at 8pm in the Fermanagh Unionist Hall

Dancing to the Singing Diggerman

Admission

£15.00

NEWS FOR VESTRIES

Confirmation Registers

A Bill passed at this year's Church of Ireland General Synod provides for the keeping of Confirmation Registers in parishes.

Church of Ireland House, Dublin, now has Confirmation Registers in stock which may be purchased from the online store for €30/£26 (excluding postage) at: <http://bit.ly/2BfAyyi>. Registers are in A4 size and case-bound, with 64 pages. Each entry allows for the date of birth, name and address, and information on the Baptism and Confirmation of the candidate, to be included.

Any queries about the constitutional requirement to maintain a Confirmation Register can be directed to the Synod Officer, Dr Catherine Smith, at catherine.smith@rcbdub.org or 00 353 (0) 1 4125 656. For queries about the purchase of the registers, please contact Heather Jestin at heather.jestin@rcbdub.org or 00 353 (0) 1 4125 665. www.bookshop.ireland.anglican.org

General Data Protection Regulation

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will take effect in the UK and Republic of Ireland in May 2018.

It replaces the existing law on data protection and gives individuals more rights and protection in how their personal data is used by organisations.

Parishes must comply with its requirements, just like any other charity or organisation. A guide, which has been prepared by the Church of England, is available online at <http://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/GDPR-PCC-Guide.pdf>

The guidance is to help parishes get ready for and comply with the "General Data Protection Regulation".

For the Attention of Rol Parishes Only

Charities Registration with the Charities Regulatory Authority and Recovery of Tax on Donations to a Parish

Letters have been sent to all parishes in the Republic of Ireland regarding the following guidance issued by the RCB and parishes should note that they should not register with the Charities Regulatory Authority until contacted by the Diocesan Office.

For the recovery of tax on donations made to a Parish, there is a requirement by Revenue that every Parish must have a tax registration number and a CHY number as a

tax exempt charity. Some Parishes currently have their own CHY numbers and no tax registration number while some Parishes do not have a CHY number but are using the Diocesan CHY number instead.

A new document has been uploaded to www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources which will be of use to Parishes which need to apply for a CHY number in their own right. The document is located in Parish Finances – Advice for Treasurers. www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources/parish-finances#section-92

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

Bellringers recruited for 'Ringing Remembers' campaign

Two British government departments are working with the UK's Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to recruit 1,400 new campanologists ahead of the centenary of the First World War armistice on 11 November 2018.

As part of commemorations in the UK, bells will ring out from churches and cathedrals in cities, towns and villages across the UK. Some 1,400 bell ringers lost their lives in the First World War, and the Ringing Remembers campaign is designed to "keep this traditional British art alive in memory of the 1,400 who lost their lives – linking together past, present and future," the government said in a statement.

The campaign is being run by the Departments of Communities and Local Government, and Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, in collaboration with Big Ideas Community Interest Company and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Big Ben – the famous bell at the top of Britain's Parliament – will also strike at 11 am to mark the centenary. The event will mark the end of five years of commemorations of the First World War. Church bells across the UK remained restricted throughout the course of the war and only rang freely once Armistice was declared on 11 November 1918. The national commemorations will conclude with a service at Westminster Abbey on the evening of 11 November, at which the congregation will be invited to reflect on the centenary and recognise the impact of the war after the Armistice; as well as giving thanks to all those who were affected over the course of the conflict.

Archbishop of York wears clerical collar again



The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, has called for the new government in Zimbabwe to deal with past injustices. Speaking on the BBC's The Andrew Marr Show yesterday (Sunday), the second-most senior cleric in the Church of England suggested that the country should follow South Africa's example and

establish a Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission.

Ten years ago, Dr Sentamu cut up his clerical collar on the programme, saying he would not wear one again until Robert Mugabe had left power. He has now put a new collar on for the first time in a decade. When Dr Sentamu cut up the collar, he said that it was what identified him as an Anglican clergyman. He said that Robert Mugabe was systematically cutting the identity of Zimbabweans from them. In yesterday's interview, Marr asked what difference the absence of the collar had made to him.

"When I wake up, or dress up and I am going out of the house, normally I do up my top button and then put on my collar," Dr Sentamu said.

"But for nearly 10 years I haven't been able to put on my collar back, and it has meant

that I have remembered Zimbabwe and the people of Zimbabwe."

He said that his original act of cutting up the collar galvanised Christians to pray for Zimbabwe.

In his interview yesterday, Dr Sentamu said that it was "not as easy as saying let bygones be bygones." He said that for the "People in Matabeleland and Manicaland who lost nearly 20,000 people, it is as if it happened yesterday."

He also suggested that former President Robert Mugabe should list his transgressions before asking forgiveness from the Zimbabwean people. "Mugabe needs to say to the people of Zimbabwe, for 37 years I took on a country which was fantastic and nearly took it to ruin. Zimbabweans, forgive me."

Anglican Communion Secretary General "excited" by his new peace role in Nigeria

The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon, has spoken of his excitement at being appointed to lead a peace commission in the northern Nigeria state of Kaduna. The state, where Dr Idowu-Fearon previously served as bishop, has been wracked by violence between rival groups for decades.

"My heart is in Kaduna," he told ACNS. "This is an opportunity to continue – with government recognition – the work I was doing there. This is where the Lord first gave me the opportunity to be a bridge-builder; where I did my work in conflict prevention and promotion of peace and mutual respect."

He insisted that he would be able to fulfil his new role alongside his responsibilities with the Anglican Communion. And he added that he had the backing of the Archbishop of Canterbury and also his successor as bishop in Kaduna in his new position.

"I believe my role as Secretary General covers all of the countries within the Communion," he said. "I will still be doing my job as an ambassador for the Communion. The work of reconciliation is part of my job, whether that is within the Communion, with our ecumenical partners or with people of different religions."

The state Governor, Nasiru el-Rufai, told the guests gathered for the inauguration of the commission in Kaduna last month that it was a "momentous" event. He called on people to reject the legacy of violence which has engulfed the state for so long and embrace a culture of peace and tolerance. He praised the Secretary General for "profoundly

demonstrating" his love for Kaduna and for his concern that religion should not be used as an excuse for violence.

Dr Idowu-Fearon plans to travel to Kaduna once every three months to see progress and liaise with the rest of the four-person Peace Commission. The other members will work full-time on the Commission: Executive Vice-Chair Priscilla Ankut; Professor Saleh Momale and Hajija Khadija Hawaja Gambo. They will review recommendations by previous bodies set up to defuse tensions in the state and also hold talks with a range of stakeholders. The aim will be to look at ideas which will bring an end to violence and create a climate of peace which will encourage development and inward investment.

The Secretary General explained that the conflicts within Kaduna were very complex: they were not just about tensions between Christian and Muslim communities; there were also rivalries between various people groups in different areas and there was animosity between some farmers and herdsmen.

"We will look at what lies behind the clashes," he said. "We will also look at the various recommendations that have been put forward in the past."

The idea of a Peace Commission was recommended by a council of 70 state elders – men and women – set up by a previous Governor in 2012. The Commission will carry out its work over five years.

Dr Idowu-Fearon is optimistic about the Commission's work: "It is not expected to be permanent," he explained. "It is hoped that by the time we are due to finish, there will be no need for a peace commission."



Former nursing officer becomes Bishop of London



The former Chief Nursing Officer for England, Dame Sarah Mullally, who was first ordained to serve as a non-stipendiary minister, has been named as the next Bishop of London. When she is enthroned, she will become the most senior female bishop in the Church of England, and will become a member of the House of Lords, the upper house of the UK Parliament; and the Privy Council, the ancient body which formally advises British sovereign on the exercise of the Royal Prerogative. She has been serving as the Bishop of Crediton, in the Diocese of Exeter and succeeds Bishop Richard Chartres, who retired in February 2017.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2018

Friday 2nd - Monday 12th February 2018 – **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Canon David Skuce.** 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 dancing to the Singing Diggerman. Tickets £15 from any member of the Select Vestry.

Saturday 10th February – **First Men's Group event with breakfast** in Carrickmacross Rectory at 9am. Short talk by Philip Keegan on his trip to South Africa to help the building of a school. All men in the parish and friends are welcome.

Saturday 10th February – **Church Breakfast** in Lisbellaw Parish Centre at 9.30am with speaker from Marie Curie.

Saturday 10th February – **Day of Prayer** Starting in Enniskillen Presbyterian Church 1-2pm, St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church 2.15-3.15pm, St. Macartin's Cathedral 3.20-4.20pm and Enniskillen Methodist Church 4.30 - 5.30pm.

Saturday 10th February – **Coffee Morning** in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen from 10.30am - 12.30pm with proceeds to Air Ambulance NI and Smiles Foundation Charities.

Tuesday 13th February – **Pancake Tuesday** for Carrickmacross church parishioners to enjoy Shrove Tuesday in the Jackson Hall. An opportunity to flip your own pancakes as well as enjoying some savoury and sweet options.

Tuesday 13th February – **Faith and Friendship** Inter-Church Bible Study in Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown at 8pm. The passage for study will be John 8:1-11 which is an account of Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple and includes the words of Jesus "Let whoever is without sin cast the first stone." You do not need to be an expert in the Bible to attend. The evening is about expressing friendship with each other

as the Bible passage is discussed. The evening includes time to chat over a cup of coffee. Anyone from any of our local church denominations is welcome.

Sunday 18th February – **Annual Sports Service in partnership with Ballinamallard United F.C.** in Magheracross Parish Church at 7pm. Sports fans and participants from across the county and beyond will be very welcome.

Thursday 22nd February – **Jewels Women's Group** meets in the Parish Room, St. Finbarr's, Carrickmacross at 8pm. Emma Rothwell, Youth Officer, Meath and Kildare Diocese will speak about her story of mission work in India with the Leprosy Mission.

Friday 23rd February – **Gospel Concert featuring Kenny Archer, Billy McFarland and the Strule River String Band** in Aghavea Parish Hall at 8m.

Sunday 25th February – **Praise Service** in Colaghty Parish Church at 7pm with guest speaker, Revd Alison Calvin. Music by 'Committed'. Light refreshments served.

March 2018

Friday 2nd March – **Women's World Day of Prayer** 'All God's Creation is very good,' in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.30pm conducted by Revd Olie Downey. All women welcome to attend.

Friday 2nd March – **Women's World Day of Prayer** hosted by Derryvullen North Parish Church.

Thursday 8th - Sunday 11th March 2018 – **The Bible Comes to Life Exhibition** hosted by Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall. This unique exhibition returns again after 25 years to Enniskillen.

Friday 9th March – **Country Gospel Evening with Yodelling Kenny Archer, Billy McFarland and local artistes** in Clontibret Parish Church at 7.45pm. All welcome. Tickets, 10 Euros available from Yvonne on 04780548 or Jennifer on 04780019.

Friday 9th March – **Marching Bands Evening** in Tempo Church Hall at 8pm for Tempo Church funds featuring Manorcunningham Pipe Band, Co. Donegal(All Ireland Pipe Band Champions), Ballyreagh Silver

Band, Brookeborough Flute Band and Ballinamallard Accordion Band. Admission £10.

Saturday 17th March – **St.Patrick's Night Gathering** at the Fountain Centre, Kesh. Movie: The Quiet Man with easy listening live Irish music. Space to relax and chill out for all the family.

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** 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 - Saturday 12th May 2018 – **Church of Ireland General Synod** in the Armagh City Hotel.

Sunday 13th May – **Service of Dedication of New Organ** in St Mark's Parish Church, Augher at 3pm by the Bishop of Clogher.

Monday 14th May – **Adult Confirmation on St Matthias' Day.** Please contact your Rector or The Dean.

Sunday 20th May – **Diocesan Ministry of Healing Service** in Donagh Parish Church, Glaslough at 7.30pm.

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

Sunday 4th November – **Diocesan Ministry of Healing Service** in Derryvullen North Parish Church, Irvinestown at 7.30pm

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Funding opportunities

A seminar on funding takes place on 6th February at 2pm in Fermanagh House, Enniskillen, for information on funding opportunities through The Executive Office at Stormont.

The Good Relations and T:buc Division, part of the Executive Office, funds a number of programmes to support the achievement of the Together: Building a United Community' (T:buc) Strategy including the Central Good Relations Fund, T:buc Camps Programme, Peace IV Planned Intervention Fund, District Council Good Relations Programme and the Community Relations Council

Register your place at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/tbuc-events-15997482953>

Hosted by the good relations & T:Buc Division, those attending will have the opportunity to find out about the Executive Office funding available for good relations programmes.

At these events there will be representatives of the Central Good Relations Fund, T:Buc Camps Programme, Peace IV, Planned Interventions Fund, District Council Good Relations Programme and the Community Relations Council.

Fermanagh and District Council area – grant aid and bursaries

Funding is available for: 'arts, culture and heritage', summer schemes, good relations, Ulster Scot's, community services, festivals and events.

The deadline for applications is 8th February at 5pm

For more details and application forms please see www.fermanaghmagh.com or by contacting the Funding & Investment Unit on grants@fermanaghmagh.com (Tel: 0300 303 1777)

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