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At this time of year I usually write something about the significance and the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In past years' contributions I have often referred to St. Paul's great affirmation that the Resurrection is God's "Yes" to his creation; that despite the cost to himself, he has brought created life to the fulfilment which his love desires. This year I want to talk about that affirmation of life in a different context; that of the Referendum on the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution of Ireland relating to abortion which is soon take place. I hope that what I have to say will have some relevance for people in Northern Ireland too, as the subject has been a matter of much debate there also.

But before going any further the first thing I want to say is that this is a matter of immense complexity and poses many dilemmas. The life situations which the debate around "the Eighth" impinge upon are often raw and tragic especially for women and none of the answers are easy. That is something which should always be borne in mind when we are discussing this very sensitive issue. Another preliminary comment before going into the substance of the matter itself is to say that the days are happily

long gone (if they ever existed) when the Church would try to tell people what view they should take on any ethical question, especially one as complex as abortion. Also, it is the particular approach of the Church of Ireland that every person not only has a right to make up their own mind on moral issues but that they also have a duty to do so. In his Cross, Resurrection and Ascension, and by the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ opened a way for every person into the heart of the Father. The Church cannot coerce any person's conscience.

What the Church can do is to summarise the principles (drawn from Scripture and the historical teaching of the Church, often supplemented by scientific knowledge) which provide the basis on which a decision can be made and leave it then for individuals to come to their own decisions.

So, I want to start with the Statement issued by the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin not long after it was confirmed that a Referendum would be held in the Republic.

The following statement is from The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, and The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland:

"The tradition of the Church of Ireland would reject an unrestricted access to abortion, while being concerned to ensure provision for hopefully rare circumstances and in a secure medical setting. Where individuals draw such a line will inevitably differ. Instances where the life of the woman is at serious risk have long been regarded within Church of Ireland teaching as situations where termination of a pregnancy would be justifiable. For some, pregnancy after sexual crime or the medical certainty of fatal foetal abnormality might also be

seen as circumstances where abortion could be considered as justified. In every situation, however, the church seeks to offer pastoral care sensitive to the physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing of women and families who find themselves in such difficult situations.

With respect to current proposals:

- We favour a modification of the Article 40.3.3 in such a way that allows for the Oireachtas to have legislative responsibility to address termination of pregnancy, any rights of the unborn and the rights of the pregnant woman within clearly defined boundaries and parameters.
- We recognise the dilemma faced both by legislators and by medical, nursing and healthcare practitioners with regards to access to unrestricted abortion during the early months of pregnancy. However, unrestricted access to abortion in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, or indeed at any stage, is not an ethical position we can accept.
- We would suggest that current legislation should be strengthened to ensure that the needs of pregnant women facing difficult situations can be addressed quickly and comprehensively through improved support services. This will require significant and sustained investment in both medical and mental health services.
- We acknowledge that too often in this debate the voice of women has not been heard. The church will seek to continue to care for and pastorally stand alongside women, and their partners and families, who face immensely difficult situations and dilemmas."

As you can see the statement affirms the Church's traditional opposition to access to unrestricted abortion

at any stage during pregnancy, and does so in the context of the particular circumstances of the current debate i.e. the law in the Republic of Ireland. It might be helpful to note that, at the time of the original Referendum on the inclusion of the Eighth Amendment in 1983, the Church of Ireland, along with the other Churches in the Reformed tradition, opposed the inclusion of the Amendment in the Constitution. We did so because we felt that an ethically complex matter such as abortion was unsuited to being addressed by a rather inflexible constitutional provision. Indeed when the Referendum was over and the Amendment was drafted, the Attorney-General of the day, the late Peter Sutherland, warned the Government that its wording would cause many legal difficulties in the future. Instead in 1983 we asked that the regulation of abortion should be the subject of much more sensitive and nuanced legislation, supported by clear guidelines for medical professionals and other support services to help mothers and families cope in in cases of crisis pregnancies. In doing so the Church of Ireland recognised the very difficult task which the Dail and Seanad would face in framing that legislation but was happier to leave the matter in their hands than trust the heart-breaking complexity to an Amendment to the Constitution. Since the publication of the Archbishops' statement there have been some further developments which would also need to be borne in mind when considering this matter either as someone with a vote in the Referendum (which I do not have) or simply as a matter for ethical reflection. Because the question to be asked in the Referendum will be about the removal of a constitutional provision about abortion, the Government of Ireland has helpfully indicated what they would legislate for in its place. This question was considered by an All-Party Committee of the Oireachtas and the Government have followed its recommendations pretty closely and the Minister of Health has outlined 21 principles which will guide the Government in its framing of legislation. It would seem that there would be unrestricted access to abortion during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. Beyond that time limit abortion would also be possible in the case of pregnancy arising from sexual crime or when the physical or mental health of the mother is seriously at risk. It is under this last

health heading that the overwhelming majority of terminations take place in Great Britain. It is difficult to be absolutely certain about whether or not the current Government would get a majority to pass legislation of this nature or what amendments might arise during its passage but at least the intentions of the Government have been made known. So, it would seem that the Irish Government is not considering a modification of Article 40.3.3 (which constitutes the Eighth Amendment) as suggested in the Archbishops' statement and will give unrestricted access to abortion up to a 12 weeks. It now seems to me (and I cannot stress enough that these are my personal reflections on a very complex matter) that anyone considering the issue needs to weigh up, not what is

the ideal situation in terms of our own Church's view, but what is the best option that is realistically being offered. In other words, in the circumstances , is it more desirable to retain the Eighth Amendment with all its drawbacks in terms of addressing the complexity of individual cases or is it better to trust the legislators to take into account the concerns raised by all sides in the debate if and when it gets round to actually making law? No doubt as you have read this letter a host of other questions will suggest themselves to you, which unfortunately cannot be addressed in a short article (or even a long one), but I do hope that it has at least stimulated you to think, to study and above all to pray for the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit in what is a crucially important moment in Irish history.

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Services

Easter Sunday 1st April

Aghadrumsee 12.05 pm Holy Communion
Clogh 10.45 am Holy Communion
Drumsnatt 11.00 am Baptism & Holy Communion

Sunday 8th April

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

Sunday 15th April

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

Sunday 22nd April

Aghadrumsee 12.05 pm Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45 am Morning Prayer
Drumsnatt 9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th April

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

Confirmation

On the 18th March a group of our young people were confirmed in St Mark's, Aghadrumsee by our Bishop, the Right Revd John McDowell. The group confirmed were: James Elliott, Sarah Elliott, Megan Howe, Amy Nelson, Darren Nelson and Amy Pryce from Aghadrumsee; Amy Egerton, Hannah Egerton, Nicole Egerton and Joel Nelson from Clogh and Dillon Coyle from Drumsnatt. We uphold each of them in our prayers as they begin this new chapter in their Christian lives.

Easter Vestry Meetings

Easter Vestry Meetings have been arranged as follows: **Drumsnatt** – Monday 9th April at 8.00 pm; **Clogh** – Tuesday 10th April at 8.00 pm; **Aghadrumsee** – Thursday 12th April at 8.00 pm

Clogh Mothers' Union

Visitor's Night on 9th April at 8.00 pm with Justin Good from the Foresters Friendly Society speaking.

Young Ladies Group

Tuesday 10th April at 8.30 pm in Aghadrumsee Old School when we will have a speaker from Womens Aid.

Aghadrumsee Ladies Guild

Thursday 19th April at 8.00 pm.

Crafty Church

Saturday 28th April 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm when we explore another Bible theme through crafts, storytelling and song.

Clogh Bowling Club

Clogh Bowling Club meet each Wednesday evening at 8.00 pm.

Dedication Of The Gravestone

Aghadrumsee Parish are delighted to welcome back Bishop McDowell on Sunday 22nd April 3.00pm for the Dedication of the gravestone of Charles Irwin (1824-1873) Victoria Cross.

Charles Irwin

Charles Irwin joined the 18th (Royal Irish) Regiment on 4th September 1842. He served in the Burma War of 1852-1853 and throughout the Indian Mutiny. By the time the Mutiny had begun, he had transferred to the 53rd Regiment of Foot (later King's Shropshire Light Infantry) though was still a private. On 16th November 1857, he was part of the assault of the 53rd Regiment on the Secundra Bagh in Lucknow. Early on in the assault, he was severely wounded through the right shoulder, but he continued forward, and was one of the first men who entered the buildings under heavy fire. Irwin was selected for the Victoria Cross by his fellow men of the regiment. He was recommended for and awarded the VC on 24th December 1858. At the age of 40, Irwin sought his discharge after 21 years of service. He then returned to Britain and was admitted as an out-pensioner of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Soon afterwards, he returned to his native Ireland, where he died, aged just 49, on 8th April 1873 in Newtownbutler. He was buried in St Mark's Churchyard.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Bob Barnett whose funeral took place recently in Aghadrumsee.

Pictured at their Confirmation service with the The Bishop of Clogher in St. Marks' Church, Aghadrumsee are candidates from Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt Parishes.



Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

1st April

11.00am Colebrooke Easter Day Holy Communion

8th April

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

15th April

11.00am Colebrooke Family Service
3.30pm Mullaghfad Holy Communion

22nd April

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

29th April

7.00pm Fivemiletown Rural Deanery Dedication Service for Select Vestries and Officers

6th May

11.00am Cooneen Holy Communion
3.00pm Colebrooke Friends' Service

Mullaghfad Services

15th April at 3.30pm Holy Communion
20th May at 3.30pm Friends' Service

Flower Festival in Colebrooke House

Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th June 2018 from 10.00 am to 8.00 pm each day
Colebrooke Group of Parishes is hosting a Flower Festival display in Colebrooke House and tours of the walled garden. Refreshments will be provided in the Parish Hall each day and Colebrooke Church will also be open for visitors. All proceeds are towards Cancer Connect NI and Colebrooke Group of Parishes.

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, and on Fridays for 11-14 years The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

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

SNATCH

(Sunday Night At the Church Hall) Youth Ministry
Aghavea & Colebrooke
All young people of secondary school age welcome.

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Bowling Club

Thursday Evenings at 7.45pm
At present the club are currently playing matches within the churches league.
New members of all ages are welcome at any stage of the indoor bowling season.

Mothers' Union

After sharing in the Lenten service, some parishioners joined members to hear about the work of Action and Outreach in the Clogher Diocese. Mrs Noreen Little, Unit Co-ordinator, shared about her work checking all knitted and sewn items, and then distributing them to places of need. She checks all items for health and safety, vacuum packs

them and encloses a prayer card and MU leaflet ready for distribution. The South West Acute Hospital gladly welcomes and uses the trauma teddies and blankets of varying sizes and designs for use with patients in many different wards. The knitted items for the neo natal unit are vitally important and much appreciated by the staff as a cosy hat or matinee coat can make a huge difference to a premature or ill baby. Many blankets are also distributed to elderly people in nursing homes. Noreen has been overwhelmed by the response of MU members and non-members in the Diocese who faithfully continue to knit and sew and so fulfil the aim of 'Christian care for Families'.

Cookery books, 'Curry in a Hurry', are provided free to students leaving school for work or further study.

The AFIA project, which seeks to help people and families who are facing adversity or are in distressing circumstances, was launched this year and Rectors are asked to forward the relevant forms which they received, so that families may avail of support through this project.

Noreen attends meetings in Dublin a few times each year and is enjoying her role in Mothers' Union.

She asked everyone to keep working in practical ways and encourage others, by giving resources to those who sew and knit so that this vital outreach can continue.

In March members shared with the parishes and local community, as they welcomed the choir 'Voice of Recovery' from Dromore, County Down, who are all people recovering from addictions.

On 18th April we plan to welcome Morag Armstrong, who will demonstrate 'Book Folding' and then give everyone an opportunity to try it themselves. Everyone is welcome.



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Services

Sunday 1st April - Easter Day The First Sunday of Easter

6.30am Easter Dawn service followed by breakfast

11am Holy Communion, all age service

Sunday 8th April The Second Sunday of Easter

11am Morning prayer and Sunday school

Sunday 15th April The Third Sunday of Easter

11am Morning Prayer – Family Service
7pm SNATCH- Theme: Church the Body of Christ.

Sunday 22nd April The Fourth Sunday of Easter

11am Morning prayer and Sunday school

Sunday 29th April The Fifth Sunday of Easter

11am Morning Prayer with parishioner choice of Hymns
7pm SNATCH: Theme: What is grace?

Christian Burial

28 February 2018

Florence Catherine Isobel Fearis
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Organisations

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



Mothers' Union: Next meeting 10th April 2018 "Finding gods hope in the times of trouble" Mrs Sharon Johnston

Bowls: AGM was held Monday 19th March 2018, bringing the season to a close. Bowls will be beginning again in September, further details will be made available in due date.

Sunday School: All children of primary school age welcome
Thank you to all who helped with bag packing in Tesco in March.

Fundraising Events

We will be catering for the 12th July 2018 in the Brooke Memorial Orange hall, Brookeborough. Details later.

Easter Day Celebrations

The resurrection of Jesus Christ for the Christian Church is one of great celebration. Jesus rose from the dead, he is alive and he has promised that one day he will return again.

We in Aghavea on Easter morning hope to join the 'dawn chorus' as we meet together in the car park weather permitting, otherwise in the hall to celebrate the great and glorious morn when Christ arose. It is hoped also to have a celebration breakfast which will be cooked by some gentlemen in our parish. (I for one will look forward to that. No pressure Reuben and your helpers!) At our usual time of 11am we will further celebrate and remember Jesus Christ at the last supper with his disciples. This will be an all age group service where there will be some special activities for the boys and girls.

Easter Vestry

This is the AGM of the church when you as a church family elect and appoint people to responsible roles in the on-going life of the church i.e. church wardens, glebe wardens and select vestry.

The meeting of the Easter Vestry will take place Wednesday 18th April at 8pm in the parish church hall.

Mothers' Union

The members of the M.U. have been very active. At their most recent meeting, their speaker was Mrs Noreen Little who encouraged and challenged members as she gave an insight and demonstrated something of what the Mothers Union have been involved in a practical way of reaching out to the elderly, the young and those most vulnerable in our society by the means of knitting and crochet. Mothers' Union have also produced

a very useful and easy cook book for young people leaving home for the first time.

Lenten Bible Study

This study has been on-going during the period of Lent with the exception of one very snowy evening. The study on 'Discovering Christianity' by Robin Gamble with the help of a DVD has helped and challenged us look at our own ideas of Why we are here, who is God, Jesus who, what's gone wrong, dying to save us and into the arms of love. Having a cuppa helps to relax and have discussion on the topic of the evening.

Bereavement

It is with great sadness that we record the death of the late Florence Fearis age 96 years. Her funeral took place in Aghavea on Wednesday 28th February. Thanks to Canon Maurice Armstrong for assisting at that service.

Florence and her husband Edward were faithful members of the church until frailty and ill health prevented them from doing so. Thanks to Ina Thompson who helped them in later years in their own home until they went to reside in Gortacharn Residential Care home. Florence was a member of the choir and Mothers' Union. She and Edward celebrated recently 63 years of married life. We extend our deepest sympathy to Edward who will miss her most.

Gospel Concert

Thanks to all who were involved in the organising the Gospel concert held on Friday 23rd February in Aghavea hall. This was most successful as a fund-raising event and also a social occasion. If people didn't enjoy the evening it wasn't the fault of the artists, namely Kenny Archer, Billy Mc Farland and the Strule River String Band.

Bag Packing

Thanks to those who organised and those who turned up on the day to pack bags in Tesco's. This proved to be a successful event. Proceeds were in aid of the Church building fund.

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Holy Week

Holy Communion Service took place on Thursday, 29th March, in St Colman's Church, Clontibret at 8pm.

Good Friday All Age Service was held on 30th March in Christ Church Hall, Ballybay at 11am, an Informal All Age Service with Tea/coffee etc. served and hot cross buns! The Special activity was The Making of the Easter Garden.

Muckno

Holy Baptism

On 11th of March we welcomed into Christ's Church, Sam Robert John Jenkins at a service of Holy Baptism in St Maeldoid's Church. We as a church family will play our part in nurturing Sam's Christian journey and we wish him and all the family God's richest blessing at this time.

Mothers' Day

On the 11th of March, we had a lovely Mothers' Day service. It was also special in the fact that Sam's baptism took place during the service and it was also a service of Holy Communion. The Sunday School children had been planning for the service for a number of weeks and had made beautifully decorated tea pots and a cup attached for everyone with a free tea-bag! The ladies were also presented with a lovely fragranced candle. The Rector also gave a special talk for Mothers' Day which the children found very amusing.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This special event which is supported by the Mothers' Union members and also the local PW was scheduled for the beginning of March but due to the bad weather conditions was cancelled and it was set to take place on Friday 23rd of March in Castleblayney Church Hall with the speaker, Carol Hennessey.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to Diana and Mark Adair and the whole family on the death of Diana's Father, Vincent Cunningham who was laid to rest in Dundalk recently. We pray for God's comforting presence to be with Diana and the family in the time ahead.

Remembering in our prayers

We continue to pray for Ian Collie and Eddie Robinson at this time and indeed for all who have been suffering from bad flu's and sickness over the last while.

Clontibret News

Congratulations

Very hearty congratulations to extended to Mark Leatham and Glenda Dickson on their announced engagement recently. We wish the happy couple God's richest blessing as they prepare for their special day and their life together.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Johns family on the death of the Revd Robert Johns, David and Trevor's uncle, and the brother of Canon Adam Johns and the late Leslie Johns. Revd Robert was an extremely thoughtful and much-loved man and he really enjoyed coming down home and loved keeping up with everything that was happening and even attended the Rector's Institution in St Maeldoid's Church back in 2014. The funeral service is to take place in Coleraine followed by burial in Portstewart. We pray for his wife Audrey and his children and grandchildren and the whole family circle at this time. 'The Lord's my Shepherd, I shall not want'.

Mothers' Day

On Mother's Day, 11th March, we had a special service for Mothers' Day, which was a Holy Communion service with Children's Talk and where the Sunday School children presented the mums with beautiful hand care sets which made us all feel very spoilt! Our thanks to Alison Donaldson who made the necessary purchases and prepared the children to help out on the Day. The Rector kept the children amused with his talk about what's in a Mother's handbag? And the children were amused to find an electric drill, vice grips, spanners, a water pistol and other unusual things not normally associated with the contents of a ladies handbag! He finished off saying that a Mother's watch is probably what makes Mums so special, how they care for us and love us every minute of every day, just like God does too.

Country Gospel Evening

We had a wonderful evening on Friday 9th March in St Colman's Church Clontibret where Kenny Archer was joined by Billy McFarland on stage for a very light hearted

and inspirational night. Also on the night, other local talent performed for us, e.g. Wilson Jebb, from Clontibret Pipe band, played magnificently on the bagpipes. Also two very talented young ladies from Clontibret RC Parish - Tara and Rosa Gilsensan, played absolutely beautifully on the harp and the fiddle. Castleblayney man, Stuart Henderson very kindly played the organ as people were gathering in for the event and we thank Walter Pringle for acting as MC for the event. Over 200 tickets were sold, so a big thank you to everyone who supported us on the night and to everyone in the parish who helped out in any way, particularly Yvonne Donaldson and Jennifer Leatham who organised the evening and to Reginald Dickson and those who helped him, directing traffic outside. We remember in our prayers those who have been unwell recently with the many flu's and viruses and especially we pray for Leslie Lowey who was in Cavan Hospital recently and who thankfully has returned home. Also we continue to remember Jim and Robert Graham who are being well cared for in Monaghan and we pray for all the staff who look after them each day.

Ballybay

Mothers' Day

On Mother's Day, 11th March, we had a special service for Mother's Day, which was a Holy Communion service with Children's Talk and where the Sunday School children presented the mums with beautiful bunches of flowers which was very much appreciated by all the ladies present. Thank you to Mrs Elizabeth Gray who provided and arranged the bunches of flowers for that Sunday. We also had Holy Communion on Mothers' Day and the Rector kept the children amused with his talk about what's in a Mother's handbag? Explaining how Mothers are always so prepared for any eventuality, he kept the children entertained by producing all sorts of random things from the huge handbag he had with him!

Youth Club

Everyone has been enjoying all the new equipment which the Rector purchased from the big grant which he obtained from the ETB Monaghan. The youth club will meet on Saturday 14th April and on Saturday the 28th April, when it will be a special party night at the cinema, the last session until the Autumn. The youth club is at 6pm in Christ's Church Hall. Newcomers always very welcome!

Illness

We continue to extend our prayerful good wishes to Mrs Linda Dixon who has been making a great recovery. We pray for all others in the parish who have been unwell recently. May God be a source of strength to you all.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh



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Services

Easter Sunday 1st April

Dawn Service – God’s Acre Cemetery 6.45 am (followed by breakfast)

‘Surprise’ Family service with Holy Communion – St Finbarr’s 10.30 am

‘Surprise’ Family service with Holy Communion – Magheracloone 12noon

Sunday 8th April

Holy Communion St Finbarr’s 10.30am

Holy Communion Magheracloone 12noon

Morning Prayer Ardragh 1.15pm

Wednesday 11th April

Holy Communion St Finbarr’s 10.30am

Sunday 15th April

Holy Communion St Finbarr’s 9.00am

Arise and Shine St Finbarr’s 10.30am

Service of the Word Magheracloone 12noon

Wednesday 18th April

Holy Communion St Finbarr’s 10.30am

Sunday 22nd April

Holy Communion St Finbarr’s 10.30am

Holy Communion Magheracloone 12noon

Holy Communion Ardragh 1.15pm

Wednesday 25th April

Holy Communion St Finbarr’s 10.30am

Sunday 29th April

United Service in Ardragh 11.30am

Vision Group

Over the past few months a group of parishioners from St Finbarr’s have been meeting to discuss and pray for God’s vision for the parish over the coming months and years. The Vision Group made a presentation at the Easter General Vestry Meeting outlining our new vision statement “GROWING IN FAITH, BUILDING COMMUNITY - welcoming all in Christ through unity and love.

The Vision Group found areas in which the parish had developed well including



children’s and young people’s ministry, women’s and men’s groups, pastoral care and practical work. These are all areas that we will continue to build on and develop. Beyond this the group identified three areas where we as a parish need to concentrate: Discipleship (spiritual growth, bible study, developing leaders), Worship (music and service styles) and Outreach and Mission (social events, local and overseas mission and community involvement). Further to this the group also believed that in the longer term we must look at our facilities in particular our lack of a hall or parish centre. As Rector, I thank Emma Merrin, Georginia Keating, Janine O’Neill, John Simpson, Lorna Moy and Philip Keegan for all the hard work they put into the vision group. As a parish we will begin to implement these findings and develop upon the areas identified. Although the focus at this point was upon St Finbarr’s the hope is to incorporate these areas of growth across the whole of the group of parishes as we continue to grow together in faith, unity and love.

Bowls



Congratulations to Lorna Lewis who has won the Merrin Cup for 2018. All the members of our bowling club hotly contest the Cup at the end of each season with Lorna coming out on top following several weeks of competition.

The season will end with the bowls annual meal out in April. Well done to all who took part in what has been a very enjoyable season, we look forward to welcoming some new members in September.

Table Tennis

Congratulations to four of our junior Table Tennis Club players pictured above who have won the Ulster Schools Championship representing Castleblayney Central School. Adam Wilson, Jack McElwaine, Daniel Creane and Gareth Kinghan played some great table tennis throughout the tournaments and were worthy winners. The boys now progress to The All Ireland finals this month and we wish them every success.

Jewel’s Women’s Group

Jewels, our women’s group, ended this season’s programme with a service of celebration in St Finbarr’s on the 14th April. In the service Revd Colin spoke on the life of Esther and how she was “chosen for a time such as this.” Revd Colin encouraged the women of the Group of Parishes to use their many gifts to seize their moments as they continue to serve God in our churches, amongst their family and friends and in their workplaces. The service was followed by a delicious meal in the Riverbank Restaurant.

St Finbarr’s Choir

We were delighted again to have the St Finbarr’s Choir add to our worship over the Easter period. The choir, who are still in their inaugural year, practised very hard on three wonderful pieces that added to our celebrations. Thank you to Emma Merrin and all the choir members for their dedication and using their gifts in such a special way.

Easter General Vestry

Our final Easter General Vestry meeting will be held in Magheracloone on Sunday 15th April following the service. We would ask all parishioners to attend.

Condolences

We offer our condolences and thoughts and prayers to Anne Hill and her family following the death of her father Willie and Philip Shirley and the Shirley family following the death of Philips mother Judith.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Services

Sunday 8th April

10.00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin
11.30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish

Wednesday 11th April

10.00 a.m. Monthly H.C. Mullaghduin Hall

Sunday 15th April

10:00 a.m. H.C. Mullaghduin
11:30 a.m. H.C. Cleenish

Sunday 22nd April

10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin
11:30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish

Sunday 29th April

10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin
11:30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish

Sunday 6th May

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

Tuesday 3rd April, Mullaghy Flute Band
Concert

Tuesday 10th April, Mullaghduin General
Easter Vestry

Thursday 12th April, Cleenish General
Easter Vestry

Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Further to last month's issue, an additional
report of the Mothers' Union annual
Visitors' Evening including photographs,
which took place on Tuesday 20th
February in Mullaghduin Parish Hall, is
included in the Mothers' Union notes.

Next meeting is entitled a "Prayer Walk"
with the President, Irene Boyd, in Cleenish
Parish Hall, on Tuesday 17th April.

Mothers' Day Services

The Service in Cleenish was well
attended, for the baptism of Hollie
Burlough, the Sunday School children
taking a major part. Parish Reader,
Rowena conducted the Service, and Lettie
Coulter on behalf of the Mothers' Union,
read a portion from St John Chapter 15.
The children give every mother a bag of
sweets at the conclusion of the Service.
At the Service in Mullaghduin for the
baptism of David James Coalter, Caroline
Watterson read a poem and following the
Service, Caroline and Hillary co-opted a
very handsome Ross Coalter to distribute
gifts to all mothers' present.

Monthly Healing Service

The next monthly Healing Service
takes place on Wednesday 11th April, 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.

Cleenish Parish Supper Dance

The magnificent total of £3500, was
raised at the Annual Supper Dance, which

took place on Friday 9th February in the
Unionist Headquarters, Enniskillen.

Cleenish Mother & Toddler Group



At the Mother and Toddler, mother Dru Perry and
toddler Perry Slater

Mother and Toddler Group continues
each Tuesday morning 10am-12md in
Cleenish Parish Hall. The Group continues
with mums, dads, baby minders, and
grandparents, who attend regularly with
their babies and toddlers.

Cleenish Brownies

After the Easter holidays, the girls will
continue to meet in Cleenish Parish Hall on
Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm until
7:45pm.

Sale of Firewood

Jumbo bags ready for the fire are now
on sale at £45 per bag. Contact Ossie
Clements 0778 578 1215, or Balfour Hoye
0777 566 6122.



Participants during the 5K Run/Walk

Bereavement

George Elliott. The whole community in west Fermanagh and further afield were saddened to hear about the death of George Elliott on Saturday 17th February, following a challenging illness. George, a member of the local Methodist Church was a respected farmer, and a popular school bus driver. A regular supporter of Church and social functions, his ready banter and good humour will be greatly missed. Following a Service of Thanksgiving in Letterbreen Methodist Church, burial was in Mullaghdund Parish Churchyard. We extend sympathy to George's wife, Phyllis, his brother, Norman and the wider family circle.

Cleenish Car Park

At time of writing, construction work is ongoing to the new Car Park at the rear of Cleenish Church. The new facility will greatly alleviate traffic congestion when large numbers are attending services in the Church, or functions in the Parish Hall.

Cleenish Centre

The Centre is an inter-denominational Christian retreat overlooking Lough Erne. It has recently been busy with bookings at weekends, and when reading these notes it is possible the "Resurrection of our Lord" has already taken place in the Courtyard on Easter Sunday morning. The Centre which can accommodate Groups, has many attractions including accommodation for over 60 personnel, a large and spacious Conference Hall, nearby Courtyard suitable for barbecues, and a grassed area including a football pitch. The nearby village of Bellanaleck has facilities such as game and coarse fishing lakes, and

Loughshore paths suitable for running or walking. The vast River Erne is suitable for boating or canoeing. A "Multi Unit Games Area" with a special playing surface, and enclosed fencing recently constructed by the local Council. The beautiful mature Community Garden is most suitable for those interested in the natural environment and has bench seats for outdoor studies or sketching. Groups will be made very welcome in Cleenish Church, which holds Morning Prayer every Sunday, and the nearby Parish Hall is available on request. Bellanaleck Community Group The Chairman welcomed those Group members who braved the snow and bitterly cold winds, to the usual monthly meeting on Wednesday 28th February. The Secretary then gave members a detailed brief on the legal responsibilities of a Registered Charity. The Community Garden was then discussed, and it was pleasing to learn only a limited number of tree saplings were damaged during recent storms. The Secretary stated there were two vacancies within the allotment allocations, however there was still time to allocate them for the coming season. Members were again briefed about the changes to Bus Eireann schedules, and unable to see the benefits of the recent timetables produced. Waterways Ireland are to be asked to amalgamate the signage along the slipway at Bellanaleck Quay, and FODC have informed the Group, a drone is to be used to survey the condition of the jetties at Laragh Lough.

5K Run / Walk

On a cold, windy, but dry Saturday morning 3rd March, over 150 patrons took part in the 5K Run/Walk travelling twice around the Loughshore Path. The purpose of this

event was to "Empower our Children with Autism for a more Independent Future". Sincere thanks to the many volunteers who assisted with this worthy event, and to the ladies who provided tea in the Parish Hall, after its conclusion. The magnificent total in excess of £5,000 was raised.

Next Group Meeting Wednesday 25th April. Enquires to Group Secretary Owen Wilson, E Mail:- owenjwilson@btinternet.com



Holy Baptisms

Mothers' Day, Sunday 11th March 2018
Cleenish Parish Church

Hollie Rebecca Burleigh, infant daughter of David and Diane, Moher Road, Kinawley
The infant's grandmother, Lettie Coulter, Branch Leader, on behalf of the Mothers' Union, presented the infant's parents with a baptismal Cube.

Mullaghdund Parish Church
James David Coalter, infant son of David and Hannah, Forge View, Letterbreen

Christian Burial

Mullaghdund Parish Church
Monday 19th February 2018
George Frazer Elliott
Derryscobe, Letterbreen
Aged 80 years

Work in progress at Cleenish Car Park



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Services

Sunday 8th April

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

Sunday 15th April

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

Sunday 22nd April

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

Sunday 29th April

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

Sunday 6th May

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

Annual General Vestries all at 8 p.m.

Wednesday 11th April Augher
Monday 16th April Clogher
Tuesday 17th April Errigal Portclare
Thursday 19th April Newtownsaville

Mothering Sunday at St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher and St. Mary's Errigal Portclare

The Mothering Sunday service took the form of a family service this year in

both the Cathedral and in St. Mary's with members of both congregations of all ages taking part. It was very much an opportunity to celebrate all those who were mothers as well as celebrating all those who have had a motherly caring role in our lives.

The services were full of warmth, the occasional bit of laughter and a chance for all members of the congregations to be included.

Both services were conducted by the Revd. Olie. Hymns included "Tell out my soul," "How Great thou art," and "Jesus loves me." Bible readings at St. Mary's were ably undertaken by Heather Gervis and Doreen Millar and at the Cathedral BY Rachel Fannin and Marilyn McNeill.

The young people of St. Mary's Sunday School reminded us of the wonderful blessing that a mother is with cleverly using different items found in her handbag. Following this the Sunday School presented each lady in the congregation with a beautifully presented homemade cupcake.

The young people of the Cathedral Sunday School sang a piece entitled "For you're my mum" and listed the attributes of a mum in a poem entitled "My Home Baked Mum". The prayers were led by Jack and Charlie Foster, and Ben Robson from the Sunday School. Following this the young people enthusiastically presented all mums, aunts, grannies, and the occasional grandad and dad with potted daffodils, cards and daffodil windmills!

In her address the Revd Olie spoke about Moses in the Old Testament and Timothy in the New Testament and the important role different women played in each of their lives helping to shape the men they became. It was a very interactive address as the Revd Olie kept the children's attention with the clever use of some emoji's!

There was a poignant moment during the services when members of the congregation were given the opportunity to place fresh flowers into a 'for-get-me not vase' at the back of the church as the hymn, "As the deer pants for the water" was sung. This invitation was a chance for people to remember mums, grannies and any other female figures who had encouraged, nurtured or helped them in their lives and who were no longer with us. It was also an opportunity for those who had lost children at any stage to remember them. Many people took this opportunity.

At St. Mary's the offering was collected by mother and daughter, Donna and Kate

Millar and at the Cathedral mother and daughter Avril and Jorja Robson.

Mothers' Union

In Spring, our thoughts turn to travel and in March and April we look forward to hearing about the travels of two of our MU members. Our speaker on 21st March after the Lenten Service in Augher Parish Church is Mrs Hilary Keys who recently visited family in Australia, and our next meeting on 18th April will be addressed by Mrs Sharon Fannin who will talk about her visit to Uganda with 'Fields of Life'. The Mothers' Union members greatly appreciated a presentation at our February meeting by James Armstrong, a student at Belfast Bible College, who explained his involvement in the work of Scripture Union. His enthusiasm for youth work was evident as he informed the members about the range of activities which Scripture Union provides for young people through schools, camps and missions. A vote of thanks was expressed by the Secretary, Mrs Ann Graham. The Branch Leader, Mrs Iris Moffett, referred to the Women's World Day of Prayer to be held in St John's, Fivemiletown on 2nd March and the MU Prayer Breakfast in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday, 3rd March which, unfortunately, had to be cancelled due to heavy snow and road conditions. The members received an invitation to attend the PW meeting in Carrnall Presbyterian Hall on Tuesday, 20th March when the speaker will be Revd Linda Keys. Ms Moffett thanked Bertha and Diane for a lovely supper and the meeting closed with the words of the 'Grace'.

Augher

Funeral

15/03/18 Adrian Robinson Annaloughan Road, Augher.

Our sincere sympathy and prayers to his wife Cynthia and family circle.
Advance Date: Sunday 20th May at 3 p.m.
Dedication of a new organ. Parishioners from the Group and any former parishioners are welcome to attend.
Mothering Sunday was celebrated in St. Mark's Church, Augher on 11th March. Mr. Keith Brown, Diocesan Lay Reader conducted the Service in the absence of Mr. Roy Crowe who was ill. After the singing of the opening Hymn, James Egerton and Ethan McGirr recited the poem "Welcome". Keith led the congregation in the Confession and Absolution followed by a poem "God bless Mummy" recited by Zara Wright. Sarah Armstrong and Courtney Thompson read the Readings from Proverbs 31

verses 25, 31 and 2nd Corinthians 1 verses 3,4. Ella-May McGirr, Ben Egerton, Annabel McLaren, Ben Armstrong, Scarlett Egerton and James McLaren recited the poem "Thank You Mummy". Keith gave an excellent address pointing out what lengths a Mother will go to protect and care for her children even to losing her own life. During the singing of Hymn "Lord of the home your only Son" Harrison Wright and Sophie Egerton took up the collection which was received by Laura Armstrong and Keith. Jack Thompson prayed the Closing Prayer. During the Recessional Hymn Harry McLaren led Keith out.

Sophie Egerton, Laura Armstrong, Sarah Armstrong and Annabel McLaren presented flowers to all the ladies as they left the Church. Everyone was invited for Refreshments in the Hall.

Newtownsaville

Mothers' Day

The 4th Sunday in Lent, Mothering Sunday, was celebrated in Newtownsaville Parish Church with a special contribution from the Sunday School and an interesting address by Mr Keith Brown, Lay Reader from Cootehill.

The children took an active part in worship through poetry, Bible readings

and prayers. The Lessons were read by mother and daughter, Tracey and Daisy and the collection was received by mother and son, Avril and Tony.

Mr Brown gave a very thoughtful talk on the role of mothers, with reflections on poignant examples of mother love. Appropriate hymns were chosen for the occasion by the organist, Mrs Lorna Stewart. At the end of the service, arrangements of spring flowers, prepared by the children, were distributed to all the ladies in the congregation

Table Quiz

A most enjoyable evening was held on Saturday, 10th March at the Table Quiz, organised by the Sunday School teachers. Canon Armstrong welcomed everyone and opened the evening with prayer. He thanked Mrs Iris Clarke who kindly set the quiz and the markers, Mrs Linda Beattie and Mr Alan Lavelle.

Over a range of topics, the competitors endeavoured to come up with solutions amid much laughter and head-scratching, particularly in the picture round! During the interval, supper was served and a raffle took place. At the end of the evening, Canon Armstrong thanked everyone for their support and for their generous donations to Sunday School funds.

Clogher Rural Deanery vestry dedication, St. John's Fivemiletown at 7 p.m. Spouses are welcome to attend this service on Sunday 31st April.

Easter

"He is Risen" These three words sum up the whole message of Easter. Paul writes in 1st Corinthians 15 "That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried." Good Friday was about the death, eternal death of Jesus. The evidence was verified by the Soldiers and those who laid him in the tomb.

Paul goes on to say "He was raised on the third day according to the scriptures and appeared". On Easter Day and on many recorded times in the gospels he appeared to his disciples. He convinced by touch and having a meal with them that he had bodily risen from the dead.

Therefore the sting of death is defeated.

When we trust in Christ as our Saviour then we are assured of eternal life now and in the future. We can live in victory now because of Christ's victory over sin and death, we are conquerors. "Thanks be to God!" He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won".

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss

Vacant:

The Rural Dean, Revd Alan Capper is in charge and is providing pastoral cover along with Walter Pringle, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.

Services

1st: April

Clones 11.00am: Easter Sunday, Holy Communion, Joint Service

8th April

Currin 10.00am: Holy Communion
Killeevan: 11.30am: Holy Communion

15th April

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Newbliss 11.30: Morning Prayer

22nd April

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Killeevan 11.30am: Morning Prayer

29th April

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

Illness

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

Prayer Meeting

"Exploring our faith together evenings", recommenced on Tuesday's 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.

Pastoral Care

As and from the 1st March, Mr Walter Pringle, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant will commence duty in the Clones Group of

Parishes. To contact Walter his mobile number is 0868394007.

St Tighernach's Church

Please make a note in your diaries that on Monday the 9th April a special event will take place in St. Tighernach's Church in Clones at 7.00 pm. This event is about the history of St. Tighernach and the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell and Bishop Duffy will be in attendance. Also Ballyreagh Silver Band will be providing entertainment along with Lynda Lindsay and The Ballybay Country Gospel Group. Everybody is welcome, please make a special effort to attend.

Co. Monaghan C of I Children's Society

The Coffee morning of the Co. Monaghan C of I Children's Society will be held on Friday 25th May 2018 in Bishops Court house from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Everybody is welcome.

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Services

- 1st April** Easter Holy Communion 11.30am
- 8th April** Family service 11.30am
- 15th April** Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 22nd April** Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 29th April** Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 6th May** Holy Communion 11.30am
- 13th May** Family Service 11.30am
- 20th May** Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 27th May** Morning Prayer 11.30am

As Easter approaches, the array of chicks, bunnies and Easter eggs of every kind, give an impression to many swayed by 'the world' that this is all it is. How sad when people swallow the materialism of



Children from Colaghty listening attentively at the Bible Comes to Life exhibition.

the world and ignore the blessed hope of salvation offered through Christ. Do not fall victim to the foolishness of this present age, but allow the message of the gospel to transform you. Christ's death, resurrection and ascension gives to all who believe in Him hope of an eternity in the heavenly places. Is there a willingness to admit that many are becoming, if not already disillusioned with all that is happening in the world of today? Is there a willingness to admit that the selfishness of man can lead to self-destruction, lured by greed, jealousy and power? Is there a willingness to admit that self-created idols have an appeal that is nothing but momentary until the next craze comes along, the next idol to worship, whereby ignoring Christ in it all? What are we looking for, are we "...looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of

our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ," Titus 2: 13 something for us all to consider over this Easter time.

CE/Sunday school



Members of Colaghty CE and Sunday School enjoying a meal in McDonald's.

The CE and Sunday School attended the 'Bible comes to Life' Exhibition in

CE members and Sunday School children from Colaghty listening to a presentation at the Bible Comes to Life exhibition (above photo and photo bottom of page).



the Cathedral Hall in Enniskillen and afterwards to McDonald's for a snack. This was an informative evening and all were greatly encouraged by the insights given, the response of the children and of the exhibition as a whole. Thanks to those who organised the trip and guided the children throughout the evening.

Praise Service

On Sunday evening, 25th February, the Praise Service was well attended as we welcomed Canon Alison Calvin as speaker. The music and worship was led by Committed and we are deeply appreciative of their willingness in sharing their gifts as they bear witness to the risen Lord. At the close, those present enjoyed continual fellowship in the Parish Hall over a cup of tea.

Attending Women's Fellowship.



Women's Fellowship

The visitors' night, 'Bring and Buy' sale on 12th March welcomed a number of members from other groups in the area. Members and guests were entertained by the Strule River String Band with an array of old time

gospels numbers, poetry and the odd yarn thrown into the mix. A wonderful supper was provided at the close of the night by the ladies. Thanks to the committee for organising the night and the monthly meetings, with the next on Monday, 9th April when the speaker will be Mrs Kathleen Finlay.



The Strule River Band

Young@Heart

Some of the members attended an event in Belcoo organised by 'Eat Well Drink Wise' under the auspices of Roly McIntyre ably assisted by Nuala. With transport being provided, it allowed members to travel together for an afternoon of music with lunch also served. The members of the group would extend sincere thanks to the organisers for a wonderful afternoon and for all the education and entertainment.

Easter General Vestry

At the time of reading, the Easter General Vestry meeting will DV; have taken place on Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. The presentation of church accounts, election of Select Vestry for 2018/19 will have been carried out. We would extend our thanks to all who serve on the Select Vestry and other roles within the church family, much of which goes unseen.

Please take note of weekly announcements for any changes to the church and group activities.

Dates for the diary

- Saturday 26th May; Parish Auction
- Sunday 3rd June; Confirmation
- Saturday 28th July; Parish Barbecue
- 1st – 3rd August; Holiday Bible Club



The Bring and Buy Sale.

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Services

Sun 8th April

Derryvullen North, 10.30am Family Service

Castle Archdale, 11.45am Family Service

Sun 15th April

Castle Archdale, 10.15am Morning Prayer

Derryvullen North, 11.30am Morning Prayer

Sun 22nd April

Castle Archdale, 10.15am Morning Prayer

Derryvullen North, 11.30am Morning Prayer

Sun 29th April

Castle Archdale, 10.15am Morning Prayer

Derryvullen North, 11.30am Morning Prayer

Sun 6th May

Castle Archdale, 10.15am Holy Communion

Derryvullen North, 11.30am Holy Communion

Women's Group

On Wednesday 21st February the members had a practical and fun evening with Polliwogs Paint Pots (Enniskillen). Polliwogs Paint Pots provides pottery painting and is fun for everyone – members were able to enjoy making unique and personalised items. The items were taken back to Polliwogs Paint Pots centre in Enniskillen for firing. Readers will be able to see some of the art work prior to firing and one item following the completion of the process.

Coffee Morning for Jengana

On Sunday 11th March 2018 after the 10.30 Family Service in Derryvullen North there was a special Coffee Morning in the Church Hall in aid of the Jengana Association. In July a young member of our congregation, Henry Miskimmin will be part of a team who will travel to Nairobi, Kenya to assist in the Jengana charitable work in the slums of Nairobi. The motto of Jengana is "We seek not to change the world, but the world of one person at a time." More information about the work of this Christian Charity can be found at <http://www.jengana.com/about-us/>. The team of parish helpers and the Miskimmin family all worked hard and were supported by a great turn of parishioners. The total raised on the day was £700 and we thank everyone who assisted, attended and generously donated to the work.

Tuesday Club



Some of the craftwork.

The members met for Holy Communion on 13th March at 2.30pm in Derryvullen North Church and then afterwards in the Hall for a social time together over tea and very enjoyable refreshments. The Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm and the meetings take the form of a speaker followed by tea together. This is always an enjoyable time to meet up and chat. Anyone who has an afternoon free is always welcome.

Bowling Club

After a period of playing several matches as part of the league, the members have been focusing on playing the internal Club competitions including: Singles, Doubles and Touchers. As always, while the games are taken seriously there is also plenty of chat and fun too. Several new members have been welcomed in recent months and the Club members are always happy to introduce new people to the game.

Faith and Friendship

The monthly meeting of the Faith and Friendship group took place on Tuesday 13th March in Mahon's Hotel. Faith & Friendship is a Christian association which brings together people from different Christian traditions to meet in friendship to discover what they can give to each other and what they can receive from each other. There are groups meeting in many places across Northern Ireland and all follow the same outline of Bible reflections. The meetings take place at 8.00pm on the second Tuesday of each month. The Bible passage this month was Mark 15:21-23. Here Jesus is forsaken by his friends and goes out to die but later the sorrow is transformed into hope.

Mothering Sunday



Flowers on Mothering Sunday



At the Castle Archdale Morning Service, members of the Sunday School assisted by leading the intercessions and then by distributing beautiful flowers to the ladies of the congregation. These flowers had been kindly prepared by Mrs Sylvia Woods. The members of the congregation were also very appreciative of Mrs Wendy Knox stepping in at the last minute as organist as the usual organist was not able to be present. At Derryvullen North, the members of the Sunday School introduced the theme of Mothering Sunday, sang two items, and led the intercessions. Mr Henry Miskimmin also led specially written intercessions focusing on those for whom Mothering Sunday brought sadness and challenges. The rector was assisted by Dr Margaret Knox in leading the services at both Churches and he spoke on the theme of women of faith in the Bible.

Boys' Brigade

At the time of writing the BB Annual Display will take place after the date of submission of magazine notes, on Saturday 17th March. There will be full report on this in the next edition of the magazine.

Mothers' Union

The Branch met on Wednesday 7th March following the mid week Lenten Service and due to the different arrangements, the tea was served at the start of the meeting. Dr Margaret Knox opened and then the Rector gave a talk about his experiences while serving for almost 18 years as a Chaplain in HM Prison Service in England. He explained that while the same Gospel was of course proclaimed and many activities were very similar to those found in a parish, the setting was of course different and the risks

that had to be taken into account were also different. He spoke of the ministry to staff that was also part of chaplaincy ministry and also what it was like to share in chaplaincy with chaplaincy colleagues of many different faith traditions. The evening ended with a short business meeting.

From the registers:

Holy Baptism

25th February: Zack William Johnston, son of William and Susan Johnson (Derryvullen North)

For the diary: Annual General Easter Vestry Meetings

Monday 9th April 7.00pm: Derryvullen North

Tuesday 10th April 7.00pm: Castle Archdale

Derryvullen South and Garvary



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Services

1st April - Easter Day – The First Sunday of Easter

8.30 am Derryvullen South - A Celebration of Holy Communion
10.30 am Garvary – A Celebration of Holy Communion

8th April, The Second Sunday of Easter

10.30 am Derryvullen South - Morning Prayer
12.00 noon Garvary - Morning Prayer

15th April, The Third Sunday of Easter

10.30 am Garvary - Morning Prayer
12.00 noon Derryvullen South – A Celebration of Holy Communion

22nd April, The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.30 am. Derryvullen South – Morning Prayer

12.00 noon Garvary – Morning Prayer

29th April, The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.30 am Family Service in Garvary

12.00 noon Family Service in Derryvullen

Bowls Tournament

Many thanks to Miss Hilda Lucy for organising this event. During the week of the tournament the weather was bad but the event went well for all who were able to attend.

Clothes for Clobber

Thanks to everyone who gave bags of clothing for fundraising. The amount raised will be known after 20th March. Thanks to Hilda for organising this and taking care of storing the bags until the day of collection.

Mothers' Union

The next monthly meeting will be held on 16th April in Derryvullen South Parish Hall. The speaker will be from Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Mothering Sunday

Many thanks to Anne Rowley for supplying the tree and tags in Garvary Parish Church to raise money for Mothers around the world. Thanks to the Sunday School leaders and the children for their input into the service. Each lady in the congregation was presented with a pot plant and a bookmark. After the service in Derryvullen South

hospitality was provided in the church.

This was a lovely occasion and thanks to the Mothers' Union members for providing and serving the refreshments.

Annual General Vestry Meeting

Derryvullen South Parish Church hall on Monday 9th April at 8.00 pm.

Garvary Parish Church hall, Thursday 12th April at 8.00 pm

Thoughts and Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been in hospital or unwell in recent weeks. We pray that they will soon feel well and be back with us in our church family.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy and prayerful support to Mae Eames, Violet Boles and Florrie Edwards on the death of their sister Jean Noble. Jean was a life-time member of Derryvullen Parish Church and a founder member of the Mothers' Union. We remember Tom Foster on the death of his brother and offer our sincere sympathy at this time.

Thanks

My thanks to the members of Select Vestry and parishioners in Derryvullen South Parish and Garvary Parish for their warm welcome to me as I begin my ministry in these parishes. We pray that God will bless us as we embark on a new chapter of ministry.

Devenish & Boho



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Services

Sunday 1st Easter Day

10am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

No Evening Service

Sunday 8th

10am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church.

Sunday 15th

10am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

No Evening Service

Sunday 22nd

10am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 29th

10am Family Service, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Family Service, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Burial

22nd February 2018 John Robert Gott, Donegall, Springfield. A service of Thanksgiving conducted by Revd Amanda Durrell was held in Springfield Methodist Church. Burial was in Devenish Parish Church yard

We extend to our deepest sympathy to his wife, Myra, daughters Alison and Heather, brother George and sisters Florence, Evelyn, Betty and Amy and the wider family circle.

Marriage

Saturday 10th March 2018 in Devenish Parish Church, David Gunson and Dr. Judith Jackson. The service was conducted by Revd Dr Stanley Gamble and the preacher was Revd Sampson Ajuka.

We were delighted that David and Judith chose our parish church for their wedding and wish them God's Blessing in the years to come.

Baptism

Sunday 25th February 2018. William Edward Farrell, son of Issac Farrell and Zoe Patrick

We wish God's Blessing on William Edward, his parents and god parents.

Easter General Vestries

Boho Parish on Tuesday 10th April in Boho Church

Devenish Parish Thursday 12th April at 8.00pm in the Reade Hall

Opening and Dedication of the Extension of the Reade Hall

The parish is looking forward to the opening of the hall on Saturday 21st April at 3.00pm. A Thanksgiving service will be held in Devenish Parish Church followed by the Opening and Dedication of the Extension in the Reade Hall. The

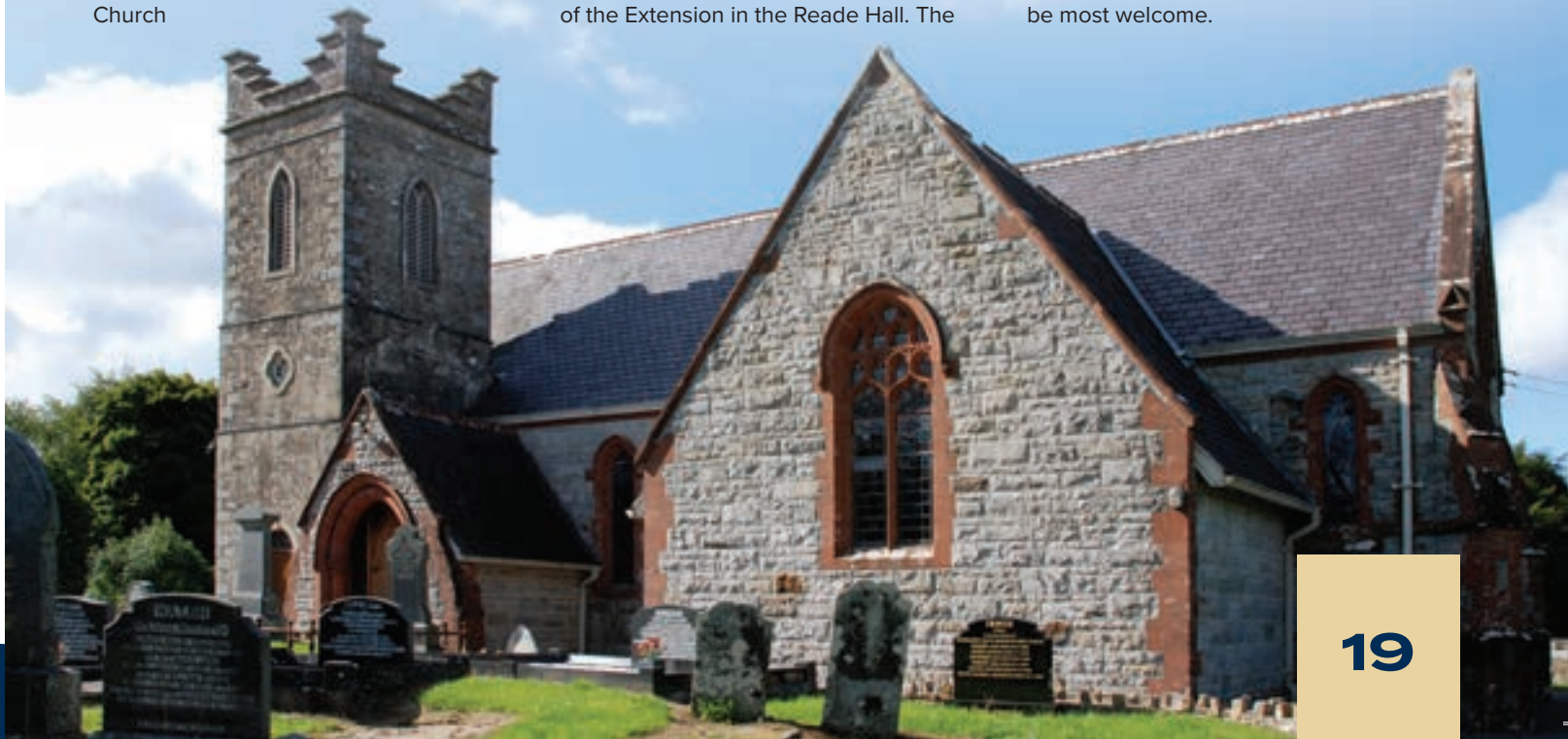
Preacher at the service will be Bishop of Clogher, The Rt Revd John McDowell. Following the Service everyone is invited for afternoon tea in the Reade Hall. The Parish looks forward to welcoming Friends of the Parish, everyone connected with the project, parishioners and former parishioners.

Mothers' Union

On Tuesday, 20th February 38 members and friends attended our annual dinner in the Killyhevlin Hotel. After a lovely meal Vivienne recited some of her favourite poetry and this was followed by an enjoyable beetle drive and quiz all very well organised by Barbara and Melanie. At the end of the evening Georgina, our Branch Leader, presented Maud with a lovely orchid in celebration of her special birthday and after wishing Maud many more wonderful years everyone joined in the singing of Happy Birthday. Inishacsaint Parish hosted the Woman's World Day of Prayer on Friday 2nd March. The theme was 'All God's Creation is Very Good' and the worship service was written by the women of Suriname. The service, led by Mrs. Laura Rogers, was beautifully and interestingly interpreted and reflected on Genesis Chapter 1. All the readings, hymns and address, which was given by Mrs. Eileen Cutler, further reflected on this passage of scripture. The service concluded with a lovely supper provided by the ladies.

Members agreed that, as in previous years, the Church collection on Mothering Sunday would go towards the MU Make a Mother's Day Appeal.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the MU President, Irene Boyd, to our meeting on Tuesday 17th April. Anyone who wishes to hear Irene speak on "In the footsteps of Mary Sumner" will be most welcome.



Donacavey and Barr



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Services

Sunday, 1st April 2018 Easter Day

Barr 10:00am Holy Communion

Donacavey 11:30 am Holy Communion

Sunday, 8th April 2018 Second Sunday of Easter

Barr 10:00am Morning Prayer

Donacavey 11:30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 15th April 2018 Third Sunday of Easter

Barr 10:00am Morning Prayer

Donacavey 11:30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 22nd April 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Barr 10:00am Morning Prayer

Donacavey 11:30 am Confirmation Service

Sunday, 29th April 2018 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Barr 10:00am Service of the Word

Donacavey 11:30 am Service of the Word

Easter Affirmation

About 1930. The Communist leader Bukharin journeyed from Moscow to



The bowling tournament in progress

Kiev. His mission was to address a huge assembly. His subject, atheism. For a solid hour he aimed his heavy artillery at Christianity, hurling argument and ridicule. At last he was finished and viewed what seemed to be the smouldering ashes of men's faith. "Are there any questions?" Bukharin demanded. A solitary man arose and asked permission to speak. He mounted the platform and moved close to the Communist. The audience was breathlessly silent as the man surveyed them first to the right, and then to the left. At last he shouted the ancient Orthodox greeting, "CHRIST IS RISEN!" The vast assembly arose as one man and the response came crashing like the sound of an avalanche, "HE IS RISEN INDEED!" In the midst of a world that would seek to deny and ridicule the wonder of the Christian faith the message of Easter cannot be ignored, Christ is risen the first fruits of all who have faith.

Rector on Holiday

Rector on holiday from Tuesday, 10th April returning on Tuesday, 17th April 2018. Pastoral cover to be confirmed.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the winners of Fintona 'Horse Tram' indoor bowling event that took place on Monday 26th February in Donacavey hall. As the night's play went the tension rose until the final pairs took centre stage for the play off. The victorious duo – Irene and Finbarr lifted the winner's shields and runners up were Jack and Gerald. Semi finalists were Charlotte and Jim and Alan and Genny. Well done to everyone who competed and made the evening such an enjoyable event. (see attached photos)

Annual Steak Barbecue

Our barbecue will be held on Saturday 19th May from 7pm-9.00pm. This is a great opportunity for the parish to come together with family and friends for an evening of fellowship and lovely food. Tickets prices: steak, burger and sausage - £15, burger and sausage £6, and children at primary school are free.



Winners of the bowling tournament.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Donagh Group

Easter Egg!!!

How do you eat your Easter egg?

Perhaps, by now yours are all gone, you have consumed them within a few days of opening. Or like myself, you eat your egg bite by bite stretching it out as long as you can. Whether you are a gorgor or a nibbler we each have a point to make. The folks who wolf their eggs down remind us of the joyous celebration of Easter - like the disciples who were overjoyed when they saw the Risen Lord. Here is a great source of hope and joy in the face of death - a great cause to celebrate. But the more measured folks who make their egg last remind us that the resurrection is not just for Easter - the whole of our lives as individuals and as the Christ's body, the church, is to be impacted by the risen life of Jesus Christ. The same power which brought Jesus up from the grave is now at work in us who believe in Him, 365 days a year! The Lord is ris-en indeed - Hallelujah!

Services

Sunday, 1st April 2018 - Easter Sunday

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: A

Celebration of Holy Communion

12.00 noon: Tyholland Parish Church: A

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, 8th April 2018 – The Second Sunday of Easter

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Errigal Truagh: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, 15th April 2018 – The Third Sunday of Easter

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Tyholland Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday, 22nd April 2018 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Errigal Truagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday, 29th April 2018 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.30 : Donagh Parish Church: A combined family service for all three parishes.

Welcome Revd. Lorraine Capper

Donagh Parish Church held a group service, photo right to welcome the Revd. Lorraine Capper. There was a large attendance despite a heavy fall of snow. The Junior Choir, young musicians and the choir all led by Mrs. Ethne McCord provided wonderful worship to welcome Revd. Lorraine.

Mrs. Diane Wright-Kendrick welcomed Revd. Lorraine on behalf of the Donagh Group of parishes. The Sunday School children each asked Revd. Capper various questions about herself - some very interesting questions indeed!

A presentation was made by the Sunday School to Revd. Capper. It was a very uplifting service. Revd. Lorraine said: 'She was delighted to enter this new chapter in her life and was excited and enthused about her ministry in Donagh, Tyholland and Errigal Truagh and in the wider diocese. She was very much looking forward to getting to know people in this group as well as the people in the community of Glaslough.'

The ladies of the parishes provided a welcome cup of tea and home-made treats at the end of the service.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Donagh Parish Church hosted this event. The meeting had to be re-scheduled to Friday 9th March due to the inclement weather conditions the previous week. There was a large turn-out with representatives from the local Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and surrounding Church of Ireland congregations. Mrs. Diane Wright-Kendrick who led the evening was assisted by ladies from various other congregations. Mrs. Ethne McCord led the worship assisted by members of Donagh Community Choir. Mrs. Tracey from St. Patrick's Parish, Monaghan gave an interesting reflection on the theme:



"All God's Creation is very Good". A scrumptious supper was provided by the ladies from the Donagh group of parishes.

Mothering Sunday

The Junior Choir sang: "Don't Forget To Tell Your mum You Love Her". At this special service which honoured mothers and mother figures in our lives, a beautiful rose was given to each lady by the children from the Sunday School. The Sunday School children also made paper daffodils for their mums.

Girls' Brigade

Instead of hosting an annual display this year, Captain Margaret Dudgeon and her team of committed leaders organised a Table Quiz followed by prize distribution to the girls who had clearly worked very hard. Thanks to Captain Margaret and her

team for their care and encouragement to the girls over the past year.

Easter Vestry Meetings

To be held in the Rectory, Glaslough at 8pm
 Tuesday, 10th April 2018 – Donagh Parish
 Wednesday 11th April 2018 – Tyholland with Errigal Truagh

Dates for Your Diary:

Donagh Parish is to host two diocesan events:
 Friday 4th May: Mothers' Union Diocesan Area Service at 8pm.
 Sunday 20th May: Diocesan Ministry of Healing Service at 7.30pm. There will be an opportunity for ministry during the service.

Christian Burial

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They are blessed indeed says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours." Revelation 14:13

12th March - William Robert Birch, Corraghduff, Co. Monaghan. Our sympathy and prayers are with the Birch family and to all who have been recently bereaved at this time.

The Sick and Housebound

Rev. Lorraine makes an appeal to parishioners to inform her if anyone is ill or requires a visit. She is always pleased to make home visits but she may not be aware that you or someone else would appreciate a call. If you want to make a request for a home visit, please use the number on the contact list above or send her an email. Likewise if you are being admitted to hospital please do let the Rev. Lorraine know.

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Richard Brown, Ruby Brown, Bishop John McDowell, Janet Brown, Revd Andrew Quill at the dedication of a chalice in memory of Robert Brown.



Service of Dedication

On Sunday 11th March, the Rt Rev. John McDowell dedicated two chalices in memory of Robert James Brown, Newpark, which were gifted by his wife Ruby and family. These were later used within the service during a celebration of Holy Communion. The Bishop also dedicated a Home Communion Set in loving memory of Fred Kenwell, from his wife Evelyn and Family, which will be first used during Holy Week around the homes of those who are housebound. We are grateful to the families for these precious gifts.

The Kenwell family with Bishop John McDowell and Revd Andrew Quill at the dedication of a Home Communion Set in memory of Fred Kenwell.

Justice and Mercy

Newspaper headlines frequently express outrage at judges who are 'soft on crime'. They come under attack for being too lenient and failing to impose the appropriate penalty for the offence committed.

When I was practising as a barrister, I noticed that the legal profession did not respect judges who were regarded as too lenient. We expect judges to execute justice. We do not expect them simply to be merciful.

On the other hand, we do expect mercy in our personal relationships. A loving parent will be merciful to their child. We expect friends to be merciful to one another. Justice and mercy do not normally go together. We tend to see them as alternatives. We expect either justice or mercy, but not both at the same time. Yet God is both a God who judges with justice, and also a God of mercy. How can he combine these two apparently contradictory characteristics? The answer is that the sacrifice of Jesus has made it possible for God to combine both justice and mercy.

When I first encountered Jesus this is the illustration that helped me to understand what Jesus achieved for us on the cross: Two people went through school and university together and developed a close friendship. Life went on and they went their separate ways and lost contact. One went on to become a judge, while the other's life spiralled down and he ended up as a criminal. One day the criminal appeared before the judge. He had committed a crime to which he pleaded guilty. The judge recognised his old friend and faced the dilemma, which, in effect, God faces.

He was a judge so he had to be just; he couldn't simply let the man off. On the other hand, he wanted to be merciful, because he loved his friend. So he fined him the correct penalty for the offence. That was justice. Then he came down from his position as judge and wrote a cheque for the amount of the fine. He gave it to his friend, saying that he would pay the penalty for him. That was an act of mercy, love and sacrifice.

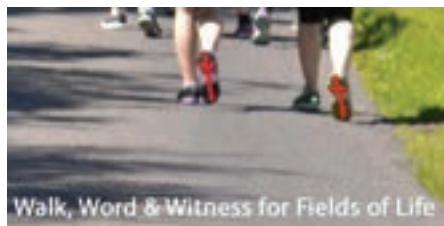
In his justice, God judges us because we are guilty. Then in his mercy and love he comes down in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ, and pays the penalty for us. Through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, God is both just and merciful. The illustration is not an exact one for three reasons. First, our plight is worse. The penalty we are facing is not just a fine but death. Second, the relationship is closer. This is not just two friends, it is our

Father in heaven who loves us more than any earthly parent loves their own child. Third, the cost is greater. It cost God not money but his one and only son – who paid the penalty of sin.
(Day 15 of Bible in One Year, <http://www.htb.org.uk/bioy/commentary/>)

Walk, Word & Witness for Fields of Life, Tues 15th – Sat 19th May 2018



In July 2019 we are hoping, as a parish, to take a team out to another location in Uganda (near Kabale in the South West of the country) to help Nyakagyera Church of Uganda Primary School through our partnership with Fields of Life. Since the project urgently needed at this school is boarding facilities for girls, we have set a target to fundraise £35,000 for the construction of a 50-bed dormitory.



As part of our fundraising Revd Andrew, along with some others, is planning to walk some 73 miles from St Fin Barre's Church (Carrickmacross) in the South of the Diocese to Templecarne, Pettigo in the North. Each day we will be having at least one short service in a church along the route and during the service Revd Andrew will be teaching from one of the Alpha Course sessions. As the walk is taking place in the run up to Pentecost we will be praying for God to renew and revive by His Spirit across the diocese and beyond. We'd love for those who can to join us for part of the route and to join us at the services each day as detailed below.

- Tuesday 15th May – Service @ 7.30pm in St Fin Barre's Church (Talk: 'Who is Jesus?')
- Wednesday 16th May – Set off @ 7.30am to head to Ballybay (13.75 miles)
- Wednesday 16th May – Service @ 1pm in Christ Church, Ballybay (Talk: 'Why did Jesus die?'), setting off @ 2.30pm for Monaghan (9.5 miles)

- Wednesday 16th May – Service @ 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan (Talk: 'How can I be sure of my faith?')
- Thursday 17th May – Set off @ 7.00am to head to Clogher (16.69 miles)
- Thursday 17th May – Service @ 1pm in St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher (Talk: 'Why and How should I read the Bible?'), setting off @ 2.00pm for Dromore (15 miles)
- Thursday 17th May – Service @ 8.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Dromore (Talk: 'Who is the Holy Spirit?')
- Friday 18th May – Set off @ 3.00pm for Lack (7.4 miles)
- Friday 18th May – Service @ 7.30pm in Colaghty Church, Lack (Talk: 'What does the Holy Spirit do?')
- Saturday 19th May – Set off @ 9.00am to head to Pettigo (10.5 miles)
- Saturday 19th May – Service @ 1pm in Templecarne Church, Pettigo (Talk: 'How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?')

If you would like to make a donation and help us to reach our target of £35,000 contact Gordon Deazley (Team Leader) on 028 8289 8005 or email gdeazley@btinternet.com, or donate to us in person along the route.

Praise & Ministry Service, 22nd April @ 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)

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Services

Sunday 1 April

10.00 Templecarne, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 8 April

10.00 Muckcross, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 15 April

10.00 Templecarne, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 22 April

10.00 Muckcross, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 29 April

10.00 Templecarne, 11.30 Tubrid

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the people of the parishes of Drumkeeran, Muckcross and Templecarne for the warm welcome that I have received since I appeared amongst you on 1 March.

I look forward to getting to know you and ministering to you over the weeks and months that lie ahead. I hope that we can encourage each other and build God's kingdom in this place in the time that I am allowed to serve you.

I would also like to add my personal word of thanks to those already expressed following Archdeacon Pringle's retirement. I know that his ministry in the group was greatly appreciated and he has been more than willing to assist me as I took over the reins on 1 March.

Charlie Eames

Sympathy

Mervyn David Joseph Moore, late of Feddans, Kesh died on Saturday 17th February 2018. After a service in Drumkeeran Parish Church on Monday 19th February Mervyn was laid to rest in the adjoining graveyard. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Norma and family.



Sunday School children making a presentation to Archdeacon Pringle watched by the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell.

Retirement of Archdeacon Pringle

It was with heavy but thankful hearts that we said farewell to Archdeacon Pringle at a joint group service in Drumkeeran Parish Church on Sunday 25th February. We were delighted that the Bishop and Archdeacon Pringle's family could join



Archdeacon Cecil Pringle surrounded by members of his family (from left); daughter-in-law, Agnieszka; daughter, Claire and grand-daughter Grace; son, Mark; son-in-law, Frazer; wife, Hilary and grand-daughter Isobel and daughter, Tanya.



Members of the Sunday School who performed at the farewell service of Archdeacon Cecil Pringle.

us for the occasion. Archdeacon Pringle had been with us in the group for 10 years and a minister in the Church of Ireland for over 50 years. After a delightful service in the church, tea was served in the hall and several joint presentations were made to the Archdeacon and Mrs Pringle from the group. One person from each church expressed our thanks and best wishes to the Archdeacon on behalf of the parishioners. We, as a group, wish the Archdeacon a long and healthy retirement.

Women's World Day of Prayer

We would like to express a sincere word of thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the Women's World Day of Prayer Service on 2 March which was a great success.

The collection on the evening amounted to £372. This will go to the various charities supported by UK Women's World Day of Prayer Committee.



Archdeacon Cecil Pringle conducting his last official service in Drumkeeran Parish Church.



Churchwarden Joe Morton making a presentation to Archdeacon Pringle at his farewell service.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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Services

Sunday 8th April

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

Sunday 15th April

9.45am Aughnamullen MP
11.00am Dartrey MP

Sunday 22nd April

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

Sunday 29th April

9.45am Aughnamullen HC
11.00am Dartrey HC

Sunday 6th May

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

Dartrey and Rockcorry

Bereavements

We offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs Stella Little and family on the passing of Stella's brother-in-law, Edward Knox, in Belfast.

We also offer our deepest sympathy to the Atkinson family. Canon Donald Atkinson passed away on 11th February with his funeral service taking place in St. James' Church, Rockcorry on Wednesday, 14th February. His family would like to thank parishioners and friends for all their support and kindness at this time.

Mothers' Union

Chiropodist Emma McAdoo was the guest speaker at the February meeting in the Sexton's House in Rockcorry. A good turnout of members learnt much about foot care and her talk gave them much food for thought in that particular area

Sickness

It has been a difficult Winter for many parishioners. We pray that that all who have been laid low will soon be restored to good health.

Drum

Mothers' Union

Sincere thanks to Chiropodist Emma McAdoo who was the guest speaker at the February meeting which was held in the Sexton's house in Rockcorry. The meeting was well attended and was great to see Marian Fannin back after her recent illness.

Thanks was forwarded from Sharon to the members who have donated the children's bodysuits for the "Bravery Blanket" charity. There have been over 100 suits donated and she is in the process of modifying them to suit the children undergoing cancer treatment. Due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no meeting in March.

This year's closing service will be on Thursday 26th April in Drum Church at 8pm.

All members are requested to bring their Overseas Contributions on the night. The MU Area service will be held in Donagh Parish Church on Friday 4th May 8pm. Arrangements regarding this service will be finalised at the April meeting.

Aughnamullen

Our Easter gift day service will be held on Sunday 8th April at 9.45am
Our annual coffee morning will be held in May, date to be confirmed.

As we have extensive repairs to the tower and roof of our church, fundraising events are planned throughout the year, the first event being a play called "House Plays" written and directed by Mina Tenison on Saturday 7th April at 8pm in St Patrick's Hall, Shercock. Tickets €10. All are welcome. Details of other events will be confirmed later.

Dartrey and Rockcorry notes omitted from last issue

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Valerie Wilkin and family on the recent death of Valerie's father, Jack Hall, from Killevan Parish.

Deepest Sympathy to Jason and Julie Coalter on the death of Jason's sister Lorna We remember in our prayers all who have suffered bereavements in recent times.

Christmas

Christmas is always a busy season in the church's calendar. It got off to a good start with the annual children's parish party in Rockcorry School. An evening of fun, fellowship, food, games and a Santa laden down with presents for all the children ensured that the evening was a roaring success. The following day saw the children back again, on this occasion in a beautifully decorated Dartrey Church, for the Carol Service. The singing of the carols and the familiar readings, by both adults and children, were much appreciated by all present. Mulled wine and seasonal refreshments brought the afternoon to a happy ending.

Clergy And Readers

Our grateful thanks to all who helped with services particularly over the Christmas season. The Christmas Eve Service was held in Rockcorry Church and on Christmas Day parishioners gathered in Aghabog Church for a United Service.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union and friends had their annual dinner in the Side Street Café Cootehill on 25th January. It proved a great success and everybody enjoyed the sumptuous meal.

Thank You to those who organised it.

Illness

A number of parishioners have been laid low with 'flu' and various Winter bugs. To all we wish a speedy recovery.

We also remember those who are recovering in hospital and nursing homes.

Rockcorry Church



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Services

Sunday 1st April – Easter Day – The First Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion
7.00pm – Evening Prayer
Thursday 5th April
11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 8th April – The Second Sunday of Easter

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

Thursday 12th April

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 15th April The Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion
4.00pm – Choral Evensong

Thursday 19th April

11.00am – Holy Communion
1.05pm – Healing Service

Sunday 22nd April The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Morning Prayer
3.00pm – Scout Service
7.00pm – Holy Communion

Thursday 26th April

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 29th April – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Family Service (End of Sunday School Year and Distribution of Prizes)
7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Holy Baptism

18th March – Isla Grace Hicks

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

Christian Burial

27th February - Gertrude Dickson, 13 Hillview Walk, Enniskillen.

6th March - Joyce Greaves, 15 Drumclay Park North, Enniskillen.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”
Matthew 5:4

Choral Evensong

There will be a service of thanksgiving for the life of John Sullivan (Old Boy of Portora Royal School) in the form of Evensong in St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen on Sunday 15th April at 4.00pm.

Enniskillen Royal Grammar School and Clongowes Wood School will both be involved as will both Archbishops of Dublin and the Bishop of Clogher. All are welcome to attend.
Please note that there will be no service at 7.00pm on this Sunday.

End of Sunday School Year

Our Sunday Lights/Sunday Lights Café (formerly Sunday School) will end on Sunday 29th April. This will take the form of a Family Service and gifts will be distributed to all who attended throughout the year. Thank you to all in-volved and to the parents for bringing their children to Church. It would be nice if we had a higher percentage turn out each Sunday! A special thank you to all

the teachers and helpers. We as a church appreciate the time and effort of those who prepare and teach. The new season will begin again on Sunday 23rd September, but in the meantime please continue to attend Church.

Dedication of Vox Angelica Organ Stop in Memory of Mrs Angel Nawn



Angel's son Frederick is pictured with Churchwarden, David Clarke; The Dean, Very Rev Kenneth Hall; Glenn Moore, Organist; Jayne Haslett, Choir Mistress; Rev Chris MacBruithin, Curate and Churchwarden, Richard Cochrane.

At the 11.00am service on 18th February, The First Sunday in Lent, an organ stop, appropriately called a “Vox An-gelica” which translates to Angels Voices was dedicated in memory of our faithful choir member, Angel Nawn. This was possible thanks to the generous contributions from family, friends and parishioners, who responded to the kind request by Angel's family that donations in lieu of flowers, following her death, benefit the Cathedral Organ Fund, a fund which finances the ongoing maintenance of our fine Connacher Pipe Organ. This will serve as a perpetual re-minder of Angel's contribution to the life of St Macartin's.

Presentation to Mr Jack Watson

Sam Morrow's tribute to Jack Watson on his retirement:

I have pleasure as secretary of the select vestry in paying tribute to Mr Jack Watson who has retired after serving this cathedral so faithfully for a period of almost 56 years. This is certainly a record for this church and I doubt if it will have an equal anywhere in the Church of Ireland. Jack has served as caretaker, sexton and dean's verger. For 12 years Jack was caretaker of both the cathedral hall and the cathedral. This was a big job as it not only involved normal caretaking duties but also in the early days involved cutting the grass using a scythe and clipping the hedges by hand.

Responsibility for the care taking duties in the cathedral and cathedral hall was split in 1974 following Jack's appointment to a post in the Ulster Bank. Jack then continued to carry out the duties associated with the cathedral. The Watsons moved from the Caretaker's house to their present home in Coleshill Park at that time.

Caretaking in the cathedral included management of the heating system which for many years was fuelled with coke which was a fuel like coal. Up to 25 tons of coke were required each year and Jack had to carry what was required to keep the fire burning down the steps to the furnace, three times per day, Ashes had also to be removed daily. This was all heavy work. It was great relief to Jack when the furnace was converted to oil firing in 1993.

It was obvious that Jack loved his work in the church when preparing it for acts of worship. Over the almost 56 years Jack would have prepared the church for about 9000 regular services. In addition, there were 492 weddings when Jack was in the porch each time to welcome the nervous bride and groom and give them words of encouragement. There were very many sad occasions – a conservative estimate is that Jack would have been present at 1300 funerals to shake hands and express sympathy to the bereaved.

Jack performed his duty as Dean's verger with great professionalism and dignity. On those special ceremonial occasions we were very proud of Jack as he led processions of the great and mighty. Over the years, leaders of the Angli-can

and other churches have been visitors, including numerous Archbishops of Dublin, Archbishops of Armagh, and the Archbishop of York. Governors of Northern Ireland and politicians were also regular visitors over the years including the Prime Ministers of Northern Ireland, Secretaries of State for Northern Ireland, Teoseachs, and including the great lady herself, Mrs Margaret Thatcher. The visits of members of Royal families were taken in Jack's stride. The included such important personalities as King Leopold, King of The Belgians; The Duke of Gloucester; and to top them all Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh. The role of verger involves close working relationships with others who have responsibility in the cathedral. Jack served five rectors, four of those being Deans of Clogher and one going on to be Bishop of Clogher. In addition to the rectors there have been 14 curates or assistants during his time in the cathedral. There have also been 62 different churchwardens. Jack maintained an excellent working relationship with all these people. Whilst Jack was serving the parish he was also serving the Church of Ireland in a much wider role. He served as a member of the Diocesan Synod and also as a member of the General Synod and for many years a Diocesan Reader. Jack could not have given the quality of service to the cathedral community and the wider church without the full support of Mrs Watson and family and especially their son, Jonathan.



Messy Church leader Libby Elliott paints Rev Chris's feet!

In conclusion, the parish has been superbly served for almost 56 years by a man of faith. He has been a very modest and kind man and the parish wishes to mark this outstanding service by way of a presentation.

Messy Church

During March and April, Messy Church is joining with CMSI (Church Mission Society in Ireland) to learn about Egypt. In March, we learned about this big, hot, sandy country and the Christian Church there. We wrote a memory verse in hieroglyphs, decorated Joseph's multi-coloured coat, and through crafts and games we learned about Joseph in Egypt.

Can you remember our memory verse? "Don't be afraid, because the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

This month, we have more crafts and games in store! Come along and learn what missionaries do in Egypt make a difference to people's lives.

Messy Church is open to all primary school age children. New friends are welcome, whether you go to a different church or to no church! Thursday 19th April, 4.00-6.00 pm in the Cathedral Hall.

Confirmation

The countdown continues to the Confirmation of our 20 young candidates on Sunday 27th May. In March, we looked at Holy Communion. Rev Chris got the 'family silver' out, so we could look at the paten and get the feel of the chalice in our hands. We discussed what the 'Lord's Supper' means and why it is important to take part regular-ly. The next time we are given bread and the cup like this, they will be consecrated and we will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time!

Dates for April are as follows:

Monday 2nd Easter Bank Holiday Monday – No Class

Monday 9th, 16th, 23rd Confirmation Class
Monday 30th Xplore (finish time 8.30 pm)



Pictured after the presentation on Sunday 4th March are Jack and Ethel Watson with David Clarke: Churchwarden, Hope Kerr: Hon Treasurer, The Dean, Rev Chris, Sam Morrow: Hon Secretary and Richard Cochrane: Churchward-en.



Confirmation Class/Explore enjoy some fun!

Xplore

Xplore takes place on Monday 30th April, from 6.30 – 8.30 pm in the Upper Room. It is open to all Confirmation candidates and others in Years 9-12.

At our April meeting, we are having a pre-Confirmation party to celebrate all that we have learnt along the way. If you are already confirmed, you are welcome to come along to celebrate with us! There will be party food, games, music and more!

Laura and Rev Chris have really enjoyed getting to know our Confirmation candidates this year, and we hope that you'll stay with us after Confirmation as regular members of Xplore.

Adult Confirmation

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

A service to confirm adults will take place in the Portora Chapel of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School on Monday 14th May (St Matthias' Day) at 7.00pm. Any adults throughout the Diocese are welcome to be confirmed at that service – please contact your Rector for details.

Pilgrim

Pilgrim is our adult formation course. We meet in the Devenish Room (Coffee Lounge) in the Cathedral Hall, on the first and third Tuesday of the month from

7.30 – 9 pm. In April, due to Easter, we resume on Tuesday 17th.

Mothers' Union

Our meeting was held in the Hilliard Room on Monday 12th March. It was opened by Branch Leader Stephanie Hamilton with a Bible reading and the Mary Sumner prayer. The speaker was Valerie McMorris, Faith and Policy Unit Co-ordinator, she gave an interesting and informative talk on her work in the Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Trustee Body.

Out of 33 MU branches 21 belong to a prayer chain. There are three different types of prayer - Private prayer, Public prayer and Meditative prayer, anyone can ask to be part of the prayer chain which is kept going around the parishes for 30 days. Each branch has a prayer representative who will get in touch with

the co-ordinator with a prayer request. The prayer breakfast which had to be postponed due to inclement weather has been rescheduled for Saturday 24th March in the Killyhevlin Hotel at 9.15am. The Lenten box collection this year is for the overseas appeal. Our overseas representative Jennifer Johnston gave an account of the work that the funds are so badly needed for recently in Church. The meeting closed with the Mothers' Union prayer. The next meeting is on Monday 9th April at 8.00pm and is Visitors Night. Historian and genealogist Frank Roofe will be speaking on 'Old Enniskillen.' Everyone welcome.

Prayer

God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose arms stretched wide on the cross to embrace us, by your spirit stretch us to welcome and embrace others more freely in our parish, our community and our land. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Tuesday Club

Rev Chris opened the February meeting with scripture readings and prayer. Norma Ferguson from Chest, Heart and Stroke was the speaker. With the aid of slides, Norma gave a most informative and interesting talk in the necessity to try to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Members were given the opportunity to select their choice of locality for the close of season May outing. Tea was served bringing a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

Norma Ferguson pictured with members of Tuesday Club.



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Dear Church

Dear Church,

Today, as I look out of the office window in the parish hall, Spring is making every effort to establish itself. Birds are busy, workmen are creating quite a noise somewhere nearby, and the parish is continuing its way through Lent.

As you receive this report, we should be journeying in our hearts and minds with Jesus, on His way to the Cross. Please intend to be in a place of Christian worship this Holy Week and Easter. Preferably here with the Church family at St John's and Kiltermon, but if you are travelling, with a local Christian church. The days from Palm Sunday, through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Eve, and into Easter are uniquely Christian, yet it is possible for us to allow them to pass unmarked. They are important days in the Church year, when we are called again to consider all that Christ has achieved and is for us. Preparations are underway for us, by musicians, florists, preachers, caterers, and many others. Do join us during these days. In reading these reports I am made aware again that the parishes ministries are very busy all year. They achieve much good work for God's kingdom. However, much work is done here which is unreported.

In summer of 2017 Mrs Heather Robinson retired after 10 years from her role of parish office administrator. We have missed Heather greatly and appreciate all that she achieved in establishing the office as such an important part of parish life. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Judith Anderson to this role, and she has very ably taken forward that work during these last six months.

Also, during 40 years Mrs Edith Robertson has provided caretaking and cleaning to St John's and the Parish Halls. We are deeply thankful for all that Edith has contributed along with Ronnie. As Edith retires from that role we will thank her on Easter Sunday at the 11am service. If you would like to be identified with a gift, a donation may be enveloped and left with the parish office. Ronnie will continue as Sexton, looking after the graveyard and providing light caretaking support.

We are also very pleased to announce that Mr Andy and Mrs Wendy Little have been appointed to take on the responsibility of cleaning and light caretaking at the Parish Halls and St John's Church. Wendy and Andy are very capable people and respected members of the parish, and we are delighted that they are willing to undertake this work. We know that this will be well received in the parish and trust that they will receive your congratulations and full support.

As we celebrate all that the various ministries do, I continue to look for best ways to keep the ministries together under one identity. Obviously we all belong to one church and parish, and significantly we come together under one head, who is Christ. This year, during the teaching series from St Paul in Ephesians, we have again been challenged about the nature of the Church, God's purposes for it and our shared hope. We continue to try to improve our communication with each other, and our commitment to support each other in our efforts.

Interestingly the year opened with Bishop John asking all of his clergy, what we are doing to make worship on Sunday the central part of the parish's life. That is an ongoing challenge to me in ministry, in all of its many and sometimes unpredictable demands, as well as in the weekly preparation of the prayers, sermon preparation and music. But it is also a challenge to all parishioners to be in their place of worship each week.

My particular appeal is to all in leadership in the parish to do what they can in their own role and ministry, to make gathering for worship together each week, the central part of the ministry of Fivemiletown Parish.

May God bless you in the days ahead.

Canon Hanlon

Sunday Worship

9.30am Kiltermon Church

11am St John's Church

7pm Breathe Quieter Prayer and Worship in the Parish Hall. First Sunday Quiet Day.

May I invite readers of the Diocesan magazine to join us here for a Quiet Day on Saturday 12 May 2018. Canon Raymond Fox and a guide from the Fellowship Of Contemplative Prayer will host the morning. It really is a very simple format with introductory words, based on a saying of Jesus, before encouraging prayer, through silence. Previous mornings have been really well received, both by the parish here, and members from across the diocese. You are very welcome.

Morning coffee served at 9.30am. Finishing with a bring your own packed lunch at 1pm. Tea and coffee served. Perhaps book in advance with Judith in the parish office here 8925 2422 on Wednesday of Friday mornings 10am -2pm.

Also, I have included the letter to the parish which will be distributed with the Annual Pastoral and Financial Report. It says something of parish life here at the moment.

Mothers' Union Notes

The March meeting followed a Lenten Service conducted by Canon Hanlon.

Congratulations were extended to Vera and Des Stronge who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Thanks were extended to Cora Morrow, Beatrice Funston and Hilary Kenny who distributed bookmarks to all ladies in Kiltermon and St. John's Church on Mother's Day.

The Mothers' Union Diocesan Prayer Breakfast in Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 3rd March was cancelled because of inclement weather and was re-scheduled for 24th March with the speaker being Mrs Phyllis Grothier, Mothers' Union All-Ireland President. Seven members were attending.

Quiz sheets for "Mums in May" which has supported Diocesan events were distributed.

The Holy week meal on 28th March is being hosted by The Methodist Church this year.

Book with the Parish Office

This year, instead of an outing it was decided to go to The Courthouse in Clogher for a meal on 7th June.

Missionary money, knitted items and stamps were collected.

The Area Services are being held in: Donagh Church on 4th May at 8pm. The new Mother's Union Chaplin Rev Eames will be commissioned at this service Sallaghy Church on 11th May at 8pm

The speaker at our next meeting on 11th April will be Melissa Newell on her experience in Paraguay.

Members joined in The Grace to close the meeting.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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9:00 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.
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).

Confirmation Mission Event

Based on the theme "The Good Samaritan" (Luke 10: 25-37), the confirmation candidates took part in a Sponsored Mountain Big Cycle or Dog Walk event on Saturday 10th March 2018 in Blessingbourne Estate, Fivemiletown. We are delighted to have raised over £300 To Sponsor this Class of Puppies! Each of our three Churches will be able to share in their adventure as they grow from tiny puppies into responsible Guide Dogs.



Our Sunday Schools will receive regular "pup-dates", stickers, photos, lesson plans activity sheets, wall charts and poster. Thanks to all of our candidates, their family and friends who helped raise this money. Also to all who supported our event in Blessingbourne Estate, catering, organising and even riding one the mountain bikes!!! Well done everyone!

Mothering Sunday

On Mothering Sunday a group service was held in Sallaghy Church when the theme was "Make a Mother's Day". The lessons were read by Mrs Eileen Hall, Mrs Pearl Wiggins and Mrs Noreen Little. All the ladies were presented with a card denoting "Gifts That make Mothers Bloom" enabling women across the world to gain parenting skills; to develop practical skills for a better home; to learn literacy and numeracy skills and to find a powerful voice! They were also given a little treat from the Meaningful Chocolate Company! Both new and present members affirmed their commitment to the Mothers' Union with Mrs Mabel Clingan, Mrs Valerie Crawford and Mrs Jennifer Smith being enrolled as new members.

Ulster Project Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning in Castle Archdale in Lisnaskea on Saturday 28th April from 10am to 12.30pm. Proceeds will be going towards the Ulster Project in Enniskillen, who will be bringing a group of teens from Fermanagh on a Peace Building trip to America this summer. Aaron Hall from Drummully Parish and Emma Darling from Galloon Parish will be part of the group. Everyone will be warmly welcome.

Thank you and best wishes

Our thanks to Dean Raymond Ferguson for pastoral cover and lay readers for taking services when Revd Anita was recovering from a fall. It has been a difficult time for the rectory family recently

and our prayers have been with them as we wish them a full and speedy recovery.

Galloon Parish

Galloon Parish Auction

The next auction will be on Saturday 7th April 2018 at 12 noon in The Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler. We have the part contents of a local residence for sale, including a quantity of Royal Albert, Old Country Roses China, a quantity of cut glass ornaments, household items and furniture, including a carved and upholstered three-piece suite. There will also be a wide selection of other items including boxed lots suitable for car boot sellers and traders. We would appreciate donations of other items to sell. All we ask is that they are clean and in working and sellable condition. Large items can be collected and we can store items if necessary. We aim to have 500 lots. There are no fees or VAT. Refreshments will be available on the day and everyone is welcome. Contact William Little on 02867738676, for information or help.

Wedding Anniversary



Primrose and Bert Robinson celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Congratulations to Bert and Primrose Robinson who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 23rd March.

Wedding Weekend

PLEASE NOTE It has been decided to postpone the "Wedding Weekend" in Galloon parish until after the arrival of our Lewis Organ. This will enable us to include wedding music to the event and to invite organists from outside to the parish to share in our blessing. Details to be confirmed at a later date.

Burial Register

The funeral of Mrs Charlotte West, Moundrum, Lisbellaw took place in Galloon Church on 8th March 2018. The service was conducted by Dean Raymond Ferguson. We extend our condolences to the West family on their loss of their much-loved mother.



Newly Enrolled MU Members with Mrs Beulah Whittendale, Branch Leader and Revd Anita.

Sallaghy Parish

Mothers' Union

At the March meeting, Catherine Little who is General Secretary of the Bible

Society in Northern Ireland (BSNI) spoke about her recent travels.

In April, the Mothers' Union members will take part in a prayer walk starting at the Church Hall. This will be followed by a Bring and Buy sale with the proceeds

going to Mums in May fundraising projects.

Dance

A Parish Dance will be held on Friday 4th May 2018 in the Church Hall. The music will be provided by Robert Brown with dancing from 10.00pm – 1.00am. The cost will be £5 including supper and all proceeds are in aid of Church Funds. Everyone will be made most welcome.

Bowling Club

Congratulations to the Bowling Club who have been promoted to Group C of the Erne Bowling League.

Drummully Parish

Illness

We would like to wish Mary Godfrey a speedy recovery after her recent operation and are delighted to hear that Mary is back home from hospital.

Dance

We are holding a dance in the Protestant Hall in Clones on Friday 6th April. Dancing from 10pm until late. Music is by Robert Brown. Admission €10, including supper. Proceeds go towards Drummully Parish funds. Everyone welcome.

Gardening Evening

Our annual gardening evening is planned for Wednesday 23rd May. Details to follow.

Mrs Beulah Whittendale (Branch Leader) with Catherine Little.



Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Services

Sunday 8th April

Kiltyclogher 10am HC

Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 15th April

Garrison 10am MP & FS

Slavin 11.30am MP & FS

Sunday 22nd April

Kiltyclogher 10am MP

Belleek 11.30am MP

Sunday 29th April

Group Service in Belleek at 11.30am MP

Sunday 7th May

Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Mothers' Union

The February meeting of MU was held in Garrison Church following the Ash Wednesday service.

The April meeting will be a closing service held in Kiltyclogher Church on Wednesday 18th April at 7pm followed by a meal in Garrison Church Hall.

Members of the Mothers' Union attended the Visitor's Night, hosted by Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mother's Union. The theme of the evening was 'The Life of Mary Sumner'. It was a most enjoyable evening and the young members of the Branch did an excellent presentation on Mary Sumner telling her life story in a very interesting way. Some of the host members were dressed in the clothes of that period of time, and lighting from the late 19th century were used. The guest speaker, Evelyn Hassard, brought along items of furniture and jewellery that would have been in use when Mary Sumner lived. She was very trusting to pass round a beautiful diamond ring priced in four figures! The theme was carried on into supper with a beautiful vintage tea being served.

Christingle

Thanks to all who contributed to the Christingle boxes distributed at the

Service in Kiltyclogher. A total of £260.52 and €28.07 was received. Many thanks to all contributors

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, Christina Breen, Betty Johnston and Matthew Johnston.

Diary Date

Garrison parish are holding a "Friends" Service on the fifth Sunday of September, 30th September at 4pm. Past and present church members and friends are welcomed back to church for this special service of reunion and fellowship. Strule River String Band will be performing at the service and light refreshments will be served.

Keep up to date

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

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

MU Members enjoying their vintage tea.



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As you read these notes we will be celebrating one of the great Christian festivals of the church. The victory of Christ over the gate of death. In one form of the Apostle's creed, we are asked: - do you believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Each of these questions are answered with the appropriate part of the Apostle's Creed. It then finishes off with the declaration - this is our faith, this is our hope, this is our belief.

During the funeral service, just before the coffin is carried out we have those wonderful words or reassurance from St. Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians, chapter 15, verses 20 to 22.

'Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who sleep. For as by man came death, by man has come the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. For every Good Friday, there is an Easter Day.

Mothers' Union

At our February Meeting, we had a good attendance of our members to hear Mrs Marion Maxwell's talk entitled 'Days Gone By'. Marion spoke passionately about the local seaside resort of Bundoran which was once part of Inishmacsaint Parish and a centre of attraction for many people long ago, before the days of holidays further afield. She showed many interesting scenes using a PowerPoint presentation. This talk was of particular interest to the older members, many of whom had vivid recollections of times spent in Bundoran.

Women's World Day of Prayer

On Friday, 2nd March we hosted our Women's World Day of Prayer in the church. The Order of Service used internationally was prepared by women from Churches in Suriname, a country on the north-eastern coast of South America. Mrs Eileen Cutler, Diocesan Reader and Mothers' Union member, spoke on the chosen topic 'All God's Creation is Very Good', giving ideas on how we can all do a little to care for God's world. Mrs Gillian Rutherford was the organist and Miss Michelle Elliott sang a beautiful solo which was specially commissioned for this service and sung in the Sranan Tongo language.

Visitors from Neighbouring Churches

We were pleased to welcome visitors from neighbouring churches and everyone enjoyed a cup of tea afterwards.

Prison Chaplain

At our April meeting we look forward to Revd. Paul Thompson coming to speak to us about his experiences as a Prison Chaplain.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Burial of the Dead

'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.' Mervyn James Mills, Trillick, December 29th
William Robert Andrew (Bill) Wilson BEM, Kilskeery, February 7th
Walter Porter, Kilskeery, February 8th

The Parishes of Kilskeery and Trillick, have, over the last months, lost three stalwarts, characters, men who were very much part of the community and their church family.

Illness meant that I was unable to conduct their funeral services or pay tribute to them and I thank those who did so – Archdeacon Brian Harper, Canons Mark Watson and Billy Johnston and today add my own.

William Robert Andrew Wilson BEM



One of my first visits in Kilskeery (just prior to my Institution as Rector some seven years ago) was to the home of Bill and Winnie Wilson – my very first visit was to Robert and Evelyn (Bill's sister) Armstrong, on hearing that they had had a bereavement – Robert, in turn bringing me along to Bill and Winnie's and so was cemented my relationship with them, a

relationship which was strong, loving and enduring.

'For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.' (2 Timothy 4:6 – 8). Each of these phrases is a welter of significance, especially as I pay tribute to another one who 'fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith' – Bill Wilson. There can be no doubting Bill's strong and active faith, a faith that was nurtured in Kilskeery where he spent most of his life and that grounding, not only in character but in the determination to 'go about doing good' which is so typical of solid Christian upbringing stayed with him all his days. He treasured his life in the church and was closely and intimately part of everything that went on in the church. His vision was undimmed and he kept the values of the faith he proclaimed until the end. The expression also had in Paul's mind a background of business. It was used in his day to mean, 'I have kept the terms of the contract.' Paul had engaged himself to serve his Lord and he had stood by it, thick and thin. He'd never tried to wheedle out of the spirit of the thing or go through the fine print to find a 'get-out' clause. He had never let his Lord down and he kept the faith. Whether Bill would have said that of himself,



I don't know. But we can say it for him. In the years when survival seems to come only through hard graft, he kept this contract with his Lord. He was like a rock for others to lean on and rest in the shade of. 'I have kept the faith' also has the note of optimism in it. It implies that hope is still strong, confidence is still solid and joy is bubbling under the surface. How much joy and hope Bill had for his family – his wife Winnie (and I have to say that as I watched this couple, especially in those last months, I couldn't help but thank God for their lives, their loyalty and their love), his children David, William, Maurice, Caroline and Andrew together with his beautiful grandchildren - he loved them and they knew it. A finer tribute could not be paid, than to say he was respected by all who knew him a little, liked by all who knew him better and loved by those who knew him most. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill's very wide circle of friends and relations and we thank God for all that Bill was and commend him to his care and keeping.

Mervyn James Mills

Another early visit was to the home of Mervyn and Wilma Mills where Mervyn presented me with a book on the history of Trillick saying 'you might find this helpful' and 'helpful' is how I found Mervyn. To be welcomed in this way is nothing short of a blessing, one of the many gifts I received from Mervyn and Wilma, together with the power of honest, courageous and steadfast love – honest enough to admit to shortcomings; courageous enough to face the trials and tribulations of life. They have gifted us with a living testimonial to the power of such love. The rivers of anxiety and sickness couldn't wash it away. Wilma sustained Mervyn with her loyalty and love. Mervyn nurtured Wilma through his presence and expressed concerns. I entered Mervyn's life to give but I felt that I had been gifted with his support and encouragement. In this world of scepticism and doubt, I believe in the promises of God. God will not leave us alone in the hour of sorrow and loneliness. Our Lord never abandoned Mervyn and he will never forsake us. 'Be strong and of good courage;



be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' (1 Chronicles 28.20) As we remember Mervyn who worked and played and fought the battle of life, may we learn ourselves this day to use the gifts and graces entrusted to us. May we know how to make our own homes happy and how to give place and prepare places for others, so that death may not be an ending but a finishing touch. We thank God for all that Mervyn has been and is for us. We leave him in the hands of God who is always more loving than we could ever be and ask that his comfort will be with his loving wife Wilma, beautiful daughter Jennifer, fine sons Gary, Leroy and Nigel and much-loved grandchildren.

Walter Porter

Walter Porter fed me (literally!) – homemade soup and rolls – leaving them on the window sill at the rectory if I wasn't there when he called! No two people are alike and it's this very uniqueness which makes us loved not only by our fellow men but especially by God. That wonderful phrase of our Lord in the Gospel about 'the hairs of our head being numbered by our heavenly Father' and that 'not even one sparrow can fall to the ground without God knowing about it' is surely proof of the value which God puts on every human life (Luke 12.7). We are here for a purpose, a divine purpose and the hand of God has been laid on us all. The hand of God was laid on Walter. The lesson of old age is that of endurance and faith. In all our lives there are the valleys and the hills, the good times and the bad times, the successes and the failures, the joys and the sorrows. With advancing age we learn that we have not here a lasting kingdom, but wait for one which is to come. No-one can work out his or her salvation alone. We need examples all around us, to point out a better way, a surer road, a safer path. Walter was a wonderful exemplar of old world values. The solid rock of common sense, as well as the practice of Christian 'gentlemanly-like' virtues must not be lost sight of in our modern world. Honesty, integrity and goodness are not met with so often today and more's the pity. Walter



Porter lived as a gentleman and died as a gentleman, concerned right up to the end least he cause any inconvenience or trouble to anyone. Above all, he showed his great appreciation of the services and devoted attention of those good people who attended him day and night during his final years, not least his loving son Walter and daughters Georgina and Shelley and their families. So in spite of our tears and sense of loss, we pay tribute today to a Christian gentleman and with the utmost confidence, commend our brother Walter to Christ's care.

We are in the season of Lent and those two disciples on the road to Emmaus come to mind (Luke 24:13 – 27). They, like us were plunged into gloom because somebody they loved had died. Here was someone who wasn't only a good man but a great prophet as he'd proved by the things he'd done and said. Yet now he was dead and buried. Their hopes, which a short time ago had been so bright, were now reduced to rubble. Just when things were at their darkest, light came from a most unexpected source. The very one they thought was dead, joined them, only they didn't recognise him at first. Slowly, Jesus opened their minds to a great mystery. The tragic death which they looked on as the end of their dream was the very means by which that dream became a reality. The one they'd seen die, had passed through death and was now crowned with glory by his Father. Jesus joins us in our hour of sorrow. He listens to our sad stories – the stories of Mervyn, Bill and Walter's deaths. He opens our minds and hearts to understand that, beyond death, there is a life, a life of glory which he won for us, with his own painful death. Strengthened by this faith, like the two apostles, we too will live again. Our hopes and dreams will be given back to us. The great thing is that Christ has overcome death for all of us.

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Services

Sunday, 1st April 2018 Easter Day

Lisbellaw: 11am Holy Communion

Coolbuck: 3pm Holy Communion

Sunday, 8th April 2018 Second Sunday of Easter

Lisbellaw: 11am Morning Prayer

Coolbuck: 3pm Late Evening Office

Sunday, 15th April 2018 Third Sunday of Easter

Lisbellaw: 11.00am Morning Prayer

Coolbuck: 3.00pm Evening Prayer

NO EARLY COMMUNION AS RECTOR IS ON HOLIDAY

Sunday, 22nd April 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Lisbellaw: 11.00am Morning Prayer

Coolbuck: 3.00pm Compline

Sunday, 29th April 2018 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lisbellaw: 11.00am Morning Prayer

Coolbuck: 3.00pm Litany

A young collector at the Mothers' Day service.



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Peggy Beacom and Mabel Nicholl were presented with certificates for 44 years membership of the Mothers' Union.

Rector on holiday

Rector on holiday from Tuesday, 10th April returning on Tuesday, 17th April 2018.

Pastoral cover to be confirmed.

Easter Vestry

Easter Vestry on Thursday, 5th April at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union on Tuesday, 24th April 2018 with speaker Hazel Spears on Fields of Life.

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Dessie Potters formerly of Leambreslin; the late Ronald Foster formerly of Lurgan; the late Charlotte West formerly of Newtownbutler and the late Christine Waterson formerly of Lisbellaw.



New members enrolled to Mothers' Union were Ann Irvine, Heather McFrederick, Violet Lee and Betty McElroy.



Members of the Mothers' Union who renewed their vows during the Mothers' Day service.



Members of the Nicholl family congratulate Mabel on her long membership of the Mothers' Union.



Beaver Scouts get ready for the service.



Some happy Guides.



Flag carriers for Thinking Day 2018.

Lisnaskea



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Services

Easter Sunday 1st

11.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 8th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday 11th

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

Sunday 15th

11.30 a.m. Confirmation & Holy
Communion

Sunday 22nd

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Holy Baptism

Sunday 11th March

Grace Edith Kelly, 120 Keady Road,
Gortgranagh, Lisnaskea, daughter to Alan
and Sharon. Congratulations to you both.

Confirmation

Fourteen of our young people will be
presented to the Bishop for Confirmation
on Sunday 15th April. Classes for this will
continue on Sunday mornings at 10.30
a.m. in The Trinity Hall.

General Easter Vestry

This will be held in The Archdale Centre
on Wednesday 11th April at 8.00 p.m.
and all parishioners are very welcome to
attend. Anyone whose name is on the
Register of vestrymen will be entitled to
vote to elect new vestry members.

Ulster Project

A number of young people from our
local area including three from our own
parish will be heading to America in the
summer as part of this project. To help
with fundraising for this there will be a
coffee morning in The Archdale Centre
on Saturday 28th April from 10.00 a.m.-
12.30 p.m. Your support would be greatly
appreciated.

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If you are reading this before Easter
Sunday, can I invite you to celebrate the
Easter Dawn with Trory and Killadeas
parishes at 6.30am by the lakeside
behind Killadeas Church.

Other Easter Services

Other Easter services include Holy
Communion in the Parish Church at
9:30am and 11am and Easter Praise
at 7pm in the Parish Church, sharing
worship with Ballinamallard Methodist
Church.

After Easter

After Easter, our focus turns to our
Easter Vestry on April 9th. Our honorary
treasurer, Arthur McKinney, has
indicated that he will be relinquishing
his role after 13 years. The Select Vestry
are grateful for all the work he has done
over those years.

Africa

During the summer, a number of our
young people will be travelling to Africa.
11 members of our Youth Fellowship will
be heading to Nairobi, Kenya with the
mission charity, Jengana, and two of our
scouts have places on a trip with Habitat
for Humanity to Malawi. We wish all our
young people blessings on their travels
and support in their fundraising.
Our mission partner agency, CMSI, will
be in the parish on 27th and 28th April
when Roger Thompson will be sharing
with us about the work of Ronnie and
Maggie Briggs in the rural south of
Kenya.



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As the evenings lengthen, the one thing I notice is the amount of people who are out running around the village of Kesh to improve their health. Getting fit is a gradual process and no one going out would expect to be able to run 5K successfully the first day, you start slowly and steadily work to increase your fitness and build up the muscles to go further each time.

We need to build up spiritual muscle by regular bible reading and prayer, we start off small and ask the Holy Spirit to give us a hunger for the things of God to enable us to grow into a deeper relationship with Him. Lent for the early church was a season about preparing and understanding more of the gospel message, a time of building them up, that would lead to that place of a deeper and fuller surrender to God. The question I would ask you to stop and reflect on for a moment is this what has changed in your relationship with God as a result of your attendance at this year's Easter services? Have you been working on your spiritual muscle to deepen your relationship with God? And if you haven't started your spiritual training perhaps today is as good a day as any to start.

SOMA (Sharing Of Ministry Abroad)

During the month of April, I have the great privilege of being part of a SOMA (Sharing Of Ministry Abroad) team going to encourage the Anglican church in Vietnam. During the two weeks away, I will be joining with others from the Anglican church in Australia to teach at a conference in the cities of Ho Chi Minh and Hanoi. Our objective is very simply to encourage and build up the church in these cities to reach out with the good news of Jesus Christ to their friends and neighbours. This takes on a great significance when you realise that Vietnam is a communist country and listed at number 18 on the World Watch List by Open Doors. This listing ranks the levels of Christian persecution in the country (currently North Korea being number 1 and Saudi Arabia being number 12) showing their lack of acceptance of Christian teaching. For the local people to share the teaching of the gospel and encourage others to follow Jesus openly will lead to government action being taken against them. In Ireland we are afraid to speak of our faith openly because we are afraid of what people will think!! The Bible is very clear in its condemnation of our lack of commitment, listen to what Jesus says in Mark 8:38 (ANIV) :-

38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Let us not be afraid to stand up for what we believe while we are still able to do it in freedom!

Canon Henry

Friends In The Afternoon

On 13th February, Helen Houston joined us and she spoke on how pearls can be precious to us but more importantly everything else is worthless in comparison to finding Jesus and entering into His kingdom - Matthew 13v45/46. She shared references in the Bible to the word 'precious' ie Christ's blood 1Peter 1v19, Jesus Himself 1Peter 2v7, the promises of God 2Peter 1v4 and we are precious in God's sight Isaiah 43v4. We had a good turnout and enjoyed a lovely tea afterwards.

On 27th February, Maurice Lee MBE gave us a great detailed rundown of getting the invitation to go to Buckingham Palace for his MBE along with his wife, Louie and their family. He showed photographs and short videos of the event including the garden party and the formalities

around receiving the medal. He brought his medal and certificate for us all to see. Congratulations to Maurice.

Mothers' Union

On 15th February, Canon Henry and Helen Blair talked about the privilege of going to Canada on Sabbatical last May to July. They told us about the various churches and people they met right across the country and showed plenty of photos.

Ash Wednesday Church Service

On Wednesday, 14th February 2018 we were in the church hall for a special service to mark the beginning of Lent. The challenge for lent is not to make it into a time of giving up but rather a time of taking up. As all our lives are already very busy, this of course means that we have to give up something to take up spending more time with God. At the end of the day, or more profoundly at the end of our life, the only thing that carries any relevance with God is our relationship with Him.

Mothers' Day Church Service

On Sunday, 11th March 2018, we paused to remember and acknowledge the role of our Mothers and what they mean to us. Mothers' Day is not always a positive thing for us and it can stir up many different emotions, but it is good in the midst of all the emotions to bring them all before God and allow him to heal the hurts and encourage us in other ways.

Regular Events

Church Services @ Ardess Parish Centre
Sunday Services: 9.30am Morning Prayer & 11.00am Family Worship

Regular Prayer @ Ardess Parish Centre
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 @ Ardess Parish Centre

Friends in the Afternoon: Every 2nd & 4th Tues, 2.00pm 10th & 24th April and 8th May 18.

Mothers' Union: Every 3rd Thurs, 19th April '18

Regular Events @ The Fountain Centre

Connect YF (Year 8-14): Sun (weekly) 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Ardess Little Lambs: Mon (term time only), 10.00am - 12.00 noon (not on 2nd & 9th April and 7th May '18)

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 (12th & 26th Apr '18 and 10th May '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

11 March Mason Rodney Sharpe, son of Selina McDonagh and Lee Sharpe of 25 Crevenish Park Kesh.

MAGUIRESBRIDGE AND DERRYBRUSK



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Dear Parishioners,
May I begin by wishing everyone a very blessed Easter. We proclaim "Christ is Risen" The Easter greeting, the Easter celebrations of breaking the bread and sharing of the cup in remembrance, thanksgiving and looking forward till Christ comes again. For on Easter morn we know that we celebrate Christ's resurrection and that the wages of sin which is death are paid and that in Christ alone we have the gift of eternal life.

Services

Despite some very poor weather conditions during Lent it was lovely to worship together in good numbers each Wednesday night

and as I write I am looking forward to Holy Week in Derrybrusk.

Easter Day

Derrybrusk Churchyard: Dawn Outdoor Agape Service (weather permitting if not in St. Michael's Church) at 7.00am (Dawn 7.03am)

Holy Communion in Maguiresbridge at 10.30am

Holy Communion in Derrybrusk 12.00pm

Confirmation Class

Seven children from the group are in preparation for confirmation. Classes resume after the Easter break at 7.00pm 18th April in the Rectory. The rite will be conducted by the Bishop on June 24th at 7.00pm.

Women's World Day of Prayer

A most meaningful service was held in the Parish Hall in Maguiresbridge despite the best efforts of the storm called "The beast from the East" to prevent us going ahead. The singing and worship blended very well and a most pleasant supper was provided by the ladies of the parish.

Maguiresbridge Mothers' Union

The Prayer Breakfast in the Killyhevlín Hotel is now rescheduled for Saturday 24th March.

There was no meeting in March as members were invited to attend Derryvullan & Garvary Mothers' Union Visitors' Night on Monday 19th March.

At our April meeting the speaker will be Mrs Irene Boyd, Diocesan President and will speak about the Mothers' Union.

Parish Dance with Curtis Magee

On Friday 16th February we held a parochial dance in the Parish Hall with Curtis Magee as our singer and entertainer. As he managed to get the rector to dance one can only admire his skills. A total of £1487.80 was raised. Thanks to the organising committee.

Derrybrusk Sunday School

The children will attend service in Derrybrusk at noon on the fourth Sunday of each month for family service. This will be in place of Sunday School that week.

June events:

It is hoped that the following events will take place in June when we have two weekends of family outreach and events. Dates may not be exact. Details will be circulated after Easter.

Saturday 16th June a parish outing to Dublin zoo and Blanchardstown shopping centre.

Sunday 17th Grouped outdoor family service at Belle Isle followed by a barbecue. Noon service.

Sunday 24th Children's day in Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk. Confirmation rite in Maguiresbridge 7.00pm.



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Services

1st April Easter Day

St Patrick's All Age Communion and Holy
Baptism 10.30am
Kilmore Holy Communion 12.15pm

8th April Easter 2

St Patrick's Service of the Word 10.30am
Ballinode Morning Prayer 12.15 pm

15th April Easter 3

St Patrick's Morning Prayer 10.30am
Kilmore Morning Prayer 12.15 pm

22nd April Easter 4

St Patrick's All Age Worship 10.30am
Ballinode Holy Communion 12.15pm

29th April Easter 5

St Patrick's Service of the Word 10.30am

6th May Easter 6

St Patrick's Holy Communion 10.30am
Kilmore Holy Communion 12.15pm

Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group had a very successful
and well attended fundraiser in St.
Patrick's Hall on Tuesday 20th February
when local chef Jason Graham gave a
demonstration of Caribbean cooking with
tasters available for everyone. They will
meet in the Hall on Tuesday 17th April in
Andy's Restaurant and this will also be
their Annual General Meeting.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union held their visitors'
night in the Hall on Tuesday, 6th March
with a good attendance. The guest
speaker was Ms Linda Keating who gave a
talk on Dementia.

The April meeting will be on Tuesday 10th
April when contributions for overseas will
be collected. There will also be a flower
arranging demonstration by Ms. Elizabeth
Stenson.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 11th March in St. Patrick's,
Holly Smyth, daughter of Malachy and
Julie and Ezra Thorpe, son of Lynn and
Jamie. This was a very special occasion as
Julie and Lynn are sisters and this was a
unique event in our Congregation.

We welcome Holly and Ezra into the family
of God and we pray God's blessing on
them and their families in the times that lie
ahead.

The Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer on
Friday 2nd March had to be cancelled due
to inclement weather conditions.

Illness

Your prayers are requested for those who
are ill or recovering, the housebound and
those in residential care and their families.

Easter Vestries

St Patrick's Monday 9th April 8pm
Kilmore and Ballinode to be arranged
We would ask all members of the three
congregations to make a special effort to
attend these very important meetings in
the life of the Churches.

Vortex

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

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A note from the Rector

The Easter season brings us two interesting
parish events during the month of April:
Firstly the Easter Holiday Bible Club from
Wed 4th – Fri 6th April – 10.30am – 12.30pm
in the Parish Hall. This exciting event for
children of primary school age is designed
by Jonny Phenix our Youth Officer. Jonny
has brought together a team of parish

leaders and assistants to present the
message of the biblical story of David in
an action-packed way with games, songs,
stories and crafts. We really look forward to
this event and pray that it will be an effective
outreach to young families in the parish.
The second event is a Fashion Show to be
held in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Wednesday
18th April at 7.30pm. This promises to be

a great night's entertainment with a very
interesting assembly of volunteers to model
ladies and gents fashion from SD Kells.
Tickets (£10) are available in the church
porch and from the parish office or contact
Lorraine Simpson on 028 66329469.
Proceeds in aid of Rossorry Parish Building
Fund.

Sincere thanks to the choir and organist for
providing very appropriate music during our
Holy Week and Easter Day services. Thanks
also to all who contributed to the Easter
Tree appeal this year which was towards the
work of the Alzheimers Society.

More dates for your diary

Wednesday 11th April at 8.00pm - Andrew
Irwin Concert in the Ardowen Theatre
Thursday 12th April at 8.00pm – Easter
General Vestry meeting in the Parish Hall
Sunday 13th May at 11am – Confirmation
Service
Ian.
Canon IW Ellis
Rector

The Graan Novena

As in previous years the Rector accepted an invitation to attend part of the Novena of Hope in the Graan Monastery, our closest neighbour. He attended on Wednesday 7th March, when the speaker was Bishop Trevor Williams (retired Church of Ireland Bishop) who spoke on the topic "Hope is accepting the 'other' ". They were joined by Dean Hall from St. Macartin's Cathedral.



The Novena at the Graan Monastery (L-R, Fr. Charles Cross CP, Bishop Trevor Williams, Dean Hall and Canon Ian Ellis)

Mothers' Day

On Sunday 11th March at our Mothering Day Service, as part of our celebration of the role of mothers in the life of the church, every lady was presented with the gift of a lovely Primula as they left church, a token of the esteem with which they are held in our parish.



Ladies of the Parish receiving a Primula on Mothers Day

Confirmation Class

The Rossorry Confirmation Class of 15 young people have now completed the 7th week of their preparation.

On Sunday 11th March they visited 'The Bible comes to Life' Exhibition at St Macartin's Cathedral Hall. They were welcomed by Dean Hall and his staff and treated to a most informative tour of the Exhibition. They were able, through the music, artefacts and stories to get a

real feeling for the culture and history of biblical times.



Confirmation Class visiting the Bible comes to Life Exhibition.

Easter Holiday Bible Club

Our Easter Holiday Bible Club will be running in the Parish Hall from Wed. 4th – Fri. 6th April from 10.30 am to 12.30pm. This will be run by our Parish Youth Officer – Jonny Phenix- and a team of helpers. This is an exciting outreach to the youth of the parish, bringing the Bible to life in a fun and relevant manner.

Fashion Show



The Parish is holding a Fashion Show (kindly sponsored by S.D. Kells) on Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Killyhevlin Hotel.

Latest ladies and gentlemen's fashions and styles are on show. Everyone is welcome. Tickets available from Lorraine Simpson, (Tel: 07974929303) or The Parish Office (Tel: 02866 329889) or S.D. Kells Shop.

Funds raised will go to the Rossorry Parish Building Fund, as we prepare to expand and improve our facilities.

Prayer Group

The next meeting of The Prayer Group is Wed. 11th April 2018 (after the Lenten Wednesday night series of services)

It will continue then 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.

Rossorry Mothers' Union

Rossorry Mothers' Union continues to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The next meeting takes place on 19th April when the speaker is Iris Suitor, All-Ireland Mothers' Union.

A number of members attended Mullaghduon MU Visitors Night, speaker Evelyn Hassard on Tuesday 20th February. They were invited to Letterbreen MWI Visitors Night with speaker Noel Morrow, flower arranger, on Thursday 8th March.

Members also attended the Women's World Day of Prayer in Letterbreen Methodist Church on Friday, 16 March. They were also represented at the Prayer Breakfast in Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 24 March.

As in previous years an Easter Tree is going to be erected in the Church with donations being given for prayer verses, so a draw took place and the charity selected to benefit this year will be The Alzheimers Society.

Wednesday Club News

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

This month's Programme: -

4th April - Easter Holidays

11th April - Claire Dunwoody of Erne Holistics.

18th April - Youth in Misson with Jonny Phenix

25th April - Craft Morning.

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

Scouts and Guides

Rossorry Scout and Guide troops (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) have been very busy, as usual, as their wonderful leaders teach them life skills, fellowship and teamwork, whilst having lots of fun doing it!

The Founders' Day / Thinking Day Parade took place on 25th February 2018. Scouts and Guides paraded with their colours from the Parish Hall to the Church.

It was such a lovely sunny day - just perfect for the parade, A big thank you to the flag-bearers, collectors and those who read lessons and prayers. Thanks too to Rev Lindsey and her helpful address on burdens we all carry. Congratulations also to those who received service awards for their work in scouting over many years.

Uniformed Organisations leaving Church on Founders Day & Thinking Day



Rainbows



On Monday 26th February , six new

children who have joined Rainbows made their promises and are now part of the cheery band of Rossorry Rainbows. They are very welcome !

Brownies

Rossorry Brownies took part in the Post Card Pals Exchange to celebrate Thinking Day 2018. The girls were very excited by the replies. We have them up on our notice board in the church hall.

Rossorry Brownies took part in the Potcards Pals Exchange.

If you want to know more about our Scout or Guide Troops call in to a meeting
Beavers -Tues 6.30pm.
Cubs – Wed 6.45pm.
Scouts – Wed 7.30pm or ring Garry Clarke on 02866 323653
Rainbows- Mon 6.15pm.
Brownies – Mon 6.15pm
Guides – Wed 8.00pm or ring Avril Armstrong on 02866 329589

Some of the Scouts and Guides at Founders Day & Thinking Day





James William Doogan with his mum Diane.

For information: - contact William Stevenson on 07719662473.

Parish Register

Christian Burial

MORRELL, Jean Noreen, peacefully at home, Ferney Rise, on 9th January 2018. Following a funeral service at S.R. Elliotts, she was laid to rest in a family plot at Rossorry Churchyard on 11th January 2018.

Mc **CULLAGH**, Adam Robert (Robin), of Ballaghmore, Rossorry, died peacefully at the South Western Acute Hospital on 4th March 2018. Following a funeral service at 2pm on 6th March 2018, he was laid to rest in Rossorry Churchyard.

Holy Baptism

DOOGAN, James William, infant son of Diane was baptised in Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 18th February 2018.

HICKS, Curtis Hubert, infant son of Trevor and Brenda, was baptised in Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 4th March 2018.

A very warm welcome to the family of God in Rossorry to these youngest members. May they grow in the faith in which they have been baptised.



Curtis Hubert Hicks -baby son of Trevor and Brenda.

Contact Us

Our Website is: - rossorryparish.com
 - Rossorry Parish Church and we update, regularly, on events in the church as well as weddings and christenings.
 e-mail at rossorryoffice@btinternet.com
 Telephone at 02866 329889.

Services for April

Sunday 1st April

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

Sunday 8th April

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

Sunday 15th April

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

Sunday 22nd April

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
 11.00 a.m. Family Service.

Sunday 29th April

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

Mother and Baby Exercise Class

A very successful Mother and baby exercise class has been running now for over a year at Rossorry Parish Hall on a Tuesday morning at 10.am. This is very sociable class where mums bring baby along while getting fit while also meeting other mums. Please contact Jackie Cassidy (Facebook) to put your name down or if you want any further details.

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.
 The season is coming to an end – but if you are interested in getting involved, the Club is always looking for new members .

TEMPO AND CLABBY



Rector:
The Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong

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W: www.parishesoftempoandclabby.com

Funeral

8/03/18 Edna McDaniel, Main Street, Fivemiletown.

Marching Band Concert

Thank you Mr. Mark McDonald for the idea of this fundraising event for Tempo Church Funds. Thank you to Rodney White for his assistance to Mark in organising this event, along with all who sold tickets and all who supported the event which raised £2005 for Church funds. Thank you to Manor Cunningham Pipe band, Ballyreagh Silver Band, Brookeborough Flute Band, and Ballinamallard Accordion Band.

April Diary

Friday 6th April 5K/10K Walk / Fun Run: Registration from 6-30 p.m. at Clabby Church Hall. All proceeds to Rectory Fund.

Monday 9th Clabby Annual General Vestry 8 p.m.
Tuesday 10th Mothers' Union 8 p.m. Tempo Church Hall P.S.N.I.
Thursday 12th Tempo Parish Annual General Vestry 8 p.m.
Sunday 22nd Clabby Parish Church Annual Friends Service 3 p.m. Preacher The Ven. Andrew Forster (Rector of St. Anne's Dungannon) Singer Valley Voices.
Sunday 29th 7 p.m. Clogher Rural Deanery Annual Vestry Members Dedication Service, St. John's Church Fivemiletown.
Saturday 12th Annual Vintage Bike Run, from Clabby Church Hall registration at 10-00 a.m. leaving at 11-00 a.m. for further details please contact Mr. Jim Monteith on 07751803660

Clabby Rectory

The joint vestries have taken the bold and visionary step of building a new Rectory at Clabby on a site adjacent to the present Rectory. The work on this project is in its early stages, Further information will be provided to parishioners in the future. At this stage the vestries would appeal for parishioners for their financial support for the new Rectory.

Mothers' Day

This annual service was held in both Churches. In Clabby the music was led by the music group accompanied by Mrs. Ann Bloomfield. Children from the Sunday School took part reading our Bible passages, Prayers and a poem "For those who gave us life and breath". Flowers were then given out to all ladies in the Church.
In Tempo the music was led by Carole Graham and the Choir. Mrs. Joanne Oldcroft read a poem "For those who gave us life and breath". Mrs. Cynthia White had a Mothers' Day Quiz and Mrs. Ann Armstrong gave a brief

outline of the practical work of the Mothers' Union to families in difficult and needy situations. Ladies from the congregation and the Sunday School read the lessons and led the prayers. Again flowers were given out to all the ladies in Church.

A very big congratulations to Ellie McDonald, parishioner of Tempo who took part in the All Ireland Cross-country competition and came 21st place.

Easter

The message of Easter is one of victory, triumph and hope. The disciples thought that Jesus' death had dashed all their hopes for the future as they said on the Emmaus Road. Jesus redirected their thought as to who he was and why he came from the Old Testament. He also pointed out he would rise again.

For us to-day death is not the end, there is a future, a place in Heaven to be gained and given to all who trust in Christ as Saviour.

"This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name".

The message to us to-day is that Christ has died and rose again. Do we live in the assurance of our sins forgiven because we have admitted them and confessed them to God and sought to live changed lives?

Do we live in the certainty that when we die we will be certain of Heaven?

Christ has won the victory for us, he has done all for our salvation. All we need to do is come to Christ, trust in him as Saviour.

"No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life; Life is nought without thee: and us in our strife; Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;

Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above."

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 8th April: 10.00am Killadeas HC; 11.30am Trory HC; **Sunday 15th April:** 10.00am Killadeas MP; 11.30am Trory MP; **Sunday 22nd April:** 10.00am Killadeas MP; 11.30am Trory MP; **Sunday 29th April:** 10.00am Killadeas MP; 11.30am Trory MP; **Sunday 6th May:** 10.00am Killadeas HC; 11.30am Trory HC

Easter Morning Service

It is hoped to continue with our Easter Morning Service by the lake shore at Killadeas 06.30. As our parish church overlooks Devenish Island it is fitting to remember our early Christian connections and Celtic spirituality.

Holy Baptism

It was good to have the Revd. Dr. William Johnston back with us for the Baptism of Georgia Thelma Lecky, granddaughter of Alan and Barbara Johnston, Barbara being our Churchwarden.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union will meet Monday 9th April at Killadeas. The PSNI will be giving advice on home security.

Bowling Club

Bowling Club would like to remind you that the summer bowling will commence at 8pm Thursdays from May onward. This is for charitable purposes so please come along and support, it may be your opportunity learn the game.

Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club will meet at Killadeas Tuesday 10th for their Easter celebration of Holy Communion.

Easter Vestry

Easter Vestry will be held 11th April at 7.30 pm (venue to be decided)

Our parish is at present without a rector and an interesting time for us. Decisions will have to be taken that will have a bearing on us all. A good turn-out would be appreciated, advice and support always welcome.

Please note that in the event of anyone being admitted to hospital or in need of pastoral care, pass that information to our Secretary Mrs. Anne Loane who is kindly giving of her time co-ordinating the matter for us. Telephone No.02866323413

Killadeas

Sunday Services Priory Church Killadeas: 10am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Communion First Sunday in the month. Coffee is served in the church hall after service on the third Sunday in the month.

Sunday School

Sunday school holidays will be 1st-15th April, recommencing April 22nd when it will as usual leave during Morning Service.

Parish Register

Christian Burial: Mrs Joyce Greaves, 9th March 2018

MOTHERS' UNION



Mae Kells, Margaret Crawford, and Hilary Benson



Welcome

Cleenish and Mullaghduin Mothers' Union welcomed visitors from neighbouring Diocese of Kilmore and local branches and their Methodist friends to their annual visitor's vintage evening.

Caroline Watterson, Young Members contact, led the event.

Elizabeth, Branch Secretary, played the piano, as members sang, 'One More Step Along the World I Go'.

Ruth Gault read a passage from Philippines, Chapter 1, followed by a reflection by Barbara Smyth. Prayers were led by Caroline and included the Mary Sumner Prayer.

Branch Leader, Lettie Coulter highlighted the tree placed in the porch, which displays the current projects ongoing within the Branch.

Ruth Nixon shared a very interesting account of the life of Mary Sumner. The Guest speaker, Evelyn Hassard, displayed

and spoke about items of furniture and jewellery going back as far as 1810; setting the scene for the period of our founder Mary Sumner. Evelyn concluded with a sing along, which included members singing, 'The Mountains of Mourne,' 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' and 'Tell me the Old, Old Story'.

The evening drew to a close with everyone enjoying a vintage supper by candlelight, served by members dressed in period clothing.



Visitors and members enjoy the event



Caroline Watterson, Young Members Representative and Lettie Coulter.



Sally Carson (Garrison MU), Evelyn Hassard, (Guest Speaker) and Ethel Doherty (Rossorry MU).

YOUTH PAGE

The Diocesan Youth Council is launching its new “DO SOMETHING” initiative in time for the start of a new youth year in September ‘18. This is in response to the Bishop’s last synod address with his encouragement for every parish to “do something” new for youth.

At the heart of this new initiative is the vision to Support, Engage with and Equip (SEE) youth and youth ministry across the Diocese of Clogher.

We, as a council, have adopted a Mission Statement and Vision based on the Anglican Communion’s Five Marks of Mission, with a special application for Youth.

We want to Support, Engage with and Equip the five T’s:-



TELL ...

the proclamation of the Good News of the Kingdom among young people and to support, engage with and equip young people to proclaim the Good news of the kingdom themselves. (Mk 16:15)

TRAIN ...

the teaching, training and nurturing of young people as they seek to live their lives for Christ, to the end that they become teachers, trainers and nurturers themselves. (Matt. 28:19, 20)

TEND (people)...

young people in their response to human need by loving service. (Matthew 25:35-45)

TRANSFORM ...

young people to play their part in the transformation of unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation. (2 Timothy 2:22)

TEND (Creation) ...

young people to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth. (Genesis 1:26-28)

It is with this Mission Statement and Vision in focus that the Council wants to play its part in helping to enable parishes to “do something” for their youth. The Youth Council would like to offer practical, on the ground support for parishes as they seek to address the Bishop’s challenge.

Firstly, the council wish to offer the opportunity to meet with any individual parishes or rural deaneries who would like to “do something” but aren’t sure what that might look like or what resources could be available.

Secondly, the Youth council also realise that finance can be a blockage to making things happen and so wish to offer an additional funding stream that could facilitate parishes in fulfilling an aspect of their vision for their youth ministry.

This Youth Grant Scheme will be offered, in line with the Youth Council’s own funding commitments, to initiatives and projects that can demonstrate how they are addressing an aspect of the broad Mission Statement and Vision.

There will be three tiers of Council funding available; a single event grant, a medium-term project grant and a grant for a project with longer-term vision. These will be available at a number of stages throughout the year to allow for planning time. Each parish or group of parishes may apply for whichever level best suits their needs. It is hoped that as parishes and rural deaneries tackle the “do something” challenge that they will be greatly encouraged and see fruit for their labours to the end that another round of funding might be made available for further growth and development.

The Youth Council is also aware that there can sometimes be a disconnect between what is offered by diocesan bodies and what the actual needs are on the ground in parish life. What the council would like to offer is the opportunity to meet with individual clergy or as a rural deanery and find out first-hand what our supporting, engagement with and equipping might look like for you in your context, and how we, as a Youth Council may best do this. We would also appreciate the opportunity to outline what we as a Council can presently offer in line with our current Mission Statement and Vision.

May our planning and preparing, strategizing and envisioning all be done with our eyes on the Lord; being careful to pray and seek Him for His desires for the young people we work with that we may walk in step with Him and see His kingdom come among them.

Further information and application forms are available from your rector or; **Jonny Phenix: dyo@clogher.anglican.org 07850881712**

Summer Youth Mission 2018

Is there a young person from Clogher Diocese planning to serve in a mission this summer?

The Clogher Diocesan Youth Council annual individual youth mission trip grants are available again this year.



Are you and your parish youth ministry young people planning to attend a summer camp this summer? If so you can apply for a Clogher Diocesan Youth Council grant to help with the cost for each young person and leaders. Please contact the Diocesan Youth Officer, Jonny Phenix to receive your group or individual camp/mission application form.

Email: dyo@clogher.anglican.org Tel: 07850881712

Clogher Diocesan Office, Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen BT74 7DR

Closing date for applications is 18th May 2018

The late Canon Donald Atkinson – Eulogy given by one of his children at his funeral service in St. James' Church, Rockcorry, Co. Monaghan, on Wednesday, 14th February, 2018.

Thank you all so much for being here today, and thank you to all who have helped and supported us over the past few days.

When Dad was a student at the Divinity College in Dublin, one of his lecturers gave him some advice on delivering sermons. 'If you haven't struck oil within 5 minutes,' he said, 'stop boring.' I'll try and heed that advice today. A private man, Dad wouldn't want me to be going on and on about him anyway. Years ago, when he and Elsie were optimistically discussing their own funerals, he said that the only people to be at his were her, Dougal his springer spaniel, and 'the children'. I trust that 'the children' he was referring to were me and my siblings, and I note that we came last on the list, after the dog. But at least we were on the list. The rest of you are lucky to be here at all.

Dad was devoted to his family, his parish, and to shooting and fishing, and not always in that order. My brother Mark said that if Dad ever wrote a book about his life a good title would be 'My rod, my gun, my

God'. But Dad would never have written a book about his life. He had such close dealings with his parishioners at many different times in their lives; they trusted him and they were right to because he was discreet, and really believed that no matter what every person deserved his respect. Dad took up his first parish in Ballinaclough, Co. Tipperary, where he had a very happy ministry before moving to Cloughjordan in the same county. Cloughjordan had had 3 rectors in the previous 10 years and they wanted a man who would stay. And stay he did, for 28 years, until his retirement in 1996, totally committed to the parish and parishioners. Down in Tipperary he fished Lough Derg, often with his good friend Dean Frank Bourke, and in his boat, fishing the mayfly, he said they felt nearer to God than anywhere else on earth.

When dementia took hold Dad faced it with stoicism and courage and with the rock solid support of my mother Elsie. It was at times very difficult but there were lighter moments. Once he got it into his head

that my brother Mark had won Masterchef. I rang home once from Oxford and he thought I was studying there. So dementia at least led him to believe that some of his children were high achievers. When visiting Mum and Dad at home during this time, I was often reminded of the final lines of the poem 'Ulysses' by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. 'Tho' much is taken, much abides; and tho' We are not now that strength which in old days/ Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are;/ One equal temper of heroic hearts,/ Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will/ To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.'

Dad is gone and the shout has gone up on that other shore, 'There he comes!' I can see Reggie, Dad's twin brother, and my own brother Neville, among other friends and family on that shore, gesturing to him to get a move on. 'Hurry up!', they are shouting, 'It's great here. The mayfly hatch all year round and we have permission from everyone to shoot on their land.' We love you Dad. Rest in peace.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Colour



THE LOST COIN IS FOUND

Read

– **The Parable of the Lost Coin (You can read this in Luke chapter 15 verses 8 to 10)**

Last month we found out about the story of the lost sheep. Well, that wasn't the only story Jesus told about something being lost, and the rejoicing when it was found. Jesus also told this story about a woman who had lost one of her precious silver coins. The woman had ten silver coins. Each coin was worth a lot of money – as much as could be earned in a whole day. One day the woman was counting her coins, "1...2...3...4...5...6...7...8...9..." Oh no - one of her precious coins was missing.

Now the woman really loved her coins, they all meant a lot to her. She could have thought, "It's a shame one of my coins is lost - but never mind, I still have nine coins." But she didn't – all her coins were important to her, so she lit a lamp to help her see into every corner and she swept her house. She kept on searching until she found the coin that was lost.

How happy she was when she found it. In fact, she was so pleased that she called all her friends and neighbours to celebrate with her because she had found her lost coin.

Wordsearch

Find these words from the story in the

WORDSEARCH

- WOMAN
- COIN
- TEN
- PRECIOUS
- LOST
- ONE
- SEARCH
- SWEEP
- LAMP
- FIND
- CELEBRATE
- HEAVEN

W	T	E	O	T	F	I	N	D	E
O	W	T	M	E	E	H	E	T	T
M	O	P	S	N	C	E	A	S	N
H	M	N	A	S	C	R	C	O	E
L	A	M	E	F	B	W	H	L	V
A	N	P	T	E	S	C	O	S	A
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P	A	E	F	A	I	I	C	T	H
T	C	W	E	H	F	O	M	A	C
E	F	S	U	O	I	C	E	R	P

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

Jesus explained that this celebration is similar to what happens in heaven when 'one sinner repents' - the angels celebrate when one person says sorry for all the wrong things they have done and begin to follow God. We look for lost things that mean something to us. We mean something to God so he keeps searching for us. There are lots of people who love God – and he loves them all – but he also loves people who are 'lost', who don't yet know and love him. Isn't that wonderful? God loves you. Are you lost? Let God find you - believe and trust in him today and there will be wonderful celebrations among the angels.

Rearrange 10 coins

Try to rearrange ten coins to make some shapes from the story.

- Try making a picture of a person (head, body, arms, legs)
- Make a broom or a brush.

Can you make a worried face?



Cross out the word COIN

from each of these words to find out what it says in Luke Chapter 19 verse 10:

Fcoionr tcohine CSoinon coinof Mcoanin cacoimen coiton cseoeink coainnd tcoion scoavine coithen colostin.

Write the verse here: For the _____

MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE NEWS



Bible Comes to Life Exhibition







The four-day Bible Comes to Life Exhibition staged from 8-11 March 2018 in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen ended with several thousand people, including over 800 schoolchildren from schools in Fermanagh, Tyrone and Sligo, attending.

It was an amazing experience for all those who came to visit.

Paul and Janey Hames, who work for CMJ (Church's Ministry Among Jewish People) along with a group of volunteers who travelled from England, presented many varied and interesting presentations to visitors during the course of the exhibition. Hosted by Clogher Diocesan Board of Missions, the many organisers including Exhibition Chairman, Dean Kenneth Hall and Exhibition Administrator, Gordon Jackson, joined in the theme by dressing up in costumes to depict Bible characters, another point of interest for visitors. Among these were Dean Hall, who walked through the streets of Enniskillen dressed as Joseph in his Coat of Many Colours as well as other local volunteers.

The presentations along with the displays of artefacts illustrated Jewish culture and the people and places mentioned in the Bible.

There was particular interest in the spectacular 3m x 2m model of the Jewish Temple in the time of Jesus using LED lighting and a smoking altar.

Dean Kenneth Hall said he was delighted with the event and particularly the outreach to over 20 visiting schools. He thanked those who helped to co-ordinate the exhibition.

The closing service was held in the Cathedral Hall on the Sunday evening, led by the Curate, Revd Olie Downey, with themed addresses from exhibition participants.





Clogher Diocese Social Fund to hold annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Clogher Diocese Social Fund is due to be held on Tuesday 10th April at 10am in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen and will be chaired by the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd. John McDowell.

This meeting is open to both to clergy and laity and an open welcome is extended to anyone wishing to attend. The Clogher Diocese Social Fund is a charitable fund which disperses grants where one or both parents/guardians have died and to parents/guardians of children who are suffering financial hardship and who are parishioners of the Church of Ireland living in Co. Fermanagh.

The purpose of the AGM is to present the annual report of accounts and approve same together with a report on the activities of the fund for the previous year.



Enniskillen shoe shop comes to rescue of 'Roman Centurion' who had no sandals to wear for exhibition

A member of The Bible Comes To Life Exhibition team, Leo Deacon, who arrived in Enniskillen from England for the opening day of the event on Thursday, discovered shortly before he was due to give a presentation to schoolchildren on the life of a Roman Centurion, that he had no sandals to wear.

The Chairman of the organising committee, Dean Kenneth Hall from St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, quickly accompanied Leo to Sloan's shoe shop in the town where he was fitted out with a pair of size 11 sandals which he wore throughout the exhibition.

"They are super comfortable and I now hope to wear them on my next trip to Israel," he said.



Chrissie Wray, from Sloan's Shoe Shop in Enniskillen, helping Leo Deacon, dressed as a Roman Centurion for the Bible Comes to Life Exhibition, fit a pair of size 11 sandals.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Clogher Diocese says farewell to Archdeacon Cecil Pringle

The longest serving rector in Clogher Diocese, Venerable Cecil Pringle, Archdeacon Emeritus, has conducted his last service after 52 years of ministry in the Church of Ireland, most of which were spent in the diocese.

A native of the Clones area, Co. Monaghan, he began his ministry with his curacy spent in St. Donard's Parish, East Belfast, becoming Rector of Cleenish Parish, Bellanaleck in 1969. He later moved as Rector of Rossorry Parish in 1980 after which he was appointed Bishop's Curate of the Drumkeeran Group in 2008.

The service, in Drumkeeran Parish Church, Tubrid, part of the parish grouping of Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne, where Archdeacon Pringle has been in charge for the past 10 years, took place on Sunday morning, February 25 with a Service of Holy Communion when the main celebrant was the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell.

Representatives from the three parishes in the group; Violet McCutcheon, Muckross; Catherine Fitzpatrick, Templecarne and Ethel Aiken, Drumkeeran read the lessons. The hymns were "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven," "Great is thy faithfulness" and "We come as guests invited." The organists were Irene Boyd and Gillian Stevenson. The Drumkeeran Men's Group sang "How great thou art" and the Sunday School sang, "All things bright and beautiful."

Bishop McDowell in his address at the service, welcomed members of Archdeacon Pringle's family to the service and paid tribute to his 52 years to church ministry.

The Bishop said that over the years, Archdeacon Pringle had carried out his ministry in his own particular way but in a context of rural parish ministry.

The Bishop spoke of the Archdeacon's long commitment as a member of the executive committee of the Church of Ireland and referring to his rural parish ministry, the Bishop said Archdeacon had led his ministry in a special context, visiting people in their homes to show that God cares and that was a ministry that Cecil had carried out with great diligence.

He also referred to Archdeacon Pringle's work for community relations and said that it was one of his strengths to heal wounds and to hold out the hand of friendship.

At a lunch in the hall following the service, farewells to Archdeacon Pringle were made by representatives of the three parishes. Catherine Fitzpatrick from Templecarne thanked Archdeacon Pringle and wished him a well-earned retirement. She said they were delighted that he had served the last 10 years of his ministry with them and they were grateful for his devotion and faithfulness each Sunday.

William Lowry from Muckross parish said Archdeacon Pringle had carried out his ministry so efficiently and in such an approachable manner.

Lisa Thompson, secretary of Drumkeeran, said it was with a heavy heart that they said

farewell to Archdeacon Pringle whom she described as a humble and unassuming man.

She said he took great delight to see the children of the Sunday School performing at his farewell service as well as taking part in special services.

Joe Morton and William McCutcheon, churchwardens, as well as Sunday School representatives Matthew and Ryan Strong, handed over gifts to Archdeacon Pringle and Mrs Pringle.

Archdeacon Pringle, in his reply, thanked everyone for their kindness and said he felt privileged to minister in this part of the diocese. He said that over the past 10 years he had received great support and encouragement.

He revealed how he had found the last few weeks emotional, calling with the housebound as he had done on a regular basis but finding it difficult to say goodbye to these people.

"I have been so fortunate to work for 52 years and I am grateful to God and to you," he added.

Bishop McDowell who was MC for the presentations, said Archdeacon's retirement would leave a huge void in the diocese and he would miss him personally for his support and advice.

Archdeacon Cecil Pringle with gifts received to mark his retirement from ministry at Drumkeeran Parish Church on Sunday, 25 February with (from left); Hilary Pringle, and those who paid tribute during the presentation; Catherine Fitzpatrick, Bishop John McDowell, Lisa Thompson and William Lowry.



Clogher Diocese pilgrims walking in the footsteps of Jesus

Walking in the footsteps of Jesus, was how some of the members of the pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Clogher Diocese described the recent trip.

A group of 25 pilgrims had an active and informative 10-day visit to Israel where they were often overcome with emotion, such was the meaning of the places to them.

With Easter weekend a highpoint in the church calendar, the group's visit to the Garden Tomb (featured on the front cover) was certainly an extremely emotional one. A sign at the entrance read; "He's not here, he is risen."

For others the highlight was receiving Holy Communion on the Sea of Galilee. Some of those on the pilgrimage were taking part in their fourth pilgrimage with Clogher Diocese, this year led by Canon David Skuce.

Among them were Abraham and Gertrude Storey who both agreed it was one of the best yet.

"They were a very relaxed group of people and we were well catered for. Everyone had an opportunity to take part in the services," explained Abraham.

Colin Brownsmith, on his first visit to Israel with Clogher Diocese, reminded everyone that it was a pilgrimage, rather than a holiday.

"We started the day with devotional readings which were prepared and led by people on the group and we had Bible readings at various places," he explained. The group worshipped in a number of churches in Jerusalem including St. Luke's and visited places they had previously read about in the Bible, attending a Communion Service at St. Peter's Rock and the River Jordan Baptismal site and a swim in the Dead Sea.

"There were highlights every day," said Abraham. Choosing to see many of the sites on foot, the group estimated they had walked five miles a day.

"One important aspect was how the group members looked after each other. That sense of caring was great," Abraham, Gertrude and Colin agreed.

They also encountered the almond blossom, the first fruit to blossom in the area and a sign that spring was on its way. "The trip just brings the Bible to Life," they said.



Dean's Verger retires after giving almost 56 years of service to the church

Jack Watson, who has served as caretaker, sexton and the Dean's Verger at St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, Diocese of Clogher, for almost 56 years, has retired from his roles. In that time, he has attended an estimated 9000 services in addition to almost 500 weddings and hundreds of funerals. At a presentation to Jack at Sunday morning worship in the Cathedral, it was stated this was a record length of service for the Cathedral if not anywhere in the Church of Ireland. For 12 of those years, Jack was also caretaker of both the Cathedral Hall and the Cathedral. Paying tribute to him, Sam Morrow concluded: "The parish has been superbly served for almost 56 years by a man of faith. He has been a very modest and kind man and the parish wishes to mark this outstanding service by way of a presentation." Jack said: "It was an honour and I regarded it as very important to fill that role." Jack and his wife, Ethel have a son, Jonathan and three daughters, Carol, Mae and Ruth. (See Enniskillen Parish notes for full tribute).



CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

The Tin Church at Laragh, County Monaghan

More 'News Behind the News' Archive of the Month March 2018

www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive

The next feature in the 'News Behind the News' series at the RCB Library, which aims to recover lesser known stories from the pages of the Church of Ireland Gazette (formerly Ecclesiastical Gazette up until 1900 and the Church's weekly newspaper since 1856) moves to the Diocese of Clogher and County Monaghan, unearthing how Laragh Tin

Church came to be constructed at the end of the 19th century.

Telling the full story behind this little news piece, illustrated with extracts from the newspaper and complementary sources, historian Dr Miriam Moffitt recovers the full story of Laragh church – a delightful chapel-of-ease in the parish of Crossduff and located midway

between the towns of Carrickmacross and Ballybay. The story begins with a fund-raising effort to build the church, which was kick-started through the newspaper.

The death of his eldest son Henry, a 14-year-old pupil at Harborne School in Birmingham, may have prompted James McKean to seek to erect a church adjacent to his residence and close to his milling industry at Laragh. On 21st March 1890, less than 12 months after the boy's death, the Revd Thomas Joseph Charlton, rector of Crossduff (1884-1903), placed a notice in the Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette (forerunner of the Church of Ireland Gazette) in which he appealed for funds to erect a church at Laragh. This advertisement outlined a need for a permanent place of worship and alerted readers to the presence of eight Church of Ireland children in the area.

The Gazette would republish Mr Charlton's appeal during the spring and summer of 1890 and as the months went by, further notices would appear including the names of donors and amounts contributed, with the most complete list published on 13th June 1890. The building, dedicated to St Peter, was consecrated by the Rt Revd Charles Stack (Bishop of Clogher 1886-1902) in August 1891. Its tower was topped with a weather-vane surmounted by a cockerel (signifying repentance); its pulpit sat atop a chunk of uncarved rock (petris), while an image of the saint holding the keys to heaven occupied a prominent place in the stained glass of the east window. The full-page account of its consecration published in the Gazette of 21st August 1891 also described the church interior in detail. The building reflects two important movements of the late 19th century: the Arts and Crafts movement and the movement to identify the contemporary Church of Ireland with the early Irish Church.

Tin churches (also known as 'tin tabernacles' or 'iron churches') were an inexpensive way to provide rapid-build accommodation and were often replaced by more permanent structures as funds permitted. They were commonly used in the late 19th century, delivered as factory-produced kits to be erected and finished on-site and were regularly advertised in the Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette. The only tin church currently used by the Church of Ireland is situated at Lurganboy in County Leitrim (Diocese of Kilmore), while two Roman Catholic tin churches are still operative at Sallins in County Kildare and Rearcross in County Tipperary. Although de-consecrated



The tin church at Laragh, photographed by Dr Miriam Moffitt.

since 1962, Laragh Church remains an architectural gem sited in a delightful wooded setting beside a river. By contrast to the norm, however, Laragh church, was elaborately decorated and built to last. Its windows were filled with cathedral glass with ruby-coloured borders; the chancel floor was covered in mosaic tiles; the pews in the nave were pitch pine; the choir seats were oak, their tops adorned with fleurs de lis; the oak communion table was an ornately-carved construction and the 'exceedingly handsome' oak altar-rail was finished with clusters of brass and bronze pilasters.

Miriam Moffitt says: 'The Gazette is wonderful because it provides not only an outline of the events that impacted on the Church over the last 150 years, but also because it gives us an insight into the attitudes of its readership. This is especially revealed in its coverage of episodes that might appear insignificant from today's perspective, but which can show how members of the Church of Ireland understood their own role and the role of their Church in rapidly shifting political and cultural landscape.'

Laragh church operated as a chapel-of-ease to Crossduff parish church for 71 years until its de-consecration in 1962; it subsequently fell into disrepair.

A group of local enthusiasts has recently undertaken a sensitive restoration of the building, enabling public access to the building which is used as a venue for concerts and social events. The Church of Ireland Gazette reports have helped to shine a light on its origins, and these like all of the content of the newspaper from 1856 to 1923 may be explored in full by using the search box in the link to the digitized version here: <https://esearch.informa.ie/rcb>

The latest 'News Behind the News' presentation may be found at this link: www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive The current Church of Ireland Gazette and all editions from 2005 may be viewed via an online subscription on the Gazette website, see: <https://gazette.ireland.anglican.org>

A JOINT HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MESSAGE

From the Archbishops of Armagh The Most Revd Richard Clarke & The Most Revd Eamon Martin

A moment for all time

There is a beautiful moment in the biblical account of the crucifixion when Our Lord says to his mother and to John, the closest of his disciples, that they are now to care for each other – as mother and son. (John 19.26-27). It is a moment in time, and a moment for all time.

The need for a human family's care and love becomes greater with each passing day. We are living in a time when families are under threat from a myriad of pressures. Some of these pressures are material, others are societal or spiritual. And sadly, there are many people who, for whatever reason, can only dream and wish for the warmth and care of family. Our Lord's instinctive concern, that his mother and his closest friend should be there for each other, re-echoes down through the centuries to us today. As brothers and sisters in the Lord, we are called to be patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. We are to 'be family' for others, including those who are, or who feel they are, estranged from the family 'circle'.

This summer, Christians of different traditions will share the joy of thousands who will gather in Dublin from around the world to celebrate the good news of Family as 'Joy for the World'. The accounts of the Easter Church, that grew from the resurrection of Jesus, remind us that the hospitality and generosity of the human family is a hallmark of Christian belonging. In Acts of the Apostles chapter 16, when Lydia and her household take the Christian faith for themselves, they instinctively offer their home to Saint Paul – as his home too.

In the coming days we will remember the profound expression of self-giving love which is at the heart of the Cross and the Resurrection. Selfless love is also the key to the wonderful Christian vision of what the family is called to be by God. May we be ready to make that vision a living and vibrant reality in a world which more than ever needs Family at its heart.

+Richard +Eamon

Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh

New Synod Administrator appointed at Church House

The new Synod Administrator is Aisling Sheridan.

Aisling has previously held administrative positions in organisations including both Christ Church and St Patrick's Cathedrals, the Church of Ireland College of Education, and most recently the Irish Film Institute.

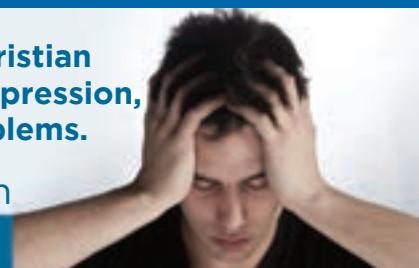
With a music degree from Trinity College, Dublin and arts administration at UCD, she has begun work at Church House, helping to prepare for the General Synod.

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NEWS FOR VESTRIES

Guidelines for the Safe Custody and Copyright of Parish Records and Memorials in Burial Grounds

Arising from some recent situations involving copying and/or publication of parish registers and other records held locally, the Church of Ireland's Representative Church Body's Library and Archives Committee has been prompted to issue the following Guidelines.

These are designed to:-

1. Assist members of the clergy and select vestries with the care and custody of records held in parishes;
2. Raise awareness about the legal restrictions in place concerning copyright in the text of parish records and inscriptions on memorials, with particular reference to publishing such data on the internet or in printed formats.

PARISH REGISTERS

Church of Ireland parish registers (for baptisms, marriages and burials) are unique resources for determining family relationships as well as a variety of other legal, medical or social purposes. Church of Ireland parish registers are the oldest church records available on the island of Ireland and many contain personal data not recorded anywhere else.

Keeping the records safe

It is thanks to the diligence of previous and current generations that parish registers survive to the present day. This collective rich legacy of keeping records safe is something to be cherished and continued. When members of the clergy enter new details into registers, they should do so using permanent black ink. Good quality black ink rollerball pens are satisfactory; pencils or low grade pens and any ink colour other than black, should not be used. When registers are not in use, the Constitution of the Church of Ireland (ch. 3, sec. 24.(7), in tandem with the laws in both jurisdictions) expects the registers to be stored in "an adequate safe" (ie a locked, fireproof safe).

The Representative Church Body Library, the Church's principal repository for records, actively encourages the transfer of all non-current parish registers to its safe, secure and permanent custody where the environmental and fireproof conditions are controlled. If such conditions cannot be guaranteed at a local level, then the registers (along with other non-current records) should be transferred to the Library.

Copyright

Parish registers are subject to copyright. Copyright in all pre-1871 registers resides with the relevant state. In Northern Ireland, copyright in registers of baptisms and burials up to 1871 and marriages before 1845 is subject to the Public Records Act (Northern Ireland), 1923. In the Republic of Ireland, copyright in registers of baptisms and burials up to 1871, and marriages before 1845 is subject to the National Archives (Ireland) Act, 1986. All post-1845 registers of Church of Ireland marriages are subject to the Civil Registration Act, 2004 in the Republic of Ireland and the Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order, 2003 in Northern Ireland. Copyright in all registers of baptisms and burials from 1871 onwards is held by The Representative Church Body, subject to the regulations in the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.

Access

The Church's Constitution (ch. 3 sec. 25.(2), in tandem with the laws in both jurisdictions) makes provision for access to data held in parish registers. Where parish registers are retained locally, the law requires that members of the public be afforded access to the data contained in the registers. This access must be supervised. It is the responsibility of the member(s) of the clergy in a parish to ensure that the parish registers are treated with respect and due care. When being consulted by members of the public, no markings whatsoever should be made on the registers. The registers should be supported and pages turned carefully. No photography should be permitted.

Copying and/or publishing records

From time to time, members of the clergy shall need to make certified copies of entries in parish registers to facilitate family research, applications for passports or other lawful purposes. This is permitted under the terms of the legislation referred to above. Furthermore, members of the public (including parishioners, genealogists and other researchers) may be permitted to transcribe or copy out the content of registers by hand but are not permitted to publish that information without permission from the copyright holder. Details from entries for marriages, baptisms or burials created more recently than 100 years should not be posted on the internet or published in any other formats.

Carte blanche photography of registers either by parishioners or researchers is prohibited: any electronic recording of images requires the appropriate permission from the relevant copyright holder. Any breach could render the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, the National Archives of Ireland, the respective General Registrars in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland, and/or The Representative Church Body subject to prosecution. The Representative Church Body Library can provide advice about seeking relevant copyright permissions. The Library will also be glad to take custody of all non-current parish registers. Contact information for the Library is provided at the end.

Vestry Minutes and Other Parish Records

Generally the copyright of other Church records, including vestry minutes, created within parishes by churchwardens, select vestry members or parishioners, is held in trust by The Representative Church Body or by other Church trustees. Members of a select vestry must ensure that key information discussed, and decisions made, at select vestry meetings is accurately recorded in the vestry records ('the minutes'). The minutes should be carefully retained for future reference. The secretary to the select vestry takes responsibility for drafting the text of the minutes for approval by the members.

Select vestry minute books are important records which need to be maintained and preserved as an historic record of the long-term value of local parish life and evolution of the Church of Ireland as a whole. Whilst copies of minutes may be shared electronically between members, a master

set of printed or hand-written records must be maintained in a bound volume. The secretary to the select vestry should be responsible for printing (or writing out by hand) a master set. In the case of printed pages, these should be secured into a hardcopy volume. It is this hardcopy that should be signed and dated by the chairperson of the meeting at which the minutes are considered and agreed.

The Representative Church Body Library is the official place of deposit for all non-current Church of Ireland records and welcomes transfers of select vestry minutes, records of general vestry meetings and related parish records including accounts, preachers' books, maps, plans, drawings, photographs, the records of parish organisations and/or any other parish records. Records are held permanently in the Library's safe and secure facilities and retained in perpetuity. To preserve confidentially, a 40-year closure rule is applied to all select vestry minutes; it is only with the permission of the officiating member of the clergy or the secretary to a select vestry that access may be granted (either in the Library or in parish custody) to records within the 40-year period.

MEMORIALS AND THEIR INSCRIPTIONS IN BURIAL GROUNDS

A number of recent worthy projects at local level have involved members of the community carrying out maintenance and repairs to burial grounds and recording information inscribed on memorials, including headstones and plaques erected at graves. This work is to be commended and encouraged but members of the clergy, select vestries and third parties do need to be mindful about copyright restrictions and aware of the sensitivities surrounding publication of images or details of memorials in burial grounds.

Memorials are usually erected by the family or persons connected to the deceased, who bear the costs of the memorial. Both the memorial and the information inscribed thereon, belong to the person(s) who erect the memorial and/or their descendants. As the parties responsible for the management of burial grounds, members of the clergy and select vestries need to proceed with caution where there is any proposal that a parish should publish details relating to graves in a burial ground or where there is an approach from a third party wanting to publish such information. Any proposal should be scrutinized carefully by the select vestry which should obtain full details of the content of the intended publication, the form it would take and what exactly is being sought from the vestry.

These enquiries are to allow vestry members to take an informed decision whether a proposed publication would, or would not, be in the best interests of the parish (or the wider Church). It is strongly recommended that neither images nor details of inscriptions on memorials erected within the past 40 years ever be uploaded to the internet or published in any other formats.

It is hoped that these Guidelines will facilitate clergy and select vestries to deal sensitively and sensibly with information in their custody, know what rules to apply, and KEEP THE RECORDS SAFE!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Clogher Diocese invited to join in Commonwealth Big Lunch celebrations

The Archbishop of Canterbury through his Special Representative to the Commonwealth, The Revd Canon Dr Flora Winfield has invited Clogher Diocese to participate in the Commonwealth Big Lunch.

The Commonwealth Secretariat have put together an online resource pack – including information about how to host a Commonwealth Big Lunch, downloadable posters, games and recipes – to help churches and community groups put together their event. The pack can be found at <https://www.commonwealthbiglunches.com>. (Please be sure to register for the Commonwealth Big Lunch packs, rather than the Big Lunch pack.)

The Commonwealth Secretariat would also be delighted to send any church groups hosting a lunch some printed posters, bunting and stickers to help them dress their Commonwealth Big Lunch. Equally, if any lunches are open to the public, the Secretariat would be happy to promote these via their website. Please do let me know if any church groups in your diocese would like this.

Finally, the Secretariat has produced some resources for schools, Sunday schools and other children's groups about the Commonwealth Summit, which can be downloaded from https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/678960/DFE_-_Commonwealth_Education_Teachers_Pack.pdf

Service for Commonwealth Day

Senior members of the Royal family, led by Her Majesty, The Queen, attended the annual Commonwealth Day Service at Westminster Abbey on 12 March.

The Commonwealth, a voluntary association of 53 independent nations who, within the commonwealth, are of equal status are present in 26 Anglican provinces from the Americas to Oceania.

The Christian service was attended by leaders of a number of different denominations and leaders of other faiths – some of whom read prayers. The flags of the 53 Commonwealth nations were paraded through the Abbey at the start and end of the service, carried by young people nominated by the different High Commissions in the UK.

In addition to the Queen, the service was attended by Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall; his two sons, Princes William and Harry, William's wife Catherine, the Duchess of Cambridge, and Harry's fiancé Meghan Markle. Two of the Queen's other children, Prince Andrew, the Duke of York; and Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, were also in attendance; as was Princess Alexandra, the Countess of Wessex and the Duchess of Gloucester.

"We all have reason to give thanks for the numerous ways in which our lives are enriched when we learn from others," Queen Elizabeth said in a Commonwealth Day message.



Next month, the political leaders from the 53 Commonwealth countries will meet in London for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). There will be a number of Anglican-related events happening around the CHOGM summit, following the appointment by the Archbishop of Canterbury of Flora Winfield as his Special Representative to the Commonwealth.

Have we a common identity?

A fascinating insight to the origins of the British Isles and the beginnings of a possible common identity from pre-Celtic times, was presented at a meeting in Enniskillen with the title, "Who do you think you are?"

The event was organised by Co Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge and a group of Fermanagh churches, including the Church of Ireland's Diocese of Clogher as well as local Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Funding for the event came from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, as well as Maynooth University.

The organisers said that the purpose of the event held in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen on 15th February was to facilitate a conversation around their possible origins of common identity, from pre-Celtic times, with particular reference to Fermanagh.

"As Gael and Planter we can often see ourselves as two separate camps, but is there a common identity that goes back to pre-Celtic times?" the organisers asked.

The main speaker was Dr. Ian Adamson, a former Lord Mayor of Belfast, from Pretani Consultancy.

He traced the first description of what are now the British Isles, as the Isles of Pretani, by the Greek geographer and voyager, Pytheas but the name had been recorded by Greek historian and geographer, Diodorus Siculus between 60-30BC when he wrote; "Those of the Pretani who inhabit the country called Iris(Ireland)."

He also spoke about the successive invasions into southern Ireland by the Belgic tribes, the Manappi who brought the Brittonic language to the country. As war continued in Europe, the Brittonic speaking tribes, the Manappi were forced northwards and eventually settled in Fermanagh and as far north as Belfast. One of the local place names there is still used today – Tauchmonagh.

Helen Brooker, also from Pretani Consultancy, gave a background to the series of talks, "Making History Together" and referring to this latest subject, she said people in Northern Ireland often see themselves as belonging to one of two camps, gael or planters.

The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell chaired a question and answer session.

Dr Ian Adamson (seated) in front with (from left); Stuart Brooker, Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge; Helen Brooker, Pretani Consultancy and the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2018

Sunday 1st April – **Easter Sunday**

Dawn Service at God's Acre Cemetery, Carrickmacross at 6.45am followed by breakfast.

Friday 6th April – **Parish Dance** in the Protestant Hall, Clones with music by Robert Brown. Admission €10 (includes supper). Proceeds towards Drummully Parish funds.

Friday 6th April – **Clabby Parish 5km/10k walk/fun run** with registration from Clabby Parish Church at 6.30pm. All proceeds to Rectory Fund.

Saturday 7th April – **Parish Auction** in Galloon Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutte at 12 noon. To include a quantity of Royal Albert, Old Country Roses china and many other items.

Saturday 7th April – **'House Plays' written and directed by Mina Tennison** opens in St Patrick's Hall, Shercock at 8pm. A fundraising event for the repair to the tower and roof of Aughnamullen Church.

Monday 9th April – **Celebration of the Life of St Tighernach with a community event** in St Tighernach's Parish Church, Clones at 7pm to remember St Tighernach, his ministry and his significance to the cross-border parish and to the Diocese of Clogher and Clones. To be attended by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell and Bishop Joseph Duffy. Music by Ballyreagh Silver Band, Lynda Lindsay and Ballybay Country Gospel Group.

Tuesday 10th April – **Clogher Diocese Social Fund AGM** at 10am in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, chaired by the Bishop of Clogher. This meeting is open both to clergy and laity and an open welcome is extended to anyone wishing to attend. The Clogher Diocese Social Fund is a charitable fund which disperses grants where one or both parents/guardians have died and to parents/guardians of children who are suffering financial hardship and who are parishioners of the Church of Ireland living in Co. Fermanagh. The purpose of the AGM is to present the annual report of accounts and approve same together with a report on the activities of the fund for the previous year.

Thursday 12th April – **Clabby Annual Vintage Bike Run** from Clabby Parish Hall with registration at 10am, leaving at 11am. Further details from Jim Monteith on 07751803660.

Sunday 15th April – **Choral Evensong Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Sullivan** (Old boy of Portora Royal School) in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 4pm, with Enniskillen Royal Grammar School and Clongowes Wood School taking part as well as the Archbishops of Dublin and the Bishop of Clogher.

Wednesday 18th April – **Fashion Show** in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen at 7.30pm.

Sponsored by S.D. Kells and organised by Rossorry Parish Church to raise funds towards Rossorry Parish Building Fund.

Saturday 21st April – **Opening and Dedication of extension to the Reade Hall, Monea:** Service of Thanksgiving in Devenish Parish Church at 3pm.

Sunday 22nd April – **Clabby Parish Annual Friends Service** in Clabby Parish Church at 3pm. Preacher: The Venerable Andrew Forster, Rector of St Anne's, Dungannon. and featuring singers, Valley Voices.

Sunday 22nd April – **Dedication of Gravestone of Charles Irwin 1824-1873 Victoria Cross** by Bishop John McDowell in Aghadrumsee Parish Church at 3pm.

Wednesday 25th April – **Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and Bishop's Medal Competition closing date for entries.** All entries to be left at the Diocesan Office, Hall's Lane, Enniskillen. Details in February Clogher Diocesan Magazine.

Thursday 26th April – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen from 1pm - 1.35pm led by Canon Henry Blair.

Saturday 28th April – **Ulster Project Coffee Morning** in Castle Archdale, Lisnarick 10am - 12.30pm. Proceeds to Ulster Project by a group of teenagers.

Saturday 28th April – **Aghalurcher MU Sponsored Walk** in Colebrooke Park with proceeds to MU Mums in May project in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in Ireland.

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 3rd May – **Clogher Clerical Association** in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 10am beginning with a Service of Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee and Speaker: The Revd Bruce Pierce, Director of Education and CPE supervisor of St. Luke's Home, Mahon, Cork on Listening to loss in ministry.

Friday 4th May – **Mothers' Union Diocesan Area Service** hosted by Donagh Parish at 8pm.

Friday 4th May – **Sallaghy Parish Dance** in the Church Hall. Music by Robert Brown dancing from 10pm - 1am. £5 including supper with proceeds to church funds.

Thursday 10th - Saturday 12th May 2018 – **Church of Ireland General Synod** in the Armagh City Hotel.

Friday 11th May – **Diocesan Mothers' Union Area Services** hosted by Magheracross and Sallaghy Parishes at 8pm.

Saturday 12th May – **Reflective Morning with Canon Raymond Fox** hosted in St. John's Parish Hall, Fivemiletown by Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer starting at 9.30am with coffee. Prayers from 10am - 12 noon.

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.

Tuesday 15th - Saturday 19th May 2018 – **Walk, Word and Witness for Fields of Life** as Revd Andrew Quill and others undertake a sponsored walk over 73 miles from St. Finn Barre's Church, Carrickmacross to Templecarne, Pettigo with services enroute in Christ Church, Ballybay; St. Macartin's Cathedral, Clogher; Holy Trinity, Dromore; Colaghty, Lack and Templecarne, Pettigo.

Thursday 17th May – **Clogher Clerical Association** in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 10am beginning with a Service of Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee and speaker; The Revd. Canon Dr. Ian Ellis on 'Reflections on the General Synod.'

Saturday 19th May – **Annual steak barbecue** at Donacavey Parish Hall from 7pm - 9pm. This is a great opportunity for the parish to come together with family and friends for an evening of fellowship and lovely food. Tickets prices: steak, burger and sausage - £15; burger and sausage £6 and children at primary school are free.

Sunday 20th May – **Diocesan Ministry of Healing Service** in Donagh Parish Church, Glaslough at 7.30pm.

Sunday 20th May – **Dedication of New Organ** in St Mark's Parish Church, Augher. Parishioners and former parishioners welcome.

Thursday 24th May – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen led by Mr Abraham Storey.

Friday 25th May – **Diocesan Mothers' Union Spring Council Meeting** in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 8pm.

Friday 25th May – **Coffee Morning and Light Lunch in the home of Mrs Miriam Moore**, Bishops court, Clones from 10.00am - 2.00pm. Proceeds in aid of County Monaghan Church of Ireland Children's Society.

June 2018

Thursday 14th June – **Clogher Clerical Association Summer Barbecue** at The See House, Fivemiletown.

Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th June 2018 – **Colebrooke Group of Parishes Flower Festival** from 10.00 am to 8.00 pm each day. Also included are tours of the walled garden. Refreshments will be provided in the Parish Hall each day and Colebrooke Church will

also be open for visitors. All proceeds are towards Cancer Connect NI and Colebrooke Group of Parishes.

Thursday 28th June – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, from 1pm - 1.35pm led by Canon Maurice Armstrong.

July 2018

Sunday 8th - Friday 13th July 2018 – **NewWine Sligo Summer Conference**: A week of worship, teaching and ministry for individuals groups and families.

Thursday 12th July – **Aghavea Parish Church Catering** at the Twelfth in Brookeborough Orange Hall. More details later.

Thursday 26th July – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen from 1pm - 1.35pm led by Miss Lucy Woods.

August 2018

Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd August 2018 – **Holiday Bible Club** in Colaghty Parish Hall.

Thursday 23rd August – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen from 1pm - 1.35pm led by Revd Isobel Nixon

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.

Thursday 27th September – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen from 1pm - 1.35pm led by Archdeacon Brian Harper.

Sunday 30th September – **Friends Service** hosted by the Garrison Parish Church at 4pm for past and present church members who will be welcomed back to church for a special service of reunion and fellowship. Strule River String Band will be performing.

October 2018

Tuesday 23rd - Thursday 25th October 2018 – **Clogher Clerical Association Clergy Conference** in Arnold's Hotel, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal.

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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.

Thursday 15th November – **Clogher Clerical Association** in St. Patrick's Church, Monaghan, beginning with a Service of Holy Communion at 11.30am followed by tea/coffee and Speaker: The Bishop.

Sunday 18th November – **Clogher Diocesan BIG SING** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7pm. Email your favourite hymn to bigsing@clogher.anglican.org or submit it in writing to the Diocesan Office. A selection of favourite hymns from people across the diocese will be included in the selection of hymns at the event.

Thursday 22nd November – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen from 1pm - 1.35pm led by Canon Henry Blair.

Sunday 25th November – **A Commemoration of the End of the First World War Service** will be held in Lisbellaw Parish Church at 7 pm. Speaker: The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell.

December 2018

Thursday 6th December – **Clogher Clerical Association AGM and Christmas Lunch** in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Clogher, beginning with a Service of Holy Communion at 11.30am followed by AGM and Christmas Lunch in Corick House Hotel, Clogher.

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