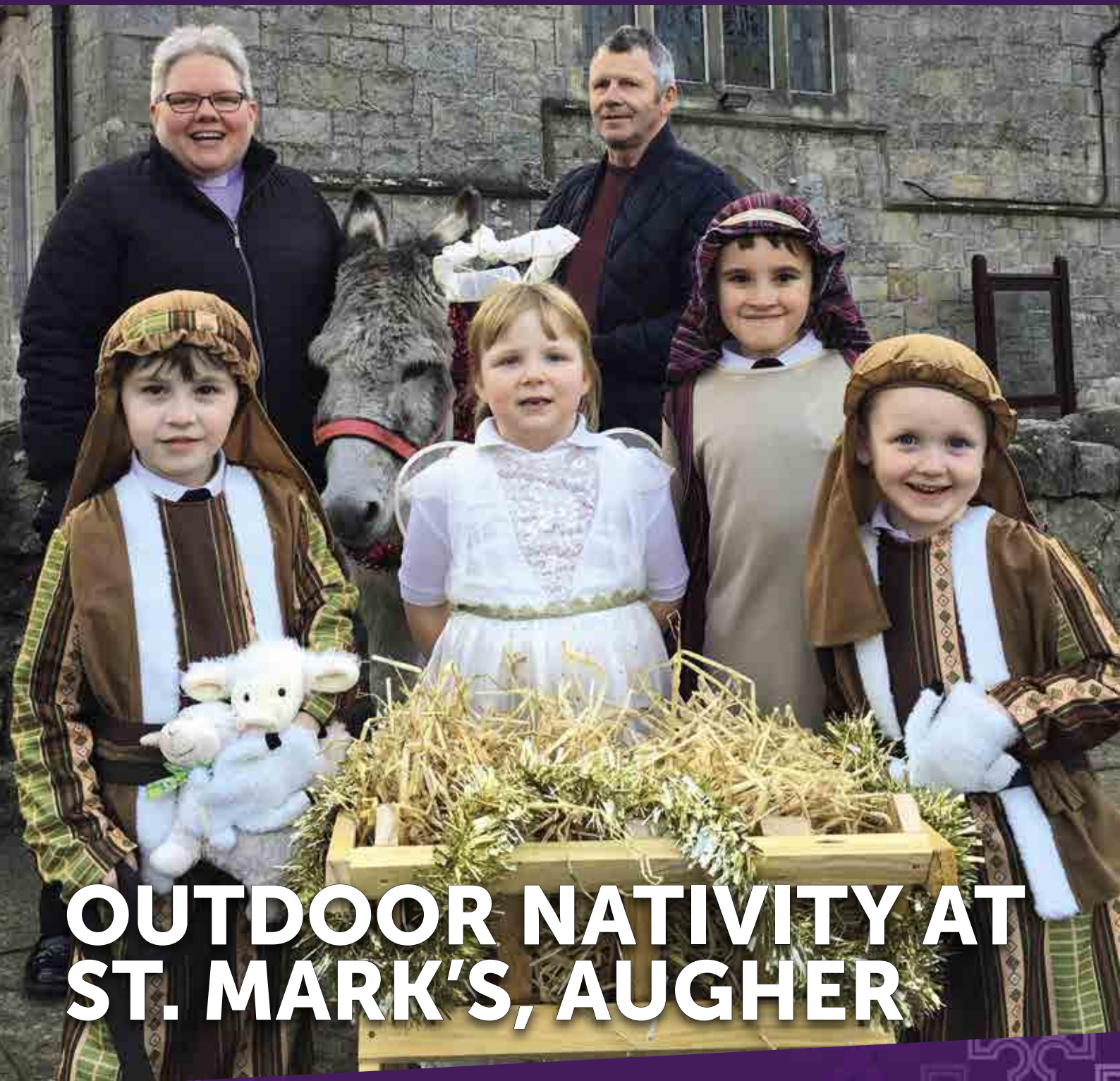




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Revd Olivia Downey and Norman McFarland with Cindy the donkey and children from the Sunday School of St. Mark's Parish, Augher, preparing for their Outdoor Nativity. See Page 58.

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less to do with the gilded lifestyle of the rich and famous (or even the average Clogher parishioner).

That little passage from St John talks of it being “full of grace and truth”. Gracious in that he is given as a gift and truthful in that his words and deeds are not only trustworthy but express the very nature of God. To use another phrase of Michael Ramsey’s “God is like Christ and in him is no unchristlikeness at all”.

So, although God’s own glory can be seen in every phase of Jesus life, and the same Gospel writer goes on to associate that glory most intensely with the Cross, it is also to be clearly seen in Bethlehem.

And it is hard to escape the conclusion that a major element in the glory of God as we see it in that human life is that he became poor. He hadn’t poverty foisted upon him by an unjust social

system (there is no glory in that) nor by some shortcomings in his character (he went about doing good). But he chose a certain way of life and adopted a certain attitude to possessions as reflecting the glory of God.

Going back to Michael Ramsey.

“The stable is a symbol of Christ’s poverty. The characteristic that gave him the title ‘poor’ was his simplicity. He did without many of the things that people crave. None

did he criticise more severely than those who hankered after more and more possessions and were preoccupied with money.

The worth of a person’s life, he insisted, does not consist of possessions, for piling things up does not increase worth. People matter more than things because people have an eternal destiny”.

How did Christ become poor? By coming to share in the limitations, frustrations and hard realities of our human life, our pains, our sorrows and even our death. This has a moral message to learn and to live by too. It is the message of simplicity and self-sacrifice.

Christ gave himself to us to enable us to give ourselves to one another: that is the message of Bethlehem to a world in trouble. And trouble is what we are in.

The last word to Michael Ramsey:

“Come to Bethlehem once again: see the stable, see the child. Knowing that he is God made man, knowing that he who was rich has become poor for us - let us kneel in the darkness and cold that is the symbol of our cold and chilly hearts, and say in a new way, ‘yours is the kingdom the power and the “glory” for ever.”

And may the glory of Christ surround you and your families and all those who you love this Christmas time.

+John, Clogher

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh & Drumsnatt



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Services

Sunday 2nd December

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

Sunday 9th December

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

Sunday 16th December

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Children’s Carol Service

Clogh 10.45am Children’s Carol Service
 Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd December

Aghadrumsee 7.00pm Carol Service
 Clogh 10.45am Carol Service
 Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Monday 24th December

Clogh 3.00pm Crib Service

Tuesday 25th December

Clogh 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th December

Drumsnatt 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 6th January

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

Sunday 13th January

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer
 Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th January

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

Sunday 27th January

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

Mothers’ Union

The Mothers’ Union Autumn Council was held in Clogh recently. The service was led by Captain Hamilton and the address given by Dean Ferguson. A number of members took part; these were Elizabeth Egerton, Florence Egerton, Florence Graham, Hazel Doonan, Margaret Nelson and Maud Nicholl. Supper was provided in the hall afterwards and the evening concluded with a talk from Mrs Irene Boyd, Diocesan President. The next meeting will be on Monday 7th January at 8.00 pm

Christmas Concert

Clogh are hosting a Christmas Concert on Saturday 8th December at 8.00 pm with Rebecca Burns, the Muckno Singers and David Linton who will also act as compere. Tickets are available at £10. Everyone welcome

Bowls

Clogh Bowling Club continues each Wednesday at 8.00 pm in Clogh Hall

Crafts

An afternoon of festive crafts at Crafty Church is planned for Saturday 1st December, 3.00 pm – 4.30pm in Clogh Hall.

Ladies Group

For their November meeting the Young Ladies Group travelled to The Craft Farm, Toneygarvey, Glaslough where the group tried needle felting. Thanks to Geraldine for sharing her expertise and for the delicious supper she provided. We look forward to our Christmas evening.

Sunday School

This year our Sunday School Christmas parties will be held in Clogh on Saturday

15th December 5pm and in Aghadrumsee on Friday 21st December at 7.30pm, when we are expecting Santa to take time out of his busy schedule to visit us.

Christmas Services

Sunday 16th December – Children’s Carol Services in Aghadrumsee and Clogh at normal time

Sunday 23rd December – Traditional Carol Services 10.45 am in Clogh and 7.00 pm in Aghadrumsee

Monday 24th December – Crib Service in Clogh at 3.00 pm

Christmas Day – Service of Holy Communion in Clogh at 10.30 am

Sunday 30th December – Combined Service in Drumsnatt at 10.30 am

Ladies Guild

A meeting of Aghadrumsee Ladies Guild will take place Thursday 17th January at 8pm.

Fellowship

Jonathan Graham of Child Evangelism Fellowship will once again join with us in Clogh and Aghadrumsee on Sunday 27th January for an All Age Family Service.

Parish Register

The Baptism of Zara Grace, daughter of Trevor and Sandra McVitty took place in Aghadrumsee on 4th November. Congratulations to Samantha Martin of Drumsnatt Parish and Robert Buckley following their marriage on Wednesday 31st October in Clogh Church. We wish each of them God’s Richest Blessings at this special time.

Sympathy

We were saddened to learn of the untimely death of Wesley Doonan and extend our sympathy to the entire Doonan Family. Condolences are also extended to the Clarke family on the death of Fred Clarke, Lisnaskea.

Blessings for 2019

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all magazine readers a very Happy Christmas and God’s Richest Blessings for 2019.



At Drumsnatt Harvest Service is organist, Mrs Florence Graham; Preacher, Revd Olivia Downey, with Captain David Hamilton and Dean Raymond Ferguson along with Churchwardens, Mrs Yvonne Martin and Mrs Beth Moore.



Flower arranging in Clogh Hall in aid of Drumsnatt funds.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



Rector: **The Revd John McClenaghan**

Archdeacon Brian Harper is in charge. Revd Margaret Pringle is conducting services and Mr. Roy Crowe, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant is providing pastoral care.

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Services

DECEMBER

Sunday 2nd December

10.45am Colebrooke, Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen, Holy Communion
Sunday 9th December
10.45am Colebrooke, Morning Prayer
3.00pm Mullaghfad, Carol Service

Sunday 16th December

11.00am Colebrooke, Nativity Service
7.00pm Cooneen, Carol Service

Sunday 23rd December

11.00am Cooneen, Morning Prayer
7.00pm Colebrooke, Carol Service

Monday 24th December

9.00pm Colebrooke, Holy Communion

Tuesday 25th December

10.00am Cooneen, Christmas Family Communion

Sunday 30th December

11.00am Colebrooke, Morning Prayer
JANUARY

Sunday 6th January

10.45am Colebrooke, Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen, Holy Communion

Sunday 13th January

10.45am Colebrooke, Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen, Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th January

11.00am Family Service at Cooneen

Sunday 27th January

10.45am Colebrooke, Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen, Morning Prayer

Church Activities

■ Friday 30th November 7.00pm

Annual Parish Sale of Work in Cooneen hall. Variety of stalls with Christmas items. Please support this event.

■ Friday 7th December 6.30-8.00 pm

Sunday School Party in Colebrooke hall.
Sunday 9th December SNATCH Christmas party

■ Tuesday 11th December 2.30-4.30pm

Senior's Party in Colebrooke hall.

Mothers' Union

Four members from the branch enjoyed fellowship, fun and good food at the recent Women's Getaway in Cavan Crystal Hotel. The message from scripture given by Archdeacon Forster and his wife Heather, provided a spiritual challenge and the

programme also allowed time for relaxation, exercise and making new friends.

Next year's Getaway is planned for 18th and 19th October 2019 in Armagh City Hotel.

The opening meeting of 2019 is planned for Wednesday 16th January at 8 pm, a service of Holy Communion in Colebrooke Parish Church, followed by an introduction to the theme 'Listen, Observe, Act - in step with God.'

SNATCH (Sunday Night At the Church Hall) Youth Ministry

Aghavea & Colebrooke - All young people of secondary school age welcome.

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Website: snatch.colebrookeparish.org

GFS

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

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

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

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 - 8 years)

Cubs (8 - 11 years)

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

Bowling Club

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

New members will be very welcome.

Family Service

31st December

1130pm Watch Night Holy Communion

6th January

Epiphany Holy Communion

Our morning services are at 11am, and always followed by refreshments in the church.

GFS and Bible Fellowship

Our Girls' Friendly Society continue on a Wednesday evening, at 6.30pm, and would welcome all young ladies from three years old up, and always have a lot of fun as they work together in their different activities each week.

We also have the Bible Fellowship continuing fortnightly in the Committee room in the Parish Hall, and this provides an informal opportunity to study the Scriptures, ask questions and share our thoughts. All are very welcome.

Mothers' Union

Our Mothers' Union hosted their AGM on 13th November and thanked the different office-bearers for their hard work throughout the past year. We especially thanked Audrey Percival, who stepped down as Prayer Chain secretary after 14 years. We thank all those

who have agreed to serve the MU in any capacity over the coming year and look forward to an exciting schedule of events throughout 2019. However, there's still work to do this year - with the annual visit to Northwick House on 11th December to conduct a short Carol Service and bring gifts to the residents. All welcome to join us at any time.

Bowls

The Annual Bowls Competition was a commanding success, with over 110 pairs entering the competition over five nights. There was a great atmosphere of fellowship and friendliness each evening, and everyone who came along enjoyed themselves - whether winning or not! The Bowls Club would like to thank all those who came along to support them, and look forward to welcoming you back again next year.

Football

Our Football Club continues to meet each Thursday evening from 9pm - 10pm at the pitches in Maguiresbridge. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in or spectate - as you wish! Ask the rector for further details, or turn up on a Thursday evening and join in.

Concerts and fairs!

We will be hosting a Craft Fair on 8th December (tables available at £20, call the rector for details or contact a churchwarden). We will also be hosting a Country Concert on Thursday 13th December - all the details are in the advert, needless to add that it will be a highlight of the Christmas season for many. The proceeds of the concert are going towards our Church renovation, and we would like to thank all the stars for donating their talents and time to our cause. Keep the date free, it'll be well worth the minimal cost of £12.50!

On towards 2019!

As we approach the New Year, we'll have a busy time ahead. Hopefully our renovations will begin early in the new year, and we've already planned an exciting series of events and fundraisers for the coming year.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported and worked for Aghavea Parish throughout the past year and made my role as rector so enjoyable!

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Aghavea



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Sympathy

As a parish, we wish to extend our prayers and sympathies to all those who have been bereaved during the last few months and

also to those who celebrate anniversaries of loved ones at this time of year.

Caring for the Elderly

As the cold, dark nights move in throughout the winter, could we ask everyone to be vigilant with any elderly or sick neighbours who may find this time of year particularly difficult?

While we all seem to associate Christmas as a happy and joyful time, there are those for whom this Christmas will be difficult, perhaps after a period of illness, or after the loss of a loved one. It is important that in the midst of the seasonal festivities, we don't forget that the "reason for the season" is love - and that extends to more than just our families.

If you have a neighbour in need, please check on them occasionally to ensure that they are fine, especially if you've noticed a

change in their routine (curtains not opened, bin not put out, lights not on, etc).

December Services

2nd December

Holy Communion

9th December

Morning Prayer (Mr Roy Crowe will be leading the morning service)

9th December

Carol Service in Brookeborough Memorial Hall, 8pm

16th December

Children's Nativity Service

23rd December

Morning Prayer

24th December

11pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion

25th December

1030am Christmas Day Holy Communion

30th December

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Youth Club

The Youth Club met for its special Halloween Party on Saturday, 27th October and a great night was had by all (see photos).

The Youth Club also met on Saturday, 10th November and on 27th November. The Youth Club will hold its special Christmas Disco and party on Saturday, 15th December at 6pm in Christ Church, Church Hall, Ballybay. Everyone very welcome!

Special Youth Event

A special Youth Event for secondary school children will take place in St Patrick's Church Hall in Monaghan on Saturday, 8th of December at 8pm. We are joining up with Monaghan for this special event as a special youth initiative under the Youth Council's 'Do Something' initiative. Group Service

The Group service for the Ballybay Group of Parishes will be held in St Maeldoid's Church at 11am on Sunday, 30th December. Refreshments to follow.

Muckno

Remembrance Service

The Remembrance Service in St Maeldoid's this year on 11th November was a special occasion where the 27th Battalion of the Irish Army joined the congregation for the special Remembrance Service of the 100th Anniversary of the ending of WW1. Tommy Murphy of the Battalion assisted the Rector during the service in remembering all those who had died during WW1 and in all conflicts since. Refreshments followed the service.

Shoe Box Appeal

St. Maeldoid's Church was one of the Monaghan distribution centres for the Shoe Box Appeal during November and



The Remembrance Day service in St. Maeldoid's Church.

December. Thank you to Janet Hill who co-ordinated this tremendous effort and for those who gave of her time to assist her for this very noble cause in remembering those less well off children in our world at Christmas time. Janet will go to Romania to see for herself the great work of the Shoe Box Appeal.

Deepest Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Audrey Hill on the death of her brother-in-law in America. May you know the Peace of God at this time.

Community Carol Service

The Community Christmas Carol Service will be on Thursday 20th December at 8pm. St Mary's Choir will take part. Refreshments will follow.

Christmas Sunday School Party

This will take place on Saturday the 15th of December at 3.30pm in the Church Hall, with special guest – Santa Claus!

St Mary's Hospital Carol Service

The annual carol service will take place on Thursday the 20th December at 3pm. Refreshments to follow.

25th December, Celebration of Holy Communion at 10am

Clontibret News

Warmest congratulations to Philip and Sharon Leatham on the birth of their baby daughter, Alannah Stephanie, a sister for Emily and to the proud grandparents Isaac and Jennifer. May God Bless them as their family grows.

Great War Anniversary

We marked the 100th Anniversary of the end of the Great War with the reading of the names of those who fought, those who gave the supreme sacrifice, the playing of the "Last Post" and the laying of a wreath. Isaac Leatham played "The Battles O'er" on the pipes. The ceremony was more memorable to the children as they have been researching ancestors who had fought and had visited the display of memorabilia at the museum in Ballyjamesduff. Zoe and Thomas Donaldson laid flowers on the grave of Thomas Wilson from Crossmore a great, great, great, great uncle who had fought and although not killed suffered from mental stress and is buried at Clontibret. They were surprised when their great aunt was able to present them with a button from his uniform. Other families with relatives still living in the parish who served include the Graham and Tate families.

With the completion of the repairs to the East window we have now had the paintwork and surrounding area refreshed. Thankfully the annual inspection did not highlight any other issues.

Big Sing

At the time of going to Press, we look forward to joining in the Big Sing and the provision of a free bus from Monaghan means that the event is accessible to all.



Scenes from the Halloween party

Prayer Vigil

The all-Ireland prayer vigil to campaign against gender based violence will be held in St Patrick's Church Hall on Monday, 3rd December at 8.00pm. The speakers will be Rev Dr Gerard Clinton (Ballybay Presbyterian Group) and Ms Siobhan McKenna (Tearmann). This event is being organised by the Clogher Mothers' Union and with the increasing number of incidents this is an issue that cannot be ignored. The vigil is open to all and a small gift or donation would be very welcome.

Carol Service

Our Carol Service this year will be held on Sunday, 9th December at 3.30pm and we are delighted that pupils from the Collegiate School will join us. Everyone will be most welcome and light

refreshment will be served afterwards and friends and neighbours will have a chance to chat over a cuppa.

Mothers' Union

Mice are not welcome in any home but last night members of the Mother's Union and friends spent the evening creating them. These carol singing mice in their red gowns and white surpluses complete with music books will now be proudly on display in many homes. Our tutor for the evening was our friend Mrs Freda Makem, who had also showed us how to make hedgehogs from books and other paper crafts. A great evening's fun was had by all and a tasty supper consumed.

Can we take this opportunity to wish all our friends a Very Happy and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019.

25th December, Celebration of Holy Communion at 11.15am

Ballybay Christmas Eve

Holy Communion Christmas Eve Candle lit service will be at 11pm in Christ Church.

Community Carol Service

This will take place in Christ Church on Wednesday 19th of December at 8pm. Music by the Brass Band from Dungannon, special singing by Ballybay Community Choir and Camphill Community to perform bell ringing. There will be refreshments afterwards. Everyone welcome.

Good Wishes

We extend our prayerful good wishes to John and Linda Dixon.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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Services

Sunday 2nd December

Morning Prayer, Magheraclone at 12noon
Community Carols of Praise; The Closing Service for our Christmas Tree Festival in St Finbarr's at 7.00pm

Wednesday 5th December

Midweek Holy Communion - St Finbarr's at 10.30am

Sunday 9th December

Holy Communion St Finbarr's at 10.30am
Holy Communion Magheraclone at 12noon
Carol Service Ardragh at 7.00pm
The services will include an Act Of Remembrance.

Wednesday 12th December

Midweek Holy Communion St Finbarr's at 10.30am

Sunday 16th December

Carol Service with Nativity St Finbarr's at

10.30am

Carol Service Magheraclone at 7.00pm

Wednesday 19th December

Midweek Holy Communion St Finbarr's at 10.30am

Sunday 23rd December

Christingle Celebration St Finbarr's at 4.00pm (children and their families are invited to meet in the Jackson Hall from 3.15pm to make the Christingles)

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December

Holy Communion Ardragh at 7.30pm
Holy Communion Magheraclone at 11.00pm

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

Family Service with Holy Communion St Finbarr's at 10.30 am

Wednesday 26th December

NO Holy Communion Service

Sunday 30th December

United Service in St Finbarr's at 10.30am

Wednesday 2nd January

NO Holy Communion Service

Sunday 6th January

Service of the Word St Finbarr's at 10.30 am
Service of The Word Magheraclone at 12noon

Wednesday 9th January

Holy Communion St Finbarr's at 10.30 am

Sunday 13th January

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

Wednesday 16th January

Holy Communion St Finbarr's at 10.30 am

Sunday 20th January

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

Wednesday 23rd January

Holy Communion St Finbarr's at 10.30 am



At the launch of the recipe book were (from right); Emma Merrin, Helen Sweetnam and the Revd Colin McConaghie.

Sunday 27th January

Holy Communion St Finbarr's at 10.30am
Holy Communion Magheraclone at 12noon
Holy Communion Ardragh at 1.15pm
Wednesday 30th January
Holy Communion St Finbarr's

St Finbarr's Cookery Book

On Sunday 18th November following our Arise and Shine Service in St Finbarr's we launched our fundraising Recipe Book "From Parish to Plate." The cookbook was the brainchild of Emma Merrin who along with Helen Sweetnam have worked over a few months putting together all the recipes donated to us by parishioners and friends. The book has been beautifully illustrated by Linda Merrin and contains a wide range of recipes savory and sweet for the whole year round.

Mixed in with the recipes are a number of little funny stories and prayers written by Rosaleen Coleman and others. "Parish to Plate" is available to buy now



Sammy and Davy Babington dressed for the dance in Magheraclone.

for €10 from any member of the Select Vestry and from a number of retailers in Carrickmacross.

Carrickmacross Hallowe'en Dance

Thank you to all who supported the dance in Tracey's Hotel, Magheraclone supporting this much needed fundraiser for St Molua's Magheraclone.

There was great fun on the night with many people dressing up in a wide variety of costumes as we danced the night away to live music by the very impressive Rainbow. We are grateful to the management and staff of Tracey's Hotel for granting us use of the venue and all their help on the night and all those local businesses who donated prizes. A massive thank you to the small group of parishioners who put so much effort into making sure we all had a great night.

New Lights for St Finbarr's

Following many months of planning we were delighted to finally switch on our new internal and external lighting in St Finbarr's on Sunday 11th November. The symbolism of the newly lit steeple was not lost on a day when we remembered the darkest days of our world's history on the 100th Anniversary of World War 1. The lit-up tower has already made a big impact on our town drawing many positive comments.

The work to install new lighting was part of an upgrade for all the electrics in the church to ensure we meet Health and Safety Regulations. We thank David McKeown and his staff for their fine work in installing the lights and the new wiring and we are grateful to the sub-committee set up to oversee this work and Glebewardens who spent many hours researching lighting and working with our contractors.

Jewels Women's Group

Following a very successful and enjoyable joint outing to watch the Farney Players production of "Say Cheese" starring our very own Philip Keegan our Women's Group 'Jewels' meet again on Thursday 13th December when one of our parishioners, Rachael Hill will give a demonstration of Christmas Flower Making. There will also be Christmas nibbles to enjoy on the evening. On Thursday 31st December we are delighted to be joined by the Bishop of Meath and Kildare, the Most Revd. Pat Storey who will talk to us about her journey in faith and what it was like to become the first female Bishop in the Church of Ireland.

Malawi Misson 2019 Trip Habitat for Humanity

Fundraising for our Malawi mission trip continues with a concert in St Finbarr's on Thursday 6th December at 8pm. Along with some very talented local choirs we are delighted to announce that acclaimed Irish baritone, Benjamin Russell is flying in from Germany to perform for us on the evening. Benjamin is the cousin of one of our Malawi team, Victoria and we are very grateful for his very generous offer to come and perform for our fundraiser. Also performing on the night will be local singer Barry Jay Hughes, the Cantemus Chamber Choir and our own Group of Parishes Choir. Tickets costing €10 are available from any member of the Malawi Team.

Hats for the Homeless

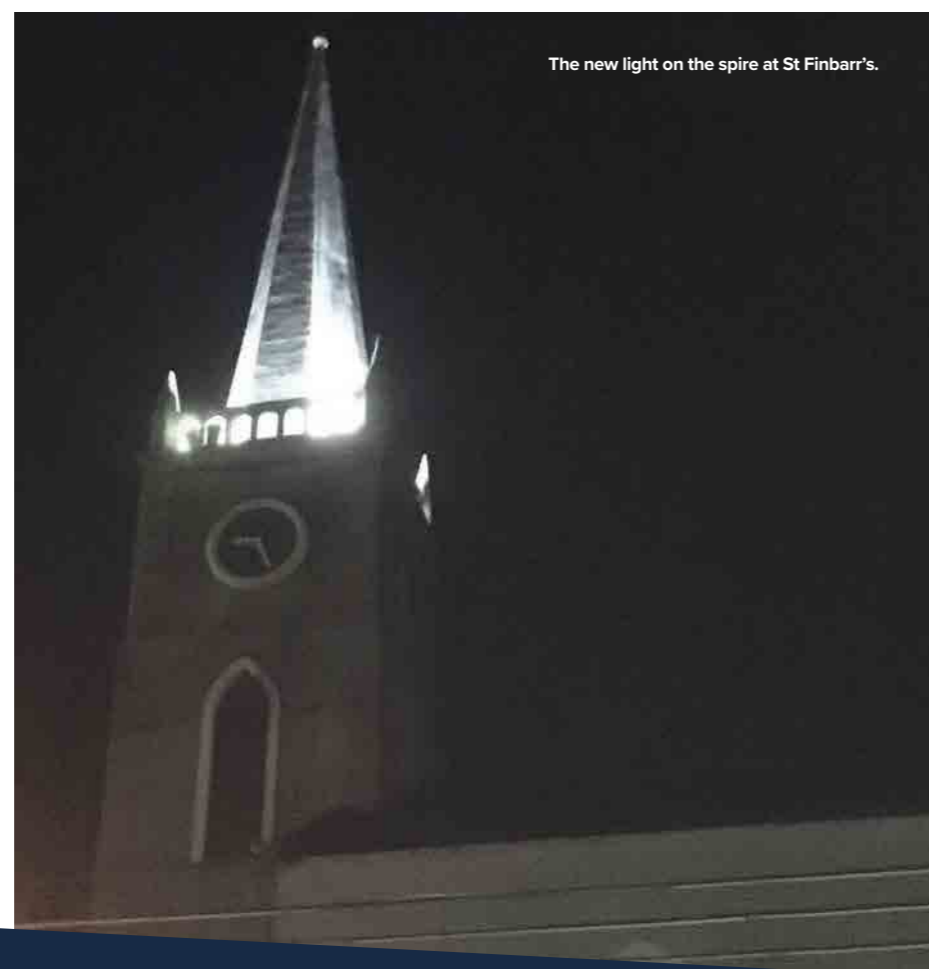
This Christmas at our three Carol Services across our Group of Parishes we will be collecting hats and gloves for those who are homeless in conjunction with Carrickmacross Lions Club. With the weather turning colder, things become even tougher for the many men and women and even children who sleep on our streets or who move from bed to bed with no home of their own. As Christmas approaches, we take the opportunity to give something back, so during our services parishioners and visitors are invited to bring forward a gift for people we do not know but who need our help this winter and beyond.

Young Families Christmas Party

Our annual young families Christmas Party takes place on Sunday 16th November immediately following our nativity carol service in St Finbarr's. This is an opportunity for young families to meet up to enjoy some fun and games with a special visitor for the younger children.

Eccumenical Carol Service

Following the success of last year's community Carol Service in St Finbarr's we look forward to going to be with our friends from St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church for this year's Service. Date and time to be announced.



The new light on the spire at St Finbarr's.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Services

Sunday, 9th December

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

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

7:30 p.m. Carol Service, Mullaghduin

Sunday, 16th December

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

11:30 a.m. Family Service, Cleenish

7:30 p.m. Carol Service, Cleenish

Sunday, 23rd December

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

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

Monday, 24th December - Christmas Eve

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

Tuesday, 25th December - Christmas Day

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

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

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

Sunday, 30th December

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

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

Sunday, 6th January

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

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

Sunday 13th January

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

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

Sunday 20th January

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

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

Sunday 27th January

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

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

Sunday 3rd February

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

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

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

Dates for your Diary

■ **Saturday 8th December**, Bellanaleck Community Group, Childrens' Party

■ **Sunday 9th December**, Carol Service, Mullaghduin



Decorations at Cleenish Harvest.

■ **Sunday 16th December**, Carol Service, Cleenish

■ **Tuesday 25th December**, Christmas Day

■ **Monday 31st December**, New Years Eve
Friday 8th February, Cleenish Parish Annual Dinner Dance

Monthly Healing Services

There will be no Services during December and January. The next monthly Healing Service will take place on Wednesday 13th February.

Cleenish Harvest Services

Were held week ending 19th to 21st October. On Friday evening before a good congregation, the Choir sang two anthems "Harvest is Passing" and "My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness". The Special Preacher was Revd John Woods, Rector of Donacavey and Barr. He preached an interesting sermon mainly to those from a farming background, and how uplifting it was to have such a good season after three rather poor ones. The evening concluded with tea in the Parish Hall, served by the Ladies. On Sunday morning before a large congregation when the Children took part, they sang "The Sunday School Song" and led "The Occasional Prayers". Sarah Elliott also read a poem. The Choir sang two anthems, "In the Garden" and "Harvest is Passing". The Special Preacher was Revd Chris MacBruithin, Curate Assistant in Enniskillen Cathedral. He stated in his address that himself and his family had visited Bellanaleck on several occasions, however he had never been in Cleenish Church. He also gave an insight into his career in the Church to date, and his two plus years in



Enniskillen. When stating that grape vines did not grow in Bellanaleck he was very quickly corrected, and all in good humour. On Sunday evening the choir sang two anthems "My Heart is filled with Thankfulness" and "In the Garden" The address consisted of a duet, the theme being Rowena Sheridan endeavouring to encourage the busy Valerie Johnston to go to The Harvest. All three Services were conducted by the Rector and Joan Brownlee trained the splendid Choir, and played the organ. Sincere thanks to all who tastefully decorated the Church, and to those who assisted in any way.

Remembrance Day Services

The centenary of the Armistice was marked in Mullaghduin with a special Service of the Word. John Ryan assisted the Rector with the Act of Remembrance, and the Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Michael Crooks from Letterbreen Silver



Cleenish Toddlers.

Band. Elizabeth Hazlett and the Choir led the singing. During the Service in Cleenish, wreaths were laid by Dessi Smyth on behalf of the Forces, Grace Hicks on behalf of the Brownies, Cecil Brownlee on behalf of the Select Vestry, and Stephen Humphries sounded the Last Post. The Rector conducted the Service, and Joan Brownlee played the organ. The Church bell was sounded at 12:30pm.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Cleenish and Mullaghduin Mothers' Union enjoyed "Christmas Treats" baked by Elaine at their monthly meeting on Tuesday 20th November. A sincere thank you was extended to all members and parishioners for their generous giving to the food bank during Harvest Thanksgiving. As the Salvation Army is not involved this year in the food appeal all contributions were taken to The Fermanagh Food Bank and received with much gratitude. On Wednesday 28th November, Branch members attended the Diocesan Annual Pray Vigil held in Derryvullan North Parish Church. Emergency overnight supplies for women and children were given to the local Women's Aid support group at the event. Members plan to meet during December for a social event to complete the annual programme "In Mary Sumner's Footsteps".

Cleenish Parent & Toddler Group

The Group meet each Tuesday morning 10am to 11.30 am, and will run this term until 11th December with an average of approximately 20 parents and their children. The team of volunteers under Group Leader Rosita, give faithfully of their time to enable the Group to function effectively, were delighted to be recognised by Fermanagh Rural Community Network in their Celebrating Community Achievements Awards 2018 presented to the Group in Ballinamallard, on Monday 15th October.



Parent & Toddler Group, Volunteers

Pictured in the photograph from left front - Joan Nixon, Rosita Bridle, Helen Hoey, from left rear - Margaret Crawford, Lettie Coulter, Ruth Wilson, and Ruby Arnold. Patricia Melanophy is missing from the picture.

Cleenish Brownies

Brownies took part along with other uniformed organisations at the Service in St John's Florencecourt on Remembrance Sunday. As is custom in previous years, one member of the Pack laid a wreath in Cleenish Church. The Pack will be breaking up for the Autumn period during early December, and will resume at the beginning of February.

Sympathy

Olly Fawcett passed away in the South West Acute Hospital, after a short illness on Saturday 3rd November. Having attained good health for the majority of his life, Olly was a staunch supporter of Mullaghduin Flute Band. He was the lead drummer for many years, and in retirement trained the younger members, and followed the Band on parade at all outings. A farmer all his life, and having a jovial nature, he was popular with both young and old alike. His Funeral Service was held in Rossorry Parish Church, after which he was interred in Cleenish Parish Churchyard. Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Molly, and son Mark.

Defibrillator

A reminder that the Defibrillator is sited on the outside porch wall of Cleenish Parish Hall. In an emergency enter via the pedestrian gate from the main road. If dismounting from a vehicle, please make sure and put on the hazard lights.

Cleenish Centre

On Saturday evening 27th October, George Dunn who worked with The Faith Mission along with his wife Andrea, and has a keen interest in vintage tractors, presented the

story of "The man who put the world on Wheels". He told the story of Henry Ford's Family Faith and Fame, from a historical engineering and Christian perspective. To hire the Centre, or if you feel that you are called to serve in any way, please make contact by e.mail: enquiries@cleenishcentre.com or telephone 02866349647. You may also view the Cleenish Centre website.

Bellanaleck Community Group

At the Group meeting on Wednesday 24th October, preliminary arrangements were made for the Annual Childrens' Party which will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 8th December.

The Chairman reported that a meeting will take place the following day Thursday 25th October between representatives from DAERA, and the local Council, to forward a report on the state of the fishing stands along the shores of Laragh Lough. The local Parent and Toddler Group were congratulated on achieving a "Certificate of Recognition 2018" see above.

It was also pleasing to report the Department of Infrastructure had upgraded part of the surface along Rectory Lane. The next meeting is on Wednesday 23rd January. Enquires to Group Secretary Owen Wilson, e mail:- owenjwilson@btinternet.com Footnote:- It is disturbing to note at time of writing a number of dwellings within the local area have been burgled, and another attempted during the previous month. With one exception all had burglar alarms fitted which were not switched on, the one exception had no alarm. The advice as always is to be extra vigilant prior to Christmas, where cash and small easily concealed goods appear to be most popular for the thieves.

Christian Burial

Cleenish Parish Church Tuesday 6th November 2018 - Charles Oliver (Olly) Fawcett, Gortadrehid, Culkey, aged 90 years

Clogher Cathedral Group



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Just a thought from the rector

As the season of autumn starts to fade with the disappearing of the leaves and the bite of winter begins to make its presence felt, so too another season of a different nature heralds its beginning, yet almost seemingly unnoticed to many. The season of Advent is often ignored in the race to reach its more appealing relative, Christmas.

The word **Advent** means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. It is a season of preparation!

There are no smells of cinnamon wafting through the air or tinsel or fairy lights, but come and experience instead the apprehension, challenges and life changing events which led to the most ordinary of people taking centre stage at the greatest event in the whole of history! So come and join us this Advent season in church as we walk with Joseph, Mary and the Shepherds as they make their journey to Bethlehem.

Parish Carol Services

- **9th December** St. Mark's Augher 5pm, Outdoor Nativity - no morning service.
- **16th December** St. Mary's Errigal Portclare 10am, Carol Service.
- **23rd December** St. Mark's Newtownsaville 11.30am, Carol Service.
- **23rd December** St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher 7pm, Carol Service.

Christmas Services

- **Christmas Eve** - St. Mark's Augher 9pm

- **Christmas Eve** - St. Mark's Newtownsaville 9pm
- **Christmas Day** - St. Mary's Errigal Portclare 9.30am
- **Christmas Day** - St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher 11am
- **Outdoor Nativity** - 'The Greatest Story ever told!' St. Mark's Augher have the great delight in inviting you to their 'Outdoor Nativity.' On Sunday 9th December at 5pm. Come along and hear and see 'The Greatest Story ever told,' the children, a donkey, sheep, even some 'wise men.' Murley Silver Band will provide the music for the carols and mulled wine, mince

pies and shortbread will be available for everyone. An evening for the whole family - not to be missed! Proceeds in aid of St. Mark's Church, Augher.

- **Annual Diocesan Advent Carol Service** Sunday 2nd December 2018 7pm in St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher. All welcome.
- **Annual Community Carol Service** Thursday 6th December 2018 7.30pm St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher. Proceeds in aid of Cancer Focus. All welcome.

Knit, Stitch & Natter Dates

Thursday 6th & 20th December 10.30am - 12noon

St Mark's Augher

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AT 5PM

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- Animals
- Mulled Wine
- Mince Pies & Shortbread

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CHURCH OF IRELAND, AUGHER.

Thursday 10th & 24th January 10.30am – 12noon

Ablaze Youth Fellowship

We were delighted to launch Ablaze Youth Fellowship on Sunday 18th November. Ablaze is a fun, friendly and safe space for any young person of secondary school age to meet other young people, enjoy food, take part in games and activities and explore faith. Ablaze takes place on Sunday nights from 7-8.30pm in the Carmichael Hall, Augher.

Dates for December: 2nd December; 9th December; 16th December (Christmas Party!!)

Ablaze will recommence after the Christmas break on Sunday 13th January 2019.

St. Mark's Augher Youth club

At time of writing, St. Mark's Senior Youth club are preparing to head of to 'Airtastic' Craigavon on Friday 16th November where they will make use of the facilities then stop off at McDonald's for a lovely treat. Not forgetting about our Junior Youth Club who are planning a trip to Todd's leap for a Christmas adventure on 14th December for an evening of fun and hopefully meet a familiar face!

The Youth Club will close on 18th December and re-open on 8th January. The leaders and committee wish to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Friends of Clogher Cathedral Annual service

The 63rd Friends Service and dedication of gifts took place in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher on Sunday, 28th October at 3pm. Members of the 'Friends of Clogher Cathedral' joined parishioners and guests for the annual service conducted by the Rector, Revd Olivia Downey.

Formed in 1946 by the then incumbent, Canon Robert Augustine Mollan, the 'Friends of the Cathedral' have been a faithful and dedicated body of people who have supported and fundraised for the upkeep of the fabric of the cathedral. This group known as the 'Friends' was formed for the purpose of "gathering round the Cathedral a body of supporters, who are anxious to take some share in caring for it, and preserving it for posterity."

This year, 72 years following its inception we had the great delight to welcome back to the Cathedral for the annual 'Friends Service,' a great-nephew of Canon Robert Mollan as our guest preacher. The Revd. Professor R.A.B. Mollan is not only an ordained Church of Ireland minister but has also had an esteemed career as one



Member of Murley Silver Band playing for the Friends Service, St. Macartan's Cathedral.

of Northern Ireland's leading orthopaedic surgeons.

The Cathedral resounded with praise and thanksgiving for God's faithfulness as friends old and new joined to worship the King of Kings led by Murley Silver Band. The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell was also present to dedicate a number of gifts at the request of the Churchwardens, Mr. Ivan Domer and Mrs Hilary Keys.

These included;

- Paving on the south-side of Cathedral and Canticle Board from The Friends of the Cathedral;
 - Communion Linen from the family and friends of the late Mrs Sarah Hunter;
 - Graveyard seat from the family and friends of the late Mrs Maud Johnston;
 - Additional Thanks and Praise Hymn Books as well as Communion Table Hymn Books and Vestry Flowers from the family and friends of the late Mrs Peggy Kerr;
 - Modification of Cathedral Sound System from the families and friends of the late Mrs Florrie Taggart, Mrs Maud Johnston, Mrs Sarah Hunter and Mrs Peggie Kerr.
- Refreshments were served following the service and an AGM for the Friends of the Cathedral followed. As a Parish we are very grateful to the above friends and families for their generosity.



Right Revd John McDowell, Revd Olivia Downey, Revd Professor R.A.B. Mollan

Baptism

4th November 2018, Miss Blaire Annie Harri Wylie, daughter of Grace and Craig Wylie, St. Mark's Augher.

Christian Burial

William Henry (Hughie) Magee, 9th November 2018, St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher.

Susan Margaret Durnion, 17th November 2018, St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher.

Table Quiz

St. Mark's Augher will be holding a Table Quiz in the Carmichael Hall on Friday 25th January 2019 at 8pm. Proceeds in Aid of St. Mark's Parish Church, Augher. All welcome.

Fundraising Weekend

Calling all Choirs, Musicians, Organists, Worship Bands -St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher needs you!

On the weekend of 9th & 10th March 2019 St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher plan to hold a fundraising weekend to assist with essential maintenance projects.

On Sunday 10th March between 2.30pm – 6.30pm St. Macartan's Cathedral hopes to be filled with praise and worship. We are asking if choirs, musicians, organists and worship bands will come, give of their time and gifts and fill one or more 20-minute slots during the above times. Our aim is to fill this beautiful historic Cathedral which has been a site of worship to almighty God since the 5th century with continuous praise and worship during these hours culminating with a service of praise and thanksgiving that evening beginning at 7pm. If you or your band / choir / group can come and help St. Macartan's please contact the rector: Revd. Olie on 07792728495, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Greetings

Revd. Olie and Isobel Steward would like to thank the Select Vestries, parishioners and friends of the four parishes for all your support through the year and wish you all God's richest blessings for a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

- Dec 2nd:** Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion
- Newbliss 11.30am: Holy Communion
- Dec 9th:** Currin 10.00am: Holy Communion
- Killeevan 3.30pm: Gift Sunday & Carol Service
- Dec 16th:** Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer
- Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer
- Dec 23rd:** Currin 11.00am: Joint Group Carol Service
- Dec 24th:** Clones 8.00pm: Joint Christmas Holy Communion
- Dec 25th:** Newbliss 11.00am: Joint Christmas Day Family Service.
- Dec 30th:** Killeevan 11.00am: Joint Group Holy Communion
- JANUARY 2019**
- Jan 6th:** Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion
- Newbliss 11.30am: Holy Communion
- Jan 13th:** Currin 10.00am: Holy Communion

- Killeevan 11.30am: Holy Communion
- Jan 20th:** Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer
- Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer
- Jan 27th:** Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer
- Killeevan 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.

Births

Congratulations to Amanda and Colin Irwin on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte

Clones Notes

The time of year has arrived, please remember the 'Christmas Fare' church sale will take place in the Creighton Hotel Ballroom on Saturday December 8th from 10.00am until 12.30pm. Please start your planning NOW.

Colaghty



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Services DECEMBER

- 2nd** Holy Communion 11.30am
- 9th** Family service – in Hall - 11.30am
- 16th** Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 23rd** Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 23rd** Carol Service 7.00pm
- 25th** Christmas Day 10.00am
- 30th** Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 31st** New Year's Eve – in Hall - 9.30pm
- JANUARY**
- 6th** Holy Communion 11.30am
- 13th** Family service 11.30am
- 20th** Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 27th** Morning Prayer 11.30am

Christian Burial

5th November 2018 - Mary Valerie Walker, Tedd Rd, Lack

Junior CE

The members of the Junior CE enjoyed a



Young people at Autumn Soul.

party night on 26th October where they prepared pumpkins after a very illustrative talk on life in Christ. They were reminded not unlike the inside of pumpkins, we can have a heart that knows not God. We need to remove everything that leads to sin, seek a life in Christ with smiling faces as we witness for Him. They then enjoyed 'bangers', hotdogs and juice before going outside to light sparklers, and their pumpkins singing 'This little light of mine', a reminder that Christ is the light that illuminates our hearts and lives. We offer our sincere thanks to the leaders, helpers and everyone who contributed to the night's activities, enjoyed by all.

Autumn Soul

A number of our young people attended this year's Autumn Soul event in Bangor recently, where they enjoyed the worship



and activities planned over the weekend of events. We express our thanks to those who planned the weekend, to Anne who travelled along with other leaders from the diocese, which meant that everyone had an



The CE party.

enjoyable time over the weekend.

Remembrance

As we marked the centenary of the Armistice at our Remembrance service this year, yet mindful of the cost, the lost generations, the joys and sorrows that peace brought on 11th November 1918, we did with a sense of deepest gratitude and of the pursuit of a lasting peace. A peace firmly grounded on truth and justice and on the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. The service conducted by the Rector, was a fitting tribute to the fallen in two World Wars, subsequent wars, conflicts and terrorism. After the Roll of Honour, Last Post, two minutes silence, Reveille, wreathes were laid at the memorials and the children paid their own tribute as in previous years as the piper played 'Nearer my God to Thee'. The Rector took as his text, "When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even His enemies to be at peace with him." Proverbs 16: 7

At the conclusion of the service, the Rector shared a few words of tribute penned earlier that morning, before the piper led off with the tune, 'The Battle's O'er'. Afterwards a poppy wreath was laid outside on the grave of Private Jim Oldman who was murdered by terrorists. The bell rang out at 11.00am marking the Armistice signing and again at 12.30pm to mark the move from remembrance to celebration of peace.

WW1 Remembrance - North Fermanagh and Pettigo Remembers

The group organised a series of talks, exhibitions and displays over the weekend of 9th to 11th November at Ardess Church and Parish Centre to celebrate the end of the Great War (1914-18). David Keys and John McClaughery and their team of helpers are to be congratulated on the excellent production of the entire weekend's event to recognise and remember the loss of 152 brave soldiers from the area in the Great War. Children from the local schools attended of Friday and visitors from far and

near filled the hall each day for the series of talks and viewing the magnificent displays. The weekend concluded on Sunday evening with the Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving in the church, where the large attendance was addressed by Revd. Alan Irwin.

The War is Over

The War is over came the cry
To battlefield to cities, homes and farms
The battle' o'er the pipers play
From no man's land the soldiers march away
The battle scarred, the injured
The victorious and defeated
With thoughts of home and life before
Of family, friends and neighbours
With smiling faces and sombre hearts
Of fallen comrades left behind
Of the generations loved and lost
A vow, never to forget
But the battle's not o'er
Till the last trumpet call
The coming in glory of the judge over all
To establish His kingdom
Where in peace he will reign
And nation never to rise against nation again.
Alan Irwin 11th November 2018



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the overall costs of the current project and help to enhance the fabric of the building for future generations.

New Year's Eve

Our annual New Year's Eve Worship and Social will take on 31st December in the Parish Hall from 8.30pm with worship at 9.30pm, followed by the social and pipers at midnight DV. Please plan to come along for a night of fellowship and worship as we welcome in 2019.

Scripture Union E3

An evening of prayer will take place on 6th February 2019 at 8.00pm in Colaghty Church Hall for the Fermanagh E3 schools project. Please come along and join us for a time of fellowship as we give thanks to God for the E3 schools project and to pray for God' grace, wisdom, guidance, for the continuance of the fruits of this worthwhile ministry to our children and young people.

Annual Giving

Please note that annual accounts close on 31st December 2018 in accordance with NI Charities regulations, and all FWO and other donations must be with the Parish Treasurer by the end of the year.

Dates for the diary

- Women's Fellowship 2nd Monday at 8.00pm
- Stitch and Chat Tuesdays at 7.30pm
- Young@Heart 3rd Wednesday at 10.30am
- Bowling Club Thursdays at 8.00pm
- Junior CE Friday nights at 7.00pm – 8.15pm
- Youth group Friday nights at 8.30pm – 10.00pm
- Bible Fellowship Wednesdays at 8.00pm
- 16th June 2019 175th Anniversary service 3.30pm
- 7th – 13th October 2019 Parish Mission

Please check weekly announcements for any changes or updates to the various groups/activities that meet regularly.

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Services

Sunday 9th December

10.30am Derryvullen North (Family Service)
11.45 Castle Archdale (Family Service with Act of Remembrance)

Sunday 16th December

10.15am Castle Archdale (Sunday School Nativity)
11.30am Derryvullen North (Sunday School Nativity)

Sunday 23rd December

10.15am Castle Archdale (Carol Service)
11.30am Derryvullen North (Carol Service)

Christmas Eve 24th December

9.00pm Derryvullen North (Holy Communion form 2)
11.00pm Castle Archdale (Holy Communion form 1)

Christmas Day 25th December

9.00am Castle Archdale (Holy Communion form 2)
10.30am Derryvullen North (Holy Communion form 1)

Sunday 30th December

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

Sunday 6th January

10.15am Castle Archdale (Holy Communion form 1)
11.30am Derryvullen North (Holy Communion form 1)

Sunday 13th January

10.30am Derryvullen North (Family Service)
11.45 Castle Archdale (Family Service)

Sunday 20th January

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)
11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)
followed by Soup Lunch served by BB

Sunday 27th January

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

Women's Group

The Speaker at the October Meeting of the Women's Group was Tiffany Campbell

of T&R Global (see <https://www.facebook.com/TiffanyandRyanCampbell>). The group enjoyed her introduction of her Forever Living products. There was a wide range of items featured, all based on the Aloe Vera plant - drinking gel, supplements, beehive products, weight management, personal care, skin care, animal care and home care products.

Mothers' Union

The November meeting took place on 24th with Gillian Maganda, Personnel Manager of CMS Ireland, the Speaker. She along with her husband and their children have lived in Egypt and she spoke very passionately about this. Gillian looks after the teams going overseas and is also in touch with our Mission Partners. She showed a short video featuring two short-term Partners and the change it made to their lives. She finished her talk with a short video about Egypt and the ministry of the Church there. The branch members were looking forward to hosting the Diocesan Vigil against Gender Violence held in Derryvullen North Parish Church on 28th November. The January Meeting of the Branch will be an informal evening on 23rd January.

Senior Citizen Dinner

The annual dinner for Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North will be held on 30th January 2019 at 6.30pm in Derryvullen North Parish Hall

Derryvullen North Harvest Services

The Church was decorated to the usual high standard for the Harvest Services of Sunday 21st and Monday 22nd October.



The BB harvest display.

The Sunday Morning Service was the Junior Celebration and the children of the Sunday School under the direction of the Leaders and Junior Leaders took a leading part in the worship. At the Sunday evening Service the Choir sang two anthems "In the darkness of the still night" led by Mr David McDowell on the guitar and "You're the Word of God the Father" led by Mrs Florence Barrett on the organ. The Service was led by Dr Margaret Knox and the preacher was the Rector. The preacher at the Service on Monday 22nd was Canon Geoffrey Bridle and the choir sang three anthems – the two noted above and in addition the anthem "Beauty for brokenness". After the Service a lovely supper was served in the Parish Hall and thanks were expressed for the food and enjoyable time.

BB

The Company plan to hold a Soup Lunch following the Derryvullen North Morning Service on 20th January. This will provide an additional opportunity for fellowship and also to raise funds for both the local Company of the BB and for MS Society Northern Ireland. At the Family Service the previous Sunday there will be special presentations at the Derryvullen North Service about the work of these groups.

Ministry of Healing

A Service for Healing and Wholeness was held in Castle Archdale on Sunday 4th November. The Rector along with Dr Margaret Knox and Miss Isobel Stewart led the Service. The Ministry of the Laying on of Hands was shared by Mrs Helen Humphries, Mrs Lucy Woods, Mrs Eileen Cutler, Dr Margaret Knox, Mr Abraham Storey, Mr David Beare and the Rector. Following the

Service supper was served in the Church and this was kindly arranged by Mrs Sylvia Woods. In every act of worship, the Church celebrates the grace of God who desires wholeness of body, mind and spirit for all people. At a service of healing, we focus on that aspect of God's character. We bring to God our own frailty and brokenness - felt not just in physical illness, but in guilt, anxiety and all the burdens which weigh us down. We also bring our concerns for others and for the world. Above all, we come to the God who knows our needs before we ask, and whose love revealed in Jesus Christ is stronger than suffering and death.

Tuesday Club

The first meeting of the new season took place on 11th September and Dr Margaret welcomed everyone and especially the Speaker, Mrs Valerie Stewart. The opening reflections focused on "Courage" and were followed by a very interesting talk by Mrs Stewart on the Fermanagh Talking Newspaper as well as concerning the Mothers' Union Initiative of teleconferencing for elderly or housebound ladies. The tea was served by Martha and Anna. On the occasion of the October Meeting of the Tuesday Club, the opening reflections by Dr Margaret centred on "Encouragement" and the Rector followed this by audio visual presentations, the first about being finding space in life to sense the encouraging presence of God in the beauty and wonder of creation and then the second about the layout and purpose of the ancient Temple of Jerusalem. The November Meeting took place on 13th November and Dr Margaret

led devotions linked to the theme of Remembrance Sunday. The Speaker was Mr David Keys who gave an illustrated talk on the topic of the anniversary of the ending of the First World War. He has also brought with him a number of exhibits and the group thoroughly enjoyed his presentation. David had played a key role in the special weekend of events that had taken place in Ardess marking the centenary of the Armistice. The Club's December meeting on 11th December will be their annual Christmas Communion.

Joint Youth Fellowship

Our parishes are now part of a joint venture with the local congregation of the Methodist Church. This is a shared youth fellowship under the auspices of the Christian Endeavour with the aim of supporting and nurturing young people of secondary school age in life and faith. It meets fortnightly on Saturday evenings.

Remembrance Sunday

The Castle Archdale Act of Remembrance took place at the Morning Service at 11.45am. The arrangements for the ceremony were overseen with care and efficiency by Mr Geoffrey Jeavons and the wreath was laid by Mr Bobby Beacom. The young people of the congregation also assisted the Rector and Dr Margaret in the leading of Worship. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded as part of the Act of Remembrance by Mr James Cooke. At Irvinestown the community Remembrance Service took place at 3.30pm in Derryvullen North Parish Church and was preceded

by the customary parade of the town. The Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Fermanagh, Major Shaun Pendry attended and took the salute. Wreaths were laid at the War Graves in the burial ground of the Roman Catholic Church and then at the Cross of Sacrifice in the Church of Ireland burial ground. The parade was led by Drumharvey Pipe Band. Prior to the event small flags denoting the nationalities of each of the casualties were laid by members of the RAF Cadets. The preacher at the Service this year was the Revd Steven Foster of the Methodist Church. Mr John Dickey, Clerk of Session of Irvinestown Presbyterian Church, along with the Revd Steven Foster, also assisted the Rector in the leading of the Service. The praise was led by organist, Mrs Florence Barrett and the Choir. The Act of Remembrance within the Service was led by Mr David Robinson and Mr Bill Thompson.

Gospel Concert

At the time of submission of notes, the Gospel Concert featuring the Strule River String Band and other artistes has not taken place and a full report will be made in the next edition of the magazine

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

28th Oct (Derryvullen North) Noah Knox
11th Nov (Castle Archdale) Freddie Lindsay

Burial

11th Nov (Castle Archdale) Louise (Louie) Anderson

Holy Communion

13th January, The First Sunday after the Epiphany

10.30 Derryvullen South, Morning Prayer
12.00 Garvary, Morning Prayer

20th January, The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

10.30 Garvary, Morning Prayer
12.00 Derryvullen South, A Celebration of Holy Communion

27th January, The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10.30 Derryvullen South, Family Service
12.00 Garvary, Family Service

Auction at Derryvullen South

The auction took place on Saturday 10th November in Derryvullen South Parish Hall at 12.00 noon. This was a very successful event. Thanks to the team of workers in the Parish who gave of their time and talents to make the auction a success on the day and for all the hard work and preparation leading up to the day. Thanks to everyone who came and supported this event. Mr. Gordon Robinson was the auctioneer on the day and our thanks to him for doing such a splendid job.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of Mothers' Union will be held on Monday 3rd December at 8.00 pm in Derryvullen South Parish Hall. The theme for the evening is "CHRISTMAS CRAFTS". Come and join in the fellowship and fun. This year the members of Derryvullen South and Garvary Mothers' Union took part in the "Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal. The power of a simple shoe box filled with toiletries, toys, writing books, pencils, pens, hats and gloves make a difference in a child's life. This is love in action and it will be appreciated and treasured by those who receive one of these boxes. Many thanks to all those who gave to this appeal.

Remembrance Sunday Services

On the 11th November a service of Morning Prayer with an Act of Remembrance taking place in both Derryvullen Parish church and Garvary Parish Church. In Derryvullen Church Lord Hamilton read the first lesson and laid the wreath, Nicholas Watts read the second lesson. The service was very well attended and thanks to Rosemary Watts and the choir for the special hymns. In Garvary Parish Church thanks to John Irvine for reading both lessons and Noel Wilson for laying the wreath. Thanks to Gillian Forde and the choir for leading the worship.

Birthday Greetings

Mrs. Lorna Edwards celebrated her 97th Birthday on 30th October with family and

friends. We wish her many happy returns and God's Richest Blessings.

Baptism

Frankie Mee was baptised in Derryvullen Parish Church on Sunday 21st October. We wish Frankie, his parents and Sister God's Richest Blessing.

Wedding

Congratulations to Alex Wilson and Jade Duffin on the occasion of their marriage in Holy Trinity Church, Garvary on Friday 19th October. We wish them God's Richest Blessings.

Thanks

It is always good to say "Thank you. My thanks to those who work behind the scenes week by week in both Garvary and Derryvullen Parishes. To those who arrange flowers in the church and to those who clean the church and the organists and choir members for their input in music and song adding much enjoyment to the worship Sunday by Sunday. This year there was an increase in the Harvest Collections and our thanks to all who gave so generously. The young people in both Sunday Schools brought non-perishable foods to be given to a food bank. After the services the food was taken to THE PANTRY in Lisnaskea. Val Irvine received the gifts of food on behalf of the charity and she has expressed sincere gratitude to each and every one for the wonderful contribution made to their much needed work. Thanks is also due to the editor of the magazine for the stories told through word and pictures of church life and activities throughout the Diocese. This is much appreciated by everyone and especially those who no longer are able to attend church or attend special events throughout the Diocese. WELL DONE AND MY THANKS.

Prayers

Please remember in your daily prayers parishioners who have been ill over the past weeks. We remember those who have been in hospital and are recovering at home and we wish them a speedy recovery. Please remember in your prayers those in nursing home and residential care, the lonely and sad especially at this time of year.

Seasons Greetings

Revd. Betty takes this opportunity to wish the parishioners of Derryvullen South and Garvary Parish a Happy and Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Devenish & Boho



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December Services

Sunday 2nd

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

Sunday 9th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church.

Sunday 16th

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

Sunday 23rd

10.00 am Family/Sunday School Service, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Family/Sunday school Service, Devenish Parish Church,
7.30pm Carol Service, Devenish Parish Church

Monday 24th

8.30pm Christmas Eve, Devenish Parish Church

Tuesday 25th

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

Sunday 30th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

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Sunday 6th

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm No Evening Service

Sunday 13th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Derryvullen South and Garvary



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Services

2nd December, The First Sunday of Advent

10.30 am Garvary, A Celebration of Holy Communion
12.00 noon Derryvullen South, A Celebration of Holy Communion

9th December, The Second Sunday of Advent

10.30 am Derryvullen, South Parish Morning Prayer
12.00 Garvary, Morning Prayer

16th December, The Third Sunday of Advent

10.30 am Garvary, The Sunday School Christmas play "The Birth of Jesus"
12.00 noon Derryvullen Parish, The Sunday School Christmas presentation

23rd December, The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30 am Derryvullen South Parish, A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

12.00 noon Garvary Parish Church, A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

7.00 pm Garvary Parish Church, Christmas Eve Holy Communion
8.30 pm Derryvullen Parish Church, Christmas Eve Holy Communion

25th December, CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00 Derryvullen South, A Celebration of Holy Communion
10.30 Garvary, A Celebration of Holy Communion

30th December, The First Sunday of Christmas

10.30 Derryvullen South, Morning Prayer
12.00 Garvary, Morning Prayer

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6th January, The Epiphany

10.30 Garvary, A Celebration of Holy Communion
12.00 Derryvullen South, A Celebration of



Readers of First World War tributes; Vivienne Ferguson, Peter Eames, Revd Sampson Ajuka, Alan Hassard, Dorothy Scott and Noel Foy.

7.30pm No Evening Service

Sunday 20th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm No Evening Service

Sunday 27th

10.00 am Family Service, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Family/Sunday school Service, Devenish Parish Church,
7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday School Party will be held on Monday 17th December at 7.00pm in the Reade Hall.

Remembrance Day Services

The services in both Devenish and Boho were conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka. The readings in Devenish were read by Norman McIlveen, India Daley and Enid Redmond and the organist was Gill Spence. The Girl Guide standbearers were Eve and Leah Pedersen.

To mark the Centenary of the end of the First World War tributes were made to those from



The First World War display.

Devenish Parish who made the supreme sacrifice.

J H Loftus Reade

Hugh Eames

James Lucy

Davis Wilcox

Joseph Acheson

The names of those who fell during two World Wars and associated with Devenish were read by David Scott. The RUCGC names were read by Cyril Hall. The UDR CGC names were read by David Ferguson. Wreaths were laid by David Eames and Wesley Scott (Parish), Clive McKee and Gerry McDermott (RUCGC) James Kells and Herbert Johnston (UDRCGC), and Eve Pedersen and Kay McKeown (Girl Guides). Andrew Gordon played the Last Post and the Reveille. Melanie Brooker said the Exhortation and The Kohima Epitaph. Stuart Brooker read the poem by William Butler Yeats "Young Fellow My Lad."

The parish wishes to thank Clive Johnston for his research into the families connected with the parish, who made the supreme sacrifice in the First World War; Vivienne Ferguson, Peter Eames, Alan Hassard, Dorothy Scott and Noel Foy for reading the tributes. (Copies of the tributes can be found on the Devenish and Boho Parish Website); The Knitting Group for providing the knitted poppy display to mark the centenary of the First World War; Clive McKee and William Harper for providing the First World War display in the entrance porch of the Church; Florence Eames for her Book Folding Remembrance and Arlene Little for her Remembrance arrangement.

Parish Sale and Auction

Devenish Parish Sale and Auction which was held on Saturday 10th November raised a total of £2721.50. Thank you to the auctioneer, Wesley Scott, the stall holders for all their hard work, everyone that gave produce, gifts and donations and everybody who attended.



The knitted poppy display.

Mothers' Union

On Tuesday 16th October we were delighted to welcome one of our own parishioners, David Eames, speak on his role as a beekeeper and why we need to recognise the importance of honey bees, not only for the honey which they produce but the essential part they play in pollinating our plants and crops without which the plants and crops would die off. He outlined the different jobs undertaken by the bee caste and their lifespan which varied between the caste. Everyone agreed that David had given us a very interesting insight into the work of the honey bees, which highlighted the huge importance of bee pollination making them a very essential part of the environment. Our programme for 2019 has been posted on the church's website and notice board. On Tuesday 15th January we look forward to hearing another one of our parishioners, Norma Ferguson, speak on the topic of "New Year New You." Anyone who wishes to hear Norma will be most welcome to attend our meeting.

Bowls Tournament

Devenish Bowling Club Pairs Annual Tournament was held recently in the Reade




Joe Morrison presenting the Mary Morrison Perpetual Cup to Rachel McDonnell and Nixon Alexander.

Hall, Monea with over 90 pairs competing for the title. This year's competition was won by Rachel McDonnell and Nixon Alexander from Ballylennon Indoor Bowling Club Co. Donegal. In the final game with the score at nine all after nine ends, Nixon and Rachel just edged victory when they collected one shot against David and Alan Graham. At the conclusion of the tournament, David Ferguson, the Chairman of Devenish club thanked all who had supported the tournament, gave donations and the club members and friends who organised a very successful tournament. Joe Morrison presented the Mary Morrison perpetual cup to Rachel and Nixon, the winners of the tournament.



Devenish Bowling Club pairs finalists.

Donacavey and Barr



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Services

Sunday 2nd December

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

Sunday 9th December

Barr: 10.00am MP
Donacavey: 11.30am Children's Carol Service

Saturday 15th December

Donacavey and Barr Sunday school party in hall from 2:00- 4:00pm. Come along for Christmas party games, scrumptious food and a visit from you know who.

Wednesday 12th December

Senior Citizens 2:00pm Holy Communion in Hall

Sunday 16th December

Barr: 10.00am Children's Family Service
Donacavey: 11.30am Children's Family Service

7:30pm St Eugene's Band

Sunday 23rd December

Barr: 10.00am Christingle Service. Each person bring a large orange.
Donacavey: 11.30am Christingle Service. Each person bring a large orange.

7:30pm Carol Service.

Let the rector know your favourite Christmas carol and the most requested ones will be sung on the night.

Monday 24th Christmas Eve

Barr: 8:00 pm HC

Tuesday 25th Christmas Day.

Donacavey: 9:00am HC

Sunday 30th December

Barr: 10.00am Service of the Word
Donacavey: 11.30am Service of the Word

Sunday 6th January

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer

Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 13th January

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer

Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th January

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer

Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th January

Barr: 10.00am Service of the Word

Donacavey: 11.30am Service of the Word



Attending the Cathers family baptism.

Advent Services

The Advent services will be held in Donacavey each Wednesday night leading up Christmas at 8:00 pm.

Craft Fayre

Our craft fayre was held on 24th November and a great success and I would like to thank those who gave so generously. Thanks to those who prepared the hall and set up the tables, to those who managed the stalls, made soup and teas, met people at the door and those who tidied up afterwards. As always this is a tremendous effort. Well done everyone.

Baptism

Family and friends of Richard and Erica met together in Donacavey for the baptism of Evie Elizabeth Cathers on the 28th of October. This was a very joyous occasion when promises were made on Evie's behalf by her parents. Continue to pray for Evie,



Craftwork at Donacavey GFS.

Brodie and Rogan as they grow up within the church family.

GFS

The Girls' Friendly Society have had a busy start to their year. They have been doing crafts on the theme of Noah and the sign rainbow sign of God's promise not to send a flood to cover the face of the earth again. They also were part of a very large service to mark Armistice Day. The Boy's Brigade and Royal British Legion helped fill the church as we remembered those who served during the war. Remembering especially those who gave their lives or were wounded and the millions affected by war.



A GFS winner



The GFS.



GFS on parade

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Preparations for Christmas seem to get earlier every year, but in the church calendar we begin our preparations on 2nd December – the first Sunday of Advent and also the beginning of the new church year. That means we have four Sundays before Christmas – four weeks to prepare to

celebrate the coming of Christ in human form, and also prepare for the time when he will return to the earth once more. Sadly all too often we allow ourselves to get so caught up with the busy-ness of practical preparations, shopping for presents, preparing meals, entertaining and so on that we risk missing the purpose of our celebration.

I hope that this Festival will create a space when we can once again reflect on the amazing truth of the Christmas message: The Word became Flesh and made his dwelling among us. (John 1:14). No Jesus, no peace. Know Jesus, know peace.

To all diocesan magazine readers, from all at Donagh Parish and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh: May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, the worship of the wisemen, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmastide and in 2019.

Services in December

Sunday, 2nd December 2018 – The First Sunday of Advent

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion
3pm Tyholland Parish Church: A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols followed by

refreshments in Tyholland Community Centre.

Sunday, 9th December 2018 – The Second Sunday of Advent

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer
3pm Errigal Truagh Parish Church: A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols followed by refreshments in Blackwater Valley Learning Centre.

Sunday, 16th December 2018 – The Third Sunday of Advent

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: (A combined service.) Nativity Play presented by the Sunday School Children.

Sunday, 23rd December 2018 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.
4pm Community Carol Service at the Christmas Tree in Glaslough Village Square.

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve

9pm: Tyholland Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Tuesday 25th December – Christmas Day

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion. Children are invited to bring a toy with them.

Sunday 30th December 2018 – The First Sunday of Christmas

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church (Group Service). Come along and sing your favourite carol.

Services in January 2019

Sunday 6th January 2019 - The Epiphany

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion
12.00 noon: Tyholland Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 13th January 2019 - The First Sunday After the Epiphany

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

Sunday 20th January 2019 - The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer
12.00 noon: Tyholland Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th January 2019 - The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer (Family Service)
12.00 noon: Errigal Truagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Mothers' Union

Visitor's Night was held in the Parish Hall in Donagh. We had a Bring and Buy Sale which raised €250 for Mama Harriet, a Mothers' Union Co-ordinator in South Sudan. She has been transporting food and essential items to the refugees of the civil war. Harriet is currently planning to set up "Project Eagle" which will help communities become self-reliant. Music was played by Mrs. Lynne McBride and the Scripture reading was read by Mrs. Diane Wright-Kendrick. Revd. Lorraine Capper opened the meeting and welcome Dean Raymond Ferguson, All-Ireland Chaplain to the Mothers' Union. Dean Ferguson gave a very interesting talk: "His Various Connections with the Mothers' Union over the Course of his Ministry". The ladies provided a delicious supper. Mrs. Eleanor Stewart gave the vote of thanks to Dean Ferguson.

In late November the Mothers' Union enjoyed a great night of fun and fellowship at the Rectory sampling the home-baked puddings made by Revd. Lorraine Capper. Funds raised at this event were given to the Mothers' Union.

The next Mothers' Union meeting will take place in Donagh Parish Hall at 8pm on Wednesday 16th January 2019. Ms Geraldine Casey is coming to share some of her crafts with us. The cost of the evening is €10.

Girls' Brigade Enrolment Service

Revd Lorraine Capper welcome the Donagh



Remembrance Sunday.



Girls' Brigade Branch to St. Salvator's on 4th November for their annual enrolment service. The Revd. Lorraine received the Girls' Brigade Colours from Jennifer Taylor assisted by Rebekah Williamson and Rebecca Lyster. The theme of the service was God's Love. Revd. Lorraine in taking each of the letters of the word LOVE spoke on God's Love is LASTING; God's Love is shown by sending His ONLY Son; God's Love is VAST and God's Love is for EVERYONE. Mrs. Margaret Dudgeon was enrolled as the Captain of the Branch and Lyn Graham, Lynne Williamson, Diane Singleton, Alison Johnston, Anne Dudgeon and Rachel Dudgeon were all enrolled as Officers. Rev. Lorraine was delighted to present Anne Dudgeon with her Officer's Certificate. The Brigaders led us in prayer which they had written themselves are part of the Scripture Badge. The Scripture readings were read by Sarah Taylor, Zara Gillanders, Sophie Breakey, Victoria Heatrick and Sarah Williamson. The whole Company of girls sang an anthem "Every Blade of Grass". Sarah Taylor an Alesha lifted the offering which was in aid of the company. Katie Singleton operated the PowerPoint throughout the service. Revd Loraine in closing paid thanks to Captain Margaret and her leadership team for all their dedication and commitment to the girls. She said "When I visit the Girls' Brigade I am always made very welcome and can see that the girls are very enthused to be there and they always seem to be having a great and fun time." Revd. Lorraine also thanked the parents for faithfully sending the girls week by week to Girls' Brigade.

Remembrance Sunday

We were delighted that Mr. Joe Waller, one of the oldest parishioners, laid the wreath at Donagh Parish Church at the War Memorial following the service of Morning Prayer on 11th November. At Errigal Truagh Parish, an act of Remembrance took place at the morning service which had celebration of Holy Communion.

Winter's Tale

Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th December at 8pm in St. Salvator's Parish Church, Glaslough. Followed by refreshments at Castle Leslie. Admission is by ticket only. This event has been totally sold out.

We are looking forward to two evenings of music and verse reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas. Mrs. Ethne McCord, Musical Director of both the Donagh Community Choir and the Donagh Junior Choir has been working very hard with both choirs in preparation for the evening. Gerard Toal will be our pianist and organist. Revd. Lorraine Capper will compere the evening as well as singing with the Donagh Community Choir. The evening finishes with a lovely candlelit journey to the beautiful Castle Leslie (transport is provided). On arrival at the castle tea, coffee and mulled wine will be served with mince pies and shortbread.

The Big Sing

Donagh Choir together with some others from Co. Monaghan Parishes travelling to St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen to take part in the "Big Sing". The newly formed choir

sang two anthems "Guide My Feet Lord" and "Go Now In Peace". Thanks again goes to Mrs. Ethne McCord who has trained and directs the choir. Thanks also to Mr. Gerard Toal who kindly agreed to accompany the choir on the keyboard. Our appreciation to Revd. Canon Ian Berry and the Select Vestry of St. Patrick's, Monaghan for kindly granting us the use of the church as a central location for our practices.

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the annual shoe box "Team Hope Project". This year the boxes will be going to support children in Eastern Europe countries where there is no social welfare system. Your kindness shows God's care for these vulnerable children. You bring great joy and excitement to a child who may never have

received a gift. Your thoughtfulness means a lot to these children sending out the clear message that every child is important.

Holy Baptism

Sunday 4th November in Tyholland Parish Church - Arthur Aidan Wilson, the son of Paul and Emer Wilson was baptised. A brother for Zadie and a grandson for Ronnie and Doris Wilson. We wish Arthur and all his family God's richest blessing.

Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are with all who have been recently bereaved. We offer our sympathy to the Waller and Stewart families and to all who remember the anniversary of a lost loved one.

Dromore



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Services

- 2nd Dec**
9.00am HC 2, "Watch, Pray, Stand" (Luke 21:25-36)
11.00am MP 2, "When our Lord Jesus comes" (1 Thessalonians 3:9-13)
7.30pm Advent Carol Service
- 9th Dec**
11.00am S o W, "All people will see God's salvation" (Luke 3:1-6)
- 16th Dec**
11.00am Nativity Carol Service
7.30pm Carol Service
- 23rd Dec**
11.00am Family Service, "Loud voice & Leaping Baby" (Luke 1:39-45)
- 24th Dec**
11.15pm Holy Communion 2, "Grace & Truth", (John 1:1-4, 15-18)
- 25th Dec**
10.30am Holy Communion 2, "Great and Small", (Luke 2:1-7)
11.00am Family Service, "Father's Business" (Luke 2:41-52)

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

Unbroken

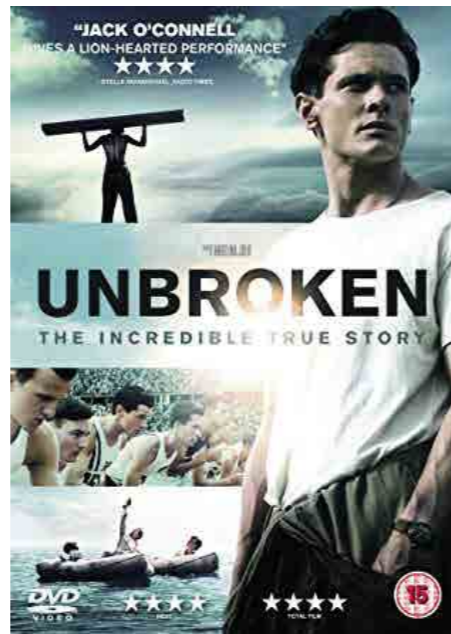
Angelina Jolie (famous actress and filmmaker) and born-again Christian Zamperini formed an incredible bond during the creative process of filming 'Unbroken' (due to be released on Boxing Day in the UK). According to Cynthia Garris, who is Zamperini's daughter, Jolie had an experience that ultimately propelled her closer to faith.

The crew was reportedly filming in South Wales, Australia when complications arose on set during the final scene. Jolie, desperate for a miracle, did the unimaginable, according to Garris. 'She was not a person of faith and had never prayed before but she found herself at the very last scene of the movie...They needed sunlight to shoot this very important scene and there had been a storm that had been going for a while. Angelina said 'I don't know what I'm going to do so I'll do what Louie would do.' She got on her knees and she prayed for a miracle...everybody saw it.

It stopped raining. The sun came out, a rainbow came out, she said 'let's get this take' and they shot the take. When she said 'cut,' it started to rain again.' Garris went on to explain how that moment will live as a testament to her father's relationship to God, and how this film has the capability to impact even those who don't affiliate with religion. (<http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Hollywood/2014/12/09/Christian-War-Hero-Inspired-Angelina-Jolie-To-Pray-For-A-Miracle-On-Set-Of-Unbroken/>)

At the end of Paul's life he was able to say 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.' (2 Tim 4:7). Will we be able to say that at the end of our lives and will our lives have a lasting impact on the lives of others.

As we approach the end of 2018 and anticipate the start of a New Year let's make



Unbroken

a decision to not 'Count the Days' but 'Make the Days Count' – that we would live for the Lord and for the glory of His name, each and every day.

May the Lord richly bless you this Christmas and in 2019 as you seek to do that.

Autumn Soul (Friday 26th – Sunday 28th Oct)

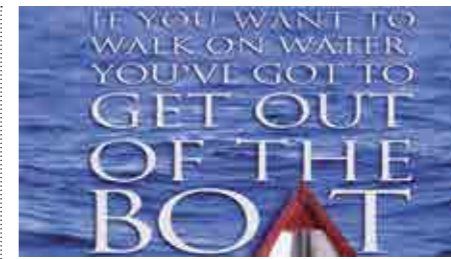
Eight from our Ignite Youth Group had a fantastic weekend with other youth from Clogher Diocese at Autumn Soul in Bangor. The theme of the weekend was 'Fearless' and those who attended were taught that God's love overcomes all fears (any worries, inadequacies, dread and failures that might hold us back) and sets us free to live out God's amazing purposes for our lives. The highlights of the weekend, among other things, were the worship, dodgeball tournament, dance workshop, hanging out with friends and a visit to Pickie Fun Park!

Bible Study

The Bible Study Group will resume on Wednesday 9th January @ 8.15pm in the Committee Room when we will be starting a short six-session DVD course entitled; 'If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat'.

"With over 365 'fear not' verses in the Bible - one for every day of the year - it is evident that God has something to say to us on the subject of fear.

In a passionate and engaging discussion of the biblical story of Matthew 14, Ortberg in his book *If You Want to Walk on Water You Have to Get Out of the Boat*, uses the example of Peter walking



Bible Study.

on the water to speak to the issues of how to face our fears and experience the power of God, as we trust Him to do things beyond what we could imagine."

Bryan Hardwick

Join us on Wednesdays, except the 3rd Wednesday of the month, to share and learn together through God's Word.

Keeping up to date

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

- Visit our website www.holytrinitydromore.org
- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore.
- Get a recording of the service on CD every week
- <http://holytrinitydromore.sermon.net> (to download and listen to sermons)

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

Happy Christmas to all our Parishioners and Friends



Dance workshop at Autumn Soul.



Autumn Soul speaker, Michael Spence.



The Clogher Diocese group at Autumn Soul.

Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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We were delighted to welcome the Bishop and also Archdeacon Pringle to Tubrid on 21 October when 12 of our young people were confirmed. We hope that Cameron, Justin, Reece, Kerr, Tommi, Sophie, Jay, Evan, Tamzin, Amy, Jody and Callum continue to be part of the church in the years that lie ahead.

On 8th November we had the annual concert in Templecarne which was taking place for the 34th year. The star guest was Curtis Magee and he was joined by many local artists who come back year after year not just to perform but also help in setting up the hall and also in tidying up afterwards. Ian Coalter who was MC at the first concert joined us again. On behalf of the parish I would like to thank all involved in the organisation of this event but is only right that we acknowledge the work of David and Hilda Johnston. Thanks also to the Methodist congregation for giving us the use of their wonderful hall.

When you read these words a new year in the life of the church will be beginning. While 1 January marks the New Year for the secular world, Advent Sunday marks the beginning of the New Year for our church. Sadly many people see the season of Advent as being simply the period of time when we get ready for Christmas. While we should celebrate Christmas we also need to think about what we are celebrating at this time of year.

Advent is a season that is observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas as well as being a time when we look forward to the day when Jesus will return.

It is fair to suggest that for Christians, the season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from three different perspectives. These are the coming of Christ in the flesh at Bethlehem which is in the past, his coming in our hearts on a daily basis which

is ongoing and his coming in glory at the end of time which is what we look forward to as Christians.

It is that third aspect that I wish to think about if I may as the season of Advent provides us with the opportunity to make ourselves ready for the Second Coming of the Messiah.

While there is absolutely nothing wrong with remembering the incarnation and indeed we do so on Christmas Day when we read those wonderful words from John's Gospel we do need to rediscover a sense of expectation at this time of year.

It would seem that in the past this time of year was marked with fasting to various degrees and I am sure you will be glad that I am not advocating this practice today.

However that does not mean that I am not going to challenge you in what I say. I truly believe that the season of Advent provides an opportunity for each one of us to look at our lives and see where we can do better. We should view this time of year as being one when we look at our lives with a critical eye and see what we need to change. As we look forward to Christmas we should consider the year past and see where we



The Confirmation candidates with the Bishop of Clogher and Revd Charles Eames.

can improve. It might be in our reading of scripture, it might be in our prayer life, it might be in what we do within our church. These are all areas where we can improve I would suggest.

The important thing for us is to realise that we can always do better and having realised that we need to strive to improve. That is what the life of faith is all about and while we will never be perfect that does not mean that we should not try to be more like the God who offers us life in all its fullness. I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. I hope that you see family

and friends and that you also spend time appreciating what God has given you. I also hope and pray that you spend some time thinking about the fact that the word became flesh and dwelt amongst us with all that means for us in our loves as Christians. **Happy Christmas.**

December 2018

Sunday 2 December

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid
Sunday 2 December 2018 Dernasesk Carol Service 7pm

Sunday 9 December

Carol Service 10.00 Muckcross, Sunday School Service 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 16 December

Carol Service 10.00 Templecarne, Carol Service 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 23 December

Holy Communion with baptism 10.00 – Muckcross, Holy Communion 11.30 – Tubrid
Christmas Eve Holy Communion Tubrid 11.00pm
Christmas Day Holy Communion Pettigo 10.00

Sunday 30 December

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

January 2019

Sunday 6 January

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, 11.30 Holy Communion Tubrid

Sunday 13 January

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckcross, 11.30 Morning Prayer Tubrid

Sunday 20 January

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 27 January

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckcross, 11.30 Holy Communion Tubrid

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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Dartrey and Rockcorry Annual Remembrance Parade Service

There was a large turnout at the Annual Remembrance Parade Service held on Sunday 11th November 2018 in St John's Parish Church, Dartrey which marked the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice in 1918 marking the end of World War 1.

Thanks are extended to Walter Pringle, Diocesan Lay Reader for conducting the Service; Revd David Moses for giving an inspiring address, Killyfargue Pipe Band for leading the parade to and from the church, Daniel Soden for playing the Piper's Lament "Flowers of the Forest", Audrey Doogan for playing the organ, Ian Jordan for reading the poem "The Poppy" and to John Wylie for laying the wreath. Everyone enjoyed tea and refreshments afterwards in Doohat Hall. The collection in aid of Poppy Appeal amounted to 564 euros.

Christmas Services

A schedule of services, until end of December, has been issued to all parishioners. Two special services on the list are the Carol Service in Dartrey Church on Sunday, 16th December, at 3pm with the

school children taking part. Refreshments to follow. Also, on Christmas Eve, at 10pm, Rev. Charles McCollum will conduct a United service of Holy Communion in Rockcorry Church. Please make a special effort to attend these services.

Personal

A number of parishioners have been bereaved during the month, a number have been ill at home and some have been hospitalised. A speedy recovery to good health is our wish for them all.

Happy Christmas

We wish all our parishioners and readers all the blessings of the festive season.

Aughnamullen

The variety concert held on Thursday 18th October in aid of fundraising for repairs to the belfry was a very enjoyable event. Our thanks to all who came along and supported it. A special word of thanks to the various artists who took part and provided musical items that everyone enjoyed and to Walter Pringle acting as a very capable MC for the occasion.

Our thanks to all those who gave donations and a special signed football jersey and to those who provided prizes for the raffle, also to the members of Latton GAA Club for granting us the use of their centre for the event.

Gospel Concert

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to defer this event to a later date.

Next event

A flower arranging display by Elizabeth Allister on Wednesday 12th December at 8pm in Christ church Aughnamullen. Refreshments served and all are welcome.

Annual Carol service

This will be held on Sunday 9th December at 3pm and we look forward to the children of Rockcorry National School taking part.

Prayers

We continue to remember in our prayers those who are unwell and undergoing

treatment and those in residential care.

Church Maintenance

We welcome the services of a T.U.S. worker Pat O'Brien to keep our church and grounds tidy.

Aghabog Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been bereaved recently especially to the Norris families on the death of a cousin Mrs Madiilda McCartney, Drum.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 21st October Bobby Burns, infant son of Alanna and Adrian was baptised.

Annual Carol service

This will be held on Sunday 16th December at 7.30pm. Christmas Day service in Aghabog at 10.00am HC.

A Date for your diary

A service to celebrate the centenary of Drumate Star of Bethlehem RBP 992 will be held in Aghabog Parish Church on Sunday 31st March 2019 at 3pm. The Preacher will be Revd William Anderson, Sovereign Grand Master. Everyone welcome.

Drum

190th anniversary

The 190th Anniversary of Drum Church was celebrated on Sunday 4th November; it was a wonderful uplifting service of praise, with special singing from the Kilmore Cathedral Choir who were so kind to take part under guidance of Dean Ferguson and accompanied on the organ by Mrs Vera Pollock. Archdeacon Brian Harper was the guest speaker on the day and Mr Walter Pringle conducted the service. Organist was Sharon Lancashire.

It was great to see so many of our "old" parishioners who are living further afield now back to mark the occasion, along with local and not so local friends and family.

There was a lovely tea served in the hall afterwards and everyone enjoyed that time to catch up and chat.



Scenes from the concert in Pettigo



A cheque for €1620 to the MSA Trust as the proceeds of the charity barbecue held in Rockcorry School in August has been handed over on behalf of the Ematris Group. MSA a neurological auto-immune diseases that causes so much distress to the sufferers and their families.

"A Night of Carols"
Friday 7th Dec 2018 • Drum Parish Church at 8pm
SPECIAL MUSIC
Festive supper served
Everybody welcome

A massive thank you to everybody who contributed to this service to make it a memorable occasion.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union held their opening service in Drum Parish Church on 25th

October. Canon Johnston conducted the service of Holy Communion.

The next meeting was scheduled on Thursday 22nd November in Rockcorry. Carol Service

Our next special service will be our annual

Night of Carols, which will be on Friday 7th December at 8pm.

There will be special music on the night, and a festive supper will be served.

Come and bring a friend or two and enjoy a night singing some of our favourite carols.

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Services in December

Sunday 2nd December: The First Sunday of Advent

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion
7.00pm – Evening Prayer
Thursday 6th December
11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 9th December: The Second Sunday of Advent

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Nativity Service
7.00pm – Evening Prayer
Thursday 13th December
11.00am - Holy Communion



Pictured with the Bishop David Chillingworth and Dean Kenneth Hall are from left to right – Karen Clyde (People's Churchwarden), Rev Canon Desmond Kingston (Former Chaplain of Portora Royal School), Rev Lorna Dreading (Methodist Church), Rt Rev Monsignor Peter O'Reilly (Roman Catholic Church), Ven Cecil Pringle (Archdeacon Emeritus), Rev Fr Conor Harper SJ (Clongowes Wood College), Rev Canon Dr Ian Ellis (Vice Chairman of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School), Rev Fr Michael Sheil SJ (Clongowes Wood College), Canon Harry Trimble (Former pupil of Portora Royal School), Andy McCabe (Dean's Verger) and Sandra Richmond (Rector's Churchwarden). They were attending the 400th anniversary service of the Royal Schools in Fermanagh.

Sunday 17th December: The Third Sunday of Advent

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion
7.00pm – Evening Prayer
Thursday 20th December
11.00am – Holy Communion
4.00pm – Messy Church

Sunday 23rd December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Carol Service
7.00pm – No Evening Service

Monday 24th December: Christmas Eve

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

Sunday 30th December: The First Sunday of Christmas

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Morning Prayer
7.00pm – No Evening Service

Services in January

Thursday 3rd January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 6th January: The Day of Epiphany

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

Thursday 10th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 13th January: The First Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Thursday 17th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 20th January: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Thursday 24th January

11.00am - Holy Communion
1.05pm – Healing Service

Sunday 28th January: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Thursday 31st January

11.00am - Holy Communion



Pictured with Bishop David Chillingworth and Dean Hall are Miss Elizabeth Armstrong (Principal of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School), Alexander Parke (Head boy) and Lois Egerton (Head girl) at the 400th anniversary service of the Royal Schools.

Holy Baptism

17th October - Ernica Stephanie Armstrong, Dennis Stephen Storey.

28th October - Cody Trevor James McMulkin, Imogen Lilly-Anne McMulkin, Georgia Noeleen Anne Armstrong, Alex Simon Mark Hannan.

9th November - Maisy Jo Sarah Foley (at hospital)

Christian Burial

16th November - Maisy Jo Sarah Foley (aged 9 weeks)

400th Anniversary Service

A Service of Choral Evensong was held in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Sunday 4th November to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Opening of the Royal School in Fermanagh. The service was conducted by the Dean of Clogher, the Very Rev Kenneth Hall and the preacher was the Rt Rev David Chillingworth, the former Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, a former pupil of Portora Royal School and a former choir boy in St Macartin's Cathedral.

The Battle's Over

A Nations tribute is now complete and it was marked in style in Enniskillen, the most Westerly location in the UK to take part. We replicated some of the events of 100 years ago, when Enniskillen was the first place to learn of the armistice, with search lights, sky rockets and the peal of St Macartin's Cathedral bells. The clock face on the Cathedral was backlit for the first time and now will shine for evermore as a sign of peace, hope and reconciliation in our

community symbolising the light of Christ shining forth from our lives!

A united morning service for all denominations was held in St Macartin's Cathedral, recorded live on RTE, was conducted by the Dean, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall and the preacher was the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell. Afterwards the Cathedral bells rang out at 12.30pm as suggested by Her Majesty's Government to move from a mood of 'remembrance' to that of 'celebration' that the Great War had ended.

In the evening time the four main churches joined in a united service of 'Hope, Peace, Light and Love' as Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist congregations processed to St Michael's Roman Catholic Church following their lantern of light, that was given to all four clergy at the 6.00am service at Enniskillen Castle by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Co Fermanagh. St Michael's was filled to capacity with almost 1000 people and a massive crowd outside (estimated at another 1000) brought the town centre to a standstill.

After a moving service in St Michael's Church a flame of light led the way to St Macartin's cathedral grounds (across the street) where Viscount Brookeborough HML lit a beacon. The crowds crossing the street were greeted by a massed band of 100 pipers and drummers drawn from all bands throughout the county. A spectacle to behold! At the same time as the beacon was lit the Cathedral Clock was lit, the Cathedral bells pealed again and sky rockets lit up the night sky. Two beams of light one from each side of the street crossed over each other



symbolising - two churches, two beams of light but one community united in love and respect of each other and for those who gave their lives 100 years ago, that we might celebrate freedom! (See photos below).

Cathedral Website

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

The Season of Advent

Advent is a time of impatient waiting, of holding our breath for what's waiting for us just around the corner. We're making preparations to celebrate Christmas Day, of course, but most importantly, Christians spend this time preparing and waiting for Christ to be born again into the world which so desperately waits for Him. We're not the first people who have longed for a different world – all through history people have waited, just as eagerly, for peace, hope, joy and love.

Messy Church

We hope you've enjoyed Messy Church in 2018 we celebrated Harvest, we learned about God through the movie Frozen, and we prepared a birthday party for Jesus at Christmas. There's lots more fun planned for 2019. We're taking a break in January, and we start back again on Thursday 21st February. Messy Church is for pre-schoolers and primary-aged children and their families or carers. We meet on the third Thursday



of the month, 2-4 pm, in the Cathedral Halls. Remember, all children must be accompanied by an adult at all times, and all adults attending must be there with a child.

Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights Café

There's a final rehearsal for the Nativity play and all-age worship on Sunday 2nd December. The Nativity Service is on Sunday 9th. At this service we ask children (and parents) to bring a new Christmas present for the Church of Ireland Board of Social Responsibility's Christmas Appeal. These are given to children less fortunate than our own. Please indicate on the present who it is suitable for – age group and sex. Thank you.

After the Nativity Service, Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights Café takes a break for the holidays – but please do bring children along to our other Christmas services. We start back on Sunday 13th January, and we encourage you to come along to the Cathedral for our Family Service on Sunday 27th January.

Confirmation

This year's confirmation candidates have begun their preparation to take a big step forward in their Christian journey in 2019. We marked the start of their preparation at a special all-age service on 25th November, and we met as a class for the first time on Monday 26th.

We meet three times before Christmas – Monday 3rd and Monday 10th December from 6.30 – 7.30 pm – Confirmation class Monday 17th December from 6.30 – 9 pm – Xplore Christmas Party

After Christmas, we resume weekly classes on Monday 7th January at the normal time of 6.30 – 7.30 pm. There's still time to join the confirmation class – Rev Chris and Laura can get you caught up with anything you missed.

Adult Confirmation

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

Xplore

Having fun at the October Halloween meeting.

If you are a young person in Years 9-12, then come along to our Xplore Christmas Party on Monday 17th December. Wear your craziest Christmas jumper and get into the festive mood with fun, games and food. We meet in the Upper Room in the Cathedral Hall. The party is from 6.30 – 9 pm. Watch this space for details of events happening in 2019!



Pilgrim

We are coming to the end of our Surprised by Hope course. During Remembrance tide and Advent, we thought about resurrection, what heaven is like, and Jesus' second coming. The last session takes place in the Devenish Room on Monday 7th January, from 7.30 – 9 pm.

If your New Year's resolution is to learn more about our Christian faith, then why not join us in February – details of the next Pilgrim course coming soon!

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union met in the Hilliard Room on Monday 12th November, The Dean opened the meeting with a reading and prayer. Branch Leader Stephanie Hamilton introduced the guest speaker, Revd Charles Eames, Chaplain of Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union. Charles grew up in County Fermanagh, attended Portora Royal School and joined the RUC in 1989. He served in a number of Fermanagh and Tyrone stations and reached the rank of Sergeant, retired from the force in early 2018 and is married with two sons. He became a Parish Reader in 2003 and was ordained as a Non-Stipendiary Minister in 2008, and became the Chaplain of Mothers' Union in 2018. He is open to any suggestions to help and encourage the members of Mothers' Union. Charles quoted favourite verses from The Books of Job and Hebrews and discussed what they meant to him. He also recited a poem from The Misery of Job and the mercy of God by John Piper.

The autumn council meeting in Clogh Church on 25th October was attended by Branch Leader and Secretary. There was a Prayer Vigil in Derryvullan North, Irvinestown on 28th November at 8.00pm to mark 16 Days of Activism against domestic violence. Members are encouraged to attend and are asked to bring items to donate to Women's Aid such as toiletries, nightwear, underwear, towels, slippers etc. They have also appealed for unwrapped Christmas presents for boys and girls. A number of shoeboxes were brought in. The yearly subscription is

now due and it would be appreciated if any outstanding could be paid to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

The evening concluded with the Mothers' Union prayer. On Tuesday 4th December, the outing is to Ardhowen Theatre to enjoy the musical "Annie". A very happy Christmas to all our members. The New Year meeting is a service of Holy Communion and AGM on Monday 14th January 2019.

Tuesday Club

The October meeting was opened by the Dean with a scripture reading and prayer. Eleanor welcomed the members thanking those who had decorated a Church window for Harvest Thanksgiving. The remaining money collected was given to the Harvest collection. Carol Dunwoody from Enniskillen Foot Clinic introduced herself and gave a comprehensive insight into foot ailments and treatment. The importance of looking after your feet was stressed with emphasis given to the correct choice of footwear. Tea followed with time for a chat and catch up. Next month Ann Rowley is the speaker and her subject Crafts, meeting in the Hilliard Room at 2.00pm. New members are very welcome. Don't forget the 60+ Christmas on 11th December in the Main Hall at 7.00pm. Please give your name to the office by Friday 7th December if you wish to attend.

60+ Parishioners' Party

The Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 11th December at 7.00pm. All those with a 'bus pass' are welcome!

Carol Service

Sunday 23rd December at 11.00am – Parish Carol Service

The loose collection at the Carol Service on Sunday 23rd December will be given towards the Dean of Belfast's Black Santa Charities. Please give generously.

Christmas Services

Three Holy Communion Services will be held. The Celebrant at our Christmas Eve Service (11.00pm) will be our Bishop, the Right Revd John McDowell and the preacher

will be the Revd Lorna Dreading of the Methodist Church. Two services will be held on Christmas Day at 9.00am and at 10.30am. Children are asked to bring a toy that Santa brought, to the 10.30am service which may be a little bit noisier!

Home Holy Communions for Christmas

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

The Shoebox Appeal

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

Season Greetings

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

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Mothers' Union

The November meeting was led by Thelma Coulter. She welcomed members and also

two new members, Heather Kirkpatrick and Claire Warrington. Bible Reading- Elvina Funston.

We then packed grocery hampers for distribution to the senior members of the Parish, and toiletry gift bags for those in Nursing Homes.

A prayer Vigil was being held in Derryvullen North Church on Wednesday, 28th November in support of 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence. Members have agreed to support Women's Aid by providing articles to be brought to this service. A letter was signed by members to call for action against gender based violence. This is to be forwarded to MLAs. Members were thanked for their support for the cake sale which raised £610. It was agreed to send £300 of this to Worldwide Relief.

Carol singing for the housebound and those in Nursing Homes has been arranged for 10th December and 11th December.

As a result of our last meeting when Valerie Mc Morris spoke about the Prayer Chain, Mamie Alexander has agreed to be the contact from our Branch. Please forward requests to her.

Arrangements were made for our Christmas supper.

Branch Leader, Elvina Funston closed the meeting with prayer.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Service Times

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

Sunday School Times

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

December Worship

Sunday 2nd December 3.00pm: Group service in Galloon Parish Church for Dedication of Lewis Organ
Sunday 9th December 9.00/10.30/12.00: Holy Communion x 3
Sunday 16th December 11.00am: Nativity for all three Churches in Sallaghy Parish Church.
Sunday 23rd December 3.00pm: Christmas Family Service – Christmas story with Carols in Drummully. Following the service we expect to have a "special visitor" for the children in the Church Hall.
Monday 24th December 7.00pm Christmas Eve: Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in Sallaghy Parish Church.



Tuesday 25th December 11.00am Christmas Day: Service in Galloon Parish Church.
 Sunday 30th December 11:00am 1st Sunday of Christmas: Group Service in Sallaghy.

Remembrance Sunday

The annual Group Remembrance Service was held in the Galloon Parish Church on Sunday 11th November. We were pleased to have our Methodist and Presbyterian neighbours present in the congregation. The service was led by Revd Anita and Mr Charles Crawford preached the sermon. Mrs Marina Elliott led a group of primary school children in the singing of "I Cast all my Cares upon You". The presence of the uniformed organisations Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and Beavers all contributed wonderfully to this solemn service. Acts of Remembrance were also held in Sallaghy and Drummully on the Sunday prior to Remembrance Sunday.

Advent Sunday 2nd December - Dedication of the Lewis Organ

Group Service Dedication of Lewis Organ in Galloon Parish Church at 3pm by the Right Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher. We are delighted to have Canon Martin White, former organist and Master of Choristers in Armagh Cathedral with us for the dedication of our magnificent Lewis Organ, such an



Wreaths laid at plaques in Galloon Church.

important milestone in the life of our Church. Whilst in Armagh, Canon Martin recorded many organ performances for BBC Radio 3 and RTE, and gave recitals abroad, notably in Germany and Belgium.

Good News Group Bible Study and Prayer

This group will generally meet on the first Wednesday of the month in Sallaghy Parish



Church Hall. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th December at 7.00pm.

Mothers' Union

On Thursday 13th December Galloon and Drummully Mothers' Union will host our Group Mothers' Union Christmas Party and they look forward to having their friends from Sallaghy join them for fun and fellowship.



The Confirmation candidates with the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell.

Mothers' Union

The October MU meeting was held in Garrison Church when the speaker was Captain Richard Beadle from the Church Army and currently in charge of the Manorhamilton group of parishes. He gave a very interesting talk on the books of the Bible. During his talk he showed us a mini bookshelf and miniature books which he had created with a topical illustration of what each book was about on the front. It was an excellent test of our Bible knowledge!

Members enjoyed a lovely supper and fellowship after the meeting. The MU and Choir combined dinner is on Friday 14th December at 7pm in the Holiday Centre, Garrison. It's not too late to come along if you contact Branch Leader, Dot Barlow asap.

The next MU meeting is the opening service on Tuesday 15th January at 8pm in Belleek Church.

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations to a former parishioner, Gordon Gregg, who was married to Megan Fitzpatrick on 25th October in Lisnaskea Parish Church. We wish them every future happiness.

Sunday School Party

The annual Sunday School Party will be held on Friday 21st December from 7pm- 9pm in the Wark Hall, Belleek.



Oisín Gregg and Emma Kettles dressed up and learning about the different Liturgical colours.

Thanks

Many thanks to all who supported the Coffee Morning in Garrison Church Hall on Saturday 27th October. A total of £1000 was raised for church funds. Thanks to everyone who baked, helped and donated. It was greatly appreciated.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been in hospital or unwell in recent weeks. Coming up to Christmas we remember our older parishioners who get special care in our excellent nursing homes. Please pray for Mrs Alice Johnston, Mrs Mabel Allingham and Miss Florrie Hamilton. If you have time over the holiday period please call to see these lovely ladies.

Confirmation Service

A service of confirmation for the group of parishes was held in Kiltyclogher church on Sunday 21st October at 3.30pm. The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell confirmed our young people:- Abi Brock, Carly Graham, Aoife and Oisín Gregg, Ethan Johnston, Emma Kettles, Skye and Levi Love. Please remember our young people in our prayers. Thanks to our Rector for all her preparation classes in advance of this service.

Christmas Greetings

The Rector wishes to convey her thanks to all the Churchwardens, Office Bearers for all their hard work and commitment all year both to her personally and their churches. She wishes everyone in the group of parishes a very blessed Christmas this year.

December Diary Dates

■ Wark Hall Sale on Saturday 8th December:- Good used clothing, Bric-a-Brac and cakes. Proceeds to the Wark Hall fund.
 ■ Slavin Christmas Sale will be held in the Wark Hall, Belleek on Tuesday 18th December 9 am to 1 pm.



The Confirmation Class and their parents enjoying a meal to mark the completion of Confirmation Classes.

Very good used clothing, Bric-a-Brac, cakes, Jam, Chutney and Teas will also be served. Cakes can be ordered beforehand.

■ Garrison Accordion band are planning events in 2019 to raise money for new instruments and uniforms. Everyone is invited to a Table Quiz and Raffle with supper on Saturday 12th January at 7.30pm in Melvin View Orange Hall. Future events will be arranged shortly.
 ■ Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org. The web manager is Jenna Earls.

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



Congregation and friends and neighbours who attended the Garrison Coffee Morning.



Helpers at the coffee morning, which was held in Garrison Church Hall on Saturday 27th October and £1000 was raised for Church Funds.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Services

Sunday 9th December

Kiltyclogher 10am HC
 Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 16th December

Slavin Group Service of Nativity



Combined Group Choir at Kiltyclogher Harvest

11.30 MP & FS

Sunday 23rd December

Kiltyclogher Group Service
 7pm Carols by Candlelight

Monday 24th December

Belleek, Group service 8pm HC
 Christmas Eve

Tuesday 25th December

Garrison Group service
 Christmas Day at 9.30am FS & HC

Sunday 30th December

Kiltyclogher Group service
 Christingle Service 3.30pm

Sunday 6th January

Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 13th January

Kiltyclogher 10am HC
 Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 20th January

Garrison 10am MP
 Slavin 11.30am MP

Sunday 27th January

Kiltyclogher 10am MP
 Belleek 11.30am MP

Sunday 3rd February

Garrison 10am HC
 Slavin 11.30am HC

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Parish Register

Baptism

Alexander Keith George, the son of Edmund and Debbie Ferguson was baptized on Sunday 26th August. We are delighted to welcome Alexander into the household of faith.

Weddings

Alistair Birch and Alison Quinn were married on 14th October, 2018. It was delightful to see the couple getting married and being connected with the parish. Alison's mother grew up in the parish. We were delighted that they choose our church for their wedding.

We were all delighted to hear that Colin Brownsmith got married on 4th September, 2018. We look forward to Olive coming to live in Fermanagh. We wish both couples every happiness in their future life together.

Advent

We have just entered in the Church's New Year and the season of Advent. As we prepare ourselves for Christmas – let us never forget the needy of the world. As happens each year the presents will be presented at the Christmas tree on Sunday 16th December whenever we will be having our young people's service in preparation for Christmas. It would be greatly

appreciated if food items, soap, shampoo, washing powder etc. were left in the church for the food bank for people who are in need at this time of year.

Whenever the next edition of the diocesan magazine will be printed – we will be into the season of Advent and will be preparing ourselves again for the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Everyone is invited to attend the various services in the lead up to Christmas and the New Year. The services will be as follows:-
Sunday 9th December @ 7.30pm Orange Carol service hosted by Monea, Church Hill and Garrison districts in Derrygonnelly Orange Hall.

Tuesday 11th December

7.30pm Community Carol service in Derrygonnelly community centre.

Sunday 16th December

11.30am Young people's service in preparation for Christmas.

7.30pm Carol service in Churchill Methodist Church. No service that Evening in Inishmacsaint.

Sunday 23rd December

11.30am Morning Prayer.

7.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Sunday 24th December

@ 10.30pm Holy Communion.

Sunday 25th December

8.00am Holy Communion.

10.30am Holy Communion.

Sunday 30th December

11.30 am Morning Prayer.

7.30pm A Christingle Service.

Monday 1st January

10.30am Morning Prayer.

Services as usual for the rest of the month.

If anyone needs home communion – please contact the Rector and let him know.

Community Carol Service

On Tuesday 11th December at 7.30pm the Churches Forum will be holding their annual Christmas Community Carol Service in Derrygonnelly Community Centre. This event involves all local churches and the children from our local schools. The music will be led by the schoolchildren and the

choirs from the churches. There will be light refreshments after the service. We look forward to welcoming as many members from our churches and the wider community to this Carol Service.

Mothers' Union

We were pleased to welcome our Diocesan President, Mrs Irene Boyd, to our October meeting. Her talk was entitled, 'In Mary Sumner's Footsteps' and Irene spoke enthusiastically about the aims and objectives of Mothers' Union and the part Mary Sumner played in its foundation. She then went on to explain the work of Mothers' Union Worldwide, at All-Ireland level and within our own Diocese. Members were encouraged to find that our Branch has been involved in many of the activities she outlined, even at Worldwide level. Irene also spoke of the role members can play in the work of their own parish church. It was a most interesting and informative evening with a good attendance of existing and new members.

We were encouraged by the numbers hoping to attend Visitors' Night in Garrison Parish Church. Some members hope to attend the Prayer Vigil in Derryvullan North, Irvinestown when Eileen will bring along our donated items for Women's Aid.

We look forward to our Christmas evening together when we make Christmas wreaths and the production of 'Annie' in the Ardhowen Theatre.

Our speaker in January, Mrs Hope Fawcett, will talk about her voluntary work with Women's Aid.



Kilskeery and Trillick

Pastoral cover and services will be conducted by **Abraham Storey**

Rural Dean, **Canon Mark Watson** is in charge.

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Both parishes would like to thank the clergy and diocesan readers who have conducted services this year. We welcome Mr Abraham Storey, Diocesan Reader, who is now covering services in Trillick and Kilskeery on a regular basis in conjunction with the Rural Dean, Canon Watson.

Canon Watson will continue to be in charge of the parishes and he will also provide pastoral cover with the assistance of Mr Storey.

Mothers' Union

In October members travelled to Ardess Parish Church Hall as the guests of Kesh Mothers' Union. A neo-natal nurse, who had recently retired from the Royal Victoria Hospital, spoke of her experiences

throughout a long nursing career and emphasised how there were marked changes for the better in all aspects of this work. At the end of the evening everyone enjoyed a lovely supper.

Car Boot/Table Top Sale

This will be held in Kilskeery Hall on Saturday 8 December 10am – 2pm. Cost £5 per car/table. Any enquiries please contact Gwen Crozier. Proceeds will go towards the Christmas lights in Kilskeery village.

Switching on Kilskeery Christmas Lights

– This will take place on 15 December at 6.30pm.

Queen Elizabeth 11 Primary School

Christmas Concert will be held on 18 December in Kilskeery Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm.



Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Services

Sunday, 2nd December 2018 Advent Sunday

Lisbellaw: 11am Holy Communion in Advent

Sunday, 9th December 2018 Second Sunday of Advent

Lisbellaw: 11am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 16th December 2018 Third Sunday of Advent



Lisbellaw Accordion Band who played at our recent concert.



Rosslea Accordion Band who played at the concert.

Lisbellaw: 9.45am Holy Communion Form One

11am Morning Prayer

Lisbellaw: 7pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday, 23rd December 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, 24th December 2018 Christmas Eve

Lisbellaw: 11pm Holy Communion for

Christmas Eve

Monday, 25th December 2018 Christmas Day

Lisbellaw: 11am Family Holy Communion

Sunday, 30th December 2018 First Sunday of Christmas

Lisbellaw: 11am Service of the Word for Christmas

January 2019:

Sunday, 6th January 2019

Lisbellaw: 11am Morning Prayer
Sunday, 13th January 2019
 Lisbellaw: 11am Holy Communion with speakers Geoff and Rosaliene Donaldson, SIM

Sunday, 20th January 2018
 Lisbellaw: 9.45am Holy Communion
 Lisbellaw: 11am Morning Prayer
 Colbuck: 3pm Evening Prayer
Sunday, 27th January 2018
 Lisbellaw: 11.00am Family Service

Parish Register

Baptism
 28th October 2018
 Evie Sophia May McDowell, daughter of Sophia and Chris, Clabby.

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Robert McElroy, formerly of Drumlone, Lisbellaw; the late David Burrell formerly of Lisburn; the late Donna Hawthorne formerly of Fivemiletown and the late Elizabeth Johnston formerly of Fintona.

Pastoral holiday cover from Wednesday, 2nd – Tuesday, 9th January 2019 (inclusive) will be provided by Dean Kenny Hall while the rector is on holiday. He can be



Three members of the Lisbellaw and South Fermanagh WW 1 Society, Raymond Crawford, Philip Irwin and Doreen Mullan who, on the evening of 24th October 2018, laid a wreath on the grave of Lance-Corporal Gordon Knox M.M Inniskilling Fusiliers to mark the 100th anniversary of his death. Gordon, aged just 20 had been severely wounded in the Battle of St Quentin in March 1918 and was being brought home on board the hospital ship, the 'Braemar Castle' when he passed away. He was buried in Lisbellaw Parish Churchyard.



Derryclavin Pipe Band who played at the concert.



Ballyreagh Silver Band who played at the concert.



Walter Pringle and David Abraham (organiser of concert) directing affairs.

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 Christmas Holy Communion on Friday, 14th December 2018 at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Mothers' Union
 Mothers' Union annual dinner on Tuesday, 22nd January 2019.



A young scout (left) and guide (right) at the morning Remembrance service.



Scouts and Guides Standard Bearers with their leaders on the morning of Remembrance Sunday.

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Services for December

- Sunday 2nd December**
 11.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- Sunday 9th December**
 11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Wednesday 12th December**
 3.00 p.m. Holy Communion in Trinity Hall for Senior Citizens
- Sunday 16th December**
 11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Sunday 23rd December**
 11.30 a.m. Family Carol Service
 Collection For Sponsored Children)
- Christmas Eve**
 8.00 p.m. Holy Communion
- Christmas Day**
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- Sunday 30th December**
 11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Services for January**
- Sunday 6th January**
 11.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- Wednesday 9th January**
 3.00 p.m. Holy Communion In Trinity Hall For Senior Citizens
- Sundays 13th January**
 11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Sunday 20th January**
 11.30 A.m. Morning Prayer
- Sunday 27th January**
 11.30 a.m. Family Service
 (Collection for sponsored children)

Marriage

Thursday 25th October
 Gordon William Gregg and Megan Maria Fitzpatrick, 16 Carnwood, Lisnaskea.
 Congratulations to you both.

Burial

• Saturday 27th October
 Fredrick Lee (Fred) Clarke, 50 Kilmacranell,



These crosses were made by Lisnaskea Brownies and Guides and placed on the end of the pews. They each represent someone from our parish who died during the first world war.

Lisnaskea.

• Saturday 10th November
 Burial of ashes: Auvery William Jordan, Indian River County, Florida.
 Our thoughts and prayers are with the Clarke and Jordan family circles and all who have been recently bereaved.

Remembrance

The Service of Remembrance held on Sunday 11th November was very well attended with the church filled to capacity. This year of course was particularly poignant as it marked the centenary of the end of the first World War and specially designed booklets for the occasion published by the "HOPE Together" charity were given out to the congregation. Wreaths were laid by the uniformed organisations and lessons read by Kenny Donaldson and Debbie Carson. The Last Post was played by Helen Wilson and the lament by Adam Fawcett while Lisnaskea Silver Band along with Lisnaskea Accordion Band led the parade. Thanks to all involved.



Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal

There was a great response again this year to this appeal and all boxes have now been collected and are safely on their way. Your efforts will certainly bring happiness to children who otherwise would not be receiving any gifts at Christmas.

Mothers' Union

At our October meeting we had a very interesting and informative talk from Tim Richmond from the Fire and Rescue Service. Tim gave us some very good pointers on the causes of fire and how to keep our homes as safe as possible. Some of the things he said were familiar but some really made us think about how we could try to prevent fires in our homes and how to react if we were unfortunate enough to have one. He also told us of the work the members of the Fire Service do while attending road traffic accidents, farm accidents or other occasions when the public rely on their services. When we had listened to Tim's talk, we as a Branch felt that it was vital for the information to be shared with as many others as possible. We decided to have Tim back on our Visitors' Night in February. We hope all visitors who come will learn something new or have their knowledge of fire safety strengthened. Tim will be bringing his work "colleague" Reggie with him and ladies he is very handsome, adorable and highly intelligent!! Tim has these attributes too of course. We had a "Beetle Drive" in October and although the numbers were small we all had a great night's fun. Our November meeting was our Holy Communion Service. There will be no meeting in December as we are going to Viscounts in Dungannon for a meal and to see their Christmas Decorations on Saturday 8th December. In September we sadly lost another of our long-standing members. We extend our deepest sympathy to Violet's family and pray that God will comfort them. Wishing all our members, their families and friends a Happy and Blessed Christmas.

Pantry Appeal

As last year this will begin after Christmas on Sunday 13th January and run for six weeks. Please bring along whatever non-perishable food items you can so we can pass them on to the food bank week by week. This is a very worthwhile cause and much appreciated.

Magheracross



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A very Merry Christmas to all our friends across the Diocese. Our festivities in Magheracross start on the evening of Friday 7th December. The village development group will be switching on the village lights at 7pm and this be followed by our Parish Christmas Fair in the Archdale Hall. This is an opportunity to come in from the cold and enjoy refreshments and a few stalls. This year we also have a special Christmas draw for many gifts that have been donated by local businesses and parishioners.

Special Services

On Sunday 9th we have the annual privilege of hosting the Mencap Carol Service. The Revd Charlie Eames will be returning for this event sporting a new Santa beard and Christmas jumper. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the singing and enjoy the excellent refreshments that follow. Wednesday 12th December is the day we host the Ballinamallard Primary School Christmas Service at 10am. Sunday 16th will be the morning that the Sunday School take part in the traditional nativity service in church with the youngest parishioner playing the part of Jesus in the manger. I think that the budding actor may

already have arrived but there could be a delivery that I don't know about...

Football Carol Service

Saturday 15th December, Ballinamallard United welcome Larne to Ferney Park. This game will be followed by the annual carol service in the stand accompanied by players and fans and musicians. Win or lose, we'll still be cheerful!

Annual Sit Out

The Annual Christmas Sit Out (when we rarely sit) will take place outside the church on Wednesday 19th from 8am to 8pm. This year the nominated beneficiaries are the RNLI (Enniskillen) and CLIC Sargent. CLIC Sargent is a national charity which operates locally and provides important support to children and young people with cancer. As always, your donations will be gratefully and joyfully received and we are always warmed by the sustenance provided by the local businesses and well-wishers.

Carol Service

Our Carol Services with Ballinamallard Silver Band will take place on Sunday 23rd at 10:30am in the Parish Church and 7pm in the Methodist Church.

Midnight Service

The Midnight Communion Service is at 11:15pm on December 24th and is followed on Christmas morning with celebrations at 8:30am and 10am, with the 10am service being particularly suitable for children and their families. The Watchnight Service will be in the Methodist Church on New Year's Eve night. There will be no evening services on December 30th or January 6th.

Mothers' Union

Magheracross Mothers' Union met in the Archdale Hall on Thursday 1st November. The speaker for the evening was Morag Armstrong, one of our own members. The meeting opened in the usual way with a hymn, bible reading and prayers. Morag gave us a very interesting talk on Autism and her support for the local Autism Branch. She also demonstrated the art of Book Folding. Members then had the opportunity to try this out for themselves and everyone was able to produce a hedgehog. A business meeting followed where we chose our menus for the Christmas Meal in the Hunting Lodge on Thursday 13th December. Members were reminded of the need for their support at the Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December and their help in catering for the annual Mencap Service on Sunday 9th December.

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Our Eternal Destiny

As I write these notes, we are still looking forward to our Mission with Archbishop Ben and he will have returned to Nigeria by the time these notes are read. The last year has been busy in the life of Ardess as the internal church repairs took place meaning we had to move out of the church and then move back in after the summer. We have also had a very busy autumn season. In our own lives, a lot can happen in a year and our past can sometimes be forgotten and details become blurred. I find myself asking what are the things that I remember and what is it that makes a real difference in life? The most memorable moments are those that made a significant change to my life, such as the day I got married and the days our sons were born. These were the highlights of my life but the greatest highlight, and the day that made the greatest change to my life, was the day that I realised simply going to church was not enough for God. You see, as a teenager I believed I would spend eternity with God as I was baptised and regularly attended church (some people even believe that simply being baptised guarantees eternity with God). However, that is not how life works. If after your wedding day you simply no longer bothered showing your wife that you cared for her and that you

didn't spend any time with her, let alone quality time, how long do you think your relationship would last? God loves us and wants us to have a relationship with Him, to show Him that we care for Him and that we want to spend time with Him daily. Starting the Christian journey and giving your life to follow Jesus is essential to receiving eternal life with God; however, if you give your life to following Jesus today and simply give up tomorrow, you have gained nothing. We need to grow daily with God so that we can live our present life with His peace that transcends all understanding and we must finish our journey in a relationship with Him so we can enjoy our eternal life with God. As we look towards a new year, after we celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, what are you going to do to make 2019 a memorable year? Will you change your eternal destiny and decide to allow the baby born in a manger to be your Saviour? And if you've already accepted Jesus as your Saviour, what will you do differently in 2019 to ensure your eternal

destiny is with God? May God bless you and give you a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year in the reality of His Love.
Canon Henry

Mothers' Union Open Night

On 18th October, our Mothers' Union had a wonderful Open Night joined by other branches of the Mothers' Union. Eileen Simpson, a specialist nurse in the Neo-natal unit in Belfast Hospital for sick children, gave us an insight into her rewarding job. She spoke about how the changes in medical science over the years has meant that more premature sick babies are surviving. The survival of these babies is also very much reliant upon the Specialist Transport Team and the SWAH Breastmilk Bank.

Friends in the Afternoon

Over 60 of us joined together and enjoyed an amazing harvest lunch in October. There was a wonderful atmosphere and good craic with guitar



Visitors viewing the WWI Centenary exhibition.

and singing by Paddy O'Riordan and Stephen Hey. On 6th November 2018, we were joined by Sandra Ross who gave a talk about The Mustard Seed in Donegal. She explained that this was a Christian community tea room which provided people with tea/coffee and wonderful homemade traybakes where people can come in for a relaxed chat or for prayer.

WW1 Centenary Remembrance Weekend 9th-11th Nov 2018

Over this significant weekend of remembrance marking the 100th year of the armistice, an exhibition and talks were held at the Ardess Parish Centre which was attended by over 2,000 people of all ages and denominations. The weekend finished with a special Service of Commemoration on the Sunday night at Ardess Parish Church and a last chance to see the exhibition.

The event opened on Friday 9th November morning with almost 200 school-children from the area attending to take part in workshops facilitated by Catherine Scott and Julian Thornton from the County Museum and Frankie Roofe, a local Genealogist.

The weekend was officially opened by Lt Commander Peter Archdale RN (Retired) and this was followed by a talk by Maurice Neill, journalist about the Eric Bogle's song, The Green Fields of France and the soldier, Willie McBride and his connections to Irvinestown and Fermanagh. Thomas Milligan sang the song during this talk. With the Ardess Accordion Band playing background music, Eva Baxter closed the evening with two local poems about the WW1: one from a soldier and the other from a bereaved family.

On Saturday afternoon, Major Alan McFarland Tank Regiment (retired) gave a talk about the three Irish Divisions during the First World War. Pipe Major Howard Marshall played laments during the exhibition and Frank McHugh was kept very busy providing genealogy.

The interdenominational service on Sunday evening identified the 152 known names of those from North Fermanagh who gave up their lives for our freedom. The names were read out accompanied by the Silver Tones Choir. Ballinamallard Silver Band and Helen Blair provided the music for the hymns. Revd Alan Irwin delivered the sermon and said that the ultimate peace is that from Jesus Christ. The service was conducted by Revd Canon Henry Blair, assisted by Revd Philip Bryson, Revd Steven Foster and Fr Frank McManus.

Thank you to David Keys and John

McClaghry for their research and organisation of this event. We also thank Joe Cassidy, Oliver Breen, Bruce Switzer and John Hall for their help with the exhibition and for those who took part in the talks and service.

Gospel Concert

The church was full on Friday, 2nd November 2018, for our Gospel Concert. We had a wonderful evening listening to The Silver Tones singing, Sarah McAlpine playing the harp, Margaret Johnston singing and playing the accordion and Philip and Viola Bryson singing a duet. Canon Henry was compere for the evening. Thank you to everyone who supported this event in raising funds for the church repairs.

Marriage Course

The Pre-Marriage Course was run over five weeks in October with five couples who are intending to get married in 2019. An excellent course, comprising of short video clips and private discussions between the couples, took place in a romantic setting with tables for two set with candles and flowers. Delicious meals were served with main course followed by dessert and tea/coffee and mints. The evenings were casual and light-hearted but dealt with important issues that need to be considered before entering into the serious promises and obligations of marriage. This course is thoroughly recommended for all who are considering marriage in the future.

Messy Harvest

Messy Harvest took place on Sunday 28th October from 4:00 – 6:00pm in The Fountain Centre. As you might have guessed our crafts and songs and talk were all centred on the harvest theme which was enjoyed by the 60 or so children, parents and grandparents who came along to join in. We finished our afternoon with a sit down dinner of soup and rolls, buns and finger food. A big thanks to all who took part and set up and set out and cleared up and more and we now look forward to our next event, Messy Christmas on Sunday 9th December.

Café Church

Café Church is now moving to a Saturday night from November, until further notice. The November night will be an opportunity to, as they say in Belfast, “have the bake burnt aff ye!” with our Curry Night, in which curry will feature heavily on the menu. If you find that your time is not your own – that life is passing you by and you don't seem to be doing

much with it – that you are longing for a night out, perhaps with that someone special – and with children being minded by granny – and you're 18+, then Café Church is for you. It's an opportunity to socialise and have a bit of craic with others around some food – no strings attached. This will be followed by our Café Church “Christmas Special” on Saturday 8th December 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

Christmas Events

@ The Fountain Centre

Cafe Church 'Christmas Special' Saturday 8th Dec '18 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Messy Christmas Church Sunday 9th Dec '18 4.00pm - 6.00pm
CONNECT Christmas Outreach Party Sat 15th Dec 7.00pm - 8.30pm

@ Mullaghfarne

Mullaghfarne Christmas Service Sunday 16th Dec 3.00pm

@ Ardess Parish Centre

Children's Church Christmas Party Saturday 22nd Dec '18 3.00pm - 5.00pm

@ Ardess Parish Church

Children's Carol Service 11.00am, Sunday 23rd Dec '18
Community Carol Service 7.00pm, Sunday 23rd Dec '18
Christmas Eve Service 11.30pm, Monday 24th Dec '18
Christmas Morning Service 10.00am, Tuesday 25th Dec '18

January Events

Week of Prayer Monday 7th January '19 to 13th January '19.

Alpha

This takes place on the week beginning 14th January 19 at Ardess Parish Centre. Alpha is run around the globe and is open to everyone. We will be holding Alpha over a 10-week period (once a week) and each week we will look at a different question around faith, for example Who is Jesus? and How can we have faith? to Why and how do I pray? and How does God guide us? This is a great opportunity to explore the big issues around faith, unpack the basics of Christianity swell as providing a place to ask questions about Christianity. We encourage you to come along and find out what the Christianity faith actually is and not just what you may perceive it to be. There will also be a Youth Alpha (Year 8+) on Sunday nights held at The Fountain Centre from 13th January 2019 (7.00pm - 8.30pm).

Regular Events

Church Services @ Ardess Parish Centre
Sunday Services: 9.30am Morning Prayer

& 11.00am Family Worship

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
Hour of Power: fortnightly 8.00pm
Tuesday (4th Dec '18)

Our Youth @ The Fountain Centre

Blaze Youth Club (Year 8 - 10) Fridays 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Flame Youth Club (Year 11+) Fridays 8.30pm - 10.00pm

(Friday Night Youth Club finishes Friday 21st Dec, recommences Fri 11th Jan '19)
Connect Youth Fellowship (Year 8- 14) Sundays 7.00pm - 8.30pm

(Finishes with Outreach Party, Sat 15th Dec 7.00pm - 8.30pm). Recommences 6th Jan (Youth Alpha Course will take place at Connect from 13th Jan '19)

Babies & Tots @ Ardess Parish Centre

Ardess Little Lambs 10.00am - 12.00pm (finishes 17th Dec '18 and starts back 7th Jan '19)

Children @ Ardess Parish Church

Children's Church (3-13 years old) Sundays 11.00am (finishes Sunday 23rd Dec and will return on 13th Jan '19)

Children @ Kesh Primary School

Waterworks 3.15pm - 4.30pm Tuesdays (finishes 18th Dec '18 and starts back 15th Jan '19).

Life Groups (various locations/times)

Fortnightly (to accommodate Hour of Power) - contact Canon Henry to join one.

Friends in the Afternoon

Tuesdays (every fortnight) 2.00pm @ Ardess Parish Centre
11th December 2018 - Holy Communion
Christmas Tea
8th January 2019 - Memories of Kesh by Maurice Lee

Mothers' Union Christmas

Christmas Night Out at Tullana, Lisnarick - 6.30pm Thursday, 6th December '18

Wedding

26th October 2018 - Jonathan Cathcart and Suzannah Ramsey, both of Derrylin Road, Laragh, Kinawley. We congratulate Mr and Mrs Cathcart on their marriage and pray God's blessing on their future together.

Funeral Service

24th October '18 - Agnes Wilson (aged 97) of Kesh (buried in Tubrid). Our condolences to the Wilson family.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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Dear Parishioners, Prayers and Coffee

I would invite parishioners to a weekly Friday morning service in the Rectory at 10.00am in the run up to Christmas. Starting with Holy Communion on the Feast of St. Andrew, Friday the 30th November. On the following the three Fridays of Advent we will have a reading of the Daily office, Bible Study and coffee.

Bishops' Appeal special collection

The special Sunday collection for the Indonesian earthquake and Tsunami sufferers has an increased total of £985.

Sponsored walk

At the time of writing no final total for the grouped sponsored walk is available as donations are still being handed in at church.

Remembrance Sunday

210 people attended services in the group on the 11/11/18 as part of the national Remembrance Day ceremonies. A fine tribute to those who served and the fallen.



Three vacuum bales of coats, blankets, underwear, gloves, socks and jumpers over 5 stone in weight sent to Belarusian children living near Chernobyl by Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk parishioners

Christmas Lunch

Friday 7th December at 12.30pm courtesy of the Mothers' Union. The Rector will celebrate a short service of Holy Communion at 12.30pm in the parish hall. It is hoped that due to his broken ankle and shin that those unable to attend over Christmas for Holy Communion would avail of this service.

Lunch will follow and perhaps if you are good we may have a visit from Santa.

Mothers' Union

The speaker in November was Mrs Elma Nelson from our own branch. Elma showed photographs and gave a lovely account of her visit to Buckingham Palace and Hillsborough Castle where she was presented with her British Empire Medal. Then Mrs Clare Graham (representative for The Body Shop) showed us a collection of products and spoke about the various items on offer in the Christmas catalogue. Mrs Olive Elliott presented her with a small token of our appreciation. There will be no meeting in December as the Christmas lunch will take place for the Senior Citizens on Friday 7th December. The next meeting will be on Monday 14th January.

1st Maguiresbridge Guides

A special thanks to all who contributed and helped at the Guides fundraising Coffee Morning on 2nd June 2018. Along with a collection from the Church barbecue at Belle Isle a total of £828 was raised. Some of the funds helped support one of the leaders Jill Crawford to attend an International Service project to Estonia in the summer, where a group of 12 guides and three leaders volunteered at an Eco-farm for 10 days. The Guides attended the annual Co. Fermanagh Girlguiding Muddy Ducks Camp held at Castle Saunderson (22nd-24th June) where a range of activities such as raft building, crate stacking, and back woods cooking. It was a fantastic fun filled sunny weekend.

So far this term the Guides have been working on Good Relations, Cooking & First Aid badges; and playing Captain Ball. New members aged 10-14 would be very welcome, we meet Thursdays 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Sunday Schools

The grouped trip for children will be on the 15th December and a note will be sent home by the teachers.

Sunday the 16th December (Advent 3) is called Gaudete Sunday and this is a children's service in both churches. It's a morning for Christmas jumpers.

Advent and Gaudete Sunday

While the theme of Advent is a focus on the coming of Jesus in three ways: His first, His present and His final Advent, the readings for Gaudete Sunday deal with rejoicing in the Lord – Christian joy – as well as the mission of St. John the Baptist and his connection with Advent.

The theologian Henri Nouwen described the difference between joy and happiness. While happiness is dependent on external conditions, joy is “the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing – sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death – can take that love away. Thus joy can be present even in the midst of sadness.

Gaudete Sunday is referred to as the “Sunday of joy,” and that instead of fretting about “all they still haven't” done to prepare for Christmas, people should “think of all the good things life has given you.” On Gaudete Sunday rose-coloured vestments may be worn instead of violet (or instead of blue, in the Anglican and some Lutheran and other Protestant traditions), which is otherwise prescribed for every day in the season of Advent. Gaudete Sunday was also known as “Rose Sunday”. In churches that have an Advent Wreath, the rose-coloured candle is lit in addition to two of the violet coloured candles, which represent the first two Sundays of Advent. Despite the otherwise somber readings of the season of Advent, which has as a secondary theme the need for penitence, the readings on the third Sunday emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming.

Christmas Services

Sunday 9th December at 3.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols in Ballindarragh Union Hall. Followed by tea in the Orange Hall
Sunday 16th December at 10.30 in Maguiresbridge Children's Nativity service and Holy Baptism.

12.00pm in Derrybrusk Childrens Lessons and Carols service
8.00pm Grouped nine Lessons and Carols in Christ Church Maguiresbridge
Christmas Eve at 11.30pm in Derrybrusk. Holy Communion
Christmas Day at 10.30 in Maguiresbridge Holy Communion. Families with children please allow a “quieter” toy to come to church
30/1/18 Grouped service in Maguiresbridge at 10.30. No Derrybrusk service.

Parish Dance: Keep free

Curtis Magee Returns to the Parish for our Annual Dance on Friday 28th January 2019. Dancing from 9.30pm in Maguiresbridge Parochial Hall.

Second Sunday of the Month

I would like to welcome Abraham Storey to the worship rota of the parish. Abraham is working alongside myself in the Trillick and Kilskeery group. So that they may receive Holy Communion we will swap services on the second of each month.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

9th December Second Sunday of Advent

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

16th December Third Sunday of Advent

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

23rd December Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30am St Patrick's All Age Worship
7pm Ballinode Group Carol Service (with U3A choir)

25th December Christmas Day

9:30am St. Patrick's Group Traditional Communion Service
10:30am St. Patrick's Group All Age Communion Service

30th December First Sunday of Christmas

10.30am St Patrick's Service of the Word

6th January Epiphany

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

13th January Second Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am St Patrick's Holy Communion
12.15pm Ballinode Morning Prayer

20th January Third Sunday of Epiphany

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

27th January Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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

Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group met on Tuesday 16th October when the theme for the evening

Jumper appeal

Three vacuum bales of coats, blankets, underwear, gloves, socks and jumpers over five stone in weight sent to Belarusian children living near Chernobyl by Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk parishioners. This was part of the Jumper Appeal to support the work of Evelyn and

was Old Monaghan Society with Enda Galligan and Nigel Brannigan. They will meet on Thursday 13th December for their Christmas meal at Freda Fleming's House, Monaghan.

Mothers' Union

The members met on Tuesday 6th November in the Church for "Patchwork" by Frances Ebbs, a member of the Branch. The evening concluded with refreshments and business meeting. They will travel to Sally's in Aughnacloy on Tuesday 6th December for their Christmas Party.

Parish Sale

The Annual Parish Sale was held on Friday 19th October in the Hall with the final amount raised being in excess of €2916.95. We are as ever indebted to the committee who organised the event – the members of our congregation who donated saleable items, gave a donation, or sponsored a hamper. We express grateful thanks to all who helped on the day and to the community for their support.

Monaghan Collegiate School Prizegiving

The Prizegiving was held in St. Patrick's Church on Friday 26th October – the guest speaker was the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys T.D. who urged the students to "work hard and be the best you can because you never know where you might end up, and whatever that may be, be enthusiastic every day, because nothing great is ever accomplished without enthusiasm." We congratulate all those who received prizes or awards for academic or sporting achievements particularly those from our group of parishes. The evening concluded with refreshments in the Hall.

Monaghan Collegiate Sale

This will be held in St. Patrick's Hall on Friday 7th December. There will be the usual stalls and tea and coffee will be available. All support welcome.

Illness

Please continue to remember in prayer those who are ill or recovering, the

Ynyr Smith from Dromore parish.

I am delighted to announce that the jumpers arrived safely in Belarus on 14th November. Evelyn and Ynyr were very overweight with baggage, but we prayed that the Lord would temporarily close the eyes of those who could have stopped the gifts (airlines and customs) and he answered prayers.

housebound and those in residential care and their families.

Vortex Youth Group

The members were hosted by the bowling club on Saturday the 20th October for a bowling competition – a very enjoyable night was had by all.

Congratulations

Congratulations to David and Victoria Gilmour on the birth of their son, Frankie.

Christmas Service Arrangements

Sunday 23rd December – Group Carol Service in Ballinode Church at 7:00pm, Christmas Day at 9:30am traditional Communion Service in St. Patrick's Church. 10:30am Group All Age Communion Service in St. Patrick's Church.

The Ladies' Group Inter-denominational Carol Service

This will be held in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 11th December at 8:00pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served in the Hall immediately after the service. The collection will be in aid of charities.

Condolences

We offer prayerful sympathy to Ms. Deirdre Sleator and family on the death of her father.

The Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection Community Employment Scheme

The end of another year beckons, and we would want to express sincere thanks to our supervisors Ms. Elaine GunnO'Connor and Mr Kevin Clarke and all the participants for work carried out during the year at various locations throughout County Monaghan.

Christmas Greetings

We wish all the members of our Group of Parishes and the wider Community a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Rossorry



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A note from the Rector

'Meekness and majesty...'

Graham Kendrick is a well-known singer song-writer who has composed many modern worship songs some of which have made their way into our Irish Church Hymnal - 'Shine, Jesus, Shine'; 'The Servant King' and 'Meekness and Majesty' are fine examples. 'Meekness and Majesty' has a chorus with the words: 'O what a mystery, meekness and majesty, bow down and worship, for this is your God' The mystery it sings about is the paradox that the baby born in a stable at Christmas, should be at the same time the majestic Son of God who sits enthroned in heaven. This amazing belief of the Christian faith is something which we cannot fully understand yet is revealed to us in the scripture readings we use in the Advent - Christmas period. St Paul speaks of '... the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed...' Romans 16.25

So, what is the mystery? It's the amazing secret, that eternal life is God's free gift to the world because he loves us and wishes us to love him in return. As we approach Christmas may we marvel at that paradox: – that combining meekness and majesty in the person of the baby in a manger is the mystery which brings us salvation. I invite you to join us for our Advent – Christmas services to hear again of the mystery of God coming among us in Jesus. I wish all our parishioners a very Peaceful Christmas and very Happy New Year.

Your friend and Rector,
Revd Canon Dr IW Ellis

Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade

On Sunday 11th November last, on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice at the end of the Great War,



Photos from Remembrance Sunday.



Rossorry Parish held its Annual Service of Remembrance. The church was packed, as the Youth Organisations, led by a Piper (William Dowson) paraded the Union flag and their troop colours into Church. A solemn Act of Remembrance took place, led by Canon Ellis. Readings were by Sarah Maguire and Nick Hambly (Parish Readers) and Gerry O' Callaghan (Parish Administrator). Wreaths were laid by Jane Willis (Rossorry Scouts), Ellen Graham (Rossorry Guides), Ivan Bleakley (on behalf of the Parish) and John Neill and Willie Faulkner (on behalf of the UDR Association). The Flag Bearers were Emily Balfour (Brownies), Isaac Madill (Beavers), Alfie Graham (Cub Scouts), Nicholas Armstrong and Ed Wallace (Scouts) and Millie Graham and Annabel Kingston (Guides). Canon Ellis preached on the importance of remembering that those who died were not strangers or from somewhere else, as he told the story of three brothers from the Parish (Carrothers brothers) from among many, who went off to war. Two of them were killed and one survived. They were members of this Church and their decedents worship here to this day. The 'Candle of Peace' was lit by Lacey Crawford (Rainbows)

Parish Facilities Development Plans

A Sub-Committee of The Select Vestry has been working on proposals to upgrade and extend the Parish Hall, provide new fellowship and Sunday School facilities (incorporating the Stables building) and extending the off road car parking facilities, for well over a year now.

The plans were approved by the Representative Church Body in early September, so, the next stage will be to submit an application to the Planning Service for approval to build. The Architect is presently working on detailed drawing for this application. With assistance from the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, the Parish commissioned a Comprehensive Feasibility Study with a firm called Venturei. The report has now been prepared and will reflect the views of the 140 replies to our survey to tweak and improve the plans prior to applying for planning permission.

Presentation to Mr Ernie Long

A presentation was made, on Sunday 28th October, to Mr Ernie Long to mark his retirement after 25 years as leader of the Counting Team in Rossorry Parish Church.



Mr Ernie Long (second left), with the Rector, Canon Ian Ellis and Churchwardens, Mr. Kenneth Brownlee and Mr Albert Armstrong.

The congregation was also reminded of Ernie's many years of previous service as Sunday School Superintendent. What a wonderful record of service to the Lord – freely given!! The picture shows Ernie with the Rector and Churchwardens Mr Albert Armstrong and Mr Kenneth Brownlee.

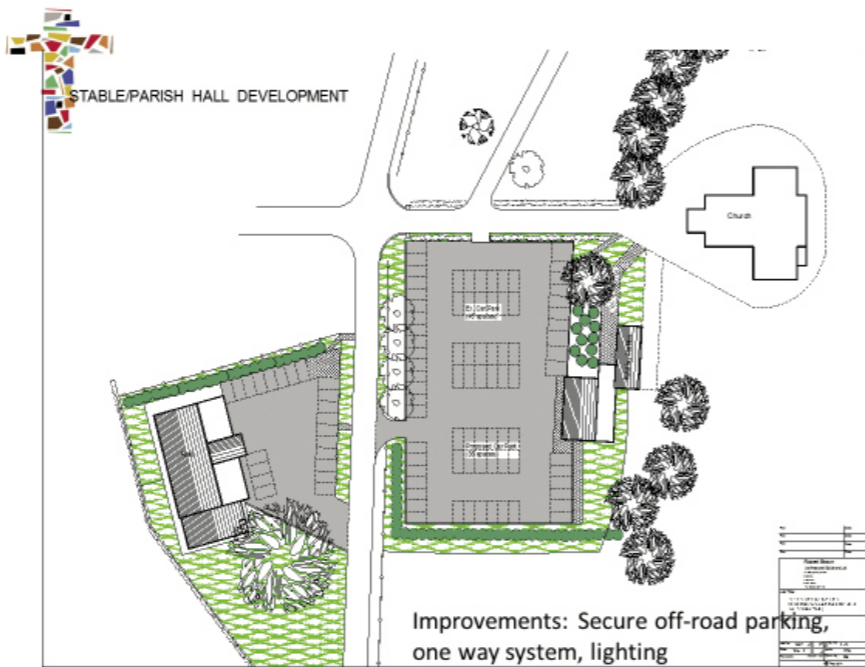
Prayer Group

The Prayer group meets at the Parish office and continues 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

On Thursday 18th October, members of Rossorry Mothers' Union enjoyed watching the film Victoria and Abdul. Complete with pop and popcorn in the Parish Hall we watched the story of an unexpected friendship in the later years of Queen Victoria's remarkable rule (played by Dame Judi Dench) and Abdul Karim (played by Ali Fazal). Abdul, a young clerk, travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee and is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself. Victoria and Abdul portrays a friendship which crosses boundaries of age, genders, race, culture, religion and class: changing lives as a result. If you are interested in joining the group – please contact Mrs Heather Ellis on 02866 320239 or any of the members. You will be made most welcome. Meetings or outings are normally held on the third Thursday of every month.



The Parish development plans.

Wednesday Club News

The Club has been running now for 19 very successful years which have brought fellowship and fun to the older members of our parish. Congratulations to all who put the work into making this group the success that it is.

At the meeting on 24th October, members made "clothes peg wreaths". This was a novel and fun use of simple materials. The meetings of the Club are every Wednesday at 10.30 am, from September until June. Everyone is welcome - there is always room for new members.

A programme has been prepared of events / speakers up to Christmas. See below :

- 5th December - Communion Service with Canon Ellis.
 - 12th December - Christmas Lunch.
- If you want to know more give Ethel Oldcroft a ring at 66 326339



Wednesday Club members showing their clothes peg wreath.

Scouts and Guides

Scouts and Guides are up and running again for the new term. Keep in touch with the leaders on Facebook for details of events etc.

New members are most welcome and if you would like information contact one of the Leaders (details below).

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

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 pm Jackie Cassidy (Facebook) to put your name down or if you want any further details.

Arts & Crafts Classes

Painting class meets Fridays at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Weaving classes meet on Wednesdays at 10am in the Hall.

The classes are very popular – but there is always room for someone else - so be sure



The Irvine family with Canon Ian Ellis at the Baptism Service.

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 opened with the first end bowled on Monday 10th September –if you are interested in getting involved, the Club is always looking for new members. For information: - contact William Stevenson on 07719662473.

Services for December 2018

Sunday 2nd December

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

Sunday 9th December

9.00 am. Holy Communion.
11.00 am. Morning Prayer

Sunday 16th December

9.00 am. Holy Communion.
11.00 am. Family Service.(Sunday School Nativity)

Sunday 23rd December

9.00 am.Holy Communion.
11.00 am. Morning Prayer.
7.00 pm.Carol Service

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve

10.00 pm Holy Communion

Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th December

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



From heaven You came, helpless Babe,
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;

Services for January 2019

Sunday 6th January

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

Sunday 13th January

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

Sunday 20th January

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

Sunday 27th January

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

Parish Register

Bereavements

Sadly, since the publication of the last magazine, three of our parishioners have passed away. The parishioners of Rossorry offer their most sincere condolences and prayers for the grieving families.

MILLER, Sarah Maria (Sadie), nee **BENSON**, of Gortacharn Nursing home and formerly of Scaffog, Enniskillen died peacefully at the South West Acute Hospital, after a short illness on 18th September 2018. Her Funeral Service was held at Rossorry Parish

Church on Thursday 20th September 2018, followed by interment in her family plot at Rossorry afterwards.

FARRELLY, Marguerita (Rita), formerly of Elliott Place, died peacefully at Drumclay Nursing Home on 29th October 2018.

After a private Funeral Service at Rossorry Parish Church, Enniskillen at 12.00 pm on 1st November 2018, interment followed at Rossorry Parish Churchyard, in the family plot.

FAWCETT, Charles Oliver (Olly) of Riverside Farm, Culkey, died peacefully at the South West Acute Hospital, after a short illness. His Funeral Service was held at Rossorry Parish Church on Tuesday 6th November 2018, followed by interment in his family plot at Cleenish Parish Church.

Baptism

RYAN, Amelia Irvine, infant daughter of Kyle and Elaine, who was baptised in Rossorry Parish Church by Canon Ellis on Sunday 28th October 2018.

May she grow in the faith in which she has been baptised.

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Tempo and Clabby



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Archdeacon Brian Harper is in charge.

Pastoral cover provided by **Mr Roy Crowe**,
Diocesan Pastoral Assistant

Services

DECEMBER

Sunday 9th December

Holy Communion in both Churches
Sunday 23rd Dec - Family Carol Service in both Churches
Christmas Eve 9.30pm in Tempo Church – Holy Communion Service
Christmas Day 9.00am in Clabby Church –

Short Family Service and Holy Communion
JANUARY
Sunday 13th Jan – Holy Communion in both Churches

Clabby Auction

Thank you to all who supported and worked on the day for the annual auction. A total of £1780 was raised for Parish funds.

Remembrance Day Services

Mr Roy Crowe conducted the annual Act of Remembrance Services in both of our churches.

In Tempo a wreath was laid by Mr George White, Emily McFarland, escorted by Leah Crawford and Molly White from Tempo Guides laid a wreath on behalf of the youth organisations in the Parish.

In Clabby, wreaths were laid by Messrs Ian McCutcheon and Mark Byers and an ex-RUC member. Young members from the Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels were also in attendance.

We are very grateful to Mrs Thelma Parr from Tempo Silver Band for attending both of our church services to play the Last Post and the Reveille.

Mr Roy Crowe sang a solo at both services and the organist was Mrs Carole Graham.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union enjoyed a lovely social evening and get together with an excellent meal in the Lady Nelson. Games, poetry and musical songs with Mr Roy Crowe finished the evening.

Forthcoming Meetings

- Tuesday 11th Dec – Clabby Hall – Bake and Eat Night
- Tuesday 8th January 2019 – Tempo Hall – first meeting of the New Year with Holy Communion

Chocolate Bars

Tempo Parish Church has special chocolate bars for sale just in time for Christmas, all proceeds to Parish Funds.

Keep Free

Marching Bands Concert - in Tempo Parish Church Hall on Friday 8th March 2019

Trory and Killadeas

Vacant

Services covered by **Canon Billy Johnston** and **Mr. Colin Brownsmith**.

Archdeacon Brian Harper is in charge with **Mrs Sue Hogg**, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant, assisting with pastoral care.

Trory

Church Services

Sunday Services will continue as normal 11.30am with Sunday school commencing at 10.15am.

Christmas Carol Service will be at Morning Prayer 16th December and it is on that date that Sunday School will take their Christmas break, commencing again on the 13th January.

Christmas morning will be a joint service at Trory 10.00am. Do not forget the traditional Christmas Eve Service at Killadeas 11.30pm.

Sunday School Christmas outing will be on the afternoon of 15th December. Keep in touch with the leaders for finer details nearer to the event.

Parish Register (Marriage)

We had the pleasure to facilitate the wedding of Stephanie Connor and Jonathan Griffith on Saturday 10th November. After the terrible weather on the preceding day the sun shone and Trory Parish Church on



Stephanie Connor and Jonathan Griffith following their marriage.

top of the hill overlooking the lake was just the venue for a most beautiful wedding. The reception was held at the Manor House Country Hotel just a few miles down the road. (Eat your heart out Windsor I think you may have finished in second place). We wish them a long and happy marriage and God's richest blessings to them both. It was good to have Canon Watson back with us for the occasion.

Bereavement and Illness

At the beginning of this year our parish was badly affected and sadly we continue to find ourselves in the same situation. May we offer our condolences to the West, Collum, Cathcart, Miller and Somerville families, their friends and relatives.

Our long-term sick are always in our thoughts and prayers and we remember especially Alan and Irene and those who care for them.

There are few people in our area who have contributed more to the health and wellbeing of the local populace than our parishioner Herbie Follis. It would be fitting to repay those many good deeds with simply remembering him in our prayers as he recovers from his surgery.

Burglaries

We are not immune to the occasional visit from the travelling criminal or opportunist thief, which seems to be the way of the world today. To those who have been affected, you have our sympathy. Crime is straight forward good old-fashioned sin and you can see why we have Commandments.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 10th December at Killadeas but I am informed that due to extra commitments by some members that date may be put back a week. Please keep in touch with Barbara. The guest speaker will be Lynda Lindsay.

Tuesday Club

The club will meet December 11th at Trory 2.30pm. Christmas Communion.

Trory Bowling Club

The club continues to attract the enthusiasts and will hold the Trory Trebles Tournament over the first week in December. Everyone welcome.

We wish a speedy return to full health to one of the senior members and main organisers after an unfortunate accident.

Harvest Thanksgiving

The church was beautifully decorated, so to all who gave of their time and talents, thank you. One must not forget Colin Brownsmith, our resident Diocesan Reader who as always produced an interesting sermon on the occasion.

Remembrance Sunday

Everyone was aware of the magnitude of the event this year right across the world. Enniskillen especially (and rightly so) was a location of great interest and they did us all proud. In hundreds of little churches like ours across the country people were paying their respect and thankfulness to all those who made the ultimate sacrifice. To our Churchwardens, wreath layers and of course Colin, your quiet dignity was appreciated by all.

Christmas Wreaths

Team Trory, don't forget our wreath sale and coffee morning at the Church Hall Ballycassidy on Saturday morning 15th December 10.30am to 1.00pm. If we don't make them we can't sell them so listen out for the times and evenings to assemble at the Old School House for wreath-making sessions. All hands to the pump. Our calendar year draws to an end and our new church year begins with Advent Sunday on 2nd December. Christmas is fast approaching so may we all come to know the peace of God which passeth all understanding.

Killadeas

On Sunday 11th November like other Communities, we held our Annual Act of Remembrance when we remembered all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice during WW1, WW2 and all those in other conflicts including in our Province.

We also marked the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1, the Sunday School made and decorated the church with 100 poppies. We also created a window display of WW1 memorabilia which was kindly lent by families of our Parish.

Festival of Wreaths

On Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December, the Outreach Group are hosting a Festival of Wreaths to celebrate the beginning of Advent and the Christmas Season. All are Welcome.

Church Services

Church Services continue as usual at 10.00am every Sunday, with Holy Communion on the First Sunday of each month and coffee being served in the Parish Hall after our service on the third Sunday in the month. Sunday School leaves during Morning Prayer.



Remembrance Day service in Killadeas.



8TH & 9TH DECEMBER 2018

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A Community event to start the Christmas Season

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See Facebook for future details

Refreshments available

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Times

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Sunday 9th 2pm until 5pm

Closing Event

Sunday 9th @ 5pm

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YOUTH PAGES



“COMHAR”

Young Leaders Training Weekend

COMHAR (pronounced “Core”) - Originally meaning co-operative ploughing between neighbours, this Irish word now evokes the general notion of co-operation and shared work. It can also be translated as partnership - the key principal for this CIYD scheme. We are happy to say that as part of this scheme a group of 40 young leaders (15-18yrs) from Clogher and Connor dioceses will be funded to attend a young leader’s training weekend from the 8-10th of February 2019.

The group will be part of the IMYC “Overflow” weekend. Our continued partnership with the Methodist youth department has proved very beneficial as we have recently again attended their Autumn Soul (13-18yrs) weekend. The Comhar weekend is for young people who show Youth Ministry leadership potential. Youth leaders do not need to attend with their young people. However, the Diocesan Youth Officer will be leading a group from the diocese along with those youth leaders who wish to come along to the training weekend along with their young people. Overflow is a weekend where we encourage and equip young people to



become disciples who disciple. It provides training to develop confidence and skills in young leaders alongside opportunities to encounter God and grow in faith. The hope is that they will learn to serve in their local parish through its youth ministry.

The programme content:

- **TEACHING** – Themes such as building character, leadership, vision and strategy.
- **WORSHIP** – led by young people and encouraging young people to be participants.

- **PRAYER** – in small groups with prayer ministry available.
- **WORKSHOPS** – Leadership styles - preparing a session - dealing with conflict.
- **SMALL GROUPS** – discussion, interactive activity, accountability, prayer, growth.

If you are a young person who would like to attend the weekend please speak to your youth ministry leaders or rector. Or, if you know of a young person who could benefit from attending the weekend please pass their name to your rector or youth ministry leader. For young people selected to attend the weekend there is no cost as the full cost of the training and travel will be covered by the Diocesan Youth Council.



Please contact the Diocesan Youth Officer Jonny Phenix if you would like any further details or would like to register yourself and or a young person for the weekend.

Email: dyo@clogher.anglican.org
Text/call: 07850881712
Post: Diocesan Office,
St Macartin’s Cathedral Halls,
Enniskillen. BT74 7DR

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Mouse Makes

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!
Read the Christmas story in Luke 1:1 - 2:21

When Mary gave birth to Jesus she wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger. There were shepherds in a field nearby looking after their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. The angel said, "Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, I bring you good news! Today your Saviour has been born, He is Christ the Lord."

Then an army of angels appeared praising God. When the angels left the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem, found Joseph and Mary and saw the baby lying in a manger.

A picture to colour for Christmas

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The history of Christingle

This year is a very special one for Christingle as it is 50 years since the first service in England at Lincoln Cathedral on 7 December 1968. But Christingles themselves actually go back much further, and began in the Moravian Church in Germany. At a children's service in Marienborn in 1747, Bishop Johannes de Watteville looked for a simple way to explain the happiness that had come to people through Jesus.



Make your own Christingle

The orange represents the world. Tie a red ribbon (or red tape) round the orange to represent Christ's love and blood. The lit candle reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World. Thread small sweets, raisins etc onto four cocktail sticks. These represent all of God's creation.

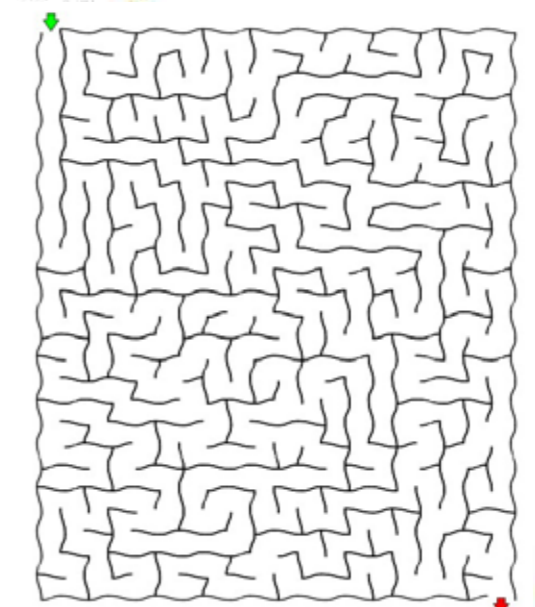
Find these words from the story of Christmas in the **WORDSEARCH**

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Help Mary and Joseph through the **MAZE** on their journey to Bethlehem





Photos of the Mothers' Union Autumn Council.

Members attend Autumn Council



The Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Autumn Council took place on Thursday 25 October 2018 at 8.00 pm in Holy Trinity Parish Church, Clogh. Dean Raymond Ferguson, All-Ireland Chaplain, conducted a service of Holy Communion assisted by Captain David Hamilton.

Following supper, Irene Boyd, Diocesan President, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Captain David Hamilton for conducting the service, Dean Raymond Ferguson for his very challenging address and the Select Vestry for the use of the Church and the hall. She thanked the members of Clogh Mothers' Union for participating in the service, for the organist for leading the praise and for all who provided and served a delicious supper. A short business meeting took place where Irene outlined some of the events which she had attended since the Spring Council in May.

Jennifer Leathem and Lettie Coulter performed an amusing Role Play to help members visit the sick appropriately. Irene explained MULOA (Mothers' Union Listening, Observing, Acting). This was followed with members doing Group Work. Irene highlighted the remaining events for 2018 and the first half of 2019. Members also had an opportunity to visit the Enterprise table and collect Focus magazines.



Tea Cosies made by Avril Stubbs from Derryvullen North Mothers' Union for the Mums in May Tea Cosy Competition.



Walter Pringle.



Ethne McCord.

Raising their voices at the BIG SING

The Clogher Diocesan Big Sing was a resounding success with hundreds of people joining in the singing in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Sunday evening, 18th November. Various people introduced the hymns, many of them submitted by readers of the Clogher Diocesan Magazine and the two-hour programme included choirs, soloists and musicians.



Canon Ian Berry playing guitar.



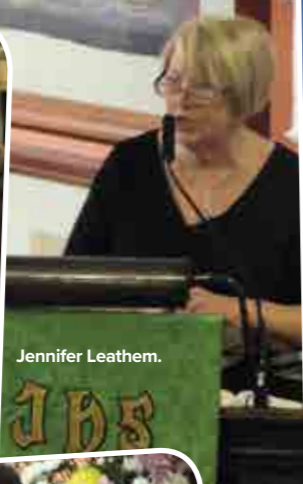
Jayne Malcolmson.



St. Margaret's Clabby.



Enjoying an ice-cream during the interval.



Jennifer Leathem.



The Dromore Group with Rector Revd Andrew Quill (left)



Tubrid Men, Drumkeeran.



The Monaghan Choir.



Some of the hundreds of people who attended and took part in the Clogher Diocesan Big Sing in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.



Revd Neal Phair.



Roy Crowe.



Rosemary Barton MLA.



Revd Lorraine Capper.



Lynda Lindsay.



Some of the congregation.



Michele Elliott.

Clogher Diocese in full voice for the Big Sing

Choirs, soloists and a congregation drawn from across Clogher Diocese were in fine voice on Sunday evening, 18th November as they took part in the Clogher Diocesan Big Sing.

Around 600 people gathered in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, to enjoy soloists and musicians and to join in with choirs to sing many of their favourite hymns. The quality of the singing and music brought many favourable comments from those attending.

Readers of the Clogher Diocesan Magazine had submitted requests of their favourite hymns and these were introduced by people from parishes in the Diocese. Choirs represented singers from Enniskillen Cathedral, Ardess, Dromore, Killadeas, Tubrid and Clabby and featured a grouped choir from Co. Monaghan.

The Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall introduced the evening and the organist was Mr. Glenn Moore.

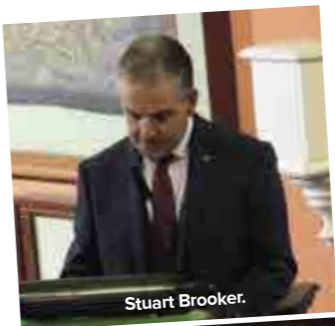
Among the popular hymns sung were: "Be thou my vision," "O Lord my God!" "Blessed Assurance," "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah," "Amazing Grace," "Nearer, my God, to thee," "In Christ Alone my hope is found," "Great is thy faithfulness," "The Day thou gavest, Lord, is ended," "To God be the glory!" and many more.

These were introduced by people from parishes across the Diocese including Elizabeth Armstrong (Kilskeery), Jennifer

Leathem (Clontibret), Rosemary Barton MLA (Colaghty, Lack), Walter Pringle (Killeevan), Ethne McCord (Errigal Truagh), Irene Boyd (Drumkeeran), Arlene Foster MLA (Aghalurcher, Colebrooke), Revd Andrew Quill (Dromore), Stuart Brooker (Devenish), Revd Neal Phair (Ballybay) and Revd Lorraine Capper (Donagh). Soloists and musicians included: Jayne Malcolmson (Conductor), Glenn Moore (organ), Canon Ian Berry and Revd Andrew

Quill (guitar), Ann Bloomfield and Gerard Toal (Piano), Warren Kerr and Gavin Rogers (Cornet), Rodney White (Drums and Percussion), Ethne McCord (Conductor), Roy Crowe, Michelle Elliott and Lynda Lindsay (soloists).

The Diocesan Big Sing was organised by the Clogher Diocesan Music Bursary Committee and supported by the Church of Ireland Priorities Fund.



Stuart Brooker.



Elizabeth Armstrong.



Arlene Foster MLA.



The combined choir leading the singing.

Enniskillen re-enacts the ending of the First World War 100 years later

Enniskillen was the most westerly location in the United Kingdom to take part in "The Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute" marking the centenary of the ending of the First World War over the past weekend. Some of the events which took place in the town in 1918 were re-enacted. For example Enniskillen was the first place to hear of the Armistice and they announced this to townspeople with search lights, sky rockets and the peal of St Macartin's Cathedral bells.

All these were re-created on Sunday as well as backlighting the clock face on the tower of the Cathedral for the first time.

"It will now shine as a sign of peace, hope and reconciliation in the community symbolising the light of Christ shining forth from our lives!" said Dean Kenneth Hall.

After a morning service for all denominations in St Macartin's Cathedral, when the preacher was the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell, broadcast live on RTE television, the Cathedral bells rang out at 12.30pm to move from a mood of 'remembrance' to that of 'celebration' that the Great War had ended.

On Sunday evening the four main churches joined in a united service of 'Hope, Peace, Light and Love' as Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist congregations

processed to St Michael's Roman Catholic Church following lanterns of light, given to all four clergy at the



The service in St. Michael's Church.



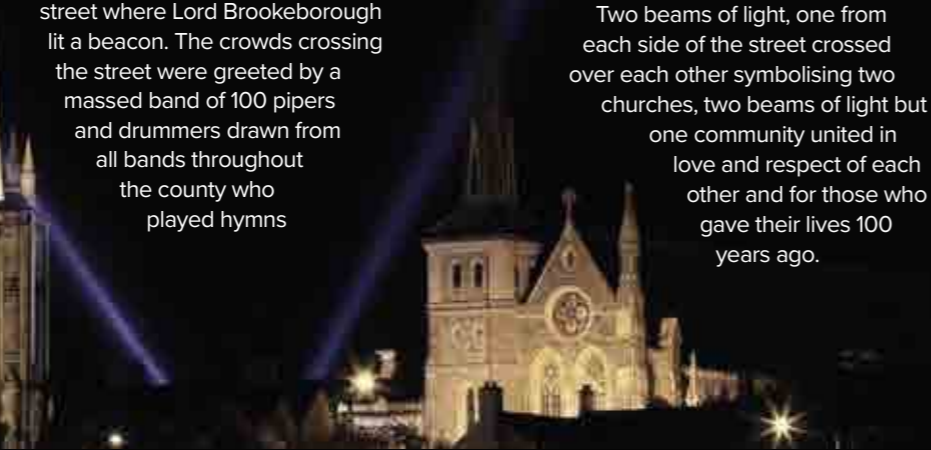
The clock face lit.



Lanterns presented to clergy.

6.00am service at Enniskillen Castle by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, Viscount Brookeborough for Co Fermanagh. St Michael's Church was filled to capacity with almost 1000 people and an estimated 1000 people gathered outside. After a moving service in St Michael's Church, a flame of light led the way to St Macartin's Cathedral grounds across the street where Lord Brookeborough lit a beacon. The crowds crossing the street were greeted by a massed band of 100 pipers and drummers drawn from all bands throughout the county who played hymns

including "Abide With Me." At the same time as the beacon was lit, the Cathedral Clock was lit for the first time in its history, the Cathedral bells pealed again and sky rockets lit up the night sky. Two beams of light, one from each side of the street crossed over each other symbolising two churches, two beams of light but one community united in love and respect of each other and for those who gave their lives 100 years ago.



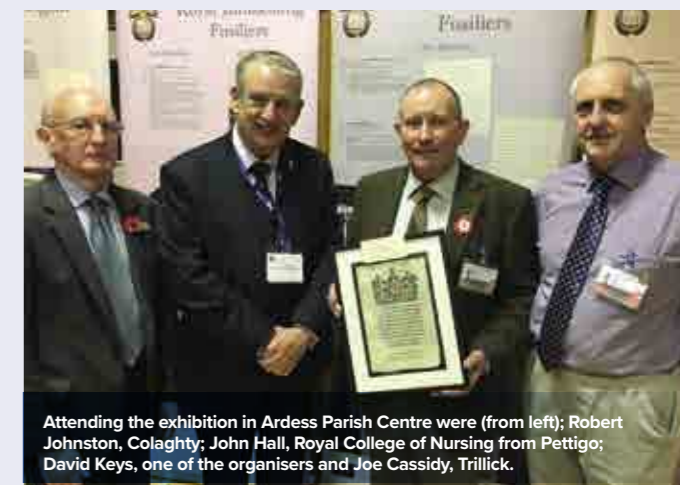
Beams of light.

To watch the Remembrance Service from St Macartin's Cathedral on RTE Player paste the following link into your browser. It is available until 11th December; <https://www.rte.ie/player/ch/show/centenary-remembrance-sunday-service-30006515/10962775/>

Over 2000 people attend WW1 weekend exhibition in Kesh



Kathryn Gault who helped with the WW1 nursing display at the Ardess exhibition showing David Johnston from Pettigo, how Sphagnum Moss was used in wound dressings because of its healing properties.



Attending the exhibition in Ardess Parish Centre were (from left); Robert Johnston, Colaghty; John Hall, Royal College of Nursing from Pettigo; David Keys, one of the organisers and Joe Cassidy, Trillick.

The WW1 Centenary Remembrance Weekend exhibition in Kesh was a major success with over 2000 people of all ages and denominations attending. Marking the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, the

exhibition and talks held in Ardess Parish Centre concluded with a special Service of Commemoration on the Sunday evening in Ardess Parish Church.

Those attending included several hundred schoolchildren and the talks on various aspects of the First World War were also well attended.

The exhibition comprised many artefacts with a model display depicting the 152 people from the North Fermanagh and Pettigo area who gave their lives during the First World War. There was an exhibition on nurses who served alongside the Regiments as well as collections of medals and equipment carried by soldiers.

Special service recognises those who served in WW1 from Lisbellaw area



Among those involved in the Lisbellaw WW1 project were (from left); Frances Boyd, Irene Burgess, Frank McHugh, Margaret Williams and Liz Kingston.

A Service of the Word for the Commemoration of the End of the First World War was held in Lisbellaw Parish Church on Sunday 25th November 2018 at 7pm when the preacher was the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell.

The service was the culmination of five year's work in the area, initiated by the Select Vestry in Lisbellaw. The project started with 99 names on two memorial stones in Lisbellaw and Derryvullan Churches and a desire to tell the stories of those who had served in the First World War, as well as all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the parish, irrespective of their denomination.

The Service of the Word for the Commemoration of the End of the First World had a special focus on those who served and returned from the Great War.

This was the last event in a project which saw the publication in November 2016 of a book, "The Stories Behind the Stones - Lisbellaw and the Great War" which recorded 197 men and women from the area who served in the First World War.



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St. Mark's Parish stages 'Greatest story ever told'

The community of the Clogher Valley will have a unique opportunity to hear "The Greatest Story Ever Told" this month as St. Mark's Parish, Augher, stage their Outdoor Nativity.

Preparations are almost complete for the event to be staged on Sunday, 9th December at 5pm.

Preparations have included the sawing of wood, the untangling of lights and the increasing volume of excited children and adults alike, not to mention the purchase of large amounts of carrots and the reported sightings of angels fluttering around – no wise men have been sighted as yet!

"The Greatest Story Ever Told" is the retelling of Jesus' birth by the Sunday School of St Mark's Parish along with some friends. Everything will take place outside in front of St. Mark's Church and the Church hall next door. The set for this dramatic performance will include an authentic stable complete with 'Cindy' the donkey, sheep and much more.

Murley Silver Band will lead the carols while mulled wine, short-bread and mince pies will be available for all. There will be a large covered area with seating.

This is an evening for the whole family when the community will join in celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.



The Rector, Revd Olivia Downey appealed: "So please do come along and hear and see The Greatest Story Ever Told. A freewill offering will be received during the evening with all proceeds in aid of St. Mark's Church Augher Repair Fund.

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem ..." Everyone is very welcome.

Rediscovering the gift of Christmas through Christmas trees

The parish of St Finbarr's, Carrickmacross has been busy welcoming people to its community Christmas Tree Festival.

The final day of the Festival is Sunday, 2nd December from 1pm finishing with a community Carols of Praise service at 7pm.

The theme of the Festival has been "Rediscover the Wonderful Gift of Christmas Through Christmas Trees."

The Festival has been staged in conjunction



Helping to launch the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Finbarr's Church, Carrickmacross are (from left); Rosemary Johnston and Breda McGuigan from Carrickmacross Chamber of Commerce; Revd Colin McConaghie, Rector and Cathal O'Gorman, Chamber of Commerce.

with Carrickmacross Chamber of Commerce and the official opening of the Festival followed the switch on of the Christmas lights in Carrickmacross on Friday evening, 30th November from the front of St. Finbarr's Church and one of the town's main Christmas trees will be located in the church grounds.

Santa made his way from the town's switch on ceremony to his Grotto set up as part of the Festival to greet children.

Local businesses and groups have been

involved in setting up their own Christmas tree decorated with their own corporate or personal theme.

The Rector, the Revd Colin McConaghie, explained that as well as the Christmas trees in the church, there are other special displays including a winter wonderland. During the weekend, children were welcomed to Santa's Grotto, there were refreshments served and parishioners were involved in a cake sale and raffle as well as selling their new parish cookery book.



Making the final preparations before the opening of the community Christmas Tree Festival were (from left); Revd Colin McConaghie, Rector; John Simpson, Heather Simpson and Caroline Merrin.

NEWS FOR VESTRIES

New Safeguarding policy for Republic of Ireland

The new Safeguarding Trust (RI) policy and supporting documentation are now available on the Republic of Ireland Child Safeguarding section of the website at www.sg.ireland.anglican.org .

Safeguarding

The Church of Ireland safeguarding policies and procedure applies to all clergy, staff and volunteers but especially those who have regular contact with children or adults who may be more at risk of harm or abuse because of their personal or life circumstances. The guidance applies to all aspects of ministry in the Church of Ireland whether within a church building or within parishioners' homes. It is the responsibility of everyone in the Church of Ireland to ensure that children and adults at risk of harm due to their personal characteristics and/or life circumstances are not left at risk of abuse. Church organisations have a duty to promote the safety, welfare and thereby safeguard children and adults at risk.

Church of Ireland Safeguarding Board

The Church of Ireland Safeguarding Board is authorised by Standing Committee to ensure that those within Church ministry are aware of their special duty of care towards Children and Adults at Risk and therefore a culture of collective responsibility to work in partnership with other statutory, community and voluntary organisations is encouraged.

The Safeguarding Board will promote human rights which are embedded in both our gospel values and within international and domestic laws to protect those at risk of harm.

The Safeguarding Board is committed to learning from experience and by a process of continuous improvement and to monitor and challenge the effectiveness of The Church of Ireland's safeguarding arrangements.

PARISHES REPRESENTED AT SAFEGUARDING TRUST TRAINING



Safeguarding Trust training was held in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen on Tuesday, 6th November when representatives from many parishes from Clogher Diocese attended. Safeguarding Trust training was presented by Olive Good, from CPO Training (Republic of Ireland). She outlined the many new regulations and reminded everyone that the full statement was on the Church of Ireland at the following link; <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources/527/adult-safeguarding-ni-full-policy>

Olive Good (left) who led the Safeguarding Trust training in Enniskillen for Clogher Diocese in November.

The Safeguarding Board is in place to oversee the implementation and review of this policy. This is a living document and will be reviewed every year and amended as required by the Safeguarding Board.

Safeguarding Officers

The Safeguarding Officers can provide advice and support in all matters of child and adult safeguarding. Any issues or concerns can be reported directly to them.

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News for Vestries (NI)

The Diocese is pleased to report that all the parishes which had an obligation to meet a filing deadline of 31st October with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland met that deadline. The Diocese would like to thank the rectors, treasurers, secretaries and other parish personnel for completing the annual monitoring returns and uploading the relevant documents to CCNI before the deadline and therefore fulfilling their charitable obligations.

News for Vestries (ROI)

The Diocese would also like to thank rectors, treasurers, secretaries and other parish personnel of a number of parishes which are, to date, already registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority, for completing the return and uploading the accounts to the CRA before 31st October in meeting their charitable obligations.

For those parishes not yet registered with the CRA, the Diocese is liaising with the RCB about registering these parishes in due course and it is likely that this will take the first half of 2019. The Diocese will contact those parishes to arrange training and guidance with the registration process in due course.

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David Ritchie, Chief Executive Officer, RCB, outlining steps which parishes can take to improve the environment.

Church's climate change seminar advises parishes how to work with the environment

Parishioners of churches across the country need to look at how they interact with the environment as climate change and pollution is affecting people in countries across the world, a seminar on climate change and the environment heard recently. The Church of Ireland has already begun to react, passing a motion at this year's General Synod for full divestment from fossil fuels. The seminar "Climate Change and the Environment" organised by the Church and Society Commission in Church House, Belfast, heard from a number of speakers on various aspects of how climate change is affecting communities. June Butler introduced the seminar with thoughts on praying and acting for the environment; Stephen Trew, who proposed the motion at General Synod gave a biblical perspective on the environment; David Thomas from Christian Aid gave his thoughts on Climate change's impact on the developing world and David Ritchie, Chief Executive Officer of the RCB gave a thought-provoking talk on Practical action in parish life. Mr Ritchie said the issue should challenge



thinking in parish life and there were lots of traditional responses to creation. He said the Church had looked at the environment as well as recycling and waste but wondered "how do we as Christians and parishes respond?" He referred firstly to theology, citing the Parable of Talents from Matthew 25. He said one of the issues is about stewardship. He gave ideas under three headings; resources, individuals and parishes using influence and faith, looking at waste, whether people are using public transport or sharing lifts or sharing books. For

parishes he said parishioners need to engage with the community and value the environment, to renew their appreciation of nature. He asked: "How can we in churches value God's creation more. He then listed ways that parishes could contribute by organising "environmentally friendly" activities such as fetes or car boot sales where items would be recycled, picnics or barbecues outdoors, organising hikes or cycles, camping, farm trips or vacations and harvest parties. There were also some suggestions of a plastic free event where no plastics would be used, using Fairtrade food or introducing an environmental rating when inspecting church properties. Eco-congregational Ireland suggests environmental measures at practical level including reduce, reuse, recycle and compost, using LED light bulbs and reduce thermostat readings, using eco-friendly cleaning materials and supporting and promoting Fairtrade. Some of those in the audience went further by suggesting a number of lifestyle

issues such as reducing meat in the diet, questioning the use of bought-in flowers grown in developing countries where the land could be used for growing food. The RCB has set an example by setting up beehives in the grounds of Church House in Dublin to increase urban pollination. David Thomas from Christian Aid speaking on "The impact of climate change in the developing world" said everyone would be affected by changes in the weather but for some it would mean survival, life and death. He said climate change can destroy livelihoods whether those of fishermen in the Philippines or the cattle herders in Kenya. He quoted examples of communities in some countries currently affected. The Dogon community of Mali, for example, depended on a community meal. He said for westerners, food security is not a big issue going to a supermarket. However major climatic conditions can affect people around the world. Storms, drought, disease, floods, rising sea level and conflict are all affected by climate change. Yet despite this, Mr. Thomas said that these people in the developing world were also part of the solution. Innovative initiatives such as solar powered ovens are being installed to allow people cook meals in the Amazon basin or in Africa solar powered shops are able to run a fridge and power



David Thomas from Christian Aid speaking at the seminar.

outlets to charge mobile homes. "Climate change is very much a justice issue," he said. Stephen Trew, an environmental campaigner, who proposed the motion at General Synod, said that scriptures can give hope and added that the environment

was underpinned throughout the Bible. He quoted the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd Richard Clarke who said; "Our children, the next generation would pay a terrible price if we did not act as responsible guardians of the

health of the earth on which we have been placed. The General Synod commended the Environmental Charter for the use of parishes in the Church of Ireland. Summarised, it recommends; - As with other Christians, members of the Church of Ireland are charged with stewardship of God's creation through reducing waste, - increasing environmental awareness, exercising leadership through environmental responsibility - identifying spiritually and practically with the developing world - influencing policy and the Church and State "In all of this, prayer for decision makers and those who are impacted by environmental issues should be at the heart of the Church's response," it states.



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Brexit: Church leaders' joint statement

The leaders of the main churches in Ireland have issued the following joint statement in relation to Brexit.

As the final stages of the initial part of the negotiations for the United Kingdom to leave the European Union draw to a close, we as Church Leaders here on the island of Ireland are inspired by the challenge of Jesus to love our neighbour.

Relationships between the people of this island, both North and South, and between the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom, have improved and deepened immeasurably over the past 30 or so years. This atmosphere of mutual respect, understanding and growing friendship has been the positive background against which many significant developments have taken place – ceasefires, political accommodation, increased connectedness and rising prosperity for many.

It is important that we acknowledge the legitimate aspirations of those who voted to leave the European Union and those who voted to remain. We also pray at this time that the inevitable tensions, which the Brexit negotiations and their outworking will entail, will not be allowed to undermine the quality of relationships and mutual understanding which are both so important in enabling all of us to work together for the common good.

In this context, we particularly want to encourage public representatives, and all others who give leadership in our society, to weigh their words carefully, to respect the integrity of those who conscientiously differ from them and to speak with grace.

Regardless of the outcome of this process, as peoples and communities who share this island, we will remain closely related and will have to both get along together and work together in this changing and somewhat uncertain world that lies ahead.

This calling will be helped immensely as we all strive to listen and relate to one another in the context of mutual respect and even growing trust, rather in a divisive and unhealthy atmosphere of needlessly destructive debate and broken and fractured relationships.

- The Most Rev Dr Richard Clarke, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland; the Rev William Davison, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland; the Most Rev Eamon Martin, Catholic Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland; the Right Rev Dr Charles McMullen, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; the Rev Brian Anderson, President of the Irish Council of Churches.

The Porvoo Communion's Prayer Diary for 2019 is now available

The Porvoo Declaration commits the Churches which have signed it 'to share a common life' and 'to pray for and with one another'. An important way of doing this is to pray through the year for the Porvoo Churches and their dioceses.

The Prayer Diary is a list of Porvoo Communion dioceses or Churches covering each Sunday of the year, mindful of the many calls upon compilers of intercessions, and the environmental and production costs of printing a more elaborate list. Those using the calendar are invited to choose one day each week on which they will pray for the Porvoo Churches.

It is hoped that individuals and parishes, cathedrals and religious orders will make use of the Calendar in their own cycle of prayer week by week.

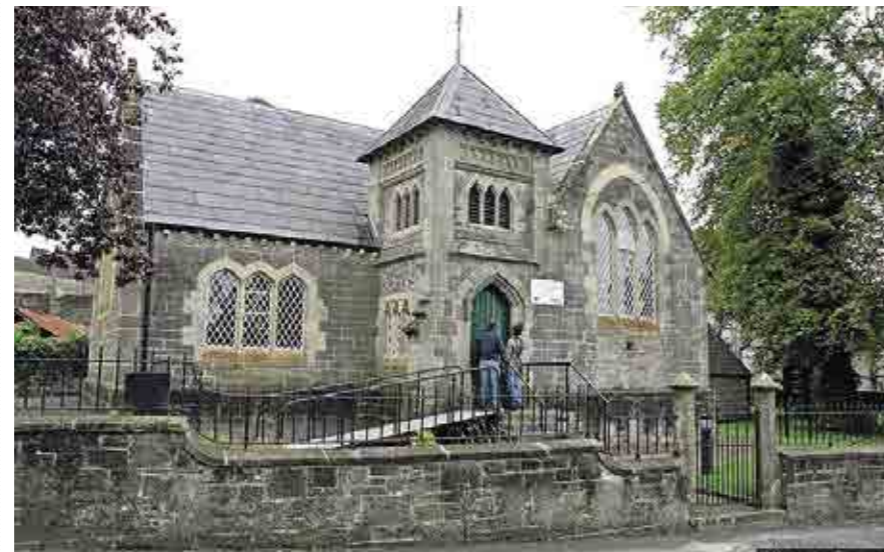
In addition to the Churches which have approved the Porvoo Declaration, we continue to pray for Churches with observer status. Observers attend all the meetings held under the Agreement.

The calendar may be freely copied or emailed for wider circulation.

Link to Prayer Diary: www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/554/porvoo-prayer-diary-2019



Cecil Francis Alexander and her hymns



Cassandra Hand Centre, Clones.

Clones Parish Church warmly encourage participation in the Diocesan Board of Religious Education's Archdeacon Ruddle competition this year by presenting the life-story of Cecil Francis Alexander and her hymns.

Mrs Eva Baxter will give a talk to those interested from churches across the diocese on Saturday, 8th December at 12.30pm in the Cassandra Hand

Centre, Clones.

This will be preceded by Clones Parish Christmas Fayre from 10am in the Creighton Hotel, Clones, to which a warm invitation is extended to all.

This occasion presents a wonderful opportunity for children, of both Primary and Secondary School age, to meet each other and learn about the hymn writer.

MISSIONARY & CHARITABLE NEWS

Diocesan Advent Carol Service to raise funds for NI Hospice

This year's Clogher Diocesan Advent Carol Service takes place in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher on Sunday, 2nd December at 7pm. This year, the collection will be taken up for the Northern Ireland Hospice. At this year's Clogher Diocesan Synod, the Revd Matthew Hagan from Diocese of Armagh asked parishes in Clogher Diocese to hold a "Hospice Sunday" to highlight the awareness of the Hospice movement which has centres in Newry, Londonderry and Belfast. However in Fermanagh and Tyrone, the Hospice runs Local Community Services where they care for people with life-limiting illnesses in their own homes. A spokesperson stated: "Working in the local community, Hospice nurses care for people with serious illnesses in their own homes. They work closely with all health-care professionals to ensure that every patient receives the highest standard of care in the comfort of their own home. In addition they are also there to support carers and families at what can be an emotional and stressful time."

Archdeacon's Annual Sit Out for charity



Archdeacon Brian Harper on a previous Christmas sit-out.

Archdeacon Brian Harper will be wrapping up again in Wednesday, 19th December for his Annual Sit Out for charity along with Revd John Beacom from Ballinamallard Methodist Church.

The sit out beside Magheracross Parish Church on Main Street, Ballinamallard will run from 8am to 8pm. This year's nominated charities are RNLI (Enniskillen) and CLIC Sargent, a national charity operating locally which provides support to children and young people with cancer. Archdeacon Harper commented: "As always, your donations will be gratefully and joyfully received and we are always warmed by the sustenance provided by the local businesses and well-wishers."

Twelve Days of Christmas with The Priests

An enchanting festive event, Twelve Days of Christmas with The Priests will take place at St. Michael's Church, Enniskillen on Sunday, December 23, 2018. Fathers Martin O'Hagan, Eugene O'Hagan and David Delargy are delighted to present their widely popular Christmas Concert which features them singing much loved classics as well as cherished seasonal songs.

During 2018 The Priests have been performing in a selection of churches and cathedrals throughout Ireland, which will no doubt ensure a special atmosphere for their singing.

The Rotary Club of Enniskillen by arrangement with Joe Gallagher Entertainments will present this special Christmas event as part of The Priests' Twelve Days of Christmas tour. The priests are celebrating their 10th Anniversary this year and have selected St. Michael's Church as one of the 12 churches to host their Christmas concert. The evening will be in support of the Aisling Centre in Enniskillen, which is Enniskillen Rotary President Siobhan O'Reilly's main beneficiary during her year in office.

Fathers Martin O'Hagan, Eugene O'Hagan, and David Delargy's debut album sold three million copies, which secured them a place in the Guinness Book of World Records, as the fastest-selling classical debut album ever.

They have performed around the world and to audiences including The Pope, The Irish President and The Royal Family and most recently performed for Pope Francis in Dublin in August.

Tickets for The Priests live at St. Michael's Church, Enniskillen, on Sunday, December 23, 2018, are available from St. Michael's Parish Office; St. Michael's Bookshop; Armstrong and Kingston, Enniskillen and Tempo Pharmacy.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Re-dedication of church following major refurbishment

A Service of Re-Dedication has taken place in the Priory Church, Killadeas, following a major renovation costing around £120,000 and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell carried out the re-dedication during the service on Sunday afternoon, 25th November. A number of gifts were also dedicated including; Sound System in memory of Ivan Bradshaw by his wife and family and New Carpet in the Chancel and Baptistry by Joanne Hale in memory of Jack and Betty Armstrong.

The Priory Church one of the two Church of Ireland parishes in the grouping of Trory and Killadeas, is one of the historic churches on a site linked with early Christian settlements and a monastic order on Devenish Island is currently undergoing a significant restoration project on its stonework to protect it for future generations.

Built in 1881, the church stands on a site with an adjacent churchyard which contains elaborately-carved stones nearing pre-Christian symbolism. Stones from a previous church building known as the Yellow Church, because of the colour of the stonework, were incorporated into the archway which separates the nave from the choir and chancel.

The church also has close connections with the Irvine family who originally came into the Rockfield area of Killadeas in 1660. The Irvine estate was a major employer in the area and bequeathed the estate parish church.

However the church has suffered from the effects of penetrating damp in both the tower and the main body of the church. Heavy and continuous rain has resulted in water streaming down the inside of the walls in



The completed interior of the Priory Church.

some parts of the building. Having been awarded a grant of £65,400 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, a contract was awarded, and work began in April. Mr. Ronald Balfour, one of the Glebe-wardens at the Priory Church, explained: "The work has been extensive and includes repair work to the tower such as repairing and replacing tower floors, repairing lead flashing, plaster repairs to the parapet, removing render to the interior tower walls, re-pointing the east and west walls as well as carrying out drainage work on the outside of the related foundation areas." Mr Balfour added: "It was very obvious that only a major project would fix the church building and put it back in a fit state so that the church will be available for generations to come. It is only with the support of the

Heritage Lottery Fund grant that made the Priory project possible"

Paul Mullan, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund in Northern Ireland commented: "Heritage Lottery Fund was delighted to offer this funding support to the Priory Church. Places of worship sit at the heart of communities and they are also a key part of our built and cultural heritage. Most rely on the hard work and generosity of local communities and volunteers to keep them in good order but sometimes they need more help. Our funding is an invaluable resource for the repair and reuse of important listed buildings. It is thanks to all the players of the National Lottery that we can fund local projects such as this one."

Opportunities to work abroad with CMSI

CMSI are welcoming teams to join their projects in partner countries in the summer of 2019.

They say that CMSI teams offer a change for groups from Ireland to visit one of the partner locations and experience life, faith and work in another part of the world.

"It's a great way to deepen your understanding of global mission and to help the church to church partnership links grow," they say.

"A CMSI team involves training and preparation in the months before the visit, the experience itself and some follow up

meetings afterwards."

The 2019 teams will visit Madi West Nile, Uganda costing approximately £2200 per person. Applications are open from members of MWN link parishes for those aged 18+.

The teams will also visit the Diocese of Egypt costing £1500 per person open to anyone from Ireland aged 16+ and the Diocese of Northern Zambia costing approximately £2000 per person and open to anyone from Ireland aged 18+.

Further information from:

<https://www.cmsireland.org/cmsi-teams><https://www.cmsireland>

Christmas Tree Festival for Air Ambulance NI

The Bawnacre Centre in Irvinestown is certainly gearing up for Christmas this year. Not only will they have the usual Christmas tree decorated to mark the festive season but there will be dozens of trees around the Centre.

Because this year, the Bawnacre Centre is hosting a Christmas Tree Festival for Air Ambulance Northern Ireland from Tuesday, 18th December to Sunday, 23rd December during normal opening times.

The Festival will be open to the public

from Tuesday to Friday from 10am-10pm; on Saturday, 22nd December from 10am – 5pm and on Sunday, 23rd December from 2pm – 5pm.

The event will be set up and supported by elves from Irvinestown Youth Club.

During the Festival, one of the attractions will be Santa's Grotto where family photographs can be arranged and there will be festive entertainment throughout.

Local organisations have been invited to decorate a Christmas tree with items to

reflect their good in the community.

According to the organisers, this will be a perfect opportunity for families to support the great work of the Air Ambulance charity, an essential service in rural areas.

For admission to the Festival, a minimum donation of £5 has been levied or a voluntary donation and children are free.



The Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown which is hosting the Christmas Tree Festival for Air Ambulance NI.

Dedicate a light in memory of a loved one this Christmas

NORTHERN Ireland Hospice has launched its annual Lights to Remember appeal.

The annual campaign encourages families to come together to remember and celebrate the lives of those who were, and still are, so special to us.

This year's Lights to Remember appeal aims to raise £200,000 to help Northern Ireland Hospice continue to provide the highest quality palliative care to local people when they need it most, and support for their loved ones.

This year's Lights to Remember celebrations will be held in Castle Coole Estate, Enniskillen on Tuesday, 11th December 7pm and in Mullaghmore House in Omagh on Thursday, 13th December at 7pm. Heather Fallis, Regional Fundraiser at Northern Ireland Hospice, said: "Lights to Remember is a chance for everyone across Northern Ireland, on one special day each year, to come together with others who know how we're feeling; to share the joy of their memory – and support each other as we mourn their loss".

To dedicate a light on the Hospice Christmas tree in memory of your loved one, visit: <https://www.nihospice.org/support-us/campaigns/lights-to-remember> or call 028 9077 7123.

Northern Ireland Hospice is a local charity offering specialist respite, symptom management and end of life palliative care to over 3,500 infants, children and adults each year across Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland Hospice supports and cares for infants, children and adults who are adjusting to life living with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions, up to their death and into family bereavement support.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 2018

• Friday 30th November - Sunday 2nd December 2018 – **Christmas Tree Festival** hosted by St.Finbarr's Church, Carrickmacross, working alongside Carrickmacross Chamber of Commerce to involve schools, businesses and organisations. Launch night on Friday night, open Saturday from 10am to 6pm and through the day there will be refreshments, cake stall, raffle, Santa's Grotto and parish cookery book for sale. Open Sunday from 1pm to 7pm ending with Carol's or Praise Service.

• Friday 30th November – **Parish Sale of Work** in Cooneen Hall at 7pm with a variety of Christmas items.

December 2018

• Saturday 1st December – **Wreath Making Workshop** at the Priory Church, Killadeas at 2pm. Open to everyone who needs inspiration.

• Sunday 2nd December – **Dedication of the Lewis Organ** by The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd. John McDowell at 3pm in Galloon Parish Church. This was postponed from an earlier date in October.

• Sunday 2nd December – **Diocesan Advent Carol Service** in St.Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher at 7pm. Collection taken for NI Hospice.

• Sunday 2nd December – **Crossduff Annual Carol Service** at 3pm with Ballybay Country Gospel Group and guest speaker Revd Colin Anderson, Castleblayney/Corvalley Group Presbyterian Minister. Refreshments served following the service in the Old Stables. All welcome.

• Monday 3rd December – **Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Prayer Vigil** in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan at 8pm.

• Thursday 6th December – **Clogher Community Carol Service** in St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher at 7.30pm when proceeds will be in aid of Cancer Focus. This is a tremendous event as the Cathedral will be full.

• Thursday 6th December – **Diocesan Spirituality Event** for Clergy, Diocesan and Parish Readers and Diocesan

Pastoral Assistants at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall of St. John's, Fivemiletown. Speaker: Breige O'Hare, who is experienced in leading quiet prayer and reflection on Scripture.

• Thursday 6th December – **Carrickmacross Parish Concert** in St Finbarr's for Malawi Mission 2019 Trip for Habitat for Humanity. Along with local choirs the acclaimed Irish baritone, Benjamin Russell, is flying in from Germany to perform on the evening. Ben is the cousin of one of our Malawi team, Victoria. Also performing are Barry Jay Hughes, the Cantemus Chamber Choir and Carrickmacross Group of Parishes Choir. Tickets 10 Euros.

• Friday 7th December – **Drum Parish Church's Annual Carol Service** at 8pm.

• Friday 7th December – **Magheracross Parish Christmas Fair** in the Archdale Hall, Ballinamallard following the switch on of the Christmas lights in the village. Christmas draw for gifts donated by local businesses and parishioners.

• Saturday 8th December – **Christmas Fair Church Sale** organised by Clones Parish in the Creighton Hotel Ballroom, Clones on Saturday, 8th December from 10am - 12.30pm.

• Saturday 8th December – **Christmas Concert** in Clogh Hall at 8pm with Rebecca Burns, the Muckno Singers and David Linton as Compere. Tickets £10. Everyone welcome.

• Saturday 8th December – **Craft Fair** in Aghavea Parish Hall. Tables available at £20.

• Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th December 2018 – **Festival of Christmas Wreaths** organised by Killadeas Parish Outreach Group to celebrate the beginning of Advent and the Christmas season in the Priory Church, Killadeas from 10am to 3pm on the Saturday and from 2pm to 5pm on the Sunday with a closing event at 5pm featuring Irvinestown Community Choir. Donations to Priory Refurbishment Fund and RNLI.

• Sunday 9th December – **Outdoor Nativity** in St Mark's Parish, Augher starting at 5pm. There will be animals, children, mulled wine, shortbread, mince

pies, Murley Silver Band and much more!

• Sunday 9th December – **Annual Carol Service** in Christ Church, Aughnamullen at 3pm.

• Sunday 9th December – **Annual Praise and Gift Service** in Killeevan Parish Church, Clones, Co Monaghan at 3.00pm

• Sunday 9th December – **Mencap Service** in Magheracross Parish Church for those with learning difficulties and their families at 3pm. This service is held in association with Mencap and is open to all. Please come along and enjoy a wonderful celebration of Christmas not to mention the refreshments that will be served afterwards in the hall. .

• Tuesday 11th December – **Churches Forum Community Carol Service** in Derrygonnelly Community Centre at 7.30pm involving local churches and children from local schools. Music will be led by schoolchildren and the choirs from local churches. Light refreshments after the service.

• Wednesday 12th December – **Flower Arranging Demonstration** by Elizabeth Allister in Christ Church, Aughnamullen at 8pm.

• Thursday 13th December – **Clogher Clerical Association AGM and Christmas Lunch** begins with a Service of Holy Communion in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher, followed by AGM and Christmas Lunch in Corick House Hotel, Clogher.

• Thursday 13th December – **Christmas Cabaret with the Stars** in aid of Aghavea Church Building Repairs in Aghavea Parish Hall. Artists include International Country Star and Showband legend, Brian Coll; Showband Queen and Eurovision Star, Muriel Day; Country and Showband Star, John Glenn; as well as local artists, Malcolm McDowell, Thomas Milligan and Florence Given with backing band, Robbie Pearson and Jonathan Milligan. Hosted by Sky TV host and Country Singer, Malcolm McDowell. Doors open 7.30pm; Show starts 8pm.

• Saturday 15th December – **Football Carol Service** hosted by Ballinamallard

FC at Ferney Park. Their game against Larne will be followed by the annual Carol Service in the stand accompanied by players, fans and musicians.

• Saturday 15th December – **Christmas Wreath Sale and Coffee Morning** at Trory Church Hall, Ballycassidy from 10.30am to 1pm.

• Wednesday 19th December – **Annual Christmas Sit Out** by Archdeacon Brian Harper, Rector of Magheracross Parish and the Revd John Beacom, Minister of Ballinamallard Methodist Church from 8am - 8pm outside Magheracross Church. This year the nominated charities are RNLI (Enniskillen) and CLIC Sargent.

• Wednesday 19th December – **Ballybay Community Carol Service** in Christ Church, Ballybay at 8pm with music by Dungannon Brass Band, singing by Ballybay Community Choir and bell ringing by Camphill Community. Refreshments afterwards. Everyone welcome.

• Thursday 20th December – **Community Carol Service** in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblayney at

8pm. St. Mary's Choir will take part. Refreshments to follow.

• Monday 31st December – **New Year's Eve Worship and Social** in Colaghty Parish Hall from 8.30pm with worship at 9.30pm followed by the social and pipers at midnight.

January 2019

• Friday 25th January – **Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk Annual Dance** in Maguiresbridge Parochial Hall with dancing from 9.30pm to Curtis Magee.

• Friday 25th January – **Table Quiz** for St. Mark's Parish, Augher in the Carmichael Hall at 8pm. All welcome.

March 2019

• Friday 8th March – **Marching Bands Concert** in Tempo Parish Church Hall.

• Saturday 9th - Sunday 10th March 2019 – **Fundraising Weekend** in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher. On the Sunday from 2.30pm - 6.30pm choirs, musicians, organists and worship bands will fill 20-minute slots for four hours of continuous praise and worship culminating with a service of praise and thanksgiving beginning at 7pm. If your

band, choir, group can come and help contact Revd Olie on 07792728495.

May 2019

• Thursday 16th - Saturday 18th May 2019 – 2019 **General Synod** in the Millennium Forum, Londonderry.

• Friday 24th - Monday 27th May 2019 – **Flower Festival** in Ardess Parish Church. The theme of the weekend will be "The great I Am." This will be a wonderful celebration of the God that says 'I AM'.

June 2019

• Sunday 16th June – **175th Anniversary Service** in Colaghty Parish Church at 3.30pm.

October 2019

• Monday 7th - Sunday 13th October 2019 – **Colaghty Parish Mission**

• Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th October 2019 – **Clogher Clergy Conference** in Dunfanaghy, Co.Donegal.

May 2020

• Thursday 7th - Saturday 9th May 2020 – 2020 **General Synod** in Croke Park Meetings and Events Centre.

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