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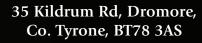
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Preparing for the exhibition on the life of hymnwriter, Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander are (from left); Frances Boyd, Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education; Eva Baxter, narrator; Dean Kenneth Hall, St. Macartin's Cathedral and Joyce Clingan, Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education. (See full story on Page 55).

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# A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



### Dear Friends,

Although I will have something further to say about the extraordinary situation which is unfolding in Westminster in later months I thought we all deserved a break from political drama for a little while. So something a little more personal.

I'm not sure why, but winter always reminds me of CS Lewis. It might be because one of his more macabre literary creations (the Ice Queen in the Narnia books) is the epitome of icy coldness. It may be because of his love of what he called "northerness" which he was introduced to in the great Icelandic sagas and which was summed up for him in some words from the sagas:

"Balder the beautiful is dead, is dead."

Along with his friend and fellow teacher at Oxford, JRR Tolkien, Lewis set up a group called "The Koalbiters" to read the Nordic saga aloud in the original languages. I don't think I am a big enough fan to have enrolled in that particular society.

The Rt Revd John McDowell

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However it might also be because St Valentine's Day falls in the middle of winter. As you probably know Lewis himself found "romantic" love late in life and in very unusual circumstances. He had befriended a visiting American researcher called Joy Davidman, a convert to Christianity from Judaism. She fell grievously ill with cancer and was given only weeks to live. Unfortunately her visa to remain in the UK had expired and the authorities required her to return to the US even though she was in the last stages of life. Lewis married her in hospital to allow her to spend her final weeks undisturbed. She recovered and over time she and Lewis fell deeply in love (he was...and she was...) A few years earlier he had written a partial autobiography called "Surprised by Joy" and the wags around Oxford said he had been surprised by Joy again.

At this time he wrote another book entitled "The Four Loves" in which he had tried to separate out and to define the different forms of love talked about both in literature and the Bible. He used four words from Classical writings to describe these different sorts of love but they are broadly:

- familial love
- love between friends (which he believed had nearly died out)
- what we call "romantic love" (he wouldn't have used that term but preferred "Eros" which we are inclined to think of as a small statue in Piccadilly Circus).
- love of God

It was a great delight to Lewis that he found romantic love so late in life to add to the other three. Oddly enough the place that he speaks most personally about his own experience of his love for Joy is in the book he wrote after she died in 1960 called "A Grief Observed".

Above all Lewis was a realist. He was acutely aware of human frailties, particularly his own, and was also very alive to the tendency we all have to get things dangerously out of proportion. For him romantic love was an important way to direct and to control sexual desire which he recognised as a very strong element in human nature. He might be thought of as a little pessimistic in calling it "the most morbidly disordered of all our appetites" but there is much in an age of limitless access which would bear out his worst fears. But he spoke much more movingly of the positive side of romantic love, in both its physical and spiritual expressions. Despite his terrible experiences in the First World War and the rather unusual and trying domestic circumstances in which he had to live for most of his life he saw the beauty in long relationships of love and friendship.

Romantic love even had the potential to share in the highest form of love, which is God's love for his creation; unchanging regardless of the circumstances. Indeed that constancy was to be the mark of all true love.

So, happy Valentine's Day; make the most of it.

+ John, Clogher

## **PARISH NOTES**

### Aghadrumsee, Clogh & Drumsnatt



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### **Services**

### Sunday 3rd February

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

### Sunday 10th February

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

#### Sunday 17th February

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

### Sunday 24th February

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

### 200th Birthday

At St Mark's Aghadrumsee we are celebrating our 200th birthday and are having a year of events to mark this milestone, starting with an opening service in May this year and finishing with a special weekend May 2020. If you would like to get involved come along to our next meeting on Monday 11th February at 8.00 pm.



A visit from Santa to the Aghadrumsee Sunday School Christmas Party.

We are compiling a book of the church down through the years, if you have any memories or photos of the church, please contact Moira Johnston or Capt Hamilton.

### **Lent Bible Study**

This year's Lent Study at the Rectory will be on the following dates Monday 18th and 25th February and Monday 11th and 25th March meeting for tea and cake at 7.45 pm followed by our study. We will be using Before Amen, a four-session videobased study, where best-selling author Max Lucado reveals his struggles with prayer and how he discovered that it is not a privilege for the pious or the art of a chosen few but a simple tool everyone has been given to have a conversation with God. He shows you how to let go of uncertainties about prayer, trust that God hears you and embrace a prayer life that brings peace and rest.

### **Mothers' Union**

A meeting of Clogh Mothers' Union will take place on Monday 4th February at 8.00pm when Sharon Forster from Care Direct will be our speaker. Members are invited to Lisnaskea MU meeting on Thursday 7th February in Trinity Hall when Timothy Richmond of the Fire and Rescue Service will be the speaker.

**Our Young Ladies Group** are going bowling on Tuesday 12th February. Contact Dianne for further details.



Singer Rebecca Burns with the Muckno Singers taken at Clogh Christmas Concert held on the 8th December. David Linton was also compere and played the pipes. A good evening had by all.

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

**Aghadrumsee Ladies Guild** will meet on Thursday 21st February at 8.00 pm.

**Ash Wednesday Group Service** will take place in Clogh on 6th March at 7.00 pm.

### Sympathy

We were saddened to learn of the death of Joe Johnston, a faithful member of Clogh Select Vestry for many years. Sympathy is extended to his wife Corina, daughters Alison, Heather and Amanda and the entire family circle. We also extend our sympathy to the Egerton Family on the death of Elizabeth's mother and to the Beattie Family on the death of Jim's mother.



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### **Services**

### Sunday 3rd February

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion 12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

### Sunday 10th February

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer 12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

### Sunday 17th February

11.00am Family Service at Colebrooke

#### Sunday 24th February

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer 12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

### A note from the rector:

For most of 2018 I have been unable to carry out my duties as rector of the parishes of Colebrooke and Cooneen with Mullaghfad, due to illness.

I understand that I have missed quite a lot in the life of the parishes and wish to extend my condolences to those whose loved ones have died during the year. I also wish to extend my thanks to the Revds Margaret Pringle and Johnny McLoughlin, Archdeacon Brian Harper, Canons Maurice Armstrong and Peter Wilson, Mrs Joy Coalter and Mr Roy Crowe and the many others who kindly took services from last February to now. I am especially grateful to Bishop John for his support and pastoral care. Thank you too to my parishioners who have been very understanding. With God's help, I'm looking forward to things returning to normal in the next couple of months.

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

Aghavea & Colebrooke

All young people of secondary school age welcome.





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#### **GFS**

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

### Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

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

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 – 8 years)

Cubs (8 - 11 years)

Scouts (11 - 14 years)

### **Bowling Club**

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

New members will be very welcome.

### **Mothers' Union**

Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union met on 21st November when George Barkley and Mark Donnelly from County Antrim, spoke and sang the Christian message. Members had invited men and women from the parishes and the local community to join them and over 50 came along.

George Barkley, an evangelist with Vision Praise Ministries, brought a variety of models of tractors and cars as well as a thresher. Using these models and recounting part of his life story, he related each one to Holy Scripture and how the Lord Jesus Christ used simple everyday things to teach divine truths. George asked Jesus to be his Saviour when he was aged 13 but it was nearly 40 years later that God led him into his role as an evangelist. His life experiences in farming and the tragedy of losing two children has taught him complete trust and dependence on a sovereign God whose Word, the Holy Bible, is relevant to daily life and faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour is the only sure hope of heaven one day.

Mark sang gospel messages which were his testimony as a Christian working with Child Evangelism Fellowship in County Antrim. Everyone enjoyed chatting to the guests afterwards as they ate hot dogs, trifle and apple tart provided by MU members. Free DVD's of George's ministry were available for all to take.

In December MU members assisted the Parish catering committee as they hosted an 'Afternoon Tea Party' for senior citizens. Mr Roy Crowe opened in prayer and led the singing of well-known carols, accompanied by Mrs Diane Simpson who played the keyboard. Revd Margaret Pringle was unwell, so Hazel and Irene read poems she





had chosen to recite and then all had fun passing the parcels which she had prepared. Irene led a musical and Christmas quiz which was enjoyed by all present and prizes were distributed to the teams. A thank you gift was presented to Diane and Christmas greetings and gifts were given to Roy and sent to the Revd Margaret.

Everyone was treated to a seasonal tea with lots of chatting, before returning home with a small gift. Thanks are due to parishioners from Colebrooke and Cooneen for their contribution of food and help on the day.

### **Sadness**

The branch members have been thrust into deep sadness by the unexpected passing of Ann Johnston on 15th December. Ann had been a faithful and active member of MU for nearly 40 years, undertaking the roles of secretary and treasurer over those years. She worked meticulously to keep the finances in order, adapting to the many changes in MU administration. Ann greatly enjoyed participating in all activities and especially the annual outing which she supported and assisted in organising. There are no words to describe our sadness at her loss and we ask for your prayers.

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On 20th February members are planning to explore the MU theme 'Listen, Observe, Act – In Step with God.'

The MU is also hosting the Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March in Colebrooke Parish Church at 8 pm, to which all are invited.

### **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? 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).

### **Upcoming Services**

Sunday 3rd February

Holy Communion

Sunday 10th February

Morning Prayer

**Sunday 10th February** 

Evening Prayer, Brooke Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

Wednesday 13th February

Bible Fellowship, 8pm — Gideon

**Sunday 17th February** 

Family Service

Sunday 24th February

Morning Prayer

Wednesday 27th February

Bible Fellowship, 8pm — Samson

Our morning services are at 11am, and always followed by refreshments in the church. Our evening service in the Brooke Memorial Hall in Brookeborough village is an informal service at which all are always welcome.

### **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 upwards, and always have a lot of fun as they work together in their different activities each week.

We will 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**

We had a fabulous evening in December, singing carols with the members of Northwick House residential home, followed by a lovely supper! In January, we gathered to share Holy Communion as we started a new year together.

### **Bowls**

The Bowls Club continue to enjoy fun and fellowship during both practice and competitive games. If you would like to join us at any time - please come along any Monday evening, or speak to any of the members.

### **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!

What a month of concerts and fairs! As a parish, we would like to thank all those who came along to exhibit their wares, to those who came along to join us at the fairs and concerts, and especially to all those who shared their wonderful talents at our Christmas Cabaret Concert.

Never ones to rest on our laurels (or anyone else's, for that matter), we are starting this new year as we ended the last one. We are hosting a Gospel Concert on Friday 22nd February in our Parish Hall, this time with the marvellous True Country Gospel Band headlining the concert. Our good friends Roy Crowe and Margaret Johnston will also be performing — ensuring a great night of entertainment and fellowship. At £7.50, which includes your supper, this will be a great evening in the parish. For tickets, contact a Vestry Member, or the rector at any time. All are welcome.

### **Baptism**

Congratulations to Lynsey and Andrew Granleese on the birth of their son Ezra Robert Ivan. He was baptised and welcomed into God's family on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, just before Christmas. After welcoming him to the parish, his parents almost had to wrestle him away

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The Baptismal service for the Granleese family.

from our Churchwarden, Frances! Pictured with him following the baptism are the rector, his parents Lynsey and Andrew, and his big sister Indv.

### Renovations

This will be a massive year in the life of the parish. As I prepare these notes, we are also preparing to hand over our church building to the contractors. We will continue to meet in our Parish Hall, remembering that the people are the actual church, rather than the building, so the church in Aghavea will continue to go from strength to strength.

### Ballybay, **Clontibret & Muckno**



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### Youth Club

The Youth Club disco was a great success on Saturday 15th December in Christ Church Hall, Ballybay, with our DJ from Monaghan keeping everyone boogieing on the dancefloor! Also there was a great array of festive treats and the many children and adults who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The youth club met on the 12th and 26th January and will meet on 9th and 23rd of February at 6pm in Ballybay Hall. Everyone very welcome!

### **Mothers' Union**

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

### October Mothers' Union Event

The Mothers' Union October event took place in St Maeldoid's Church. Castleblayney. Peter Clampitt, the All-Ireland MU Treasurer was the speaker

on the night and everyone found it very informative and an enjoyable evening. Some of Peter's relatives were also in attendance. Those who attended the event are included in the photo: Jennifer Leathem, Irene Henry, Ethel Coulter, Peter Clampitt, All-Ireland MU Treasurer; Lila Hawthorn, Silvia Clampitt, Pamela Monaghan, Yvonne McBirney, Harriet Hill, Doreen Hearty, (Middle Row) Mrs Eileen Marks and (Front Row) Audrey Hill, Jennifer Kingham.

### Ash Wednesday

A service of Holy Communion will take place on Ash Wednesday, 6th of March at 11am in St Maeldoid's Church, Castleblayney.





A group photo of Fr Shane McCaughey, Revd Neal and members of the late Ian Collie's family attending the Church Chimes Event.

### Muckno

### **Restoration of Church Chimes Completed**

The refurbishment of the Church Chimes in Saint Maeldoid's Church is now completed. The restoration of the Chimes came under the 'Community Together' project, which had as its aims to promote awareness of different cultures and to celebrate diversity and was supported by the European Union's PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

This project involved the participation of local community members both young and old and from different religious and ethnic backgrounds which resulted in the refurbishment and reuse of the Church Chimes in St. Maeldoid's Church, so that they can now be heard again after lying silent for many years.

On the 18th December a special event took place in St Maeldoid's Church to mark the completion of the Church Chimes. All those involved in the project were awarded certificates and several members spoke about the initiative including Tommy McGuire and Janet Hill (Church Treasurer, Glebewarden and member of Castleblayney Community Enterprise) who spoke on behalf of the project coordinators and thanked everyone for their involvement in the project. The Rector then thanked everyone involved in bringing this project to a successful conclusion and then he re-dedicated the Church Chimes to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Andrew Ian Collie. Ian was a stalwart member of St Maeldoid's Church all his life and had a deep interest in the restoration of the chimes and who had made some initial preparations to make this project possible. The projects conclusion was a fitting tribute to the late Mr Collie.

### **Community Carol Service**

The Community Christmas Carol Service was held in St Maeldoid's on Thursday 20th December at 8pm. The Rector and the new Parish Priest of St Mary's Church,

Fr Shane McCaughey, led the service. Members of the whole community read lessons. St Mary's Choir led the singing again this year and sung three beautiful pieces of music. Thank you to the Director of Music for St Mary's, Gary Carville. A great time of fellowship followed the service over a cup of tea and some seasonal treats. The collection went to the Bishops' Appeal.

### **Sunday School Nativity Play**

On Sunday 23rd December, Muckno Sunday School children performed their Nativity Play during divine service. They were all dressed appropriately for their various roles and they each performed their part brilliantly. It was extremely moving for everyone to see the children play their part in the celebration of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We thank each of them for their participation and enthusiasm and we also thank Dr Lucy Phair and Ms Martha O'Connor for preparing the children for the play and for all their work with the Sunday School during the year.

### **Christmas Sunday School Party**

This took place on Saturday the 22nd of December in the Church Hall and special guest Santa Claus was welcomed wholeheartedly by everyone!



At the baptism of Alannah Stephanie Leathem in Clontibret

### Clontibret

### Congratulations

Warmest congratulations to Paul and Dawn Leathem (Germany) on the birth of their daughter Tara Ella on 6 December and to the proud grandparents Isaac and Jennifer Leathem and John and Ethel Ritchie. Congratulations too to Philip and Sharon Leathem on the baptism of their daughter Alannah Stephanie on 23rd December at morning service. We wish Alannah well as she begins her lifelong journey with God. The timing of the christening so near to the birthday of Our Saviour was very fitting and the Christmas decorations and lighting added to the occasion. We wish all the family God's Blessing for the years that lie ahead.

### Orchestra

On 9th December we were delighted that Monaghan Collegiate School Fiddle Orchestra was able to join us in our Carol Service on 9th December. It is such a joy to see the children developing their skills with these instruments and to use them to the glory of God. Our own children played a significant role with lessons read by Aliesha Tate, Ashley Tate, Charlie Lowey, Thomas Donaldson, Callum Donaldson, and poems read by Zoe Donaldson and Zoe Dickson. Once again they proved competent and confident in their roles,



a reflection of the diligent preparation overseen by our Sunday School teachers and their respective parents. Well done everyone! We all enjoyed light refreshment and the opportunity to chat afterwards.

#### **Well Done Andrea**

On 30th November Andrea Johnston took on the challenge of abseiling from the top of the Raddison Blue Hotel, Belfast in aid of PIPS (Hope and Support & PIPS Upper Bann.) PIPS is an initiative for the Prevention of Suicide and Self Harm. Andrea is the small figure in pink. Well done Andrea – a brave undertaking.

### Best wishes for 2019

Best wishes to all for a very happy, healthy and blessed 2019. May we know God's love and peace as we step out into another year.

### **Ballybay**

### **Community Carol Service**

This service which was flowing to capacity, took place in Christ Church on Wednesday 19th December at 8pm. The special singing was by Ballybay Community Choir who performed beautifully. Also a big thank you to Greystone Silver Band who came



Andrea Johnston (the small figure in pink) abseiling from the hotel in Belfast.

all the way from Dungannon to lead the congregational singing and who also played a solo piece. Additionally we thank members of Camphill Community who came along to perform some beautiful festive tunes on their hand bells. Also thanks to George Wallace who very kindly

supplied many cakes and buns for the feast afterwards in the Church Hall. The collection went to Christian Aid and St Vincent De Paul.

#### **Christmas Eve Candlelit Service**

The Christmas Eve Holy Communion service took place at 11pm and was very well attended by parishioners and members of other churches in the area. A big thank you to Alannah Crawford for playing the organ for that lovely service.

### Joint Holy Communion Service

On 6th of January, Christ Church congregation was joined by the four local Presbyterian Churches, 1st and 2nd Ballybay, Rockcorry and Drumkeen, for the annual joint Holy Communion Service. The Rector celebrated Holy Communion and the Revd Jerry Clinton preached and assisted with the administration of Holy Communion. We thank Wendy Sloan for very kindly playing the organ and to Revd James Stevenson for taking part in the service.

#### Illness

We pray for Jean Moffett who is in Cavan Hospital at this time.

### Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh



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### Services

### Sunday 3rd February

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

### Wednesday 6th February

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30 am

### **Sunday 10th February**

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

### Wednesday 13th February

Ash Wednesday Service St Finbarr's 8.00 pm

### **Sunday 17th February**

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

### Wednesday 22nd February

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30 am

### Sunday 24th February

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

### Wednesday 27th February

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

### **Youth Group**

Our Youth Group enjoyed a great night of fun and games at our Christmas Special evening in the Jackson Hall in December. The games ranged from races wearing Christmas onesies to gargling Christmas

In January we began a new series of teaching with our young people using the "Live to Give" resource produced by the Church of Ireland Youth Department. "Live to Give" introduces young people to the Biblical principles of generosity and giving and we look forward to exploring the topic deeper over the next few months.

Our February Youth Group meets in the Parish Room on Wednesday 20th February at 8.00pm and is open to all young people aged 11 plus.

#### **Homeless Donation**

A massive thank you to everyone who donated gifts for our chosen charity for Christmas 2018, the Carrickmacross Lions Club "Hat's For Homeless" Appeal. During our three Carol Services in December parishioners and visitors donated gifts of hats and gloves that were passed on to the Lion's Club as part of their annual collection. As always everyone was extremely generous with a car boot full of hats and gloves being donated.

### Sunday School

Sunday School meets in St Finbarr's on the first, second and fourth Sunday of each month during school term times and is open to all children of national school age up until Confirmation. We have four gifted and dedicated Sunday School teachers who volunteer on a rota basis putting together a great programme using the "Roots" resource that follows the same Bible readings that we use in church. On occasions they need other adults to help out so we are asking all those who have been through the Child Protection training to volunteer to be our second adult.



The Sunday School put on a wonderful Nativity for us in December with a little help from some of our Youth Group who were brilliant narrators. The children then all had a super time at our families Christmas party which was rounded off by a visit from Santa himself.

### **Prayer Meetings**

Our Parish prayer meetings continue on the first Monday of each month at 8pm in the Rectory. Prayer has to be the cornerstone of our Group of Parishes so we would encourage people to come along and join us in praying for our church, our community, the wider world, the sick and ourselves.

### Ash Wednesday Service

We meet together in St Finbarr's on Wednesday 6th March at 8.00pm for a special service to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. This will be a time of thoughtful reflection as together we begin the journey of Lent towards Holy Week and the victory of Easter Sunday.

### **Lent 2019**

Throughout Lent this year we are going to alternate between a series of short services and Bible Studies in which we will, through the use of film, look at the issue of suffering. We are delighted that once more Lorna and Carl Moy have offered the use of their home for our studies. Full details of the study and the dates will be on our Facebook Page and news sheets.

### Jewel's Women's Group

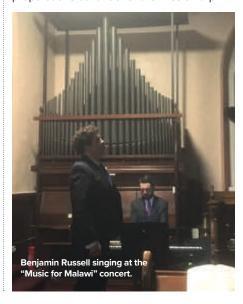
This month in Jewel's the women of our parish and friends will get together for a pot luck supper. This is always an enjoyable evening as the ladies come together for

good food and good conversation. Further details of location and time will be available in early February.

### Malawi 2019

It is now less than six months until our team of volunteers travel to Malawi with Habitat for Humanity to build two houses for orphaned families. Over the past few months the focus has been on fundraising and the team would like to thank everyone who give so generously to help us reach our target for the cost of the house building.

The focus now switches to team building and spreading the word of the mission of Habitat for Humanity that every person should have a safe home to live in. We ask that you continue to pray for the team as preparations continue for the mission trip.



# Cleenish & Mullaghdun



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### **Services**

### **Sunday 10th February**

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

### Wednesday 13th February

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

### **Sunday 17th February**

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

### Sunday 24th February

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

### Sunday 3rd March

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

Please note:- Services may change from time to time, updates in Church Porch

### **Dates for your Diary**

■ Friday 8th February, Cleenish Parish Annual Supper Dance

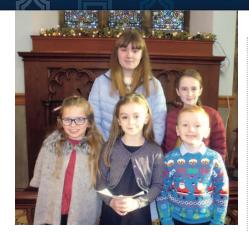
- Wednesday 20th March, Wedding in Cleenish
- Thursday 21st March, Cleenish Select Vestry (note change of date)
- Wednesday 27th March, Mullaghdun Select Vestry
- Sunday 31st March, Mothers' Day
- Friday 19th April, Good Friday
- Sunday 21st April, Easter Sunday

### **Monthly Healing Services**

The next monthly Healing Service takes place on Wednesday 13th February in Mullaghdun Hall. It combines the usual shortened form of Holy Communion with the opportunity for prayer for the sick and bereaved, followed by a cup of tea and time for a chat.

### **Childrens' Christmas Service**

The Annual Children's Family Service,



Children's Christmas Service.

took place in Cleenish Church on Sunday morning 16th December. The Service was conducted by Parish Reader, Rowena Sheridan, who give the CEF Talk. The children sang "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star", after which Sarah recited a poem. Grace then read a portion from the Bible, and the Sunday School Prayers were read by Grace, Kara Lilly, and Ava.

### Services of Nine Lessons and Carols Mullaghdun

The Church was tastefully decorated for the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which was held on Sunday 9th December. The Lessons were read by: John Ryan, George Carson, Heather Carson, Elizabeth Hazlett, Caroline Nixon, Ivy Humphreys, Jim Gamble, Robert Gibson, and the Rector. The Choir sang "Come and Sing the Christmas Story" and "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You". We extend thanks to Elizabeth and the Choir for leading the singing; and also to those who decorated the Church with floral arrangements and festive items.

### Cleenish

The was a large attendance on Sunday evening 16th December. Lessons were read by Owen Wilson, Ruth Wilson, Robert Forde, Cecil Brownlee, George Thornton, Sheilagh Kerr, Claire Balfour, Rowena Sheridan and the Rector. The Choir sang two anthems, "O

Bethlehem is a Small Place" and "New Life" The organist was Mrs Joan Brownlee. Cleenish & Mullaghdun Mothers' Union Members met on Tuesday 15th January for an opening Holy Communion Service in Mullaghdun Hall to mark the start of the theme "Listen, observe, act-in step with God" for 2019. Prayers were led by the Branch Leader Lettie, and theme resources read. Best wishes were extended to the Keys family circle as long-time member, Marion Keys spent the festive season in hospital, and at time of writing continues to recuperate in Omagh Hospital. We wish her a full recovery and look forward to having her back at meetings. Best wishes also to Marion's grandson Alfie, who is recovering after major surgery in Birmingham Childrens' Hospital. Members are delighted to see him out and about again. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th February in Cleenish Parish Hall, at 8pm. Linda Saunderson will be the guest speaker talking on minor illness, and how we can use the resources and facilities available to us within the community to assist in our healing. Non-members are very welcome to join the meeting.

### Cleenish Parent and Toddler Group

The Group closed on Tuesday 11th December with the annual Christmas party. Toddlers enjoyed making cards, icing buns, playing pass the parcel and a story telling season by Mrs Clause. Of course it wouldn't have been a party without the usual festive treats enjoyed by all. Rosita concluded the party with the usual variety of songs, which includes the song 'God loves us.' Pictured is Joan Nixon, who provides the opportunity for the toddlers to develop skills in basic arts and crafts. The Group resumed on Tuesday 15th January running from 10-11.30am. Parents were delighted to return to some structure following the Winter break.

### **Visit to Nursing Home**

On Sunday afternoon 16th December,





Visit to Nursing Home by the MU.

members from Cleenish & Mullaghdun Choirs and Mothers' Union, visited The Tillery Nursing Home at Florencecourt, and sang a number of Christmas Carols to the residents. Shown in the photograph are Mullaghdun resident Bertha Vance, and Cleenish resident Ann Burleigh. Standing are members Lettie Coulter; Joan Brownlee (Organist) and Beatrice Thornton.

### **Cleenish Brownies**

Brownies resumed for the Spring period on Wednesday evening 15th January. They intend to take part in the Thinking Day Service in Florencecourt at the end of February. New girls aged 7 to 11 years will be made welcome in Bellanaleck Hall on Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7;45pm.

### Cleenish Parish Annual Supper Dance

The Annual Supper Dance will take place on Friday 8th February, in the Unionist Headquarters, Enniskillen, dancing to Wee Tom. Tickets £15 each, can be obtained from any member of the Select Vestry.

### Accident

Mullaghdun long serving Churchwarden, Dessi Coalter, has improved greatly since his unfortunate accident at the end of November. He is out and about every day, but not back to full strength yet, and is certainly heading in the right direction. The members of the Select Vestry wish Dessi well and look forward to having him back on regular Sunday morning duties.

### **Bereavement**

### Ethel Kingston

There was widespread shock within the local area, when news leaked out on Friday morning about the sudden death of Ethel the previous evening Thursday 10th January. Born Ethel Moffitt and reared near Swanlinbar, Co Cavan the youngest of four children, Ethel went to the local Primary School, before attending the Collegiate

Grammar School in Enniskillen. She trained as a nurse and worked in the Royal Victoria Hospital during times of political unrest. She had already met her future husband Trevor during her school days and were married for 44 years, and were blessed with a family of four. Ethel returned to Enniskillen to assist her husband in his new business at Home. Field & Stream, and during this time "The Cleenish Centre" was erected, to which both Trevor and Ethel were dedicated. Their main hobby was boating on the River Erne, and looking after the garden in their new home. The family had deep faith and were keen Church attenders, and it was ironic Ethel, a former Sunday School Superintendent was in her usual seat in Cleenish Church on the Sunday before she passed away. There was a very large attendance at her Funeral Service on Sunday 13th January, where the Church and Parish Hall were filled to capacity, with many standing outside. The Service was conducted by Canon Geoff, and the address was given by Very Revd Sam Wright, Dean of Lisburn Cathedral. Joan Brownlee played the organ. During the Service, Stephanie paid a glowing tribute to her mother, a lesson was read by Craig, and a reading by Rodney. Revd Malcolm delivered the obituary prayers at the Committal as Ethel was laid to rest in the adjoining Churchyard. Members of Cleenish Parish and the entire community, send their deepest sympathy to her husband Trevor, and family members



Community Group Children's Christmas Party

Rev Malcolm (Claire), Rodney (Tara), Stephanie (Martyn), and Craig (Sarah), Great Granny and eight Grandchildren, two sisters, her brother, and the entire family circle.

### Sympathy

#### Jim Elliott

Sympathy is expressed to Nigel Elliott, Cleenish Parish, whose father William James passed away in the County Care Nursing Home, on Sunday 25th November.

### **Beth Mills**

Beth was born and reared at Rushin House,

Bellanaleck, the elder sister of the late Ivan Loane. After leaving school she married the late Captain Ray Mills who previously served in the Church Army, and who predeceased her in March last year. Living in Chatham, Kent, after Ray retired from long service the majority based in Peru, the 79-yearold mother of four children was in failing health for some time, and passed away peacefully on Christmas Day. Beth was laid to rest in Chatham, on Friday 1st February She frequently visited her homeland staying with her brother Mervyn at the old homestead at Gortaloughan. Members of Cleenish Parish send their deepest sympathy to her brothers Alwyn and Mervyn, her sister Benetta, and the entire family circle.

### **Cleenish Centre**

The Christmas Carol Service took place on Sunday afternoon 2nd December. The Service was introduced by Kathryn Hicks, the soloist was Chris McClintock, and the address was given by Anne Brown. It is with deepest sympathy the Directors and Staff at the Centre record the sudden passing of their long-time companion Ethel Kingston. They remember at this sad time Trevor, and the entire family circle. To hire the Centre, or if you feel 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.

## Clogher Cathedral Group



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### St Mark's Youth Club

Please note change in day for Seniors Youthclub.

Tuesday Junior youth Club (pre-school – P4) 6.30-7.30pm

Wednesday Senior Youth Club (P5 – 2nd Year) 6.30-7.30pm

St Mark's Youth Club had an action-packed month when they visited Clogher Fire Station in December where they got a brief talk on fire safety, a run in the fire engine and got to try out the hose! They also enjoyed a Saturday morning at the cinema followed by lunch in McDonald's. On the last night before the Christmas break, the annual Christmas party was held filled full of fun activities and a special visit from Santa.

The senior youth club had a fun filled pizza and games night.

A trip will be organised to Vertigo in Belfast to use their new inflatable area in March. Date to be confirmed.

### **Ablaze Youth Fellowship**

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.

### **February Programme**

- Sunday 3rd 7- 8.30pm Carmichael Hall
- Sunday 10th 7- 8.30pm Carmichael Hall
- Saturday 16th Pizza Night @ Pizzarama,
   Omagh (Meeting @ Pizzarama,
   Omagh 8pm. Pick up 9.30pm)
- Sunday 24th 7- 8.30pm Carmichael Hall

### **Mothers' Union**

The members of the Mothers' Union look forward to a new year of meetings, beginning on Wednesday, 16th January with a Service of Holy Communion in the Cathedral, conducted by Revd Downey. Our meetings in November and December had a Christmas theme. We enjoyed a party in November at the Court House with a delicious meal prepared by Mr and Mrs Keys, followed by a very entertaining programme by the Valley Voices. In December, after a Christmas Carol and a Bible reading of the Christmas story, the Branch Leader, Mrs Iris Moffett, introduced the speaker for the evening, Mrs Irene Boyd who spoke of the impact of sending Christmas shoe boxes to children in the poorest parts of the world and this was

further reinforced by watching a DVD showing the boxes arriving in Romania, Crimea and Liberia.

It was interesting to hear of the origins of the charity in 1990 when 3000 boxes were brought to Romania and to see the growth of the organisation in 2017 with one million boxes being sent from the U.K. Irene, who has visited third world countries herself, was able to give helpful ideas about the most useful items to contribute to the shoe boxes and also referred to the books of the Gospel, in the appropriate language, which are offered to the children who can choose whether or not to accept it and a follow-up Sunday School course. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Boyd for her most challenging talk by Mrs Lynn Winslow and supper with Christmas trimmings followed. During the business meeting, the Minutes were read by the Secretary, Mrs Graham and Mrs Moffett announced forthcoming events. The words of the Grace brought the meeting to a close.

### Fundraising Weekend for Cathedral Heating

Just before Christmas we received the news that the entire heating system in the Cathedral has to be replaced as soon as possible. Not only this but also essential work is required to stabilise the north wall of the Cathedral. These projects hope to be phased over the next couple of years, however as the heating system is deemed urgent this will have to be commenced as soon as possible. As you are likely aware the Cathedral is a substantial building and therefore to renew the heating system will also be a 'substantial' undertaking. Therefore we turn not only to our faithful parishioners at this time, but also to our friends wider afield and ask for your support in this first leg of this crucial project.

On Saturday 9th March we hope to hold a parish auction – more details will follow.

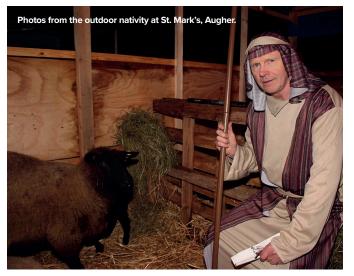
### **Day of Praise**

On Sunday 10th March between 2.30pm – 6.30pm St. Macartan's Cathedral hope to fill the Cathedral 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.

### **Gospel Concert**

Keep free Wednesday 27th March at 8pm for a Gospel Concert in Corrick House Hotel. Proceeds in Aid of St. Mark's Parish Church, Augher. Tickets £10 available from Vestry members or at the door.

#### **Carol Services**

December has been truly buzzing across our four parishes and the usual high standards especially from our Sunday schools and their dedicated teachers were very much to the forefront and brought a wonderful colour to our services.

### **Outdoor Nativity**

This year St. Mark's Augher decided to take their nativity and carol service outdoors.

With the building of a wonderful large stable at the side of the church hall, the erection of a marquee outside the church and the presence of our friends in Murley Silver Band to accompany our carols – and not least two goats, a ewe and two lambs and Cindy our donkey, St. Mark's welcomed a large crowd from across the community to join with them in the telling of 'The Greatest story ever told.' A huge thank you to all who worked so hard to create a very special evening for all gathered.

### Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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### **Services**

Feb 3rd:

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion Newbliss 11.30am: Holy Communion Feb 10th:

Currin 10.00am: Holy Communion Killeevan 11.30am: Holy Communion Feb 17th:

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer Feb 24rd:

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer Newbliss .30pm: Morning Prayer

### **Baptisms**

We were delighted to baptise Bethany Rusk (daughter of Adam and Arlene) and Charlotte Irwin (daughter of Colin and Amanda) during December / January. We welcome these children with great joy into the Lord's family, and we look forward to supporting them and their families as they continue on their journey of faith.

### Confirmation

Preparation classes are now taking place in

the Rectory. Please contact the Rector for more details. The confirmation service with Bishop John will take place on 7 April 2019.

### **Engagement**

Congratulations to David Humphreys and Rachel Stuart on their recent engagement.

#### Illness

We remember in our prayers Sadie Hall, Helen Faulkner, and all those of our parishioners who are ill in hospital or undergoing treatment at present.

### Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to the entire McAdoo family on the sudden death of Eileen; to Dorothy Jordan and her family on the death of her uncle, Thomas Wilson (Garvary Parish); and also to Maud Agnew, Willie Fawcett and George Doogan on the death of their cousin, Vera Ebbitt (Belturbet Parish)

### In memoriam

Killeevan Parish Church has lost a very valued member in the person of Mrs Eileen McAdoo of Annalore, who passed away on Thursday 3rd January 2019. In recent times she had some health issues, but she was still very active and had been able to attend the annual carol service in church on 9 December 2018. Eileen was a devoted member of Killeevan Mothers' Union for over 60 years, and she held a variety of offices within the organisation during that time. There was a huge attendance at her funeral, with many people having to stand outside the church; this bore witness to the very high regard in which Eileen was held. Our parishioners send their deepest condolences to each and every member of the McAdoo family.

### **Bible Study**

Bible Study has now resumed in the home of Terry and Joyce Waters on Tuesday nights at 8.00pm. All are welcome, and the

address is Clontivern, 224 Clones Road, BT92 6FR.

### SOME RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

### \*Talk by Eva Baxter:

A fascinating and informative talk on the life of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, one of our great Hymn writers, was delivered by Mrs Eva Baxter to a most interested audience of children and adults in the Cassandra Hand Building in Clones on 8 December 2018. A look through the Church of Ireland Hymnal reveals that six of the 400 hymns she wrote are included and sung regularly throughout the Church year. As relevant today as they were 200 years ago, these hymns are a simple explanation both to children and the 'inner child' within every adult of the complex biblical concepts of Creation, Christmas and Easter.

Fanny Alexander, as she was affectionately known, had a great love for children and animals, particularly dogs. The creation of the world, and our responsibility towards all things created, is wonderfully expressed in that beautiful hymn "All things bright and beautiful". As she sat at the bedside of a dying child, the words of "There is a Green Hill Far Away" were formed. The Christmas story and the humanity of Jesus are gently explained to children in that much loved carol "Once in Royal David's City". Fanny Alexander was a practical and compassionate person, and she was not particularly interested in the fine details of housekeeping. Her great talents led elsewhere. Visiting a child who was both deaf and dumb caused her to use some of the proceeds from the sale of her publications in order to finance a school in Strabane (County Tyrone) for deaf and dumb

As we listened to Mrs Eva Baxter's account of the life of this great hymn writer and wonderful woman, we realised that she gave of her talents freely and was indeed a good and faithful servant. Many thanks to



The talk on Mrs.Cecil Frances Alexander.

Eva for making the story of Mrs Alexander so alive for us.

### \*Sunday School Christmas Party

This was held in the Protestant Hall in Clones, and it was well attended by almost all of our Sunday School children across the Group ... which led to a fairly full hall! Delicious food was served, Santa came with some fabulous presents for every child, and everyone had great fun as we played a wide variety of games. Many thanks to our loyal Sunday School teachers, to all who organised the party, and to Walter Pringle who was a superb compere (as ever).

### Clones 'Christmas Fare'

This was held on 8 December, and it was an enjoyable success. Thank you to all whose hard work made the event possible – and to everyone who came along to support.

### Killeevan Christmas Praise and Gift Day

As well as our highly popular Christmas Carol Service at Scotshouse, Killeevan parish held its annual Christmas Praise and Gift Day Service on 9 December. The Lisnaskea Silver Band led the congregation in singing carols, whilst solo musical contributions were given by Jacqueline Prentice as well as by Dean Raymond Ferguson and his family. It was a wonderful and uplifting service, well attended by parishioners and many ecumenical guests, and at the end of the service a fine tea was served in the parish hall. The whole event was a real treat, and our thanks go to all those whose hard work made the service such a success.

### **Community notice**

Different Keys Community Choir, Clones Are you interested in singing as part of a group? If so, our recently established community choir is seeking new members both male and female, aged over 18. Practices take place in the Court House, Clones, on a regular basis. For more information, call Dara MacGabahann, Clones Family Resource Centre, on 047 52919. Funded by the International Fund for Ireland.

### Colaghty



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### Services FEBRUARY

**3rd** Holy Communion 11.30am **10th** Family Service 11.30am **17th** Morning Prayer 11.30am **24th** Morning Prayer 11.30am

MARCH

**3rd** Holy Communion 11.30am **6th** Evening Prayer – Ash Wednesday 8.00pm

**10th** Family service 11.30am **17th** Morning Prayer 11.30am **24th** Morning Prayer 11.30am **31st** Morning Prayer 11.30am



Games at the CE night in the hall.

### Christian Baptism

■ 18th November 2018 Bert Everett Graham, son of Marcus and Joanna

■ 16th December 2018

Cody Andrew Milligan, son of Stephen and Glenda

### **Gift Sunday**

The Parish Gift Day was held on Sunday 25th November, and sincere thanks are expressed to all who give generously to the appeal, which will help towards the churches upkeep and ministry wherever the need arises.

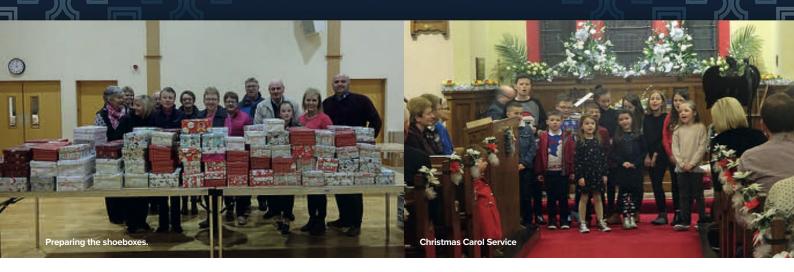
### **Samaritans Purse**

We were delighted once again, to support

this annual mission outreach with 115 shoeboxes passed over to the co-ordinator, Mrs Irene Boyd. We offer a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the appeal, either with appropriate gifts or donations, or in helping to pack the boxes on the designated night. See photos.

### **CE/Sunday school/Youth group**

The CE/Sunday School/|Youth Group Christmas Party was an enjoyable night with festive games; pass the Brussel sprouts, the reindeer's nose, to name but a few, with party treats for all in attendance. The members of the youth group had the Brussel sprout challenge to look after, name and give a short talk on their sprout at the conclusion of the night. We express



sincere thanks to the leaders and helpers for organising the night, and for all they do in delivering this worthwhile ministry to the children and young people.

### Young@Hearts

Many of the club's members went along to the Drumrush Lodge, Kesh for their Christmas meal when everyone enjoyed the good food and festive get together.

### Womens' Fellowship

The members were addressed by Elaine Johnston at the December meeting. Elaine offered advice on various issues from her experiences and knowledge in the field of Chiropody. The meeting concluded with a very tasty and well-presented Christmas Supper.

### **Family Service**

The family service was the work of the children, supported by their teachers and helpers, as the theme this year was 'Which Christmas'? The children put together a series of marketing themes of what makes the perfect Christmas with a little added humour to some of our well-known individuals and businesses in the locality. The rector gave a suitable talk on the perfect Christmas we have with Christ in our lives as he took each of the key

catch phrases generated by the Christmas marketing to emphasise the point. We thank the teachers, helpers who assisted in the family service, the reader, those who led the prayers, the musicians, IT and those who provided the refreshments after the service.

### **Christmas Carol Service**

Our annual Christmas Carol service was held on the evening of 23rd December with the ladies of the Women's Fellowship, who recently celebrated their 50th anniversary, reading the lessons and provided the supper after the service. It was a delight to have leading and accompanying the carols this year an array of talented musicians, from the organist, violinists, guitars, accordions and drums. Marcus Graham sang an appropriate piece before the rector's address on the marketing gimmick that seems able to fill the emptiness in and of Christmas, reminding everyone that God had given us His Son who can fill that emptiness when we receive Him as Lord and Saviour. Many thanks to everyone who took part and attended this beautiful service, and for the fellowship afterwards in the parish hall, which was enjoyed by all.

### New Year's Eve

All at the New Year's Eve night had an excellent evening of fellowship and worship,

together with a seasonal supper served at the beginning. Our thanks to the Select Vestry members who sponsored the evening, to speaker Kenny Rutledge, to Committed who led the worship, to Jason and Lee who ensured everyone had an active time in the social afterwards and to the pipers and drummers who brought in the New Year in traditional Hogmanay style. We would want to pay particular thanks to those who prepared the hall, the food, served and made the night so special for all.

### Scripture Union E3

A reminder of the evening of prayer to 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.

#### Farm, Fellowship & Faith

Monday 25th March 2019 at 8.00pm is the next meeting of our Farm, Fellowship & Faith nights will take place in the parish hall. A representative from the PSNI will be present to speak on Farm crime and matters of safety off and on the road, and the latest driving regulations relative to farmers. Please put the date in your diary and plan to attend.

### Dates and times of church groups and activities

- Women's Fellowship 2nd Monday monthly at 8.00pm
- Stitch and Chat Tuesdays at 7.30pm Young@Heart 3rd Wednesday monthly 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





### Forthcoming events

- 22nd February 2019 Kesh Rural Deanery Wellbeing & Self-Care Youth Event in Tubrid church hall at 7.30pm, for young people ages 12 - 17, who are encouraged to attend, with guest speaker Conor McCafferty from Zest charity.
- 15th March 2019 Kesh Rural Deanery Wellbeing & Self-Care Event Termon Centre Pettigo, 7.30pm for everyone aged 18 and over
- 4th May 2019 Parish Auction 16th June 2019 175th Anniversary service
- 7th 13th October 2019 Parish Mission Please check weekly announcements for any changes or updates to the various groups/activities that meet regularly.

### Derryvullen **North and Castle Archdale**



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#### Services

### **Sunday 10th February**

10.30am Derryvullen North (Family Morning Prayer)

11.45am Castle Archdale (Family Morning Prayer)

### Sunday 17th February

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer) 11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism)

### Sunday 24th February

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

### Sunday 3rd March

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

### Women's Group

The November meeting took the form of a craft evening with the members being able to get creative in an enjoyable and relaxed

setting. Jennifer Johnston of Corran Crafts led the event.

### **RAF Cadets**

By the time of publication the 72 (OMAGH) Squadron of the RAF Cadets will have held their Parade and attended Derryvullen North Church Service to mark the foundation of the Cadets in 1941. Members of the Cadets assisted in the Service and it was enjoyable for us to continue the links with this fine organisation.

### **Parish Centre**

The work on the new Parish Centre is now almost complete and we thank all who have been involved in this project. The special one-off appeal towards this work is almost at an end and once we have a total this will be announced but we do thank all who have given for their generosity. The facilities in the Centre will be an asset to the parish and indeed also the wider community in the vears ahead.

### **Mothers' Union**

There was no meeting in November as the Prayer Vigil against Gender Violence took place in Derryvullen North Church on 28th November. There was a large attendance at this Service and lot of items were donated. Beth Lowry from Fermanagh Women's Aid was the Speaker and the Service was led by Dr Margaret Knox. Members of the Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North MU Branch also took part and we are also grateful to Organist, Mrs Florence Barrett and the Choir for leading the praise. The Rector, the Revd Paul Thompson also attended. Fermanagh Women's Aid were most appreciative of everything that was given and the generosity of all concerned.

A Christmas Tree Festival was held in the

Bawnacre Centre, the proceeds going to the Air Ambulance. This was well supported by the community and the MU, along with several other Church organisations, had a tree featured in the festival. Along with the Tree there was information about the work of the MU.

On February 27th the speaker at the meeting will be Mr Fred Ternan and this will be a most interesting evening. Fred is well known for his great skills in wood working and he has featured on BBC Countryfile for his recent work in maintaining traditional boat building.

On Friday 1st March the Women's World Day of Prayer will be held in Irvinestown Presbyterian Church.

### Senior Citizens Dinner

By the time of publication the annual dinner for Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North will be held on 30th January 2019 at 6.30pm in Derryvullen North Parish Hall. There will be full report on this in the next edition of the magazine.

### Boys' Brigade

All Sections of the Company had a very active lead up to Christmas. The members of the Anchor Boys had a visit from Mr Jonathan Graham with the Big Red Bus. The Bus is a specially converted double-decker with area for play and Lego building. The boys were able to have a great evening of fun and the time included being able to use all the Lego materials and also have some singing and a Scripture story by Jonathan. They also came third at West Ulster Battalion Anchor fun and games evening hosted by Mountjoy Company.

1st Irvinestown BB (Company Section) have been working on a cross community project with Irvinestown Youth club and have



The BB enjoying their event.

been taking part in dodge-ball, football, box work and team building games This has been facilitated with George Beacom at the Bawnacre Centre. The members of the Youth Club have also visited the BB in Derryvullen North Hall and participated in box-work, getting as well an insight into the range of activities within Boys' Brigade. This is a programme which broadens mutual and cultural understanding and developing friendships. Thanks go to Declan and all the staff at the Bawnacre who has been working with Joe Graham and officers and boys of the Boys' Brigade. Funding has been provided through Peace 4 and Fermanagh and Omagh Council.

By the time you read this, the Leaders of the BB will have held a Lunch in Derryvullen North Hall on Sunday 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 were special presentations at the Derryvullen North Service about the work of these groups by Mr Joe Graham (BB Captain) and Mrs Siobhan Allister (MS Society). More details next month.

### **Gospel Concert**

An audience of about 230 attended the Gospel Concert featuring the Strule River String Band and other singers and performers from the community. It was a very enjoyable evening and thanks to all who performed, organised and facilitated the event. Thanks also to Fr Kevin Duffy and the Roman Catholic parish for the permission to use their car park for the occasion. The amount raised came to about £2900.

### Christmas Events

The annual Christmas Fair was held in Derryvullen North Hall on Saturday 1st Dec with a total of £2936.94 being raised. This was in association with the turning on of the lights in Irvinestown. A great evening and an event that really added to the whole town celebration – our thanks to all who organised and supported the Fair.

The Lisnarick Christmas Lights were switched on in spite of the wet weather on Friday 7th December and a great night was had by all who attended. The mince pies and mulled wine for all were very welcome and enjoyed. Congratulations to the members of the Lisnarick Community Group who organised the event.

The Tuesday Club Christmas Communion was held on 11th December and members enjoyed mince pies and festive foods afterwards. Due to the Senior Citizens Dinner on 30th January there the next meeting of the Tuesday Club will be 12th February at 2.30pm

The Advent/Christmas Services - All through this season the Advent Candles were lit in Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North Sunday by Sunday. Our thanks to Mrs Irene Armstrong and Mrs Hazel Johnston for making the wreaths for these services. On Sunday 16th December each Sunday School performed a Nativity Presentation at the Morning Worship. The Carol Services were held on Sunday 23rd December. At Castle Archdale the praise was led by Organist Mr William McBride and the visiting Brass Ensemble. At Derryvullen North the praise was led by Organist Mrs Florence Barrett, assisted by Mr David McDowell on guitar, and the choir. There were choir anthems and a solo by Alice. The Christmas Services began in each parish with the traditional Vigil Communion Services on Christmas Eve

(the first Services of the festival) and then also a Service in each parish on Christmas Morning.

At the Services in Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North on Sunday 16th December, the members of the Sunday Schools along with other parishioners brought and presented items for The Pantry Food Bank which is based in the Oasis Bookshop on Lisnaskea Main Street, and supplies people with daily food items and goods. There was a great quantity of items and this was greatly appreciated by the Team at The Pantry and this generosity will help support people who are in need.

### **Primary School**

Irvinestown Primary School performed a Christmas Play called "The Christmas Chart Show" at the Bawnacre Centre on Wednesday 12th December. The main hall of the centre was filled to capacity and the audience enjoyed seeing each class performing a different scene. Many different characters made an entrance and there was a wide range of music to be enjoyed. The School Choir and Orchestra also performed several pieces. The Staff, Children and the Parent Teacher Association all worked very hard to make the evening a very enjoyable success. The Staff of the Bawnacre Centre were also very busy ensuring all went smoothly. There was also a presentation by Principal Mrs Edwina Read, to the Revd Nigel Elliott who has completed his term as Chair of the Board of Governors, a total of 14 years. The new Chair of the Board of Governors will be the Rector. The evening concluded with refreshments for everyone.

### **Presbyterian Church**

On Friday 18th January 2019 our neighbours in the Presbyterian Congregations



The Strule River String Band

of Irvinestown, Pettigo and Tempo welcomed their new Minister, the Rev Gunther Andrich, in the Service of Installation held in Irvinestown Presbyterian Church. The Rector, along with clergy and representatives of other denominations attended this service. Gunthar is moving from Lisburn where he has been Assistant Minister in Elmwood Presbyterian Church. We welcome him into the community and pray that he and the congregations are truly blessed in this new phase of ministry.

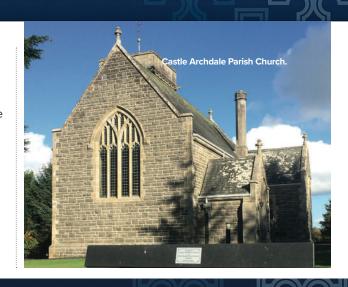
### From the Registers

### **Holy Baptism**

- 18th November (Castle Archdale) Jacob Hunter
- 25th November (Derryvullen North) Lucy Warrington

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- 8th December 2018 (Derryvullen North) Dougie Allen
- 31st December 2018 (Derryvullen North) Georgena Elliott



### Derryvullen South and Garvary



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### **Services**

### Sunday 3rd February, 2019 The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

10.30 Garvary – A Celebration of Holy Communion

12.00 Derryvullen South – A Celebration of Holy Communion

### Sunday 10th February, 2019 The Fourth Sunday before Lent

10.30 Derryvullen South – Morning Prayer 12.00 Garvary – Morning Prayer

### Sunday 17th February, 2019 The Third Sunday before Lent

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

### Sunday 24th February, 2019 The Second Sunday before Lent

10.30 Derryvullen South – Family Service 12.00 Garvary – Family Service Garvary Parish Church was the venue for an evening of music and song by the Ballyclare Male Choir on Friday 23rd November. This was a most successful fundraising event and our thanks to the members of the Ballyclare Male Choir for a very enjoyable evening and to everyone who supported this event.

### The Season Of Advent

Many thanks to the organist, Rosemary Watts in Derryvullen South Parish and choir for their special hymn each Sunday during Advent. The young people from both parishes took part in the services each week lighting the candles and saying the prayers. Thanks to Jean Hunter for making the beautiful Advent Wreath.

### **Christmas Services**

The young people played a leading role in the telling of the story of Jesus birth in both Garvary and Derryvullen South Parish churches. Everyone was impressed with their acting and singing and thanks to the Sunday school leaders for their enthusiasm and dedication in preparing the young people. Beautifully designed Christmas cards made by Sonia and Lauren Trimble were on sale as well as Christmas Treats made by Lorna Hicks, all part of our fundraising efforts in Garvary Parish Church. Thanks and well done.

Christmas Eve Services in both Derryvullen South and Garvary were well attended and after the services everyone enjoyed fellowship and festive treats made and served by the ladies of the parishes. Both parish churches were beautifully decorated for the festive season thanks to all who gave of their time and talents. Also thanks to Gail Graham from Derryvullen South Parish and the Phair family in Garvary for the beautiful Christmas trees and to the young people for bringing baubles to decorate the tree. Thanks to the organists and choir members in both parishes for the special music over the Christmas period.

### **Dates for your Diary**

• Friday 15th February - An evening of Scottish Country Barn Dancing will be held in Derryvullen South Parish Hall. Please support this family event. Come and dance or come and enjoy the live music. Tickets are on sale from any Vestry Member. Tickets £10. Supper will be provided. This is a fund raising event and all proceeds will go to Derryvullen South Parish Church funds.

- A Bowls Tournament will be held in Garvary Parish Church hall from Monday 25th February until Friday 1st March.
- The Mothers' Union opening service and Annual General meeting took place on Monday 21st January at 8.00 pm in Derryvullen South Parish Church. At that meeting the programme for the year was being decided and details of the monthly meetings will be in the next Diocesan magazine.

### **Clothes For Clobber**

Clothes will be collected during the month of March. We thank Hilda Lucy for taking on this task.

### **Marriage Register**

Congratulations to Rachel McVitty and Alastair Hopper married on the 29th December, in Garvary Parish church. We wish them God's Richest Blessing.

### **Burial Register**

Sincere sympathy to the Willa Wilson on the death of her husband, Thomas Crozier Wilson. We offer the wider family circle our prayerful support at this time. The funeral service took place in Garvary Parish church on 27th December, 2018.

Sincere sympathy to Garry and the wider family circle of Dorothy Corr who was laid to rest in Derryvullen South Graveyard on Monday 17th December after a service of thanksgiving in Ballycassidy House Funeral Home.

### Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy and prayerful support to David and Iris Henderson on the death of David's father.

### **Devenish & Boho**



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### **February Services**

### Sunday 3rd

10.00 am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

### Sunday 10th

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Service, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church.

### Sunday 17th

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

7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

### Sunday 24th

10.00am Family Service, Boho Parish Church 11.30am Family Service, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

### **Christmas Services**

Boho Carol Service was held on the evening of Sunday 16th December. The readers were Danny Redmond, Nigel Irwin, Denzil Cluff, Trevor Irwin, Trevor Smith, Albert Cluff, Chiemela, Rejoice and Chigoziri Ajuka, Albie Cluff and Revd Sampson Ajuka. The organist was Kathleen Irwin. After the service a lovely supper was served to the congregation.

### **Devenish Sunday School Christ**mas Service

We wish to thank Devenish Parish Sunday School children and their leaders for their Christmas Service. The introduction and readings were read by Abi Kernaghan, Gemma Elliott, Rachel Cathcart and Jacob McHugh. Emma Little and Kathryn Haskins performed the drama "The Christmas Alphabet." The letters were explained



by Nathan Ferguson, Jill Cathcart, Oscar McHugh, Sarah Kernaghan, Adam Ferguson, Lucy Cathcart and Joseph Giles. The prayers were said by Maisie Cathcart, Gareth Cathcart, Jason Elliott and Aerin Daley. Jacob McHugh and Jason Elliott lifted the collection. Thank you to everyone for their excellent Performance.

### **Devenish Carol Service**

This was held on the evening of Sunday 23rd December. The choir sang a number of carols including, Rejoice and be Merry, Gold for a Manger Bed, the Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy and O Holy Night. The readers were Kenneth Ferguson, Kathryn Haskins, Norma Ferguson, Kay McKeown, Pearl Bell, David Ferguson, David Scott, Dorothy Scott, and Revd Sampson Ajuka. Special thanks to the choir and organist Mrs. Gill Spence for their musical contributions. After the service the congregation enjoyed tea and fellowship in the Reade Hall.

### **Holy Communion Services**

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

### **Sunday School Party**

The Sunday school children had a very enjoyable party on Monday 17th December. Thanks to the Sunday school teachers who organised it and to Santa Claus, who appeared as usual.

### Devenish and Boho Mothers' Union

There was a very good attendance at our Christmas social evening on Tuesday 4th December when we enjoyed some festive food and fellowship. Georgina, our Branch Leader, welcomed everyone and led us in prayer, remembering especially those who were ill and unable to join us on this occasion. The evening was also an

opportunity to wish a special lady, Kathleen Irwin, a very happy 90th birthday. After everyone had sang happy birthday to Kathleen she cut her birthday cake. The evening concluded with the singing of a number of Carols after which Georgina wished everyone a happy and blessed Christmas and safe journey home.

Kathleen Irwin

cutting the cake

to celebrate her

90th birthday

### Carol Singing

On Wednesday 12th December a group of members and parishioners went Carol Singing to the Tilery and Graan Nursing homes and to the homes of two of our members.

### **Annual Dinner**

Our annual dinner will be held in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Tuesday 19th February at 7.30 pm. Please put this date in your diary and feel free to bring along a friend(s).

### Flower Rota

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

### Thank you

Both parishes wish to thank Mrs Ellen Stevenson for conducting and preaching at our services, while the Revd Sampson was on holiday.

# Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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### Be an Encourager

We are now two months into the New Year. How are thing with you? If you think you are nothing of real value to offer others, consider the works of an unknown poet: One song can spark a moment; one flower

can wake a dream. One tree can start a forest; one bird can herald spring.
One smile begins a friendship; one handclasp lifts a soul.

One star can guide a ship at sea; one word can frame the goal. One vote can change a nation; one sunbeam lights a room. One candle wipes out darkness; one laugh can conquer gloom. One step can start a journey; one word can start a prayer. One hope can raise our spirits; one touch can show you care. One voice can speak with wisdom; one heart can know what's true. One life can make a difference; you see- it's up to you. Author Jon Walker says: "Encouragement is part of God's nature." The New Testament word for encouragement is the same word Jesus used for the Holy Spirit who comes alongside us as an advocate...constant comforter...resident reminder...holy helper... indwelling guide...supplier of courage. Another way God encourages us is when other believers come alongside us as agents of encouragement. Encouragers offer affirmation and confirmation to those who see God's hand working in their lives. Paul writing to the church in Thessalonica says: "For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts" (1 Thessalonians 2: 3-4).

While there are many ways to bring out



the best in others, in reality it only takes one; a willingness to bear with the failings of the weak and not.... please ourselves. That's how we strengthen them in the faith. It's called "people-building." I am very cautious of people whose actions don't match their words. Be encouraged and be an encourager: God can do wonders with a broken heart if you give Him all the pieces.

### Services in February 2019 Sunday 3rd February 2019 - The Fourth Sunday after 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 10th February 2019 - The Fourth Sunday before Lent

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Errigal Truagh: A Celebration of Holy Communion

### Sunday 17th February 2019 - The Third Sunday before Lent

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Tyholland Parish Church: Morning Prayer



Revd. Lorraine welcomes Monsignor Joseph McGuinness to Tyholland Carol Service.

### Sunday 24th February 2019 - The Second Sunday before Lent

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer (Family Service)

12.00 noon: Errigal Truagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

### **Carol Services**

Each parish church within the group hosted a service of nine lessons and carols. Sunday



2nd December started the Christmas celebrations in Tyholland Parish Church. We were delighted to have Monsignor Joseph McGuinness with us. Little Amelia Garland recited a lovely Christmas poem telling us of the true meaning of Christmas. This was a surprise for her grandfather who had celebrated his 90th birthday earlier in the year. The church beautifully decorated was packed with people from all churches in the community. Readers were Sophie Breakey, David Clarke, Jessica Coulter, Nathan Coyle, Darcy Clarke, Geraldine Evans, Jack Gillanders, Luke Irwin and Monsignor McGuiness. The Donagh Choir sang "O Holy Night". The Senior Choir were joined by the Donagh Junior Choir in singing "How Quietly". Geraladine Casey and Siobhan O'Connor sang a duet "O Come O Come Emmanuel" reminding us all we were in the season of Advent. Thanks to Mrs Elizabeth Garland for supplying presents for each child in the congregation. A lovely supper was provided after the service in Tyholland Community Hall. We are thankful to Tom and Margaret who offered a helping hand in setting up for the supper.

### **Errigal Truagh Carol Service**

History was made in Errigal Truagh, as it was the first time that the local Parish Priest, Father John Flanagan, attended and read the Christmas Gospel. Other readers included Helen Irwin, Alexandra Kendrick, William Singleton, Arlene Stewart, Lucy Stewart, Jennifer Taylor, Sarah Taylor and the Revd. Lorraine Capper. It was great to see a large gathering at this service. The Donagh Community choir led in the singing of five anthems. Solos were given by Alexandra Kendrick, Jessica Coulter and the Revd. Lorraine Capper. A magnificent supper was served in Blackwater Learning Centre and we are very grateful to the staff who helped prepare the hall. Thanks also to all who provided the supper and to those who tastefully decorated the church.

### **Donagh Carol Service**

Donagh Parish Church Carol Service was held on Sunday 16th December. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. We were delighted with a filled church. Donagh choir led us in our worship. The readers included peoples of all ages, namely Amy Berry, Hannah Dudgeon, Eileen Fielding, Jeremy Herron, Emily Sheridan, Jean Wallace, Marina Waller, Doris Wilson and the Revd. Lorraine Capper. Thanks to all who read at the three Carol Services. A huge thanks to Mrs. Ethne McCord who was our Musical Director and organist for all three events. Ethne spent a huge amount of time preparing the choirs and she is to be praised for her commitment.



### **Nativity Play**

Donagh Parish Church hosted a group service for the Nativity Play. The Sunday School under the guidance of their teachers and helpers did a magnificent production taking us back to that first Christmas in Bethlehem and reminding us the greatest story ever told. Thanks to their teachers: Edna Taylor, Deborah Treanor, Marina Waller and Robert Jordan and to all who help out with the teaching in Sunday School. Thanks also to the Junior Choir and all our young musicians for this truly wonderful occasion. At the end of the service we had a special visitor who gave presents to each of the Sunday School children.

### Winter's Tale

Once again tickets were in hot demand. Within a day or two the whole two nights were sold out. A huge thanks goes to Mrs. Ethne McCord for the dedication and devotion she gave in training both the Junior and Community Choirs for this event. The choirs are also to be praised for their commitment in attending many practices over the previous months. Special thanks to Mr. Gerard Toal who played for hours at the piano over many weeks. This year we were delighted to have a whole team of musicians.



On drums, Peter Toal; violinists: Kenneth Atkinson and George Watson; flutist Jamie Duffy; playing the harp and the accordion, Ben Duffy; trumpet Jeff Nelson and pipers, the Sommerville family. We had a feast of musical talent each evening interspersed with poems read by the Revd. Lorraine Capper who also compered the evening. Mr. Michael Fisher and Mr. Pat Deerv were our quests. They read the Christmas poem by Patrick Kavanagh "A Christmas Childhood". Thanks also to Mr. Glenn Moore who kindly played the organ for the community carols on Tuesday evening. Special thanks to our duets: Siobhan O"Connor and Geraldine Casey; Gareth Corrigan and Diane Wright-Kendrick. At the end of the evening we were piped to Castle Leslie where beautiful refreshments were served. Thanks goes



Photos from the Nativity Play in St. Salvator's, Donagh.



to Samantha Leslie and her management and staff of Castle Leslie. Thanks also to those who worked hard behind the scenes for this event, without their dedication this event would not have been possible: those who erected the stage and looked after the lighting of many candles, a huge thanks. Thanks also to those who so tastefully decorated the church and to those who arranged parking. Two wonderful and memorable evenings expressing the true meaning of Christmas. All proceeds are to go towards new rooms for our Sunday School.

### Out in the Community

Donagh choir together with singers from Co. Monaghan parishes travelled to Enniskillen Cathedral for the "Big Sing". The newly formed choir sang two pieces under the direction of Mrs. Ethne McCord: "Guide My Feet Lord" and "Go Now in Peace". A very uplifting night was had with great

congregational singing.

Donagh Choir had a very busy December. They were invited to join in the Riverbank Carol Service and fundraising event in Emyvale. The choir also attended the Glaslough Community Carol Singing around the Christmas tree on 23rd December. Finally, on Christmas Eve the choir was invited to Castle Leslie to join with members of the Leslie family and staff to sing carols. Some members of Donagh choir attended the Clogher Diocesan Advent Carol Service in Clogher Cathedral on Advent Sunday evening. Thanks to Mrs Ethne McCord who read a lesson at this service.

### **Mothers' Union**

We all had a great craft evening hosted by Geraldine Casey in the Parish Hall. The ladies were encouraged to use their skills in making coat-hanger covers and collage pictures. Thanks to Geraldine who started off our New Year with a very interesting evening. The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on Wednesday 13th February in the Donagh Parish Hall, Glaslough. We are having a visit from Busy Bee Ceramics, our local pottery in Glaslough.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Neal Greig on being elected to the Royal Ulster Academy for his outstanding achievements in the art world. Neal's renowned career has seen him presented with numerous awards including the prestigious Pollock-Krasner Award from the Jackson Pollock Foundation, New York. He has exhibited widely in Ireland and abroad in both private and public collections. He has recently had an exhibition in the Market House in Monaghan.

Congratulations to Dr. Katherine McCord, daughter of Dr. David and Mrs Ethne McCord on her election to the Royal College of Physicians. Wishing her every continuing success in her medical career.



Mr Gerard Toal, pianist for Winter's Tale; Mr Glenn Moore, Guest Organist for Tuesday Night and Mrs Ethne McCord, conductor of Winter's Tale.





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### **Services**

### Sunday 3rd February

9.00am Holy Communion 2, "Moved by the Spirit" (Luke 2:22-40)

11.00am Family Service, "Miracles of Jesus" (John 9:1 – 12)

#### **Sunday 10th February**

11.00am Morning Prayer 2, "Challenging words of Jesus – Life" (Luke 9:22 – 26)

### **Sunday 17th February**

11.00am Holy Communion 2, "Challenging words of Jesus – Least" (Matthew 25:31 – 46)

### Sunday 24th February

11.00am Service of the Word, "Challenging words of Jesus – Law" (Matthew 5:17 – 20) 7.30pm Praise & Ministry Service

N.B. Confirmation Service will be on Sunday 10th March @ 11.00am

### God answers prayer!

Dr. Helen Roseveare, missionary to Zaire, told the following story. "A mother at our mission station died after giving birth to a premature baby. We tried to improvise an incubator to keep the infant alive, but the only hot water bottle we had was beyond



Dr. Helen Roseveare.

repair. So we asked the children to pray for the baby and for her sister. One of the girls responded. 'Dear God, please send a hot water bottle today. Tomorrow will be too late because by then the baby will be dead. And dear Lord, send a doll for the sister so she won't feel so lonely.' That afternoon a large package arrived from England. The children watched eagerly as we opened it. Much to their surprise, under some clothing was a hot water bottle! Immediately the girl who had prayed so earnestly started to dig deeper, exclaiming, 'If God sent that, I'm sure He also sent a doll!' And she was right! The heavenly Father knew in advance of that child's sincere requests, and five months earlier He had led a ladies' group to include both of those specific articles." (Our Daily Bread, March 2018. Photo from: https://www.thegospelcoalition. ora/blogs/iustin-taylor/a-woman-ofwhom-the-world-was-not-worthy-helenroseveare-1925-2016/)

This story blows our minds – that God knows our future needs and the things that we will pray for in the future and that he can answer our prayers before we have even prayed. Surely this also shows the power of prayer and the faith that little children can have. It challenges those of us who are parents (or grandparents) about our role in encouraging the children under our care to pray, read their Bibles and grow in their understanding of our amazing God – our heavenly Father.

Let's encourage our children and young people to pray and to set an example in our homes and in the Church in the importance and the impact of prayer. Join us at our weekly Prayer Meeting and let's see the amazing things that God our Father wants to do in and through us as we pray!

### Prayer Meeting

Our Prayer Meeting is now on Wednesday evenings (before the Bible Study) @ 7.30pm, except for the 3rd Wednesday of the month when it's at the earlier time of 7.00pm.

### **Bible Study**

The Bible Study Group continues on Wednesdays @ 8.15pm in the Committee Room where we are currently going through a short 6-session DVD course entitled; 'If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat'. Join us on Wednesdays, except the 3rd Wednesday of the month, to share and learn together through God's Word.

### Scripture Union's new E3 Worker for the Omagh & Castlederg area

Sarah Stockdale first became involved with SUNI through serving as a Camps and



Sarah Stockdale, the new youth worker.

Missions volunteer in the summer of 2012. After graduating from Stranmillis University College in 2016, Sarah took a year out as a SUNI intern based in County Fermanagh. Since then she has been working as a primary school teacher. She is excited to get back to sharing the Bible with children and young people in her local area. Sarah lives at home on her family farm in Ballygawley.

Recently her main hobby has been wedding planning but when she finds the time she loves to sing, play piano and trombone, take her dog Toby for walks and visit an array of coffee shops. So, what will her work as an E3 Worker entail?

The E3 Schools project is a model of delivering schools ministry at localised level by dividing Northern Ireland into districts and employing schools workers in each area. Backed up by local volunteers and support teams, and working alongside local churches, E3 describes our three main aims:

- ENGAGING schools pupils with the opportunities and resources that may lead them to encountering Jesus through His word, praying that they can make an informed decision about Jesus and His truth.
- EQUIPPING Christian teachers and pupils by giving them support and encouragement to facilitate growth in Christian maturity and to encourage them to be salt and light in their schools.
- EMPOWERING churches to actively pray, support and get involved in Schools Ministry by partnering with the E3 Schools Project. Sarah's first few months will be more focused on building relationships getting to know teachers currently involved in running Scripture Union groups and those who go along, those within congregations (both church leaders and lay) with a passion

for Schools Ministry, etc – giving her the chance to get a picture of what there is and encouraging this before launching into new things. Just over two-thirds of the money needed to support Sarah has been pledged, so please pray that more churches and individuals will catch the vision and commit to praying and giving towards this vital ministry.

If you want to meet Sarah and find out more,

there will be a Coffee Morning in Castlederg Baptist on Saturday February 9th, 10am – 12pm and the plan is also to have a Coffee Morning in the Omagh area on Saturday March 9th (venue to be confirmed).

### Keeping up to date

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

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

### Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and spent time relaxing with family and friends amidst the celebrations. We were blessed in the services that we shared - our Children's Service in Tubrid was wonderful and all of those involved brought the story and meaning of Christmas to life in a variety of ways. I would like to put on record our thanks to the children and their teachers for all their hard work in preparing for and leading this service. It was also good to see the Sunday School doing something very practical in gathering groceries which were given to the Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul to help those less fortunate at Christmas.

### Shoebox Appeal

The hall at Tubrid was a hive of activity prior to Christmas as the shoeboxes for Samaritans Purse were gathered, checked and packed for onward distribution. Irene Boyd and her team of willing helpers excelled themselves once again and prepared almost 4000 boxes which will have helped make Christmas brighter for many children. Well done to all involved.

### **Carol Services**

We also had our Carol Services as we heard the Christmas story in the lessons and carols. Once again my thanks to all who were willing to read a lesson and also to those who chose and played the music at



our services as well as the Men's Choir in Tubrid.

### **Baptism**

We welcomed a new member into the church on 23 December when we baptised Hanna Grace Lyttle at Muckross. It was lovely to see the church full as family and friends joined us on this special day and a word of thanks to Dafydd Morgan who provided the music on the day as well as being one of Hanna's godparents.

#### Lent

The next highlight of the church year is Lent and Easter. Lent is a time of year when we should reflect on our walk with our Saviour and try to make whatever improvements are necessary. Some people find that giving something up at this time of year helps focus their minds while others find that doing something that they don't normally do assists them to focus their mind at this time of year.

### Bible study

I intend to hold a bible study over Lent which will allow an opportunity for those who attend to come together and share our thoughts and also to consider all that Lent and Easter mean to us as followers of Jesus Christ.

### **Enjoy the moment**

As the days grow longer we will be looking forward to better weather (although it hasn't been bad this winter so far) and perhaps getting away for a week or two. We seem to spend our time looking forward rather than enjoying the moment which is a shame. While the New Year has passed I would suggest that we could resolve to enjoy the moment a bit more rather than always looking forward to what comes next.

### **Services**

### Sunday 3 February 2019

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, 11.30 Morning Prayer Tubrid

### Sunday 10 February 2019

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckross, 11.30 Morning Prayer Tubrid

### Sunday 17 February 2019

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

### Sunday 24 February 2019

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckross, 11.30 Holy Communion Tubrid

### Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

Pastoral Cover:

Mr Walter Pringle, assisted by Canon Charles McCollum.

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### **Aughnamullen**

Our Annual carol service was held on Sunday 9th December and we were delighted to have the children of Rockcorry National School taking part in the service by singing lively songs so well and were enjoyed by all. Thanks to the teachers who had prepared them for the service and to the children themselves. Thanks also to Mr Walter Pringle for arranging the service and also to Mrs Ethel Ritchie, our organist and the readers. After the service refreshments were provided in the schoolhouse and thanks to the ladies for this and to those who decorated the church so tastefully for the occasion.

### **Christmas Communion**

Our Christmas communion service was held on Sunday 23rd December and our thanks to Revd Charles McCollum for conducting it.

#### **Prayers**

Again at this time we remember in our prayers those who have been unwell and those in residential care.

### Flower demonstration

Our last fundraising event for 2018 was a Christmas Flower arranging demonstration by Elizabeth Allister in the Church on Wednesday 12th December and was well supported. Our thanks to Elizabeth for providing a great display of ideas. Thanks to the ladies for providing the refreshments and to those who donated prizes for the raffle.

### Crossduff

The first Carol Service in our group was held in Crossduff Parish Church on Sunday 2nd December and was very well supported. Our thanks to Mrs Doreen Monahan who arranged the service, to the Ballybay Country Gospel Group for providing the special music with a selection of songs suitable for the occasion, also to the organist Mrs Wendy Sloan. Thanks also to Rev Colin Anderson, Presbyterian Minister of Castleblayney and

Corvalley Group for his message. This year we welcomed Father Owen Gorman who kindly agreed to read a lesson, to Mr Walter Pringle for reading the Gospel along with the other readers and Craig Fannin for the monologue. Afterwards refreshments were provided in the old stables and thanks to the ladies for providing and serving them and to all those who erected the Christmas tree and decorated the church making the occasion a great start to the Christmas season.

### **Aghabog**

#### **Christmas Carol Service**

Our carol service held on Sunday 16th December at 7.30pm was very well attended. Our special thanks to the organist, and the Sunday school children for their singing, also to the teachers for their work in preparing the children. Thanks also to those who read the lessons, prepared the church and those who supplied and served the Christmas refreshments.

### **Christmas Party**

It was the turn of Aghabog to host the children's Christmas party on Saturday 15th December. It was encouraging to see a good number of children, parents and parishioners on the night. Our thanks to Walter and the teachers for helping with the party games, and of course a Christmas party would not be complete without yours truly Santa Clause. Thanks also to those who brought and served supper and tidied up afterwards.

### Get well wishes

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are in hospital at the moment and wish them well for a speedy recovery.

#### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Joyce Wilkin and Ruth Norris and families on the death of their brother-in-law Mr Garry Ross, Monaghan and to Doreen Burns and Lavina Toal and their families on the sudden death of their mother, Mrs Eileen McAdoo, Annalore and to all others who have been bereaved recently.

#### **Parade Service**

This 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.

### **Dartrey and Rockcorry**

#### Winter Sale

This annual event, on the last Saturday in November, and comprising a cake stall, teas, sale of firewood and car wash, always involves a lot of work on the part of parishioners and so we thank all who helped in any way. Incidentally, there are still some bags of firewood available. We thank, too, all who supported the Fireside Quiz which realised €660 towards parish funds.

### **Christmas Party**

Hosted by Aghabog parishioners, this annual event is always eagerly looked forward to and this year was no exception. Lovely presents for all the children from Santa, games and tea all contributed to a lovely evening. Our grateful thanks to the organisers and appreciation, too, to all who braved the elements on a terrible evening of wind and rain.

### **Rockcorry N.S. Water Saving Tips**

 Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth. It may save up to nine litres of water.



 Don't take a bath, take a shower instead, it could save a lot of litres of water.



Don't put the washing machine on until you have a full load to do, otherwise it wastes too much water and electricity.



Older shower heads can waste a lot of water so buy a new shower head every so often.



 Keep an eye on your bill to spot leaks. If your bill suddenly goes up, there is a chance a leak is the culprit.



Hand-washing a lot of dishes? Fill up the sink with water, instead of letting the tap run.



 Don't fill the kettle to the max for one cup of tea, fill it as needed to save water and energy



 Place a cistern displacement device in your toilet cistern to reduce the water used in each flush.



 Water your garden with a watering can and clean your car with a bucket and sponge.



#### Carol Service

Dartrey Church, as usual, was beautifully decorated for the Carol Service. The carols were sung with great gusto, the readers played their part admirably and the school children contributed a number of musical items. Mulled wine and treats were served following the Service. Again our thanks to all who helped. The Service was conducted by Mr. Walter Pringle. We are very grateful to him and Rev Charles McCollum for their ministering to us.

#### **Mothers' Union**

Christmas crafts were on the agenda for the November meeting and members were delighted with the visit of Ms Lorna Soden. They were very impressed with her demonstrations.

#### **Bereavement**

Once again, we are very much aware that a number of parishioners have been bereaved

in recent weeks. We remember them in our prayers and offer them our deepest sympathy

#### Personal

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

### Rockcorry School

The teachers and pupils of Rockcorry N.S. are currently working towards their third Green School Flag. The theme of this flag is Water. The children decided it would be a good idea to create a poster on, 'Tips to Save Water', and share this with the local community to create an awareness of water wastage. (See poster on previous page).

#### Drum

**Drum Carol service** was held on Friday, 7th December. Walter Pringle conducted the

service while the Sunday school children read all the lessons and also led the prayers. A special thanks to Sandy Mills and Davy Fleming who played the accordions along with Sharon on the organ for the carols. The Sunday school children performed a Christmas version of "the shark song" which was a fun part of the evening. Thank you for everybody who attended on a wintry night. The evening ended with mulled juice and Christmas treats.

### **Mothers' Union**

Special thanks to Lorna Soden for the craft night before Christmas. All members made a sock Santa and everyone enjoyed their night in Rockcorry.

#### The Big Sing

Some of the Drum parishioners travelled to Enniskillen for what was a truly wonderful evening of music and praise. Well done to the organisers on a superb event!

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### **Services**

Sunday 3rd February: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

9.00am - Holy Communion 11.00am - Holy Communion

7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 7th February

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 10th February: The Fourth Sunday before Lent

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer & Holy Baptism

7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 14th February

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 17th February: The Third Sunday before Lent - Guest Preacher: Rev Canon Des Kingston

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

7.00pm - Evening Prayer

**Thursday 21st February** 

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 24th February: The Second Sunday before Lent

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Family Service with Scouts and

Guides in attendance

7.00pm - Holy Communion

Thursday 28th February

11.00am – Holy Communion

1.05pm – Healing Service

### **Holy Baptism**

9th December - Lily Regina Funston
24th January - Michael James Toal
27th January - Charlie Thomas Hunter

### **Christian Marriage**

1st December - Nathan Marcus Donaldson

and Louise Emma McFarland

8th December - Gary James Nixon and Clare Yvonne Coalter

21st December - Gareth William Herbert Lowry and Emma Louise McLoughlin

### **Christian Burial**

14th December - Stanley Robert Percival Rogers

### **Special Service**

Guest Preacher - Rev Canon Desmond Kingston MA

Sunday 17th February at 11.00am Canon Kingston is the former Chaplain of Portora Royal School and a former Canon of this Cathedral.

### **Mrs Alexander Exhibition**

Saturday 9th March from 11.00am – 4.00am Sunday 10th March from 2.00pm – 8.00pm Morning Service at 11.00am and Evening Service 7.00pm

Featuring Mrs Alexander's famous hymns
- Once in Royal David's City, There is a
Green Hill Far Away and All Things Bright
and Beautiful. Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander,
hymn writer and poet was wife of William
Alexander, who was Bishop of Derry and
who became Archbishop of Armagh.

### **Thanks for December Events**

As a Parish we are deeply indebted to many people, too numerous to mention, for all the hard work and endless hours they spent in organising the following events:

Decoration of the Cathedral for Christmas

The Senior Citizens Party

The Nativity Play

The Carol Service

The Christmas Day Services

To all who brought gifts for the Church

of Ireland Board of Social Responsibility Christmas Appeal and filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Thank you to all, your efforts are much appreciated.

### **Scouts**

1st Inniskilling Beavers and Cubs came together to put on their production of 'Cinderella'. The children had been rehearsing for a number of weeks and carried out an excellent performance on the night, which was enjoyed by family and friends. Ticket sales are being donated to the 'Kindfund' (Orphanage in Kenya) a charity close to the hearts of our Scouting friends in Kesh. Both Beavers and Cubs (and our newly reformed Scouts) are open to new members.

### 60+ Party

On 11th December our 60+ parishioners were treated to a full Christmas dinner. Norman Coalter and his staff served a sumptuous three-course meal. Revellers were then entertained by our choir, who are indeed a very talented bunch. The Choir Master, Glenn Moore was Master of Ceremonies. A most enjoyable night was had by all.

### **Choir Dinner**

The Senior Choir members were invited to dinner in the home of Glenn and Adele Moore. A very enjoyable night was had by



all. The Junior Choir members were invited to Little Wings with Glenn, Jayne and the Dean.

### **Variety Concert**

Our Cathedral Choir have certainly risen to new standards not only with their excellent performance over the Christmas period but in the entertainment they provided at the Senior Citizens' Dinner and again at the Choir Dinner. It varied from hilarious to mad, from Abba to Elvis, 'Sister Act' to Sonny and Cher! The Dean 'encouraged' them to go on stage in the Cathedral Hall – for you to see for yourselves and to enjoy! Please don't miss what promises to be an evening

of great entertainment – anyone who was at the Senior Citizen's Dinner can vouch for that – a parish fun night! Tickets are on sale in the Cathedral Office and from Churchwardens and Select Vestry Members.

### **TOCCATA** in Enniskillen

The internationally acclaimed Toccata Musical Productions was founded in 2005, to help the Tsunami victims. Living up to the title of 'Cultural Ambassadors of UK', Toccata has enthralled music lovers with world class production. Performing music from genres like gospel, country, pop, rock and opera, it has touched lives in over 15 countries by raising funds through music











The Christmas dinner for the 60+ club.



The choir dinner hosted by Glenn and Adele Moore.

concerts. Toccata was awarded the 'Golden Rule Award' by the United Nations, for its services to humanity. Toccata are performing in St Macartin's Cathedral on Thursday 21st February at 7.30pm. Subscription £10.00. Tickets are available from the Cathedral Office.

### **World Thinking Day**

World Thinking Day is a celebration worldwide that has taken place on every 22 February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters and brothers all around the world. 22nd February was chosen as it was the birthday of Scouting and Guiding founder Lord Robert Baden-Powell and of Lady Olave Baden-Powell, his wife and World Chief Guide. In 1999, at the 30th World Conference, held in Ireland, the name was changed from "Thinking Day" to "World Thinking Day", in order to emphasize the global aspect of this special day. Our Guiding and Scouting organisations will be playing a special part in our Family Service on Sunday 24th February at 11.00am - please come and show your support. Hopefully it will attract more young folk to join and adults to offer to become leaders or helpers!

### **Messy Church**

We celebrated Jesus' birthday on 20th December, with a special Christmas Messy Church. We took a break in January, and are back on February 21st from 4.00-6.00 pm. More dates for Messy Fun:

21st March

April – no Messy Church (Easter Holiday) 16th May

### Confirmation

There are two classes this month, on Monday 4th and Monday 11th February, from 6.30 to 7.30 pm in the Upper Room. There is a break on Monday 18th for Half Term.

Remember that Xplore on Monday 25th

February is part of your Confirmation preparation!

The Service of Confirmation will be on Sunday 19th May at 7.00pm. Confirmation rehearsal is on Sunday 12th May at 7.00pm.

### **Adult Confirmation**

Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed should contact the clergy. Adult Confirmation will be held in Portora Royal School Chapel on Ascension Thursday, (30th May).

### **Xplore**

All young people in Years 8-12 are invited to Xplore on Monday 25th February. We meet from 7.00-9.30pm in the Upper Room, Cathedral Halls.

Please remember to bring your registration form if you haven't done so already.

Confirmation candidates, remember that you agreed as part of your registration to attend Xplore monthly as part of your preparation!

### **Movie Night**

Enniskillen Rural Deanery is holding a Movie Night from 7.00-9.30pm on Friday 22nd February, in the Upper Room, Cathedral Hall. All those in Years 8-12 are welcome to come along for pizza and fun with young people from other parishes in the Rural Deanery.

### **Pilgrim**

Pilgrim, our adult formation course, begins again this month. We meet from 7.30 – 9.00 pm in the Devenish Room. New members are always welcome!

Dates for the 'Spring Term' are:

Tue 5th February

Tue 19th February – Pilgrim attends the Bishop's talk on Disestablishment

Tue 5th March

Tue 19th March

Tue 2nd April

No meeting during Holy Week but you are encouraged to attend the Holy Week Service at 7.30pm.

### **Mothers' Union**

Members met on Monday 14th January for Holy Communion celebrated by the Dean. The AGM followed. The next meeting is on Monday 11th February.

### **Tuesday Club**

Dean Hall opened the November meeting with prayer and a bible reading. Group Leader Eleanor extended a warm welcome to all in attendance. Guest speaker was Mrs Ann Rowley. Ann shared her craft talents with us, we all produced a little Christmas tree decoration under guidance and much fun was had in the process. The meeting concluded with afternoon tea.

The next meeting will be held on 29th January at 2.00pm. A game of 'bocce' will be organised by Jack Spratt. Seniors are welcome to come and join us in a new year of fellowship.

### A New Year Prayer

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



# Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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### **Mothers' Union**

### January meeting

The opening service with Holy Communion conducted by Canon Kyle Hanlon was held in St. John's Church, Fivemiletown on Wednesday 9 January 2019.

Canon Hanlon spoke on "Living Water" and the M.U. theme "Listen, Observe and Act in Step with God."

The lesson was read by Mrs Irene Boyd, Diocesan President.

Three new members were enrolled: Margaret Gault, Heather Kirkpatrick and Claire Nelson.

Long service certificates were presented to: Thelma Atwell - 50 years, Margaret Bothwell - 40 years and Vida Bell - 40 years (not present).

Following supper a business meeting took place in the Parish Hall.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and signed. The Annual Secretary and Treasurer's report were presented by Emily Kells and Sheila Burke.

Diocesan President, Irene Boyd thanked members for all their hard work and support for all M.U. activities and contributions of £850 to Worldwide and Relief Funds. She outlined forthcoming Diocesan events, welcomed the new members and congratulated those who had received long service certificates. She was presented



At the Mothers' Union Enrolment Service held on Wednesday 9th January in St. John's Parish Church were(from left);- Canon Kyle Hanlon, Elvina Funston (Branch Leader), Heather Kirkpatrick, Claire Nelson, Margaret Gault and Irene Boyd (Diocesan President).

with a gift by Branch Leader Elvina Funston. Elvina also presented a gift to Canon Hanlon, thanking him for his support for the Branch.

Elvina again thanked members for their support for the Christmas hampers and gifts which were given to Woman's Aid. The hampers were really appreciated by those senior members who had received them and a number of thank you letters have been received. A letter of thanks from Woman's Aid was also read.

Branch Leader, Elvina closed the meeting

### **December Meeting**

with prayer.

The December meeting, which was our annual Christmas supper was held in St. John's Hall. Branch Leader, Elvina

Funston welcomed members and guests. Raymond Irvine, Fire Safety Officer, updated us on the Fire Drill and we all then enjoyed a delicious supper.

Sympathy was extended to those who had been bereaved recently.

Elvina extended thanks to members who had gone Carol singing in the Nursing Homes and in the homes of some senior members of our Parish. A total of 33 grocery hampers and seven toiletry gift sets donated by Mothers' Union members were distributed to senior members and parishioners in nursing homes. There has been a very positive feedback from recipients. Items again donated by members were given to Women's Aid. We then all enjoyed carol singing and Elvina Funston closed the evening with prayer.



At the MU Enrolment Service, long service certificates were presented. In the photo are (from lelt); - Canon Kyle Hanlon, Margaret Bothwell (40 years), Elvina Funston (Branch Leader), Thelma Atwell (50 years), Irene Boyd (Diocesan President), and Vida Bell (not in photo, 40 years).

### 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

Galloon: 12:00-1:00pm in Galloon Sunday School Rooms

### **Monthly Cycle of Services**

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

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

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

### **Christmas**

The Christmas Services started with a Group Children's Nativity on Sunday 16th December in Sallaghy involving many of the Sunday School children from the three parishes with Cameron Smith and Caitlin Moncrieff being the narrators.

On the Sunday before Christmas in Drummully, Revd Anita focused on the Christmas Story but in a change to the normal, she used adults to represent the key personnel! Becky who is an exchange student from Germany attending school in Clones for the year played the flute during communion.

The Group Carol Service of Nine Lessons

and Carols was held in Sallaghy on Christmas Eve with a service of Holy Communion in Galloon on Christmas Day. Thanks are expressed to all those who helped with the decoration of our churches for Christmas, those who took part in the various services, provided refreshments and all who helped in any way.

### 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 6th February 2019 at 7.00pm.

#### Galloon

### **Galloon Parish Auctions**

The next Parish Auction is on Saturday 23rd February 2019 at 12.00 noon. Doors open at 11.00am. We have accumulated quite a lot of good furniture and household items as well as all the usual pictures, mirrors, Delph, china, toys, toy boxes, rugs, firewood etc but we can always take more, so if you are moving house, downsizing, changing your furniture or just getting rid of something that someone else could make use of, just give us a call.

We will be having another auction on Saturday 27th April 2019 at 12.00 noon. Doors open at 11.00am.

As usual we need help leading up to the auction as well as on the day itself. Help is also needed in the kitchen to keep the tea flowing. For any information regarding the auction, to offer help or request items collected contact William Little 02867738676 or Richard Bell 02867738295.



A flautist at the Christmas concert.





### Dedication of the Lewis Organ

On Advent Sunday 2nd December a large congregation was present for the Dedication of the Lewis Organ in Galloon



Children's nativity narrators.

Parish Church by the Right Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher. The Old Testament Lesson was read by Charles Crawford (Lay Reader), the Psalm by Emma Darling (Young Organist) and the Gospel by Revd Anita. The prayers were led by Holly Hutchinson (Young Organist). Canon Martin White, former organist and Master of Choristers in Armagh Cathedral, was the guest organist for the day assisted by regular organist, Mrs Grace Rickey who played one of the hymns. Canon White played a dedicatory recital entitled "Prière et bercuse", Op 27 (Guilmant, Alexandre 1837-1911) following the dedication and blessing of the organ by the Bishop.

### Sallaghy

#### Dance

A Parish Dance was held on Friday 9th November 2018 in the Church Hall. Music was by The Cascades with £450 being raised for church Funds. Thanks to Wray Whittendale for his organisation of this event and all those who supported it in any

The next Parish Dance will be held on Friday 22nd March with music provided by Robert Brown with dancing from 10.00pm – 1.00am. The cost will be £5 including supper and all proceeds are in aid of Church Funds. Everyone will be made most welcome.



Taking part in the special dedication service.

### Tidy Up

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

#### Mothers' Union

January was a busy month for the Branch. At the start of the month, the focus was "Looking after your Health" which was facilitated by some of the staff from Armstrong's Pharmacy, Lisnaskea. This meeting also included a Bring and Buy Sale. At the end of the month Dean Ferguson spoke about his role with the

Mothers' Union.

On 20th February members are invited to attend MULOA Training in Colebrooke Parish. MULOA stands for "Mothers' Union Listening, Observing, Acting" and is the abbreviation being used to explore the essence of what it is to be Mothers' Union.

#### **Bowling Tournament**

The annual Sallaghy Parish Pairs Bowling Tournament will take place in the week commencing Monday 11th February with play on each night with the final on Friday 15th February.

### Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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### **Services**

### Sunday 3rd February

Garrison 10am HC Slavin 11.30am HC

### **Sunday 10th February**

Kiltyclogher 10am HC Belleek 11.30am HC



Attending the Mothers' Union dinner.

### **Mothers' Union**

Garrison 10am MP&FS

Slavin 11.30am MP&FS Sunday 24th February

Kiltyclogher 10am MP

Belleek 11.30am MP

Sunday 3rd March Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

The November meeting was a Visitors' night when the Garrison MU group welcomed our MU sisters from our neighbouring parishes. After a warm welcome from the Branch







Slavin Christmas productions.



Leader Mrs Dot Barlow, the meeting opened with a hymn, bible reading and prayers. Dot then welcomed Ms Maud Cunningham from Mountain Rescue who gave us a fascinating talk about the superb work the organisation does in searching and rescuing persons from all types of situations. She encouraged everyone to support the organisation and said that they were always on the lookout for willing volunteers.

A delicious supper was served to everyone by our own ladies.

The February meeting will be held in Slavin Church on Wednesday 20th February at 8pm. Dot Barlow, Branch Leader will give a talk and slide show on her recent New Zealand trip. Everyone welcome.

### Mothers' Union and Choir Christmas Dinner

The Mothers' Union and Choir Christmas Dinner was held in the Melvin Holiday Centre, Garrison. A beautiful meal was served by Dawn and her staff. A big thank you to Dot, our MU Branch Leader for organising the evening.

### **Christmas Family Service**

The Christmas Family Service was held in



Slavin Church on 16th December.
Slavin and Belleek Sunday School
performed the Drama entitled, 'New Star'.
'New Star' was played by Levi Love and the
'Old Star' was Sarah Johnston.
Old Star had been around for over 2000
years but this was the first Christmas for
'New Star'. The story unfurled as Old Star
told New Star about the very first Christmas.
Mary was Jessica Johnston and Joseph was
Callum Gregg. Gabriel, who was Matthew
Johnston appeared to Mary and to Joseph.
Aoife Gregg was Elizabeth and she was also
the scribe who read from the prophet about

where Jesus was to be born.

Jesus was born in the stable with his parents and a new star appeared in the sky, announcing the birth of the Messiah. The children with the help of the Group Choir sang the song 'There's a new star shining in the sky tonight'. Gabriel appeared to the shepherds, who visited the baby. Three wise men paid a visit and followed the new star. The shepherds and wise men were played by Aaron Gregg, Henry and Tom Gregg. The hymn, 'We Three Kings' was sung by Robert Johnston, Billy Nelson and Gordon Carson, with the congregation joining in the chorus. Jesus eventually travelled back to Nazareth

where he was raised as the Son of God. He lived a perfect life, died on a cross for all sin and rose again to live for ever. He now sits at the right hand of God and one day he will come to judge the world.

New Star wondered how Old Star knew the story so well. Old Star replied by saying, 'I was the New Star that appeared that night!' Like Old Star, the story is over 2000 year old and it is still as true today as it was on the first Christmas and it is the reason why we celebrate Christmas!

### **Garrison Sunday School**

Garrison Sunday School performed a play about "The Many Shapes of Christmas" At Christmas we see all sorts of shapes that remind us of Jesus' birth. Can you picture Christmas in squares and rectangles? Do circle, triangle and star shapes help you to see Jesus? The children began their story using some very meaningful shapes. Beginning with a green triangle symbolising the Christmas tree. It was a wonderful symbol that began in Germany many years







ago. It is green because it reminds us of living things. Jesus promised us that one day we will live forever in heaven.

Next was the red circle, we often see many circles on the Christmas tree. They are called ornaments. Ornaments remind us of the many wonderful blessings God has

The star shape: There was a bright star in the sky that led the Wise Men to the baby Jesus. Jesus is like a star because he is the Light of the World.

given us.

A big rectangle is the shape we see in candles. The candle reminds us that we should shine like lights as we share the Christmas story with everyone.

Glen Brock and Claire Thompson then recalled the first Christmas story in Bethlehem

Lastly a square which is the shape of many Christmas presents. We love presents at Christmas time. But the best present we could ever have is Jesus our Saviour. Ryan Graham read from John 1:14: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the

Father, full of grace and truth
The play concluded with each of the Shapes
making the word Jesus.

The Children sang: O Christmas tree, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, O little town of Bethlehem and Away in a Manger accompanied by Abi Brock, and offered homemade gingerbread cookies to the congregation after church.

The organist was Ethne Earls and Joy Graham accompanied the choir. Revd. Ngozi congratulated all the children on their excellent presentations and thanked all the Sunday School teachers for all their hard work in preparing for the service.

### **Christmas Sale**

Slavin Parish held their Christmas Sale on Tuesday 18th December. To date £765 has been raised. Belleek Church held their Sale on 8th December. A grand total of £1000 was raised for Church funds. Thanks to all who helped and supported both events.

### **Sunday School Party**

The Sunday School Party was held on Friday 21st December in the Wark Hall. A

good time was had by all with lovely food and a visit from Santa Claus at the end. Music for the games was provided by The Lakelanders.

### **Carol Service**

A Service of Carols by Candlelight was held in Kiltyclogher Church. The Choir, conducted by Louise Leonard, sang five carols. The solos were by Anne McCaughey and Aoife Gregg. Jason Acheson accompanied the 'Little Drummer Boy' on drums. Joy Graham accompanied the choir and Louise accompanied Anne.

### Christmas Eve – Belleek

The Choir sang 'O Holy Night', with a solo verse by Robbie Johnston. The organist was Mrs Sadie Moore and the Rector Revd Ngozi conducted the service.

### **Group Service - December**

A Christingle Service was held in Kiltyclogher Church on Sunday 30th December. The large candle was lit by Leah Irwin and Robin Boyd. At the end of the service everyone received a Christingle







Orange. The collection boxes for the Children's Society were presented. The service was led by Rev. Ngozi and Joy Graham was the organist.

### **Pravers**

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been in hospital or unwell at home in recent weeks.

### **Christian Burial**

**Albert Irwin,** Cashelnadrea, Garrison passed away in hospital in Enniskillen.

The service of thanksgiving for his life took place in Garrison Church on 15th December conducted by Revd Ngozi. Canon George Irwin, Albert's brother read the lesson and his sister, Anne Scott delivered the eulogy. She reminded us of Albert's calming influence and his gentle nature. He spent his life in the agricultural building trade and farming. He enjoyed both of these roles very much.

Albert was a lifelong member of the Select vestry of Garrison Parish Church and completed many maintenance jobs to the church and Rectory over the years. Nothing was ever a problem for him. He was an accordion player in Garrison band for his lifetime and was a very skilled player. We extend our thoughts, prayers and sympathy to his wife Violet, sons, Stuart, Alan and Stephen. Also his brothers, Canon George, Bob and Norman, sisters, Gladys, Anne and all of their families and the extended family circle.

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### Parish Register Baptism

16th December, 2018. Grace Linda Ferguson, the daughter of Stephen and Linda Ferguson. We were delighted to welcome into the household of faith, Grace Linda Ferguson.

At the same service we had our young people help in the dressing of the Jesse Tree which told about the prophecy and led up to the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. At this service we had the toys which were presented and placed at the base of the Christmas tree. The many gifts given at the service are greatly appreciated by children in the county. Enniskillen Food Bank greatly appreciated the items given towards them.



Chancellor David Skuce making a presentation to Albert Hamilton.

Our services over the Christmas period went very well indeed and we would like to thank all those who took part in the services from reading lessons, singing carols and leading the music.

The community carol service took place on Tuesday 11th December and there was a good attendance. It is great that we can all come together to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I would just like to thank all those who were involved in the service. A collection of £617.85 was made and this will go to the Enniskillen Food Bank.

### Congratulations

Congratulations go to Alan and Julie Ferguson on the birth of their baby son, Jacob.

#### Thank You

On Sunday 13th January one of the longest serving members of our select vestry, Mr Albert Hamilton was presented with a gift. Albert was secretary to the select vestry for almost 20 years. The presentation took place after morning service. Thank you Albert.

### Bag packing

A big thank you goes to all those who helped with the bag packing at ASDA on Saturday 5th January. Over 30 members of our parish helped with the bag packing and it raised £1446.48. We thank the generosity of the shoppers at ASDA and the staff and management of ASDA for allowing us to do the bag packing.

#### Fun Run

By the time you read these notes, the 5km fun walk will be over and we would like to thank all those who took part in it. A word of thanks goes to all those who took part; Derrygonnelly Methodist Church for the use of their premises, all those who helped out and especially to Leeann Muldoon and Mary Crawford for organising the event.

### **Mothers' Union**

A significant number of our members attended an interesting Visitors' Night in Garrison Church Hall in November, when Maud Cunningham spoke about her work with Mountain Rescue. Through her talk she explained the dedication and commitment of volunteers involved in this work, often



in very difficult conditions. A delicious supper was served afterwards.

'At home' we enjoyed a Christmas evening when Miss Marion Henderson came to illustrate and help each of us make Christmas wreaths. All were enthusiastic and worked conscientiously with a interesting range of greenery, cones etc. When the wreaths were completed our secretary, Eileen gave an inspirational talk on the significance of the Christmas wreath and its links to our Christian Faith. To conclude as usual, a Christmas supper was served. In February we look forward to Claire from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council coming to speak about recycling and the use of our green/blue bins.



#### 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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#### **Sunday Services**

Trillick – 10.30 a.m Kilskeery – 11.45 a.m

#### **Mothers' Union**

In November Mothers' Union had their customary Bring and Buy Sale and Visitors Night (now held in alternate years). The speaker was Morag Armstrong who talked about her experience of parenting an autistic child. She also demonstrated Book Folding and everyone went home the proud owner of a bright eyed little hedgehog with his Christmas hat set at a jaunty angle. In December it was back to the Bridge Inn for the annual dinner, which was once again a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

#### Kilskeery Bowling Club Tournament

This commences on Wednesday 20th February, and continues on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd February. The finals will take place on Monday 25th February. Entry fee is £6 including supper. Entries to M Lawder Tel. 028 895 61285, Gwen Crozier tel. 07969944039 or on Kilskeery Bowls Club facebook page. Kilskeery Parish Concert

The Select Vestry would like to thank all those who took part and everyone who attended or contributed in any way to make this a successful evening. The amount raised was £971.

#### **Holy Baptism**

#### Kilskeery

4 November 2018: Matthew James, son of Gary and Leanne McKinley, Trillick. The baptism was performed by Canon Harry Trimble.

#### **Christian Burial**

#### Kilskeery

17 November 2018: Mary Catherine (Maisie) Fawcett, 111 Kilskeery Road, Trillick (burial in Sydare cemetery)



# Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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#### **Services**

Sunday, 3rd February 2019 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Lisbellaw: 11am Holy Communion for the Presentation of Christ

Sunday, 10th February 2019 Fourth Sunday before Lent

Lisbellaw: 11am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 17th February 2019 Third Sunday before Lent

Lisbellaw: 9.45am Holy Communion Form One

11am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 24th February 2019 Second Sunday before Lent

Lisbellaw: 11.00am Morning Prayer Lisbellaw: 3.30pm Thinking Day Service

#### Thank You

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

#### Flame!

The parish's ladies fellowship group meets on 13th and 27th February at 8pm at 'Kinder Lodge', Farnamullan with leader Frances Boyd. Lifts are available.

#### **Church Breakfast**

Church breakfast on Saturday, 9th February



These two girls often stay behind in church to tidy up.



The joint choirs of Lisbellaw and Tattygare who sang at the service to commemorate those who returned after serving in WW1.

at 9.30am in the Parish Centre with speaker Rodney Connor from Air Ambulance. Please contact the parish secretary Harriett Kirkpatrick (028 663 85362) if you intend to support this fundraising and social initiative.

#### **Mothers' Union**

Mothers' Union on Tuesday, 26th February 2019 with speaker Alan Davenport from Stroke Support.

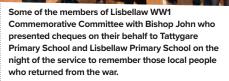
#### Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Jim Elliott formerly of Enniskillen; the late Myrna Elliott formerly of Enniskillen; the late Carol Doherty formerly of Boston, USA, the late William Hamilton formerly of



Some of those who took part in leading the Christingle service.





Lisbellaw; the late Ivan Downey formerly of Maguiresbridge, the late Irwin Henderson formerly of Lisnaskea and the late John Adams formerly of Clabby.



Our mission partners, Geoff and Rosaliene Donaldson, from SIM came to speak to the church in January.



Some of the confirmation candidates who read the lessons at the Candles by Candlelight service.

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#### **Services**

Sunday 3rd February
11.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 10th February
11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Wednesday 13th February
3.00 p.m. Holy Communion in Trinity Hall for Senior Citizens
Sunday 17th February

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer & Holy Baptism

#### Sunday 24th February

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

#### **Burial**

- 8th December: Gwen Watt, Ballymore Park, Tandragee.
- 19th December: Jean Douglas, Palmerston, New Zealand. (Burial of ashes)
- 23rd December: Irwin Hazlett Henderson, 115 Innishroosk, Curraghroe, Lisnaskea. Our prayers and condolences are with all who have been recently bereaved.

#### **Christmas**

A traditional service of nine lessons and carols took place on 23rd December at 11.30 a.m. Thanks to our organist and choir who along with Lisnaskea Silver Band led the singing and also well done to all our readers. Emma Ritchie accompanied Children's Church on the clavinova while Molly McAlister played beautifully on the oboe accompanying Abi Walmsley and Kirsty Henry as they sang "Silent Night". It was lovely to have the young people take part. The church was as usual looking really festive so thank you to all who gave of their time to decorate and make this a great event.

#### **Pantry collection**

As in past years this began at the start of

January and will continue until the end of February. Every little helps those who are in need and is very much appreciated by Val and her staff in the pantry.

#### **Church report**

Some parishioners have raised concerns about the new format of the financial report. This is to comply with regulations around data protection but does not in any way affect the way in which your contributions are recorded. Confusion has arisen for a few people who found the amount next to their number does not tally with the amount they have given. This is explained by the fact the number on the envelope is not always the same from year to year and also the report shows the previous year's contributions. We would suggest that you make a note of the number on the front of your envelope at the end of each year so you can easily reference your payments from the report. However, going forward we will endeavour to ensure that each parishioner keeps the same number.

Be assured that at all times the treasurer or secretary can check your number and answer any queries for any given year so please do not hesitate to get in touch. Trusting that this information will help to alleviate your concerns.

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February and March will hopefully be significant months in Magheracross as we undertake our awareness campaign entitled "Generous Giving." Using the resources provided by the Church of Ireland, we will have undertaken a financial analysis of the parish and an audit of our activities. The campaign will focus on generosity and will involve the generosity of the parish to the community, the generosity of individuals

in service to the church and what it actually means to be generous beyond the usual financial understanding. In association with this we have adopted the statement "Christ in the Community" as a rallying call for our mission.

The campaign will be introduced by Nicola Brown, who developed the material for the Church of Ireland and the Revd Gary Galway, rector of Drumcree, Portadown will be sharing with us how a similar campaign brought growth to his parish and congregation.

#### Confirmation

Confirmation classes will begin in February. Due to the large numbers, we will have two classes each week – one for Year 9 and the other for Year 10 candidates. These will include both our own young people and those from Trory and Killadeas. These will commence on Tuesday, 5th February following a parents' meeting on Thursday 31st January.

#### **Mothers' Union**

At the Christmas Fair in the Archdale Hall on Friday 7th December, Mothers' Union

members took charge of the Cake Stall and Supper which was much appreciated. The following Sunday, 9th December was the annual Mencap service in Magheracross Parish Church and Mothers' Union members provided a welcome tea party in the hall following the service.

On Thursday 13th December 33 members and friends enjoyed a delicious Christmas meal in the Hunting Lodge.

This was followed by a quiz and singing Christmas songs accompanied by Joan Quinn Vaughan on the accordion. Instead of having Santa and exchanging Christmas presents this year it was decided members would give financial donations which were passed on to the Salvation Army.

At our meeting on 3rd January, Rodney

Connor gave us a very interesting talk on the work of The Air Ambulance.

At our next meeting on 7th February we are looking forward to having Evelyn Hassard to speak on 'Antiques through the Mary Sumner Years'.

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As I am sitting down to write these notes, a New Year has arrived and January is underway. Everything is back to normal and all that has changed is the date on the calendar. Christmas has gone and the Christmas decorations are sitting on the sale shelf, for those who want to beat the 2019 rush.

The Valentine cards are appearing on the shelves to remind us that the next thing we are to spend our money on is telling people how much we love them. Do you buy into the retailing strategy that love is measured by how much pounds, shillings and pence we are willing to spend on our loved ones? And on the other hand, do you measure how much someone loves you simply by how much money he/she spends on you?

God's love is invaluable and immeasurable and He does not measure love in terms of trinkets that you get in shops. In Ephesians 3 verse 18, Paul is praying for the church in Ephesus: "And I pray that you being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." Paul wants us to grasp that God loves us more than we can imagine and he wants us to know that.

God wants us to rejoice in his love, to bask in its warm glow and to celebrate its boundless intensity.

A book I received as a Christmas present ("Staying Fresh" by Paul Mallard which is to encourage and challenge those in church leadership or indeed those who profess to be a Christian for a number of years), made me revisit and think about Paul's description of God's love in the above verse. God's love is described as being wide, long, high and deep. To really feel the immeasurable love of God, we must think about each of those adjectives used in their own right:

How wide is God's love? It crosses all barriers - time and history and space. It finds a resting place on every continent and in every culture. It reaches out to all kinds of people, irrespective of race or age or sex or social standing, it even reaches to you and me!

How long is God's Love? It is eternal - what was God doing before he created the world? The Father loved the Son and the Holy Spirit with a boundless limitless love. In eternity he set His love on us so that before the creation of the world God loved us (Ephesians 1:4).

How high is God's love? It is so high it raises sinners from the depths of failure and sin and seats them with Christ in the heavenly realms. It blesses them with every spiritual blessing in Christ - they are ransomed, healed, restored and forgiven. How deep is God's love? It is as deep as Calvary, the greatest distance in the universe is not from one end of the cosmos to the other but the distance between the throne of heaven and the cross of Calvary. Without ceasing to be God, the son of God took human nature, adopted the role of a servant and was obedient even to the point of death. Just imagine the difference from the light and glory of heaven to the sin and darkness of the wrath of God on a cross, that is the depth of Christ's love.

As we look at the shops filled with red love hearts for Valentine's Day, let it remind us of God's love which cannot be measured by any of the items on sale as it is limitless, immeasurable and invaluable. In that reality of His love, let us want to learn more about Him. One good way to answer any questions we could have about God, who loves us so, is by attending Alpha (details below) and we warmly invite you to come along and join us.

#### **January Week of Prayer**

For the last number of years, we have started the year by meeting together to pray so that we will know God's vision for



us individually and corporately. This year, we had evening prayer meetings where we begin with worship, then teaching of God's word to lead us into a time of prayer. It is wonderful that when we take time to listen to God we will hear what he is saying to us and can be guided in our lives, because the God that we serve wants to influence every aspect of our lives and not just have us gather on a Sunday morning for an hour.

#### Mission Week

From 27th November to 2nd December 2018 we had a wonderful week of mission in the parish. It was great to have Archbishop Ben Kwashi of Jos Province in Nigeria as our special speaker for the week. The week was a wonderful time of encouragement for all who were there and many responded to the call to come forward and receive prayer each evening. During the week the Archbishop spoke of his experiences in faith over his life and was laying down the challenge for us to think about how we serve God and live out our faith as an example to others. On the Friday night, we had a service for the youth. We had a fabulous worship band and Archbishop Ben was an enthusiastic speaker who enthralled the children with his stories of growing up in Africa. The fellowship was amazing and we finished the evening with party food.

#### **Pre-Marriage Course**

The Pre-Marriage Course was run over five weeks in October 2018 with five couples who are intending to get married in 2019. This 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.

#### Friends In The Afternoon

We joined together and were led by Revd Philip in our service of Holy Communion on 11th December 2018. We sang some songs and enjoyed a wonderful Christmas tea. On January 2019, Maurice Lee shared with us an amazing collection of old photographs of the people and area of Kesh.

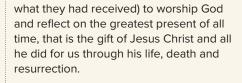
#### Men's Night

On Tuesday 18th December, we had our annual men's Christmas party at The Fountain Centre. We were joined by a few men from Donegal Church of Ireland. We started the night of with a few nibbles and then split ourselves into three teams (Angels, Shepherds and Wise Men) for our version of "I'm a celebrity". We had various challenges consisting of general knowledge and sports quizzes, blind food test, bow and arrow skills, basketball shoot out and a bible verse emoji puzzle. Each team was tasked with picking the best person in their team to win the specific type of challenge as the two losing teams had to eat the bush tucker!! We had a wonderful array of treats for the bush tucker: honey flavoured chocolate, Jacobs cream crickets, Ant Bessy's cheesecake, scorpions on chilli white chocolate, morth worms on Philadelphia cheese and mealworm trifle. We finished off this very entertaining evening with a delicious selection of food from the local Chinese and some show and tell.



#### **Christmas Services**

We started off our Christmas Carol Services on 16th December with an afternoon of singing at Mullaghfarne and hearing the Christmas message. Every child from the Children's Church took part in the wonderful Children's Church Carol Service, on Sunday 23rd December. They presented a very entertaining 'The Nativity Story' with many of the children dressing up together. The children were not the only ones who got into the Christmas spirit of dressing up, with leaders playing the part of the angel, donkey and Bethlehem people (much to the amusement of the children!). It was great to see so many children and young people playing their part in sharing the Christmas story. Later that evening, we had our Carols by Candlelight service which was very much enjoyed. Christmas Eve marked our first Christmas communion where we came together to worship God and partake in midnight communion. On Christmas morning, families came together (and children brought along their presents to show us

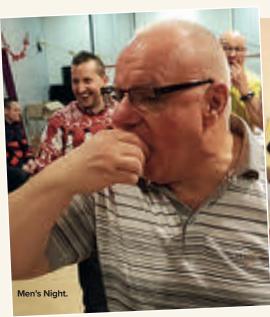


#### **Prayer Room**

The Meeting Room 2 in The Fountain Centre got a make-over just in time for Christmas. We were delighted that our new teenage girls' Life Group were instrumental in the vision for this room to be transformed into 'The Prayer Room'. The room has been transformed to a room of peace and tranquility dedicated to taking time out to spend with God.

## Our Children At Christmas Messy Christmas

We enjoyed another Messy Church with a seasonal, Christmassy theme. This was reflected in the Christmas crafts and decorations, the music and movie along with the carols and Christmas food. We thought about the Nativity story, not as a nice and clean children's story but as an account of real-life hardship with stable smells and dirt and spiders and of God making Himself uncomfortable to be Emmanuel, God with us. After our time of crafts and then celebration we sat down and enjoyed a Christmas Buffet together.





#### **Christmas Parties**

Ardess Little Lambs held their Christmas party on Monday 17th December 2018 and had great fun singing Christmas songs and playing games to music. We had extra party food for everyone and the real Christmas story colouring-in/activity sheets for each child to bring home to their older siblings and a Christmas card

Our Connect group finished for Christmas with a very relaxed, chilled night of food and games whilst our Blaze Youth Club and Flame Youth Club joined together for a Christmas Party of fun, food, games and music finishing with a Karaoke competition and prizes. On 22nd December, we held a fun-filled Children's Church Christmas party with food and games and also a surprise visit from Santa Claus with a selection box for each child.

#### Christmas Dinner

We had 21 for Christmas dinner this year. We started off with a non-alcoholic mulled wine as everyone gathered together and got to know each other. At 12.15pm Violet O'Riordan opened with Grace and gave thanks to God for the food and fellowship which we were about to enjoy. Soup was served, crackers pulled, party hats on and a few jokes told. This was then followed with the traditional turkey and ham Christmas dinner. Giving time for the dinner to settle, with Paddy O'Riordan on the guitar we all sang Christmas carols which was then followed by Christmas pudding or pavlova. After when tea and coffee was served Paddy did requests with a few Johnny Cash hits being preformed. Special mention to Karen, Liam and Grainne McMulkin for their hard work helping with serving and doing the dishes and also to Rhonda Archer's mum for the wonderful pavlovas (and not forgetting to mention Glenn and Valerie Johnston and family for their input every vear!)

#### Fountain Club

(P5 - P7): Thursdays

Our Fountain Club will be an exciting bible-based club for primary school children age P5 - P7 incorporating bible stories, guizzes and fun activities. This will be held every Thursday evening from 6.15pm to 7.30pm.

#### Wellbeing & Self-Care

Kesh Rural Deanery are holding two evenings (22nd February '19 (aged 12 -17 year olds) and 15th March '19 (aged 18+) (see below for more details) opened to anyone who would like to learn more about caring for or improving their own

mental wellbeing. The speaker is Conor McCafferty, who works for a charity called ZEST, who will centre the evening on our wellbeing, how we can take better care of ourselves and also offer signposts for those who perhaps feel they need something further.

#### **Dates For Your Diary**

Alpha @ Ardess Parish Centre: Every Tuesday 8.00pm, commenced 29th January but please do come along on join us from 5th February as this is an amazing opportunity to ask questions about Christianity.

Messy Church @ The Fountain Centre: Sunday 10th Feb '19, 4.00pm - 6.00pm Wellbeing & Self Care - Young People (age 12-17 years old): Friday, 22nd February 2019 7.30pm @ Tubrid Church

Wellbeing & Self Care - Adults (aged 18+): Friday, 15th March 2019 7.30pm @ Termon Centre, Pettigo.

Flower Festival @ Ardess Parish Church: Weekend of 26th May '19

Special Church Services @ Ardess Parish Centre

Thinking Day: Sunday 24th February '19, 11.00am

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday 6th March '19, 8.00pm

Mothers' Day: Sunday 31st Mar '19,

Palm Sunday: Sunday 14th April '19, 11.00am

Holy Week. Monday 15th April - Friday 19th April '19

Easter Sunday: Sun 21st April '19, 11.00am

#### **Regular Events**

Sundays @ Ardess Parish Church

Church Service 9.30am Morning Prayer & 11.00am Family Worship Children's Church 11.00am

Regular Prayer @ Ardess Parish Centre

Revival Prayer: Mondays 8.00pm - 9.00pm Wednesday Prayer: Wednesdays 9.30am - 11.00am

Healing Ministry: Fridays 7.30pm -8.30pm

24 Hour Prayer: Once a Month, Fri (8th Feb) 12.00noon - Sat (9th Feb) 12.00noon

#### Regular Events @ Ardess Parish Centre

Ardess Little Lambs: Mon (term-time only), 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Rainbows (Age 4-7) & Brownies (Age 7-10): Mon 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Cubs (Age 8-10 1/2): Wed 6.45pm -8.00pm

Friends in the Afternoon: (Every 2nd & 4th Tues of the month) 12th Feb '19

Marie Curie Nursing - Helen Loane, 26th Feb History of Kiltierney Abbey by John McClaughry, 12th March '19 Favourite Hymns - Helen Blair

Mothers' Union: Every 3rd Thurs, 21st Feb '19 Skin Hair & Nails: Beauty at its Best, Tracey Wilkin, Gail Scallon & Naomi Thompson 21st Mar '19 Open Night: Chernobyl Experience, Eveline Smith Ardess Historical Society: 18th Feb '19 The Lendrums of Kilskeery by Gordon Brand, 18th Mar '19 Changes in Society in Ireland Post World War One by John

#### Regular Events @ The Fountain Centre

Connect YF (Year 8-14): Sun (weekly) 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Guides (Age 10 - 14) & Rangers (Age 14+): Mon 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Beavers (Age 6-8) Wed 6.30pm - 7.45pm Scouts (Age 10 1/2 - 15): Wed 8.00pm -

In-Stitches: Thurs (except 3rd Thurs of the month): 8.00pm

NEW: Fountain Club (P5 - P7): Thurs 6.15pm - 7.30pm fun, fellowship, bible stories & quizzes

Blaze YC (Year 8-10): Fri (weekly) Blaze 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Flame YC (Year 11+): Fri (weekly) Flame 8.30pm - 10.00pm

#### Regular Events @ Other Venues

Waterworks (P3 - P7): Thurs (term-time only) 3.15pm - 4.30pm @ Kesh Primary School

Life Groups: Various dates/times throughout the week. Contact Henry if you wish to join one.

#### Register **BAPTISMS**

- 30 December 2018 Amelia Lily Dickson, daughter of Marc Dickson and Claire Kearney of Roscah View, Kesh.
- 30 December 2018 Ivy Elizabeth Knight, daughter of Gregory and Samantha Knight of St Agnes, Cornwall.

#### **FUNERALS**

- 21st November 2018 Edwin Knox (93) of Carrickagreany, Ederney.
- 8th December 2018 Douglas Allen (80) (known as Dougie) of 38 Slieveband Road, Irvinestown. Service at Derryvullen North Irvinestown Parish and buried at Ardess Parish Church.
- 24th December 2018 Robert John Knox (known as Bobby) (86) Carrickagreany, Edernev.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the bereaved at this time.

# Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



Rector:
The Revd Canon
Mark Watson

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#### Dear Parishioners.

I'm going down with the Christmas cash collection for the group to Evelyn Smith in the next few days for the Chernobyl children. The total at the moment is £500 for Maguiresbridge and £416 for Derrybrusk. I have been told the money is crucial. Please remember in your prayers the work of The Chernobyl Children Appeal NI.

#### Parish Dance: Keep free.

Curtis Magee returns to the Parish for our



Annual Dance on Friday 22nd February 2019 with dancing from 9.30pm in Maguiresbridge Parochial Hall. Admission £7.50.

#### Them bones, them bones

Thank you for your prayers and assistance with so much over the last seven months as I have coped with my broken foot. I am hoping to be walking again by St. Patrick's day. One bone remains a cause for concern in the base of my foot as it may pop out through the skin. Please God, it will behave and my mobility will be restored. This is why at the moment I am wearing the steel plate and Bohler brace.

#### **Lent and Easter**

Before Advent we had a Sunday Bible study

before Church in Maguiresbridge at 9.45am. I'd like to run this again from Sunday 17th February up to Palm Sunday. It will be a simple Bible study on the Gospel reading of the day as we start and progress through Lent

The mid-week Wednesday (8.00pm) services this year during Lent are scheduled for Derrybrusk with Holy week in Maguiresbridge.

If we have volunteers to cook I hope to have my egg on Easter morning in Derrybrusk! Belfast sunrise is set for 6.08am so a 6.30 start should give you all a nice 20 minutes extra in bed.

This will be followed by Holy Communion in both churches.







#### Monaghan, **Tydavnet and** Kilmore



Rector: The Revd Canon lan Berry The Rectory, Clones Road, Monaghan, Co. Monaghan.

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#### **Services**

3rd February Fifth Sunday before Lent 10.30am St Patrick's Holy Baptism and Holy Communion

12.15pm Kilmore Holy Communion 10th February Fourth Sunday before Lent 10.30am St Patrick's Service of the Word 12.15pm Ballinode Morning Prayer

17th February Third Sunday before Lent 10.30am St Patrick's Morning Prayer

12.15pm Kilmore Morning Prayer 24th February Second Sunday before Lent 10.30am St Patrick's All Age Worship

12.15pm Ballinode Holy Communion 3rd March Sunday before Lent 10.30am St Patrick's Holy Communion 12.15pm Kilmore Holy Communion

#### **Mothers' Union**

The Mothers' Union Christmas Dinner was held in Sally's Restaurant, Aughnacloy on Tuesday 4th December with the food, entertainment and fellowship of a high standard.

The opening meeting of 2019 was a Communion Service in Ballinode Church followed by the Annual General Meeting at which the following were elected; Branch Leader - Ms Dorothy Adams Assistant Branch Leader - Ms Muriel Treacy Secretary - Ms Hillary Workman Treasurer - Ms Frances Ebbs The evening concluded with refreshments

and fellowship.

We wish the Branch Leader and her officers a very successful year in office. The February meeting on Tuesday 5th will be the Branch Visitors night run in conjunction with Diocesan Mothers' Union, the theme for the evening is Listen, Observe, Act in step with God, and will commence with refreshments at 6:30pm in the Hall.

#### **Girls' Brigade Enrolment Service**

This was held in St. Patrick's on Sunday



25th November when the Officers were commissioned for 2018/2019 and the girls

#### **Bowling Club Dinner**

This was held in Sally's Restaurant on Thursday 6th December and reports confirm a good night was had by all.

#### Ladies' Group

The Group held their Christmas dinner at the home of Ms Freda Fleming and it was very successful.

They will meet on Tuesday 19th February when the guest speaker Ms Astrid Moffett will give a talk and some practical suggestions on "Eating on a Budget".

#### Condolences

We offer prayerful sympathy to Moore Heasty and family on the death of his uncle, Stanley Magee on the death of his brother and Ms Lila Hardy on the death of her sisterin-law.

#### The Ladies' Group **Interdenominational Carol** Service

This was held in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 11th December, Ms Ruth McGowan on behalf of the Group welcomed the large congregation and also expressed grateful

thanks to all who had assisted with the preparations, and refreshments. The Rector Canon lan gave a short address, with the worship being led by Monaghan Community Brass band, Soloist Michael Lawson, with choirs from St. Louis Convent, U3A. and Monaghan Collegiate School, and Monaghan

Collegiate School Music

Group. The lessons were read in English, Irish and German.

The evening concluded with the congregation going to the Hall for mulled wine, mince pies, and shortbread kindly provided by the members.

We congratulate the Ladies' Group on a very successful evening of community worship and fellowship.

The offering which was in excess of €2300, was in aid of Drumkill Day Care Unit and Holy Family School, Cootehill Parents' Association.



#### **Posada**

This is a Mexican tradition - the figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey were hosted during advent by families from our Group of Parishes to remind us to make way for Jesus in our busy lives at Christmas time, but also throughout the year.

#### Illness

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

#### Advent/Christmas Service

The advent services were held at varying times each week day during advent to facilitate attendance and to prepare to celebrate the Birth of Jesus.

The Group Carol Service was held in Ballinode Church on Sunday 23rd December at 7pm with worship lead by the U3A Choir-followed by refreshments in the Hall provided by the members.

Monday 24th December St. Patrick's joined with other Churches in town for Carol

singing at the Courthouse at 2pm.

Christmas Day services were a traditional Holy Communion service at 9:30am followed by All Age Communion service at 10:30am at which the Posada figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey made it to the crib. There was a good attendance at all services of members, friends, visitors and the wider community.

#### **Parish Organisations**

All Parish organisations have resumed activities following the Christmas break.

#### Rossorry



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#### A note from the Rector

These early months of the new year are quiet in comparison with the busy celebrations of Christmas. In the calendar of the Church of Ireland, the first of February is St Brigid's day when we recall the life of Brigid, the fifth century Abbess of Kildare. She is said to have been baptised by St Patrick and stories of her portray a woman of great compassion who shone the light of the Christ at a dark time in this land. She is remembered especially well for her distinctive cross with four arms usually woven from rushes. By her prayers and work she is reputed to have strongly influenced the growth of the Church throughout Ireland.

We can take inspiration from the life of Brigid - an example of practical witness for Christ and we can pray that in it we might be known too as people of prayer and compassion who bear the cross of Christ to our community.



#### Bishop's talks

This year is a significant anniversary for the Church of Ireland – it is 150 years since Disestablishment – a time when the Church began a new relationship with the state and a new form of its governance was devised. To mark this, our bishop is presenting a talk on the subject – the nearest venue to us being in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Tuesday 19th February at 7.30pm. This talk should be really interesting and I would encourage parishioners to go along and learn something of how our church was shaped and how this still has impact today.

Your friend and Rector, Revd Canon Dr IW Ellis

## 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. By the time of going to press we hope to have submitted our application to the Planning Service for approval to build.

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 contained in our application for planning permission.

#### Lottie's Birthday

There was great excitement in the Parish and at The Graan Nursing Home on the 23rd November 2018 as we celebrated the





103rd birthday of our oldest parishioner – Mrs Charlotte (Lottie) Johnston. She was in great form and enjoyed all the fuss!

## Christmas Communion and Afternoon Tea in the Hall

On 9th December at 3pm the Annual Christmas Communion Service for the Elderly / Housebound was held in the Parish Hall. A bigger crowd this year celebrated Communion with the Rector. This was followed by a wonderful spread of 'Afternoon Tea,' kindly provided by Rossorry Mothers' Union members. The chat and the fellowship went on for quite a while!

#### 'Raising the Star'

In keeping with the tradition of the last few years a team of hardy helpers assembled at Rossorry on 1st December, complete with a 'Nifty Lifty', reels of cable, strings of lights, connectors etc and of course the Star. Two hours later and the Church, by night, was transformed into a magical sight, lighting the way through Advent to the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child, a beacon to the parish and the many travellers who pass our Church by.

#### The Nativity Play

The 16th December was a day of excitement and trepidation for the children of Rossorry Parish Sunday School (and their teachers!) – it was the day to perform the Nativity Play in front of a packed Church – not a seat left in the whole place!

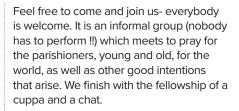
As we have come to expect, we were treated to a well rehearsed, thoughtful and sincere telling of the Christmas story, complete with costumes and props (including Alan and Helen Houston!). The children performed wonderfully well and made the occasion a memorable one for one and all.

Many thanks to the Sunday School teachers for their efforts.

#### **Prayer Group**

The Prayer Group meets in February on 13th and 27th of the month at 7.30pm, in the Parish Office.

The Prayer group meets at the Parish office and continues throughout the year with meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.



#### **Rossorry Mothers' Union**

The first meeting of 2019 of Rossorry Mothers' Union was being held on Thursday 31st January in the Parish Hall. This will be a service of Holy Communion.

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 3rd Thursday of every month.

#### **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.

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.

The Club went out for their Annual Christmas dinner just before the holidays. This year the festivities were held at the Moorings Restaurant in Bellanaleck.

A programme has been prepared of events / speakers up to May. (See below). If you want to know more give Ethel Oldcroft a ring at 66 326339



16th Welcome back!

23rd Chinese Group (Jessica)

30th Ulster Bank – scams! (Stephanie)

#### **February**

6th F & O District Council Recycling (Claire)

13th Beetle Drive.

20th Winter warm bags. (Nicola)

27th Hidden Hearing loss. (Geraldine)

#### March

6th NIHE Community Officer (Marylin)

13th St Patrick's Snakes and Ladders! (Ethel)

20th Route 66 Holiday photos. (Charles)

27th Designers' hands. (Ethel)

#### April

3rd Finding Hope Ministries. (Fiona Acheson)

10th Craft morning. (Ethel)

17th Holy Week Coffee Morning.

24th Easter week – no Club.





The Wednesday Club Christmas event.

## Jones Memorial Primary School Carol Service

On 20th December 2018 at 7pm a special Carol Service was held in Rossorry Parish Church to commemorate 50 years of Jones' School on the new site at Reilly's Cross. Parents, teachers, children and past pupils all attended what was described as "a magical occasion".

#### **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 Scout Group

Beavers -Tues 6.30pm.

Cubs - Wed 6.45pm.

Scouts – Wed 7.30pm or ring Garry

Clarke on 02866 323653

Guide Group

Rainbows- Mon 6.15pm.

Brownies - Mon 6.15pm

Guides – Wed 8.00pm or ring Avril Armstrong on 02866 329589

#### **Mother and Baby Exercise Class**

Mother and Baby exercise class started up again on Tuesday 15th January 2019. 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 a 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 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 and continues now until the end of the season in March. If you are interested in getting involved, the Club is always looking for new members. For information: - contact William Stevenson on 07719662473.

#### **SERVICES for February 2019**

#### **Sunday 3rd February**

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

#### Sunday 10th February

9.00 am. Holy Communion.11.00 am. Morning Prayer

#### **Sunday 17th February**

9.00 am. Holy Communion. 11.00 am. Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 24th February

9.00 am. Holy Communion.11.00 am. Family Service

#### **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.

HENDERSON, Winifred (Freda) of Old Rossorry, died (peacefully) at Millcroft Nursing Home on 4th December 2018. Her Funeral service was held at Rossorry Parish Church on Friday 7th December, followed by interment in the family plot in Rossorry Churchyard.

## **MILLAR, Harriet Elizabeth (Annie)** of Lurgandarragh Big, died at the South West

Acute Hospital, after a short illness, on 30th December, 2018. Her Funeral service was held in Rossorry Parish Church on Tuesday 1st January 2019 with interment, following, in the family plot in Rossorry Churchyard.

HASSARD, Yvonne Phyllis, of Crownhall, died on January 12th 2019 at the South West Acute Hospital. Her funeral service was held at Rossorry Parish Church on Tuesday 15th January 2019, followed by interment in Rossorry Churchyard.

#### Contact Us...

Website: rossorryparish.com Facebook: Rossorry Parish Church We update regularly events in the church as well as weddings and christenings.

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# Tempo and Clabby



Rector:
The Revd Canon
Maurice Armstrong

Archdeacon Brian Harper is in charge.

Pastoral cover provided by Mr Roy Crowe, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant

#### **Carol Services**

The annual Carol Services were conducted by Mr Roy Crowe and he gave an excellent message, led in prayer and thanked all those who had taken part to make the services a success.

#### Clabby Carol Service

This service had active participation by the young people of the Sunday School. They read the lessons and sang a number of carols. The singing was led by organist, Ann Bloomfield and Clabby Music group.

Thank you to Tanya Armstrong and all the

helpers of the Sunday School for their hard work, dedication and commitment, on the lead up to Christmas.

#### **Tempo Primary School Carol Service**

Tempo Primary School also held their annual Carol Service in Clabby Church on 20th December. This was a very enjoyable event with a large number of parents and friends attending to see the children participate.

#### **Tempo Carol Service**

The Sunday School performed a Nativity Play and were assisted in the narration by Sunday School teachers, Mrs Joanne Oldcroft and Mrs Cynthia White. Members of the congregation read the traditional lessons. The choir and Sunday School sang 'Away in a Manger' accompanied by Mark McDonald on the flute and Carole Graham on the organ. Mark also played the solo piece 'Mary's Boy Child.' The choir sang a piece 'When Jesus from heaven came to earth' and Mr Roy Crowe delighted the congregation with a solo piece 'What a beautiful Name'.

Mulled wine, mince pies and shortbread brought the service to a conclusion. A sincere thanks to all who helped and those who decorated the church and cleared all away afterwards.

The collection at all the Carol Services was given to the Bishop's Appeal Fund. The toys donated by the children and young people

were given to the local group of Women's Aid in Enniskillen who distributed them to the needy families.

#### **Mothers' Union**

A lovely Christmas event was held in Tempo Parish Hall when all those present had the opportunity to sample some very tasty Christmas fare cooked by Carole Trimble.

#### Women's World Day of Prayer

**This** will be held in Tempo Parish Church on Friday 1st March 2019 at 8pm. Everyone is welcome.

#### **Chocolate Bars**

Tempo Parish Church has special chocolate bars for sale - £2 each or three bars for £5, with all proceeds going to Parish Funds.

#### Table Quiz

Table Quiz in Tempo Church Hall on Thursday 14th February at 8pm. Everyone welcome.

#### Date for the Diary

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

#### **Prayers**

We remember in our prayers those who have been bereaved recently and those who are ill.

#### 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**

The excitement of Christmas and the New Year has faded into history and we find ourselves once more in the humdrum of life, but even in the ordinary we find interest and beauty.

Hitherto an exceptional mild winter seems to have brought everything to life a little earlier. Who can resist stopping to admire the first snowdrops, notice the stretch in the evening and feel good that spring is on the way.

#### **Church Services**

Sunday services will continue as normal; 11.30am with Sunday School commencing at 10.15am. Everyone welcome.

Registration for confirmation classes was

due to take place at Magheracross Parish Church at 8pm on 31st January and parents are asked to register children of appropriate age groups. Classes will commence in early February. Keep in contact with Barbara reference this important matter.

#### **Mothers' Union**

Killadeas is the venue this month and will commence at 8.00pm on 11th. February. A speaker as yet to be confirmed.

#### **Tuesday Club**

The club will meet on 12th February at 2.30pm in Trory when arrangements are made for a meal to be arranged.

#### **Fitness Classes**

The classes commenced on 9th January and will hopefully continue for the winter months. The venue is Trory Hall, Ballycassidy, commencing at 7.30pm every Wednesday evening. The programme is suitable for all fitness levels. There is an admission fee of £5. If you are interested or require more details please contact Allison Tel.07971444630

#### **Fund Raising**

To those who helped to make the wreaths and assisted at the sale, our thanks for your help and dedication.

#### **Diocesan Magazine**

Subscriptions for the above 2019 editions are now due, please see Muriel reference same.

#### **Bowling Club**

Bowling continues every Thursday and Saturday evening. Our congratulations to Team McNabb on their success in the Trebles tournament.

#### **Prayers**

We have a number of parishioners who are long term sick. Please remember them and their carers in your prayers, we all need a little support some time.

#### Killadeas

November and December were busy months in the Priory Church.

#### Re-dedication

On Sunday 25th November Bishop McDowell led the service to rededicate the church following major repairs and dedicate gifts of a new sound system, donated by the Bradshaw family, in loving memory of the late Ivan Bradshaw and new carpet on the chancel steps and the Baptistery donated by the Hale family, in loving memory of the late



The re-dedication service in the Priory Church, Killadeas.

Jack and Betty Armstrong.

It was a lovely service which was well attended and the church looked exceptional. There was a tasty supper afterwards which was provided once again by the ladies of the Parish. Speeches were given by Mrs Evelyn Cruwys, Mr Colin Irvine and Mr Mukesh Sharma, representative from the Heritage

#### **Festival of Wreaths**

Lottery Fund.

At the beginning of December, our Outreach Group were hard at work bringing together a Festival of Wreaths to celebrate the beginning of Advent and the Christmas season.

The first part of the event was held on Saturday, 1st December with a fun afternoon of wreath making, where interested people from across the local area tried their hands at being creative; this revealed an amazing array of styles and forms of wreaths. The "Festival of Wreaths" opened at 10am on Saturday, 8th December with a staggering 118 wreaths, all of which were creatively and imaginatively made. Many people over the two days commented on the vast array of wreaths on display. The event closed on the evening of Sunday, 9th December with a soirée which included music by Irvinestown Community Choir and a variety of local artistes.

We would like to thank everyone who supported us, the many contributors for their fabulous wreaths and to the ladies of the

Parish who provided tea and tasty tray bakes throughout both days.

#### **Carol Service**

Our annual Carol service was held on Sunday, 23rd December. Afterwards our Church Choir attended Trevenna Lodge where they entertained the residents with a selection of Carols.

#### Choir

The Choir was once again in full voice on Christmas Eve when they entertained the patrons of the Manor House Hotel before attending our Communion Service which was held at 11.30pm.

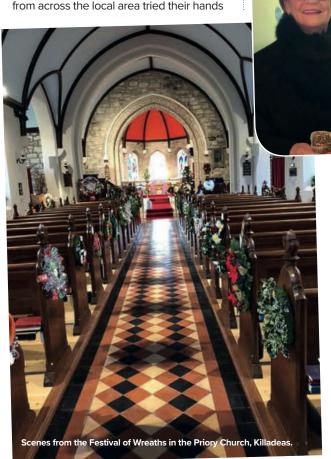
#### Cheque presentations

There will be a presentation of cheques to the RNLI, (contributions from Wreath Festival) and the Air Ambulance, (monies donated to Priory Choir Carol Singing and church collection over Christmas services), on Friday, 27th January.

#### **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 3rd Sunday in the month.

Sunday School leaves during Morning Prayer.





# **MOTHERS' UNION**



# Clogher Diocesan prayer vigils

Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union held Prayer Vigils in two venues during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence Yearly Campaign.

On Wednesday 28th November, Derryvullan North Parish Church in Irvinestown, hosted a service of worship with prayers and readings which highlighted the call from scripture to show love and care for those in need and seek justice for those being abused. Dr Margaret Knox, Branch Leader, led the service assisted by MU branch members. Beth Curry from Fermanagh Women's Aid, outlined some of the work undertaken by their workers and volunteers. Over 70 MU members from the Diocese supported the service and brought items

requested by Women's Aid for use with families in the local area. The generosity of MU members was greatly appreciated. Members of Derryvullan North and Castle Archdale MU then served refreshments to everyone, where fellowship continued. On 3rd December, St Patrick's Church Hall, Monaghan was the venue for 35 MU members and friends to gather and hear the need of families in the wider community. The service was led by MU members from the local County Monaghan branches. Siobhan McKenna, from Tiermann, spoke of the work she and other workers and volunteers carry out to support families affected by domestic violence.

The Rev Dr. Gerard Clinton, from Ballybay Group of Presbyterian churches, spoke about his experience of working in the mental health sector and his research into the actions of those who cause violence and how positive attitudes towards women need to be nurtured and developed in the young people of today. Attitudes of respect and appreciation of those in authority should be encouraged throughout society both in families and in the community. The members of Monaghan MU provided refreshments during the evening and again the MU members from the Diocese donated gifts and money to support the work of Tearmann in the local area which was greatly appreciated.







Attending in Monaghan were (from left); Jennifer Leathem (Social Policy Contact), Irene Boyd, Siobhan McKenna, from Tearmann; Revd. Dr. Gerard Clinton, Revd. Charles Eames, (Diocesan Chaplain).

## **NEW THEME FOR 2019**

Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union is holding some meetings to explore the MU theme for 2019 - Listen, Observe and Act in step with God.

The meetings will take place on the following dates in the different venues:

- Tuesday 5 February 2019 in St Patrick's Church Hall, Monaghan
- Wednesday 20 February 2019 in Colebrooke Church of Ireland Hall
- Thursday 28 February 2019 in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen

Any member from your branch may attend at whichever venue suits you best. The meeting will commence at 6.30 pm with a savoury buffet tea. Numbers need to be with Liane by 3rd February at the latest.

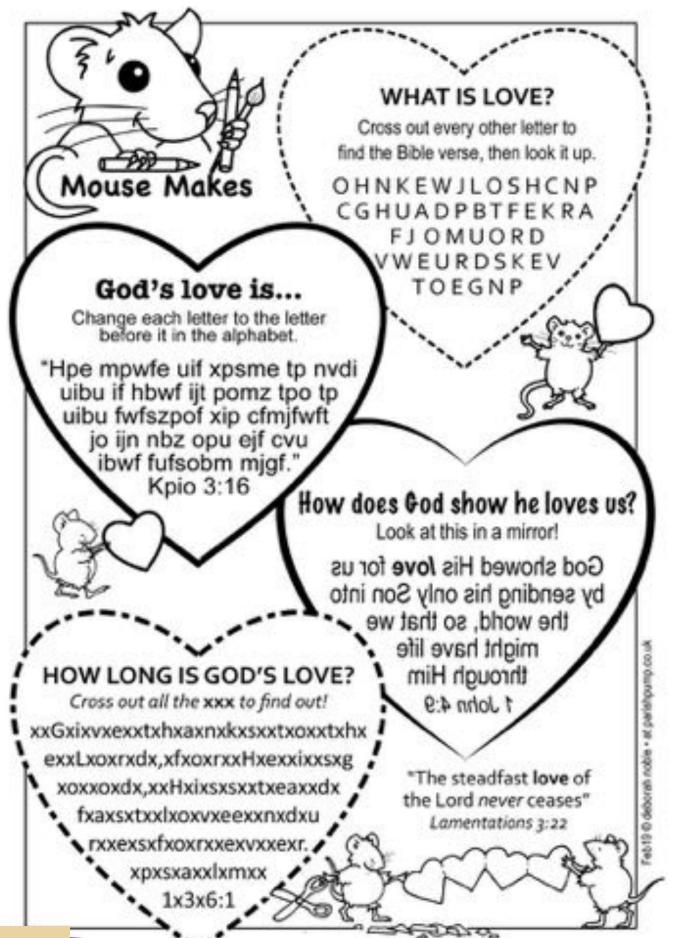


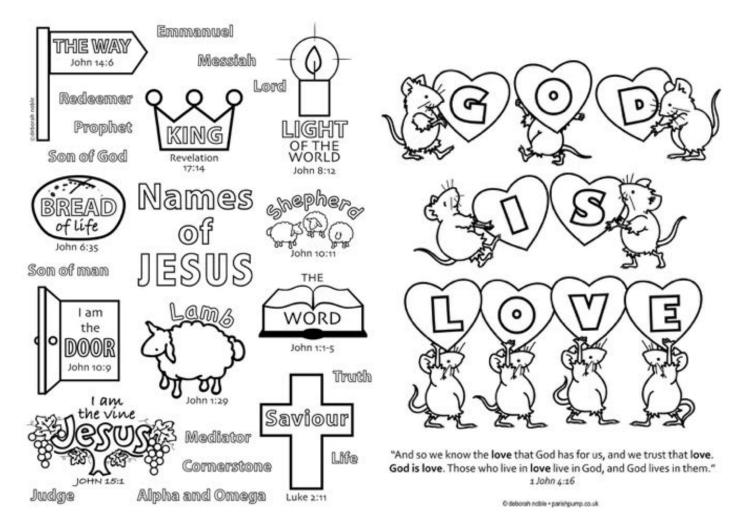


Diocesan President Irene Boyd with Valerie Clendenning and Barbara Clarke.



# CHILDREN'S SECTION





#### The Presentation of Christ in the Temple / Candlemas

Candlemas, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, comes exactly 40 days after Christmas. In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present Him to the Lord'. Therfore, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. (Luke 2: 22-40) So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day.

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# YOUTH PAGES

# Church of Ireland Youth Forum

# THE VOICE OF YOUNG PEOPLE POSITIVELY AFFECTING CHANGE

On Saturday, 19 January 2019, the second of the current National Youth Forums took place in the City North Hotel, Dublin. Again, this year the event was hosted by our Youth Department with facilitators, Captain Nic Sheppard C.A. and his wife Mrs Sally Sheppard leading the day. Five of our young people from the diocese travelled to the event along with their leaders. In total some 72 young people from across Ireland and 24 adults took part in the day.

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The former Bishop of Clogher and now Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr. Michael Jackson welcomed the delegates to the Forum and spoke of his observation of the importance of friendship, fairness and the Environment to young people today. The Archbishop encouraged our young people in their pursuit to see these issues upheld by the church and society and went on to recognise the ways in which we as a church are seeking to engage all generations in our worship and service together.

## The overall aims and objectives of the day Forum were;

- Debating Issues affecting all young people
- Encouraging and supporting youth participation
- Facilitating change and being active
- Supporting young people on their spiritual journey

As a starting point to the morning sessions the young people were asked, what stood out about last year's Forum for them.

Secondly, what changes have there been since last year as a result of the forum - In your personal faith journey, engagement in their local church life and diocesan level involvement. The young people then went on to look at their world, recognising God at work in their world and playing their part in God's work in the world.

Next in groups they shared what they would put in a time capsule and why. They were then asked what would that say about their world in 2019? They were asked to say what they thought a young person in 25/50 years' time might think or learn about from their time capsule. Thinking of their time capsule what key words would describe



how their time capsule reflected their world. Diocesan groups then filled time capsules and prepared them to be taken back to their respective diocese.

In order to consider God's glory in the world the young people were asked to choose subjects which they felt were opportunities for God's glory to be shown to the world and how we as a church could be active in presenting Him to our world. It was noted by the young people from this activity that God is at work. We don't always notice or attribute things to Him but He uses us in ways often when we least expect. We are all called to entertain strangers.

Following a well-earned break for lunch the young people and leaders returned to consider the practical outworking of this important call to reach out beyond our immediate circle and to the wider world and communities to which we belong.

It was noted that this outreach would be based on;

Making a difference in our world by being part of what God's work where we were by;

- · Reaching Individuals
- Serving our local area and church
- Being active as young people in our diocese.
- Involving and encouraging other young people in our parishes.

As the day drew to a close it was fitting that the group took time to worship together having felt the clear call of God to serve and love our immediate world through the work of the church and as individuals. This started with a reading of how glass is created. Every grain of sand is different but heated together until it becomes one as in a piece of glass. The young people were then given glass pebbles as an expression of their uniqueness and purpose for God's service and glory. As group prayers were read, scripture readings shared and the air filled with the sound of young voices singing to God's glory a very fitting end of the day together was realised.

there is the story

As farewells echoed around the forum and departing groups made their ways to all four corners of the island a sense of unity and purpose could be felt. How encouraging to see the hope that springs eternal in the church and to know that this young generation have the passion to see the church triumph in the face of every challenge and to meet every need in and through the love of Christ.

# Clogher Diocese to host exhibition on celebrated hymn writer

Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education in co-operation with the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall are staging an exhibition in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen in early March to mark the bicentenary of the birth of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, author of some of the best-known hymns including "All Things Bright and Beautiful."

This year's chosen theme for the Bishop's Medal and Archdeacon Ruddell Prize for Sunday Schools in Clogher Diocese is "Hymns of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander" and the exhibition will be useful to those entering the competitions.

The exhibition will be brought from St. Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry by Mr. Ian Bartlett and on view in Enniskillen on Saturday, 9th March from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday, 10th March from 2pm to 8pm with a closing service at 7pm featuring Mrs Alexander's hymns and stories about her life narrated by Fermanagh woman, Mrs Eva Baxter.

Mrs Alexander who wrote over 400 hymns,

was married to William, who was Bishop of Derry and subsequently Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. She was born in Dublin. It was when the family moved to Strabane after her father was appointed agent for the Marguis of Abercorn, that Mrs Alexander became involved in charitable work and wrote a book, "Hymns for Little Children" published in 1848 containing many of the popular hymns contained in the hymnals of almost every Christian denomination including "There is a Green Hill Far Away." She married Revd William Alexander in the Strabane parish of Camus juxta Mourne. He was rector of Teremonamongan, near Castlederg where Mrs Alexander became involved in parish work.

Returning to Camus where Revd Alexander was appointed Rector, he was subsequently appointed Bishop of Derry and Raphoe and he was the last Irish bishop to take a seat in the House of Lords as the disestablishment of the Church of Ireland under the Irish Church Act of 1869 took effect from January 1871

#### Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander

Hymn Writer and Poetess 1818- 1895



Exhibition celebrating her life and work St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen Saturday 9th March 10.00 am - 5.00 pm Sunday 10th March 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Closing Service: Sunday 10th March at 7.00 pm



#### Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and Bishop's Medal Competitions 2019



Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education invites children and young people to enter the following competitions on

#### The Hymns of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander

Three very popular hymns which are still often sung in churches today were written by a lady called Cecil Frances Alexander who was born in Dublin exactly two hundred years ago.

#### <u>Archdeacon Ruddell Prize</u>

- 1. Tell the story of this lady's life and work.
- Her three best known hymns are 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', 'Once in Royal David's City,' and 'There is a Green Hill Far Away'. Choose your favourite of these three hymns and illustrate your understanding of it, using words, ICT, artwork, craft, photographs etc.



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

#### Bishop's Medal

- 1. Tell the story of this lady's life and work, using text, pictures, photographs etc.
- 2. Her three most popular hymns are 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', 'Once in Royal David's City' and "There is a Green Hill Far Away". Illustrate your understanding of **two** of these three hymns, using words, drama, ICT, artwork, photographs, video, music, etc.
- 3. Discuss whether and how hymns like these, written so many years ago, are still relevant today.



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

Entries should be on A4 Paper and can either be handwritten or word processed. Relevant text, pictures, diagrams, photographs etc. should be included. All entries must be original, the work of those entering.

Winners will be announced at Diocesan Synod in September 2019. Certificates for all who enter.

All entries should please be left in the Diocesan Office by Wednesday 19th June 2019

DATE EXTENDED due to exhibition in Enniskillen Cathedral on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019



# SAFEGUARDING NEWS

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# **New Edition of Safeguarding Trust**

A lot of work has been undertaken over the past six months to update the Safeguarding Trust policy document and bring it up to date in line with state legislation and guidance.

The new policy document was reviewed internally, externally and legally to ensure it is in compliance with current legislation and best practice. It has been approved by the Safeguarding Board and the General Synod Standing Committee.

The layout of the sections of the policy are similar to the previous edition with sections on areas of responsibilities, recruitment, working safely with children, code of behaviour, responding to issues. The appendix contains useful resources including a full range of forms and templates of ancillary policies.

The policy is available electronically at www.sg.ireland.anglican.org and to make it as user friendly as possible each of the appendices is available to download as separate documents with the various forms in word format to make for ease of amendment.

It is hoped that by making it available electronically rather than printing hard copies, changes arising from State guidelines, legislation or other recommendations may be easily incorporated into the document and

this will ensure that the policy is kept live and updated.

## So what's new? Here are some examples:

- Details of who are mandated persons, their role and responsibilities and how mandated reporting works in the Church context.
- Guidelines on photography previously contained in separate information leaflets are now incorporated into the policy.
- Record keeping information and forms have been amended in line with GDPR requirements.
- Guidelines on social/digital media are now included.
- Templates for updated complaints and disciplinary procedures and grievance procedures along with templates for new communications policy and working in partnership with parents/quardians policy.
- Templates for updated Anti-Bullying policy including a section on cyberbullying to reflect the sad developments in terms of how children are now being bullied.
- Updated Code of Behaviour for staff and volunteer and guidelines on how best to put in place a Code of Behaviour for members.



There are also a number of supplementary documents also available at www.sg.ireland.anglican.org which provide additional information on GDPR and Safeguarding and on Garda Vetting. The new overarching Child Safeguarding Statement (RI) for the Church of Ireland is also available on the website.

Dioceses and parishes should download the policy from the Church of Ireland website and circulate it to all their staff and volunteers working with children.



# Risk Assessment and Child Safeguarding Statements

This new requirement under the Children First Act 2015 has kept parishes and dioceses busy over the summer months as they hold meetings of stakeholders to undertake a risk assessment of how a child might come to harm whilst availing of activities in their parish or diocese.

It was hoped that all parishes and dioceses would have completed this process by the beginning of September but due to holidays etc this process is continuing. Many thanks to all those parishes and dioceses that have managed to complete this process. Once parishes and dioceses have completed the risk assessment, it needs to be adopted by the Select Vestry or Diocesan Council along with the Child Safeguarding Statement. Parishes have to submit their completed risk assessment and child safeguarding statement to the diocesan office, whilst

the Dioceses have to submit their documentation to Church House along with confirmation that all parishes in their diocese have also completed this process.

An overarching Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed and adopted by the General Synod Standing Committee for the Church of Ireland in the Republic and is available on: www.sq.ireland.anglican.org

Each parish and diocese must ensure that the adopted Child Safeguarding Statement is circulated to all staff and volunteers and is displayed on all parish premises and at all diocesan events where children are present. Where a parish or diocese has a parish or diocesan website it is recommended that the Child Safeguarding Statement is also uploaded to that website. By displaying the Child Safeguarding Statement in premises and on websites,

it will make it available to parents, guardians, members of the public. Tusla's compliance unit can request a copy of your Child Safeguarding Statement at any time.

The Children First Act sets out that Child Safeguarding Statements should be reviewed at intervals of no more than 2 years so revised templates for the risk assessment and child safeguarding statement shall be issued to all dioceses and parish in early 2020 to ensure that every diocese and parish can review their risk assessment and child safeguarding statement at that time. However, if there are any material changes in any of the issues to which the risk assessment and child safeguarding statement refers to during that 2-year period, the risk assessment and child safeguarding statement may need to be reviewed sooner but parishes and dioceses will be advised of this if it needs to happen.

# **Mandated Persons**

When the Children First Act 2015 was commenced on 11 December 2017 mandatory reporting was commenced.

This placed a legal obligation on certain professionals to make a report to Tusla of any information they received or acquired in their employment or profession that led them to know, believe or suspect that a child has been harmed, is being harmed or is atrisk of being harmed.

The Act sets out various categories of professionals who are mandated persons. Within the Church of Ireland the following are deemed to be mandated persons:

 Member of the clergy (howsoever described) or pastoral care worker (howsoever described) of a church.

- Person employed as a safeguarding officer, child protection officer or other person (howsoever described) who is employed for the purpose of performing the child welfare and protection function of religious, sporting, recreational, cultural, educational and other bodies and organisations offering services to children.
- Person employed as a youth worker.
- Child care staff employed in a preschool service.
- Person carrying on a pre-school service.

It is important to note that within parishes a lot of parishioners may be mandated in their professional roles, but this mandated role does not apply to any personal capacity or voluntary role that individual may have within the parish. Under Safeguarding Trust each diocese is required to maintain a list of mandated persons within their diocese. In order to put this list together the Diocesan Secretaries shall be writing to each parish to ask them to supply the diocese with names and contact details of all mandated persons within their parish. The dioceses shall write to each mandated person to ensure that they are aware of their role as mandated persons. It is important that where a parish has a change in personnel who are mandated persons that the diocese is informed of this change in personnel as soon as possible.

If any parish or diocese is unsure as to whether a role is mandated or not, advice can be sought from the Child Protection Officer.

# **Garda Vetting**

Andrea Bridge took on the role of **Vetting Liaison Officer in December** 2017 and Christine Cody was employed as a second Vetting Liaison Officer in July 2018. This has significantly increased the capacity of the Church of Ireland to process vetting with the Vetting Bureau.

Two new elements have been introduced in terms of Garda vetting:

- Shared agreement
- Re-vetting

#### Shared agreement

The National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012-2016 does not permit an organisation to share a vetting disclosure with another organisation. However Section 12(3)(A) of the Act provides that where there is a joint agreement in writing between two relevant organisations (as defined in the Vetting Act), agreeing to the employment, contracting, permitting or placement of a person, it is a defence in any prosecution under the Vetting Act to show that the other organisation had received a vetting disclosure from the National Vetting Bureau, in respect of that person's employment, contracting or placement. This provision of the Act can be utilised in circumstances where parishes are working together on a children's activity or a diocese is organising a children's event involving a number of parishes.

An agreement can be entered into between the two parishes organising a joint event whereby in advance of the event, one parish can confirm to the other that it has received a vetting disclosure for an individual that will be undertaking relevant work at the event.

An agreement can be entered into between a parish and the diocese where a diocesan event is being held whereby in advance of the event the parish can confirm to the diocese they have received a vetting disclosure for an individual that will be undertaking relevant work at the event.

An agreement can be entered into between a parish and an external

organisation (e.g. Tus) whereby the parish and the organisation are agreeing to contract or permit a person to undertake work that would involve contact with or access to children or vulnerable persons.

#### Re-Vetting requirement

From the 1 January 2019 Safeguarding Trust requires that all current staff and volunteers be subject to re-vetting every 4 years. Parish panels will need to go through their personnel files and see when individual staff and volunteers last undertook Garda vetting and then notify staff and volunteers when re-vetting is due. The parish panel shall provide the staff and volunteers, due to be re-vetted, with the Garda Vetting form (NVB1) and asked to return it to the incumbent with their documents for identification verification within one month. Failure to fill in the form may result in disciplinary action as laid down in the parish/diocesan complaints and disciplinary procedure.

At a diocesan level, diocesan offices or bishop's/archbishop's secretaries should check their records to see when clergy, bishops, diocesan staff and volunteers working with children last undertook Garda Vetting and then notify clergy, bishops and diocesan staff and volunteers working with children when re-vetting is due. Clergy, bishops, diocesan staff and volunteers (who are due to be re-vetted) will be given the Garda Vetting form and asked to return it to the diocesan office along with their identification documents within one month. There is an obligation on clergy, bishops, volunteers or staff member to inform the parish/dioceses of any actual or pending conviction or prosecution since they were last vetted and therefore they will be re-vetted.

In order to ensure that the Andrea and Christine are not overwhelmed by too large a volume of vetting applications, re-vetting is being introduced on a phased basis as follows:

Parishes and dioceses should ensure that only those individuals who are due for re-vetting in the relevant year are provided with the Garda Vetting

Year to be re-vetted	Current staff and volunteers last vetted in
2019	2006 - 2011
2020	2012 - 2015
2021	2016 & Jan-Jun 2017
2022	July-Dec 2017 & 2018

2023

Invitation form (NVB1) and completed forms sent in to Andrea and Christine as we do not overwhelm the system which is operating very well at present.

If any parishes or diocese need any further information in relation to re-vetting or the shared agreement, advice can be sought from the Child Protection Officer or the Vetting Liaison Officers.

#### Retention of Garda **Vetting Documentation**

Letters issued to parishes from the Vetting Liaison Officers have previously advised that the vetting disclosure and identification documentation should be retained for the lifetime of the vetting application i.e. until the person is re-vetted, resigns or ends their involvement with the organisation. With immediate effect, each Diocese / Parish must:

- a) Record the name, date specified on the vetting disclosure and the result of the vetting (e.g. Nil Disclosure), in the individual's file in the panel's Safeguarding Trust files. This information should be kept indefinitely.
- b) Where the Vetting Disclosure does contain a negative report (e.g. details of a conviction or specified information), the Vetting Disclosure must be kept indefinitely.

All identification documents and copies of NVB1 and NVB3 forms should be destroyed one year after vetting is completed. Where the Vetting Disclosure contains no negative reports, the vetting disclosure can be destroyed one year after vetting is completed.

GDPR guidance and a copy of the shared agreement can be downloaded at: www.sg.ireland.anglican.org

# **Adult Safeguarding**

Since June 2018 we have had an Adult Safeguarding Policy in place. This applies to those who work with adults in parishes particularly those who work with adults at risk of harm or those with special needs.

There have been a series of training sessions for clergy. There will be a series of training events in each diocese in 2019 for volunteers and we will keep you informed of anyprogress.

In each diocese there will be a Diocesan Adult Safeguarding Panel. Where there is a concern relating to an Adult at Risk or there is a suspicion of abuse, the report should be made to the Diocesan Adult Safeguarding Panel. These panels have been established and are currently undergoing training.

When the training is complete each parish will be informed of who their Diocesan Panel members are. In the meantime should there be a concern re Adult Safeguarding then the Safeguarding Officer should be contacted directly.

All relevant information can be found on: www.sg.ireland.anglican.org



# Safeguarding Board

Safeguarding used to be the responsibility of the Board of Education. Due to the introduction of Adult Safeguarding it was decided that a new Safeguarding Board would be formed, under the authority of both Standing Committee and the Representative Church Body.

The Child Protection Officer's role has changed to include Adult Safeguarding, so they now have a new title of Safeguarding Officer. The role of Child Protection Officer as mentioned in the policy is included in the role of Safeguarding Officer.

The Safeguarding Board is chaired by the Archbishop of Armagh and includes the Archbishop of Dublin, the Chief Officer, representative from the RB, and four members of the clergy nominated by the Archbishops and approved by Standing Committee. The Board of Education Secretaries and the Safeguarding Officers are also in attendance.

The role of the Safeguarding Board is to:

- Ensure all polices and procedures are reviewed and kept in line with current legislation
- Support the Safeguarding Officers in their work including case handling
- Monitor the implementation of the policies through parish and diocesan returns
- Develop a strategy for supporting parishes through training and advice.

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# **DIOCESAN NEWS**



Attending the Clogher Diocesan Advent Carol Service and Installation of the Revd Canon David Skuce as Chancellor in the Chapter of Clogher in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher were (from left); Canon Geoffrey Bridle; Dean Kenneth Hall; the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell; Chancellor David Skuce; Revd Olivia Downey and Canon Ian Berry.

# Installation of Chancellor takes place during Clogher Diocesan Advent Carol Service

The Clogher Diocesan Advent Carol Service was held in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher on Sunday evening, 2nd December, 2018, the First Sunday of Advent. The service included the Installation of Revd Canon David Skuce as Chancellor in the Chapter of Clogher.

The Mandate and Installation of Canon Skuce was led by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell and the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall. The Service of lessons and carols included readings by representatives from various parishes including Mr. Colin Brownsmith from Inishmacsaint; Mr. Chris Treacy from Monaghan Group, Revd Ngozi Njoku from Garrison Group; Mr. William Morrow from Fivemiletown and Kiltermon; Mrs. Ethne McCord from Donagh Group; Miss Joyce Clingan from Galloon Group and Revd Olivia Downey, Rector of St. Macartan's Cathedral. The hymns and carols included "O come, O come, Emmanuel," "Waken, O sleeper, wake and rise," "Come, thou long-expected

Jesus," "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry,"
"Make way, make way, for Christ the King,"
"Hail to the Lord's anointed" and "Lo! he
comes with clouds descending."
Two anthems, "Like a candle flame" and
"Lights to the world" were sung by the
combined choirs of the Clogher Cathedral
Group of Parishes. The organist was Mrs
Diane Simpson.

The collection was taken up for the Northern Ireland Hospice.

# Bishop John welcomes appointment



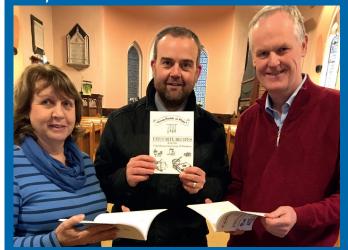
The following statement was issued by the Rt Rev'd John McDowell, the Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher on the appointment of a new Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher. "I have just learned that Monsignor Lawrence Duffy (pictured left), currently serving as Parish Priest of Carrickmacross, has been appointed by His Holiness the Pope to be the next Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher. I want to congratulate Monsignor Duffy on his

appointment and assure him of my prayers and those of his many friends within the Church of Ireland community. I share the joy of my brothers and sisters in Christ, the Catholic clergy and people of Clogher, that they have a Chief Shepherd to lead them in the years ahead. It is a double blessing that a priest of Clogher Diocese has been chosen to continue to serve the people who he knows and loves. No doubt there will be special rejoicing in Magheracloone that a son of the parish has been called into this vocation.

I look forward to working with the new Bishop in the same spirit of friendship and service as I was fortunate enough to share with his predecessor Bishop Liam McDaid and pray that Monsignor Duffy will know the presence of the Lord as he prepares for his episcopal ordination". Deo gratias.

The episcopal ordination of Bishop-Elect Duffy will take place in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan on Sunday 10 February 2019 at 3pm.

## Recipe book From Parish to Plate



Heather and John Simpson with Revd Colin McConaghie, Rector of St.Finbarr's Church, Carrickmacross with their recipe book, "From Parish to Plate."

The Co Monaghan parish of St. Finbarr's in Carrickmacross, has published a recipe book, "From Parish to Plate" as part of its fundraising activities.

The cookbook was the brainchild of Emma Merrin who with Helen Sweetnam, collated recipes submitted by parishioners and friends. The book has been illustrated by Linda Merrin and contains a wide range of savouries and sweets suitable throughout the year.

Mixed in with the recipes are a number of humorous stories and prayers written by Rosaleen Coleman and others.

The book is available at 10 Euros from any member of the Vestry of St. Finbarr's Parish.

# Portrait of Bishop of Clogher unveiled



Mr. Jack Johnston and Mr. Gordon McLaren from the Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes admire the portrait of the present Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell, painted by artist, Stephen Johnston, Lisburn, which has just been unveiled in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher.

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# THE DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND

Everyone knows that "Disestablishmentarianism" is one of the longest words in the English language. Originally it referred to the belief within the United Kingdom that the Church "as by Law established" in Ireland should cease to be so and should become, like every other Christian denomination in Ireland, a purely voluntary body.

And so it happened, after many debates and struggles, that on the last day of 1869 (one hundred and fifty years ago) the Irish Church Act came into force and the Church of Ireland as we know it today came into legal existence. Those who fought against Disestablishment but who had to concede defeat and become the architects of the new Church's way of doing things were utterly convinced that the Church of Ireland was the direct descendant of the ancient Celtic Church and were determined to emphasise its continuity. Others wished to seize the opportunity to make radical changes to the Church's beliefs and liturgies.

In what have become annual talks hosted by the Dean and Chapter, the Bishop will look at a number of aspects and the process and outcome of Disestablishment which have shaped and still shape the Church of Ireland.

The meetings will be held throughout Clogher Diocese as follows:

- Tuesday 19th February @ 7.30pm St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen
- Wednesday 20th February @ 7.30pm St Patrick's Church, Monaghan



Bishop John McDowell.

# Eco candle arrives in Enniskillen



The Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall (right) from St Macartin's Cathdral with Revd Chris MacBruithin, Curate and Scott Elliott with the Eco Candle.

The Eco Candle, a symbol of prayers for climate justice, arrived in Enniskillen in December.

The candle is part of the "Shine a Light on Climate Justice" initiative of Eco Congregation Ireland which encourages churches of all denominations to take an eco-approach to worship and other contact with the developing world.

The Eco Candle spends a week in each church and it arrived at St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen until December 8 after which it was placed in St. Michael's Church.

Eco Congregational Ireland offers resources and support to help churches take practical eco action in the context of their Christian faith. A simple church check-list helps churches assess what they are already doing and determine future priorities.

Resources also include sections on Worship and Teaching, Children's and Youth Work, Property and Grounds Management, Finance and Waste, Personal Lifestyles, Working with the Local Community and Thinking Globally.



# Historic church re-opens following extensive renovations

A Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication was held in The Priory Church, Killadeas on Sunday, 25th November following extensive renovation which resulted in the closure of the church from January to August 2018. (See photo above of those taking part).

The work involved external painting of the church tower and walls and repairs to roof and plaster and floors. Mesh grills were fitted to louvres, external stair windows were covered by Perspex, guttering replaced, new pew flooring and replacement of under floor electric cabling. Ceiling panels were also repaired or replaced and the entire church repainted. The work was supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Marshal Beresford's Fund and Church Fabric Fund. The site of The Priory Church has an early monastic history. The present church commissioned by J.G.Irvine of the Manor House, Killadeas was completed in 1864 with the tower added in 1881. The rededication service was led by the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd. John McDowell with singing by Killadeas Church Choir accompanied by organist, Mrs Joan Nelson.

The hymns were; "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven," "God, whose city's sure foundation," "To God be the glory!" "Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord," and "Now thank we all our God." Speeches were given by Mrs Evelyn Cruwys, Mr Colin Irvine and Mr Mukesh Sharma, representative from the Heritage Lottery Fund.'



# **Christmas Come and Sing with John Rutter**



Pictured at the Christmas Come and Sing are Enniskillen Cathedral choir members, Ruth Young, Mandy Graham and Avril Crawford. Unknown to them as they posed next to the Christmas Tree, John Rutter appeared behind them to join the photo!

Choir members from St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen travelled to St Anne's Cathedral Belfast on 8th December for a special Christmas Come and Sing with John Rutter. The event was organised by the Charles Wood Festival and was attended by 650 singers. The occasion marked the

world-renowned choral composer's only appearance in Northern Ireland this year, during which he presented a number of his own compositions along with a varied range of seasonal favourites, mostly from the extraordinarily successful Carols for Choirs anthology series which Rutter, as a young

man, collaborated in arranging and editing with Sir David Willcocks.

The Belfast Cathedral event also featured one of Northern Ireland's leading choirs, Cappella Caeciliana, as special guest choir and St Anne's Cathedral Organist David Stevens.

# Festival of Wreaths marks season of Advent and Christmas

The Priory Church, Killadeas in Clogher Diocese marked the beginning of Advent and the Christmas season with a Festival of Wreaths during Saturday, 8th December and Sunday, 9th December.

The event brought the whole community together and proceeds were in aid of the Killadeas Priory Church Repair Fund and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Almost 120 wreaths were on display in the church, some from parish organisations and many others donated by local businesses, community and voluntary groups from around Enniskillen and the north Fermanagh area. These included local primary schools as well as post-primary schools in Enniskillen.

The Parish held a workshop a few weeks earlier at which around 20 local people made wreaths, some on behalf of donors. These were displayed at the end of pews, on window sills and in the sanctuary area of the church.



Helping to organise the Festival of Wreaths were (from left); Mark Rogers, Diana Armstrong, David Allen, Colin Irvine and Ingrid McKeon.

# Ministers raise over £6,000 for charity during Christmas sit-out

The Archdeacon of Clogher, the Venerable Brian Harper, Rector of Magheracross Parish and his neighbouring Minister, Revd John Beacom from Ballinamallard Methodist Church, have raised a total of £6287.31 from their charity sit-out before Christmas. The money will be divided between RNLI and Clic Sargent.

Both ministers said the weather was kind to them and they were kept well sustained by local businesses during the 12-hour sit-out on Main Street, Ballinamallard at Magheracross Parish Church.

They said they wanted to extend an enormous thank-you to all who supported the Christmas sit out in Ballinamallard.



Archdeacon Brian Harper (left), Rector of Magheracross Parish Church, Ballinamallard and the Revd John Beacom, Minister of Ballinamallard Methodist Church meeting Maureen Hall, Enniskillen and Rachel Giles, Seskinore during their 12-hour sit-out for charity on Wednesday, 19th December.

# Service marks culmination of WW1 commemorative project

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 featured singing by pupils from Lisbellaw Primary School and Tattygare Primary School.

The Service, one of thanksgiving for all those who served and returned home safely 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 with a desire to tell the stories of those from the area 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. At the end of the service, cheques from the proceeds of the sale of the books were presented by Bishop McDowell to teachers representing each of the schools and to a representative from ABF, the soldier's charity.



#### **CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS**

## BCP pew edition back in stock



A newly revised pew edition of The Book of Common Prayer in a smart blue cover, containing the newly approved Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays, is now available. The Book of

Common Prayer pew edition is priced at £20/€22 (with a 10% discount for orders of 10 or more). Bishop Harold Miller, Chair of the Liturgical Advisory Committee, says: "The new edition of The Book of Common Prayer has arrived! For several years, the BCP has been out of print, but I think all will agree that the new edition, with its new navy blue cover, looks and feels every bit as beautiful as its predecessor. "The pagination is almost exactly as in the green book, so the two books can be used together. The new edition incorporates changes made by General Synod in the intervening years, plus the new Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays.

And the first thing many people will notice is that it has four marker ribbons instead of the previous three. We look forward to how the new BCP edition will be used to proclaim the Church's worship of God in our time." Orders can be placed online or by email: cip@ireland.anglican.org

The Church of Ireland Directory 2019 is also now available, at £16.50/€18.50.

# RTE to use new Book of Common Prayer

Morning Prayer for use on Sundays – from the new edition of the Book of Common Prayer – is to feature in an RTÉ TV and radio service on the First Sunday in Lent, 10 March.



# New prayer resource for young people launched

2019 marks the 5th Church of Ireland Youth Department Day of Prayer for Young People and Youth Ministry. The House of Bishops have approved the Sunday before Lent each year as our Annual Day of Prayer, so this resource comes at a good time for use by your young people. The resource



contains a selection of prayer ideas that can be used during a service or events but also on an individual basis much as the FUEL resource did for scripture reading and contemplative reflection.

The launch was at the CIYD Youth Forum in Dublin in January. Five young people with their leaders attended as Clogher representatives. Copies of this resource are now available free of charge for clergy and youth leaders from the Diocesan Office or by contacting the Diocesan Youth Officer Jonny Phenix.

### **ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS**

### Anglican Communion Secretary General honoured for Nigerian reconciliation ministry

The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon, has received the inaugural Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation 2019 Merit Award for Excellence in Promoting Religious Tolerance and Peace Building in Northern Nigeria. The award was one of five presented by the Foundation, which was created by the Governors of the 19 northern states of Nigeria to honour the late Sir Ahmadu Bello, KBE, the Sardauna of Sokoto and Premier of the former Northern Region.

The award was presented during a dinner in Kaduna, on the eve of Dr Idowu-Fearon's 70th birthday. The award chairman explained the award to the Secretary General saying: "His Grace, who has been variously described as an intellectual inquirer, a philosopher-priest and a teacher of note, is a cleric-scholar, who developed a great passion for the study of Islam from his early years. He has indeed allowed that to dictate his drive to promote religious



tolerance and peace that has culminated in his award of today. . .  $\ensuremath{\mathbf{L}}$ 

"When His Grace . . . became the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion . . . many feared that he would no more have the time to devote to his inter-faith ventures. Thank God we have all been proved wrong because he has shown through the latest positions and continuing work he has undertaken that he still has a lot of fire in his quavers.

# Church of England announces £35million investment in new churches and outreach

A new congregation in a nightclub area and the Church of England's first weekday-only church are two of several new worshipping communities to receive a share of £35 million GBP in funding. The money, the biggest investment so far by the C of E's Renewal and Reform programme – is intended to help it reach tens of thousands of people including in city centres, outer estates and rural areas, the Church said in a statement. The Church said that the new Christian communities "may be far from the traditional image" of churches and will pioneer new types of churches along with new forms of outreach, including a social media pastor and outreach work with school and community choirs.

Responding to the news the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "These projects show the dynamism and drive of the Church of England's mission to share this good news with people throughout our dioceses and parishes.

## **NEWS FOR VESTRIES**

# Safeguarding Children Training in Clogher Diocese

Safeguarding children training is being held in locations across Northern Ireland in March and one of these will be held in Enniskillen.

All sessions will start at 7.30pm and last for approximately two hours. The Enniskillen meeting takes place on Tuesday, 5th March in the Cathedral Halls. The training will last around two hours. Other locations and dates are Training will include information on the updated policy and is appropriate for both new and existing panel members.

It is not required that you attend in your own diocese – any session which suits may be attended

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Should sessions reach capacity, further sessions will be arranged for later in the year. Training will be delivered by Margaret Yarr Safeguarding Officer NI

Please contact Claire Geoghegan to book a place Email: claire.geoghegan@rcbdub.org Telephone: 028 90 828860 www.sq.ireland.anglican.org

#### Annual meeting of Clogher Social Fund

On 12th April 2019, Clogher Diocese Social Fund will be holding their AGM at 10am in the Hilliard Room, St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

The Clogher Diocese Social Fund provides grants for those children within Clogher Diocese who have been orphaned. Last year the fund supported 15 orphaned families of which 32 children received grants to support them through their education up to and including third level education. The fund also supported a number of families with financial hardship grants.

The AGM is open to both parishioners and clergy from throughout the Diocese and an open welcome is extended to attend this meeting. It would be appreciated if each parish could send a representative to this meeting to hear the good work of this fund and how grants are awarded.

## **MISSIONARY & CHARITABLE NEWS**

# Nigerian Archbishop speaks at mission week in Clogher Diocese

One of the visitors to Clogher Diocese in November was Archbishop Ben Kwashi from Jos Province in Nigeria, who was invited by Canon Henry Blair to speak at Mission Week in Magheraculmoney Parish. Speaking about his faith experiences over his life in Africa, Archbishop Ben had many stories to tell, not least the numerous attempts on his life and how he believes prayer helped him. Archbishop Ben recalled that the first attempt on his life was in 1987 when his church and home were destroyed by fire during Muslim riots.

"I think that set the tone for the rest of my life," he said explaining how it gave him even more urgency to preach the Gospel and persuade people to follow Jesus Christ.

Appointed in 1992 as Bishop and Archbishop In 2008, there was a further attempt on his life in 2006 when a gang visited his home while he was away but his wife Gloria was badly beaten up and his home destroyed.

In the following year, a gang held him for what he believed would lead to his death but he asked them if he could have an opportunity to pray. While he was in deep prayer, the men left him.

He said many of the poor rural people of Jos Province are paying a huge price for their faith and that a considerable number of indigenous young men and women who offer themselves to the ministry of the church are vulnerable to attack and he admires them for taking such a risk. He said missionaries from the west walking side by side with them face the same danger.

Archbishop Ken said he was commissioned to be an evangelist and it is his passion and aim to bring Jesus Christ into people's lives. He shortly takes on an additional role as General Secretary of the Global Anglican Future Conference something which he says he



Archbishop Ben Kwashi from Jos Province, Nigeria with the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell and Canon Henry Blair, Rector of Magheraculmoney.

can combine with his current role in the church. He will have some travel to undertake but mostly to fulfil invitations extended before this appointment, including a visit to Australia this year. Archbishop Ben praised his wife, Gloria, a Bible teacher, whom he says has a special gift working with women and says she is the reason for the growth of church. Their six children have followed careers in the church, medicine, veterinary, law and engineering. Archbishop Ben enjoyed his time in Clogher Diocese, praising the hospitality and friendliness shown to him.

#### MISSIONARY & CHARITABLE NEWS

#### The campaign for church choirs to sing out For Aware

Studies show that singing improves the mood and can impact positively on people's physical, social and emotional well-being. The mental health charity, Aware is asking choirs all over Ireland to organise a concert or musical event during World Mental Health Week (Monday 7th – Sunday 13th October 2019), to promote mental wellbeing in local communities and to support Aware by raising vital funds to allow us deliver our free of charge support, education and information services nationwide.

There is no need to worry about organising tickets or collecting money as Aware will provide an online ticketing system to direct those attending to. This will allow people to buy and print off their tickets. Each ticket will cost €20 with 100% of funds going to Aware.

#### Why Aware needs your help

Not only will you be helping highlight the importance of good mental health in your community, the funds you help to raise will go back into communities nationwide. As well as ongoing support to those experiencing depression, early intervention plays an important role in all of our mental wellbeing. Aware has been delivering their Life Skills for Schools Programme to teenagers in schools all over Ireland for over three years. This is a free intervention programme offered to students aged 15-18, and is designed to promote positive mental health, resilience and wellbeing in young people, teaching 'coping' skills to deal with life's challenges.

We want to deliver to many, many more

students. Aware's vision is for every young person in Ireland to have the resilience and coping skills to achieve their potential and live a fulfilled life, now and into the future. With your help, all the funds raised from this Sing Out campaign will to more classes of students receiving this programme.

#### How can you get involved?

- Organise a musical event in your local community to take place during World Mental Health Week (7-13th October 2019).
- Provide the details of your event to the fundraising team in Aware (fundraising@ aware.ie) so we can provide you with posters etc. to promote your event.
- Promote your event in your local area, Aware will promote the campaign nationally.

# Christian Aid Ireland launches 'footprints reflections' for Lent 2019



Christian Aid Ireland has just launched its Lenten resources and this year, for the first time, they include a daily email reflection series called Footprints. Each day during Lent, participants receive an email, consisting of a prayer and a short reflection based on one of the Bible readings from the Revised Common Lectionary.

The reflections will be written by an exciting line-up of Christian leaders, theologians, academics, thinkers and practitioners from Ireland, Brazil, Kenya, Sierra Leone and South Africa, including Lady Christine Eames, former World President of the Mothers' Union, June Butler, All Ireland President of the Mothers' Union and Bishop Pat Storey as well as Rev Dr Laurence Graham, former Methodist President; Rev William Hayes, Minister of Tullamore and Mountmellick Presbyterian; Scott Evans, Church of Ireland Chaplain at University College Dublin; Rev Dr Liz Hughes, Chair of the Board of Christian Aid Ireland; Revd

Canon Patrick Comerford, Lecturer at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. There will also be contributions from Christian Aid's international staff and partners:Footprints is free to receive, and you can sign up to receive it at caid.ie/lent

#### Lent cash collection boxes

For many years, churches all around Ireland have been collecting coins for Christian Aid during Lent. Would your church members consider joining them? Why not consider ordering Lent cash collection boxes for church members to take home and collect small change throughout Lent for Christian Aid? Our small change can lead to big change in the lives of those living in poverty. This Lent season, Christian Aid is focusing on the theme of climate change, calling on churches in Ireland to stand together with fisherfolk Lope and Eva, who live on the island of Tabugon in the Philippines, as they rise up to the challenges of life in a changing, erratic climate.

# IMPACT 2019: CMS Ineland coming to Clogher Diocese

Over the coming weeks, CMSI is taking to the road for its annual series of Impact events across Ireland. The series includes a gathering in Clogher Diocese. Each Impact event includes a short, engaging presentation of stories from the global Church and updates from CMSI's work. There's also an opportunity to chat with CMSI staff members over a cuppa and to meet other friends and supporters of the society.

The nine roadshow events offer a chance to pick up the latest CMSI resources, including the 2019 Children's Resource, Outside In, which focuses on Nepal and the Church's role in caring for those on the margins.

Impact Enniskillen will take place in St Macartin's Cathedral Halls on Sunday 10th February, beginning at 3pm. The event is open to all and will be of particular interest to those with a connection with CMSI or a wider interest in global mission. Details of the other events are available on the CMSI website or by contacting info@cmsireland.org.



# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



### TOCCATA PERFORMS LIVE

The United Nations recognised, Toccata Musical Productions will be performing live in a series of concerts titled 'Resonance' in the week starting 18th February 2019. The presentation will be an eclectic blend of sacred and secular music specially arranged for Toccata. The eight soloists, twelve member band and the fifty voice strong choir will combine in a transcendent harmony exuding a sense of fun and sanctity in the performances.

In 2005, Dr. Sunil Paulraj instituted Toccata as a personal initiative, to help the Tsunami victims devastated by that mammoth calamity. A Neonatal specialist at the Royal Jubilee Maternity Hospital, Sunil, travelled to India to perform with FEBA Radio and raise funds for the victims. That was the beginning of Toccata's fourteen-year-old journey. Ever since, Toccata, has been touching lives one concert at a time. The Toccata ensemble comprises of a band from London's West End, award winning soloists and a mix of professional and semi-professional singers making up the choir. Having travelled to over 12 countries, Toccata has grown in musicality owing to experiences of singing with different cultural groups and learning from the diverse ethnic musical pallets. Toccata has helped raise over £2m for various disadvantaged

groups, through donation of decommissioned medical equipment and concert ticket sales.

With spectacular concert performances in Nepal and India in August and the premiering of their own Gospel production –'Forgiven', the year 2018 has been another exciting year for Toccata. A renowned Indian choir – Stop-Gaps Cultural Academy was also invited to Northern Ireland to join them as guest performers.

In its signature style, Toccata promises to hold the audience captive with its selection of songs and performance. To be a part of this celebration called 'Resonance', grab your ticket now!

Admission is £10 per head. Tickets will be available in advance and at the door of the venues.

- 21st Feb 2019 7.30pm St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen
- 22nd Feb 2019 7:30pm
  The Market Place Theatre, Armagh
- 23rd Feb 2019 8.00pm Christ the Redeemer Church, Belfast
- 24th Feb 2019 0 4.00pm
   North Street First Carrickfergus
   Presbyterian Church, Carrickfergus

For more information on the group: www.toccatamusicalproductions.com

#### Wellbeing and Self-Care

Kesh Rural Deanery are holding two evenings aimed at improving the Wellbeing of both our young people and our adults.

The speaker is Conor McCafferty who works for a charity called ZEST and he will centre on our wellbeing, how we can take better care of ourselves and also offer signposts for those who perhaps feel they need something further.

The first event is on Friday 22 February 2019 at 7.30pm and will be held at Tubrid Church Hall, Kesh. This evening is for young people between 12 and 17 years.

The second event is on Friday 15 March 2019 at 7.30pm and will be held at the Termon Centre, Pettigo and is for anyone 18 and over.

Both these events are open to anyone who would like to attend and who would like to learn more about caring for your mental wellbeing.

# Transferor Council invites School Governors to information meetings

The Transferor Representatives' Council (TRC) is inviting School Governors to a series of information evenings on the role of a Transferor Governor being held across Northern Ireland including Enniskillen.

TRC
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Council

Each evening runs from 7.30pm to 9.30pm with tea/coffee served from 7.00pm.

The information events are being held as follows:

- Monday, 4 February Clooney Hall Centre, 36 Clooney Terrace, Londonderry BT47 6AR
- Wednesday, 6 February Enniskillen Cathedral Halls, 2 Halls Lane, Enniskillen BT74 7DR
- Monday, 11 February 2nd Broughshane Presbyterian Church, 5 Raceview Road, Broughshane, Ballymena BT42 4JD Wednesday, 13 February - Presbyterian Assembly Buildings Conference Centre, 2 - 10 Fisherwick Place, Belfast BT1 6DW
- Monday, 25 February Armagh Synod Hall, 46 Abbey Street, Armagh BT61 7DZ Wednesday, 27 February - Down Parish Church, Church Avenue, Downpatrick BT30 6EP

To reserve a place please contact Mrs Claire Geoghegan (claire.geoghegan@ rcbdub.org) or call 028 9082 8860. The TRC represents the Church of Ireland, the Methodist Church in Ireland and the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in education in Northern Ireland. The TRC would wish to thank all those who have volunteered to be Transferor Governors in the school period 2018 - 2022.

There will be an opportunity to meet with members of TRC and find out how TRC represents the Transferor Governors at all levels in education.

The TRC is grateful for the support of the Controlled Schools' Support Council.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### February 2019

- Tuesday 5th February **Board of Education Committee meeting** at 10am.
- Tuesday 5th February **Diocesan Council Meeting** at 2pm in the Hilliard Room, Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.
- Tuesday 5th February Glebes
   Committee Meeting at 11am
- Wednesday 6th February Evening of Prayer for Fermanagh E3 Schools Project in Colaghty Church Hall at 8pm.
- Friday 8th February Cleenish Parish Annual Supper Dance in Unionist Headquarters at 8pm. Dancing to Wee Tom. Tickets £15 from Vestry members.
- Saturday 9th February Church
  Breakfast in Lisbellaw Parish Centre at
  9.30am with speaker, Rodney Connor from
  Air Ambulance Northern Ireland.
- Monday 11th Friday 15th February
   2019 Sallaghy Parish Pairs Bowling
   Tournament in Sallaghy Parish Hall.
- Thursday 14th February **Table Quiz** in Tempo Church Hall at 8pm.
- Friday 15th February Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for March issue. Send to editor@ clogher.anglican.org
- Friday 15th February Evening of Scottish Country Barn Dancing in Derryvullen South Parish Hall with proceeds for Derryvullen South Parish Church Funds. Tickets £10 from Vestry members. Supper provided.
- Tuesday 19th February Talk on the Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.30pm, by the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell and hosted by the Dean and Chapter of Clogher Diocese. 2019 is the 150th anniversary of Disestablishment.
- Wednesday 20th February Talk on the Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan at 8.00pm, by the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell and hosted by the Dean and Chapter of Clogher Diocese. 2019 is the 150th anniversary of Disestablishment.
- Wednesday 20th Monday 25th February 2019 – **Kilskeery Bowling Club Tournament** runs from Wednesday, 20th February to Saturday, 23rd February with finals night on Monday, 25th February. Entry fee of £6 including supper.
- Thursday 21st February **Toccata** internationally acclaimed performers will be giving a concert in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.30pm. Tickets \$10
- Friday 22nd February **Gospel Concert** in Aghavea Parish Hall at 8pm. Headline act is True Country Gospel Band and also featuring Roy Crowe and Margaret Johnston. Admission £7.50 including supper. Tickets from the Rector or Vestry members.
- Friday 22nd February Wellbeing and Self Care Youth Event hosted by Kesh Rural Deanery in Tubrid Church Hall at

- 7.30pm for young people aged 12-17 years. Speaker: Conor McCafferty, Zest Charity.
- Friday 22nd February Maguiresbridge Parish Church Annual Dance in Maguiresbridge Parochial Hall with dancing from 9.30pm to Curtis Magee.
- Saturday 23rd February Galloon Parish Auction at 12noon in the Parish Hall with doors open from 11am.
- Sunday 24th February **Family Service** in St. Macartin's Cathedral at 11.00am to be attended by the Scouts and Guides to mark World Thinking Day.'
- Monday 25th February Friday 1st March 2019 – Bowls Tournament in Garvary Parish Church Hall.
- Thursday 28th February Lunchtime Healing Service in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen from 1.00 1.35pm led by Miss Helen Humphries.

#### **March 2019**

- Friday 1st March **Women's World Day of Prayer Service** hosted by Tempo Parish Church at 8pm.
- Friday 1st March Colebrooke and Cooneen MU host Women's World Day of Prayer in Colebrooke Parish Church at 8pm. All welcome.
- Tuesday 5th March Safeguarding Children Training for Parish Panel Members in the Cathedral Halls, Enniskillen starting at 7.30pm. The training will last approximately two hours and will be delivered by Margaret Yarr, Safeguarding Officer NI for both new and existing panel members. To book a place contact Claire Geoghegan; Email: Claire geoghegan@rcbdub.org or Tel. 02890828860.
- Friday 8th March Marching Bands Concert in Tempo Parish Church Hall.
- Saturday 9th March **Parish Auction** for Clogher Parish.
- Saturday 9th March **Mrs Cecil Alexander Exhibition** in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen from 11.00am -
- Sunday 10th March Morning Prayer with the theme 'Mrs Cecil Alexander and her Hymns at 11.00am in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. The Mrs Alexander Exhibition is open 2.00pm 8.00pm and at 7.00pm, a Praise Service with the favourite Mrs Alexander Hymns.
- Sunday 10th Sunday 10th March 2019 **Day of Praise** in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher with choirs, musicians, organists and worship bands filling 20-minute slots for continuous praise and worship. If your band, choir, group can come and help contact Revd Olie on 07792728495.
- Friday 15th March Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for April issue. Send to editor@ clogher.anglican.org
- Friday 15th March **Wellbeing and Self Care Event** hosted by Kesh Rural Deanery in the Termon Centre, Pettigo at 7.30pm for everyone aged 18 and over.

- Sunday 17th March St. Patrick's Day Service in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 11am.
- Friday 22nd March **Sallaghy Parish Dance** in Sallaghy Parish Hall with music by Robert Brown. Dancing from 10pm to 1am. Cost £5 including supper.
- Monday 25th March Farm, Fellowship and Faith Evening in Colaghty Parish Hall at 8pm with the speaker being a representative from PSNI on farm crime, safety on and off the road and driving regulations relevant to farmers.
- Wednesday 27th March **Gospel Concert** in Corick House Hotel at 8pm
  with proceeds to St. Mark's Parish Church,
  Augher. Tickets £10 from Vestry members.
- Thursday 28th March Lunchtime Healing Service in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen from 1.00-1.35pm led by Canon Henry Blair.
- Friday 29th March Variety Concert Cathedral Choir Capers in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 with proceeds for the Cathedral Fabric Fund.
- Sunday 31st March **Parade Service** to celebrate the centenary of Drumate Star of Bethlehem RBP No. 992 in Aghabog Parish Church at 3pm. Preacher: Revd William Anderson, Sovereign Grand Master

#### **April 2019**

- Sunday 14th April **Palm Sunday Procession**(with a donkey) at St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.
- Monday 15th April Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for May issue. Send to editor@ clogher.anglican.org
- Thursday 25th April Lunchtime
  Healing Service in the Iona Room, St.
  Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, from
  1.00 -1.35pm led by Mr Abraham Storey.
   Saturday 27th April Galloon Parish
  Auction at 12noon in the Parish Hall with

#### May 2019

doors open from 11am.

- Tuesday 7th May **Board of Education Committee meeting** at 10am.
- Tuesday 7th May Glebes Committee meeting at 11am.
- Tuesday 7th May **Diocesan Council Meeting** at 2pm.
- Wednesday 15th May Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes,

advertisements and news stories for June issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org

- Thursday 16th Saturday 18th May 2019
  2019 General Synod in the Millennium
- Forum, Londonderry.

  Thursday 23rd May Lunchtime Heali
- Thursday 23rd May Lunchtime Healing Service in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Canon Maurice Armstrong.
- 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".

 Thursday 30th May – Adult Confirmation (contact your Rector or Rural Dean for details).

#### **June 2019**

- Saturday 15th June Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for July/August issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Sunday 16th June **175th Anniversary Service** in Colaghty Parish Church at 3.30pm.
- Thursday 27th June Lunchtime Healing Service in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen 1.00 -1.35pm led by Miss Lucy Woods.

#### **July 2019**

• Thursday 25th July – Lunchtime Healing Service in the Iona Room, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Revd Isobel Nixon.

#### August 2019

• Thursday 15th August – Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for September issue. Send to editor@clogher. anglican.org • Thursday 22nd August – Lunchtime Healing Service in the Iona Room, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen 1.00 -1.35pm led by Archdeacon Brian Harper.

#### September 2019

- Tuesday 3rd September **Board of Education Committee meeting** at 10am.
- Tuesday 3rd September **Glebes Committee Meeting** at 11am.
- Tuesday 3rd September Diocesan Council Meeting at 2pm. Sunday 15th September – Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for October issue. Send to editor@clogher. anglican.org
- Thursday 26th September Clogher Diocesan Synod at 5.30pm.
- Thursday 26th September Lunchtime Healing Service in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen 1.00 -1.35pm led by Miss Helen Humphries.

#### October 2019

- Monday 7th Sunday 13th October 2019
- Colaghty Parish Mission
- Tuesday 15th October Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for November issue. Send to editor@clogher. anglican.org

- Tuesday 22nd Thursday 24th October 2019 – Clogher Clergy Conference in Dunfanaghy, Co.Donegal.
- Thursday 24th October Lunchtime Healing Service in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen,from 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Canon Henry Blair.

#### November 2019

- Tuesday 5th November **Board of Education Committee** meeting at 10am.
- Tuesday 5th November Glebes
   Committee meeting at 11am.
- Tuesday 5th November Diocesan
   Council Meeting at 2pm
- Friday 15th November Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes.
- advertisements and news stories for December issue. Send to editor@clogher. anglican.org
- Thursday 28th November **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St
  Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen from
  1.00pm to 1.35pm led by Canon Maurice
  Armstrong.

#### May 2020

- Thursday 7th Saturday 9th May 2020
- 2020 General Synod in Croke Park Meetings and Events Centre.

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- Church & Halls Insurance
- Householders Let Properties Commercial Properties
- Employers', Public Liability Shopkeepers all in policy
- Special Farm Scheme very attractive rates
- New Motorcycle Scheme very attractive rates
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# Sunday Carvery Lunch

@ Saddlers - 12.30 to 4pm

Choice of 7 Starters

Main course served from the Carvery

Large choice of Desserts

- Full Sunday Lunch £22.00
- 2 Course £17.25
   Main course only £12.50

# Early Bird

7 days 5pm to 7.30pm 6.30pm Saturday

Main Course £14.00
Additional Courses Starter or
Dessert £4.00 each

Bistro Menu 5pm to 10pm

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