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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



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Dear Friends,

Sometime around 1992, a very astute American academic declared that the world was “at the end of history”. He was referring to the spread of a certain type of economic and political creed which, after the collapse of the Communist East, appeared to have triumphed as the best way to organise society. It hasn't worked out that way.

Throughout history there have been many occasions when someone or other has confidently predicted either the end of the world or the beginning of a new one. Usually they have been people in power or academics or “prophets” of one sort or another. And because of their status their words and thoughts have been recorded and have sometimes been influential. By and large the opinions and experiences of ordinary people in history have not been recorded and therefore have been of little influence.

Those few that have would tend to suggest that, while things may appear to be changing in an earth shattering way, for most people their lives keep going on a steady path, with changes taking place over decades or even centuries. That in fact, history never ends in any final sense. That it continues to be just one thing after another as far as they are concerned.

However it is the conviction of Christianity that the beginning of the end of history began sometime in the reign of the Emperor Octavian (who gave himself the title of a god “Augustus”) when Quirinius was Procurator of Judea. One of the reasons why the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols doesn't confine itself to readings from the Gospels or even the New Testament is that the Christmas story is being related as the climax of a long process which began even before the world was created (when the Word was with God) and worked itself out through history beginning with the creation and continuing through the history of Israel.

Probably the historical events which are drawn out in the Old Testament were not seen as particularly significant in world terms. Israel was a small and insignificant nation which happened to have the misfortune to exist in that part of the world which was constantly being squeezed by great Empires close by; Syria and Persia. Greece, Nabatea and Rome. It's chief significance was in the religion which it had developed and which attracted the

curiosity of some in the surrounding Imperial powers. But Israel's belief that, some day, it's God would vindicate it's witness to him, would have been laughable to anyone who came across it.

Yet what we think of as the Christmas story is the climax of history. It is the time when God chose to become part of his own creation so that his creation could begin to be taken more and more fully into his life. The process had begun of a creation which would end in new beings inhabiting a new heaven and a new earth. In one sense the process would take a long time. The struggle still goes on with the earth groaning in anticipation. In another sense it was finished.

And no amount of trivialising the story of the Incarnation can rob it of its powerful attraction which appeals to something very deep within us. That despite the tragedies of history and the messiness of society and of the burdens and sorrows of our own lives, that God's will cannot be frustrated. That his best has now confronted the world's worst and that the gift has been given once and for all. That no matter how ungrateful we are it will not be taken back. That unto us a child is born. And unto us a Son is given. And his name shall be Wonderful Counsellor...the Prince of Peace. And of his reign of justice there will be no end.

+John Clogher

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh & Drumsnatt



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Services

Sunday 1st December

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

Sunday 8th December

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

Sunday 15th December

Drumsnatt 11.00am Morning Prayer with
Baptism
Clogh 10.45am Children's Carol Service
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Children's Carol
Service

Sunday 22nd December

Drumsnatt No Service but joining with Clogh
at 10.45am

Clogh 10.45am Lessons and Carols
Aghadrumsee 4.00pm Carols by
Candlelight

Tuesday 24th December

Aghadrumsee 3.00pm Crib Service

Wednesday 25th December

Aghadrumsee 10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 29th December
Drumsnatt 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 5th January

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

Sunday 12th January

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

Sunday 19th January

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



Larne Community Choir at Clogh Hall on Saturday 9th November entertained those present with a variety of different songs and musical pieces.

Sunday 26th January

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

Notice

Aghadrumsee 200th anniversary books
and calendars still available. - The ideal
Christmas gift.

Shoe Box Appeal

Thanks to all those who have contributed
to the Shoe Box Appeal over the last four
years, with special thanks to Florence
Graham and all the ladies of the Mothers'
Union who make a significant contribution
to the Shoe Box Appeal each year, together
with our congregational members. To
the friends of Clogh Church who also get
involved and contribute. A special big thank
you of course to our Sunday School children
who get enthusiastically involved each year,
to their parents and the Sunday School

Teachers for their guidance and help. To
Amy and Lauren from Drop In Ministries
Shoe Box Appeal, who came on the Sunday
and gave a very informative presentation,
teaching about where our shoe boxes go
and the positive effect they have on each
child that receives a shoe box, together with
God's message of love, hope and joy.

Meetings for the Month

- **Clogh Bowling Club** - Each Wednesday at
8.00 pm in Clogh Hall.
- **Clogh Mothers' Union** - Monday 2nd
December at 8.00 pm with Frances Boyd
from Lisbellaw.
- **Young Ladies Group** - At the November
meeting members tried some festive card
making under the supervision of Helen
Wilson from Derrylin. We look forward to
our festive night out on 13th December, with
our AGM taking place on the 14th January
2020.



Children from Clogh Sunday School together with the congregation who presented Amy from Drop-In Ministries with Christmas Shoeboxes at a recent Sunday Service.



Pictured following Drumsnatt Harvest are the guest preacher, Mr Keith Brown; soloist, Mrs Janice Niblock; Organist, Mrs Florence Graham and Churchwardens, Mrs Yvonne Martin and Mrs Beth Moore.



Revd Dr Jean Mackarel, Nigel, Michael, Manuel, Roy and Dylan pictured following a fantastic evening of music and entertainment in Aghadrumsee on 30th October.

Christmas Concert

Aghadrumsee 200th Celebrations continue on Friday 6th December with a Christmas Concert led by the Ferguson Family.

Sunday School

This year our Sunday School Christmas parties will be held in Clogh on Saturday 14th December at 5pm and in Aghadrumsee on Friday 20th December at 7.30pm, when we are expecting Santa Claus to take time out of his busy schedule to visit us.

Christmas Services

- Sunday 15th December – Children's Carol Services in Aghadrumsee at 12.05pm and Clogh at 10.45am
- Sunday 22nd December – Clogh 'Lesson's and Carols' at 10.45am
- Aghadrumsee Carols by Candlelight at 4.00pm
- Tuesday 24th December – Crib Service in Aghadrumsee at 3.00pm
- Christmas Day – Service of Holy Communion in Aghadrumsee at 10.30 am

- Sunday 29th December – Combined Service in Drumsnatt at 10.30 am
- Jonathan Graham of Child Evangelism Fellowship will once again join with us in Clogh and Aghadrumsee on Sunday 26th January for an All Age Family Service.

Sympathy

We were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs Ethel McCoy, a faithful member of Clogh Church and Mothers' Union for many years. We extend our sympathy to her daughter Heather, son David, son-in-law Alan, daughter-in-law Gladys, grandchildren Clive, Mark, Deane, Stephen, Aaron and Alanna and her extended family. Sympathy is also extended to the family of the late Mrs Lilian Willis of Clogh Parish.

Happy Christmas

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all magazine readers a very Happy Christmas and God's Richest Blessings for 2020.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

DECEMBER

Sunday 1st December

11.00am Colebrooke Confirmation

Sunday 8th December

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

7.00pm Cooneen Carol Service

Sunday 15th December

11.00am Cooneen Nativity Service

Sunday 22nd December

11.00am Cooneen Morning Prayer

7.00pm Colebrooke Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December

11.30pm Cooneen Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th December

10.00am Colebrooke Christmas Family Communion

Sunday 29th December

11.00am Cooneen Christmas Service

JANUARY

Sunday 5th January

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion

12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

Sunday 12th January

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th January

11.00am Family Service at Colebrooke

Sunday 26th January

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

Mullaghfad Services

On Sunday 20th October 2019 at 3.00pm it was a full house for our annual Service of Remembrance in All Saints, Mullaghfad, with members of Fivemiletown Royal British Legion and also Lisburn Royal British Legion attending. Friends and visitors are most welcome at any of our services throughout the year.

The services normally are held on the third Sunday of the relevant month, as follows:-
April – Easter Holy Communion
May – Friends' Service
September – Harvest Service
October – Remembrance Service
Our Carol Service was held on Sunday 17th November at 3.00pm.

Advent Carol Service

On Sunday 17th November 2019, All Saints, Mullaghfad, was filled to capacity for our annual Advent Carol Service as 167 friends and relatives joined to remember the Christmas story, and give thanks to God for his provision for us.

This year the collection was taken in aid of Bereaved by Suicide Group at Aisling Centre, Enniskillen, and the total given was an incredible £864.70. Thank you to everyone involved in preparing the church, providing the decorations, the heating and the electricity to run the service, and everyone who turned up and took part with great enthusiasm, generously giving towards this worthwhile cause. Thank you all.

Confirmation

On Sunday 1st December 2019 (Advent Sunday) at 11.00am in Colebrooke, we will have a service of Confirmation celebrated by the Bishop.

To prepare for confirmation, the candidates have been attending a series of classes in the rectory each Wednesday, and are now looking forward to taking their next step in the life and witness of the Church.

Church Activities

■ Friday 29th November 6.30pm - Annual Parish Sale of Work in Cooneen hall. Variety of stalls with Christmas items. Please support this event.

■ Wednesday 4th December 12.30-5.30pm - Senior's Christmas Dinner in Colebrooke Hall.

Mothers' Union

In October the MU members were pleased to welcome Mrs Eva Baxter as the speaker at their Visitors' Night. Eva related the story of Cecil Frances Alexander including the beautiful singing of the hymn 'There is a Green Hill Far Away.' Ladies from neighbouring MU branches and other Women's groups in the area joined in the fellowship as they sang some verses of the well-known hymn 'All Things Bright and Beautiful.' Mrs Violet Smith read from the letter to the Galatians and Mrs Joy Coalter led the prayers.

Eva is a well-known speaker who has researched the lives of many famous women and through her dramatic and interesting retelling of the story of Cecil Frances Alexander, each person was transported back into her lifetime. Mrs Alexander used her strong faith and writing talent to tell important truths from the Holy Bible. Many hymns were written for children and still have important truths to teach children of all ages today in the 21st century.

Mrs Hazel Speer thanked Eva for her inspiring and enthralling story telling as well



as her moving singing of the hymn. Supper was then served and everyone had an opportunity to visit the MU Enterprise Stall which Mrs Heather Harper had brought along. Many lovely Christmas cards and gifts were on display and quickly bought by those present.

The members were reminded of the November meeting when Ms Yvonne Cunningham plans to talk about 'Keeping Healthy in Winter.' The December meeting is planned for Wednesday 11th when two members, Hazel and Valerie, plan

to help everyone make some Christmas decorations. The programme for 2020 has been organised and the opening meeting is planned for 15 January with a service of Holy Communion.

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Scenes from the Advent Carol Service held in Mullaghfad.



GFS – Girls Friendly Society

The branch meets every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls three years and upwards, and new members will be made very welcome, taking part in games, cookery, craft, bible study and especially having lots of fun.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Scouts meet every Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and continues to 9.15pm Scouts, 11 – 14 years.

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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 are very welcome, whether new to the sport, or an absolute beginner. If you do not have your own bowls, but would like to have a try, come along, spend some time with us, and see if you catch the bug.

Aghavea



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The bowling tournament in progress.

Christmas is upon us

I've heard many people already tell me that "Christmas has sneaked up on us this year" – which I haven't heard from this time last year! With all the shops and TV schedules changing so rapidly from Halloween to Christmas, it always seems that we are being forced to start our Advent period in the start of November, rather than the usual December. We need to consider the Advent period carefully as a preparation period for Christmas. In Aghavea, we have taken up the challenge to read a chapter of Luke throughout the month of December, finishing nicely on Christmas Eve – thereby linking the miracle of Christmas with the triumph of Easter. We will be reading through the entire Gospel on Monday 23rd December

at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall and all are welcome to join us. Each day there will be a short commentary for the daily chapter on the church website (www.aghavea.blogspot.com) and on the Rector's Facebook profile (<https://m.facebook.com/johnny.mcloughlin>).

Condolences

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family and friends of Anna Clark following her recent death in Gortacharn Nursing Home. She was a private but loving person who kept herself to herself, loved her family greatly, and will be long remembered in our community. We also remember those families who will be missing their own loved ones in this period.

Mothers' Union

The members of the Mothers' Union in Aghavea would like to thank all the speakers and visitors that came along to the different

meetings throughout the year, making it one of the most enjoyable in recent memory. Following their recent AGM, another exciting plan of speakers and visits has been proposed, and more details will be published as soon as they are finalised. The next meeting of the Mothers' Union in December will be in Northwick Nursing Home in Brookeborough on Tuesday 10th December at 7pm for Carol Singing and presents from "Santa" himself. Our meetings will be continued in January with our Annual Holy Communion on 14th January at 8pm. All are welcome at any of our meetings.

Remembrance

Congratulations to the members of the Girls' Friendly Society who took part in the Annual Remembrance in the village before attending the church service where they presented a Poppy posy along with the Poppy Wreaths laid in honour of the fallen



The Confirmation candidates with the Rector and the Bishop.

soldiers, civilians and security forces who paid such a dear cost for our democracy and freedom in today's world. All proceeds from the services that Sunday were donated to the Earl Haig Fund.

Building Restoration

Our newly renovated building is coming along well, and suddenly looks like a space where the church could be meeting again very soon. We hope to be back into the church building some time in January, with a proposed date not yet confirmed as we go to print. The building committee have been extremely vigilant throughout the project and deserve our thanks for all their work. As a parish, we would like to thank all those who have supported our recent events and donated so generously towards our project. Our recent auction raised over £7,500, our Baby Clothes and Toys Fair raised £600, Bag Packing in ASDA raised over £1100 and a collection at Dunnes raised £500. We would like to thank ASDA and Dunnes for their permission to collect on their properties, and to thank all those who organised or assisted at any of our events.

Bowls Club

Our Bowls Club continue to meet on a Monday evening at the Parish Hall – and would welcome anyone who wishes to come along to join them. They recently hosted a Fun Tournament at which over 110 couples competed against each other. Many congratulations to those who won each evening, but the fun, fellowship and respect that was shown between the competing couples will be the abiding memory of the event for many. Again, we would like to thank the team that worked so hard behind the scenes (as well as those umpiring on the front) to make hosting such a fantastic event look almost effortless to those attending.

Confirmation

Four young people from Aghavea Parish were recently confirmed by the Bishop, the Right Revd John McDowell, at a recent service in the parish. The four candidates, Aimee Farrell, Daniel Farrell, Mark Beacom and Jamie Iceys all took part in the service, and were congratulated by their family members all in attendance.

Upcoming Social events

We have a lot of business to do before we can think about too many mince pies! There is our Annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday 7th December from 10am – 2pm, with visiting stalls selling everything from musical instruments to lovely make-up sets, Christmas decorations to cakes and sweets! There will also be refreshments on the day, to help you manage the second round of the stalls. Our annual Christmas Cabaret Spectacular will be on Thursday 12th December, with tickets available from the parishioners. For £15, you

will be delighted and entertained by many of the country's top artists – Brendan Quinn, Billy McFarland, Aidan Quinn, Patricia Maguire, Liam Kelly, Andrew McMurdie, all backed by Robbie Pearson and Jonathan Milligan, and competed by our own Malcolm McDowell. With such a fantastic line-up, a great evening is ensured!

Upcoming Church Services

There is a busy period of Church services throughout December and January. Our Children's Nativity Service will be on 15th December at 11am, during which our Sunday School leaders and children will be presenting the Christmas story through songs and presentation. On 23rd December at 7.30pm, we will be reading through the Gospel according to Luke. As part of our Advent observations we will be reading a chapter a day and will read through the entire Gospel in preparation for the celebration of the birth of the Messiah. There will be a service of Holy Communion on Christmas Eve at 11pm. On Christmas morning, the service of Holy Communion at 10.30am, at which our young people will be allowed (or really expected) to bring some of their Christmas presents – of course, the "young-at-heart" can bring presents too if they feel so inclined. On Sunday 29th December, our service will be an all-age Family Service, again their presents will be welcomed as much as the young people would be. There will also be a Watch-night service on 31st December at 11pm, to celebrate the end of this decade and the start of the third decade of the 21st century. Our services will return to their normal routine during January until we reach the point at which we can move back into our church building, and we can announce our plans for our opening celebrations.

And finally

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Ballybay Surprise

We were delighted to welcome Thea and Peter Boyle with their two friends to join us in our Holy Communion service on 3rd November. Thea is the daughter of Revd Mollan and now living in Dublin.

Thea said: "It was so good to be back in Christ Church, Ballybay again, where my brother Charles and I have so many happy memories, and to see the window once more which is in memory of our parents. This time, however I was there with my husband, Peter and two close friends. We were made feel very welcome to the Holy Communion service, it was wonderful to worship in the church once more and we were very impressed at how beautiful the church looked after its refurbishment."

New Driveway

Many many thanks to all who donated towards our beautiful new driveway. If you would still like to contribute, your donation would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to Joseph Crawford, Main Street, Ballybay. Your help and support means so much. It is a fabulous job and an absolute delight. The tarmac and chip finishes it off nicely and our limestone kerbing is a feature in itself. Many thanks to Watterson Surfacing for carrying out the work and to all who made this possible.

Carol Service

Christ Church community carol service is being held on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm with refreshments served afterwards. All are very welcome.

Christmas Eve

Our Christmas Eve Communion service is at the earlier time of 10pm this year in Christ Church and we hope you can come along and join us.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been in hospital or unwell in recent weeks. We pray that all who have been laid low will soon be restored to good health. God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose arms



Janet Hill, co-ordinator of the Team Hope Shoe box appeal with some volunteers.

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to Julie and Joseph Crawford who celebrated their fabulous 25th wedding anniversary. We wish them God's richest blessing.

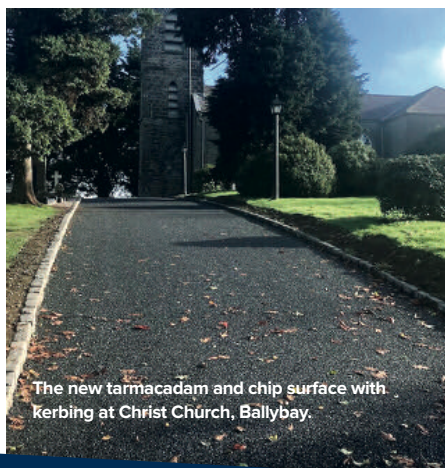
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Our grateful thanks to all those who have helped out covering in our parish during our vacancy and keeping everything running so well.

Clontibret Remembrance

On 10th November we had our annual Act of Remembrance for those men from the parish that died and served in World War II. Media coverage has brought home to us the dreadful conditions in which these men went to war. Robert Charles Irvine, Robert Curry (28) and Robert Lynch made the supreme sacrifice.

James Brown (25), John Brown (34), Robert Brown, Joe Curry (29), Thomas Curry, Sam Duffy (37), William Henry Finlay (36), Joseph Finlay (37), Andrew (28) and John Graham (24), Sam Johnston, WE Johnston, James Johnston (17), Brophy and Charles Noble (21), George Noble, RM Noble, Wm Hamilton Tate, Thomas Wilson, Charles Wright, Robert Wright, and Lucas Scudamore all



The new tarmac and chip surface with kerbing at Christ Church, Ballybay.



The Church hall, Castleblayney filled to capacity with shoeboxes.

served. These names are those on the war memorials. One cannot imagine how these men, many just in their twenties or younger coped with the changed circumstances they found themselves in compared to the peaceful countryside of Clontibret and tried to live with their memories for the rest of their lives. We can never thank them enough for the sacrifice they made and undervalue the freedoms we have today. "We will remember them".

We are grateful to Mr Alan Hill for conducting the service and to Mr Keith Browne and Mr Roy Crowe for their ministry to us.

Carol Service

Just a reminder that our Carol Service will be on Sunday, 8th December at 3.30pm when the children from Clontibret National School will play a major role in the service. We appreciate all the work that the schoolteachers and children undertake as they prepare for this much looked forward to event to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. Everyone welcome!

Prayerful wishes

We pray for Donna Geary that she may continue her travels and missionary work with God's protection, all for those who are unwell and unable to be with us due to ill health or age. We pray for Jim and Robert Graham and their carers and all who work to support them.



Thea and Peter Boyle standing beside the beautiful stain glass window installed in memory of her parents.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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Services

Sunday 1st December

Morning Prayer St Finbarr's 10.30am
Morning Prayer Magheraclone 12noon

Wednesday 4th December

Midweek Holy Communion St Finbarr's
10.30am

Sunday 8th December

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

Wednesday 11th December

Midweek Holy Communion St Finbarr's
10.30am

Sunday 15th December

Carol Service with Nativity St Finbarr's
10.30am
Carol Service Ardragh 7.00pm

Tuesday 17th December

Ecumenical Lessons and Carols service St
Finbarr's 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th December

Midweek Holy Communion St Finbarr's
10.30am

Sunday 22nd December

Carol Service Magheraclone 12noon

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

Holy Communion Ardragh 7.30pm
Holy Communion Magheraclone 11.00pm

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

Family Service with Holy Communion St
Finbarr's 10.30 am

Sunday 29th December

United Service in St Finbarr's 10.30am

Wednesday 1st January

NO Holy Communion Service

Sunday 5th January

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

Wednesday 8th January

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30 am



Having fun on the Youth
Group outing.

Sunday 12th January

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

Wednesday 15th January

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Sunday 19th January

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

Wednesday 22nd January

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Sunday 26th January

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

Wednesday 29th January

Holy Communion St Finbarr's

A Christmas Carol

Anticipation is building ahead of our production of 'A Christmas Carol' in St Finbarr's on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December. The play was the brainchild of David O'Rourke, the director of local theatre group, the Farney Players. David was so impressed by our church setting during last year's Christmas Tree Festival that he was keen to perform an adaptation of the Dicken's classic as a community event this Christmas.

The cast will be made up of members of the Farney Players along with parishioners from St Finbarr's. Our Group of Parishes Choir will also be performing on the night as well as leading the audience in some sing along Carols.

Tickets priced at €10 are available from O'Rourke Oils, Keegan's Newsagents or St Finbarr's.

St Finbarr's Cookery Book

There are still copies of our fundraising Recipe Book "From Parish to Plate" available to buy for €10. These would make great stocking fillers or Christmas presents. The

cookbook was the brainchild of Emma Merrin who along with Helen Sweetnam compiled a book full of recipes donated to us by parishioners and friends. The book has been beautifully illustrated by Linda Merrin and contains a wide range of recipes savory and sweet for the whole year round. Mixed in with the recipes are a number of little funny stories and prayers written by Rosaleen Coleman and others.

Carrick Chatter Magazine

Look out for the Christmas edition of our Church Magazine "Carrick Chatter" which will be available in December. The magazine is full of information about what's been happening in our parish over the last six months and everything that's happening over Christmas. The magazine is a wonderful tool for letting others know what's happening in our Group of Churches so once you've read it why not pass it on to a friend!

Young Families Christmas Party

Our annual young families Christmas Party takes place on Sunday 15th December immediately following our nativity carol service in St Finbarr's. This is an opportunity for young families to meet up to enjoy some fun and games with a special visitor for the younger children.

Ecumenical Community Carol Service

The Carrickmacross annual Ecumenical Community Carol Service returns to St Finbarr's this year on Tuesday 17th December at 7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming Monsignor Joseph McGuinness to St Finbarr's for the first time along with our friends from St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and the other local churches for this year's Service.

There will be a retiring collection on the evening with proceeds in aid of the recently



Parishioners enjoying the Farney Players production of 'Noises Off'.



Getting tucked into the Men's Group Rugby Breakfast.

formed Carrickmacross Food Bank who provide food and essentials for those in our community who are struggling financially.

Youth Group Christmas Night

Our Youth Group Christmas Special will take place in the Jackson Hall on Wednesday 18th December at 7pm. The night will be filled with crazy Christmas games and challenges along with a special Christmas message. Youth Group is open to all young people aged 11 plus.

Jewels Women's Group And Men's Group

Following a very successful and enjoyable joint outing with Jewels and our Men's Group to watch the Farney Players production of "Noises Off" starring our very own Philip Keegan, our Women's Group 'Jewels' will meet for a Christmas get together on Thursday 12th December,

further details to follow. The ladies meet again on Thursday 6th January for a pot luck supper, venue to be confirmed.

Our Men's Group have arranged a trip to 'Mrs. Brown's Boys D' Musical' in the 3Arena in Dublin on Friday 13th December. A few tickets are still available, please let Freddie, Peter or Philip know if you'd like to join us. On Thursday 23rd January our guest speaker will be Connor McCafferty, an expert in mental health issues who will broach the topic "men – why don't we speak about it?" Connor is a very gifted communicator and expert in the field who spoke at the Clogher Diocesan Clergy Conference in October. We meet in the Parish Room at 8pm and there will be pizza and refreshments.

Hats For The Homeless

This Christmas at our three Carol Services across our Group of Parishes, we will

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

Carol Services

Our Carol Services this year are St Finbarr's on Sunday 15th December at 10.30am including the Nativity, Ardragh Sunday 15th December at 7pm and Magheraclone on Sunday 22nd December at 12noon.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Church Services for December/January

Sunday 8th December

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

Wednesday 11th December

10:00 a.m. Monthly Healing Service,
Mullaghduin Parochial Hall

Sunday 15th December

10:00 a.m. H.C. Mullaghduin.
11:30 a.m. H.C. Cleenish
7:30 p.m. Annual Carol Service, Cleenish

Sunday 22nd December

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

Tuesday 24th December, Christmas Eve

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

Wednesday 25th December, Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. H.C. Cleenish
9:30 a.m. H.C. Mullaghduin.

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

Sunday 29th December

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

Sunday 5th January

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

Sunday 12th January

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

Sunday 19th January

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

Sunday 26th January

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

Sunday 2nd February

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

Please note:- Services may change from time to time, updates in church porch



Enjoying the Harvest Supper.

Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 7th December, Bellanaleck Community Group, Children's Christmas Party
- Sunday 8th December, Mullaghduin Carol Service
- Sunday 15th December, Cleenish Carol Service
- Wednesday 25th December, Christmas Day
- Friday 14th February, Cleenish Annual Supper Dance

Harvest Services, Cleenish

On Friday evening 18th October, the choir sang two anthems, 'Bringing in the Sheaves', and 'I to the Hills'. The special preacher was Revd Charlie Eames. After the service, a light supper was served by the ladies in the Parish Hall.

On Sunday morning 20th October, there was a large attendance including many visitors. The choir sang two anthems, 'Thanks be to God' and 'Bringing in the Sheaves'. The Sunday School took a major part in the Service, singing the ABC Harvest Song. Grace and Kara Lilly read the first bible reading, Sarah read the Sunday School Poem, Ava and Luke read the occasional prayers.

The service was conducted by Rowena, who preached on the theme of the five basic senses.

On Sunday evening, the choir sang the anthems; 'Thanks to God' and 'I to the Hills'. The special preacher was David Armstrong, Crosslinks.

Joan Brownlee trained the choir and played the organ at all three services. Special thanks are due to the ladies who decorated the church.

Remembrance Day Services

In Mullaghduin, John Ryan assisted the Rector with the Act of Remembrance, Michael Crooks from Letterbreen Silver Band sounded the Last Post and Reveille. During the service the organist, Elizabeth Hazlett and choir led the singing of the Hymns 'O God Our Help in Ages Past', 'Eternal Father Strong to Save', 'Lead Kindly Light', and 'Abide With Me'. During the service in Cleenish, wreaths were laid by Dessi Smyth on behalf of the security forces, Ava Connelly on behalf of the Brownies, and Cecil Brownlee on behalf of the Select Vestry. George Thornton read the lesson, Stephen Humphries sounded the Last Post and the organ was played by Joan Brownlee.

The Rector conducted both services.

Monthly Healing Service

At the next monthly Healing Service will be held on Wednesday 11th December. It combines the usual shortened form of Holy

Communion with the opportunity for prayer for the sick and bereaved, followed by a cup of tea and time for a chat.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

On Tuesday 15th October the Branch Leader, Lettie, was delighted to welcome members from neighbouring branches to the annual Visitors Evening. Guest speaker, Stephanie Lavery entertained the audience with a humorous session on Medieval Medicine. Participation from the members added to the craic as Stephanie demonstrated how many of the common ailments were treated. Valerie McMorris, Faith and Policy Co-ordinator for the Diocesan Trustee Board attended the November meeting bringing our theme 'Listen, Observe, Act in step with God' to a close, as this was Valerie's last meeting in her current position. We wish her well for the future.

To celebrate the festive season, members will join the church choir singing Carols at the local nursing home, where some of our Indoor Members currently reside. The Branch will close for the year with a Beetle Drive followed by a festive supper. All members are wished 'A Happy and Healthy Christmas.'

The theme for the year 2020, 'Building Hope and Confidence', will commence with



Decoration in the Church window.



Decoration above the Communion Table.



a Holy Communion Service, in Cleenish Parish Church, on Tuesday 21st January at 8pm.

Cleenish Parents & Toddlers

The Parents & Toddlers Group will close on Tuesday 10th December for the Christmas break and resume on Tuesday 14th January, between 10am -11.30am, when new members will be welcome.

The Committee wish to thank all parents, grandparents and childminders, who have attended the Group with their children during the term and wish all a 'Happy Healthy Christmas.'

For further details, telephone Rosita Bridle 02866 348259.

Cleenish Brownies

Bellanaleck Brownie Pack was started on 5th October 1979 by Hilary Pringle and Sue Hogg and has been going strong ever since. The Pack offers guiding activities to young girls in Bellanaleck and the surrounding area. It has been a village pack, open to all but with strong attachments to both Cleenish Parish Church, and Florencecourt Parish Church. Brownies would have moved on, and still do, to Guides in Florencecourt.

Guiders down the years have included Norma Heap, Margaret Sides, Sandra Keys and Madeleine Harron. The current Guiders who have been involved for the last 20 years are Diana Carson and Maureen Irvine. The Pack meets weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.45pm in Cleenish Parish Hall and is fully involved in the Brownie programme and in district and county activities.

Sixty people gathered together on Wednesday 13th January to celebrate this special birthday with dancing, singing and cake. It was lovely to see former Brownies of all generations happy to be back together to celebrate with their friends, looking at old photos and catching up. There are now daughters of Brownies in the Pack.

Warmest congratulations to the Pack and their leaders for continuing this wonderful

tradition, which hopefully will continue to flourish.

Burglary warning

A number of burglaries have been recently reported to the PSNI in situations where an older person has been attending Church, and therefore away from home for a short time. The PSNI is advising everyone to ensure when leaving their homes at any time, including service times, that their houses are secure, and that they report suspicious persons, vehicles and activity to the Police.

Cleenish Parish Auction

A very successful auction took place on the afternoon of Saturday 16th November. Sincere thanks are due to all those who assisted in this venture. To auctioneer William Stinson, to those who purchased the various items, the ladies for providing the teas, and those who assisted in any way. At time of writing, a grand total of over £3,000 was raised.

Magazine Subscriptions for Year 2020

Just a reminder, the amount due will be similar to last year, an annual subscription of £15. It will be marked on the February edition.

Deepest Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Helen Hoey and her family circle from the members of Cleenish Parish and Mothers' Union. Helen's mother Lillias Cousins passed away peacefully at her home in Beragh, Co Tyrone on Sunday 27th October.

Also from the members of Mullaghduin Select Vestry to Vestry member Jim Gamble on the death of his son Neville on Friday 7th November. Sympathy is also expressed to his partner Joy, Neville's mother Doreen and brother Bryan. Neville was a prominent member of Rossorry Parish Church.

Cleenish Centre

As we draw the 10th year to a close, the

Centre began at the beginning of the year with a dark cloud hanging over it, due to the untimely death of founder member Ethel. However this has been the busiest year to date. We have hosted groups from all over Ireland and an international group who was attending a conference led by Sam Balmer. We are very thankful to all the groups that have booked this year, and look forward to another busy year during 2020.

Many thanks to those who have helped out this year including Violet Gault's daughters for the housekeeping they did inside and for tidying up the flower boxes outside. With having fewer staff all help was gratefully received. We would ask that you continue to pray for the work of the Centre and how God is using the building to glorify him in the lives of those who use it.

To hire the Centre, contact by email: enquiries@cleenishcentre.com, or telephone 02866 349647. You may also view the Cleenish Centre website.

Bellanaleck Community Group

The usual monthly meeting took place on Wednesday 23rd October at which it was stated the evaluation and consultation about the future of the Stroke Unit in the South West Acute Hospital could take some time due to a huge number of responses.

The Community Garden has been cleaned up by power washing garden furniture and removal/treatment to moss off footpaths.

Thanks are due to local Councillor Alex Baird and the maintenance staff from FODC. In response to an enquiry about progress of the Blueway scheme, a planning application has been submitted in relation to the Slipway at Bellanaleck Quay. It is also anticipated DfI are intending to upgrade signs along the main A509 which runs through the village.

The Childrens' Christmas Party on Saturday 7th December was then discussed in detail, and it was agreed the timings would be altered to begin at 3.30pm and end at 5pm.

The next meeting is Wednesday 23rd January. Enquiries to Group Secretary Owen Wilson, email owenjlwilson@btinternet.com.

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Inklings Bible Study

Fellowship and fun as we gather around God's word as we conclude our study of the life of Joshua on Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm in the Carmichael Hall, Augher. You don't have to be theologian, all you need is a desire to get to know God and His word a little better. Have a chat with Revd. Olie if interested.

Ablaze Youth Fellowship

Ablaze continues every Sunday evening 7pm – 8.30pm. Everyone of secondary school age welcome for fun, food and fellowship. All confirmation candidates are required to attend. Please speak to the rector if you have any questions.

St. Mark's Augher Youth Club

Youth Club please note new arrangements: Both Youth Clubs now meet on a Tuesday evening. Junior youth Club (pre-school – P4) 6.30-7.30pm Senior Youth Club (P5 – 1st Year) 7.30-8.30pm

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union end of year AGM on Wednesday 11th December at 8pm in the Carmichael Hall, Augher.

Knit, Stitch & Natter

Knit, Stitch & Natter concludes for the year on Thursday 12th December, 10.30-12noon, Carmichael Hall Augher. Come along for a chat, a cup of tea or coffee and something sweet – and if there's time some needlework! New members very welcome.



Mr Eric Mitchell, son of the late Mrs Jean Mitchell and his wife Irene following the dedication.

Harvest

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services concluded in our group of parishes with a wonderful parish act of thanksgiving in St. Mark's Newtownsaville on Friday 18th October when our Guest Preacher was Revd. Johnny McLoughlin, Rector of Aghavea Parish. We also had the joy of welcoming Miss Jessica Murray whose beautiful solos along with our talented faithful choir accompanied by Mrs Lorna Stewart lifted everyone's hearts and firmly focused all eyes on the wonder of our mighty creator God. The tremendous efforts of all ages to decorate the church were greatly enjoyed by everyone. The harvest weekend drew to a close with a family harvest celebration on the Sunday morning when the Rector as very ably assisted by the young people.

Dedication

During the Sunday harvest thanksgiving service the rector had the delight of dedicating the newly updated sound system which had been generously gifted by Mrs Violet Clarke and in memory of the late Mrs Jean Mitchell. Two presentation hymn books for the Lord's Table were also gifted in memory of the late Mrs Jean Mitchell.

Ablaze Youth Fellowship

At the end of October, a small number of young people from Ablaze YF and their leaders attended the Autumn Soul weekend. They travelled to Bangor along with the wider group from the Clogher

Diocese. The theme for the weekend was 'Released' and Esther Stanfield helped us to explore how God enables us to be the people he created us to be and releases us into abundant life as we serve him. The weekend also included opportunities for worship, prayer, hearing stories from those who serve on the mission field as well as lots of other fun activities. The young people enjoyed meeting new people and the dodge ball competition was a definite highlight.



Some of our leaders and young people at Autumn Soul!

A 'Blue Christmas' Service in the Cathedral

On Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm there will be a 'Blue Christmas' service in Clogher Cathedral. The Christmas season is not always a happy time for some folks, or indeed at best it can often be a time of many emotions.

The Advent and Christmas seasons can remind us of loved ones or relationships we have lost. The sights and smells of the weeks approaching Christmas, rather than bring joy and delight, can bring sadness and grief.

A "Blue Christmas" service is a gentle contemplative service for those who are carrying pain and loss during the season of celebration. It provides an opportunity to address the sadness, the pain of loss, and even the anger that can accompany the season. Readings and prayers focus on the "light in the darkness," the hope of our faith, not a hope that removes the suffering, but a hope that enables us to acknowledge our true feelings and walk through the dark days without fear.

Everyone is welcome, put the date in your diary or if you are unsure Revd. Olie will be happy to have a chat.

Group Services for December 2019

Sunday 1st

Errigal Portclare 10am H.C.
Clogher Cathedral 11.30am H.C.
Augher 10am M.P.
Newtownsaville 11.30am M.P.

Thursday 5th

Clogher Cathedral Community Carol Service 7pm

Sunday 8th

Clogher Cathedral 9am H.C.
Errigal Portclare 10am M.P.
Clogher Cathedral 11.30am M.P.
Augher 10am H.C.
Newtownsaville 11.30am H.C.

Sunday 15th

Errigal Portclare 10am Carol Service
Clogher Cathedral 11.30am H.C.
Augher 10am M.P.
Newtownsaville 11.30am M.P.

Wednesday 18th

Clogher Cathedral Blue Christmas 7.30pm

Sunday 22nd

Errigal Portclare 10am M.P.
Augher 10am Carol service
Newtownsaville 11.30am Carol Service
Clogher Cathedral 7pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve

Newtownsaville 8pm H.C.

Errigal Portclare 9.30pm H.C.

Christmas Day

Augher 9.30am H.C.
Clogher Cathedral 11.00am H.C.

Sunday 29th

Errigal Portclare 10am M.P.
Clogher Cathedral 11.30am M.P.
Augher 10am M.P.
Newtownsaville 11.30am M.P.

Baptism

27th October 2019, Olivia Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Samantha Anderson and William Jones, St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher.

Christmas Greetings

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

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE



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WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER 2019

7.30PM

ST. MACARTAN'S CATHEDRAL

CLOGHER

Everyone Welcome



Harvest decorations.



Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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September Services

1 December

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion (followed by refreshments)

Newbliss (Hall) 11.30am: Holy Communion

8 December

Currin 10.00am: Holy Communion

Killeevan 3.30pm: Carol & Gift Service (with the Ballyreagh Silver Band)

15 December

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer (followed by refreshments)

Newbliss (Hall) 11.30am: Morning Prayer

22 December

Clones 11.00am: Joint Group Carol Service (followed by refreshments)

24 December

Currin 8.00pm: Joint Group Christmas Holy Communion

25 December

Killeevan 10.00am: Joint Group Christmas Holy Communion

29 December

Newbliss (Hall) 11.00am: Joint Group Worship (followed by refreshments)

6 January

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion (followed

by refreshments)
Newbliss (Hall) 11.30am: Holy Communion

Clones St. Tighernach's Christmas Fayre

This will take place on Saturday 14 December in the Creighton Hotel, Clones, from 10.00-12.30. Christmas cakes, puddings, handmade decorative wreaths, cups of tea, etc. All welcome

Clones Church Clothes Collection

This has been organised for 15 December, so please contact Christine Rusk (047-20801) before then if you have any new or nearly-new-clothes to donate. All proceeds to Clones Church Repair Fund.

In Memoriam: Sadie Hall

It was with great sadness that we said farewell to one of Currin St. Andrew's oldest and most-loved parishioners, Mrs. Sadie Hall of Crussin, who died on 30 September 2019. She was a long-time Mothers' Union member who had recently received a certificate to mark her 50 years of membership. She was also a member of the Currin Select Vestry for over 20 years as well as a lifelong member of the choir. Above all, she was a faithful parishioner who attended every service until very recently, when ill-health caught up with her. We extend our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to her son, Robert, daughter-in-law Laura and

grandson, Ian at Crussin and daughters, Elizabeth (Wicklow) and Rosemary (Rosslea) and their extended families and to all who cared for her. There was a very large attendance at her funeral service, which was led by Dean Raymond Ferguson. Many thanks to all who attended.

Mothers' Union

Our November meeting had an arts-and-craft Christmas theme as we learned from expert Lorna Soden the basics of how to paint on glass. By the end we had not just had great fun, but we had also produced some lovely hand-painted jars that will grace our homes this Christmas. There is no meeting in December, but our first meeting of 2020 will take place on Thursday 16 January in Killeevan at 8.00pm. New members always welcome – we'd love to see you.

Co. Monaghan Church of Ireland Children's Society A.G.M.

This will take place in Clogh Parish Church Hall on Monday 2 December 2019 at 3.00pm. Everyone welcome.

St. Tighernach's Parish Church, Clones
CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Saturday 14th December
in THE CREIGHTON HOTEL BALLROOM
from 10.00 until 12.30
Christmas Cakes, Puddings, Handmade Christmas Wreaths and a variety of other items

**COME AND JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR TEA
• EVERYONE WELCOME •**

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Services DECEMBER

1st - Holy Communion 11.30am

8th - Family Service 11.30am in hall

15th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

22nd - Morning Prayer 11.30am

22nd - Carol Service 7.00pm

25th - Christmas Day Family Communion 10.00am

29th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

31st - New Year's Eve Worship 9.00pm

JANUARY 2020

5th - Holy Communion 11.30am

12th - Family Service 11.30am

19th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

26th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

Christian Burial

9th November 2019 - William Ernest (Ernie) Woods, Glen Road, Drumquin.

Autumn Soul

A number of children from the parish attended the Autumn Soul event, and had a wonderful time of worship, teaching and interaction with groups from other churches and within the diocese. A big thank you to all, especially our leaders who gave of their time to attend, so our young people could experience the fellowship with other young people on their Christian journey.

Remembrance

The Remembrance Sunday service, while acknowledging the sacrifice in war, conflicts and acts of terrorism, marked the 75th anniversary of D-Day 6th June 1944. The rector reflected on the sacrifice and brought vividly to mind that victory in war ultimately lay with God our creator, redeemer and judge. Calls for prayer in critical times during the Second World War, when a nation humbled itself before a Holy God and sought His direction and protection, circumstances changed and victory was secured. The war was won, the price immense, yet peace today remains fragile in a world where self-interest, power struggles, and greed still abound. The service concluded with the wreath laying outside as the parish remembered Jim Oldman who was murdered by terrorists. A small section of the North Fermanagh Remembers display was available for viewing after the service. We acknowledge with thanks all who took part in the service, organist, piper, those who laid the wreathes, IT and the children who carried out their own remembrance tribute during the service.



Remembrance Day.

Women's Fellowship

The ladies developed their creative skills as they made Christmas decorations for the Christmas tree at the last meeting under the tutorage of Edith Moore. Edith spoke on Mary and Elizabeth, and of God's plan of salvation in the birth of His Son Jesus Christ. The next meeting will be Monday 9th December with speaker Cheryl Simpson, of Tasty Bakes.

Young@Heart

The October meeting welcomed a representative from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to relate the latest information on recycling of our household waste. It was both informative and an opportunity for members to question on aspects of refuse collection and the processes, which follow on from bin collection. All are welcome, with meetings third Wednesday of each month.

Air Ambulance NI

Cheques were presented to Air Ambulance NI by Colaghty Parish Church and Colaghty Bowling Club in recognition of the invaluable work this service provides for the community across the country. Colaghty Bowling Club have given the proceeds of each of their summer bowls collections to various charities over the years, and Air Ambulance was the charity chosen by their members for this year.

Accounts

A further reminder that parish accounts close on 31st December 2019 in accordance with Charity Commission regulations. Any outstanding monies or payments should be with the Hon. Treasurer by that date. Again, we offer our sincere thanks for your assistance with this for accounting purposes and your generosity to the parish upkeep and mission.

New Year's Eve

The annual New Year's Eve worship and social will take place in the parish hall with refreshments served around 9pm, followed with worship and then the social. It is hoped that pipers will welcome in the New Year as in previous years. All are welcome. Please see weekly announcements regarding times, updates and activities of the various groups that meet regularly.



A cheque is presented to Air Ambulance NI by Colaghty Bowling Club.



A cheque is handed over to Air Ambulance NI on behalf of the Church.



Young people from Colaghty at Autumn Soul.



Women's Fellowship meeting.

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Services

Sunday 8th December

Derryvullen North 10.30am Family Morning Prayer followed by coffee/tea
Castle Archdale 11.45am Family Morning Prayer

Derryvullen North 7.00pm Christmas Carols for Remembrance with Drumharvey LOL 159

Sunday 15th December

Castle Archdale 10.15am Sunday School Nativity & Food Bank gifts
Derryvullen North 11.30am Sunday School Nativity & Food Bank gifts

Sunday 22nd December

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

Christmas Services

9.00pm Christmas Eve, Holy Communion 1 (Derryvullen North)

11.00pm Christmas Eve, Holy Communion 1 (Castle Archdale)

9.00am Christmas Morning, Holy Communion 2 (Castle Archdale)

10.30am Christmas Morning, Holy Communion 2 (Derryvullen North)

Sunday 29th Dec

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

Sunday 5th Jan

Castle Archdale 10.15am Holy Communion 1
Derryvullen North 11.30am Holy Communion 1

Dates for the diary

- Tuesdays 8.00pm, Bowling Club
- Mondays and Thursdays, Boys Brigade
- Choir (DVN) as announced in the weekly bulletin
- 6th December -Lisnarick Christmas Lights
- 9th December - Community Carols in the Delany Suite, Irvinestown, 8.00pm
- 10th December 2.30pm, Tuesday Club Christmas Communion
- 10th December 8.00pm, Faith and Friendship inter-church Bible Study (Mahon's Hotel)
- 18th December 11.00am, Shoppers' Service (Holy Communion) in DVN Parish Centre

Tuesday Club

The members met on 12th November and the speaker was Sharon Seaney from Kesh who is an Artist and Illustrator. Sharon displayed some of her drawings and paintings and showed everyone how to make Christmas gift tags and water paintings as well as giving the members the opportunity to demonstrate their skill. The Meeting in December will be on 10th and will be the Christmas Communion Service for the members and friends. There will be no meeting in January. The Speaker at the February Meeting on 11th Feb will be Pharmacist, Timothy McClure.

Women's Group

On 16th October the speaker was Diane Elliott giving demonstrations of Tropic Skincare and Beauty Products and she very kindly gave the commission from the evening to the ongoing work of the Women's Group – this came to a wonderful £130 and our thanks are due to Diane and everyone who supported the event. There was no meeting in November as the group wished to support the Cookery Demonstration and Book Launch being organised on that evening in Irvinestown Primary School. There will be a dinner for

members during December.

Harvest Services (Derryvullen)

These Services were held on Sunday 20th and Monday 21st October and we thank all the decorators whose skill made the Church look so wonderful. Our thanks are also due to those people who very kindly organised the supper on the Monday evening. The Sunday Morning Service was the Sunday School Harvest and it was great to see the large number of children take such a leading part in the service, along with the Leaders and Junior Leaders. At the two Evening Services the Choir sang three anthems, Reap the ripe harvest, Time and time again and His eye is on the sparrow. On the Sunday Evening the Rector led the congregation in an audio visual reflection on Harvest and on the Monday Evening the Guest Preacher was the Very Revd K.R.J. Hall (Dean of Clogher).

Faith and Friendship

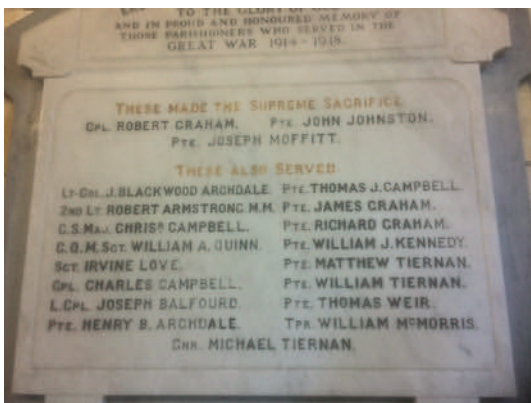
There was a good representation at the meeting held on Tuesday 12th November. The study was led by Miss Marion Henderson on behalf of the Methodist Church and it was based on Mark 5:1-20. The story is graphic and dramatic – there is healing and restoration for a man but the local community do not understand what has happened and so tell Jesus to leave the area. The man who has been healed asks to go with Jesus but he is told to stay where he is and to spread the news of what God has done. In December the Presbyterian members will lead the study which will be based on Luke 2:8-20 entitled "The village of the watching."

Study Group

Over three Thursday evenings in November the Rector led study evenings called "Growing in faith – Scripture, Sacraments and Prayer. These were held in Derryvullen North Parish Centre and between 12 and 15 attended each of these.

Shoppers' Service

The October Service was held in



The Castle Archdale War Memorial.



The Deputy Lieutenant for Fermanagh



War graves at Derryvullen North Parish Church.

Derryvullen North Parish Centre on 16th October when 25 attended and enjoyed a cuppa afterwards. The music for the Service was provided by Mr Richard McGonigle on the guitar.

Mothers' Union

The Speaker for the October Meeting was Mrs Noreen Little, the Diocesan Action and Outreach Representative. Noreen brought along a variety of knitted items including some trauma teddies and the thanks of the group was given by Mrs Lorna Graham. A number of invitations from other groups in the area had been received and members were reminded of the Prayer Vigil in relation to Gender Violence to held in Garvary Parish Church on Tuesday 26th November and items for Women's Aid will be brought to the Service. A list of items that would be suitable to bring will be published nearer the time in the Parish Announcements. The members will be providing the tea at the Derryvullen North Christmas Fair on 30th November and they have also been invited to the Carol Service of Pettigo PWA on 3rd Dec at 8.00pm. The next meeting will be 27th November when the speaker will be from the Leprosy Mission. There will be no meeting in December and the January meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd when there will be the usual informal evening and auction. The Branch now has six registered Indoor Members and so we would be very pleased to welcome new people as members – they would be very welcome.

Boys' Brigade

All of the sections of the Company have had a very busy start to the year and it is very encouraging to see such a large number of Boys in the Company and also to have such a committed group of leaders too. The Anchor Boys made a lovely display for the Derryvullen North Harvest and also organised the Shoe Box Appeal for



Attending the Orange Community Quiz.

Christmas that is associated with Operation Christmas Child.

Remembrance Sunday

This was observed in both our Parish Churches. At Castle Archdale the Act of Remembrance took place within the Morning Service and was led by the Rector along with Dr Margaret Knox, Mr Geoff Jeavons and Mr Dessie McKibben. The Bugler was Mr James Cooke. In the afternoon there was the Community Remembrance Day Service in Irvinestown with a parade of the Royal British Legion and Youth Organisations led by Drumharvey Pipe Band and we were very pleased to welcome the Deputy Lieutenant for County Fermanagh, Major Shaun Pendry. Wreaths were laid in the Roman Catholic burial ground at the War Graves and at the Cross of Sacrifice in Derryvullen North burial ground. The Service in the Church was led by the Rector, with the Preacher being the Rev Günther Andrich (Presbyterian Church), the intercessions led by the Revd George Bowes (Methodist Church) and the act of commitment by Dr Margaret Knox. The Act of Remembrance within the Service was led by Mr David Robinson and Mr Jim Morton. The Choir sang the anthem Eternal God



Harvest decorations at Derryvullen North.

before whose face we stand and the piped lament was given by Piper Mr Jason Irvine. The call and response within the Act of Remembrance along with the Bible readings were led by members of the RBL and GB/BB. After the Service there was tea served in the parish hall – very kindly organised by members of the Catering Group and of the Women's Group.

Irvinestown Orange Community Group table quiz

The Group organised a very successful Table Quiz that was held in the Irvinestown Orange Hall on 17th October. The Rector attended the event and several tables were taken by members of the Company Section of the Boys Brigade.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

27th Oct, Alfi Conrad Maxwell-Jackson (Castle Archdale)

3rd Nov, Isabella Margaret Martin (Derryvullen North)

Christian Burial

17th Oct, Winifred Margaretta Neville (Derryvullen North)

14th Nov, Maud Coe (Derryvullen North)



Anchor Boys with their harvest crafts.



Shoebboxes filled by the Anchor Boys.

Derryvullen South and Garvary



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Services

1st December, The First Sunday of Advent

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

8th December, The Second Sunday of Advent

Morning Prayer
10.30 am Derryvullen South Parish Church
12.00 noon Garvary Parish Church

15th December, The Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday School Christmas Presentation
10.30 am Garvary Parish Church
12.00 noon Derryvullen South Parish Church

22nd December, The Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
10.30 am Derryvullen South Parish Church
12.00 noon Garvary Parish Church

24th December, Christmas Eve Holy Communion

7.00 pm Garvary Parish Church
8.30 pm Derryvullen South Parish Church

25th December, Christmas Day Holy Communion

12.00 noon Garvary Parish Church
19th January, The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
10.30 am Garvary Parish Church – Morning Prayer
12.00 noon Derryvullen South Parish Church – Holy Communion
26th January, The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
A Service of the Word
10.30 am Derryvullen South Parish Church
12.00 noon Garvary Parish Church.

Remembrance Sunday

This year the Remembrance Sunday Service was Morning Prayer with an Act of Remembrance taking place in both Derryvullen South and Garvary Parish. Lord Anthony Hamilton read the first lesson in Derryvullen South and Nicholas Watts read the second lesson. Thanks to Rosemary Watts and the choir for the special hymns and for leading the worship. In Garvary Parish Church, John Irvine read both lessons and Noel Wilson laid the wreath. Thanks to Gillian Forde and the choir for leading the worship.

Variety Concert

The concert was held in Derryvullen South Church Hall on Friday 8th November it was a great occasion.

The compere was Mr. Brian Johnston from Lisburn who excelled in his task of introducing the various artists with his stories and humour. The artists included Roy Hurst on keyboard, followed by Ali Brown, the piper. Wesley Graydon enthralled everyone with his expertise on the tin whistle. Roy Dreaning shared his faith in singing gospel music and Clive Weir performed a sketch, called "Hip, Hip Horray". The Strule River String Band had everyone's toes tapping and the evening was brought to a close with Joe Crawford sharing his recitations. Thanks to everyone who supported this event. Well done to all those who gave of their time and talents and to those who prepared the hall before the event. It was a very enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Mothers' Union

Three members of Garvary Mothers' Union have been enrolled in the Branch for 40 years. Congratulations to Freda Beacom, Sadie Curran and Vera Phair. The Certificates were presented on Sunday 20th October at the Morning Service. Well done.

Prayer Vigil

Garvary Parish Church was the venue for the Prayer Vigil which took place on Tuesday 26th November. The service was part of the Mothers' Union campaign to highlight the



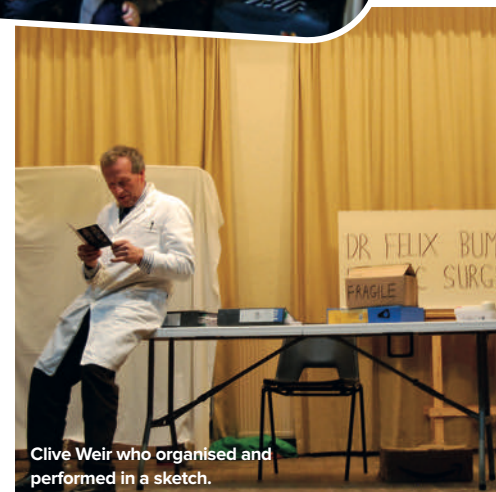
The audience avidly discussing the show during the interval.



The Strule River String Band.



Brian Johnston who compered.



Clive Weir who organised and performed in a sketch.

16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. We look forward to the occasion which provides an opportunity to share in fellowship with Mothers' Union members throughout the Diocese.

Fundraising

Thanks to the ladies who participated in the bag packing fundraising event. This was most successful. Well done.

Shoebox Appeal

Thanks to all who filled a shoe box for this very worthy cause. The box filled with all kinds of items and toys will make some child very happy and most likely it will be the only gift they receive at Christmas.

Greetings

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Lorna Edwards who celebrated her 98th birthday on 30th October with family and friends. We wish her God's Richest Blessing.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Freda Beacom on the birth of a grandson.

Home Communion For Christmas

Rev. Betty will celebrate Holy Communion with those unable to attend church in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Prayers

Remember in your daily prayers all who have been ill during the past month, those who are receiving treatment, the housebound and those in nursing and residential homes and those who have had a bereavement in their family.

Seasons Greetings

A blessed and Happy Christmas is wished to all and God's Richest Blessings for 2020.



Sadie Curran, Freda Beacom and Vera Phair received 40-year membership certificates as members of Garvary Mothers' Union. Included in photograph are (from left); Sadie Curran, Canon Betty Thompson, Freda Beacom and Anne Rowley, Branch Leader. Missing from the photograph was Vera Phair.

Devenish & Boho



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Services for December

Sunday 1st

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 8th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 15th

11.30am Holy Communion Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm Carol Service, Boho Parish Church

Sunday 22nd

10.00am Family/Sunday School Service, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Family/Sunday School Service,



Taking part in the Remembrance Day service in Devenish Parish Church

Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm Carol Service, Devenish Parish Church

Tuesday 24th

8.30pm Christmas Eve, Devenish Parish Church.

Wednesday 25th

9.30am Christmas Day Service, Boho Parish Church.

11.00am Christmas Day Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 29th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Services for January 2020

Wednesday 1st January 2020

11.00am New Years Day Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 5th

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm No Evening Service

Sunday 12th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm No Evening Service

Sunday 19th

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm No Evening Service

Sunday 26th

10.00am Family Service, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Family Service, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Burial

Tuesday 5th November 2019 Lorna Scott, Ballymoney and formerly of Church Hill. The funeral service conducted by the Revd Thomas Stevenson and Mr Roy Dreaning was held in Church Hill Methodist Church followed by the burial in Devenish Parish Graveyard.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Lorna's daughter Sandra, sons Brian and Edwin and the wider family circle.

Holy Baptism.

Sunday 27th October 2019 in Devenish Parish Church - Renee Jane Balfour, daughter of Wayne and Kathryn Balfour. We offer our congratulations to Wayne and Kathryn and wish God's blessing on Renee, her parents and godparents.

Marriage

Friday 8th November 2019 in Devenish Parish Church, Barry McCauley and Sarah Jane Hunter. We extend our congratulations to Barry and Sarah Jane and wish them God's Blessing on their future life together.

Sunday School Party

Sunday School Party will be held on Monday 16th December at 7.00pm in the Reade Hall.

Remembrance Day Services

The services in both Devenish and Boho were conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka. The readings in Devenish were read by Eric Whittaker, David Ferguson and India Daley and the organist was Gill Spence. The names of those who fell during two World Wars and associated with Devenish were read by David Eames, the RUCGC names were read by Clive McKee, the UDR CGC names were read by Wesley Scott. Wreaths were laid by James Kells and David Scott (Parish), Ann McCormac and Gerry McDermott (RUCGC), Winston Kennedy and Herbert Johnston (UDRCGC), and Enid Redmond and Kay McKeown (Girl Guides). Andrew Gordon played the Last Post and the Reveille. Stuart Brooker said the Exhortation and The Kohima Epitaph. Caroline Brooker read the poem Flanders Fields.



Tommy Cathcart presenting the Mary Morrison Cup to Marcus and Norman Rutledge, with the other bowlers that took part in finals night.

Devenish Parish Sale and Auction

This was held on Saturday 9th November and raised a total of £2837.50. Thank you to the auctioneer, Wesley Scott, the stall holders for all their hard work, everyone that gave produce, gifts and donations and everybody who attended.

Mothers' Union

On Tuesday 15th October we were delighted to welcome Mr. Campbell Brown, a consultant at the South West Acute Hospital, to speak on the work of Air Ambulance NI, which operates a helicopter emergency medical service (HEMS). Mr. Brown explained that HEMS is a doctor-led service so its value is in getting hospital emergency room level treatment to trauma casualties on site in minutes as well as slashing the travel time for the transfer of casualties to hospital. From its operating base at the Maze Long Kesh it can reach any part of NI in 25 minutes. Mr. Brown also said that Air Ambulance NI is a registered charity and relies on funding to keep this vital service operating. Everyone agreed that Mr. Brown had raised awareness of the excellent work undertaken by the helicopter emergency medical service to save lives. A vote of thanks was proposed by Linda Saunderson.

Three of our members attended the Autumn Council Meeting in Aghavea Church Hall on Thursday 24th October.

We hope that as many members as possible will meet in the Reade Hall on Tuesday 10th December for some festive food, fellowship and Carol Singing.

On Tuesday 21st January we look forward to hearing one of our own members, Vivienne

Ferguson, recall a history of Devenish and Boho Mothers' Union over the last three decades. Anyone who wishes to attend will be very welcome.

Devenish Bowling Club Pairs Annual Tournament

Devenish Bowling Club once again ran their very successful Pairs competition in the third week of October with 94 pairs taking part over four qualifying nights to bring back eight pairs to the Final night. During the first round of games on the final night, R McDonald/N Alexander beat S Short/W McClean 9 – 1, D Morrow/I Jordan from Newtownbutler lost 8 – 1 to M Rutledge/N Rutledge from Sixmilecross, J Hand/S McSorley won their game 9 – 5 against Gladys and Billy Browne from Florencecourt and the brothers Ally and Davy Graham beat a pair from Devenish bowling club Kyle Moffitt and Hannah Ferguson 10 – 6. The semi final saw Marcus and Norman Rutledge playing Rachael McDonald and Nixon Alexander from Donegal Zone and winning this game 8 – 2 and in the other semi final Ally and Davy from Wellington won their game with the narrowest of margins 6 – 5 against Jason Hand and Stuart McSorley. The final was a closely contested game with the eventual winners from Tyrone, the Rutledges winning 9 – 6 against the Graham brothers from Western.

At the conclusion of the night, Mr. David Ferguson, Club Chairman, thanked the bowlers for supporting this tournament, the club members for assisting in running the competition and asked Mr. Tommy Cathcart, a lifelong member, to present The Mary Morrison Perpetual Cup to the winners, Marcus and Norman Rutledge.

Donacavey and Barr



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Services in December

Sunday, 1st December 2019 Advent Sunday

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

Sunday, 8th December 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, 15th December 2019 Third Sunday of Advent

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer
Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer
Donacavey: 8.00pm Evening of praise and song: St Eugene's Band, School choir and others.

Sunday, 22nd December 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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



Roger and Leanne following their wedding.

7.30pm Carols by Candlelight Tuesday, 24th December 2019 Christmas Eve

Barr: 8.00pm Family Service

Wednesday, 25th December 2019 Christmas Day

Donacavey 9.00am Christmas Family Communion:

Sunday, 29th December 2019 First Sunday of Christmas

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

January 2020

Sunday, 5th January 2020 The Epiphany

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

Sunday, 12th January 2020 First Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Sunday, 19th January 2020 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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



The Moore family at their baptism.

Sunday, 26th January 2020 Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Christmas Holy Communion on Wednesday 11th at 2.00pm in the hall.

Parish dinner will be held on Saturday 11th in the hall at 7.00pm.

Wedding congratulations

Congratulations to Roger and Leane Armstrong (pictured) on the occasion of their wedding. We wish them God's richest blessings in their new life together.

Baptism

Evie Olivia Grace Moore was baptised on Sunday 17th November in Donacavey. We pray for her that God will work in her life and in the lives of her two sisters. May Johnathan and Lisa be truly blessed as seek to bring their children up in the fear and knowledge of the Lord.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Still waiting

We don't really have to wait for anything, these days. Apps downloaded on a smartphone keep us updated as to precisely when the bus is due and which trains have been cancelled or are running late. They can tell us how long our journey by car will take. Technology enables delivery companies to predict to within 30 minutes when the parcel will arrive. We no longer need to look out expectantly for the arrival of a letter from the person we love, since email is instantaneous. Once, an international phone call had to be booked in advance and the family waited for the appointed time to wish a daughter in Australia a happy birthday down a crackling line. No need to wait for that now. We're told that we can 'take the waiting out of wanting' if we only sign up for a credit card. A properly organised life, using all that the

most modern technology has to offer, needs no waiting. This is just as well since we're all so busy that waiting seems to be a frustrating waste of time. Instant gratification can be ours.

There's another reason why we try to reduce or extinguish the need to wait. We crave certainty and so we desire control over our future lives. This need to exercise control is borne of fear and anxiety about the unknown. We want to do things that will bring about our desired ends at a time and in a manner of our own choosing.

We are about to enter a mysterious, poignant, wonderful time of waiting in the season of Advent. A dark time of the year with short days and little sunlight. We wait, in the darkness, for the day when we celebrate the birth of Christ in that holy night, when the Word became flesh. Advent is a season



The confirmation candidates after the service.



In St. Salvator's Church were The Sunday School children learning about the Climate Justice Candle.

of penance as we prepare to welcome the baby who was to become the Saviour of the world.

We can be sure that 25th of December will arrive. But Advent is also a time for remembering that we are awaiting the Second Coming of Christ: that is open-ended waiting. In this waiting, we must have faith that Christ has died, Christ is risen and Christ will come again. We must give up control and trust in God's perspective of time.

In holding that trust, we might take the opportunity in this season of Advent to trust also that God's perspective includes plans for us. We can have no control over this process but must let our infinitely patient God define our lives according to His unending and unconditional love of us as individuals. Henri Nouwen said that "we wait, actively present to the moment, trusting that new things will happen to us, new things that are far beyond our own imagination, fantasy or prediction. That, indeed, is a very radical stance toward life in a world pre-occupied with control". It is not easy to let go; there is a fear that, if we do, we might drown, or get lost, or fall off a cliff. In this season of Advent, in the darkness, we might pray for faith that we are held in God's hands and that we may trust the unknown enough to enter it. In the words of Minnie Haskins' poem, to go out into the darkness, and put our hands into the Hand of God, which shall be better than light and safer than a known way.

To all diocesan magazine readers, from all at Donagh Parish and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh: may the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, the worship of the wisemen, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmastide and in 2020.

Services in December

Sunday, 1st December 2019 – The First Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, 8th December 2019 – The Second Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, 15th December 2019 – The Third Sunday of Advent

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Sunday, 22nd December 2019 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

4pm Community Carol Service at the Christmas Tree in Glaslough Village Square.

Monday 24th December 2019 – Christmas Eve

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

Tuesday 25th December 2019 – Christmas Day

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

Sunday 29th December 2019 – The First Sunday of Christmas

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

Services in January 2020

Sunday 5th January 2020 - The Second Sunday of Christmas

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

Sunday 12th January 2020 - The First Sunday After the Epiphany

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

Sunday 19th January 2020 - The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

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

Sunday 26th January 2020 - The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

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

Remembrance Sunday

Acts of Remembrance were held in both Donagh Parish and Errigal Truagh. In Donagh a large congregation gathered as Revd. Lorraine led the service giving thanks for all those who had across the ages been examples of courage and stood up to fight against injustices. Revd. Lorraine assisted by

The direct Descendants of the Roberts family who attended the Remembrance service in Errigal Truagh; Michael Roberts with Helen and Linda Irwin with Revd.Lorraine.



Revd Lorraine assisted by Mrs Marina Walter lays the wreath at St. Salvator's War Memorial, Glaslough.





At St. Salvator's Church were Mrs Joy Coulter, Revd. Lorraine Capper and Mrs Marina Waller with the Climate Justice candle at St. Salvator's Harvest.



In St. Salvator's Church were Rhys and his father, Wesley who travelled to the Harvest at on their tractor. Also in the picture Mrs Diane Kendrick and Revd. Lorraine.

Mrs Marina Waller laid the wreath at the War Memorial outside St. Salvator's Church. At the service in Errigal Truagh we were delighted and honoured to welcome three direct members of the Roberts family; Michael Roberts, Helen and Linda Irwin. All seven Roberts brothers of Drumbirn in the parish of Errigal Truagh, Emyvale had served in the First World War. Three brothers survived. It was a very poignant service as Michael read out the family names of his great-uncles who had been killed. Helen Irwin read Psalm 46. Mrs. Ethne McCord (a descendant of James McMurrin who also died of his wounds in 1917 aged 21) played the organ for the service.

Winter's Tale

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December at 8pm in St. Salvator's Parish Church, Glaslough. Followed by refreshments at Castle Leslie. Admission is by ticket only. This event has been totally sold out. We are looking forward to two evenings of music and verse reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas. Mrs. Ethne McCord, Musical Director of both the Donagh Community Choir and the Donagh Junior Choir has been working very hard with both choirs in preparation for the evening. Gerard Toal will be our pianist. Revd. Lorraine Capper will comper the evening as well as singing with the Donagh Community Choir. The evening finishes with a lovely candlelit

journey as we are piped to the beautiful Castle Leslie (transport is provided). On arrival at the castle tea, coffee and mulled wine will be served with mince pies and shortbread.

Shoe Box Appeal

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

Mothers' Union

Visitor's Night was held in the Parish Hall in Donagh. Music was played by Mrs. Lynne McBride and the Scripture reading was read by Revd. Lorraine Capper who also opened the meeting and welcomed Canon Paul Thompson who gave a very interesting talk: "Ministry in the Prisons in England". The ladies provided a delicious supper. Mrs. Diane Wright-Kendrick gave the vote of thanks to Canon Paul. In late November the Mothers' Union enjoyed a great night hearing about our Shoe Box Appeal. The next Mothers' Union meeting will

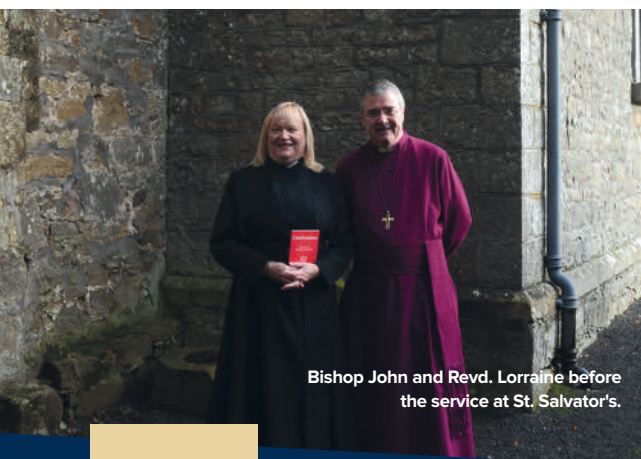


The Children's sermon preached by Revd. Lorraine on the Parable of the Sower.

take place in Donagh Parish Hall at 8pm on Wednesday 15th January 2020. Freda Fleming will come and share reflections on her recent trip to India.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Marina Waller, our Parish Reader, who received her Level 7 in Special Needs.



Bishop John and Revd. Lorraine before the service at St. Salvator's.



Congratulations to Hallie singing her first solo, "Cross Over the Road" at St. Salvator's Family Service.



The Bishop leads his sermon.

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Services

1st December

9.00am HC 2, "Keep Watch" (Matthew 24:36-44)

11.00am MP 2, "Awake, awake" (Isaiah 52:1-12)

7.30pm Advent Carol Service

8th December

11.00am S o W, "Endurance, Encouragement & Hope" (Romans 15:4-13)

15th December

11.00am Nativity Carol Service (speaker: Sarah Emerson, E3 Schools' Worker, SUNI)

22nd December

11.00am Family Service, "Jesus Christ, Immanuel" (Matthew 1:18-25)

7.30pm Carol Service

24th December

11.15pm HC 2, "Praise be to the Lord...He has come...", (Luke 1:67-79)

25th December

10.30am HC 2, "Good News of Great Joy", (Luke 2:8-20)

29th December

11.00am Family Service, "The Praise of all his faithful servants" (Psalm 148)

S o W – Service of the Word

HC 2 – Holy Communion, Form 2

MP 2 – Morning Prayer, Form 2

The Gift of Us

Marjorie Tallcott was married and had one child during the Great Depression. The family managed to scrape their way through, but as Christmas approached one year Marjorie and her husband were disappointed that they would not be able to buy any presents. A week before Christmas



The Church Lads Brigade and GFS at a joint activity.

they explained to their six year old son, Pete, that there would be no store-bought presents this Christmas. "But I'll tell you what we can do," said Pete's father, "we can make pictures of the presents we'd like to give to each other."

That was a busy week. Marjorie and her husband set to work. Christmas Day arrived and the family rose to find their skimpy little tree made magnificent by the picture presents they had adorned it with. There was luxury beyond imagination in those pictures- a black limousine and red speedboat for Dad, a diamond bracelet and fur coat for mum, a camping tent and a swimming pool for Pete.

Then Pete pulled out his present, a crayon drawing of a man, a woman and a child with their arms around each other laughing. Under the picture was just one word: "US". Years later Marjorie writes that it was the richest, most satisfying Christmas they ever had.

It took a present-less Christmas to remind Marjorie and her family that the greatest gift we can ever offer is ourselves, our presence. This too is the great gift that Christ offers us, not only at Christmas but throughout the year – himself.

(Source: Reported in Illustrations Unlimited)

Church Lads Brigade and Girls Friendly Society

Combining Church Lads Brigade and Girls Friendly Society, so they could meet on the same night and do some activities together, as well as some in their individual groups has led to a real increase in those attending each Monday. We currently have 27 children coming along and have had good feedback from the children and parents. On 11th November, Miss Victoria Jackson, the Church Lad's and Church Girls' Brigade Development Officer came along

to do some fun activities with the children. She was accompanied by the Regimental Commander, Mr Melvyn Lockhart. Mrs Alison Jackson, the All-Ireland President of GFS and a parishioner of Dromore Parish was also there. It was a great night and a real treat after a busy weekend, with the GFS and CLB taking part in the Remembrance Service.

Cake Sale and Coffee Morning

There will be a cake sale and coffee morning at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Dromore on Saturday 7th December, 10am – 4pm. This is in aid of the Air Ambulance. Every welcome!

An Evening of Christmas Praise

Dromore Primary School are hosting 'An Evening of Christmas Praise' on Saturday 7th December at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church. We are privileged to have some amazing Gospel Artists taking part, namely Lorraine Vance, Alex Robb and The Morrisons. Dromore Primary School Choirs will also be taking part. Admission £10 (Children under 11 free!) and all proceeds will be in aid of Dromore Primary School. All welcome!

Keeping up to date

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

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

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

**Happy Christmas to all our Parishioners
and Friends**



Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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**Non-Stipendiary
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I am writing the bulk of these words on 11 November which is always a significant date. We marked Remembrance Sunday as is our practice and we thought about the reality of war.

This year I thought about some of the boys who lied about their age to sign up and wondered what would happen today if we found ourselves faced with a similar situation. I hope that we never have to find out the answer to that question, but I believe that it is vitally important that we continue to mark this date every year. A thought came to mind at one of the services. We read a list of names every year but how much do we know about the stories behind the names. I intend to find out more about those who we remember every year and share that with you next year. If anyone has any details about any of the individuals that we remember please let me know.

The 35th Annual Variety Concert was held on Thursday 14 November in Templecarne. The Guest Artist on the night was Boxcar Brian and the compere for the evening was Kenny Archer. They were joined by many local musicians who give their time and their talents year by year which is very much appreciated.

I know that I speak for everyone when I say that it was a great evening and that the large crowd in attendance enjoyed the fun and entertainment very much. On behalf of Templecarne Parish I would like

to thank all those who helped organise this event, those who helped set the hall up and those who helped to tidy up afterwards. A special word of thanks to David and Hilda Johnston for their work in organising this event and for selling the tickets. This concert is a great help to the parish finances every year. Our thanks also go to the Methodist congregation for giving us the use of their wonderful hall.

The Ladies Group Women Together met again in November when they started to get ready for Christmas by making some Christmas decorations for the home. This followed on from the meetings held in September and October.

It is good to see the ladies of the group getting together and I hope that this continues in the months that lie ahead. The next meeting will be in January when it is intended for the ladies to go out for a meal and enjoy some conversation and fellowship.

It is hard to believe that another year has passed and that a new year in the life of the church is beginning. As we think about the year just past, we will of course realise that we could have done better but that should not cause us to despair as we worship a God who is willing to give us a second, third, fourth chance. In fact, God is always willing to forgive us and take us back no matter what we have done.

I hope that we can use the Season of Advent in a penitential way as we reflect in our lives and our walk with our Lord and Saviour.

Of course, we are looking forward to Christmas and spending time with family and friends as well as enjoying Carol Services, the Sunday School service and all the other things that we enjoy at this time of year.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with enjoying Christmas in this way but as Christians we always need to remember that there is a deeper meaning to this time of year.

As we remember the first coming of Jesus we look forward to the day when he returns and when all things will be made new as the new heaven and the new earth come to pass.

As is always the case we need to get the balance right between celebrating the

Christmas and preparing ourselves for Christ's return.

As we do this, we should of course realise that we will never achieve righteousness through our own efforts. As such we should thank God at this time of year and throughout the year for his great love for each one of us that meant that he sent his Son to take our place and pay the price for each one of our sins.

I would like end by wishing everyone a very happy Christmas.

I hope that you do spend time with your family and friends and I also hope that you that you also spend time appreciating everything that God has given you.

Happy Christmas.

December 2019

Sunday 1 December

Morning Prayer 10.00am Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30am Tubrid

Sunday 1 December

Dermasesk Carol Service 7pm with soloist
Catherine Reid

Sunday 8 December

Holy Communion 10.00am Muckross, Holy
Communion 11.30am Tubrid

Sunday 15 December

Carol Service 10.00am Templecarne,
Sunday School Service 11.30am Tubrid

Sunday 22 December

Carol Service with baptism 10.00am –
Muckross, Carol Service 11.30am – Tubrid

Christmas Eve

Holy Communion Tubrid 11.00pm

Christmas Day

Holy Communion Muckross 10.00am

Sunday 29 December

Holy Communion 10.00am Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30am Tubrid

January 2020

Sunday 5 January

Morning Prayer 10.00am Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30am Tubrid

Sunday 12 January

Holy Communion 10.00am Muckross, Holy
Communion 11.30am Tubrid

Sunday 19 January

Holy Communion 10.00am Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30am Tubrid

Sunday 26 January

Morning Prayer 10.00am Muckross, Holy
Communion 11.30am Tubrid.

Boxcar Brian and Paul Kelly.



Declan Colton.



The full house who enjoyed the show,



Vincie and Ann.



Kenny Archer and Vincie who recently celebrated his 70th birthday.



Kenny Archer.



Gordon Fitzpatrick.



Allsorts Choir.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

Pastoral Cover:
Mr Walter Pringle, assisted by Canon Charles McCollum.

Archdeacon Brian Harper or Canon Ian Berry are in charge.

Dartrey and Rockcorry Death

It was with great sadness that we learned of the unexpected death of Joy Irwin (nee Wilkin). Joy, true to her name, brought joy with her wherever she went. She will be greatly missed and mourned by all her relatives, particularly by her sisters - in- law, Daisy Wilkin and Stella Little, her many nieces and nephews and their families.

We thank God for every remembrance of her. Deepest Sympathy to the Jackson family on the death of Pamela's father John Roundtree.

Mothers' Union

Rockcorry Church was the venue for the opening service of the Mothers' Union. The service was conducted by Mr Walter Pringle and the special guest was our Diocesan President, Mrs Irene Boyd. The usual lovely refreshments were served afterwards.

Remembrance Sunday Parade Service

On a bright crisp November day, the annual Remembrance Sunday Parade Service organised by Monaghan Browning Club took place in Dartrey Parish Church on Sunday 10th November 2019. Thanks are extended to Killafargue Pipe Band for leading the parade to and from the church, to Sharon Lancashire for laying the wreath, Leslie Soden for the playing of the Piper's Lament "Flowers of the Forest", Audrey Doogan for playing the organ and to Agnes Phair for her floral displays in the church. Special word of thanks to Diocesan Lay Reader Mr Kenneth Rutledge for taking the service and delivering a challenging address. The collection amounted to €406.

Children's Christmas Tree Party

This will be held in Rockcorry School

on Saturday, 14th December at 7pm.

The children are looking forward to the appearance of a very special Christmas visitor.

Ematris Carol Service

This will be held in Dartry Church on Sunday, 15th December at 3 pm. We look forward to the participation of the school children. Refreshments will follow.

Christmas Services

December 22nd - Holy Communion in Dartrey at 11am

Christmas Eve 24th December - Holy Communion in Rockcorry at 10pm

Christmas Day - Holy Communion in Aghabog at 10am.

Personal

We remember in our prayers all who are unwell either at home or in hospital and all who care for them.

Thanks

As we approach the end of another year we are mindful of all who help out in the smooth running of the parish in many voluntary capacities during the year. We really are indebted to them and extend to them our deepest thanks for all that they do.

Best Wishes

We wish our parishioners and readers all the blessings of the Christmas season and good

health and happiness in the year ahead.

Aghabog

The annual Carol service will be held in Aghabog Parish Church on Sunday 22nd December at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

Aughnamullen

Fundraising event

A pop - up shop will be held in Main Street Ballybay on 6th and 7th December 11-5pm.



Carol Service

The Annual Carol service will be held on Sunday 8th December at 3pm.

We remember at this time of year those in residential care and those who have been unwell.

Drum

Mothers' Union

Our opening service took place on 17 October 2019 in Rockcorry Church. We were delighted to see some of our members back who had previously been ill/in hospital.

Our thanks to Mr Walter Pringle for taking the service, to the guest speaker Mrs Irene Boyd, Diocesan President, who gave a very interesting talk on the work of the Mothers' Union and also to Ms Audrey Doogan for providing the music. After the service, supper was served. Thanks to Rockcorry Church for hosting the service. We would like to offer our sincere sympathies to the family of Mrs Sadie Hall who was a life-long member of Currin Mothers' Union and attended meetings as long as her health permitted. We would also like to offer our sincere sympathies to the Wilkin family on the sudden passing of Mrs Joy Irwin.

Carol Service

This takes place on Friday 6th December at 8pm with the guest choir, Cantari Donagh.

Festive supper served and everybody is most welcome to come and start off the Christmas season.

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Services in December

Sunday 1st December: Advent 1

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

Thursday 5th December

11.00am - Holy Communion

Friday 6th December

7.30pm - SANDS NI Carol Service

Sunday 8th December: Advent 2

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am - Nativity Service
7.00pm - Caritas Choir

Thursday 12th December

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 15th December: Advent 3

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

Wednesday 18th December

Carol Service - Enniskillen Royal Grammar School
(Contact the School for Tickets)

Thursday 19th December

11.00am - Holy Communion
4.00pm - Messy Church

Sunday 22nd December: Advent 4

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am - Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December: Christmas Eve

11.00pm - Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th December: Christmas Day

9.00am - Holy Communion
10.30am - Holy Communion (Family Service)

Sunday 29th December: Christmas 1

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am - Morning Prayer

Services in January

Sunday 5th January: Christmas 2

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

Thursday 9th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 12th January: Epiphany 1

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

Thursday 16th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 19th January: Epiphany 2

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

Thursday 23rd January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 26th January: Epiphany 3

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

7.00pm - Holy Communion

Thursday 30th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

1.05pm – Healing Service

Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

28th October – Everleigh Alex Maguire

2nd November – Pippa Amelia Clifford

Christian Burial

25th October - Richard Herbert (Bertie)

Elliott, 21 Breandrum Park, Enniskillen.

28th October – George David Jeffrey

Lindsay, 2 Corban Avenue, Enniskillen.

9th November - Wilfred Harold (Wilfie)

Mahood, Lettan, Tempo.

Burial of Ashes in Cathedral Garden of Remembrance

3rd November – Ivan Leslie McCutcheon, 19 Hillview Park, Enniskillen.

The Season of Advent

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

Nativity Play

The Sunday School will have their Nativity Play on Sunday 8th December at 11.00am. At this service we ask children (and parents) to bring a new, wrapped Christmas present for the Church of Ireland Board of Social Responsibility. These are given to children less fortunate than our own. Please indicate on the present who it is suitable for – age group and sex. Thank you.

Christmas Services

Three Holy Communion Services will be held. The Celebrant at our Christmas Eve Service (11.00pm) will be our Bishop, the Right Revd John McDowell. Two services will be held on Christmas Day at 9.00am and at 10.30am. Children are asked to bring a toy that Santa brought to the 10.30am service which may be a little bit noisier! (Adults can do this too).

Prayer Book

Do you have a Prayer book in your home? If not you should have!

We are a Prayer Book church and the Prayer Book should not just be on those shelves at the back of the church for use on Sunday, but there should be a copy of

a Prayer Book in every home. Everything in it is Biblically based and it is a vital tool to everyday living, for daily prayer, and for nourishment and for enriching our daily walk with God. As you leaf through the Prayer Book you will find services and prayers for daily use, and for every situation and worry in life. It is a marvellous resource so use it. Copies are available from the Cathedral Office for £20 and would make an ideal Christmas gift!

Messy Church at The Cathedral

A mess was made in the Cathedral hall once again when Messy Church returned on Thursday 17th October. We were joined by friends old and new for an afternoon filled with glitter, glue, food and fun and jam-packed with bible stories, songs and worship!

The first session of the year saw children getting to know each other as well as getting to know Jesus. Our crafts focused on the different miracles that Jesus performed throughout his life including raising the dead, feeding the 5000 and healing the sick. We even got to see one of our leaders turn water into wine before we had a feast of hot dogs and fruit provided by the ladies of the Mothers' Union.

Messy Church is open to children of primary school age and of all denominations. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The rule is: no child without an adult and no adult without a child.

Join us for our next Messy Christmas Party on Thursday 19th December from 4.00-6.00pm.

Xplore

October's Xplore saw our youth enjoy a spooky scavenger hunt around Enniskillen with hot chocolate in hand! Beginning at the Cathedral Hall, the group visited some creepy spots around the town under the cover of darkness to find the clues and win some prizes. We ventured past the Buttermarket, walked up toward Cole's Monument, toured the outskirts of the castle and explored the Cathedral grounds while sharing some scary tales along the way. The evening finished with chocolate apples, face painting and spooky movies back at the hall. It was a great way to start our half term break!

Xplore is open to all young people who are of confirmation age or above. We meet



Children and Youth at Enniskillen



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once a month in the Upper Room of the Cathedral hall for food, fun and fellowship. Our next meeting is Monday 16th December from 7.30 – 9.00pm. Come join us for some festive fun... and bring a friend! If you are interested in helping out with any of our Youth or Children's Programmes, you can get in touch through our Social Media pages. Alternatively, you can call into the Cathedral Hall to ask how you can get involved!

Find us on Facebook or Instagram to keep up to date with the Youth and Children's Work going on at the Cathedral!

Confirmation

This year's confirmation candidates are beginning preparation for their big step forward in their Christian journey in 2020. There will be a special all-age service on 24th November, meeting as a class for the first time on Monday 25th, and then again before Christmas on: Monday 2nd December and Monday 9th December from 6.30 – 7.30 pm in the Upper Room, Cathedral Hall. If you are in Year 9 or above it is not too late to register for Confirmation on Sunday 15th March – just get a form from the Cathedral Office or speak to the Dean. In the New Year, classes start back on Monday 13th January.

Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed and would like to be, please contact the clergy or the Parish Office.

Home Holy Communions for Christmas

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

The Shoebox Appeal

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

Mothers' Union

The Dean opened the meeting in the Hilliard Room on Monday 11th November with a reading and prayer. Branch Leader Stephanie gave a warm welcome to our guest speaker Revd. Olivia Downey rector of the Clogher group of parishes

and former curate of the Cathedral. Revd Olie as we know her gave an inspirational presentation on her long and sometimes difficult journey from 'The Ward to the Pulpit.' She grew up in the parish of Aghadrumsee, the youngest of four children, school wasn't the happiest of times but she studied and became a senior cardiac nurse in the south of England. Whilst these were very happy times the calling to the Ministry was very much in her thoughts but she kept thinking it wasn't possible but from one of her many and often humorous quotes: 'God doesn't call the qualified but qualifies the called'. Olie decided to apply and to her surprise she was accepted to study in Dublin. So the journey commenced, she quotes "I left a good job for a great job." We all enjoyed her story and wish her good health and happiness in her future ministry. Stephanie then brought the meeting to a close with the Mothers' Union prayer. Some members attended the Autumn Council meeting which was held in Aghavea Parish Hall on Thursday 24th October at 7.30 pm. It would be appreciated if all outstanding dues could be paid to the Treasurer, Jenifer Johnston before Christmas. Our next meeting on 3rd December is a night at the Ardhowen Theatre to see The Addams Family. Wishing all our members a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.. The New Year meeting is a Service of Holy Communion celebrated by the Dean on Monday 13th January at 8.00 pm.

Tuesday Club

The Dean opened the October meeting with a reading from Psalm 27 and prayers. Eleanor asked that Joan Elliott, who has been bereaved and Chris Wilson who is convalescing be remembered in our prayers. By request Jack Spratt and Norma Ferguson returned with Bocce. Bocce is a game that tests both health and fitness. Before starting the game Norma, while demonstrating gentle armchair exercises, encouraged members to join in. The players then divided into two competing teams. The aim of the games is for each player to roll a ball to land close to the target white ball. Play commenced and the game was enjoyed by all. Tea was then served bringing a competitive afternoon to a close. The next meeting is on 26th November at 2.00pm in the Enniskeen Room, when there will be a General Knowledge Quiz. The 60+ Christmas Party is on Tuesday 10th December at 7.00pm in the Main Hall. All members are invited for Christmas dinner after which you will be entertained by our Choir. This is another chance to hear our very talented choir, who can do much more than sing! Please

telephone the office to book.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020

There will be a service in Enniskillen Presbyterian Church at 8.00pm on Thursday 23rd January 2020. On 10th February many Christians in Malta celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul, marking and giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith on these islands. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles used for the feast is the text chosen for this year's Week of Prayer. Hospitality is a much-needed virtue in our search for Christian unity. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together. Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith. In such tempestuous journeys and chance encounters, God's will for his Church and all people comes to fulfilment. As Paul will proclaim in Rome, this salvation of God has been sent to all peoples (see Acts 28:28). All are welcome to this service

Family Service

The Family Service is an opportunity for the whole family to worship together as our young people remain in church for all of the service. A cup of tea/coffee is provided after this service in the side chapel. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others. Many parishioners in the Cathedral do not know each other so why not take the opportunity to stay behind for a short period (10/15 minutes) and speak to others? The Family Service usually ends within the hour! The January Family Service will be held on Sunday 26th at 11.00am.

Cathedral Website

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

Season Greetings

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

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Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
Psalms 30:5

Some weeks are encouraging. This was one of them. It started with a small book, sitting on a breakfast bench in a coffee shop. I had brought it to read. I was finding it hard going, but wanted to persevere. But the daily newspaper had my attention, until an older lady stopped by my elbow, excused herself for interrupting, and asked if by any chance that might be the book her friend had lost last week. I was delighted to be asked, and although it was my copy, chosen and paid for by me, I had never before met anyone who had read it. It opened up a great conversation with the lady and her friend, who had arrived to enquire. We talked about prayer, about the stillness of the inner heart, and what it means to adore God. And then they were gone, in a moment. But as she left, the lady bade God's blessing on my work. An unexpected moment, brought about by a small cream coloured book, sitting, as yet unfinished, on a bench. I was delighted to meet two sisters in Christ, and to see something of Him, in them. Later that week I saw another fellow

traveller in Christ reach out with great grace. I noticed it because they were doing something which looked like Him. I saw their freedom in Christ, and learned something from their peace in Him. And on another day, in a structured conversation, I was able to recount the many, many things going on here in the life of this parish and its ministry and witness, that look like growth in grace.

The gift a lady is making to the parish of the most beautiful illustrations, with a scripture verse written in calligraphy. They will be printed as notecards and sold to add to the building fund for the work planned at Kiltermon Church. Gifted by her with great grace.

Or, the men planning to raise monies to buy 500 bags of potatoes, to give out to the homes in the village, along with a Gospel tract and invitation to the Church's celebrations this Christmas. Plans coming from hearts motivated by grace.

Or, the Mums and Tots group planning to open a Free Shop, to give away donated items of baby clothes, and children's toys and equipment. One of a number of free shops hosted over many years, motivated by the words of Jesus, that 'whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me.' Or, the Sunday School teachers planning to bear witness to the birth of Jesus, by setting up a Nativity display in an empty shop window this Christmas. Born out of hearts wanting to say something about Him, to those who might pass by.

I could mention the planning by the Senior Adults organisers for the meal served during the year to parish and friends, or the increasing goodwill and effort in the parish to work together in our own ministries, as one household. I have written before of the many individuals and groups who have supported or gone to help with the church's mission in other places. And perhaps also the often unseen work of administration and accounting, printing and delivering. There are weeks when ministry here is difficult and demanding. But this wasn't one of them. It was a week of grace. A week when I have thankfully had the eyes to see. It was perhaps, as someone suggested, a week with Emmaus moments. A week of grace.

The book, by the way, if you would like to know, is the third in the series on prayer by Martin Laird. The series being, Into The Silent Land, A Sunlit Absence, and An Ocean Of Light. God bless.

This Advent, in our outreach, we plan to

focus on the words of John Wesley Who said, 'Do all the good you can.

By all the means you can.

In all the ways you can.

In all the places you can.

At all the times you can.

To all the people you can.

As long as ever you can.'

Advent Reading 2019

A Journey Through Matthew, by Tom Wright - Reduced price of £8

Join Tom Wright on a journey into the heart of Matthew, as he explores the Gospel themes of watching, repenting, healing and loving. Within each of these themes, Wright offers daily readings and meditations for a week, beginning with the Sunday reading in the Revised Common Lectionary, and ending with stimulating questions for personal reflection or group discussion.

Distilled from selected passages in his popular For Everyone commentaries, these sparkling reflections take you on a spiritual journey, guiding you towards the wonder and joy of Christmas

Unearthly Beauty by Magdalen Smith. Reduced price of £8

This warm-hearted book is for those of us who enter Advent longing for spiritual sustenance to balance the worldliness of the Christmas season. Jesus' arrival in poverty and vulnerability provoked feelings of unease as well as expectation and hope . . . How will we keep the faith as Christians called to live distinctively in an age of anxiety?

Magdalen Smith believes we can be inspired by people from the past. In these wide-ranging devotions, full of contemporary stories and enjoyable cultural allusions, she introduces 24 characters who manifest a mysterious dynamic . . . and enable us to glimpse holiness in a new way. 'With heartfelt honesty, clarity and humanity, Magdalen Smith challenges the Church to see the journey ahead with new eyes. This book is a timely prophetic call to be refreshed by our inheritance in ways that renew integrity and hope.'

The Church, by John Stott. Reduced price of £3.50

The church lies at the centre of God's

purpose. Christ gave himself 'to purify for himself a people that are his own'. But when we think about church, there's the tension between the ideal and the reality. The former is beautiful: God's special treasure, the covenant community, a haven of love and peace.

The latter? Those needing constant rebuke and exhortation.

Here we focus on the ideal, on what God intends his church to be, while all the time keeping in view the reality, so that we can grasp the changes that need to be made.

Book orders through the parish office ASAP.

Journey to Bethlehem

The Sunday School Project 'A Journey To Bethlehem' begins on 1 December.

Sunday school families and local primary schools are invited to take part in hosting the knitted figures of Mary and Joseph as they journey during Advent, on their way to Bethlehem.

Would you like to take part?

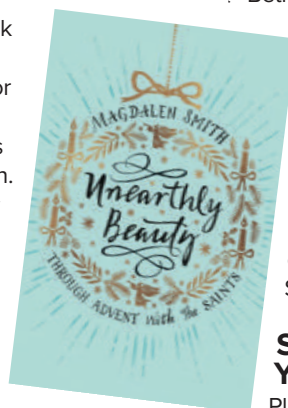
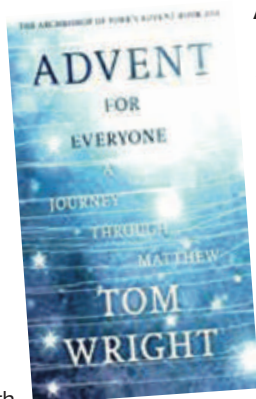
Put your name on the sign-up sheet, and a family will deliver the figures to you for one evening.

Say the reading and set prayers together as a family and send them on their way the next day. Hopefully the project will encourage prayer, and a getting to know other families from the Sunday School.

Shared Evenings This New Year

Plan to join us if you are free, on three Sunday evenings this January.

We join with our brothers and sisters from the Methodist Circuit and Cavanaugh and Aughantaine Presbyterian Churches, for



evening of teaching, worship and prayer. I hope to teach through the epistle of St James.

They take place at 7pm each evening on Sundays 12, 19 and 26 January.

NB 12th and 26th January will be in St John's Church and 19th January in Cavanaleck Presbyterian Church. All welcome.

Mothers' Union

The November meeting attended by 27 members was held in St. John's Hall. Branch Leader, Elvina Funston welcomed members. Following the opening hymn, Revd. Precentor Hanlon led the prayers and chaired the Annual General Meeting. The new Branch Leader for the 2020 year, appointed by Revd. Precentor Hanlon is Mrs. Hilary Kenny. The new committee was then elected: Mamie Alexander, Emily Kells, Margaret Bothwell, Elvina Funston, Heather Kirkpatrick, Claire Nelson, Arlene Wright,

Sheila Burke, Cora Morrow, Beatrice Funston, Jennifer Bennett, Evelyn Irwin. A meeting for the new committee was arranged for Wednesday 4th December at 8pm in St. John's Rectory.

A gift was presented to Revd. Precentor Hanlon for all his support over the years. Following supper, 34 grocery hampers and five toiletry giftbags were packed for senior members of our Church and those in nursing homes.

A Prayer Vigil was held in Garvary Church on Tuesday 26th November at 8pm on the theme; "Ardstraw against Human Trafficking." Woman's Aid is again being supported at this Service and our Branch has donated £40 for their benefit.

A Worldwide Prayer Breakfast is being held on Saturday 22nd February 2020 in St. John's Hall. Mothers' Union All-Ireland President Mrs. June Butler will speak at this Breakfast about her recent visit to Rwanda. Branch Leader, Elvina extended thanks to all who had contributed to and helped

at our Annual cake sale on Saturday 2nd November. The total amount raised was £600. It was agreed that this amount be divided between Worldwide Relief Fund and our own funds.

Final arrangements were made for our 90th Anniversary Service on Sunday 24th November at 11am. The Bishop was the preacher at this Service and he also dedicated a Baptismal Frame where baptisms will be recorded. This was a gift from The Mothers' Union to mark their Anniversary.

The 90th Anniversary Meal was held in Clogher Valley Golf Club on Wednesday 7th November at 7pm.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11th Dec at 7pm to go Carol Singing in the homes of our senior members and we plan to visit the nursing homes on Monday 9th December also for Carol Singing.

The meeting closed with members joining in The Grace.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully

Vacant

In Charge: Archdeacon Brian Harper or Chancellor Ian Berry

Pastoral Care: Dean Raymond Ferguson and Mr Roy Crowe (DPA)

Service Times

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

Sunday School Times

Drummully: 9.00-10.00am in Drummully Church
Sallaghy: 10.30-11.30am in Sallaghy Church Hall
Galloon: 12.00-1.00pm in Galloon Sunday School Rooms

Monthly Cycle of Services

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



Roy Crowe, Ian Graham and Dean Raymond Ferguson at the Remembrance Sunday Service.

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).

Remembrance Sunday

The annual Group Remembrance Service was held in the Galloon Parish Church on Sunday 10th November. We were pleased to have our Methodist and Presbyterian neighbours present in the congregation along with representatives of the PSNI,

the UDR Old Comrades Association and the uniformed youth organisations; Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and Beavers. The service was led by Dean Raymond Ferguson and Mr Roy Crowe led the prayers. The Group Choir sang two pieces, "Holy God, we praise thy name" and "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might". The Act of Remembrance was led by Mr Ian Graham from the Methodist Church. Acts of Remembrance were also held in Sallaghy and Drummully on the Sunday prior to Remembrance Sunday.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the two Mothers' Unions will be in Sallaghy Parish Church Hall on 12th December at 8.00pm when members from the Galloon and Drummully Branch will join the members of the Sallaghy Branch for a Christmas Party Night.

Carol Services

Galloon – Sunday 15th December at 12 noon

Sallaghy – Sunday 22nd December at 10.30am

Drummully - Sunday 22nd December at 3.00pm

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve – Holy Communion Group Service in Galloon at 10.00pm

Christmas Day - Holy Communion Group Service in Sallaghy at 10.30am

Galloon

Dance

A dance will be held in the Church Hall on 31st January 2020. Music by Livingstone Country Band with dancing from 10.00pm to 1.00am. Tickets £5.00 including supper.

Service of Music

On Sunday 27th October, we welcomed Dr Joe McGee as our guest organist. We were treated to a wonderful afternoon of hymn singing and recitals which really showed the LEWIS organ in its full glory. Dean Ferguson led the service, assisted by Roy Crowe. A harvest poem was beautifully read by Emma Rickey. Sincere thanks to all those who came along and to everyone who helped make the afternoon a great success.

Holy Matrimony

The marriage service of Shirley Ann Ebbitt and Steven Henry Thompson took place in Galloon on 25th October 2019 we wish the new Mr and Mrs Thompson every blessing for their married life together.

Sallaghy

Mothers' Union

At the November meeting Elizabeth Johnston demonstrated making chocolate coated nutty crackers. Heather Kettle demonstrated her bran muffins and showed us how to present them. Some were finished with cream and raspberry while the savoury ones were done with cheese and pickle, philadelphia, cucumber and salmon, chicken and cranberry. She then demonstrated mini chocolate muffins and decorated them for Christmas. Members had a wonderful night of fun and fellowship followed by supper. Grateful thanks to all. The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be on the 12th December at 8.00pm which will be the Christmas party night when they will be joined by members from Galloon and Drummully.

Drummully

Harvest

The Harvest Thanksgiving was celebrated on Sunday 20th October with a service conducted by Mr Roy Crowe. Chancellor Ian Berry, Rector of Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore was the speaker. Thanks to everyone who helped to decorate the church so beautifully, catered and came to celebrate the harvest home. Thanks to all who have given generously

not only of their time and talents but also in their offerings.

1800's Celebration Night

We had a very successful 1800's history night in Drummully Parish Hall on Saturday 16th November to celebrate 175 years of worship. Our guest speakers were very interesting and we are very grateful to both George Knight and Seamus McCaffrey who enlightened us all with their knowledge. A special thanks must go to George Moore who put in a huge effort to putting it all together. This was a marvellous cross-community event with great support all round. We wish to express our appreciation to all who attended and to everyone who helped out in any way.



Dean Raymond Ferguson, Roy Crowe and Dr. Joe McGee.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Services

Sunday 8th December

Kiltyclogher 10am HC

Belleek 11.30 HC

Sunday 15th December

Slavin, Group Family Service at 11.30am

Sunday 22nd December

Kiltyclogher Group Carol Service at 7pm

Christmas Eve: Tuesday 24th Dec

8pm HC in Belleek

Christmas Day: Wednesday 25th Dec

Group Family service with HC

9.30am. Children to bring a toy

Sunday 29th December

3.30pm EP Christingle Group Service in

Kiltyclogher

Sunday 5th January

Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 12th January

Kiltyclogher 10am HC

Belleek 11.30 HC

Sunday 19th January

Garrison 10am MP

Slavin 11.30am MP

Sunday 26th January

Kiltyclogher 10am MP

Belleek 11.30 MP

Sunday 2nd February

Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Harvest Service

Kiltyclogher Church held their Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 13th October. The Church was decorated with a wonderful array of floral arrangements, fruit and vegetables. The service was led by Canon Ngozi and the visiting preacher was Mr Harry Anderson from Derrygonnelly. The Group Choir accompanied by Mrs. Joy Graham sang two anthems, 'Down to the

river to Pray' and 'I want to be a worker for the Lord'. The special visiting choir "The choir of All Ages sang numerous pieces. Canon Ngozi and Pauline Carson are members of this wonderful choir which is made up from members of both sides of the border and those over 55 and under 15. A delicious supper was served afterwards in the Visitor Centre in Kiltyclogher.

Rectory Fund Table Quiz

A table quiz was held in Melvin View Orange Hall in October to raise funds for the Rectory Maintenance Fund.

Many thanks to all who came and supported it and brought food.

£583 was raised. Well done to the Lakeland Veterinary Team who were first. Special thanks to Kevin and Dot Barlow for organising the quiz and for Amy Kettyles for helping with the scoring.

Mothers' Union

Ms Leslie Ward from PSNI was the guest speaker at our October meeting in Slavin Church. It was a very informative meeting during which Leslie showed us a video and explained about the many various scams that are currently doing the rounds particularly online scams. At the end of the meeting Leslie gave us booklets highlighting the dangers to watch out for. Our next meeting is our annual dinner combined with the choir. It is on Thursday 19th December in the Holiday Centre, Garrison. If you haven't already booked contact Doreen, Pauline or Dot.

Christian Burial

Florence Hamilton (affectionately known to all as Florrie), Leglehid, Garrison passed away in the Graan Nursing Home on Saturday 9 November 2019. A service of thanksgiving for her life took place on Monday 11 November in Garrison Parish church conducted by the Rector, Canon Ngozi. The organist was Mrs Joy Graham. Her good friend, Dot Barlow delivered the eulogy, on behalf of the family and her friends and neighbours. She described Florrie's personality and her thankfulness and contentment for everything she had. The Rector thanked her many neighbours



The group choir singing.

and friends for Florrie's care over the years as well as the hospital and nursing home in later years. In her address Canon Ngozi said that it was always a pleasure to visit Florrie and how much she enjoyed their singing. Burial took place in the adjoining churchyard. Sympathy is extended in particular to Esther, Robert and Ronald and the extended families.

Prayers

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

Remembrance Service

Sunday 10th November was our annual remembrance service in Garrison Parish church at 5pm. The service was conducted by the Rector. The Poppy wreath in memory of the lost in the First World War was laid at the memorial stone of Pte Thomas Carson by Kevin Barlow on behalf of Garrison parishioners. The other wreath in memory of those who lost their lives in Northern Ireland was laid at the plaque in memory of Mr Johnny Fletcher by Mr Richard McClure and Mr Ken Carson. Mrs Dot Barlow read the lesson and Mr Eddie Graham read the psalm. A lament was played by Mr Paul

Barton on the bagpipes. Alan Gault read out the names of those who lost their lives. Mrs Audrey Ovens sang "In the garden" and read a fitting poem entitled "On Poppy Hill". Tea followed the service in the church hall. The Rector thanked involved particularly the Regimental Association for their presence which adds so much to this service each year. John McClure replied on behalf of the Regimental association and conveyed his thanks again to the Rector and to the ladies for providing the lovely supper.

Garrison Church Cookery Book

Joy Graham has compiled a collection of recipes from cookery classes over the years which will be launched in a Cookery Book on Saturday 7th December in the Gillaroo Centre at 7pm. The night will have some special music and an entertaining "Can't Cook, Won't Cook" Bake off, with budding star chefs, Stanley Allingham, Irish Sheep Shearing Record holder and butcher extraordinaire, John Dolan. Admission is free. Cookery books are available to buy at £10 each and a grand raffle will be held. Supper will be served. Thanks to all who helped to organise ed this venture, particularly the ladies on the launch committee. Thanks also to local business for their support in advertising. All Proceeds from the book go to Garrison Church Funds.

December Diary Dates

■ Saturday 7th December: Annual Christmas Sale in the Wark Hall in aid of Belleek Parish Church.



Attending recent services in the Garrison group.

Good Used Clothing, bric-a-brac, and Teas will be served.

Raffle tickets are on Sale; these can be purchased from Vestry Members. 1st Prize- £50 cash, plus other great prizes.

■ Tuesday 17th December: Slavin Christmas Sale. Good used clothing and bric-a-brac. Cakes, Jam, and Chutney.

Sunday School Party

The annual Sunday School Party will be held on Friday 20th December from 7pm- 9pm in the Wark Hall Belleek.

Art Class

Interested in painting/ Water Colours or oils? If sufficient numbers come forward it is hoped to run a painting class in Garrison Church Hall for a number of weeks in February 2020. Let Joy Graham know asap if you are interested please.

Keep up to Date

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org. The web manager is Jenna Earls. Photos and articles etc. for the website to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls at Social Networking: Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.



Taking part in the table quiz.



Harvest decorations.

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Vacant

In Charge: Canon Mark Watson (Rural Dean) or Archdeacon Brian Harper.

Pastoral Care: Canon Mark Watson (Rural Dean), Canon Ngozi Njoku and Miss Isobel Stewart (DPA)

Harvest Services

Once again we had a wonderful time of thanksgiving at our harvest services. Thanks to our special preachers, Mr Roy Crowe on Friday 18th October; Mrs Joy Coulter at the children's harvest on Sunday morning at 11.30am. A special thanks to all the children who took part with thanks to Lucy Muldoon for singing a solo so nicely. Our last harvest service was on Sunday night when it was led by Mrs Ellen Stephenson.

All services were very well attended and a special thanks to all who decorated the church so beautifully. A big thanks to Mrs Gillian Rutherford and the choir.

Sunday school

Following our children's service, Mrs Evelyn Skuce was presented with a gift from the Sunday school. Evelyn was our Sunday School Superintendent for over 18 years and performed this job with dedication. We as a parish thank Evelyn for all she has done.

Wedding

Congratulations to Miss Caroline Skuce and Mr Darren Watters who were married in Dublin on 1st November.

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday, 10th November Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, girls from the GFS and their leaders took part in the service. It was great to see a full church and we would like to thank our preacher, Mr Keith Brown from Cootehill for a very inspiring service.

Christmas services

The Children's Carol Service will take place on Sunday 15th December at 11.30am with the preacher being Revd Eric McGirr. The main Carol Service will be held on Sunday 22nd December at 7.30pm. Christmas Eve Holy Communion will be held at 9pm when the preacher will be Revd

Isobel Nixon.

The Christmas Day Holy Communion Service time is to be confirmed. The preacher will be Revd John Hay.

Housebound

If anyone would like Holy Communion for the elderly and housebound, please contact Mary (07532641643) or Elizabeth (079884121395).

Prayers

We continue to pray for those who are sick or in hospital and those who are housebound

Mothers' Union

Our thanks to Noreen Little, Diocesan Action and Outreach Coordinator, who came to speak to our members in October. Noreen brought samples of items which she distributes to the South West Acute Hospital and nursing homes within the Diocese and showed how Mothers' Union plays a very practical role locally.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 2 December at 8pm in the Orange Hall. This evening is entitled 'All Kinds of Everything.'

Kilskeery and Trillick



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“The bells of waiting Advent ring”;
Betjeman’s church towers announcing in
relay across the land that the wait is almost
over. It is time to prepare the table for
feasting; it is time to bring out the best china;
it is time to call friends and family together,
to wait – and then remember with joy and
celebration that the God who promised
has remembered to keep His promise. His
promise was to come and rescue, save,
bring healing and deliverance, to restore,
reconcile, to bless and much more. And
so at Christmas time we remember the
beginnings of the greatest rescue mission
the world has ever experienced – as rescue
mission that continues...

Harvest Celebrations

Our Harvest celebrations brought our two
parishes together as we remembered
and gave thanks for God’s goodness to

us. We enjoyed a variety of participation
in our services from the very young to the
more mature, who led us in worship, and
in prayer, through readings and pieces
specially chosen and beautifully sung by the
choir. We also enjoyed the Harvest suppers
provided by each parish and the fellowship
shared during and afterwards.

Mothers’ Union

Members of the Mothers’ Union met in
Kilskeery Sunday School rooms for a Night
at the Movies. The film which was much
enjoyed was the Bishop’s Wife starring
Cary Grant, Loretta Young and David
Niven. Popcorn, sweets and juice were
provided. At the end of November we are
looking forward to more indulgence – a
night of sampling homemade desserts and
swapping recipes.

Remembrance Sunday and B.B. Enrolment

On Remembrance Sunday we were pleased
to remember with gratitude those who gave
their lives so that we may enjoy our freedom
and safety. We were also pleased to have
our B.B. enrolment service that same
Sunday and continue to pray for our Boys’
Brigade in the words of their own prayer:-
Bless, O God, The Boys’ Brigade, and
give to it greater power to advance your
Kingdom throughout the world. Grant in
your mercy that every member, past and
present may prove Steadfast in his fight
against evil, and true in his allegiance to
you. Help us in times of temptation; make us
strong when we are weak; give us courage
in difficulty, faithfulness in duty, loyalty in
friendship; and finally by your mercy, bring
us into your everlasting Kingdom, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

December Dates For The Diary

- Sunday 1st @ 11:00am – G.B. Enrolment Service (Trillick Parish Church)
- Tuesday 3rd @ 7:00pm – Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner
- Tuesday 10th @ 8:00pm – Mothers’ Union Christmas Dinner
- Saturday 14th @ 4:00pm – Children’s Christmas Party
- Saturday 14th @ 6:00pm – Switching on of the Christmas Lights at Kilskeery Parish Church
- Sunday 15th @ 11:00am – Nine Lessons and Carols (Kilskeery Parish Church)
- Wednesday 18th @ 7:30pm – Queen Elizabeth 2nd Primary School Carol Service in Kilskeery Parish Church
- Sunday 22nd @ 11:00am – Nine Lessons and Carols (Trillick Parish Church)
- Tuesday 24th @ 11:15pm – Christmas Eve Communion (Trillick Parish Church)
- Wednesday 25th @ 9:00am – Christmas Day Communion Service (Trillick Parish Church)
- Wednesday 25th @ 10:30am – Christmas Day Communion Service (Kilskeery Parish Church)

Weekly Programmes

- Monday: G.B. - 6:30 – 7:30pm - Trillick Hall
- Tuesday: Senior’s Luncheon Club - 12:30 – 2:30pm - Kilskeery Hall
- Wednesday: B.B. - 7:00 – 8:00pm - Kilskeery Hall
- Thursday: Prayer Meeting - 8:00 – 9:00pm - Trillick Sunday School Rooms
- Friday: Bowls - 8:00 – 9:00pm - Kilskeery Hall.

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Services in December

Sunday, 1st December 2019 Advent Sunday

Lisbellaw: 11am Holy Communion in Advent
Coolbuck: 3pm Holy Communion in Advent
Sunday, 8th December 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

Lisbellaw: 11am Morning Prayer
Coolbuck: 3pm Christingle

Sunday, 15th December 2019 Third Sunday of Advent

Lisbellaw: 9.45am Holy Communion Form One

11am Christingle: Bridge leads BRING AN ORANGE FOR EACH PERSON

Lisbellaw: 7pm Carols by Candlelight
NO COOLBUCK

Sunday, 22nd December 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lisbellaw: 11am Family Service: Christmas
3pm SOW for Christmas

Tuesday, 24th December 2019 Christmas Eve

Coolbuck: 5pm Crib Service
11pm Holy Communion for Christmas Eve

Wednesday, 25th December 2019 Christmas Day

Lisbellaw: 11am Family Holy Communion
NO COOLBUCK

Sunday, 29th December 2019 First Sunday of Christmas

Lisbellaw: 11am Service of the Word for Christmas
NO COOLBUCK

Services in January 2020

Sunday, 5th January 2020 The Epiphany

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

Sunday, 12th January 2020 First Sunday after the Epiphany

Lisbellaw: 11am Holy Communion



Members of the youth uniformed organisations presenting their flags.

Coolbuck: 3pm Holy Communion
Sunday, 19th January 2020 Second Sunday after the Epiphany
 Lisbellaw: 9.45am Holy Communion
 Lisbellaw: 11am MU Service
 Colbuck: 3pm Late Evening Office
Sunday, 26th January 2020 Third Sunday after the Epiphany
 Lisbellaw: 11am Family Service: God's Call
 Coolbuck: 3pm Service of the Word for God's Call

Christmas Holy Communion
 Christmas Holy Communion on Friday, 13th December 2019 at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please enter by back door as the Blood Transfusion service will be in the main hall.



Guides.



Veterans marching on Remembrance Day.



Veterans presenting their flags.



One of the veterans, Thomas Orr

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Wilfred Mahood, formerly of Tempo; the late Neville Gamble of Enniskillen; the late Ernest Woods formerly of Lack and the late Anna Clarke formerly of Brookeborough.

Parish Register

- Baptism**
 20th October 2019
 Erin Joan Gallinagh
 daughter of Sean and Natalie, Tamlaght
- Marriage**
 18th October 2019 - Keith Stevenson and Jade Bloomfield Coolbuck
 23rd October 2019
 Richard Dane and Natasha Martin



Remembrance Sunday.



At the auction.



Prospective bidders inspecting the ware.



The wedding of Richard Dane and Natasha Martin.

Lisnaskea



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Services for December

SUNDAY 1st

11.30 a.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY 8th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 11th

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

SUNDAY 15th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 22nd

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

8.00 p.m. Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY 29th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Services for January

SUNDAY 5th

11.30 a.m. Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 8th

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

SUNDAY 12th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 19th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 26th

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

Burial

Saturday 19th October
Samuel David Graham, Macknagh,
Lisnaskea.

Our sympathies are with the Graham family
circle at this time and indeed all who have
been recently bereaved.

We should remember also those who will be



spending Christmas away from their loved
ones, in hospital and nursing homes.

Mothers' Union

At our November meeting we had a very
interesting talk by Sandra McMullan on
her visit to India. She showed us pictures
of some beautiful buildings and scenery
of that wonderful country. We marvelled
at their mode of transport where there
did not seem to any limit to the number of
passengers on carts, motorbikes, cars or
buses. "Health and Safety" did not seem
to be an issue in their day to day activities.
As well as the beauty and wealth of India,
Sandra showed some pictures and told
us about the poverty in other parts of the
country. We thought about our Mothers'
Union members there who are trying to
teach the women how to improve their
living conditions and help them have
a better life for their families. We thank
Sandra for giving us such an interesting
insight into the culture and lifestyle of the
people of India. Our "Christmas Dinner"
will be held on Thursday 28th November
in Carrybridge. We hope to join the
Christmas Seniors Communion Service in
December for our December meeting. Our
January meeting should be on Thursday
2nd January 2020 but as this is so close
to the holidays we decided not to have a
meeting that month. We would normally
have our Visitors Night in February but as
there is always a worry about the weather
conditions we decided to hold our Visitors
Night in September. Letters explaining this
will be going out to the branches involved.
Our next meeting on Thursday 6th February
2020 will be a Games Night. There will be

a warm welcome for everyone at any of our
meetings. We wish all our members, families
and friends a Blessed and Happy Christmas,
not forgetting that "Jesus is the reason for
the season"

Remembrance

As always a large crowd attended our
annual Remembrance service. The parade
to church was led by Lisnaskea Accordion
Band and Lisnaskea Silver Band and all
the various uniformed organisations took
part and laid wreaths. Readers were Nevin
Brown and Esther Hurst who represented
SEFF, Adam Fawcett played the lament and
Helen Wilson was our bugler. The organist
was Karen McAlister. It was wonderful to see
the church so well filled for what is always a
very poignant occasion.

Pantry Appeal

This will begin on Sunday 12th January and
continue for six weeks. Please bring along
whatever non-perishable food items you
can so we can pass them on week by week.

Shoebbox appeal

Thank you to everyone who responded
once again to this appeal. Your boxes have
been dispatched and are safely on their
way to make some children very happy this
Christmas.

Weekly sermons

If you would like to receive a copy of the
weekly sermon via "Whats App" please text
your mobile number to 07764534144 or
alternatively speak to the church wardens
or the parish office and we can arrange to
have it on a CD for you.



Magheracross



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What's Happening in December

The Christmas programme begins on Sunday 1st December at 3.30pm with our very special service with Mencap for adults and children with learning disabilities. Everyone is welcome and, once again, the Revd Charlie Eames will be returning for this event. This will be followed by hospitality in the Archdale Hall.

Next comes the Christmas Fair and the turning on of the Christmas Lights. Once Santa has arrived and the lights have been turned on, the Fair will be opened in the Archdale Hall where Santa will be available to meet the little ones and the usual stalls and refreshments will be available.

A new activity will be held on the afternoon of Sunday December 8th, organised by our youth worker. Its "Messy Church" for the children and will run from 3pm to 4.30pm in the Methodist Hall.

On Wednesday 11th, we will be hosting the Ballinamallard Nativity Service at 10.30am. On Saturday 14th, Ballinamallard Football Club will hold their Carol Service in Ferney Park following the game with Portadown.

This usually starts about 5.15pm and is weather dependent.

Sunday 15th is our own Sunday school nativity service.

Thursday 19th, no matter the weather, the Rector and the Revd John Beacom (Methodist Minister) will be outside the church from 8am to 8pm receiving your donations. This year, the gifts will be used to benefit the joint youth activities in Ballinamallard and Prostate Cancer UK. On Sunday 22nd, we will have only one morning service at 10.30am which will be our Festival of lessons and carols accompanied by Ballinamallard Silver Band. On Christmas Eve, the midnight Communion Service begins at 11.15pm and our Christmas Day Communion Services are at 8.30am and 10am. The 10am service is suitable for families and young children who are welcome to bring a few toys with them. There will be a shopping trolley at the back of the church throughout December for items for the food bank in Enniskillen (Vineyard Church) and we are also receiving items for the Christmas

Family Appeal (Salvation Army) on Sunday 8th and 15th December.

Also throughout December, we will be displaying the knitted Christmas Tree in church which is kindly on loan from Action Mental Health to highlight their work and the issues of mental health.

All our organisations will be holding their Christmas parties at various times and days throughout December.

Mothers' Union

Magheracross Mothers' Union met in the Archdale Hall on Thursday 7th November. This was our visitors' night and we were delighted to welcome a large attendance. The meeting opened with a hymn, bible reading and prayers.

Our speaker for the evening was Shirley from Padani 62, Fivemiletown. As well as running the shop Shirley is an Image Consultant. She gave us a brief talk as to how her business came about and this was followed by advice on colours and types of clothes to wear. She had brought along an interesting array of clothing and accessories.

After a very enjoyable evening, supper was served and a business meeting followed. Arrangements were made for catering after the Mencap service on 1st December and for our trip and Christmas meal on Saturday 7th December.

May all our friends throughout the diocese have a fruitful, enjoyable and peaceful Christmas time and a blessed New Year.



Magheraculmoney

Vacant

In Charge:

Canon Alan Irwin (Rural Dean).

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Love God, Love Each Other, Love People

Our church motto is to 'Love God, Love Each Other and Love People'. We have a vision to share the Great Commission and we are so grateful that God has provided us with the re-source of the The Courthouse Kesh social hub to be able to serve the local community.

We thank God that we as a church love to gather to worship and praise Him and that our worship evenings and prayer ministry time has shown growth and a warm sense of unity and support between the parishioners. We praise God for each parishioner that attends on Sunday to come together to praise His mighty name. We thank God for everything

he has provided us in terms of those who tirelessly volunteer to ensure the maintenance and smooth running of the church. We are eternally grateful to all the ministers who have come each Sunday to preach to us over this period of time. We pray that we will love God, each other and the local community. We thank God that His son was born and grew up to be the Saviour of the world and we pray that we will do our utmost as a church to love Him, show love to each other and to love everyone in the community. Share Ardess will continue to provide hampers for those who are in need and will again this year be creating Christmas hampers. We rest on the words of God on Psalm 132:15 'I will bless her with abundant provisions; her



poor I will satisfy with food.'

The well-known verse Philippians 4:6 reminds us not to be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present our requests to God. We end this year thankful that God has provided us with all our needs and we trust in Him and pray to Him for continued provision in 2020 to enable us to always have the Great Commission at the heart of our church. May God bless you, your families and may you have a wonderful Christmas full of joy and happiness.

Select Vestry

In Stitches

We invited Joanne Gibson from Ruth Raising Up the Hurting which is a Christian organisation aimed at supporting, helping and befriending people whatever their needs. In-Stitches has worked alongside this organisation for a few years. Joanne gave a presentation about the work of Ruth Raising Up The Hurting and we gifted their organisation with night hats, scarves, mugs and sleeping bags (gifts from two of our life groups) and also the donations we had on the night. We thank everyone for their support on that evening and in particular those who tirelessly use the gift that God has given them to create items to be used for those in need (from baptism outfits for the babies born sleeping to hats etc for the homeless).

Friends In The Afternoon

Over 65 of us joined together and enjoyed an amazing harvest lunch in October. The food was delicious (a tasty brown stew followed by apple tart and custard). There was a wonderful

atmosphere and good craic with guitar, keyboard and singing by Paddy O'Riordan and Stephen Hey.

Autumn Soul

On Friday 25th October 11 young people from Ardess joined with youth from Colaghty and Clogher for the 'Autumn Soul' weekend. This is an annual Christian Event held in Bangor and a fantastic fun filled three days was had by all. Each day included worship time, talks from gifted speakers (Jake McCann opened in prayer for the speakers on the Sunday), games, activities and finished with a Volley Ball tournament. All this led to new friendships being made and now being built upon within the Diocese. We are already looking forward to our next weekend away!

Events

SUNDAYS

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

Children's Church (age 3+) and Youth Church (yr 8+): 11.00am @ AP Church/Centre

Connect: 4.30pm - 6.00pm @ The Fountain Centre

Mullaghfarne Service

Mullaghfarne: 3.00pm, 15th December 2019 and 19th January 2020

MONDAYS

- Ardess Little Lambs (term-time only):
10.00am - 12.00 noon (finishes 16th December, starts back 6th January 2020)

- Magheraculmoney Guides: Rainbows (age 4-7) and Brownies (age 7 - 10)
6.30pm - 7.45pm @ Ardess Parish Centre.
Guides (age 10-14) and Rangers (Age 14+)
7.30pm - 9.00pm @ The Fountain Centre

- Revival Prayer: Mon 8.00pm - 9.00pm @ Ardess Parish Centre

- Ardess Historical Society: Monday 20th January 2020, Gordon Brand - Surgeon-General John White from Mullaghduin, Co. Fermanagh

TUESDAYS

- Waterworks (P3 - P7) 3.15pm - 4.30pm @ Kesh PS (term-time only)

- Friends in the Afternoon 2.00pm @ AP Centre (2.00pm 10th December 2019, Holy Com-munion and Christmas Tea and 14th January 2019 'The Inside Story' Deane & Helen Houston)

WEDNESDAYS

- Wednesday Prayer: 9.30am - 11.00am
- Magheraculmoney Scouts: Beavers 6.30pm - 7.45pm, Cubs & Scouts 6.45pm - 8.00pm @ The Fountain Centre.

THURSDAYS

- Fountain Kids Club @ The Fountain

Centre 6.30pm - 7.30pm (Last date 2019: Thursday 12th December; Starts back 9th January '20)

- In-Stitches 8.00pm @ Upstairs at The Fountain Centre (Christmas outing 14th December 2019)

- Mothers Union: Every 3rd Thursday of the month

FRIDAYS

- Healing Prayer 7.30pm - 8.30pm @ AP Centre

- Fountain Youth Club @ The Fountain Centre (Year 8 - Year 14) 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Last date 2019: 13th December; Starts back 10th January)

Special Christmas Services

@ Mullaghfarne

Mullaghfarne Christmas Service Sunday 15th Dec 3.00pm

@ Ardess Parish Centre

Children's Church Christmas Party Saturday 14th Dec 3.00pm - 5.00pm

@ Ardess Parish Church

Children's Carol Service Sunday 15th Dec 11.00am

Community Carol Service Sunday 22nd Dec 7.30pm

Christmas Eve Service Tuesday 24th Dec 11.30pm Canon Alan Irwin

Christmas Morning Service Wednesday 25th Dec 10.00am Holy Communion Service Canon H Trimble

Christmas Dinner

Everyone is welcome to join us at 12.00 noon for Christmas dinner. We enjoy Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and dessert together with music. If you live in the Kesh, Ederney Lack or Pettigo area, we can arrange to give you a lift. Simply ring us to book your place before 16th December 2019 (Violet O'Riordan 028 6863 2477 / 07871 754 695 or Glenn Johnson 07921 399 874) and advise if you need transport.

The Courthouse, Kesh

Drop-in area for tea, coffee and light food (now open 10:00 - 16:00 Monday to Saturday).

Baptism

20th October 2019 - Anna Sylvia Sarah Braden daughter of Harry and Violet Braden, Drumquin.

Burial Of Ashes

1st November 2019 - Derek Desmond Parker (England).

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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The Revd Abraham Storey

Dear Parishioners,

May I begin by wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and a blessed 2020 from myself and the Rectory family.

Praise Service

Praise service on the 1st of December at 8.00pm in Maguiresbridge church. Come and sing your favourite Advent and Christmas Carols.

Christmas Lunch

Friday 6th December at 12.30pm in the Parish Hall at Maguiresbridge. The rector hopes that given his recent return to duty that many of you will attend a service of

Holy Communion before the Lunch at 12.10pm

Christmas services

All cash collected on Maguiresbridge parish alms dishes between Advent Sunday 1/12/19 and the first Sunday of Christmas 29/12/19 will be donated on an equal basis to Carrybridge lifeboat station crew comfort fund and Women's Aid.

Maguiresbridge

Advent 3: Gaudete Sunday 15th December at 10.30am Children's Carol service on wear your Christmas jumper Sunday.

Advent 4: 22nd December at 10.30 Service of the word with Carols.

8.00pm Grouped service of nine lessons and carols in Christ Church.

Christmas Day 25th December: 10.30am Holy Communion.

Derrybrusk

The annual Christmas tree bauble charity collection will take place this year. At the time of writing the notes no decision has been taken as to which charity will benefit. This will be announced in church.

Advent 3: Gaudete Sunday 15th December at 12.00pm Children's Carol service on wear your Christmas jumper Sunday.

Advent 4: 22nd December at 12.00pm Service of the word with Carols

8.00pm Grouped service of nine lessons and carols in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge

Christmas Eve 24th December: 11.30pm Holy Communion

Parish Auction in aid of Maguiresbridge church 18/1/20 at 12.00pm

The select vestry are holding an auction to raise money toward the new hall kitchen.

Donations and contributions towards the auction will be received at the parish hall on Friday 17th January from 7.00pm and on the morning of the auction. The Select Vestry would also assist in collection of lots if required. Please let a member of the vestry know in good time for assistance.

Curtis Magee Dance

The annual parish dance in aid of the new hall kitchen will take place in the Maguiresbridge parish hall on the evening of the 21st of February from 9pm. Tickets will be available from members of the Select Vestry in due season.

Friday prayers

Daily prayers and coffee each Friday morning at 10.30am during Advent in the rectory.

Derrybrusk new fans

The fans to provide circulated air in the church and to cut down condensation and damp have now been installed in the church. These should assist in the better preservation of the church and its contents.

Amplification

If you are in church and you cannot hear the service please let the wardens know or indeed simply raise your hand. We have the loup system for those with hearing aids and the clergy and readers have been told not to move the microphones during service as the resulting noise may be uncomfortable. Maguiresbridge amplification system is due to be serviced and overhauled in the near future. We as clergy and readers need to know that you can hear us.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

8th December Second Sunday of Advent

10.30am St Patrick's Morning Prayer

12.15pm Ballinode Morning Prayer

15th December Third Sunday of Advent

10.30am St Patrick's Morning Prayer

12.15pm Kilmore Morning Prayer

22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30am St Patrick's All Age Worship

7pm Ballinode Group Carol Service (if church repairs finished)

25th December Christmas Day

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

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

29th December First Sunday of Christmas

10.30am St Patrick's Service of the Word

5th January Second Sunday of Christmas

10.30am St Patrick's Service of the Word

12.15pm Kilmore Morning Prayer

12th January Second Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am St Patrick's Holy Communion

12.15pm Ballinode Morning Prayer

19th January Third Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am St Patrick's Morning Prayer

12.15pm Kilmore Holy Communion

26th January Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am St Patrick's All Age Worship

12.15pm Ballinode Holy Communion

The Ladies Group

The Group met on Tuesday 15th October in the Hall for a talk by Ms. Fiona Gilliland, Physiotherapist Monaghan/Cavan HSE on "How to keep fit and fabulous at any age". They will meet on 12th December for their Christmas dinner in Neighbour restaurant, Glaslough, St. Monaghan.

Mothers' Union

The members met in the Hall on Tuesday



5th November and enjoyed "A Night of Christmas crafts" by Ms. Geraldine Casey. The evening concluded with business meeting – refreshments and fellowship. Their Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday 3rd December at Rossmore Golf Club, Monaghan.

Monaghan Collegiate Prizegiving

The prizegiving was held in St. Patrick's church on Friday 25th November. The guest speaker was Ms. Ruth Smith O.B.E, a native of Monaghan, who urged the students to work hard and to be the best that they can achieve. We offer our congratulations to all those who received prizes for academic or sporting achievements. The evening concluded with refreshments in the Hall.

Illness

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

Vortex Youth Group

The Youth Group met on Saturday 16th November and were hosted by the Bowling club for a bowling competition – a very enjoyable evening of bowls and refreshments was had by all.

Monaghan Collegiate Sale

This will be held in St. Patrick's Hall, Church Square on Friday 6th December from 10am to 3pm. The stalls will have a variety of goods on offer and tea/coffee will be available. All support would be very wel-



come and much appreciated.

The Ladies Group Interdenominational Carol Service

This will be held in St. Patrick's church on Tuesday 10th December at 8pm. The collection at the service will be donated to charities. Light refreshments will be served in the Hall immediately after the service.

Christmas Service Arrangements

Sunday 22nd December Group Carol service in Ballinode church at 7pm (if church repairs finished)
 Tuesday 24th December Carols at the Courthouse at 3pm.
 Group Christmas Day Services in St. Patrick's as follows
 9-30am Traditional Holy Communion Service.

Monaghan Parish Sale

The sale was held on Friday 18th October in the Hall. The weather was reasonably good, and all stalls were busy throughout. We express grateful thanks to the subcommittee who organized the event, the members of our congregation who donated saleable items, gave a donation, sponsored a hamper or provided food for the refreshments. Our thanks are also due to those who worked on the day and the wider community for their support. The amount raised to date is €2800 approx.

Ballinode Church

At the minute there are some extensive



repairs happening in Ballinode. To deal with some dry rot we've had to take out the pews and take up the floor. We hope that the work will be completed enough to have the annual carol service on 22nd December. There was a packed hall for Autumn Flowers with Monaghan Flower Club. Thank-you to all who supported and came along to the night.

The Department of Employment and Social Protection Community Employment Scheme

The end of another year is nigh and we express grateful thanks to Ms. Elaine Gunn O'Connor and Mr. Kevin Clarke and all the participants for work carried out, much of it unseen at various locations throughout Co. Monaghan

Posada

During Advent the figures of Mary and Joseph, knitted by the Mothers' Union as part of the church nativity set, make their way around houses in the parishes. The idea comes from Church Army via South America and is to remind us to make room for Jesus at Christmas

Christmas Greetings

We take this opportunity to wish all the members of our group of Parishes and the wide community blessed and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



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A note from the Rector

*It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth good will to all,
from heaven's all-gracious King!'
the world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.*

This is the first verse of one of my favourite Christmas carols. It is based upon Luke 2:14 and is a poetic rendering of the message of the angels to the shepherds on that first Christmas. It is particularly moving when sung at a night service as it captures the awe of the heavenly host proclaiming the message of peace brought to world by the birth of Jesus.

It was written as a poem in 1894 by Edmund Sears, a pastor of the Unitarian Church in Massachusetts, USA. It is remarkable for its focus not just on Bethlehem, but on his own time, and on the contemporary issue of war and peace. This is understood to be



Celebrating at the Graan.

Sears' response to the Mexican- American war which had just ended: 'and warring humankind hears not, the words of peace they bring'.

The hymn also has a message for our time when there seems to be so much discord and conflict across the world; its third verse finishes with the prayerful plea, which we could echo this Christmas – 'O hush the noise of human strife and hear the angels sing'.

Do make time this Christmas to join us for this special season, when we can in heart and mind travel once again to Bethlehem and 'hear the angels sing' the message of Christ's peace.

Our Sorrows

It was with great sadness for everyone in Rossorry, to learn of the untimely death, on 8th November of Mr Neville Gamble. Neville was a highly esteemed lifetime member of Rossorry, a Vestryman, Churchwarden, leader of the Prayer Group, and regular lesson reader. He made a

truly unique contribution to the life of Rossorry and gave unstintingly of his time and support to the parish. The very large congregation of mourners attending his funeral on Remembrance Sunday afternoon, was a fitting tribute to the greatest respect of parishioners and the wider community for Neville and his family. We extend deepest condolences to his parents, Jim and Doreen, brother Bryan, his partner Joy and to all his family circle.

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to all who contributed to the Remembrance Sunday Service on 10th November. Particular thanks to the leaders and members of the uniformed organisations, the wreath bearers, flag bearers, collectors and readers. It was a very moving and fittingly dignified service and parade.

*Your friend and Rector,
Revd Canon Dr IW Ellis*



Remembrance Sunday





The plaque to mark the gift of chandeliers in memory of David and Lena Elliott.

Dedication Of Chandeliers In The Vestry Rooms

On Sunday 20th October at the 9am Holy Communion service two new chandeliers were dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of David and Lena Elliott. David for many years was a regular attender at the early morning Sunday service and Lena at evening services. We are very grateful to the Elliott family for these most beautiful and practical gifts which match another chandelier presented, a number of years ago, for the church porch.

Prayer Group

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



The meeting of the Prayer Group on 13th November was cancelled as a mark of respect for Neville Gamble, our leader, who passed away on 10th November, after a short illness.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at the Parish Office. Feel free to come and join us when you can - everybody is welcome. It is an informal group (nobody has to perform !!) which meets to pray for the parishioners, young and old, for the world, as well as other good intentions that arise. We finish with the fellowship of a cuppa and a chat.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union had a busy month in November with invitations to local MU events and their Christmas outing to the

Ardhowen Theatre. These were; Tuesday 19 November 2019: Invitation to Devenish and Boho Mothers' Union Visitors evening in The Reade Hall, Monea when the speaker was Laura Gallagher of Yummy Mummy Cakes n Bakes.

Tuesday 26 November 2019: Prayer Vigil in Garvary Parish Church when donations were welcomed for Women's Aid i.e pyjamas, scarves, candles, vouchers of gym or holistic treatments or vouchers to purchase items listed in any retail store.

Thursday 28 November 2019: Rossorry Mothers' Union outing to Ardhowen Theatre to see the musical 'The Addams Family.'

Celebrating with our friends in the Graan

The Rector enjoyed a lovely Saturday lunch on 19th October 2019 with our friends from the Graan Passionist monastery, as they celebrated the feast day of St Paul of the Cross, the founder of the Passionist order, which began 300 years ago in northern Italy. The Dean of Clogher, Very Revd Kenny Hall and Canon Ellis, joined Fr Charles, with Brothers Victor and Brendan along with Fr Cathal of Derrygonnelly parish. We were treated to fabulous hospitality and it was so enjoyable to share a meal and good conversation with colleagues.

Wednesday Club News

The Club has been running now for 20 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.

At one of the October Meetings on 23rd the group had a Craft morning and made keyrings under the watchful eye of Ethel. A skilful and fun morning was had by all.

What's that lovely smell? It is Wednesday 13th November in Rossorry Parish Hall and members of the Wednesday Club are making Soap Bombs under the watchful eye of Tanana from Jekita Soaps.

Further details of dates and speakers appear on the Rossorry Weekly Newsheet in church or online at rossorryparish.com

The Autumn programme is attached below. If you want to know more give Ethel Oldcroft a ring at - 66 326339



ROSSORRY WEDNESDAY CLUB DECEMBER

4th	Service of Holy Communion	Rector
11th	"Christmas Lunch"	TBC



Radio Ulster – Your Place and Mine

The Radio Ulster show, 'Your Place and Mine' which airs on a Saturday morning recently interviewed the Rector and Mrs Ellis on the subject of the connections with Rossorry Parish to the Johnston family and Mrs Caroline Henrietta Field, who were all generous benefactors to Rossorry in the early 20th century and largely responsible for transforming Rossorry Church from a 'dull and plain building' to 'a most beautiful place of worship'.

As the parishioners will know the research for our open day during European Heritage Day has sparked a renewed interest in the history of the church and our benefactors. The interview by Anne Marie McAleese will be aired at a future date (to be notified).

Scouts and Guides

Scouts and Guides played an active part in our Remembrance Sunday service, parading with flags to Church, laying wreaths on behalf of the Organisations and lighting the 'Candle of Peace'.

There are always spaces for new members in these very active units. This is a healthy and active social group which helps guide young people into useful skills and socialisation.

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

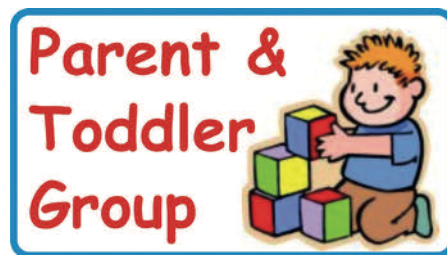
Parent and Toddler Group

The Parent and Toddler group opened again in September and continues to be very popular with a big group each Wednesday. The response to this has been amazing. It provides a safe space in the Parish Hall for toddlers to meet and play under the supervision of a parent or grandparent and is a happy and social setting.

Always room for a little one! – so feel free to drop in and take part.

Contact : - Avril Armstrong for information on 02866 329589.

Details appear in the Rossorry Weekly Newsheet in church or online at rossorryparish.com



Arts & Crafts Classes

The Painting class began on 27th September at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Come and join us at any stage- never too late to get involved - all levels of competence catered for!

The Wool Shed and the Basket Weaving started in October with a demonstration / workshop on Wednesday 9th October in the Parish Hall. Classes will be on Wednesdays, for the foreseeable future.

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.

SERVICES for December 2019

Sunday 1st December

9.00am Holy Communion.

11.00am Holy Communion

7.00pm Evening Praise

Sunday 8th December

9.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Prayer

3.00pm Holy Communion in the Hall for housebound /elderly.

Sunday 15th December

9.00am Holy Communion.

11.00am Morning Prayer.

7.00pm Annual Carol Service.

Sunday 22nd December

9.00am Holy Communion.

11.00am Morning Prayer with the Sunday School Nativity Play.

Tuesday 24th December

10.00pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion.

Wednesday 25th December

10.00am Christmas Day Holy Communion.

Sunday 29th December

9.00am Holy Communion.

11.00am Morning Prayer



Making keyrings at the Wednesday Club.





The baptism for the Foley family.



The baptism for the McCusker family

Parish Register Bereavement

Sadly, since the publication of the last magazine, one of our parishioners, Neville Gamble, has passed away. Neville was an esteemed lifetime member of this Church, a Vestryman, a Churchwarden, leader of Rossorry Prayer Group and a member of the Admin Team who gave unstintingly of his time and support for this Parish. Our deepest condolences go to his parents - Jim and Doreen and to all his family circle. GAMBLE, Neville William Ernest, died peacefully at his home in Willoughby Court,

Enniskillen after a short illness on Friday, November 8th 2019. His funeral service was held at Rossorry Parish Church at 2.30pm on Sunday 10th November 2019, followed by interment in the adjoining Churchyard.

Baptisms

Mc CUSKER, Charlie John, baby son of Kenny and Melissa, who was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 20th October 2019.

FOLEY, Jacob Arthur, baby son of Colin and Sarah, who was Christened at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 27th October

2019. May they grow in the faith in which they have been baptised.

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Church Services

Sunday services will continue as normal.

Burial

9th November- Mr Wilfred Harold Mahood, Gardiners Cross Road, Letten, Tempo

Wedding

26th October- Mr Dennis Richard Mathis and Miss Julie-Ann Anderson, Hales Close, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Diary Dates

December

- Sunday 8th - Toys/Gifts for Women's Aid Christmas Appeal to be brought to Church.
- Tuesday 10th- Mother's Union Meal in the Lady Nelson, Tempo. Husbands and friends welcome.
- Sunday 22nd- Carol Service at usual morning service times.
- Tuesday 24th- Christmas Eve Service at 10:30pm in Tempo.
- Wednesday 25th- Christmas Day Family and Holy Communion Service at 10:30 am. Children welcome to bring their presents to church with them.

January

■ General Register Open for this month for new members to join the Vestry. Please see Churchwardens at Church.

■ Tuesday 14th- Mother's Union Holy Communion at 8pm in Tempo Church Hall.

February

■ Thursday 13th- Table Quiz at 8pm in Tempo Church Hall.

March

■ Friday 13th - Marching Bands Concert in Tempo Church at 8pm. Further details to follow in next edition of the magazine and in local press.

Scout Group

Our Scout Group had two visitors this past month, the first being Milo the Gospel Dog. This young couple have a wonderful presentation with their beautiful dogs Milo and Grace of God's word and how we all need to think of our actions. Everyone

enjoyed this evening.

We also welcomed along the Police to give a talk on road and personal safety for the younger sections and the Older Sections had a talk about Safety on the Road, the dangers of drinking alcohol and the effect it can have on your judgement. We thank both groups for their time spent with us.

Wedding

The Rectory Family would like to thank parishioners and friends for the beautiful gifts given to Deborah and Robert for their wedding on 31st October.

We are grateful for the Bishop writing to the Presbyterian Church House in Belfast to allow Deborah and Robert's wedding to be take place in Aughtentaine Presbyterian Church and for a Church of Ireland marriage service to be used. Also for the much appreciated help from Revd. David Cupples and the practical help from the Kirk session of Aughtentaine Church which will be Deborah and Robert's home church.

Visits

As we approach the Advent Season, Christmas and the Epiphany, the scriptures speak of a number of visits, Luke 1: 5-25 the angel of the Lord visits Zechariah to tell him that he in his advanced years would be the father of John the Baptist, the forerunner who would prepare people for the coming Messiah. Zechariah's disbelief that this miracle would happen resulted in

his dumbness until John was named. In his Song of Praise known as Benedictus he praises God for raising up John to be God's instrument to prepare people for the coming Messiah.

Luke 1v26-38, the angel Gabriel visits the young Virgin Mary in Nazareth to announce the news from God that she would be the one to conceive by the Holy Spirit, the Messiah, his only begotten Son Jesus. In Luke chapter 1v46-55 in her song of praise, the Magnificat she praises God for choosing her and for his work in the world and keeping his promise to Abraham.

In Matthew Chapter 1v18-25 the angel visits the deeply worried Joseph as he comes to terms with Mary's news. He is reassured that he can marry her, that her news is genuine and from God. The one to be born was prophesied in scripture by Isaiah and even his name Jesus will mean Saviour.

Luke chapter 2v8-20 the low members of society, the unexpected and shocked shepherds receive the news of Jesus birth, where, who and why, He was born, They go and meet Jesus then go and tell others of his birth.

Matthew chapter 2v1-12, the wise men from the East visit Jesus and present their gifts, Gold, Frankincense and myrrh to represent his role on earth. Matthew chapter 2v13-23, the angel visits Joseph to warn him to go to Egypt in order to protect baby Jesus from the murderous campaign King Herod had against all baby boys in Israel under the age of two years old. God protecting Jesus in order his long-term plan of salvation would be carried out.

Philippians chapter 2v5-11 a hymn of the early Church by Paul reminds us of Jesus' visit to earth, who he was, why he came, and of his return again - his incarnation,

his obedient humble servanthood death, resurrection, his ascension and return again. In the gospels before his death Jesus taught of his sudden unexpected time and date of return again. Hebrews chapter 9 v 28 tells us "So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him". We know this is to be the second return of Christ as judge of all of us.

John the Baptist messages were (Luke 3v3) "preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins". 'Produce fruit in keeping with repentance' as he prepared for Jesus' first coming. The message of the gospel in the light of the cross is no different as we prepare for Christ's promised second coming s our judge and to establish his new eternal kingdom. Are we prepared? What is our response to the message of the gospel?

Trory and Killadeas

Vacant

Services covered by **Canon Billy Johnston**

Revd John Woods, Rural Dean is in charge with **Mrs Sue Hogg, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant**, assisting with pastoral care.

Trory

Church Services

Sunday services will continue as normal at 11.30am with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Sunday School will take place during the latter half of service. Parents and guardians should keep in contact with the teachers regarding Christmas activities/holidays.

Holy Communion will be conducted by Revd Dr. William Johnston and Morning Prayer by a variety of visiting clergy and lay readers through to Christmas.

The traditional Christmas Eve Service of Holy Communion will take place in Killadeas at 11.30pm. Christmas Day Service will be at Trory at 10.00am.

Canon Johnston will cover the Christmas Services.

Parish Register

(Burials)

Richard Herbert (Bertie) Elliott on 25th October.

Thomas James Pickering on 13th November. To all the bereaved we offer our condolences. May we take the opportunity to thank John, our grave digger and Walter, for keeping the graveyard well maintained.

Mothers' Union

Please note that the December meeting will take place on Monday 2nd December at

8pm in Killadeas for Christmas celebrations.

Tuesday Club

Members will meet again on 10th December at Killadeas at 2.30pm for the Christmas celebration of Holy Communion.

Keep Fit

Classes continue every Wednesday at 7.30pm at Ballycassidy Church Hall. Keep in contact with Alison reference holidays or variation in times. It's a good way to get fit for Christmas.

Bowls

The club will be hosting the Triples Tournament from 2nd - 6th December. Entries or inquiries to Roslyn Gray 07900411463/ 02866340272 .

Remembrance

To Canon Trimble for conducting the Service of Remembrance this year and to all who played their part in assisting him we offer you our thanks. Seventy-five years ago the Allies were fighting their way into Europe to liberate its people from the tyranny of Nazi Germany. There are many things we take for granted and our freedom is probably one of the most overlooked. We must never forget how precious peace and democracy are and how easily precious things can slip from our grasp if we are not careful.

Intimidation and unspeakable brutality by a few evil people still prevails in our own locality. We must be ever vigilant and guard against such behaviour.

Thirty years ago, the Berlin Wall came down and still we have them in our own country. We continue to build them using our tongues as trowels to cement the bricks of hate. Perhaps we could use our tongues to spread harmony amongst our fellow citizens.

Respect

We shall soon be going to cast our votes so let us pray that we may have stable government in a building where important matters can be discussed in a quiet,

dignified and respectful manner and where decisions can be made for the good of our country and its people for this and future generations.

Thoughts and Prayers

To the sick in our parish you are in our thoughts and prayers and may God's healing hand be upon you.

Happy Christmas

May we take the opportunity to wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas.

Killadeas

Remembrance

The Priory Church held their annual Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 10th November where we not only remembered those from our Parish who had given their lives, and those who had served in both World Wars but also those in our local D Company, 4th Battalion, Ulster Defence Regiment who had paid the ultimate sacrifice during Operation Banner. A special word of thanks to Ronnie Balfour MBE (Ex Major, Ulster Defence Regiment) for organising the wreath laying, the attendance of Mr James Cooke, bugler and ensuring that the Service was carried out with the utmost respect.

Festival of Wreaths

Our Festival of Wreaths takes place from Friday 6th December to Sunday 8th December. This is a wonderful way to start the Festival of Advent.

Services

Church Services continue as usual at 10.00am 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 continues each Sunday morning with the children leaving to attend during the church service.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2019

• Sunday 1st December – **Special Service with MENCAP** for adults and children with learning disabilities in Magheracross Parish Church, Ballinamallard at 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome and Revd Charlie Eames will be returning for this event. This will be followed by hospitality in the Archdale Hall.

• Monday 2nd December – Co. Monaghan Church of Ireland **Children's Society A.G.M.** will take place in Clogh Parish Church Hall at 3.00p.m. Everyone welcome.

• Friday 6th - Saturday 7th December 2019 – **A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens will be performed in St Finbarr's Church at 8pm each night. The production is the brainchild of local director, David O'Rourke and will feature members of the Farney Players Drama Group and friends including some familiar faces from St Finbarr's. Our Group of Parishes Choir will be providing musical entertainment on the nights with the chance for audience participation in both the singing and the play itself. Tickets are now available from St Finbarr's, David O'Rourke Oils or Keegan's Newsagents.

• Friday 6th - Saturday 7th December 2019 – **Pop-Up Shop** for Aughnamullen parish fundraising event will be held in Main Street, Ballybay between 11-5pm.

• Friday 6th December – **Special Carol Service** with choir, Cantari Donagh, in Drum Parish Church at 8pm. Festive supper served and everybody is most welcome to come and start off the Christmas season.

• Friday 6th December – **SANDS NI Carol Service** in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.30pm.

• Friday 6th December – **Monaghan Collegiate School Sale** an event not to be missed will be held in St. Patrick's Hall, Monaghan from 10am - 3pm. There will be the usual stalls and tea and coffee

will be available. Please keep the date free and bring your friends.

• Friday 6th December – **Christmas Concert** for St. Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee with the Ferguson Family.

• Saturday 7th December – **Cake Sale and Coffee Morning** in aid of Air Ambulance at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Dromore from 10am - 4pm. This is in aid of the Air Ambulance. Every welcome!

• Saturday 7th December – **Annual Christmas sale** in the Wark Hall in aid of Belleek Parish Church. Good used clothing, bric-a-brac, and teas will be served. Raffle tickets can be purchased from Vestry members with first prize of £50 and other great prizes.

• Saturday 7th December – **Evening of Christmas Praise** at 7.30pm hosted by Dromore Primary School in Holy Trinity Church, Dromore. We are privileged to have some amazing gospel artists taking part, namely Lorraine Vance, Alex Robb and The Morrisons. Dromore Primary School Choirs will also be taking part. Admission £10 (Children under 11 free!) and all proceeds will be in aid of Dromore Primary School. All welcome!

• Saturday 7th December – **Garrison Church Cookery Book** compiled by Joy Graham comprising a collection of recipes from cookery classes over the years will be launched in the Gillaroo Centre, Garrison at 7pm. Thanks to all who supported this venture, particularly the ladies on the launch committee. Thanks also to local business for their support in advertising. Proceeds from the book go to Garrison Church funds.

• Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th December 2019 – **Festival of Wreaths** in the Priory Church, Killadeas on Saturday from 10am - 5pm and on Sunday from 2pm - 6pm. Wreath making workshop on 30th November from 1-3pm.



• Saturday 7th December – **Annual Christmas Craft Fair** in Aghavea Parish Hall from 10am - 2pm, with visiting stalls selling everything from musical instruments to lovely make-up sets, Christmas decorations to cakes and sweets! There will also be refreshments on the day to help you manage the second round of the stalls.

• Sunday, 8th December - **Christmas Memories Service 2019** in Derryvullen North Parish Church, Irvinestown at 7pm where those present are asked to place a bauble of a loved one. Organised by Lisnarick District No. 9 and WLOL No 222 with proceeds to Drew Nelson Life and Legacy. Service led by Canon Paul Thompson. To order a bauble or for more info, contact Ann Moffitt (07759838131) or Mervyn Byers (07980616219).

• Wednesday 11th December – **Community Carol Service** in Christ Church, Ballybay at 8pm. There will be refreshments afterwards, Everyone welcome.

• Thursday 12th December – **Christmas Cabaret Spectacular** in Aghavea Parish Hall organised by Aghavea Parish Church and hosted by Malcolm McDowell.

Tickets costing £15 available from the parishioners. Visit by some of the country's top artists



- Brendan Quinn, Billy McFarland, Aidan Quinn, Patricia Maguire, Liam Kelly, Andrew McMurdie, all backed by Robbie Pearson and Jonathan Milligan. With such a fantastic line-up, a great evening is ensured! Doors open 7.30pm and Show starts 8pm.

• Saturday 14th December – **Christmas Fayre** organised by St. Tighernach's Parish Church, Clones in the Creighton Hotel Ballroom from 10am until 12.30pm. Christmas Cakes, Puddings, Handmade Christmas Wreaths and a variety of other items. Come and join your friends for Tea. Everyone Welcome

• Saturday 14th December – **Children's Christmas Tree Party** will be held in Rockcorry School at 7pm. The children are looking forward to the appearance of a very special Christmas visitor.

• Saturday 14th December – **Football Club Carol Service** hosted by Ballinamallard F.C. at Ferney Park following the game with Portadown. This usually starts about 5.15pm and is weather dependent.

• Monday 16th - Tuesday 17th December 2019 – **A Winter's Tale** will take place in St. Salvator's Parish Church, Glaslough. It will be followed by refreshments at Castle Leslie. Mrs. Ethne McCord, Musical Director of both the Donagh Community Choir and the Donagh Junior Choir will be joined by Gerard Toal, pianist and Revd. Lorraine Capper will compere the evening as well as singing with the Donagh Community Choir. The evening finishes with a candlelit journey to Castle Leslie for tea, coffee and mulled wine served with mince pies and shortbread. **ADMISSION IS BY TICKET ONLY. THIS EVENT HAS BEEN TOTALLY SOLD OUT.**

• Tuesday 17th December – **Carrickmacross Annual Ecumenical Community Carol Service** returns to St Finbarr's Church this year at 7.30pm. Among those attending will be Monsignor Joseph McGuinness along with friends from St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and the other local churches for this year's Service. Retiring collection will be for the recently formed Carrickmacross Food Bank who provide food and essentials for those in our community who are struggling financially. All welcome

• Wednesday 18th December – **A 'Blue Christmas' Service** will take place in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher at 7.30pm. The Christmas season is not always a happy time for some folks, or indeed at best it can often be a time of many

emotions. The Advent and Christmas seasons can remind us of loved ones or relationships we have lost. A "Blue Christmas" service is a gentle contemplative service for those who are carrying pain and loss during the season of celebration. Everyone is welcome.

• Thursday 19th December – **Christmas Annual Sit-out** by Archdeacon Brian Harper, Rector of Magheracross and Revd John Beacom, Ballinamallard Methodist Church outside Magheracross Parish Church no matter the weather from 8am to 8pm receiving donations. This year, the gifts will be used



to benefit the joint youth activities in Ballinamallard and Prostate Cancer UK.

• Thursday 19th December – **Ecumenical Carol service** will be held at St Maeldoid's Church, Muckno, Castleblayney at 7.30pm.

• Tuesday 31st December – **Colaghty Parish Annual New Year's Eve Worship and Social** will take place in Colaghty Hall with refreshments served around 9pm, followed with worship and then the social. It is hoped that pipers will welcome in the New Year as in previous years. All are welcome

January 2020

• Thursday 23rd January – **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020 service** in Enniskillen Presbyterian Church at 8.00pm.

• Friday 31st January – **Dance in Galloon Church Hall**, Newtownbutler from 10pm to 1am. Music by Livingstone Country Band. Tickets £5.00 including supper.



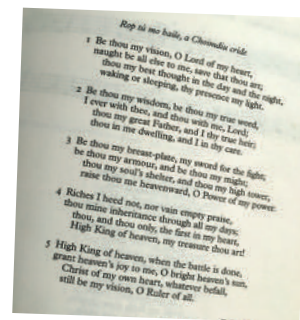
February 2020

• Friday 21st February – **Curtis Magee Dance** in Maguirebridge Parochial Hall organised by Christ Church, Maguiresbridge. Keep free.

• Saturday 22nd February – **Mothers' Union Prayer Breakfast** will be held in Fivemiletown with June Butler, All-Ireland President. More details later.

March 2020

• Sunday 8th March – **Favourite Hymns** in St Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee at 3pm with Revd Olivia Downey.



• Friday 13th March – **Marching Bands Concert** in Tempo Parish Church at 8pm.

May 2020

• Thursday 7th - Saturday 9th May 2020 – **2020 General Synod** in Croke Park Meetings and Events Centre.



• Sunday 10th May – **Picnic at Crom** for St. Mark's Parish, Aghadrumsee 200th anniversary year.

• Friday 22nd - Monday 25th May 2020 – **Inishmaccsaint Mothers Union Trip to Ennis**, Co. Clare. Cost £340 for three nights sharing, including Bed and Breakfast and three evening meals. Single supplement £60. Please contact Robena 02868641569 for further details.

June 2020

• Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th June 2020 – **Aghadrumsee 200th Anniversary ending weekend** with display of wedding dresses and christening gowns and dress up Sunday.

MOTHERS' UNION



Hilary Benson and Lettie Coulter.



Freda Burleigh and Caroline Watterson.

LIFE OF MARY SUMNER RELIVED AT AUTUMN COUNCIL

The Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Autumn Council meeting took place on Thursday 24 October 2019 at 7.30 pm in Aghavea Parish Hall.

In the absence of Mrs Irene Boyd, Diane Simpson welcomed everyone to the meeting and Revd Charles Eames (Diocesan Chaplain) read a portion of scripture and led in prayer.

Diane Simpson welcomed Eva Baxter, the speaker for the evening, who gave a very in-depth account of the life of Mary Sumner and how she formed Mothers' Union. She finished her talk by singing Jesu, My Lord, My God, My all.

Liane Armstrong led a session of MULOA, Mothers' Union Listens Observes Acts. This followed on from the story of Mary Sumner, where she saw a need and sought to address that need among the women of her day and so Mothers' Union was founded in 1876. Today, the needs are equally as great.

Mothers' Union members then shared meeting ideas, speaker ideas and projects that their branches had undertaken, where they were reaching out to the community locally and beyond. Mothers' Union in the Clogher Diocese is still fulfilling the aim of 'Christian Care For families.' Diane thanked everyone who had contributed to a meaningful evening of worship and discussion.

Supper was then served by members of Aghavea Mothers' Union.



Irene Boyd (Diocesan President) and Eva Baxter, speaker at MU Autumn Council.





Heather Harper and Olive Nixon.



Diane Simpson and Joan Whittaker.



Edna McWilliams and Sandra Kettyles.



Blanche Gordon, Norma Scott, Ivy Edwards.



Members of Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union who attended the All-Ireland weekend away at the Armagh City Hotel in October.



On parade on Remembrance Sunday in Fivemiletown.

Girls busy with craftwork

At present the girls are working hard on their Bible Study Projects and their Badge Work throughout all the branches in the Diocese. Some branches are getting ready for the craft stalls at Christmas sales within their branches and others have been showing the girls' handcrafts off at various events within their parish. Most branches were on parade on Remembrance Sunday. Photos show some of the girls on parade.

DATES FOR YOUR GFS DIARY:

■ Dance Evening – Friday, 31st January 2020 in Dromore Parish Hall

INVITE TO JOIN A TOWNSEND BRANCH

GFS All-Ireland have encouraged us to look into the opening of a Townsend Branch in our Diocese. So, if you are a lady over the age of 21 and are interested in joining us, we would be delighted to hear from you. It was decided to leave this until January, please email: pearlsmytoncloghergfs@gmail.com

Please note: This invite is for any young lady over the age of 21 years, along with past members and leaders.



The Fintona parade on Remembrance Sunday.

YOUTH PAGE



AUTUMN SOUL WEEKEND

THIS year the IMYC Autumn Soul weekend in Bangor again proved to be a great success and popular with our young people.

Accommodation was in the Presbyterian church halls a short walk from the main venue in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church. Travel was by coach and all 34 young people and leaders arrived with expectancy of yet another successful weekend.

The theme this year was 'RELEASED' and our speaker, Esther Stansfield from Latin link opened the weekend by looking at the Lion King story and how Simba experiences challenges in his life.

Throughout the weekend Esther continued this theme looking at how we must "Rise" up, find our "Roar" or voice as young people, go out and "Roam" in mission and finally "Reach" the world beyond ourselves. Esther encouraged us to explore all that God has set us free to do and to impact our world. These excellent talks were well supported by the Autumn Soul worship band and the "Play It By Ear" drama company who were yet again highly entertaining and effective.

No Autumn Soul weekend would be complete without the Late-Night extras following the mainstage programme. This year there was opportunity to find out more about the Latin Link missionary organisation and to sample foods from South American countries. There was also a prayer space for those who wished to pray for this important work and games in the main hall. Saturday morning began with the mainstage Celebration at 9.30am followed



by seminar streams. There were five options around the theme of Released to choose from and later in the day workshops. These provided the opportunity for reflection and creativity around the weekends theme. Saturday afternoon provided an opportunity to be together as a Clogher Diocese group and take in the sea air and harbour area in Bangor. Our evening meal was enjoyed in the Red Berry restaurant and this proved to be a great point of fellowship for us all as a group. Suitably refreshed we returned to the weekend programme and having been inspired and energised by the presentations and evening activities we were happy to see our church hall floor beds! Sunday morning was soon upon us and the annual Dodgeball competition in the local Aurora Leisure Centre in Bangor. This year's team were very successful competing through their group and on to the knock-out

stages where they were narrowly defeated in the quarter finals. Ready for a well-deserved lunch we returned to Hamilton Road and our final talk from Esther. As we made our way back to Clogher Diocese there was an air of satisfaction amongst our young people and leaders. This had been a very worthwhile weekend and the group had bonded together very well. An Autumn Soul reunion evening is being planned and hosted by the Ardess parish which will provide an opportunity for the group to continue with their journey together. Great thanks must again go to the parish leaders who freely gave of their time and energy to be with their young people and attend the weekend. Without this sacrifice these events would not be possible.

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CHILDREN'S SECTION

Mouse Makes

Where was Mary's baby born?
Why were Joseph and Mary there?
Read Luke 2 :1-6

Where did Mary lay her baby and why?
Read Luke 2:7

What did Mary dress her baby in?
Read Luke 2:6

Why were the shepherds afraid?
Read Luke 2:8

What did the angel tell Joseph to name Mary's baby and why?
Read Matthew 1:21

What good news did the angel tell?
Read Luke 2:10-11

Who appeared praising God and what did they say?
Read Luke 2:13-14

What did the shepherds do after they had seen the baby?
Read Luke 2:16

Colour a star each day until Christmas

Good news!

Glory to God

A Saviour is born

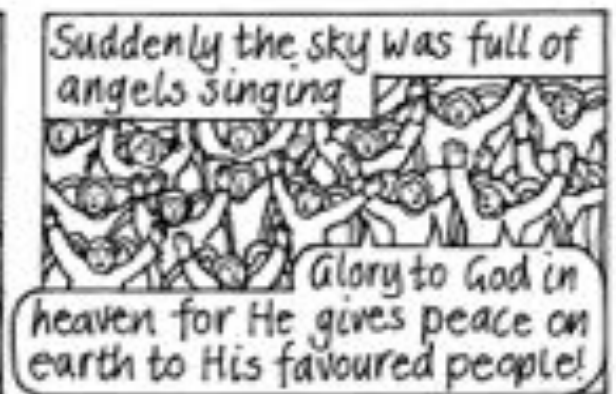
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke chapter 2 verses 8 to 20

Shepherds were paid to look after the flocks out on the hillside. Uneducated and rough, they were usually avoided, or overlooked.



DIOCESAN NEWS



Author Sam Morrow signing a copy of his book for Ina Robinson.



Sam and Marie Morrow and their daughter Jane (centre) with members of her family.

400 years of history of St. Macartin's Cathedral outlined in new book launched in Clogher Diocese

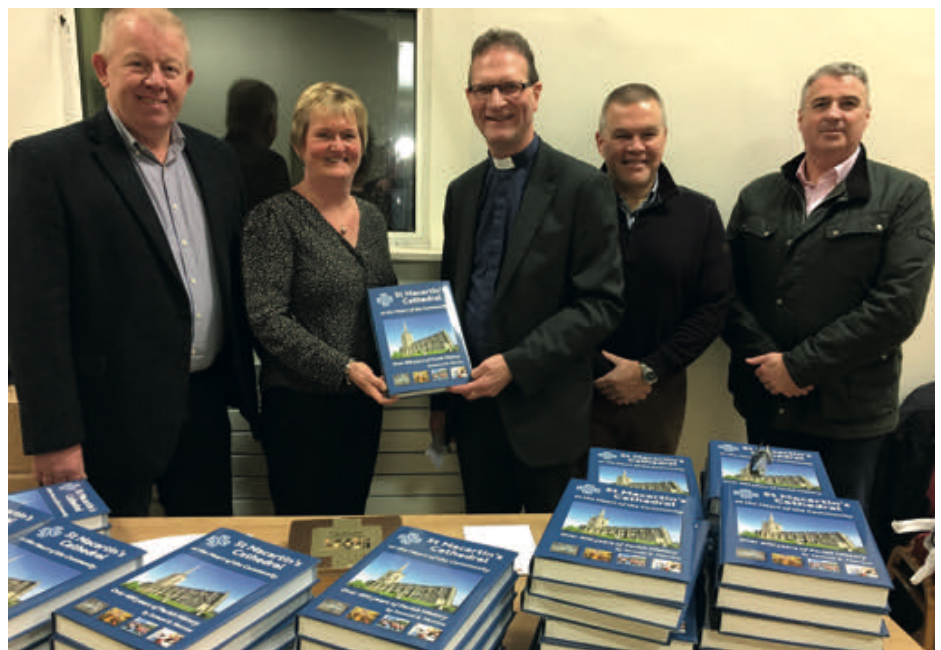
A major publication, 'St. Macartin's Cathedral - at the Heart of the Community' detailing 400 years of history of the parish of Enniskillen and its iconic building, was launched at a special event in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen on Wednesday, 13th November.

The book was written by Mr Sam B. Morrow, Secretary of the Vestry of the Cathedral Parish, and was launched by the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell.

Several hundred people, who gathered in the Cathedral Hall for the launch, some of them travelling from various parts of Ireland, were welcomed by Dean Kenneth Hall who introduced proceedings.

Mr Sam Morrow presented a Power-point presentation of some of the historical aspects contained in the book.

This included the earliest mention of a church on the site. St. Macartin's Cathedral will mark 400 years of worship on this prominent site in 2022. He referred to some of the oldest silverware still in use today including the 1638 Davis Chalice and the Baptismal bowl dating from 1666. Explaining the significance of the 10 bells in the tower of St. Macartin's Cathedral, Mr. Morrow explained how there had been a bell in the church tower since the church was built. In 1716, two bells were cast from



Helping at the book launch were (Stephen Richmond, Sandra Richmond, Dean Kenneth Hall, Johnny Woods and Raymond Campbell).

cannons at the Battle of the Boyne and given to Enniskilleners by King William for their service to the King. The bells were given the names, "William" and "Mary." These bells were later re-casted into one large bell in 1828. The bells rang out to

mark the signing of the Armistice in 1918 as Enniskillen was the first town in the United Kingdom to announce it.

He explained there have been 28 Rectors of St. Macartin's Cathedral with the current Dean, Very Revd Kenneth Hall.



Sam Morrow planning a Rowan tree in the Cathedral grounds watched by his wife, Marie and Dean Kenneth Hall.



Helping to sell books were (from left); Rosemary Woods, Churchwarden; Andy McCabe, Verger; Scott Elliott, Pastoral Assistant and David Graham, Churchwarden.

The Cathedral has been at the forefront of historic events such as the visit by Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher in 1987 following the Enniskillen Remembrance Day bomb and the visit of Queen Elizabeth in 2012.

Bishop McDowell officially launched the publication, saying that the large turnout was not only due to interest in the Cathedral but of respect for the author, Sam Morrow.

He said the book successfully set in context what Ireland was like in the 17th Century and was also reflective of the history of the Church of Ireland.

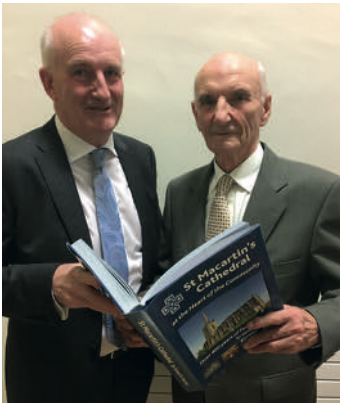
Bishop McDowell said it was a privilege to be asked to officially launch this book, describing it as a genuine parish history and an "outstanding achievement".

Other contributors on the evening were Mr. Jack Johnston, local historian and a

member of Clogher Cathedral Parish who described the book as a 'most handsome volume' and well laid out with a valuable index.

Monsignor Peter O'Reilly from St. Michael's Church also praised the publication of the book saying it reflected the importance of buildings to many people.

Copies of the book are available from the Cathedral Parish Office and church officials.



Sam Morrow (right); with his nephew, Alan Morrow



Sam Morrow receives copies of books on the history of Enniskillen from Ron Ternan.



Dean Kenneth Hall presenting Sam and Marie Morrow with a painting of their dog, Meg.

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This is a time of year where we particularly
remember our loved ones that have passed
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CHRISTMAS MEMORIES SERVICE 2019



Attending the Remembrance Service were (from left); Julian Smith M.P.; Secretary of State for Northern Ireland; Bryan Wockley, Deputy US Deputy Consul; Dean Kenneth Hall; Jerome Mullen, Hon Consul for Poland; Leo Varadar T.D., Taoiseach; Arlene Foster MLA, Former First Minister and Andy McCabe, Verger.

Taoiseach and Secretary of State attend Remembrance Service in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen

The Remembrance Day Service in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, was attended by representatives from five governments including the Taoiseach, Mr Leo Varadkar T.D.

The service, following the Remembrance Ceremony held at the Cenotaph in Belmore Street, Enniskillen, scene of the Remembrance Day bomb in 1987 which resulted in the deaths of 12 people, was led by the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, assisted by Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, from St. Michael's Church. The preacher was the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell.

Among those attending were; Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Fermanagh, Viscount Brookeborough; the

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr. Julian Smith M.P. representing the UK Government; the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D. representing the Irish Government; The Deputy US Consul General, Bryan Wockley, representing the American Government; the Hon Consul for Poland, Jerome Mullen, representing the Polish Government and the former First Minister, Arlene Foster MLA, representing the Northern Ireland Assembly. All government representatives led the prayers.

The lessons were read by John Jones, Chairman of the Enniskillen Branch, Royal British Legion; Viscount Brookeborough and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly.

During the Act of Remembrance led by Dean Kenneth Hall, a page in the Book of

Remembrance was turned and wreaths were laid at the War Memorial.

The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Warren Kerr of Ballyreagh Silver Band. Lt. Col Mark Scott (Ret'd), Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, led the words from the poem, "They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old" and the Piper's Lament was played by Pipe Major Gordon McKeown, 4 UDR Association.

The Cathedral Choir accompanied by organist, Glenn Moore, sang the anthem, "The Mansions of the Lord," and the collection was taken up for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

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

War and conflict between nations are failures of diplomacy, says Bishop

The following is the sermon preached by the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell at the Remembrance Day service in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Among the congregation was the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D. and Northern Ireland Secretary of State, Julian Smith M.P.

The Bishop stated;

"Go raibh na foclaí uilig a deirim libh in anim Dia bheo, an t-Athair, an Mac agus an Spiorad Naomh. Áiméan.

May all the words that I say to you be in the Name of the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

"Let justice roll down like waters; and righteousness like an ever-rolling stream" Amos 5:24

On the clasp of the general service medal that was issued to all soldiers, sailors and airmen a short time after the end of the First World War are the words, 'The Great War for Civilisation 1914-19.' So that is what the War Office at least thought the people who received that medal were fighting for. Civilisation.

The Great War was also a great trauma which stunned the conscience of many European countries and it wasn't until they were standing on the verge of another world crisis in the 1930s that serious people began to ask what had really happened in 1914 and the build up to it. By and large they were people who had fought in that war but who were now a bit sceptical about what benefits had flowed from it.

Reformation

And they began to ask: 'exactly what sort of civilisation had carried the Great War in its womb'? We can see with hindsight that the war was a long time in the making as the two European nations (Germany and the United Kingdom) whose political and religious life owed most to the Reformation, pulled on either end of the rope of international rivalry until the knot was so tight that it couldn't be undone. It could only be cut.

Germany was admired throughout Europe, including in the United Kingdom, as the most civilised country in the world. It had the beginnings of a welfare state long before any other European country. It had a heritage in music, literature and drama unequalled since those of Italy during the Renaissance of the fifteenth century. It had mighty industries and great trade; all the rhythm and order of progress; magnificent churches, and in Lutheranism a national religion. Great glories, great records, great prospects.

But deep within itself it had also a frail seam and an old wound, which, as is so often the case in individuals and in nations, expressed itself not as weakness, but as a belief in its own exceptionalism and its special place in history. And the United Kingdom of those days also shared many of these characteristics. At the time of the Great War, on any scale of judgement, the UK was less successful than Germany had been in adjusting to, or indeed shaping, the modern world of the twentieth century. But with two notable exceptions; Britain (or at least England) had been a unified nation with a common culture for much longer than Germany; and,



The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell who preached at the Remembrance Service in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen where he said war and conflict between nations were failures of diplomacy.

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as an island nation, it had built up a much greater Navy. And it was around naval strength that a rivalry developed with Germany which escalated into poisonous competitiveness which eventually led to war. That is where the diplomacy of two of the most sophisticated chancelleries in the world foundered.

And when you look back on the pronouncements and actions of the Churches at that time (churches and religion were a great deal more important in the affairs of nations then than they are now) you see evidence of our own fatal flaws which contributed to the causes of the war. The flaw of teaching people to think of God as their chief asset rather than as their eternal Judge. To want God to be on our side, rather than to take care that we are on his. The State had an important place for God. And they kept him in his place. And that place was to glorify the nation and not to vindicate and hallow His Name before all the nations of the earth. And to our shame both before and since the churches have abetted that sacrilege.

Diplomacy

All war and all conflict between nations are failures of diplomacy. That is as true today as it was in the run up to the Great War. And a failure of diplomacy is a failure to talk sympathetically, intelligibly and truthfully across national boundaries. But that failure begins at home when Governments delude their own people and perhaps even delude themselves into unreal assessments of their virtues and vices. It happens when a certain type of political pharisaism is allowed to develop. Pharisaism ends in hypocrisy but it doesn't begin there. It doesn't begin in conscious duplicity but in an unconscious unreality, which makes false estimates of the world and of its own powers. It derives from a self confidence that has never had its confidence shaken. It is not a disease of the mind but of the soul. It is so far removed from the true data of life that it doesn't even suspect just how unreal it is. And it can be as deadly in political or civic life now as it was in religious and civic life in Germany in 1914.

In these islands with our history of democracy and cautious governance and close diplomacy, conflict across our borders or international conflict of any kind only takes place when we start to talk to one another with the candour of a friend but without the kindness of a brother. It happens too when those who are responsible



Among those taking part in the Remembrance Service were (from left); Scott Elliott, Pastoral Assistant; the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell; Julian Smith M.P.; Secretary of State, Northern Ireland; Leo Varadkar, T.D., Taoiseach and Dean Kenneth Hall.

(generally our civil servants) for guarding the treasury of wisdom in policy making and governance become politicised, or afraid to offer governments the accumulated institutional wisdom at their disposal, leavened by their own sober and mature judgement.

For the past 200 years almost all wars have also arisen from a failure to understand the destructive power of a certain type of nationalism. In the Great War and in others since, the state has managed to do something which the churches had been trying and failing to do for many years - to get young people to rally to its cause; in the case of the state the cause of the nation. In 1914 young people flocked to join up.

Instinct

In 1914 that was a considerable achievement. Forget the Edwardian poise of Downton Abbey. In the years leading up to 1914 the UK was a particularly vulnerable and unstable society. Labour was organising itself more and more effectively and pushing back against the laws and judgements that had disabled it as a political force for so long. Industrialisation had moved into a new and very chaotic phase (not unlike the chaos capitalism which is today crouched in the wings waiting for its moment). There was a feeling also in the years leading up to the Great War that the young were rebellious and discontented. Yet alongside their discontentedness and urge to rebel there lay another instinct for

order and for disciplined action. An instinct and a desire for a great cause to be served by a great sacrifice.

And by talking about the nation in a language which should have been reserved only for God, the church to some degree sawed through the branch on which it was sitting and had nothing else to offer when the war ended and the steady decline in numbers and in ethical power (which continues to this day) began.

But now with all our advantages of being able to see further along the great arc of history than our ancestors could, it is clear that, above all else, it is a nation which carries injustice in its womb which will find its nemesis in conflict. That injustice may be in relation to other nations. Wanting to be "first" in a way that means others must be second or third and should be glad to be so. Wanting to be "great" in a way which belittles others and requires them to defer to all that makes for the greatness of the great.

Injustice

But there is also a reckoning and a judgement for those nations which allow any internal injustice to persist for too long. Injustice that requires many of their citizens to live in austere circumstances or in an unfriendly environment. Or countries that devote their best efforts and their best minds to maintaining an economic system that has at its principal foundation the reef of sand called "asset values", particularly

the value of houses, while thousands of their citizens have no where to lay their heads, no permanent home in which to build up their family life, or to realise the little dreams of domestic security which are the beating heart of truly democratic societies. Or a society which is deeply divided and frankly sectarian but where parties of power see advantage in division and reinforce it. Or a society which can see the continued anguish of people like those who suffered in this town 32 years ago but who have not the compassionate will to face up to the practical remedies for that suffering.

If the diaries and letters of the private soldiers from this island (everyone a volunteer) and from Great Britain are anything to go by, the redress of injustice is at the core of the civilisation they fought for.

In his own day the prophet Amos could see these injustices and the consequences of them very clearly, which is why his words have a meaning far beyond their original context. He lived in a postwar world. Israel had been engaged in a costly war with Syria which had gone very badly at first but the tide had turned and after victory came unparalleled prosperity rather as happened in Western Europe after World War Two.

In Need

And as he made his way through the country Amos saw people living well and eating well. It was like nothing they had ever had before. They had never had it so good. There were magnificent houses with panelled rooms and tremendous social life. Indeed Amos even remarks on the fact that many people had summer houses too.

But he also noticed another Israel; a darker side of the picture. Not all Israel shared in

this new affluence. There were people in need and when they cried for justice they found that justice cost money, which they didn't have. That's why they needed justice! And the wealthy and the king didn't seem to care. In fact at their worst they deliberately exploited the poor who had to spend a far higher proportion of the little they had on necessities. And Amos even noted that affluence had a detrimental effect on the rich. It made them spiritually poor.

Amos' message was quite simply this: God takes no pleasure in people who pay him homage in his sanctuary if they do not work to right the wrongs of the world outside. And that goes for today as with every other day. God refuses to hear their liturgies, the prayers they offer, the hymns they sing. Instead he demands that the world is flooded with justice.

I hate and despise your feasts,

And I take no delight in your solemn assemblies

let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever flowing stream

Amos warned people about yearning for the Day of the Lord as though it was to be a day of contentment when it was really to be a day of reckoning and of judgement on injustice. Of sifting out the hearts of men and societies before his judgement seat. The world gets a long time to redress its injustices and to pay its debt to those unjustly dealt with. But it is Amos' witness that all the accounts are kept, lest if anything be forgotten there might be something unforgiven, unredeemed, unjust still.

Injustice is also the greatest tragedy of war.

Some people make mistakes and other people pay the price. And it is principally the people who paid the price who we remember and pay tribute to today; but we do so in the face of a God of holy love who makes demands of us who do the remembering. We need to be careful that he is as pleased with us as we are with ourselves.

Courage

We do not know what was in the minds of those young men from this parish whose names we read out earlier; or in the minds of the many millions who died in the Great War. What was in their minds when they "rallied to the colours" or when they completed their training. Or when they first saw action, or first experienced fear. Or when they saw friends and comrades die or faced the hour of death themselves. We simply do not know. But we do know that to have done as they did must have taken extraordinary courage and perseverance and, probably cheerfulness too.

And we also know that 1919 wasn't the end of it. It wasn't the war to end all wars. We know that the campaign between good and evil drags on and that the evil world will not win in the end because in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (the greatest battle ever fought and the highest price ever offered and paid) it failed to win the only time it ever could. That in the cross of the Son of God all the wickedness and sin of the world lost its chief servant-death- which became the minster of eternal life for millions in the Great War and who we remember today, and for a countless multitude before and since. Thanks be to God.

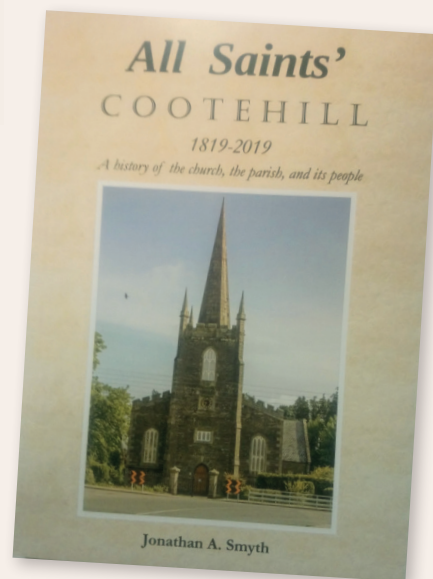
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The book is available at the following outlets –

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 - **Monaghan:** Christian Book Centre, Lower Market Street
 - **Cootehill:** Pricewise (beside Supervalu), Market Street & Hannigans, Market Street
 - **Cavan:** Genealogy Centre, Farnham St; Christian Bookshop, Bridge St.
- or email drumgoon.kilmore@gmail.com



DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING

A very informative and inspirational training session on Disability Awareness was hosted by Clogher Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action on 30th October in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.

The event gave an overview of disabilities in society and focussed on relevant issues.

The training session was introduced by the Board's Chairman, Revd Charles Eames and delivered by Katherine-Alice Grasham, Disability Officer and Children, Young People and Families Adviser with the Anglican Diocese of Leeds.

She firstly introduced herself and described how she suffers from ADHD, Chronic pain, Depression/Anxiety, Asthma, Chronic migraines and Coeliac Disease.

Setting the scene, she posed the question, "What is a disability?"

She described this by The Equality Act 2010 'as a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.'

She then highlighted a number of conditions and asked those present to select what they thought were disabilities such as spinal injury, hearing loss, autism, chronic pain disorders, dementia, depression, sight loss, fibromyalgia, asthma, dyspraxia, anxiety disorders and ADHD.

Katherine-Alice noted that The Equality Act (UK) stated that organisations must make 'reasonable adjustments' for people with disabilities and that churches for example had an 'anticipatory duty' to think ahead and try and accommodate for all abilities ahead of any arising issues.

She said Employment Equality Act (Ireland) stated that a person who had a disability should not be regarded as other than fully competent to undertake and fully capable of undertaking any duties if, with the assistance of special treatment or facilities, such a person would be fully competent to undertake, and should be fully capable of undertaking, those duties. The Act states that an employer should do all that was reasonable to accommodate the needs of a person who has a disability by providing special treatment or facilities.

Statistically, there are around 13.9 million people in the UK who are disabled, eight per cent of them children and 45 per cent of them of pension age. In Ireland it is estimated there are around 400,000 disabled people three per cent of them children and 30 per cent of them of pension age.

Katherine-Alice said the most common impairments were mobility (57%), stamina/



Katherine-Alice Grasham, who delivered the training session on Disability Training with Revd Charles Eames, Chairman of Clogher Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action and Bishop John McDowell.

breathing/fatigue (38%), dexterity (28%) and mental health (16%).

She explained how being disabled was tough, as they were more than twice as likely to be unemployed as non-disabled people and living costs £570 more on average each month if disabled. Everyone is affected, adults, children, carers and families.

She highlighted how a social model of disability was more acceptable. This model says that people are 'disabled by barriers in society,' not by their impairment or difference. These barriers can be physical, such as buildings not having accessible toilets or caused by 'people's attitudes' to difference such as assuming disabled people can't do certain things.

She stressed how language was important. "It is considered much better to say things like 'people with disabilities' than 'the disabled.' Some phrases were not helpful, such as 'differently abled.'

Regarding disability and theology, Katherine-Alice outlined how there were biblical references to healing, etc.

Katherine-Alice highlighted a slide in her Powerpoint presentation which read; "A church that excludes people because they are disabled is itself disabled."

She then examined physical accessibility and quoted from the National Access Audit on access, inclusion and welcomed anyone with disabilities, mental health problems and autism spectrum; "Help you to ensure that your church buildings, worship, activities and people are as welcoming and inclusive as you would wish to all in your local community." She provided a template to assist with making churches "A place to belong."

Katherine-Alice also explained how invisible

disabilities were present too explaining; "An invisible disability is a disability that cannot be seen, and may not require a wheelchair, crutches or a blue badge."

Physical disabilities would include Lupus, M.E., Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia, Chronic Pain Disorders while invisible disabilities would include depression, stress, anxiety, schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder.

Learning difficulties and neuro-divergencies would include autism, Asperger's Syndrome, ADHD, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia and Tourette's Syndrome. Other conditions were asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, migraines and allergies. She then posed the question; "How can we support people with disabilities that we can't see?" She suggested having a culture of acceptance, be willing to change and think ahead.

Turning to children with additional needs, Katherine-Alice said that 15% of school-age children had additional needs and children with special educational needs (SEN) were twice as likely as other children to be bullied regularly and they may struggle with education, money and friendship. Adults can help children with these needs by being aware, be patient, be advocates and speak to parents.

Katherine-Alice referred to an article in Youth and Children's Work magazine written by British comedian, Sally Phillips who has a son with Down's Syndrome where she identified ways to improve communication. Katherine-Alice also shared information on inclusive worship by adopting spiritual pathways. She identified ways of adapting worship to people with different needs.

Her talk was delivered in an easy to understand and engaging way.



A group of people who have been attending seminars in Garrison Church of Ireland Hall.



Speakers at one of the seminars in Garrison Church of Ireland Hall were (from left); Connall Parr, who written on Protestant identities; Rosemary Jenkinson, writer and playwright and Ruth Moore, facilitator from The Glens Centre, Manorhamilton.

The First Protestant - a play for our time?

The last event in a programme which has been examining ‘cultural imagination’ in relation to the northern Ulster Protestant community will be taking place in early December.

A play called “The First Protestant” will be performed in The Old Regal, Enniskillen on 5 December at 8pm.

The programme has been organised by the “Across The Lines” cross community group at The Glens Centre, Manorhamilton in recent weeks including seminars in Garrison Church of Ireland Hall attracting people from different traditions and backgrounds with visiting speakers including short story writers and playwrights.

The play has been put together by Leitrim-born playwright and actor Gerry Farrell who did what many playwrights do, drawing from his own personal experience.

A psychotherapist for 40 years with a love for theatre and a passion for devouring historical biographies, Gerry renewed his acquaintance with the formidable and some might say controversial historical figure, Martin Luther, a man who made a stand against the Christian church of the time which forced a split which we live with today.

Farrell read every pamphlet that Luther wrote, in spite of his memory of the De La Salle School Brothers who advised a younger 9-year-old self that “if I went into a Protestant Church I was going to hell!”. And decades on, Farrell’s first full length play “The First Protestant” has gained standing ovations as it toured Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Referencing Luther’s ability to rouse and mobilise others through the use of the printing press which revolutionised the speed of communication, Farrell draws parallels to social media today. The First Protestant stars Michael Roper and Gerry Farrell and is directed by Prin Duignan.

The play will be performed in The Old Regal, Enniskillen on 5 December at 8pm. This event is open to all. Tickets are available via The Glens Centre website www.theglenscentre.com (Tues-Fri 10-5pm) or at the door on the night but phone in advance to reserve seats. Contact: Jamie or Mary at The Glens Centre to reserve Tickets. Tel: 00353 71 9855833.



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Irene Boyd surrounded by shoeboxes.

25 years of sharing Christmas joy with others around the world

The church hall in Drumkeeran Parish in North Fermanagh was recently bursting with Christmas joy as the thousands of shoeboxes collected for this year's Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child were prepared for loading onto a lorry to bring to needy children in foreign countries.

The collection in this part of Clogher Diocese is supervised each year by Irene Boyd MBE who receives filled boxes from people from churches, schools and various organisations from over a wide area.

But this year is a special one for Irene. This is her 25th year as co-ordinator in the area for the charity, the international organisation which delivers the boxes of toys and goodies to children who have not experienced gifts at Christmas before. Irene modestly estimates that in all those years, she has overseen the collection of almost 110,000 shoeboxes with an average 4000 boxes brought to her collection centre at Drumkeeran Parish Hall, Tubrid each year. Irene has been supported by a team of committed volunteers who help check the boxes and seal them before they are packed into cardboard cartons prior to loading onto a lorry at the end of November. For Irene, it is not simply keeping busy a few weeks to get the boxes ready. In January each year, armed with some of the donations she receives for the charity, she will go around the post-Christmas sales buying up items that will be used as fillers for the following year's boxes that might not be filled enough. Then in August and September, she will visit schools, youth



Helping to seal the shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse charity are (from left) Valerie Kerrigan, Iris Knox, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Irene Boyd, Co-ordinator; Lorraine Holden and Ethel Aiken.

organisations, voluntary organisations and churches distributing leaflets and then prepare to accept the filled boxes throughout October and November. She says she wants to share God's love through bringing these small gifts to children of various ages in countries where Christmas presents are not able to be given. It all began for Irene from a small project she introduced to her Sunday School class and originally using her home as a makeshift collection centre. Now this has grown to be a major exercise each year as she co-ordinates one of the many collection centres around the country which donate shoeboxes to this charity. She acknowledges great help from her husband, John and family members as well

as her team of volunteers and for others around the county who help her such as Mrs Joan Bullock, Mrs Lilian Willis and their friends in the Derrylin area over several years. Through the year, Irene promotes the charity through talks to various Mothers' Union, senior citizens and school organisations and often accepts donations for the charity which helps to purchase additional resources such as booklets of Gospel stories about the birth of Jesus which will accompany the boxes. As Irene, her family and local helpers look forward to their own Christmas celebrations, they can be satisfied that needy children and teenagers will take great delight opening their boxes of joy and goodwill.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

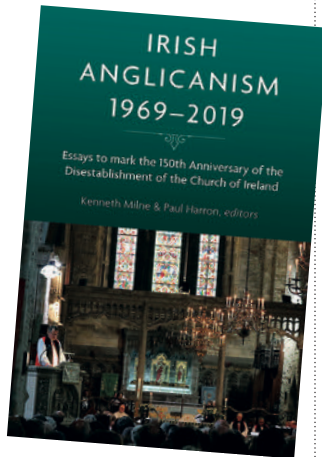
Book of essays mark Disestablishment 150

A major publication detailing the history of the Church of Ireland over the last 50 years was launched in Dublin on Friday, 8th November by the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke.

'Irish Anglicanism, 1969–2019' is published by Four Courts Press and co-edited by Dr Paul Harron and Dr Kenneth Milne and features 20 essays ranging across themes as broad as youth work, art

and architecture, education, liturgy, the Irish language, and music. The project forms part of the initiative to mark the 150th anniversary of its Disestablishment. One of these essays has been written jointly by the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell and the Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory, Right Revd Michael Burrows on politics and social change.

A further launch of the book takes place in Belfast in early December. Irish Anglicanism, 1969–2019 runs to 324 pages and is available at a launch price of €30 plus postage (or sterling equivalent) from www.fourcourtspress.ie



Archbishop announces retirement

The Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, has announced his intention to retire, with effect from 2nd February 2020. He made the announcement in the course of his Presidential Address to the Armagh Diocesan Synod at St Mark's Parish Church, Armagh. Archbishop Clarke, who is 70, has served as a bishop in the Church of Ireland for 23 years, firstly as Bishop of Meath and Kildare from 1996 to 2012. He was elected as Archbishop of Armagh in October 2012 and enthroned in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, in December of that year.

The Archbishop remarked that he had chosen 2nd February 'the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple' as the appropriate date on which to conclude his time as Archbishop as the festival 'marks a conclusion, but also a vantage point into the future.'

Archbishop Clarke will continue to carry out all the duties and responsibilities of the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate until 2nd February 2020. After that date, the Church of Ireland House of Bishops will consider the selection of a successor.



Archbishop of Canterbury preaches at Disestablishment 150 service



The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd and Right Honorable Justin Welby (fourth left) was the guest preacher at a special service in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on Saturday afternoon, 23rd November to mark the 150th anniversary of the Church of Ireland's Disestablishment. He is with the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland and the Archbishop of Dublin and Glendalough and bishops including the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell.

The Choral Evensong worship was led by the cathedral choir and the congregation was welcomed by the Dean of St Patrick's, the Very Revd Dr William Morton.

Archbishop Welby said: 'The Church of Ireland has always been and continues to be a profound gift not only to Ireland but to the Church universal, including the wider Anglican Communion.'

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Bishop Joseph Duffy, an authority on St. Patrick speaking at the event.



Supporting the event "St Patrick - an inspiration for all?" were (from left); Alan Elliott, Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge; Pauline Clarke, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council; Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell; Bishop Joseph Duffy, retired Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher; Earl Storey, who facilitated the meeting and Stuart Brooker, Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge.

Views on St. Patrick to 'make history talk'

The life of St. Patrick and the Ireland that he brought the Gospel to, were described at a public event supported by local churches and Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge. The speakers were the Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell and Bishop Joseph Duffy, retired Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher. The event, "St. Patrick – an inspiration for all?" was organised by the Church of Ireland Clogher Diocese, the Methodist Church and Presbyterian Church locally and County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge and was the latest in a series of public events designed to promote helpful discussion on important issues.

The meeting in the Killyhevin Hotel was well supported on 29th October. Introducing the evening, Mr Stuart Brooker, past County Grand Master of Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge, explained how they had previously examined the Decade of Centenaries, the Ulster Covenant, Battle of the Somme and the Easter Rising. About this latest event, he said; "Although we share differences, we all have a part to play in Northern Ireland. He said an inaugural St. Patrick's Day service in Maguiresbridge Church of Ireland had been well supported.

Chairing the evening was Earl Storey, from the Centre for Studies in Irish Protestantism at Maynooth University, who said they were trying to make history talk.

The first speaker, Bishop McDowell, told the audience that only two documents survive (neither of them in the original) which historians can say without hesitation were written by Patrick.

"Neither of them is very long and in fact one of them is short letter; The Confession and the Letter to the Soldiers of Coroticus," he explained.

He described it as a paradox that most



Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell.

people in history would know the basic facts of someone's life, such as the date and place of birth and when they died, possibly where they were educated or who the most important people were in their lives. But for such people they often knew next to nothing about their inner life, how they felt about other people or how they reacted to suffering.

"With Patrick it's the exact opposite. We don't know with any certainty when or where he was born or educated. But we do know lots about his inner life because he wrote it down in the explanation and justification for his life which he called his Confession.

"You might say we know a lot about what would nowadays be called Patrick's 'spirituality'; how he related to God. And it is very personal because Patrick had very clear and definite ideas about what God's plan was for the world and where he (Patrick) fitted into it."

Bishop McDowell said Patrick would have thought himself as a stranger in Ireland. "In order to preach the Gospel, Patrick in direct quotations from Scriptures (in this case from Sirach and Mark's Gospel) says he is prepared to suffer 'the hatred of the

wanderer' to preach the Gospel to the 'ends of earth.'

Bishop McDowell quoted Patrick as having written; "It is a bitter thing to be homeless and as long as you are in your own home you don't have to bear the hatred that is healed upon the stranger.

The Bishop said; "And that homesickness and suffering is a recurring theme in the Confession and the Letter. Patrick repeatedly notes that he has left his parents and his friends and his homeland for the sake of the Gospel. He talks about being held in contempt and having to forage for food. He complains about being betrayed by those close to him and having plots hatched against him. "He is brought before his own religious leaders to be censured and also before foreign kings (Irish chieftains) to be humiliated. All consistent with what is foretold in Mark 13 for a preacher. And all this is explained by one word which Patrick uses often 'Grace.' Grace which has a rather sterner meaning for him than for us. To Patrick it meant simply God's will. For it was Grace, not his own choosing, which had sent him to Ireland and had been both the cause and the medicine of his suffering.

Bishop Joseph Duffy, who retired as Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher in 2010 wrote a book "Patrick in His Own Words' 50 years ago, which has been reprinted many times since.

At the talk, Bishop Duffy, regarded as a noted authority on Patrick, examined the Ireland that he visited.

He explained how his interest in Patrick began when visiting Lough Derg and where before he became Bishop, he was chaplain to the pilgrims at St Patrick's Purgatory there for 10 years.

He said his interest in Patrick took him to many places to speak including, he recalled, addressing clergy at Portora Royal School in

the 1970's.

"It's the appreciation that Patrick was not just a Roman Catholic product, that he belonged to everyone, that he reached across the divide.

"Patrick to me was a very real person," he said.

Describing the people to whom he came across in Ireland, Bishop Duffy said they

spoke a celtic language but were either described as Hibernicas or Scot Gaels, the latter who spoke the gaelic of today. He said there would have been about 500,000 people living on the island then in a tribal society where groups of families were together and had a king and did not live in towns and villages but in isolated areas.

Livestock were by far the most important wealth in the countryside and Patrick came as a stranger to make Christians out of the Irish.

The event was supported by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as well as the Centre for Studies in Irish Protestantism (Maynooth University).



Football Club to host Carol Service

Football Club, Ballinamallard F.C. will be staging their annual Carol Service at their ground, Ferney Park this month.

The Club will hold the event following their home game against Portadown at around 5.15pm weather permitting.

The Rector of Magheracross Parish in the town, Archdeacon Brian Harper is Chaplain at the football club.

Community Forum host events

A number of activities have been organised by Clones Community Forum.

One of them was a talk on Sir Thomas Lipton and his Clones connections by Frank McHugh in The Cassandra Hand Folk and Famine Centre. It was taking place on Thursday 28th November at 7:30pm. Those attending were asked to bring Lipton's Tea related memorabilia along on the night.

The Community Forum Christmas Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, 7th December in the Creighton Hotel, Clones from 10am - 4pm.



SIT-OUT FOR CHARITY

The Archdeacon of Clogher, the Venerable Brian Harper will be putting on the layers and keeping warm on Thursday, 19th December as he takes part in his annual sit-out for charity.

Archdeacon Harper, Rector of Magheracross Parish will be alongside his Methodist colleague in Ballinamallard, Revd John Beacom outside Magheracross Parish Church on the Main Street between 8am and 8pm.

Looking forward to the event, Archdeacon Harper said this year, the donations will be used to benefit joint youth activities in Ballinamallard and also supporting the charity, Prostate Cancer UK.

A Christmas Carol in Carrickmacross

A parish in Co Monaghan will be re-enacting a Christmas from past times when they host "A Christmas Carol."

The production is being staged in St Finbarr's Church, Carrickmacross on Friday and Saturday, 6 and 7 December

While parishioners will be taking to the stage the play was the brainchild of David O'Rourke, the director of local theatre group, the Farney Players. David was so impressed by the church setting during last year's Christmas Tree Festival that he was keen to perform an adaptation of the Dickens' classic as a community event this Christmas.

The cast will be made up of members of the Farney Players along with parishioners from St Finbarr's. The Carrickmacross Group of Parishes Choir will also be performing on the night as well as leading the audience in some sing along Carols.



NEWS FOR VESTRIES

News for Vestries (NI)

The Diocese is pleased to report that all the parishes which had a filing deadline of 31st October with the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland met that deadline.

The Diocese would like to thank the rectors, treasurers, secretaries and other parish personnel for completing the annual monitoring returns and uploading the relevant documents to CCNI before the deadline.

News for Vestries (ROI)

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

For those parishes not yet registered with the CRA, the Diocese is liaising with the RCB about registering these parishes in due course and it is likely that this will take place in the latter half of 2020. The Diocese will contact those parishes to arrange training and guidance with the registration process.

Commission warns charities in the run up to the General Election

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland has warned charities not to break charity law in advance of the forthcoming General Election.

Highlighting its political activity and campaigning guidance for charities, the Commission has urged all charities not to do anything that undermines their independence and neutrality when it comes to party politics.

With an election set for Thursday 12 December 2019, the rapid nature of the campaign will leave little time for reflection, meaning that charities should review the Commission's guidance as soon as possible, particularly if they engage politically.

Examples from the guidance include that charities should avoid:

- supporting or opposing a political party or politician, verbally or financially
- endorsing a political party based on one policy position
- Participating in or running events to which all candidates or parties have not been invited
- sharing party political social media posts using official charity social media channels, or too closely echoing the language or slogans employed by political parties
- hiring out venues to political parties at a non-commercial rate
- allowing charity trustees, staff or members who may also be elected representatives or party activists access to charity assets for non-charity related business.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

Preparations advanced for Lambeth Conference 2020

The Lambeth Conference takes place in Canterbury in July and August in 2020 under the theme "God's Church for God's World: walking, listening and witnessing together."

Regarded as a hugely significant event in the life of the Anglican Church, it brings together all active bishops and their spouses from across the worldwide Anglican Communion from more than 165 countries.

The aim is to seek God's direction for the future of the Anglican/Episcopalian Church for the decades ahead.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is sending personal invitations to every eligible bishop and spouse and is looking forward immensely to hosting them.

"It's my prayer that, inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Lambeth Conference will reinvigorate the Communion with the vision and resources to bring the transforming love of Jesus Christ to every level of society across the world", he said.

"It will be a time of addressing hurts and concerns; of deepening existing relationships and building new ones; of grappling with issues that face the Church and the world. We will listen to each other; we will seek God's wisdom to find ways to walk together; we will build each other up as leaders."

First joint pastoral visit in 2020

The first joint pastoral visit by a Pope and an Archbishop of Canterbury could take place in South Sudan early next year, the Vatican and Lambeth Palace announced.

The news came after a private audience between Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin Welby at the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta guest house.

"During the friendly talks we focused on the condition of Christians in the world and on some situations of international crisis, with particular reference to the painful reality facing South Sudan," the Vatican Press Office said in a bulletin.

"At the end of the meeting the Holy Father and the Archbishop of Canterbury agreed that, if the political situation in the country should allow the establishment of a transitional government of national unity in the next 100 days, at the expiry of the agreement signed in recent days in Entebbe, in Uganda, they intend to visit South Sudan together."

Confirming the announcement, Archbishop Justin Welby said in a Facebook post: "We discussed our shared passion for peace in South Sudan and agreed that if the political situation permits the creation of a transitional government of national unity, it is our intention to visit together."

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