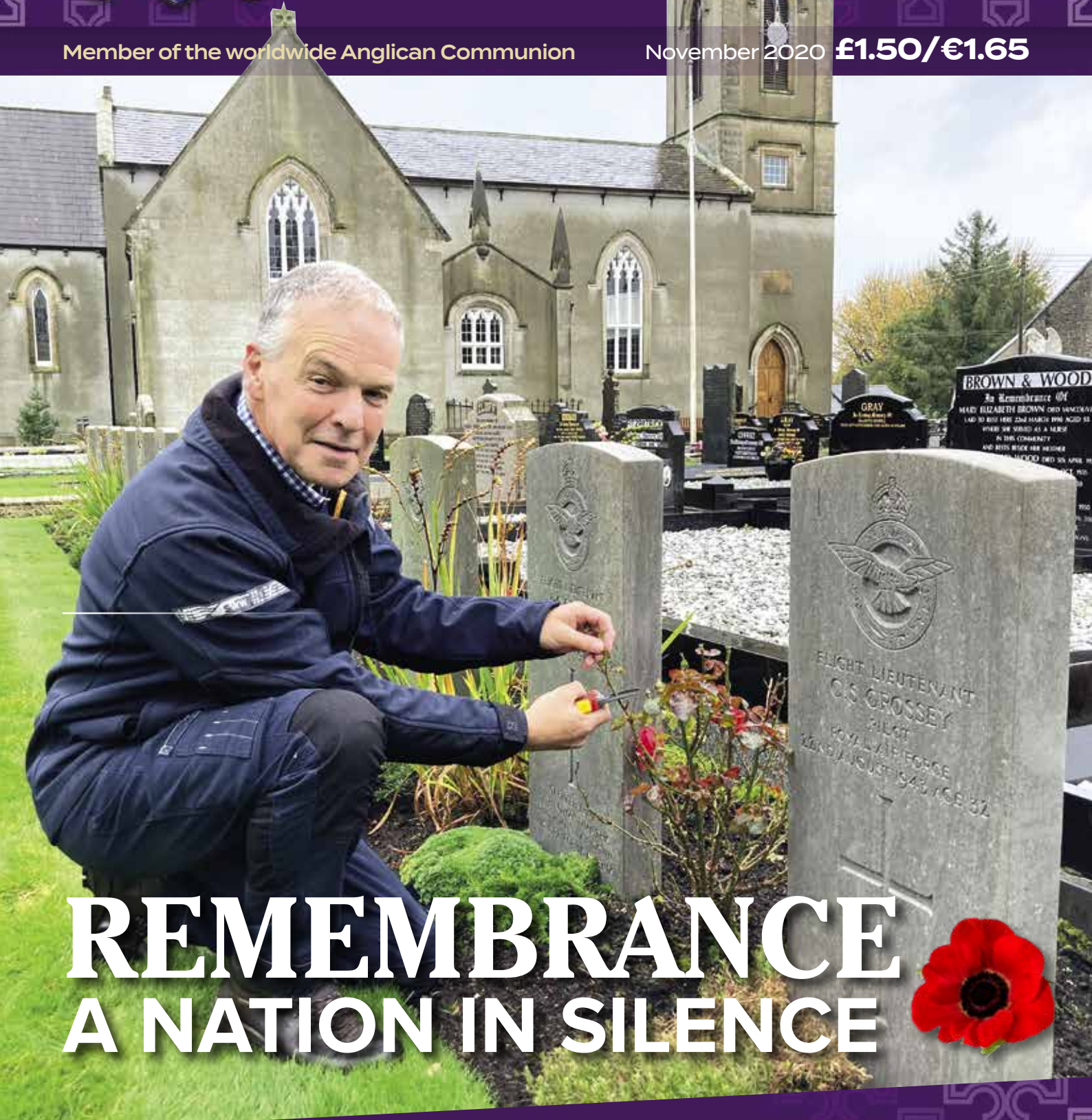




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Can you spare €5 or more to assist this congregation of Christ Church, Aughnamullen in Clogher Diocese to re-roof and install an interpretative centre in memory of the Late Billy Fox (senator and TD) who lost his life during the troubles. He was the only member of Dail Eireann to suffer death as a result and he was a member of our Church and is buried in Christ Church, Aughnamullen, Church of Ireland.

Our congregation consists of 12-15 people, all elderly. We have set up a Go Fund Me page to assist us in fundraising during the Covid-19 pandemic for our project, as normal fundraising methods are not possible during the current times. The web address for our Go Fund Me page is: [gf.me/u/xczcr7](https://www.gofundme.com/u/xczcr7)

We appreciate any help you can afford to give to our project.

Parishioners of Aughnamullen, Co. Monaghan

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



A Message from Archdeacon Brian Harper, Archbishop's Commissary



As this magazine is being published, we are once again back in the throes of a "lockdown" albeit much lighter than that which we experienced in the spring. It is important that we both observe the regulations and also give support to those who will be struggling either personally or in business because of them.

I have a Tufty school calendar from 1993 which features a young boy (my eldest son) balancing on the kerb of a busy road. There is a pedestrian (me) in the background walking the dog (Sally). Anyway, the message of the month was to stay away from the edge of the footpath. That is good advice but often ignored with COVID-19.

We have a tendency to get as close to the edge of what is permitted. If two metres separation is advised but one metre is the minimum, then we will stand 99cms. For everyone's health, we need to use common sense and stay back from the edge. Some regulations are difficult and may not seem logical but we need to be thinking of others as well as ourselves.

Many of our parishioners are involved in the hospitality sector and will be finding it difficult at the moment. If you can support them, please do order the occasional take away and maybe get one for your neighbour as well. Help one another. Last spring, we showed our support for all in health care by clapping and bagpiping and singing in the street. This time, let our support be shown with encouraging words, a smile and avoiding any activity that might encourage the virus to spread.

I want to thank the many parishes which have carefully considered the re-opening of their churches. In most cases, this has been done professionally and with consideration.

Some have assessed the issues and remain closed. Some have reopened and then have been obliged to close again under the second wave of regulations.

Our congregations have complied with all the requirements and the online provision of services has continued. (Online provision can be time-consuming and difficult so do appreciate the work that the rector is doing in this new way of preaching!)

And so we encourage one another at every opportunity because encouragement builds us up in the Body of Christ. Paul concludes his letter to the Corinthians with these appropriate words;

"Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you."

He also adds; "Greet one another with a holy kiss."

But we can save that advice until later and make do with a smile and an elbow bump!



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Sunday 1st November

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Sunday 8th November

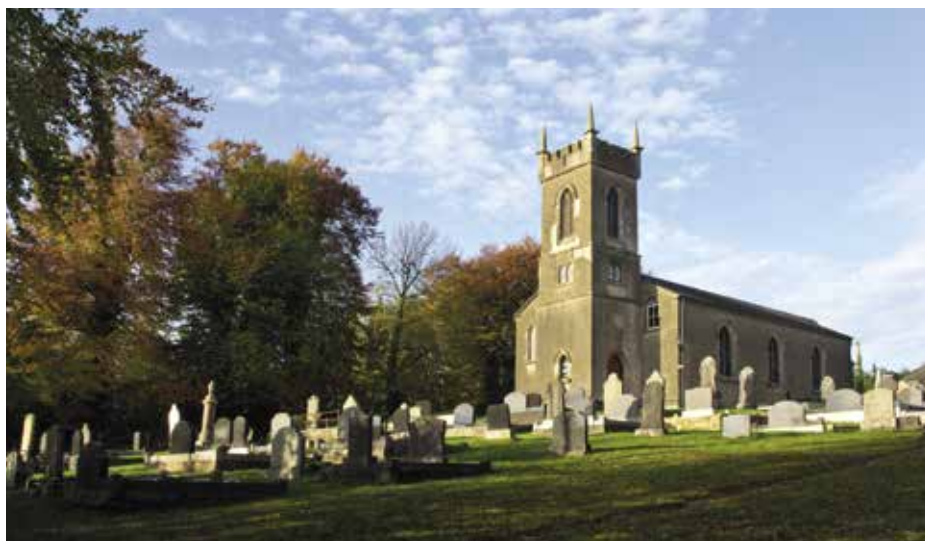
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Sunday 15th November

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Sunday 22nd November

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Sunday 29th November

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Harvest Services

Due to Covid restrictions our Harvest Services were very different this year and consisted of one Sunday service in all three churches on Sunday 4th October. Our thanks to our preacher Dean Raymond Ferguson and to Sarah Elliott for her beautiful solo in Aghadrumsee.

Sunday School

Our Sunday Schools are trying to adapt to the current situation in various ways. In Aghadrumsee, workbooks have been distributed to the children with lessons and activities being posted on our Messenger

Group each week. If you would like to be added to this group please contact Moira. Clogh had planned to have a socially distanced prizegiving combined with a forest walk but unfortunately due to a tightening of restrictions this has had to be postponed until further notice.

Remembrance Services

Services of Remembrance will take place in Aghadrumsee and Clogh on Sunday 8th November when we pause to remember all who gave the supreme sacrifice.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the Johnston family on the death of Mrs Elizabeth Johnston whose burial took place in Aghadrumsee Churchyard.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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SERVICES

October

Sunday 1st November

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

Sunday 8th November

11.00am Colebrooke Remembrance Service

Sunday 15th November

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Baptism
12.15pm Cooneen MP on Sunday

Sunday 22nd November

10.45am Colebrooke MP on Sunday
12.15pm Cooneen MP on Sunday

Sunday 29th November

10.15am Colebrooke Divine Healing
12.15pm Cooneen Divine Healing

Sunday 6th December

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

Sunday 13th December

10.45am Colebrooke MP on Sunday
7.00pm Cooneen Carol Service

Sunday 20th December

11.00am Cooneen MP on Sunday
7.00pm Colebrooke Carol Service

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

■ On Sunday 27th September 2020, in Holy Trinity, Cooneen, Olly Clarke, son of Stephen and Lisa, was baptized into the Christian faith.

■ On Sunday 11th October 2020, in St Ronan's, Colebrooke, Hollie O'Malley, daughter of Jonathan and Diane, was baptized into the Christian faith. We wish God's blessing on both of these little ones and their families for the years ahead.

Due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, our parish organisations will not be meeting.

When things return to normal, they will operate as follows:-

GFS – Girls Friendly Society

The branch meets on Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 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 on Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and continues to 9.15pm Scouts, 11 – 14 years.

The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 – 8 years)

Cubs (8 – 11 years)

Scouts (11 – 14 years)

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meet in the Parish Hall on 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



At the O' Malley family baptism.



At the Clark family baptism.

like to have a try, come along, spend some time with us, and see if you catch the bug.

Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union 'Blessing Bags'

The Branch Leaders were given a box of items to place in paper bags and distribute to each member. Items included a notebook and pen, biscuits, a packet of tissues, sachets of porridge, soup and hot chocolate or coffee, a booklet containing scripture, prayers, puzzles, recipes and MU information and a 'Thank You' card from MU

Action and Outreach. Branch Leaders were asked to provide face masks and sweets in each bag.

As Branch Leader, the best part for me was meeting most members face to face, at a distance and outdoors, chatting with them and receiving many wonderful and encouraging comments and letters expressing sincere thanks for the 'Surprise'. The main aim was to bring 'Blessing' to each member and this has been achieved.

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From the Registers:

Marriage

■ 19th September 2020 – Joel Carr and Janet Morrow, both of Leamington Spa in England.

Baptism

■ 4th October 2020 – William Edward Alexander Johnston, son of Tyler and Alice, from Reed in Hertfordshire.

Congratulations

One of our former parishioners, Elsie Hurst, recently celebrated her 100th birthday in England. Unfortunately the Irish contingent of her family were not able to be with her in person, but were able to join her online!

Her many friends from Aghavea send their warmest wishes on her special day! Congratulations to David and Emma Toland on their recent marriage in Garrison and we look forward to seeing them join us in church and to supporting them on their new life together!

Services

Our Sunday Services are now back into the church building! After almost six months of being either online or in the car park as a Drive-In church, it was a delight to be able to return to the building. We returned on our Harvest weekend and have continued to meet under the appropriate restrictions. I would like to thank everyone who has supported us since our return – and encourage our parishioners to consider joining us any time they feel safe and well enough to do so. We could seat around 65 – 70 people in church safely, and always have an overflow in the parish hall if required, with a live feed of the service. However, if you feel that you cannot attend in person, all our services are now streamed via Facebook – and you don't even need a Facebook account to view them! Our services are slightly curtailed at the moment to reduce the risk of gathering in numbers, and to ease the discomfort

of having to wear masks. Our morning services are around 35-40 minutes long, and we look forward to being able to provide refreshments at some stage in the future, but not under current restrictions. Our services continue online at the Rector's Facebook page, which can be accessed through our parish website – <http://Aghavea.blogspot.com>

Remembrance

The Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph in Brookeborough will be a very small service this year, with no hymns, no parade, or general involvement with the public, but a scaled back private service.

Harvest Celebrations

Our harvest celebrations took place under the strangest of circumstances – but we enjoyed gathering to worship God and to give thanks for all the blessings that are bestowed upon us. The theme of this year's harvest was "Bread and Water" – taking our most basic of foods, and realising that God's spiritual provision of the Living Bread of Christ, and the Water of Life that flow from the very throne of God are the essential aspects of our own Spiritual life. Both our indoor Morning Service and our Drive-In outdoor Harvest services were very

well attended, and our worship was just as vibrant as ever!

I would like to thank everyone who answered the call to bring of our bounty to provide for those who have little. As the rector, I am constantly humbled and amazed at the generosity of our parishioners who brought a mountain of food which was then taken to The Pantry for distribution through the local food bank.

Societies

Again, this year has had an impact on all sections of our parish life, and none more so than our parish societies. Our Mothers' Union, Girls' Friendly Society, Sunday School, Bowls societies are still in suspension waiting upon the right circumstances before they can restart. The leaders of each of them thank you for your continued patience and look forward to welcoming you back again when the times change! Whilst we had initially considered restarting Sunday School after the half term break, we will be postponing it until the restrictions relax a little further, with a return in the run-up to Christmas being the most likely at this time. We hope that our children continue to feel as attached to the services and congregations as they would in normal times and continue to welcome them in church at any time.

Annual Easter Vestry

It's unusual to be reporting the results of the Easter Vestry meeting in the same magazine as giving the thanks for the Harvest – but that's 2020 for you!! The Rector would like to thank all those who attended the socially



The bridal party at the Carr-Morrow wedding in Aghavea.

distanced "Easter" Vestry, and report that the following people were returned as Vestry

Members:

Rector's Churchwarden – Frances Cartwright
People's Churchwarden – Norman McCoy
Rector's Glebewarden – David Atwell
People's Glebewarden – Kenneth Hall
Select Vestry Members: Blayne Cartwright, Alan Johnston, William Crawford, Albert McClelland, Harry Reynolds, Wayne Foster, Jimmy McIlroy, Ronnie Graydon, Shirley Morrison, Helen Woods, Rebecca Morrison, George Morrison.
Synodspersons: B Cartwright, F Cartwright, A McClelland.
Supplemental Synodspersons: R Graydon, S Morrison, D Atwell.

Nominators: A McClelland, B Cartwright, K Hall, W Foster.

Supplemental Nominators: A Johnston, W Crawford, D Atwell, R Graydon.

Thanks

I would like to thank all those who have been keeping in touch with each other during the long period of pandemic, supporting and helping neighbours and friends. I have heard stories of great personal sacrifice and service, and in a sense, it came as no surprise knowing the Fermanagh folks' sense of family and camaraderie.

Prayers

I continue to uphold you all in my prayers and give thanks to God for his blessings upon you all.

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Clontibret

Easter Vestry meeting

The 2020 Easter Vestry meeting for

Clontibret Parish was held on Monday 21st September. The following appointments/elections were made at same:

Incumbent's Churchwarden: Eric Dickson
Incumbent's Glebewarden: Mark Leathem
People's Churchwarden: Allan Tate
People's Glebewarden: Nigel Lowey
Members of the Select Vestry: Elizabeth Graham, Jennifer Leathem, Christine Dixon, Kenneth Dickson, Adam Tate, Sandra Geary, David Johns, Yvonne Donaldson, John Duffy, Alison Donaldson, Isaac Leathem, George Jordan.

In addition, as 2020 is a triennial year, the following were also elected:

A Parochial Nominator: John Duffy
Diocesan Synodsperson: Jennifer Leathem
A Supplemental Parochial Nominator: Kenneth Dickson
A Supplemental Diocesan Synodsperson: Kenneth Dickson

At a subsequent meeting of the Select Vestry, Jennifer Leathem was elected as

secretary and Yvonne Donaldson was elected as treasurer.

Holy Baptism

Lily Barr was baptised on Saturday 3rd October in Christ Church, Ballybay. We congratulate her parents, Terence and Emma, and pray that the Lord may always guide and protect them as they care for her.

New doors for St. Colman's Church, Clontibret

We are very grateful to Mrs. Elizabeth Graham, and extended members of the Graham family, for the beautiful new doors at St. Colman's Church, Clontibret. These (west) doors have been given by the Graham family in loving memory of Kenneth Graham.

"Team Hope" Shoe Box Appeal 2020

For the past number of years, the Parish Hall in Castleblaney has been used to sort, fill and pack shoeboxes for "Team Hope", an Irish, Christian international



The new doors at St. Colman's Church.

development organisation working to help children affected by poverty in Africa and Eastern Europe. Unfortunately, this year, due to Covid-19, it will not be physically possible to collect shoeboxes, fillers or run a checking centre, so "Team Hope" have decided to go online. Shoeboxes can now be donated online for €20 at www.teamhope.ie. Creating a shoe box is a personal thing. Every box is unique and part of the fun is choosing what goes into your gift. The online experience allows for that excitement and gives you the opportunity to personalise your gift in a number of different ways.

"Team Hope" needs you to spread the word about their online appeal. This Christmas share a little joy and excitement with children who live in circumstances where they have little or nothing. Anyone who wishes to donate, or has no access to the internet, can contact Janet Hill, South Monaghan Co-ordinator, Church Street, Castleblayney.

Harvest Festivals

We were unable to hold our Harvest Festivals on Sunday 11th October due to the introduction of Level 3 restrictions at midnight on Tuesday 6th October.

Nevertheless, we give thanks to God for all his many blessings to us:

God our Father, we thank you that, once again, you have fulfilled your gracious promise that, while earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not fail. We bless you for the fruits of the earth which you have given for our use. Teach us that it is not by bread alone that we live, and grant us evermore to feed on him who is the true bread from heaven, even Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

New readers wanted!

We are looking for new readers in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblayney. If you

would like to assist with this important parish ministry, please speak to Janet Hill or the Rector.

Engagement

Congratulations to Vanessa Flack, daughter of David and Margaret, on her recent engagement to Conor Cadden.

Sunday School

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 situation, we have been unable to resume Sunday School. When it is possible to do so safely, guidance will be issued and parishioners will be notified.

Get well wishes

Get well wishes are extended to Walter Pringle who has been a faithful friend to all in Ballybay Group of Parishes for almost 30 years. He is especially in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Email

If you have an email address and would like to receive emails relating to our group of parishes, please speak to the Rector.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those from our group of parishes who have been unwell, lonely, troubled or saddened in recent months.

Please also remember all those who have been diagnosed with the Covid-19 virus, those in our community who are fearful or isolated, all frontline staff, those who have become unemployed as a result of the current crisis and all who have been affected in any way.



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Cars arriving with a view from the platform.



William enjoying his first ever drive in service.



The Drive-in Harvest Service.

Services

Sunday 1st November

Service online on our Facebook Page at 11.00am

Wednesday 6th November

Wednesday Worship online on our Facebook Page at 8.00pm

Sunday 8th November

Services online on our Facebook Page at 11.00am

Wednesday 11th November

Wednesday Worship online on our Facebook Page at 8.00pm.

Sunday 15th November

Services online on our Facebook Page at 11.00am

Wednesday 18th November

Wednesday Worship online on our Facebook Page at 8.00pm.

Sunday 22nd November

Service online on our Facebook Page at 11.00am.

Wednesday 25th November

Wednesday Worship online on our Facebook Page at 8.00pm.

Sunday 29th November

Service online on our Facebook Page at 11.00am

The Rector Writes

Over the past couple of months, we had been slowly getting used to in-church worship and the restrictions surrounding it. Everyone had been keeping to the guidelines and we could sense a growing confidence in people that the church service was a safe place to be. Unfortunately, with rising cases of Covid-19 in Co Monaghan and across the country the decision was taken to move to level 3 meaning the church buildings were closed again for most of August and all but essential visiting had to stop.

As we have moved back to worshipping

online only the sense of sadness at not being together as we worship seems to have hit harder this time around. There was a sense of hope that we were returning to at least a 'new normal' but that has been replaced with a sense of anxiety and a real sense of fear. This fear relates not only to the pandemic itself, although that fear is a real one especially for the more vulnerable. There is fear and anxiety in not only our churches but in our communities about the wider impact of restrictions – the fear of closing a business, the fear of losing a job, the fear of loneliness and isolation, the fear of uncertainty. As Christians sometimes we can be too quick to dismiss the idea of fear, after all why should we fear if God is on our side? Yet throughout Scripture the reality of fearfulness is ever present in the lament of a Psalm, a parent whose daughter is ill, someone struck by illness. I think fear and

anxiety are natural human emotions which God fully understands, but we must not forget that even in the wilderness, in the times of crisis God is with us.

My mind is drawn to the story of the disciples in the boat in the midst of the storm, they are frantic with worry yet Jesus lies fast asleep. In their panic they want to wake Jesus – I think that's how many people are feeling - give God a shake to wake him up and come and help us – but the disciples had forgotten that Jesus was always with them even in the midst of the storm. "You of little faith, why are you so afraid." The disciples were left amazed and I believe we will be too when we look back on this storm and realise that God has been with us - in the phone call from a friend, in the message of support, in the donation to a foodbank, in the thank you to the exhausted medical or retail worker, even in the wearing of a mask and keeping two metres apart. The storm rages, but our God is bigger than any storm. Our mission is to show God's presence, not in cliched words, but through our loving acts of kindness and our support and encouragement to one another "then all will know that we are his disciples."

Harvest 2020

Our Harvest of 2020 is one that we will remember for a long time to come as we hosted our first ever Drive in Service. With the limited numbers in our three churches inadequate to cope with the usual Harvest Service numbers we took the decision to try something different this year so that we could truly give thanks to God and those who work so hard to provide the harvest. We were truly blessed on the day with blue skies and bright sunshine as well over 150 people in over 50 cars gathered in the car park to join together in worship. With



The collection for the foodbank.

everyone staying in their own cars we were able to sing the wonderful harvest hymns as well as the more contemporary 10,000 Reasons. Revd Colin led the service from a wonderfully created trailer platform that was decorated with the gifts of the Harvest adding some beautiful autumnal colour to the service.

Two of our Diocesan readers, Caroline Merrin and Doreen Monaghan pre-recorded our scripture Readings. Revd Colin's message challenged us about being thankful for the gifts God has given us even in such difficult times.

Using the illustration of a supermarket reward scheme he asked if our loyalty to God was only in the hope of getting something in return or were we the one leper who was truly thankful. Using the words of Deuteronomy, we were reminded to never forget the Lord our God but to continually remember his goodness to us. As part of our act of thankfulness a collection was held for non-perishable food items to help the work of Carrickmacross Foodbank in supporting local families who are struggling in these hard times.

Thank you to all who helped to set up and decorate the stage, those who helped to steward the event and all those who came along and donated so generously to the

Foodbank. A special thank you to the Duffy family for the use of their car park and Liam Connolly who provided the sound system.

Gift Appeal

Thank you to all the parishioners who responded to our one-off Gift Appeal to help us meet our financial obligations in these difficult financial times. Approximately 75% of the envelopes were returned and this will help our three churches at a time when fundraising is very limited. Anyone else who would still like to contribute please return your envelope to your parish secretary or to Revd Colin.

Service Of Prayer For Healing And Remembrance

Our annual service to pray for healing and also a time of remembrance of loved ones takes place in St Finbarr's on Wednesday 11th November at 8pm. The service will be reflective offering a sacred space to pray for ourselves and others who are struggling in anyway as well as those who wish to remember loved ones who have died. There will also be the opportunity for prayer ministry (this will be done in line with Covid guidelines).

If our church buildings are closed this service will be online only.

Prayer Meeting And Bible Study

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions our Prayer meeting in October had to be postponed. If restrictions are lifted, we will meet on Monday 2nd November at 8pm in the Parish Room. Again, it is likely that numbers will be restricted to six people. Our Worship and Bible Study will take place on Wednesday 25th November at 8pm in St Finbarr's. This will move to online only if the church buildings are closed.

Sunday School

Sunday School will continue at home for the time being. Parents of Sunday School children are emailed the resources each week, if anyone else would like to receive the Sunday School resources please notify Revd Colin.

Cabra Central National School

Cabra Central are starting the process of inviting applications for the 2021/ 2022 school year. Cabra is a wonderful three classroom school with highly gifted and dedicated staff. If you know anyone seeking a school place for next year please ask them to get in touch with our principal, Mrs Janine O'Neill.

Cleenish & Mullaghdun



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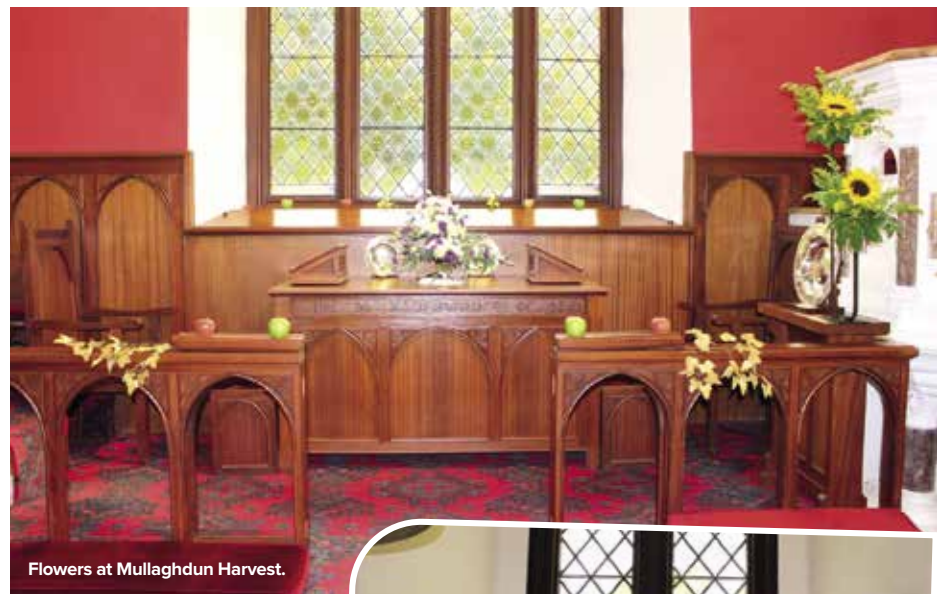
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Organisations

Due to the present Coronavirus-19 situation, Organisations are cancelled for the immediate future.

If urgent assistance is required contact Canon Bridle 02866 348259. Rosemary Forde in Cleenish 02866 322795, or Heather Carson in Mullaghdun 02866 323390.



Flowers at Mullaghdun Harvest.

Sunday Services

10.00am Mullaghdun

11.30am Cleenish

Dates for your Diary

■ Sunday 8th November,
Remembrance Services

■ Friday 25th December,
Christmas Day



Weekly Video

Never before during our natural lifetime has there been a greater need for prayer, as Covid-19 is spreading throughout our land, and at time of writing it is becoming very common especially in parts of Cleenish Parish. Remember to pray for our doctors and nurses and all the medical staff treating this terrible infection.

Please remember the weekly video is streamed each week from Cleenish Church. It begins with the first verse of a hymn previously recorded by the Choir, followed by prayers and readings by the Rector. For those of you who can go online the Service is available on the Cleenish website. www.cleenishparish.weebly.com

Harvest Service

Mullaghduin Parish Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday morning 4th October. The Church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Rowena Sheridan assisted the Rector in leading the service and following several months when singing was not appropriate because of the Coronavirus pandemic, it was a joy to be able to join in singing (using masks) two hymns; "For The Fruits of His Creation" and "Holy Is The Seedtime". We are grateful to those who give of their time week by week to prepare the Church so that we can continue to worship in a safe environment.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Message from Lettie - As the Pandemic continues members strive to maintain connections mainly telephone, door to door visits and email. As Branch Leader I have welcomed the opportunity to carry out door to door visits with copies of the magazine compiled by the Trustee Board during Lockdown, and the more recent blessing bags. Thank you to the members who made the masks included in the bags, and for their outreach to the local group LAMP who also received handmade masks. Unfortunately, meetings remain on hold as we await direction from our All-Ireland level President in line with Covid-19 restrictions. Meanwhile members are encouraged to continue their outreach through practical support, which includes the annual Samaritan Purse Appeal and food supplies for the homeless. In keeping with the past two years parishioners have supported the Mothers' Union in their annual collection of non-perishable goods throughout the Harvest celebration services. Items collected were greatly received by Val Irvine for distribution within the food bank. Members are encouraged to support Mothers' Union Enterprise in the preparation for Christmas through purchasing cards, diaries and gifts.



Blessing Bags being delivered by Lettie.

I trust we will all continue to pray and support each other, and endeavour to follow guidance to remain safe until we can meet again as a Group.

Recent Award

We are delighted to hear that a former Rector of Cleenish and Mullaghduin, Canon David Paul Hoey, has been awarded an MBE by Her Majesty The Queen, for "Services to the Community in Eglinton, Londonderry" during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations to Tanya Vance and William Armstrong who were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday 10th October. The wedding was celebrated at St John's Parish Church, Florencecourt and we wish Tanya and William much happiness and many Blessings for their future.

Sympathy

The parishioners in Mullaghduin, extend sympathy to Caroline Watterson and her extended family circle, following the death on Tuesday 7th October of her grandmother, Mrs Matilda Ethel Johnston. Following a Service in Derrylin Parish Church, burial was at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Lisnaskea.

Bereavement

The residents in Bellanaleck send their

deepest sympathy to Revd David Nixon, and his sons Samuel and Christopher, 54 Killywillan Road, Bellanaleck, and Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin, after the death of his wife Rhoda, who passed away on Saturday 19th September at home, after a long illness. Revd David is at present the incumbent of a Methodist Church in the South Dublin circuit.

Mullaghduin Car Park

There has been further significant progress in the work to provide additional parking within the Church grounds. Further details next edition.

Bellanaleck Community Group

The Group has recently been informed the consultation on the future of the Stroke Unit in the S W Acute Hospital is at present on hold due to Covid-19.

The widening of the slipway at the end of Waterhen Lane is due to commence at any time.

Malcolm Cathcart has recently been arranging work at the corner of the Car Park near the Bus Stop, to facilitate dilapidated out of date information panels. The information shown will be visible from Derrylin Road.

DFI Roads have now replaced a large number of direction and gateway signs, from Scaffog Roundabout along the entire length of Route A509 to the Aghalane border, including Bellanaleck village.

Should any parishioner in Cleenish require assistance within the public domain, contact Owen Wilson 02866 349602, or Sharon Elliott 077325 21533.

Holy Baptism

Cleenish Parish Church
Sunday 4th October 2020

Adam George Martin Thornton, infant son of Julian and Leanne, 4 The Beeches, Bellanaleck.

Christian Burials

Cleenish Parish Church
Friday 16th October 2020,

William James Gault, 17 Killyvilly, Enniskillen following a service in Enniskillen Cathedral.



New direction signs at Bellanaleck Crossroads.

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From the Rector's Desk

As we continue to journey on together it would appear that our path before us following recent government announcements is even more obscured. We have returned to seeking out daily news reports and listening carefully to not only any new guidelines but also to the news of our communities. Surely if this virus has taught us anything it is that other people are OUR business, not in an intrusive way but rather looking and seeking to help others through the lens of compassion. Through the gospels compassion is actually the most prominent of Jesus' attributes



Psalm 32:8 - "The Lord says, I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."



Harvest Thanksgiving at the Cathedral.

displayed, as His followers we are told to follow His example, yet, in our modern society consideration of others perhaps falls down our list of priorities. Not necessarily because we are bad people, but perhaps more so because we are thoughtless people, we become so wrapped up in our own lives, families, work etc that we forget to look around us.

So perhaps as we prepare for a winter that in all truth none of us will ever have experienced before, a time when the path before us isn't as clear as we would want, let us place our hand firmly in God's, knowing that nothing is greater than Him, but also let us ask God to help us see others as He sees them, through His eyes, and if we are daring enough let us ask him to give

us a heart of compassion. May almighty God hold you and all you love safe and secure in the palm of His mighty hand.

Harvest 2020!

Within the Cathedral Group of Parishes, we have found ourselves, as with every other parish, attempting to mark a most cherished time of year 'harvest thanksgiving' yet being unable to celebrate as we generally would with our church buildings brimming with flowers and every type of fruit and vegetable imaginable.

However, harvest thanksgiving services held this year for our group in St. Macartan's Cathedral and St. Mark's Newtownsaville, although different, were beautiful and most importantly praise and thanksgiving

were lifted to our Lord God Almighty. In St. Macartan's Cathedral we had the pleasure of welcoming guest preacher Revd. Professor Rab Mollan and his wife Revd. Dr. Pat Mollan who read the lesson. Revd. Rab challenged us regarding our response to God during this pandemic and reminded us of the importance of 'putting on the nature of God.' Although a week early for harvest thanksgiving the Revd. Pat Mollan then preached in St. Mark's Newtownsaville. Using her vast experience as Director of the Churches Ministry of Healing, Revd. Pat spoke of the grace and mercy of Almighty God and how at first hand in the ministry have seen many lives healed and transformed.

The Amazing Mrs Violet Clarke

Friday 2nd October marked an amazing milestone for an amazing lady. Mrs Violet Clarke celebrated her 101st birthday at St.



Mrs Violet Clarke celebrating her 101st Birthday!

Macartan's Nursing home Clogher with a party, balloons and all the trimmings. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions visiting was not possible, however, the Rector dropped off some flowers and a card from all her friends at St. Mark's Newtownsaville. Violet's quick wit, good humour and godly character ensures that she has a special place in many hearts and remains a much loved and valued member of St. Mark's and we all pray for God's continued blessings for her for the years to come.

Food Banks

At both harvest thanksgiving services the congregations were encouraged to bring along contributions of dried and tinned food for the local foodbanks. The response was amazing, and the rector would sincerely wish to thank all those who gave so generously. The food donated has gone



Harvest Thanksgiving in St Mark's Newtownsaville.





Some of the foodbank donations!



to be distributed locally, as part of a network of foodbanks they distribute their food only to those who have been referred to them by organisations operating within the Fermanagh / Omagh District Council area. There are approximately 40 organisations ranging from GP surgeries, Woman's Aid, Social Services etc who refer people to the food banks, this ensures that help is given to those who truly need it.

Holy Baptism

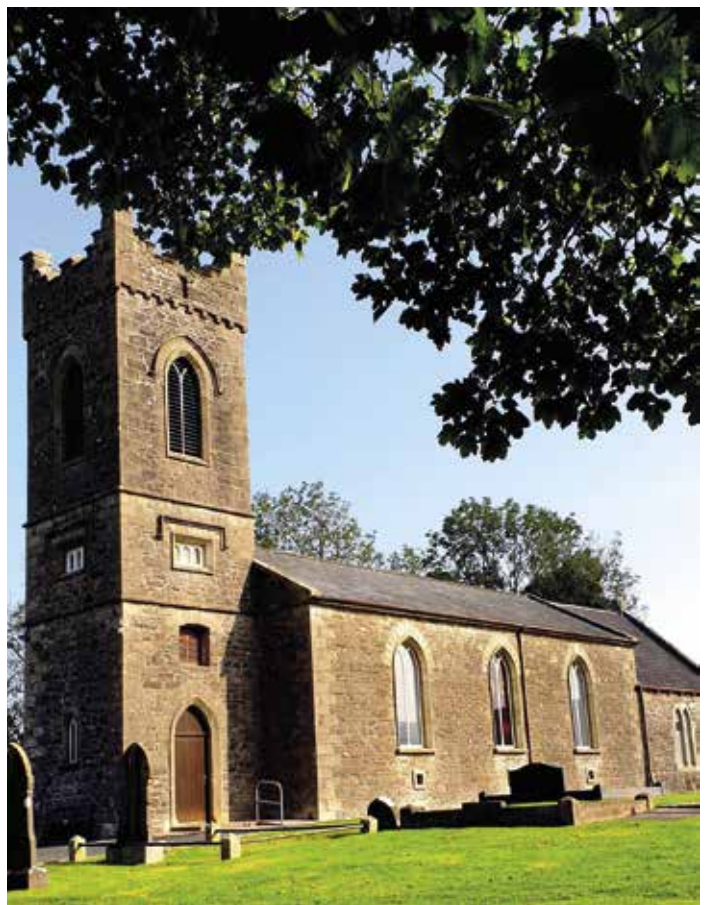
■ St. Mark's Augher, 20th September 2020

Alfie Crawford McFarland, son of Ashley and Tracey.

■ St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher, 12th September 2020 James Thomas Ellison, son of Carole and Ian.



Baptism for the McFarland family.



St. Mark's Newtownsaville.

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November

Sunday 1st November

Holy Communion 11.30am

Sunday 8th November

Remembrance Sunday 11.30am

Sunday 15th November

Morning Prayer 11.30am

Sunday 22nd November

Family service 11.30am

Sunday 29th November

Morning Prayer 11.30am

December

Sunday 6th December

Holy Communion 11.30am

Sunday 13th December

Family service 11.30am

Sunday 20th December

Morning Prayer 11.30am

Nine Lessons and Carols 7.00pm

Friday 25th December

Christmas Day, Family Communion 10.30am

Sunday 27th December

Christmas Praise Service 11.30am

Please note, although services are as listed when going to print, they may be subject to change as guidance around COVID-19 is changed and updated. Any changes to services times and dates will be notified on the notices and Parish Facebook page.



Christian Burial

Thursday 8th October
Percy Foster, Eileen Street, Newtownards,
(formerly Stranadarrieff).

Harvest Services

There were some changes to the dates and times of these services, due to the restrictions, but it did not distract from our worship and praise to Almighty God for the harvest. Wednesday 7th October was an evening praise service with musical contribution on the accordions with Jean and William and solos by Anne and Marcus, along with congregational participation, followed by the family harvest on Sunday morning. While we took more of a minimalist approach to the harvest decorations this year, the quality of the displays excelled in abundance and beauty, to which we extend our thanks to those who supplied and decorated on our behalf in the church and in the hall. Our thanks to all who took part and celebrated the harvest, and all that God provides.

Sunday School and Confirmation classes

At the time of writing, these will continue as arranged with teaching taking place at services, and especially at the second and fourth Sunday each month. Sunday school material and confirmation notes have been circulated, to give parents further assistance as they teach and nurture their children in the Christian faith. Thanks to everyone for your patience and assistance at this time, and to the teachers who will mark the lesson plans when returned. Information and guidance on other group activities, of all ages, will continue to be

assessed and updates relayed accordingly.

Remembrance

COVID-19 may still be with us, but even if it is, the Remembrance Service will take place using the church and the hall, with some differences to the format. Can I assure you that whatever changes that will need to be made, will not take away from the service of remembrance as we remember the fallen in Two World Wars, subsequent wars, conflicts and terrorism since.

Every year brings with it another significant anniversary of war, of its triumphs, devastation, loss of life, among many other things that for the most part are held in everlasting remembrance of those who served or lost someone close. The freedoms held are at times abused, taken for granted and in some instances erased from history. Yet the immense loss of life, the sacrifice of so many lost generations should not be forgotten, but remembered, and in doing so encourage the next generation to remember and more importantly to learn of the futility of war. That they should at all times were possible, strive for peace, seek peace, and pursue it, through Him who is the Prince of Peace Jesus Christ.

"And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justly,

To love mercy,

And to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah 6: 8

Gift Sunday

As the Annual Gift Sunday 22nd November approaches, let us remember the abundance of God's blessings upon us and give to Him in just measure as He has given us. Please use the gift envelope included with your weekly offering envelopes.

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Worship

Sunday 1st November (All Saints)

10.15am Castle Archdale Holy Communion

11.30am Derryvullen North Holy Communion

Sunday 8th November (Remembrance Sunday)

10.30am Derryvullen North Morning Prayer

11.45am Castle Archdale Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th November (2nd before Advent)

10.15am Castle Archdale Morning Prayer

11.30am Derryvullen North Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd November (Mission Sunday)

10.15am Castle Archdale Morning Prayer

11.30am Derryvullen North Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th November (Advent Sunday)

10.15am Castle Archdale Morning Prayer

11.30am Derryvullen North Morning Prayer

Sunday 6th December (Advent Sunday)

10.15am Castle Archdale Holy Communion

11.30am Derryvullen North Holy Communion

Online Worship

As the restrictions are still in place the online Worship Videos continue each Sunday on the Facebook Page "dvn&ca" and there is also a fortnightly Bible Study Video Series and occasional devotional and pastoral items too.

In-Church Worship

It has been good to be able to open the church doors again but we are adjusting to new ways of doing things. All worshippers are asked to wear masks, unless there is an exemption, and this combined with other factors about possible exposure to the virus means that we keep public worship to about



Harvest decorations.

40 or 45 minutes. It has been great to be able to sing congregational hymns again and currently there are two hymns each Sunday in both Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale. We also have an additional instrumental time for reflection in Castle Archdale and a solo/duet in Derryvullen North.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Castle Archdale

The Harvest Thanksgiving was celebrated in St Patrick's Church Castle Archdale on Sunday 4th October. While it was not possible to decorate the Church in the usual manner it was still wonderful to see the decorations that were in place and to join in the traditional harvest hymns led on the organ by Mr William McBride. There was a talk by Mrs Jenny Irvine (ARC Healthy Living Centre) about the very wide range of support and help offered by the Centre. Parishioners were very generous in donating a large amount of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank run by the ARC Team. It was great to see the Church filled to the "new



Mr William McBride, organist.



temporary" capacity and there were only about two spaces left in the Church.

Joint Parishes online Harvest

We recognised that many people feel unable to attend public worship in Church and so there was a united online Harvest uploaded on Sunday 11th October. We say "Thank you" to Emma Sproule and Edith Matthews (Bible readings), Melissa Thompson and Alana Giles (prayers), and to Carol Clarke, Florence Barrett and William McBride (hymns). This Service can still be found at <https://www.facebook.com/dvnandca/videos>

Derryvullen North

At the time of writing the Harvest Thanksgiving Service for St Tighernach's Church, Derryvullen North is arranged for Sunday 18th October. As with Castle Archdale, there are arrangements in place to decorate the Church in a more limited



Mrs Jenny Irvine, ARC Healthy Living Centre.

way within social distancing and other restrictions. There will also be a collection of non perishable food items for the ARC Healthy Living Centre Food Bank.

Remembrance Sunday Sunday Services

At each of our Sunday Services in Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale there will be an Act of Remembrance incorporated into the liturgy

Afternoon Community Act of Remembrance

In normal times, Derryvullen North would have hosted the annual Community Service of Remembrance in the afternoon which was preceded by a parade of the town by members of the Royal British Legion, ex-service personnel and youth organisations. This incorporated a ceremony at the Cross of Sacrifice and the placing of tokens of Remembrance on all the war graves in both the Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic burial grounds. At the time of preparing these notes it is not possible to say what kind of limited Act of Remembrance might be possible but details will be made available nearer the time. What we can say is that it is most likely to be an outdoor only ceremony with a very limited attendance but it is important to continue to remember as best we can even in these usual and difficult circumstances.

Organisations

At the Vestry Meeting following the Derryvullen Easter Vestry it was decided that the Parish Halls would not be open for organisations until at least January 2021 – this will be reviewed in due course. At each Select Vestry it was also noted that it will not be possible to run the Sunday Schools either due to the current restrictions and the need to keep everyone safe. The Rector has contacted representatives of each organisation with this information. He also suggested that perhaps consideration might be given to how each group might function, if only in a limited capacity, within the limitations of the current restrictions whenever activities may resume.

Mothers' Union

While there was no meeting, each member of the Mothers' Union (and the Rector) received a Bag of Blessing, containing a number of useful and thoughtful gifts. This was organised by the Clogher Diocesan M.U. and locally the distribution was organised by Dr Margaret and Violet Duncan. The members and the Rector much appreciated this kind gesture and wish to thank all involved.

Easter Vestries

We were finally able to hold our Annual General Easter Vestries on Monday 28th September (Derryvullen North) and on Wednesday 30th September (Castle Archdale). At each meeting the attendance was limited due to the required social distancing and the business was kept as brief as possible. *The Churchwardens for 2020-21 are as follows:*

Castle Archdale

Rector's Churchwarden - Bryan Thompson
Peoples' Churchwarden - Derek Anderson

Derryvullen North

Rector's Churchwarden - Sam Johnston
Peoples' Churchwarden - Violet Hughes
The Glebewarden for 2020-21 are as follows:

Castle Archdale

Rector's Glebewarden - Clive Mitchell
Peoples' Glebewarden - Bobby Beacom

Derryvullen North

Rector's Glebewarden - Robert Allen
Peoples' Glebewarden - Marcus Hunter
Under normal circumstances on the Sunday following the Easter Vestry we would have had the Churchwardens presented with their wands of office and the members of each Select Vestry introduced to the respective congregations and dedicated. This of course was not possible this year and instead the Rector included a prayer of dedication in the opening of the Service.

Churchwardens' Staves

Within the Church of Ireland and wider Anglican Communion those who are appointed and elected to the roles of Churchwarden have wands or staves that may be carried as symbols of office. In our parishes these are only used on special occasions and are kept near to the front of the nave at the end of two pews.

You are invited to sometime have a look at the Churchwardens' wands in church and try to spot which one belongs to each warden. The wand or staff carried by the Rector's warden is topped with a mitre, which is part of the traditional vestments of a bishop, representing ecclesiastical authority. The wand or staff carried by the Peoples' warden is topped with a crown, which is part of the monarch's vesture, and as such represents the authority of the civil realm.



Mission Sunday

The Feast of Christ the King is observed each year on the Sunday next before Advent and is marked in Clogher Diocese as Mission Sunday. This year this will fall on Sunday 22nd November and our guest speaker at each Service will be Mr Alastair McFarland who is the full time worker with the E3 Schools Project (Fermanagh & Fivemiletown) which is a ministry of Scripture Union Northern Ireland. Mission is not just something that happens in other parts of the world. Mission or Christian outreach is something that should be basic part of what the Church is at all times. The SU E3 project is about sharing the Christian with young people and supporting young people in a school setting. You can find out more about the project here <https://www.facebook.com/E3Fermanagh/>

OCTOBER 2020

PRAYER POINTS

"He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord" PSALM 40:3

PRAY FOR SCHOOLS

- Pray that God would protect the physical and mental well-being of our pupils, teachers and staff during this time.
- Pray that principals, senior management teams and governors would know God's wisdom as they navigate through uncertain days.
- Pray that many schools would access our online assemblies and that God would grant a response of faith in the Lord Jesus.
- Pray that face-to-face opportunities to share God's word with pupils would soon be forthcoming.
- Pray for SU groups, who though unable to meet in person, will be able to encourage and strengthen each other in new and creative ways, as well as benefiting from our online post-primary resources.
- Pray for the protection of young people's lives as they are subjected to the often inappropriate and dark side of social media.
- Pray that our local Christian teachers and pupils will be effective witnesses to those around them.

PRAY FOR SUNI

- Pray for the numerical and spiritual potential of the SUNI online assemblies being launched nationally.
- Pray that the video assemblies I will be producing for our district will be requested and viewed by many schools.
- Pray for much wisdom and guidance for those who lead SUNI at this testing time.
- Pray for our two new E3 Schools' Workers: Rachel Miller (North-West) and Ruth Dzelil (North Belfast/Newtownabbey).
- Pray for Rachel Sheppard, our new Children's Ministry Co-ordinator.
- Pray for the SUNI online training, 'Times like These' which will be released brightly from Wednesday 23rd September. It aims to encourage and equip those working in a school or church context.

CHURCH VISITS

4 Oct - Ballinacallard Methodist 11 Oct - Derrylin CCI
25 Oct - Fermanagh Christian Fellowship

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Derryvullen South and Garvary



Vacant:

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The Revd Canon Betty Thompson

During Canon Thompson's absence Archdeacon Brian Harper is in charge. Service and pastoral cover will be provided by Mr. Roy Crowe DPA and Dean Raymond Ferguson.

Garvary

In-church worship

We have been back in church since September and everything has gone well so far. We hope that this will continue.

Services

Sunday, 1st November

10.30am Morning Prayer Garvary

12 noon Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

Sunday, 8th November

10.30am Remembrance Sunday, Derryvullen South

12 noon Remembrance Sunday, Garvary

Sunday, 15th November

10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary

12 noon Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday, 22nd November

10.30am, Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 noon, Morning Prayer, Garvary

Sunday, 29th November

10.30am, Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 noon, Morning Prayer, Garvary

Easter General Vestry

The Easter General Vestry was held in Garvary Church Hall on Thursday, 17th September 2020. Archdeacon Brian Harper chaired the meeting and thanked everybody for their work during the past year and also all those who had served.

The following were elected to serve;

Rector's Churchwarden – Robert Rowley

People's Churchwarden – Dorothy Wilson

Rector's Glebewarden – Anne Rowley

People's Glebewarden – George Wilson

Vestry Members – Sadie Curran, William Edwards, Robert Forde, Lorna Hicks, John Irvine, Hilda Lucy, Ian McGoldrick, Eva Phair, Margaret Porter, Derek Wilson, James Wilson, Noel Wilson.



Garvary Harvest Celebration.

Triennial Appointments

Synod Members – John Irvine, Hilda Lucy.
Supplemental Synod Members – Margaret Porter, Ian McGoldrick.

Parochial Nominators – Derek Wilson, Anne Rowley.

Supplemental Parochial Nominators – George Wilson, Ian McGoldrick.

At the subsequent Select Vestry Meeting, Margaret Porter was re-elected Secretary and Derek Wilson was re-elected Treasurer.

Following the meeting, John Irvine paid tribute to Derek Quinton, a long serving member of the Vestry who passed away suddenly during the summer. A minute's Silence was also observed.

Tribute

News of the death of Derek Quinton on 17th July 2020, a much esteemed, lifelong



Derek Quinton

member of this Parish, brought shockwaves to the local community and others nationally and internationally because of this commitment and involvement in church, farming societies and clubs, etc where he held high office and gave devoted service. His mathematical and technological skills ideally equipped him for working with the latest technology where he was unfazed with its use and application in this daily and church life.

His love of Holy Trinity, Garvary Church and his involvement in parish activities spanned almost seven decades, growing up as he did only a short distance from Garvary Church where he attended Sunday School was confirmed, became a choir member for almost 50 years and an assistant organist for a number of years.

Derek was an indefatigable worker for the church which saw him as active in the Select Vestry for over 45 years, Parochial Nominator for 35 years, Parochial Secretary for 16 years and Parochial Treasurer for seven years. He remained an active member of the choir and Select Vestry until his prevailing health conditions prevented him from doing so.

We the Select Vestry owe you a deep debt of gratitude for your services to Garvary Parish and Holy Trinity Church and thank you Derek for a life well spent in Garvary Parish where your contribution over a great number of years has been unequalled and much appreciated by this Select Vestry. Well done thy good and faithful servant. May you rest in peace and rise in glory.

Harvest

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we had only one Harvest Service this year on Sunday, 11th October 2020.

The service was conducted by Dean Raymond Ferguson. To conform with regulations no decorations were allowed in

the church with the exception of one exhibit which was placed in one of the windows.

Food Bank

As in previous years parishioners were asked to donate non-perishable items for the Food Bank in Lisnaskea and leave them at the church. There was a good response and these items will be taken to the Food Bank at a later date. Sincere thanks to all those who donated items.

Christian Burial

Evonne Robinson, 76B Circular Road, Belmont, Belfast. Service was held in

Enniskillen Cathedral on 9th October followed by burial in Garvary Parish Churchyard. We extend deepest sympathy to her husband Ronald and the family circle.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is expressed to Mrs Chris Wilson and her family circle following the death of her brother-in-law, David Braden, Drumquinn.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those of our parishioners who are ill in hospital, at home or receiving treatment.



Food collection at Garvary Harvest for "The Food Pantry" in Lisnaskea

Devenish & Boho



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Services for November

Sunday 1st

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 8th

10.00am Remembrance Service, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Remembrance Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 15th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 22nd

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church,

Sunday 29th

10.00 am Family Service, Boho Parish Church



Boho Harvest.





David and Florence Eames at Devenish Harvest

11.30am Family Service, Devenish Parish Church,

Remembrance Day Services

Sunday 8th November, Boho at 10.00am and Devenish at 11.30am.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Our Harvests were different this year, with only one service in each parish. In Boho the church was decorated to its usual high standard. In Devenish the Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in the Reade Hall and parishioners brought gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables to the service. Thanks to Revd Sampson for conducting and preaching at both services and to all who brought flowers, fruit and vegetables.



The Ferguson family at Devenish harvest.

Devenish Parish Annual Auction and Sale

A long tradition going back at least 50 years will be broken this year when there will be no Parish Sale and Auction due to Covid 19. Parishioners and the wider community will miss the fellowship and the fun. However we look forward to our Sale and Auction resuming next year.

Mothers' Union

Blessed bags' have been distributed to each Mothers' Union member. These bags contained booklets of prayers, readings, puzzles and quizzes also masks and some goodies. These have been supplied by the Diocesan trustees and our own branch. We



Dorothea and James Kells attending Devenish harvest.



Stuart and Caroline Brooker at Devenish Harvest.

trust that they will bring a little cheer to our members in this distressing time. It was good to see our members safe and well and we pray that everyone will take great care, limit contact, socially distance and wear your masks.

Donacavey and Barr



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The Baptism for the Mallaghan family.



At the Sunday School outing.



Services

Sunday, 1st November: The Fourth Sunday before Advent

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.

Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 8th November: The Third Sunday before Advent

Barr: 10.00am A Service of Remembrance.

Donacavey 11:30am A Service of Remembrance.

Sunday, 15th November: The Second Sunday before Advent

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.

Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 22nd November: The Sunday before Advent.

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.

Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 29th November: The First Sunday of Advent.

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.

Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Baptism

Alex John Mallaghan was baptised in Barr on Sunday 29th September. It was a joy to meet Alex and his wider family circle for the short service. We had a reflection on Mark 10: 14 "Suffer the little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heaven". There was something that caused the parents in the reading to bring their children to Jesus to be blessed. Perhaps some of them didn't fully understand why and yet Jesus welcomed them all. The disciples thought he was too busy to be interrupted by children but Jesus said otherwise, "Let them come". Parents are still bringing their children to be blessed and rightly so. Jesus still wants them to be blessed and where better to start that work than to have infants brought to a place of worship and parents making promises to teach and to train them in the things of God. The wider congregation also commit themselves

to praying for and instructing the child.

Let's pray for Hazel and Gareth as they endeavour to fulfil the vows made on the day. Pray also for Alex as he grows up in a very strange and anxious time. May he, one day, come to know the wonder of Jesus.

Harvest Service

Donacavey held their service of Harvest Thanksgiving on 18th October. This was a very different service to every other thanksgiving service that went before. Although vastly different, the fundamental tenet was the same: it was an opportunity to give thanks to God for his bountiful provision... The well-known lines of the hymn "Come ye, thankful people come" sum it up; "All is safely gathered in". Yes we had rain and lots of it but still the crops were saved. The barns and silage pits are full. Shelves in our food shops strain with abundance. God is good.

Sunday School

Donacavey Sunday school had an afternoon in the park as a treat for the Sunday school children and this was followed by the presentations of awards for attendance, interest and achievement during the shorter

than usual term due to the lockdown.

Act of remembrance

Alongside our services of remembrance in Barr and Donacavey there will be an opportunity, God willing, to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, those who were wounded and all who served for our freedom and protection on Sunday 8th at the British Legion Hall at 3pm.



Decorations for harvest.



Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh

Chancellor **Ian Berry** is in charge.

Services and pastoral cover provided by **Rev. Margaret Pringle**

Services in November

Sunday 1st November 2020- All Saint's Day (White)

Donagh 10.30am H.C.

Tyholland 12.00 noon H.C.

Sunday 8th November- The Third Sunday before Advent (Green)

Donagh 10.30am M.P with an Act of Remembrance

Errigal Truagh 12.00 noon H.C. with an act of Remembrance

Sunday 15th November- The Second Sunday before Advent (Green)

Donagh 10.30am M.P.

Tyholland 12 noon M.P.

Sunday 22nd November- The Kingship of Christ (White)

Donagh 10.30am M.P.

Errigal Truagh 12.00 noon M.P.

Sunday 29th November- The First Sunday of Advent (Violet)

Donagh 10.30am Family Service

Tyholland 12 noon M.P.

• Please note the services noted above are subject to change in keeping with the rules and regulations pertaining to Covid 19. It has been a difficult and trying time for everyone over the past months. It has been a time of great challenge for every sector in society from the youngest to the oldest. Now that we are further faced in Southern Ireland with a level 4 lockdown, many are feeling tired and weary after all the months of restrictions.

I wish to share with you a Bible reading and prayer for HOPE from the Devotional book '365 Pocket Prayers'.

'All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance- an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation...There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while'. 1 Peter 1:3-6

A Prayer for HOPE

Eternal God and Saviour: For a prisoner



Young people reading at the monthly family service.



on death row, a pardon offers hope of freedom. I was once a spiritual prisoner facing eternal death because of my sin. You have given me the ultimate Hope of freedom by forgiving my sins so I can one day be with you forever in heaven. How can I thank you enough? When my life here and now seems impossible, you give eternal Hope. Without hope, I could not persevere through the tough times. I would give up. As I walk through this life, may I fix my eyes on eternity. May I never forget where I am headed, and why there is no better place to be. For in heaven I will live in perfect relationship with you and others forever, with no pain or sorrow or suffering. What Joy! Please help me to move straight ahead toward that goal. As I do, I know I'll gain a better perspective on the struggles and discomforts of this life.

I found these words of Hope helpful. I Hope you do too.

Faith TO LIGHT THE DARKENED SKY,
Strength TO CARRY ON,
Love TO TOUCH AND HEAL THE SOUL,
Hope TO GRACE THE DAWN



Rev. Margaret Pringle.

Grant

The Youth of St. Salvator's Church and Donagh Group Sunday School are to benefit from a "Growing Lives" grant for £15,000 from Allchurches Trust Limited towards the conversion of the gallery into a sound proofed meeting space and the provision of a toilet and hand washing facilities.

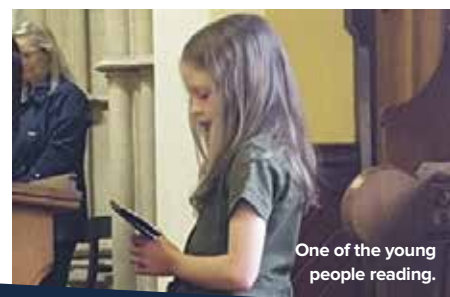
On hearing the news, Honorary Secretary, Diane Wright Kendrick said "This is an answer to prayer and we wish to thank the Allchurches Trust for their vote of confidence in us. It is a wonderful boost as we plan for the future and will make a positive difference to our children and small congregation, especially at this difficult time for many churches. Up to the emergence of COVID the children were meeting in cramped spaces such as the vestry and a storage area at the top of the stairs. This is no longer acceptable and this grant will enable us to start our building work and allow Sunday School to reconvene in the usual way as soon as possible."

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Thank-you

A big thank-you to all the young people who took part and added so much to our monthly family service.

Our musicians are somewhat restricted at present due to government guidelines relating to Coronavirus. We especially miss Colin playing with the Praise Group each week as the playing of wind instruments is presently prohibited.



One of the young people reading.

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The Future?

'We all have our dreams, hopes, aspirations and longings (as well as our fears) – for ourselves, our families and our society. But what does the future hold in store for us?

Futurologists predict what will happen in the future. For example, it has been predicted that some babies born today will live to the age of 150. Some of their predictions may come true. Others may not.

- In 1962 Decca Recording Company rejected the Beatles. They said, 'We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out.'
- In 1974 Margaret Thatcher said, 'It will be years – not in my time – before a woman will become Prime Minister.'
- In 1977 Ken Olson, Chairman of Digital Equipment Co, said, 'There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home.'

There are certain things about the future that we don't know and that we are not supposed to know.'

(Day 71 of Bible in One Year, <http://www.htb.org.uk/bioy/>)

As Christians we celebrate Jesus' first coming and look forward to his return. In Revelation we read that Jesus says the following about himself:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." (Rev 1:8)

In this time of uncertainty we need to look even more to the one who was before all time and who not only knows the future, but came to our world so that we, through the cross and resurrection could have hope for the future and join the Eternal One for eternity the bright future he is preparing for us.

So we shouldn't worry about the future but trust in the one who holds the future – in God alone – and in the one who doesn't



change (Hebrews 13:8)! Ira Stanpill puts it well in his hymn (extract below).

I don't know about tomorrow
I just live from day to day
I don't borrow from its sunshine
For its skies may turn to gray
I don't worry o'er the future
For I know what Jesus said
And today I'll walk beside Him
For He knows what is ahead
Many things about tomorrow
I don't seem to understand
But I know who holds tomorrow
And I know who holds my hand
Ira Stanphill © 1950 New Spring (/ Small Stone Media BV, Holland (Admin. in the UK/Eire by Song Solutions www.songsolutions.org)), CCLI Song Number 17982

Sunday Services (Nov)

1st November
11.00am S o W, 'God's World – God made the World' (Genesis 1:1-5, 26:2-3)

8th November

11.00am S o W, 'God's World – Adam and Eve' (Genesis 2:19 –22, 3:1-15)

15th November

11.00am S o W, 'God's World – Noah' (Genesis 6:9 - 22)

22nd November

11.00am S o W, 'Building a Kingdom – Hidden Treasure' (Matt 9:35-36; 13:44)

29th November

11.00am S o W, 'Building a Kingdom – The Precious Pearl' (Matthew 13:45-46)

Sunday Services (Dec)

6th December

11.00am S o W, 'Building a Kingdom – Mustard Seed' (Matthew 13:31-35)

13th December

11.00am S o W, 'Celebrating Jesus – The Nativity (Joseph)' (Matthew 1:18-25)

20th December

11.00am S o W, 'Celebrating Jesus – The Nativity (Shepherds)' (Luke 2:8-20)
S o W – Service of the Word



Alison Jackson, who is a member of our congregation (so helps out with our GFS Branch) as well as being GFS All-Ireland President and Robert Thompson with the packs.

N.B. Due to Covid-19, Christmas Services will be announced nearer the time on Facebook, when we know more about the situation.

Midweek Services (Nov)

4th November

8.30pm 'New in Christ' (Colossians 2:16-23)

11th November

8.30pm 'The Christian and Christ' (Colossians 3:1-8)

18th November

8.30pm 'The Christian and the local church' (Colossians 3:9-17)

25th November

8.30pm 'The Christian at home and at work' (Colossians 3:18-4:1)

Midweek Services (Dec)

2nd December

8.30pm 'Advent Carol Service'

9th December

8.30pm 'The Christian and the outsider' (Colossians 4:2-6)

16th December

8.30pm 'Carol Service'

Services

We continue to offer two services each

week – one on the Sunday at 11.00am and a Midweek Service on Wednesday at 8.30pm. Our service on Sunday is an 'All-age' Service (open for all ages to come to 'In-Church' Worship), lasting no more than 40 minutes, while our Midweek Service is aimed more at adults (with more in-depth teaching from the Bible – currently going through Colossians), lasting no more than 45 minutes. Both services will also be livestreamed on Facebook (uploaded later to YouTube), offering the service for those who for one reason or another would prefer not to come back yet to 'In-Church' worship.

Sunday School, G.F.S. and C.L.B.

Resource packs were sent out to all the families in the parish and the Jigsaw lessons will be sent out each month (based around the themes of our Sunday Services). Our WhatsApp Group for parents gives further resources to help parents with the story, crafts, memory verses and songs. It's been great to see the photos of the children with their crafts each week and these are put towards the end of our countdown timer each Sunday for others to see. Activity packs were

also given out to our G.F.S. and C.L.B. members.

Harvest And Enniskillen Foodbank

Thank you to all those who gave items for Enniskillen Foodbank during our Harvest Service, which some of the donations formed part of our Harvest decorations this year at the front of the Church. Enniskillen Foodbank were extremely grateful to receive them after the services.

Keeping up to Date

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

- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
- Watch our Live Streamed Services <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitydromore/live/>
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwj585CXlqOq6W6h7_2AiYg/
- Watch uploaded Services on YouTube on a smart TV (uploaded usually on Sunday afternoon)
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore.
- Get a recording of the service on CD or DVD every week

Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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As I write these words, we are facing increased restrictions in Northern Ireland and we have been under increased restrictions in the Republic of Ireland for the past number of weeks.

We hope that these restrictions will bear positive results and only last as long as is necessary.

We should be thankful that in Northern Ireland at least we are still allowed to meet for worship. We have continued to meet Sunday by Sunday and I hope this is something that we never take for granted again. Last month we had our Harvest Services and I have included photographs from two of these which took place after the submission date for October's magazine notes.

We look forward to the Season of Remembrance as we remember the sacrifices made by others in the past that

allow us to live free from oppression on 8 November albeit in a different way than normal.

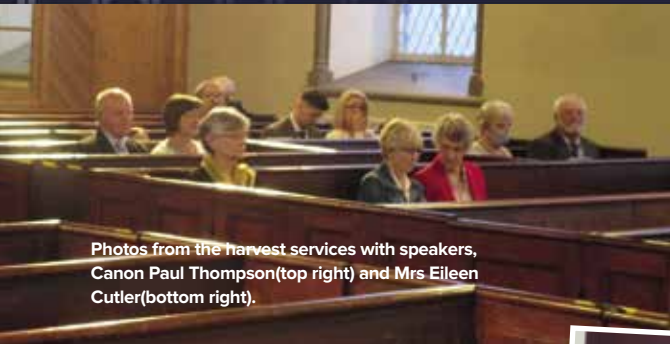
I have also arranged a special service on Sunday 29 November at 3pm which will be held in the Church Hall at Tubrid. This service is for our children, young people and their families and there will be a guest speaker.

Then of course our thoughts will be turning to Christmas when we celebrate the birth not of Santa but of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

I had a conversation recently and a question arose during the conversation which was this.

Are we a people of faith or a people of fear?

I have mentioned a couple of times that in the past seven months I can only remember



Photos from the harvest services with speakers, Canon Paul Thompson(top right) and Mrs Eileen Cutler(bottom right).



two people mentioning the assurance that their faith gave them. I can now add another name to that list as someone mentioned to me recently that they had not heard the need for faith mentioned very often by members of the clergy which is regrettable. It is easy for us to listen to every report we hear or read, to believe everything that we see on social media and to become fearful as a result. I am not saying that we use our faith to avoid the realities that life brings particularly at this time, but I am saying that if we have faith then we should not be fearful.

The bible has many examples of faith and much to teach us about faith, but I want to focus on these words from Deuteronomy which remind us of something of the nature of the God who we worship; Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his

commandments.

While the things of the world cannot be relied on, we can be sure that God is faithful and that he will keep us in his hand no matter what life may bring.

I want to refer to another portion of scripture from John's Gospel which offers great assurance to us.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

These words of Jesus offer us something

that nothing or nobody else can and that is the peace that passes all understanding that we have when we have placed our faith in Jesus Christ.

While we continue to live in uncertain times and while we do not know what the coming days will bring, we can be certain that we can trust God to do what is right in all things and ultimately to bring us safely home.

Diary

Sunday 1 November

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne; Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid.

Sunday 8 November

Remembrance Service 10.00 Muckcross; Remembrance Service 11.30 Tubrid.

Sunday 15 November

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne; Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid,

Sunday 22 November

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckcross; Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid.

Sunday 29 November

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne; Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid.

Sunday 29 November

Family Service 3pm in Tubrid Hall.

Please note the slightly different pattern of services in November due to Remembrance Sunday. If the restrictions in the Republic of Ireland are not relaxed in October, then all the 10 am services will be in Muckcross.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

Pastoral Cover:

Mr Walter Pringle, assisted by Canon Charles McCollum.

Chancellor Ian Berry is in charge.

Aughnamullen

Best wishes

We wish Walter Pringle a speedy recovery after he has been in hospital for treatment.

Harvest

Thanks to Keith Browne for conducting our harvest service on Sunday 27th September. This was on a reduced scale due to Covid -19. Thanks to those who brought flowers and vegetables to decorate the church and to Betty Jordan for selecting suitable CD's for the service.

Wedding

The wedding of Adam Mc Murray and Catherine Thanageelan took place on Saturday 12th September in St. Thomas's Church, Mount Merrion, Dublin. We wish them both every blessing in life together.

Sympathy

The funeral service of Mrs Renee Weir took place in Aughnamullen Church and was conducted by Revd. Gerry Clinton. Our deepest sympathy to her sons David and Noel and daughter, Audrey and the extended family circle. We also wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Alice Forde on the death of her brother. We continue to remember in our prayers all those who have been in hospital and those who looking after them.

Our Easter General Vestry was held on Tuesday 15th September in the church and there were no changes. Thanks to Chancellor Ian Berry for conducting the meeting.

Aghabog

Harvest

Our harvest service held on Sunday 4th October was surely different this year due to Covid -19. Our thanks to those who brought flowers and vegetables on a smaller scale,

also to Karl Saunders from Enniskillen who conducted the service.

Speedy recovery

We were sorry to hear Walter Pringle had been in hospital and we wish him best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Drum

Return to worship in Drum

After a 5-month break from in-church worship because of Covid 19, we were delighted to return on 2nd August. Walter Pringle has taken our services and Revd Charles conducted a service of Holy Communion on 20th September. Although things seemed to be improving and things were getting back to a kind of normal it was very short-lived, and now again in October we are back to restrictions with no in church worship for the foreseeable.

Death Notice

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of our faithful friend and servant, Cecil Lancashire, on Sunday 16th August, aged 77.

Cecil was a dedicated Churchwarden for the last 24 years and represented the parish at Synod for the last 18 years. These were roles which he undertook seriously as well as all the other voluntary work he did around

the church, whether it was painting, cleaning, repairs or whatever needed doing, he did it and kept the grass and graveyard impeccably well. For years he operated the music and sound system and was always guaranteed to be at church until two weeks before his passing, unless for the few times over the last two years when he had a few stays in hospital.



Mr. Cecil Lancashire.

As well as a churchman he was a great community man and supported anything that was on in the area, especially functions connected with churches, bands and the loyal orders. His funeral service was conducted by Revd Billy Johnston and a very touching address was given by Walter Pringle, while Revd Margaret Pringle officiated at the removal. We extend our sympathies to Cecil's wife Lela, the Lancashire families and his many friends on their loss. He will be sorely missed.

Annual Easter Vestry

This was held on 21st September with Chancellor Ian Berry chairing the meeting. We are delighted to welcome Louise Doyle and Miriam Wilkin onto our select vestry. It's great to recruit new members. Newly elected position were; Mervyn Reilly

replaces Cecil Lancashire as churchwarden, while Sharon Lancashire takes a position on Synod with Georgina Reilly as supplemental. Lottie Lancashire retires from Parochial Nominator with David Lancashire taking on the role with Emma Stewart as supplemental.

Dartrey and Rockcorry Harvest

These were duly held albeit in a different format-a themed harvest service in each church at normal service times. They afforded us an opportunity to focus our thoughts and prayers on God's goodness as once again we gave thanks for a bountiful harvest' As long as the earth endures, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease"

Vestry

Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures. So it was that the deferred Easter General Vestry meeting was held during the month of September under the Chairmanship of Canon Berry. As recommended, the Select Vestry of 2019 was re-elected.

Illness

We were all saddened to learn of the illness of Walter Pringle. We wish him a good recovery and look forward to having him back with us when church services resume.

Covid-19

And so it continues. As these notes are being written numbers of confirmed cases are spiralling out of control and further restrictions are about to be introduced. The challenge to frontline workers is mounting. Every effort must be made to allow hospitals to withstand the challenge, now and into the difficult winter season ahead. We all have a personal story of what life has been like in the past seven months. Friends recovered from the virus which gave us hope but sadly, too, we lost loved ones which caused us great pain. People suffered in isolation not being able to bury the dead surrounded by the support of the community and loved ones. To those suffering bereavement we extend our deepest sympathy. We know that washing hands, wearing masks (not visors), good ventilation and social distancing, combined with a proper trace - and track regime can suppress the virus enough to let us get on with daily life. Everybody needs to take these measures seriously. By doing so, we can control the virus instead of it controlling us. Take care. Keep safe.

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November Services

- Sunday 1st November: All Saints Day**
11.00am –Holy Communion
- Thursday 5th November**
11.00am – Holy Communion
- Sunday 8th November: The Third Sunday**



- before Advent - Remembrance Day**
11.15am – Remembrance Day Service
- Thursday 12th November**
11.00am – Holy Communion
- Sunday 15th November: The Second Sunday before Advent**
11.00am –Morning Prayer
- Thursday 19th November**
11.00am – Holy Communion
- Sunday 22nd November: The Sunday before Advent - The Kingship of Christ**
11.00am –Morning Prayer
- Thursday 26th November**
11.00am – Holy Communion
- Sunday 29th November: The First Sunday of Advent**
11.00am –Morning Prayer

Harvest

The Chairman of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Councillor Chris Smyth visited St Macartin's Cathedral to join in the Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 11th October. (see photo (right)).

Remembrance Day Service

Enniskillen Remembrance Service St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen on Sunday 8th November 2020 at 11.15am. It has been decided, after discussion with Enniskillen Royal British Legion, HML Viscount Brookeborough, Cathedral representatives, the Dean and David Young, that this year's Remembrance Service will take place but in a very different format.

As everything is controlled by Government restrictions and regulations about the Covid-19 pandemic seating allocations in the Cathedral are limited with social distancing. Movement during the service and the use of equipment e.g. microphones etc will be limited. With this in mind, seating is restricted to 30 invited guests including the VIPs, dignitaries and special guests, Bugler and Piper. The British Legion, Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, PSNI, FODC, UDR Assoc, St John's Ambulance, Red Cross, Fire Service, RUCGC Assoc., are restricted to one seat per Service, Organisation or Association. It has been decided that the most senior officer or representative available from each of the above will be offered a seat by invitation only. We are deeply sorry that under these circumstances the availability of seating is curtailed and hope that everyone will understand if they are not included this year. The service will be streamed live on the Enniskillen Cathedral website, enniskillencathedral.com

Those parishioners who have been faithfully attending every Sunday since we reopened in June are welcome to attend and we will try to get you seated on the south side of the Cathedral and in the Regimental Chapel bearing in mind that each of these places can only take a maximum of 32 people (16 each). Once maximum capacity has been reached we cannot by law allow anyone else to enter.

It is hoped that the Cenotaph will also be streamed. The British Legion are organising the Silence and wreath laying at the Cenotaph at 11.00am and everyone entitled to lay a wreath will be invited by the Chairman to attend with instructions. Once again, we apologise but we must continue to "Remember lest we never forget", even during these terrible times. Many may be disappointed at not being able to attend the Remembrance Service in St Macartin's Cathedral but we have come to the decision it is better to hold a small service with restricted numbers and streamline it, than hold no service at all.



Dean Kenneth Hall welcomes Councillor Chris Smyth, Chairman of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to the harvest service.

The Church Online

Among the number of new concepts introduced to us by the coronavirus pandemic is the idea of 'church online,' both among our parishioners and those less familiar with 'church.' Many clergy have commented that, while they may initially have struggled, the new format has worked, and has drawn in people who would not normally go to church; theirs or anyone else's. Normally, if you are not at a church service, you have missed it. Not now! To have so many who followed the service subsequently, an increase of over 80% of the original Sunday attendance, must say something about the usefulness of this format, popularity, and the convenience of being able to worship at an alternative time. Do online services 'work'? For many, the overall answer is positive. Although online services have a number of limitations, people can meet with God. It enables the church to re-connect with those who have moved away, and not found another church to attend. It is easier for people to view than to search out another church. Housebound people, providing they have the necessary facilities and technological 'know-how,' can also participate.

Because our services are streamed on YouTube, we are provided with excellent statistics as regards the number of viewers when we are live and also the numbers who look at the recordings - many more than the live views!

Here are some interesting statistics regarding our website and the streaming of services. At the time of writing this, (2nd October):

Sunday service views:

Easter Sunday: 1464
 Easter Sunday until 27th September 2020: over 15,500
 Weddings (2): 1830
 Funerals (5): 2174
 Ordination Service: 645

Our website has been visited over 34,900 times since Easter Sunday.

We have had compliments from other countries and is probably true that some visits are from people who are just casually browsing and have never previously heard of St Macartin's Cathedral!

Unfortunately, our Sunday Services have to be much shorter at present due to parishioners having to wear face coverings. Therefore, at present we cut out the Old Testament Reading, The Psalm and only sing three verses of three hymns.

Donations towards the setup of the Webcam and on online viewing would be greatly appreciated.

Some have 'come back' to church. Many have watched for the first time. However, online services are no substitute for a church

service so if you are able to attend, please do. The Thursday Service at 11.00am is much quieter for those who feel safer with lower numbers in attendance.

Select Vestry

The Select Vestry members had their first meeting by Zoom on Monday 4th October. It was very successful and this is how meetings will be conducted for the foreseeable future.

Ten Years Completed!

On 28th September the Dean, the Very Rev Kenneth Hall completed 10 years as Rector of Enniskillen and Dean of Clogher.

Here are some statistics during those 10 years:

Baptisms: 182
 Confirmations: 203
 Marriages: 70
 Funerals: 250
 Services: 2026 (including 1040 celebrations of Holy Communion)
 Special Services: 100 including Her Majesty, The Queen, The President, two heads of the Irish government, and the Archbishop of York.
 Families moved away: 38
 Families joined: 276
 Total parishioners on 28th September 2020: 1376
 Large projects:
 2017 - Cathedral Hall refurbished at cost of £1,300,000
 2022 - Planned completion of Cathedral reroofing and repainting inside (estimated cost £400,000)

Youth

Sunday Lights + Cafe @ Enniskillen Cathedral

We are so glad to have Sunday Lights + Cafe back! This term both classes are learning about different characters in the New Testament. So far, we have learnt about when Jesus met Simon, Andrew, James and John (the first four disciples), John the Baptist and Paul.

Sunday Lights + Cafe allows our children to spend time together learning about the Bible, listening to stories about Jesus and His life, singing songs and participating in crafts and games facilitated by our amazing team of leaders. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-5 and Sunday Cafe welcomes children in P6-Year 8. Everyone is welcome and we always love to see new faces!

Both Sunday Lights + Cafe are currently online.

Weekly sessions are uploaded to our Children and Youth Google Drive every Friday ahead of service on Sunday. Each session contains a Bible passage, a YouTube video link, some discussion questions for you and your family, an interactive activity idea

and short lesson as well as some additional resources. All children must register to participate in Sunday Lights + Café. Details of this can be found on the opposite page.

Messy Church @ Enniskillen Cathedral

Our first Messy Church @ Home was a huge success! The theme this month was creation. We celebrated God's masterpiece with worship and crafts, including recyclable Earth collages, thankful pumpkins, bird feeders and decorating our own plant pots.

Messy Church is a great opportunity for children to learn about God and the Bible in a relaxed and creative atmosphere. It is a FREE group open to all primary-aged children of all denominations. This year Messy Church has moved online!

We have created a private Facebook group to share video messages, worship videos, craft instructions, pictures and updates and packs containing craft supplies are available to pick up from the Cathedral Hall every month. New families are always welcome- please get in touch for more information on how you can get involved!

Messy Church @ Home is held on the third Thursday of each month. This month's session is on 19th November 2020. The pack pickup date will be Monday 16th November between 4.00& 5.00pm.

All children must register to participate in Messy Church. Details of this can be found below.

Xplore and Confirmation @ Enniskillen Cathedral

We are looking forward to holding Xplore and Confirmation classes again once regulations permit. Until then, please make sure all candidates and participants are registered so that we can begin meeting as soon as possible. Details of this can be found below.

How can I get involved?

Please don't be strangers- if you have any questions please get in touch! We always love to hear from you. Registration forms and details on how to register for all Children and Youth organisations can be found:

- On our social media pages and Google Drive
- On the Enniskillen Cathedral website
- From childrenandyouth@enniskillencathedral.com
- From the Cathedral Office

Shoe Box Appeal

Operation Christmas Child began in the UK in 1990, a tangible message of hope for children in the toughest of circumstances. Every year since, Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. Since 1990, more than 178 million children in more than 150 countries have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many

kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

Get an empty medium sized shoebox and wrap the box and lid separately in colourful wrapping paper or order preprinted shoeboxes online. Attach the appropriate boy/girl label, marking if your gift is for a boy or a girl. Select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and attach the label to the top of your shoebox. Fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If possible, include one or two special items you know a child will love such as a doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump. A suggested donation of £5 is essential to cover project costs, including shipping, to enable a local church or group overseas to lead a safe, well-organised children's event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need.

Leaflets and boxes are available in the church porch. You can collect these on a Sunday or Thursday morning. All shoe boxes need to be returned by Thursday 5th November at the latest. Please note the closing date is much earlier this year than in previous years.

Prayer

May the joy of Christ shine in our eyes, the compassion of Christ reach out through our hands, the word of Christ fall from our tongues and the love of Christ flow from our hearts. Amen.

Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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*When Someone Asks,
'Where Are You Going?'*

*Blessed are those whose strength
is in you, in whose heart are
the highways to Zion.*

Psalms 84:5

Virologists have become very current. It's almost impossible to watch a news broadcast now without one being interviewed. This week, one mentioned a very interesting concept called Baader-Meinhof.

I went looking for it, and basically it's the bias that you see more of something because you are alert to it, not necessarily because it is really occurring more often.

You know how a song catches your attention, and you start to hear it everywhere for days, or a favourite writer or poet keeps being mentioned.

What caught my attention was the idea, that although an increased awareness of something can be explained by this, that you are simply more alert to it, the blurb also acknowledges that another aspect of this could be that something is happening more often, and might even have a Divine / supernatural (their term) cause.

As Christians, we do believe that something

can be happening more often because there is a Divine cause. The Living God speaks, and He can be prompting, nudging, teaching, inspiring, rebuking you, through the repeated awareness you have at times, of His Words.

I love the idea that he can alert us to something, and then keep on saying it, to help us learn and grow.

This is a very long introduction for saying that I am repeatedly tripping over one idea in scripture, at this time. Everywhere I read, or listen, I seem to be met with the strong theme on the Old and New Testaments, of God's people on a pilgrimage home.

It you see me reading a book, with raised eyebrow or knowing smile, it's happening again.

I've met it in Isaiah 35, Isaiah 51, Isaiah 60, Isaiah 62, Psalm 84, last week in the Bible Study commentary The Names of Jesus, from Warren Wiersbe p7, yesterday in the great read from Esther De Waal, The Way Of Simplicity p93, and again this morning in an e- Prayerletter from a missionary friend I've known now for 30 years.

Is it a bias now because I am alerted to it, that I notice it in everything I lift to read? No, I don't think so. I'm opting for what I know

of God already, that in all probability He is wanting me to pay attention to this teaching in scripture. And shouldn't I 'Read, Mark, Learn and Inwardly Digest It,' anyway. God's people, promised to Abraham, emerged to possess the promises God had made to them.

Despite their waywardness, forgetfulness, thanklessness and unconcealed idolatry, God kept His promises to them. 'Your sin I will remember no more.' Isaiah 43:25 Even in exile He promised to bring them home to Zion/ Jerusalem. Much of their journey home is narrated in Isaiah, often described as a fifth Gospel, because it holds so much that foretells of the path taken by Jesus, and the Household added through Him.

Jerusalem or Zion was and remains a city at the heart of the Jewish and Christian story. Yet it holds greater weight in scripture beyond even its physical presence. It is also a pointer to the great and eternal city, the Heavenly Jerusalem, Zion City of our God. In 1779, the Christian hymn writer John Newton, wrote a favourite hymn, *Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken*. The lyrics are extraordinary in their ability to sum up the Hope of every believer, then and since. Its words include: 'Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken, Zion city of our God... Saviour, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,' Scripture reminds the faithful, that even in wilderness, desert, distress and exile, a faithful remnant will be maintained, to bear witness to God's saving and keeping grace. His early people would travel home on an earthly path to an earthly city; those of us added later, would look to the same themes and story to remind us, that like them, we too are going home.

In Isaiah 35:10 the ransomed of the Lord would make their way on the Highway of Holiness and enter Zion with singing, in chapter 51 it is described as a place where sorrow and sighing will flee away, in chapter 52 we're told that when the Lord returns to Zion, we will see it with our own eyes, in chapter 61 those planted there will be called Oaks of Righteousness as a display of the Lord's splendour.

The Psalmist King David knew also of this great hope. In Psalm 85:13, a closing translation can be: 'The Lord will indeed give what is good... and will make His footsteps our pathway.'

This helps our understanding so much. When we get to Hebrews 11 and 12, remembering all the faithful who have gone before us, and keeping to this great hope of a heavenly city and home, we are reminded that it is in the Lord Jesus that this hope is

realised and made possible. We are to make His footsteps our pathway.

I wrote recently that one of the items left to me after my maternal grandfather passed on, was a copy of *The Love of God*, by St Bernard of Clairvaux. Regrettably it sat gathering dust for many years, but in recent months I have been reading it. Esther De Waal comments on Bernard's Christian ministry and influence, and how he described fellow pilgrims as those 'who run toward joy.'

And that when they did, 'their faces shone with joy, they had the face of one going toward Jerusalem.' De Waal p 93. I could write on today, but in closing, I take great heart from the journey we are called to. It is a path intended and prepared by the Lord God. He has provided the Gate, and the Door and the Way. He gives its Joy and its Hope. It is a pilgrim way, and a great many have gone before us.

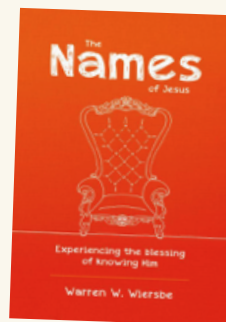
In these days, when someone asks 'Where are you going?' or 'why your hope, 'or why your joy?', we are able to say, with confidence, that we are going home.

Amen. Precentor Hanlon

The Names Of Jesus

Fortnightly Bible Study using Warren Wiersbe's very easy to read commentary. One copy is still available from Precentor or office.

You are welcome to join us online on these dates: 27 October, 10 and 24 November, 8 December, at 7.30pm Request Zoom link from the parish office.



Autumn Reading Group:

The Grace Of Waiting reads like a modern spiritual classic. It conveys the glimpse of grace and hope offered to those who find themselves in life's waiting rooms.

You are welcome to join with us 8pm Wednesday 21 October. Request Zoom link from the parish office. We are currently on chapter four: *The Wine Press*, p.40. Books available on order from local Christian bookshops.



Quiet Prayer & Reflection

'They were looking ahead to a better land – a heavenly one' Hebrews 11:16
7pm All Saints' Day Sunday 1 November
If you would like to join via Zoom
Please request link from the parish office
By Friday 30 October at noon

Prayer Ministry On Wednesdays

Our prayer ministry team pray every

Wednesday for the needs of the parish and for those who have requested prayer. You may request prayer by contacting William Morrow, the parish office or on Facebook Messenger. A Christian name is all that's required. The name will remain on the list for two months, or longer if requested.

Home Visiting

Pastoral care is ongoing by telephone or video message. If pastoral contact is required, please telephone the rectory 8952 1030. The harvest visits have been carried out by phone and card. Thank you to Canon Robinson and Elvina Funston for helping with this.

Hospitals

As clergy we are still not permitted to visit parishioners in hospital, except at end of life. Please telephone the Rector when pastoral care and prayers are needed.

Sunday School

Welcome back to 60 children and young people who have enrolled for a new term. Thank you to parents/guardians and children for your support in registering and completing the sunflower project and the harvest display on Main Street. Congratulations to Lewis Rea whose sunflower at 5ft 3 inches won the sunflower growing competition. Teaching Sundays will be on 1 November and 6 December - virtually. Teaching packs will be issued in advance. Thank you and God Bless, Heather Kirkpatrick.

CLCGB

Junior CLB boys (aged 4-11) will be meeting fortnightly on Zoom. Craft packs to be used during these sessions are being posted to parents. You would be more than welcome to join and take part. For more information please contact Victoria Jackson, email: victoriajackson@clcgb.org.uk

GFS

We are always encouraged by our girls and the enthusiasm they have for everything that we do at GFS – so we hope that they will enjoy their packs and continue to have the same enthusiasm for their Bible Study, Badge Work and Craft. If there is a girl who would like to join us this year please contact Pearl Smyton (branch leader) and she will arrange for a pack to be delivered. All girls from P1 upwards are welcome to join. Pearl Smyton, email: fivemiletowngfs@gmail.com

***Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken,
Zion city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for His own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.***

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Jesus understands what you are going through

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet he did not sin." Hebrews 4:15

Do you sometimes wonder if God really knows what it is like to be poor, rejected by people or sick with aches and pains. Perhaps you are asking, "Does God really understand what I am going through?" My friend, Jesus was no stranger to emotional or physical pains, poverty or hardships. He was born into a poor family. He had a smelly manger for His birthplace (see Luke 2:7). From an early age, as a carpenter, He knew all about working hard with His hands, standing on His feet all day long and returning home with aches in His body.

The religious leaders of His day made life difficult for Him. They challenged His authority (see Matthew 21:23) and tested His teachings (see Matthew 19:3). They also called Him a glutton, winebibber, friend of tax collectors and sinners (see Matthew 11:19), and blasphemer (see Mark 2:7). They said that He was demon-possessed and mad (see John 10:20), put Him on the spot when they brought an adulterous woman to Him (see John 8:2-11), attempted to stone Him (see John 8:59, 10:31-39) and accused Him of perverting the nation (see Luke 23:2). Have you been chased out of your home because of your Christian beliefs? Jesus understands what you are going through. He was chased out of His own hometown (see Luke 4:29). Have you been rejected by someone you love? Jesus also experienced the pain of being denied by a loved one (see Luke 22:54-62) and betrayed by one considered close to Him (see Luke



Harvest decorations.

22:47-48). He also knows all about the sickness you are suffering because He bore your sicknesses and pains on the cross (see Isaiah 53:4). Jesus certainly understands all that we are going through because being born fully Man, He was "in all points tempted as we are." He endured His sufferings for our sakes, so that we can have His peace and the anointing to rise above the troubles we are facing! Our God is an understanding God. He knows each of us personally better than we know ourselves.

Services in November

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions in the Republic of Ireland, Drummully Parish Church has been closed for services from 11th October.

Sunday, 1st November 2020 - The Fourth Sunday before Advent (All Saint's Day)

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Holy Communion with an Act of Remembrance
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Holy Communion

Sunday, 8th November 2020 - The Third Sunday before Advent

11.00am: A Group Service in Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer with an Act of

Remembrance Sunday, 15th November 2020 - The Second Sunday before Advent

10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer (Family Service)
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer (Family Service with baptism) Sunday,
22nd November 2020 - The Sunday before Advent (The Kingship of Christ)
10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer Sunday.

29th November 2020 - Advent Sunday

10.30 am Group Service in Sallaghy Parish Church.

Creative Harvests

This year due to the COVID-19 restrictions we were not able to meet up to decorate our churches. Instead, Rev. Loraine set the challenge for children and young people to "get creative" for harvest. She wanted them to use art and or recycled materials to decorate the churches for harvest thanksgiving. We were delighted that children, young people and indeed those from every age group rose to the challenge.

Some painted or drew various pieces of art to show our God found in nature and to celebrate the fruits of the earth. We even had beautiful hand-made floral arrangements- each flower made with differing materials. Thanks to you all, our churches were beautifully decorated for harvest. You are to be congratulated for all your hard work. Even the adults got creative bringing their own floral art and decorations already assembled. Well done everyone!

From the Registers

Burial Register

28th September: Thomas (Tom) McAlister aged 82 years.

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection Life and the Life."

We remember in our prayers all who have been recently bereaved.

Baptisms

Sunday 4th October: We were delighted to celebrate the baptism of Poppy Violet Stewart, the daughter of Hollie and Reece in Sallaghy Parish.



Baptism for the Stewart family.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher

Vacant
Canon Alan Irwin, Rural Dean,
is in charge.

Social distancing will be observed and hygiene controls in place at all services. Until further notice there will be no wine administered during Holy Communion. Note that services for Kiltyclogher church will take place in Garrison Church as long as the current regulations are in place in ROI for COVID 19.

Services

Sunday 1st November

Garrison 10am HC, Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 8th November

Belleek 11.30am HC

Remembrance Service in Garrison Church at 5pm.

Sunday 15th November

Garrison 10am MP, Slavin 11.30am MP

Sunday 22nd November

Kiltyclogher 10am MP, Belleek 11.30am MP

Sunday 29th November

Kiltyclogher Group service 11.30am MP

Sunday 6th December

Garrison 10am HC, Slavin 11.30am HC

Message from Canon Ngozi on Sunday 11th October.

As I sit here in Garrison Rectory, amongst the boxes already packed and more to go, I want to express my sincere thanks to the Parishioners of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher for their generosity to me in the gifts of money and other items I have received. The generosity I have received is overwhelming. I also say thanks for the way you received me on my arrival here seven years ago. You have been not only been my parishioners but my dear friends also. I have been privileged to have the Rectory at Garrison as a lovely home, in such lovely surroundings which I have been able to get out and enjoy. We have experienced sad times and events, happy times and



Canon Ngozi saying farewell at Slavin church.

together I think we have made each other stronger.

You will always hold a place in my heart as I leave here in a few days for my new Parish in Wembley. I am moving closer to my friends and family, many of whom are living in London. I am so thankful to have had my first Parish in Northern Ireland and from you I have learnt so much which will take me forward in the years ahead.

I also pay tribute to my colleagues in Clogher Diocese, all who have been so



Churchwardens Adrian Elliott and Jason Acheson with Canon Ngozi.



Members of Garrison Accordion Band, Rebecca Graham, Gareth and Lisa Beacom with Canon Ngozi



Florence Earls, Slavin Secretary and Elizabeth Ovens, Slavin Treasurer with Canon Ngozi.



George, Doreen and Ethne Earls (Slavin Organist) with Canon Ngozi.



Tom Ovens and Robert Ovens, Slavin Churchwardens with Canon Ngozi.



Raymond and Loretta Gregg with Canon Ngozi at Slavin.

kind and helpful to me. Firstly our past Bishop and now Archbishop of Armagh, Most Revd John McDowell and our Archdeacon, Brian Harper. They have supported me so well in my work and were always there as a listening ear. Likewise, my Rural Dean, Canon Alan Irwin who was there to offer help when needed. I will miss my colleagues in the Kesh Rural Deanery and all the good times we shared. It has been my privilege to work with you all over the past seven years.

Ngozi Njoku

Easter Vestry meetings

Below are the office-bearers appointed at the reconvened Easter Vestry meetings for each of our churches;

Garrison

Rector's Churchwarden- Jason Acheson
 People's Churchwarden- Adrian Elliott
 Rector's Glebewarden- Austin Acheson
 People's Glebewarden- Neville Elliott
 Secretary- Joy Graham
 Treasurer- Lorraine Boyd

Slavin

Rector's Churchwarden- Robert Ovens
 People's Churchwarden- Tom Ovens
 Rector's Glebewarden- George Earls
 People's Glebewarden- Robert Earls
 Secretary- Florence Earls
 Treasurer- Elizabeth Ovens

Belleek

Rector's Churchwarden- Rachel Love
 People's Churchwarden- Robert Johnston Jnr
 Rector's Glebewarden- James Pye
 People's Glebewarden- Robert Johnston Snr
 Secretary- Helen Thompson
 Treasurer- Lorraine Boyd

Kiltyclogher

Rector's Churchwarden- Edward Stephenson
 People's Churchwarden- Gordon Carson
 Rector's Glebewarden- Freda Allingham
 People's Glebewarden- William McVitty
 Secretary and Treasurer- Pauline Carson

Christian Burial

We sympathise with Sue Deacon on the loss of her mum, Betty who passed away in September.

Prayers

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

Holy Baptism

Baby Thomas Ronald Edward Allingham, son of Jayne and Stanley was christened on Sunday 27th September in Kiltyclogher

Parish Church by Canon Ngozi.

Baby Abigail, daughter of Megan and Daniel McCordick was christened on Sunday 27th September in Garrison Parish Church by Canon Ngozi.

Christian Marriage

■ On Sunday 27th September Daniel McCordick and Megan Shannon were married in Garrison Parish Church. The service was conducted by Canon Ngozi.

■ On Friday 9th October Emma Hamilton and David Toland became husband and wife as they celebrated their marriage at the Woodhill Hunting Lodge after the lockdown in ROI caused the cancellation of their reception in the Mill Park Hotel in Donegal. Canon Ngozi conducted their marriage service in Garrison Parish Church.

We congratulate these couples who were able to get married despite the difficult circumstances and restrictions of Covid 19, and we wish them every blessing on their married lives together.

Farewell to our Rector

GARRISON CHURCH

– Canon Ngozi's last service

At the end of the church service the secretary Joy Graham paid tribute to

Canon Ngozi thanking her for her ministry and exceptional pastoral care. She was in step with the parishioners every step of the way throughout her time in charge of the group of parishes. Her enthusiasm and dedication to all especially the young people and children was evident throughout her tenure.

Jason Acheson, Rector's Churchwarden, thanked Canon Ngozi for her seven years of ministry and Adrian Elliott People's Churchwarden presented the gifts. A drawing of Garrison church and monetary gift was presented on behalf of the parishioners.

Robin Boyd and Ryan Graham presented a Belleek china gift from the Sunday School and Lorraine Boyd thanked Ngozi on behalf of all the Sunday School teachers and children for her love and dedication to the children.

After the presentations Lisa Beacom thanked Ngozi for all her support and encouragement to Garrison Accordion Band, attending practices and parades. She was invited to drum with the band members, Rebecca Graham, Lisa and Gareth Beacom for the last hymn, 'Seek Ye First'. At the end of the service Ngozi drummed to 'Shall we Gather at the River'.



Pauline Carson (Kiltyclogher Parish Treasurer and Secretary) presents Canon Ngozi with a gift on behalf of Kiltyclogher Church.



Robbie Johnston (Soloist), Sadie Moore (Belleek Organist) with Canon Ngozi at Belleek Church.



Helen Thompson (Belleek secretary), Rachel Love (Belleek Churchwarden) and a representative from the Sunday School making presentations to Revd Ngozi.



Lorraine Boyd (Belleek Treasurer), Rachel Love (Belleek Rector's Churchwarden), Helen Thompson (Belleek Secretary) with Canon Ngozi in Belleek Church.



Anne McCaughey (Soloist) with Louise Leonard (accompanist) in Belleek Church.



David and Emma Toland following their wedding at Garrison Parish Church on 9th October.

Canon Ngozi's last service in Slavin Church

In her last service in Slavin Church, Canon Ngozi thanked everyone for the way in which she was welcomed from the first day she visited the Group of Parishes and for the support she received in her journey of ministry with us.

Audrey Ovens and her sister Marina Hassard sang a hymn specially chosen, 'When we all get to Heaven'. Marina accompanied on guitar. The People's Churchwarden, Tom Ovens, paid tribute to Canon Ngozi and thanked her for seven



One of the baptisms at Kiltyclogher Church.

years of ministry with us, always on call for all occasions. He presented her with a cheque on behalf of the parishioners.

For Canon Ngozi's last service in Belleek,

the organist was Mrs. Sadie Moore and Robbie Johnston sang 'In the sweet by and by'. We were very pleased to have Louise Leonard and Anne McCaughey at the service. Accompanied by Louise, Anne sang, 'An old Irish Blessing'. This was greatly appreciated by Canon Ngozi.

At the end of the service Rachel Love, Rector's Churchwarden, paid tribute to Canon Ngozi and thanked her for seven years amongst us. Rachel had found her a pleasure to work with and thanked her for her drive in services and daily prayers, enjoyed by the whole community during lockdown. Rachel said that Canon Ngozi

was very much a 'people person' and would be missed by the whole community. She concluded by wishing her health, happiness and much success in Wembley- Wembley's gain was our loss.

Canon Ngozi was presented with a monetary gift by Helen Thompson, Secretary and a Belleek afternoon tea set on a wooden stand by Robert Johnston, Peoples' Churchwarden, Lorraine Boyd, Treasurer, and William Pye.

Canon Ngozi's last Service in Kiltyclogher

was not possible owing to Level 3 Covid Restrictions in ROI so instead the parishioners held their harvest and farewell service in Garrison Church. Pauline Carson, Parish Treasurer and Secretary, gave Canon Ngozi a gift of money from the parishioners of Kiltyclogher Parish which she said reflected their appreciation of her work and ministry among them. From the first wedding to the last Baptism she said it was a pleasure to have worked with her. She also said they enjoyed her wit and good humour. She had reached out to the wider community and this was very much appreciated. They were very sorry she was leaving us but wished her the very best in her future life and ministry in London.

Keep up to date

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

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



Decorations at Kiltyclogher Harvest Thanksgiving.



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Mothers' Union Update

In October each of our members received a 'Blessing Bag', prepared by the Mothers' Union Trustee Board led by President Mrs Irene Boyd. The bags included a number of useful items and an inspirational pamphlet specially prepared for the challenging times we are finding ourselves in. Our Branch included a face mask in each bag. In the absence of meetings such a gesture enabled our members to feel connected. One member of our Branch, Mrs Olive Saunderson, has been busy knitting beautiful, colourful teddy bears and baby hats for SWAH.

Children's Church

Revd Stephanie has made a personalised bag of goodies for each child who comes to church (no sweets!). Included is a child's 'Pew News' with crossword puzzles, word searches and colouring pages which correlate with the readings of the days. As well as that there are activities suitable for the child's age and interests which tie in, as much as possible, with the theme.



Olive Saunderson.



Church bags for children.



Amy Kettyles with Revd Stephanie.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Amy Kettyles who has been chosen to be the Deputy Head Girl at Devenish College.



David Bailey sanitising the church.



Harvest in Inishmacsaint.



Harvest decorations.



Gillian Rutherford at the organ.

Harvest Services

Thanks to all who donated items for harvest and who decorated the church for harvest. It was stunning. Thanks to Reverend John Woods who preached on Thursday night and Melanie Grimsley who will be preaching on Sunday. Thanks to Gillian for the wonderful playing as usual. Thanks, too, to George Ferguson who sang a solo on Thursday night and to Alan Ferguson who will be singing a solo on Sunday. We are so blessed to have these gifted musicians. Thank you for sharing your talents with us all.

The church was cleansed with anti-viral fog sanitizer between services and thanks to David Bailey for doing this.



Revd Stephanie Woods who conducted the service and her husband Revd John who preached at the harvest service.

Sympathy

The parish extends its heart-felt sympathy to the family and friends of the late Alice Johnston formerly of Belleek and the late Betty Gilmore formerly of Kesh.

Christmas Services

COVID-19 regulations permitting, Christmas services will be as follows:
Sunday, 20th December 11.30am
 Christingle Service: Bring an orange per person

Sunday, 20th December 7.30pm

Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve 11pm

Holy Communion

Christmas Day 10am

Holy Communion

Sunday, 27th December 11.30am

Service of the Word for Christmas

Anti-viral fog sanitizing will take place between services.

To preserve social distancing, please contact Elizabeth on 07984121395.



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Kilskeery and Trillick



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Think About Good Things

November is upon us with its darkening evenings, and the push away from Harvest and autumn into winter, towards Christmas. Remembrance Sunday is days away and will probably have a different feel and sense of remembering this year. And then there is, of course, the Coronavirus. As the darker nights darken and the daylight shortens and the virus continues to roam loose, how may our spirits, our thoughts, our passions, our hopes, our prayers, remain in the light? Could meditation be a key? Not the mind-emptying, cross-legged, humming sort, but the mind-focusing, heart-surrendered, prayerful kind. The apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippians gives some useful instruction:

“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.” (Philippians 4:8)

We too easily give unfettered access to all kinds of things into our heads – maybe it’s time to filter and be more intentional about what we let in. Could the apostle Paul be right in his instruction-giving – that intentionally focusing on truth, on noble intentions, on justice, on purity, having an appreciation for beauty; thinking about good news, and virtue, considering commendable endeavours,... could meditating on all of that keep the light switched on? It seems to make sense that allowing good things into our heads would produce good thinking and a good fruitful mindset, be good for our mental health and better equip us to sift out the bad and embed the good. But does it work? The apostle Paul seemed to think that this was important to do. And like the teachings and instructions in scripture

– we can be hearers of them but it is only in the doing, the applying, that adding of action to our belief that we find out whether they work or not. And how could thinking on good stuff not create a positive and enlightening effect?

HARVEST – Drive-in Service

Although it has been possible to move to “indoor” church services for some time, there are many who are either cautious about this move or who are shielding. So before moving indoors for Harvest we had an outdoor/drive-in Harvest service to enable those not returning to church just yet to take part in our Harvest celebrations. The picture below captures something of the decorations and displays that framed our service alongside the planters and flowers that were positioned around the site. A big thank you to all who brought and decorated, who set up and cleared away, it was a real team effort.



HARVEST – back in Church

We were extremely pleased to move back indoors for harvest. Although we are back into church we are still offering a drive-in option too. This drive-in option is only at Kilskeery Parish Church and involves the indoor service being relayed outside via loudspeaker.

It has been great to see a good section of the congregation coming out again but as



is probably always the case, there is room for a few more, even with the physical distancing. Many thanks to those who prepared and brought Harvest decorations and flower arrangements to both of our churches.

Facebook

We may be back into our buildings again but we recognise that there are many who are as yet unable to do so. We continue to make use of our Facebook page by offering a Sunday Service per week, alternating from Kilskeery and Trillick parishes. We also have been pointing to children’s online materials, namely at present the SUPERBOOK animated bible story series. Towards the end of August, we began PSALMS 150 which offers a prayer or a declaration or a verse or two from a psalm each day, working our way from psalm 1 to psalm 150, which will take us up until 31st December. Look out for: “The Church of Ireland Parishes of Kilskeery and Trillick” Facebook page.



Sunday services

It can be challenging trying to cater for all ages in a church service and especially so when it is not possible to have Sunday School too. So, we have begun “A Service 4 Everyone” each Sunday, which includes the core elements of expected liturgy but also elements that might seem more at home in a Sunday School setting. The hope is that families with children will feel catered for and perhaps within a child friendly atmosphere we might all recapture something of our childhood fun and innocence as we meet up again with some of those Sunday School and Children’s bible stories heroes of the faith.



Samaritan's Purse

This year again we will be participating in the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box appeal. At a time when our minds can go to our own wants it is good to take some time and give something for the benefit of others who may be more needy than ourselves. For more information see: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk



Sunday Service Times:

Christ Church Parish, Trillick - 10:30am
 Kilskeery Parish Church - 11:45am

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck

Vacant

Very Rev Kenneth R J Hall
 The Dean of Clogher
 is in charge.



Services and pastoral cover provided by Revd. Colin Brownsmith.

Sunday Services

- 1st November: All Saints' Day**
11.00am Lisbellaw: Holy Communion
- 8th November: The Third Sunday before Advent**
10.45am Lisbellaw: Service of Remembrance
- 15th November: The Second Sunday before Advent**
11.00am Lisbellaw: Morning Prayer.
- 22nd November: The Kingship of Christ**
11.00am Lisbellaw: Morning Prayer.
- 29th November: The First Sunday of Advent**
11.00am Lisbellaw: Morning Prayer
- 6th December: The Second Sunday of Advent**
11.00am Lisbellaw: Holy Communion

Return to Church - Sunday 20th September

With all sorts of arrangements in place for social distancing, entering and exiting, hand sanitising and contact tracing it was good to return to worship in church, complete with face coverings, on Sunday 20th September, after an absence of over six months! The Service of Morning Prayer, which was live-streamed to Facebook was conducted by the Revd Colin Brownsmith, assisted by Isobel, our Parish Reader. The much smaller numbers, having to sit in unfamiliar pews,



the absence of books and having to wait for direction to leave church took some getting used to, but it was good to be able to meet and to sing together again, albeit quietly ! As always it was lovely to have Olive, the Revd. Colin's wife with us at the service.

Harvest Thanksgiving Coolbuck - Sunday 27th September

Normally the Coolbuck congregation give thanks for the harvest on the last weekend in September and this year the tradition continued - but in a very different way! As always, the church was beautifully decorated by Ann Orr, but the service, prepared and led by the Revd. Colin was pre- recorded on the beautiful Saturday morning and shared on Facebook at 3.00 pm on Sunday 27th September. There were lessons read outside the church and in the garden by Sadie Speight and Natasha Dane, prayers were led by Ann Orr and solos sung by Neville Foster and our organist, Lynda Lindsay. It was good to be able to share this service of Thanksgiving for Harvest so widely in this very strange and challenging year.

Lisbellaw

Two Harvest Thanksgiving Services took place this year instead of the usual three

- on Thursday 8th October at 7.30 and on Sunday morning 11th October at 11.00! As these services are traditionally well attended it was decided that we should encourage parishioners to let us know beforehand if they planned to attend so that we could maintain social distancing. Fortunately we didn't have to turn anyone



Ann Orr.



Iris and Victor Mahon attending the harvest service.



Lynda and Alice Lindsay with Revd Colin and his wife Olive at the Thursday night harvest in Lisbellaw.

away ! Both services were conducted by the Revd Colin, assisted by Isobel and live-streamed to Facebook. Warmest thanks to David Abraham who sang 'How Great Thou Art' on Thursday night, to Lynda and Alice who sang duets at both services and of course to Jean McElroy and Iris Mahon whose artistic work with flowers, fruit and vegetables made the church look beautiful, as always.

Sunday School, 'The Bridge' and Confirmation Class

Unfortunately none of these has, as yet, been able to take place but we continue to remember all our children and young people in our prayers as they live through difficult and unprecedented days, when their education in particular has been so disrupted and everything is so uncertain. Hopefully by the end of October each of our young people will have received a Gift

Bag from the Sunday School ! Our thoughts and prayers are especially with our young people in Further and Higher Education, especially those who have recently begun student life in University or College.

Baptism

■ CRAWFORD, Sophia, baby daughter of Matthew and Jodie, baptised in Lisbellaw Parish Church on Sunday 28th September 2020 at 1.30 pm.



Baptism for the Crawford family.

Burials

■ WEIR, Mark of Tattygare Park, Lisbellaw died on 17th September 2020. A funeral service took place in Lisbellaw Parish Church on Tuesday 22nd September at 2.00 followed by burial in Tattygare Cemetery.

■ BROWN, Ruby of Fortview Park, Lisbellaw, wife of the late Mervyn died peacefully on 25th September 2020. A funeral service took place in Lisbellaw Parish Church on Tuesday 29th September at 2.00 followed by burial in Tattygare Cemetery.

Our thoughts and prayers are with both bereaved families and with all who have recently lost loved ones.



Harvest decorations.



Lisnaskea



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Services For November

Sunday 1st

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 8th

10.30 a.m. Service of Remembrance

Sunday 15th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd

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

Sunday 29th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Burial

Saturday 10th October - Matilda Ethel
Johnston, Kinawley.

Sympathies are with the Johnston family
circle and all who have been bereaved at
this time.

Harvest Thanksgiving

In order to comply with current regulations,



our harvest services were held on
Sunday 4th and Wednesday 7th October.
Everything was quite different this year and
although decorations were not as plentiful
as other years the church still looked
lovely with the beautiful colours of the
season displayed. We are very grateful to
the ladies who helped make this possible
and everyone who sent along flowers and
produce. On Sunday morning it was a great
pleasure to have Marina Elliott come along
with her son and daughter to sing three
pieces for us. The church was filled to the
“new” capacity and everyone enjoyed the
service. Even though we have recorded
music each week it is always lovely to have
someone play and sing in person, which is
something that is very much missed at the
moment.

Special Birthday

Congratulations and best wishes to one of
our oldest parishioners Kay Harvey, (photo
right), who recently celebrated her 99th
birthday. Kay is very happy and well cared
for in Gortacharn Nursing home Lisnaskea
and her family were delighted to be able to
spend a little time with her on the day.

Parish Report

This year there will be no financial report
distributed but if you have any queries
about your contributions please do not
hesitate to contact Linda in the parish office
or Maxine our Treasurer. Envelopes can also
be left at the office during office hours.

Sermon

Also remember that you can avail of the
weekly sermon by joining the “WhatsApp”
group or checking out the Rector’s web site
on alancapper.com.

Restrictions

As these notes are being prepared



further regulations have been announced
throughout Northern Ireland. The wearing of
face masks is now mandatory in churches
so we ask that everyone that can, should
adhere to this. Let us all work together to
keep ourselves and others safe and pray for
an end to the spread of Covid 19.

Think of Others

As we approach the winter months and the
long dark evenings please think of those
who are going through this worrying time
on their own. If you can make contact with
neighbours and friends through a phone
call or via social media even just for a chat
please do so.

If the church can help in any way please
do not hesitate to call Revd. Capper or the
parish office.



Floral decorations at the harvest services.

Magheracross



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A very big thank-you is due to all who organised the Harvest Thanksgiving Drive-In at Ferney Park (carpark, not pitch!). The only thing that I, as rector, had to arrange was the sermon. The sun shone, people arrived in their "Bubble" cars and left feeling thankful.

Services

The next few months are very difficult to predict. We would hope to have a regular 9am service as well as 11am starting in November. Our organisations have no plans to restart.

Naomi, our youth worker, is back from furlough and trying to gather our young people together on-line and in small actual groups. However, the changing community health situation will have an impact on what is possible.



Scenes from the Drive-In Harvest at Ferney Park.

On Remembrance Sunday, we will have an Act of Remembrance in church at 11am. However, numbers will still be limited to the 20 households with the usual COVID-19 advice being respected.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union were able to distribute "Bags of Blessing" to its members at the Harvest weekend. These included hand-made face coverings, treats and encouragement. This was a wonderful idea and much appreciated.



Magheraculmoney



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The institution took place by Zoom of The Revd Francis Rutledge, as Rector of Magheraculmoney Parish, Kesh on Friday evening last, 23rd October. Revd Rutledge was Bishop's Curate in Christ

Church Primacy, Bangor in the Diocese of Down, and had served in parishes around Ireland before taking up his present incumbency in Bangor 15 years ago.

The institution was conducted by Archdeacon Brian Harper, Archbishop's Commissary and among those taking part included the Bishop of Down and Dromore, Right Revd David McClay, who preached a short sermon.

Also attending by Zoom was the Rural Dean for Kesh, Canon Alan Irwin and the Provincial Registrar, Canon Colin Moore. Representatives from Magheraculmoney Parish also took part.

Revd Rutledge said he was looking forward to a new chapter in his ministry.

"This has been a great journey and we really believe our move to Ardess is a call from God. As followers of Jesus, we are excited about being Gospel players in a new local community and living out the Biblical drama together," he said.

Revd Rutledge was ordained in 1987 and served as Curate in Holywood Parish Church between 1986-1989 followed by a

curacy of almost two years in Willowfield Parish, Belfast.

In 1991, Revd Rutledge was instituted as Rector of St. Hilda's Church, Belfast and was later appointed Rector of Carrigrohane Union of Parishes in the Diocese of Cork where he served until 2004.

Revd Rutledge was briefly in Clogher Diocese, serving in Donacavey and Barr before his appointment to his present position at Christ Church, Bangor, which is a shared church with a Methodist congregation.

He has been heavily involved in the Christians Against Poverty movement and reaching out to the local community. Revd Rutledge who has a B.A. (Hons) in Social Administration from Ulster University and a B.Th. from Trinity College, Dublin, says he enjoys being with family and friends and meeting up with people. He also enjoys walking with his Golden Retriever dogs and reading.

Revd Rutledge and his wife, Julie have four grown up children and four grandchildren.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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I write these parish notes on the day that the Northern Ireland Executive has announced new (Covid-19) restrictions that will undoubtedly lead to hardship for many people in a variety of businesses. There is also no doubting the fact that this terrible (Covid-19) pandemic is going to be with us for some time, and that this will lead into an anxious and worrying time for everyone, especially, the elderly and vulnerable people in our communities as we move into the dark days of winter. It is essential therefore that we all pay attention to the advice coming from the medical experts concerning our personal well-being and safety during the months that lie ahead. 'KEEP OUR DISTANCE', 'WASH OUR HANDS' and wear a 'FACE COVERING'. In the days ahead we definitely need to take necessary precautions and listen to the medical experts, we need to stay informed, be sensitive, and wise in the way we approach this pandemic.

As believers in the risen Christ, we need to remember that our Lord is always our **"refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble"** (Ps. 46:1). God has not given us a spirit of fear, yes, we need to be careful, but we need not panic. Our Heavenly Father is still the all-knowing, ever-present, omnipotent God. In his letter to the members of the Christian church at Philippi, St. Paul writes in (Philippians 4:6); **"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."** In (Matthew 21:13), Jesus tells the church leaders in the Temple; "It is written," he said to them, **"My house will be called a house of prayer"**;

These words found in Matthew's gospel are spoken by Jesus himself, he refers to his church as a house of prayer. We are members of his church and as members of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk churches

now is our time. It's time for us to pray for God's intervention to stop the spread of this disease. It's time to ask for healing. It's time to ask for peace and comfort for those who have lost loved ones. It's time for us to ask for direction and discernment for our leaders and it's time for us to invite the 'Risen Christ' into our homes to be that light that outshines all other lights in the dark days ahead.

We are not helpless in the face of catastrophes but have access to the God who reigns over all, through Jesus Christ our Mediator. So as God's people we must call out to him alone and intercede for all people as the coronavirus spreads around the world and as governments and individuals respond.

The Lord's richest Blessing on everyone in the time ahead

- Abraham

Harvest Thanksgiving

Despite (Covid-19) restrictions, we enjoyed a wonderful two weekends of harvest thanksgiving worship.

(Friday 25th September):

In Derrybrusk, we said a sincere thank you to Revd Johnny McLoughlin who was our guest preacher, and Mrs Katherine Little our soloist on Friday evening.

(Saturday Evening 26th September):

We thank all those who organized and helped in any way at our 'Family Harvest Walk', this event was well attended, (76 walkers, three dogs and a baby) enjoyed the brilliant Autumnal sunshine as we strolled through 'Belle Isle Estate' and we raised £1,368 which will be divided between both church funds—well done to everyone!

(Sunday Morning Worship 27th. September):

Our Sunday morning Harvest family service was also very well attended.

The following weekend in Maguiresbridge: (Friday Evening 2nd October):

We say thank you to Dean Raymond Ferguson our guest preacher, and to Mrs Lucy Woods who was our guest singer along with Alan Nesbitt and Ann Thompson.

(Sunday morning 4th October):

Again, we had excellent attendance at our Sunday morning Harvest Family Service—two brilliant weekends!

The select vestries and I want to extend our sincere thanks to all who have continued to support us over what has been a difficult year, although there are some envelopes still outstanding— this support was reflected in the contents of the returned 'Harvest Appeal Envelopes' which are so important to both our parish funds this year.

Sunday School

We had expected that there would have



been some movement towards the inclusion of our Sunday School as we go forward at this difficult time, unfortunately, due to the present spike in the coronavirus pandemic, this is not going to be possible in the foreseeable future. However, the churchwardens and the vestry secretaries of both parishes and myself met with the Sunday School teachers and are working on ways to include our young people, who are so important to the future of our church; we intend to hold a family service, where families can come to church together, sit together and worship together. (These services will be similar to those we held at our Harvest Services, where it was wonderful to see pews filled with families)

Maguiresbridge Church Hall kitchen

Work has started on the renovation of the kitchen in the church hall and we thank all those who have worked hard at raising funds for this project, and are helping out in any way during the ongoing work, (more on this next month).

Diocesan Pastoral Assistant

I am delighted to be able to inform you, that by the time many of you will be reading these notes we will have Miss Isobel Stewart in place as our Diocesan Pastoral Assistant'. Isobel is well known to many of you as she was a teacher in our primary school, she is a very able and experienced D.P.A. and I do not doubt that she will be a great benefit to the ministry effort in both parishes, as she takes on the role of keeping in contact with the senior members, and others. I am looking forward to working alongside Isobel and wish her God's richest blessings during her ministry with us.

Church Services

Sunday Services will continue as usual; Morning Prayer: Maguiresbridge at 10.30; Derrybrusk at 12 noon; Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month in Maguiresbridge; second Sunday of the month in Derrybrusk and a Family Service on the fourth Sunday of each month in both churches. Our online services will continue for as long as needed and can be found on our grouped parish Facebook page each week.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

1st November

10:30am St Patrick's on Facebook live

8th November

10:30am St Patrick's on Facebook live

Services from 15th November will depend on the level of restrictions decided on 10th November

15th November

10:30am St Patrick's (& on Facebook live)

12:15pm Kilmore

22nd November

10:30am St Patrick's (& on Facebook live)

12:15pm Ballinode

29th November

10:30am St Patrick's (& on Facebook live)

6th December

10:30am St Patrick's (& on Facebook live)

12:15pm Ballinode

As I write Co. Monaghan has just been moved up from stage 3 to stage 4 of Covid-19 restrictions until 10 November. We had already had to go back to having our services online as we went to stage 3.

The further restrictions are taking a bit of time to sink in and getting used to. On the negative side we can't see people in the same way as we had been or do some of the activities we'd got back to doing as well as being able to be in the church buildings. On the positive side we have been here before, we maybe know a little bit better what helps us to cope. As I did before can I ask you to keep praying, you can use some of the prayers that were sent out when the last lockdown was on if they help. Also please keep in touch with each other.



By phone, by talking when in town, using texts, WhatsApp, even sending a card or letter.

With church when we do get back into the buildings to meet physically together, we are ready to do this. We know the good habits of sanitising our hands and keeping our distance. We have the churches marked out for where we can and can't sit. We had been able to have services in church, to have baptisms, to gather for communion, so we know how this will work when we get back in. We are also set up better for being on Facebook live. Please do tune in on Sundays, say hello in the comments if you can. It is good to know who is there as we gather together though separately for worship. If there is anyone who can't access the service online we do produce CDs of the service that can be dropped round during the week. If there is anyone who would like a CD please let me know.

As we've worked through Exodus on Sundays we've seen the truth of this description of God that Alec Motyer uses. God is the companionate God. We can be sure of God's presence with us as he has been with us and promises to be always with us.

Holy Baptism

Sunday 27th September – Lydia, daughter of David and Victoria Gilmour. Please remember in prayer her parents and all who will have the care of her in the future.

Christian Burial

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Mrs Margaret Farrell at her home Rooskey House, Glaslough St., Monaghan. Her funeral service was on Tuesday 29th September in St. Patrick's Church, Monaghan conducted by the Rector, followed by burial in Coolshannagh graveyard. We express prayerful sympathy

to her husband Willie and Family and the wider family circle on their sad loss.

Easter Vestry

St. Patrick's Easter Vestry was held on Sunday 27th September after Church and the following were elected.

Churchwardens:- Rector's; Mr G Graham, People's; Mr B Wedlock

Glebewardens:- Rector's; Mr B Wedlock, People's; Mr R Shirley

Select Vestry:- Mrs F Crawford, Mrs A Garland, Mr S Genoe, Mrs V Gilmour, Mr A Hall, Ms L Hardy, Mrs E Murphy, Mrs P Shirley, Mr J C Treacy, Mrs M Treacy, Ms Fern Wedlock, Mrs H Workman

Secretary:- Mrs F Crawford

Treasurer:- Mrs V Gilmour

Assistant Treasurer:- Mrs E Murphy

Triennial Elections

Parochial Nominations - Mr J C Treacy, Mr D Shirley

Supplemental Nominators - Mr B Wedlock, Mrs H Workman

Diocesan Synodsmen:- Mr J C Treacy

Supplemental Synodsmen:- Mrs H Workman

Representatives on Board of Governors, Monaghan Collegiate School - Mrs M Treacy and Mrs R Shirley

Junior Certificate Results

Congratulations to Arron Berry, Callum Henderson, Amy Jordan and Josh Brown on results attained and we wish them every blessing as they continue with their studies.

Illness

Please remember in prayers all those who are ill or recovering the household and those in residential care and their families.

Church and Bible Study

Sunday services and bible study will be online on Facebook live due to COVID19 restrictions.

Harvest Services

Though we couldn't mark the harvest in the usual way, we did have harvest services during the regular morning services in Kilmore and Monaghan. Unfortunately we went to Stage 3 before Ballinode harvest could happen. In Monaghan we had help from some of our children in leading the service, reading and praying. We also had photographs of flowers, fruit and vegetables to put on a slideshow before the service and on the Facebook page.

Rossorry



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A note from the Rector Looking Back To The Harvest

Sincere thanks to all who made our Harvest Thanksgiving services so enjoyable albeit scaled back this year because of the ongoing restrictions. We much appreciate the gifts of those who donated flowers, fruit and vegetables and the skill of the decorators. Thanks also to Catherine, Andrew and the Choir for their musical lead and choral items.

Remembrance Sunday– 8th November

We plan to hold our act of remembrance at the church memorials during our 10am service of Morning Prayer. Our uniformed youth organisations are unable to parade to church this year, however we hope that representatives of the various groups will lay wreaths. It is the time of year when we all bow our heads in solemn remembrance of young men who left this parish to serve King and country in two world wars and also others who died in the conflict here in NI.

Parish Hall

Our parish hall remains closed however the Select Vestry has begun to consider how it might prepare for reopening. Realistically this will only be possible when the coronavirus infection rate in the community reduces from its current high level.

Your friend and Rector,

Revd Canon Dr IW Ellis

Easter General Vestry

The Easter General Vestry was held on Thursday 24th September 2020 in Church with a good attendance, in spite of the weather and the Covid restrictions. The following were appointed or elected for incoming period until Easter 2021 and for the Triennial Posts for 2020 to 2023.

Rector's Churchwarden

Mr Gary Johnston

Peoples' Churchwarden

Ms Joy Coalter



New churchwardens, Gary Johnston and Joy Coalter.

Rector's Glebewarden

Mr Robert Wilson

Peoples' Glebewarden

Mrs. Lorraine Simpson

Select Vestry

Albert Armstrong, George Armstrong, Kenny Brownlee, Brian Donaldson, George Elliott, Nigel Irvine, Catherine Irwin, Ian Kells, Mrs Florrie Little, Gerry O' Callaghan, David Purdy, Dorothy Wilson

Parochial Nominators

Brian Donaldson, Ian Kells, George Elliott, Nigel Irvine

Supplemental Nominators

David Purdy, Dorothy Wilson, Lorraine Simpson, Florrie Little

Diocesan Synod Members

George Elliott, Gerry O'Callaghan, David Purdy

Supplemental Synod Members

Colin Greaves, Nigel Irvine, Heather Ellis.

A warm thanks to all who volunteered and were appointed or elected to carry on the essential duties of running the Church and supporting the Rector.

Harvest Services 2020

Rossorry Harvest for 2020, due to ongoing restrictions, was a smaller event than usual and was held this year on Sunday 4th October 2020 only, there being no Friday evening service.

The 10.00 am Service of the Word was more suited to families and all parishioners.

The 7pm Service was a more traditional type of service.

It was unusual not to have a whole weekend of celebration, but the decorations were beautiful and many thanks to the team who decorated the Church.

Another milestone for Andrew

Heartiest congratulations to Andrew Irwin from all of us in Rossorry for winning the Audience Prize at the Northern Ireland

Opera's Festival of Voice at the end of August. We are so blessed to have Andrew's tenor voice leading our hymn singing in church at this time.

How is the Parish keeping its work going?

The current emergency has changed the way we work- indeed the way we must work-in spite of this, we are managing to keep the work of the Parish moving, as best we can. Below are details of the various methods we have devised to provide some level of services and pastoral support to you, the parishioners.

Return to in Church Worship

Delighted to report that we are back in Church for services! We went back into Church on Sunday 2nd August for the first



Andrew Irwin with his award.



Decorations for the harvest services.

service. There have also been a number of Funerals, Weddings and a Christening held in Church.

All is going well and with the help of our volunteer Select Vestry members as Ushers we find that people have picked up on the new arrangements quickly. There is one Sunday service each week at 10am – to suit everyone.

Online services

We understand that not everyone is ready yet for in Church Worship, so the Rector prepares and publishes, on Facebook on Sunday afternoon, weekly services of Morning Prayer or Holy Communion as appropriate. These services will continue to be prepared and placed online for Sundays into the foreseeable future. He will, also, continue to provide occasional short 'Reflections' aimed at the children of the Parish and he encourages families to allow their children to view these, as they are surely missing Sunday School!

Parish Website (rossorryparish.com)

The website is still up and running and will contain the Rossorry Weekly News Sheet and usually the printed text for upcoming Services which will be screened on Facebook.

Rossorry Weekly News

The weekly News Sheet is still being produced. It contains the text of the Sunday service for use in the Church Service, as we cannot have access to our Prayer Book and Hymnal. It will, also, contain useful information on Parish life and how we are trying to keep things ticking over. It also contains a reminder of the Safety Protocol for attending Church.

CDs for Parishioners

CDs of prepared online services are being prepared and posted out to parishioners who live alone or unable to receive the online postings. These contain two services (Morning Prayer or Holy Communion) and a Children's video and a copy of The Rossorry Weekly News. These have been well received and are a source of solace for the parishioners who feel isolated and a bit cut off from our Parish life.

Parish Self-Help Volunteer Group

Our plans to set up a self-help group of volunteers to keep in touch with the elderly and housebound, maybe help with groceries or medication etc. have been curtailed by the change in 'lockdown' regulations.



The harvest bread.



Andrew Irvine sings during Sunday services.



Attending one of the harvest services.

However a good number of volunteers came forward wishing to help out – so we have been able to consult with the elderly/ housebound and each volunteer has been allocated a number of Parishioners who they keep in touch with, by telephone, in a befriending service.

This is going well – but if we have missed anyone- let Gerry know in the Parish Office (02866 329889) and they can be added in and allocated to a friendly volunteer.

Freewill Offerings

FREEWILL GIVING

Even though Services have resumed at Church many of you may not be able or ready to attend but you may still contribute your weekly collection envelopes and other donations.

The end of month Church door collection is now used by so few people that there is no point in keeping it going.

If you are not ready yet to come to Church send your envelopes— with a friend, post them to the Office or drop them through the letterbox at the Office. If these don't work for you—please ring Gerry at the office (02866 329889) and another arrangement can be made.

Throughout the period of the Pandemic, the Parish continues to have ongoing costs and your contribution is vital in sustaining its work and ministry.

If you wish, you may set up a Standing Order with your Bank or Building Society to deal with this matter. If you have online banking, you can do this without even visiting your Bank. Contact the Office for details.

The Parish Office

The Office is still working, (9am-1pm, Monday to Friday) keeping the day to day machinery moving.
Please, don't visit -but I will be delighted to

chat on the 'phone, take emails or a note through the door or in the post, etc—if there is anything I can do to help.

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Services For November 2020

Sunday 1st November

10.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 8th November

10.00am - Service of Remembrance.

Sunday 15th November

10.00am - Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd November

10.00am - Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th November

10.00am - Morning Prayer

The Rector continues to prepare and upload video Services for Sundays and short Reflections for the children.

Text of the services- you will find on our Website (rossorryparish.com) and a link to the recording of the Service.

Video of the services – you will find on our Facebook page (Rossorry Parish Church) Please keep an eye on Social Media / Website for any changes to our scheduled Services

Parish Register

Bereavement

Sincerest sympathy from the Parish to one of our Parishioners (Elaina Ellis, nee Dickie) on the death of her mother;

■ DOLAN, Nuala, 2nd October 2020 (peacefully) at the Graan Abbey Nursing Home, mother of Elaina (Darren) and Robert (Danielle). Funeral service, conducted by Canon Ellis, was held at Ballycassidy House Funeral Home followed by a private Cremation.

Baptism

■ McCAFFREY

Jaxon-Jay Stephen Paul, who was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church by Rev. Canon Ian



The baptism for the McCaffrey family.

Ellis, on Sunday 27th September 2020 May he grow in the faith in which he has been baptised.

Marriage

■ TAYLOR / JONES

On 2nd October 2020, Kylie Taylor and Stephen Jones were married at Rossorry Parish Church. Canon Ellis officiated. God's blessing on their lives together in the future.

■ FARRELL / HASSARD

Congratulations to Janette Farrell and Richard Hassard married in Rossorry on Saturday 10th October 2020. Canon Ellis officiated.

We wish the couple God's richest blessings for the future.

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Janette Farrell and Richard Hassard following their marriage.



Kylie Taylor and Stephen Jones following their wedding.

Tempo and Clabby



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Annual General Vestry Meetings

Tempo 15th September: The Rector paid tribute to the late Willie Rutledge who died in December 2019. Willie had served on the Select Vestry for over 50 years and for a large amount of that time had been Honorary Treasurer. He had been a member of Diocesan Council for many years. He had been the initiator and actively involved in many works around the church, grounds and hall over the years.

The Select Vestry Synod Representatives and Parochial Nominators remain the unchanged. Mrs Joan Rutledge was elected as Treasurer and Carole Graham, Assistant Treasurer and FWO secretary.

Clabby 16th September: The Rector paid tribute to the long-serving standing honorary Secretary of over 40 years, Miss Audrey Woods. Audrey had been in declining health and in February sustained a fall. She has now gone into full-time nursing care. Audrey had been a loyal servant of God, a more than faithful worker, supporter and financial contributor to St. Margaret's Church, until her fall rarely maybe twice over the years was she missing from Church. She was present at all events and the Bible Study. She had served as organist in the Church for over 40 years, in fact only ceasing to play in recent years due to failing eyesight. At the Select Vestry Meeting Audrey was replaced as Secretary by Mrs Tanya Armstrong. At the Annual General Vestry Meeting, the Churchwardens were appointed Rectors: Mrs Vera McConnell, Peoples: Mr Colin Stronge. The remainder of the Vestry are unchanged as were the Synod Representatives and Parochial Nominators.

Harvest Services

These were held on a scaled down version of previous years. In Tempo young people



took part as usual with a poem Harvest Thanks said by Mollie and Mia White and the Bible Reading from Genesis 8:13-22 read by Joseph Goodwin. In Clabby Henry and Zac Follis said a poem Harvest Thanks, Arrianna Gardiner read Genesis 8:13-22 and Sophie and Jessica McDowell led the prayers. Miss Ellen Bloomfield sang a solo which was a modern version of the hymn Just as I am with additional new verses. Thanks to these who provided Harvest decorations of fruit and vegetables in both parishes and to our organists Mrs Carole Graham (Tempo) and Mrs Ann Bloomfield (Clabby).

Church Services

Church Services will continue at the usual times. The dial-in service 89270880 will be available each Sunday from 2pm until the following Saturday evening. A podcast of the Sunday Sermon will also be available on the Church Facebook page throughout the week.

November is always observed as Remembrance of those who lost their lives in Two World Wars and other conflicts and the troubles in our own country. There is also another enemy which is ever active in our world attacking people, drawing them away from faith in Christ, attacking the teaching of the scriptures, causing Christians to stumble and fall away from their faith.

How do we deal with the enemy? Like the soldier going into battle we need to put on the full armour of God, Ephesians 6 lists all the armour we need, the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God.

We need to be alert to the attacks of the enemy, the devil, his deception and his subtle schemes. If we are to withstand his attacks we need to be relying on God through prayer each day, daily time being strengthened by God's word. James says

“submit ourselves to God, to come near to God resist the devil,” not to be double minded, but always believing and trusting in the Almighty power of our Sovereign God and loving caring Heavenly Father. We must remember always that Jesus on the Cross has defeated the Devil. As Paul says Jesus has disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them triumphing over them by the cross. We can be more than conquerors now and in Heaven one day through Christ's once for all victory on the cross and by his resurrection from the dead. He now lives exalted to God's right hand in Heaven where he ever lives to intercede or bring our prayers to God the Father.

In these difficult, fearful and uncertain days, when we are being attacked by this deadly and irrationally behaving unseen enemy we too can place our confidence in our Sovereign God, the promises of God's Word and by continuous prayer entrust all into the hands of God who knows the future and holds us and all things in his hands. “But you Lord are a shield around me, my glory, the one who lifts my head high (Psalm 3:3)” “when I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God whose word I praise, in God I trust and am not afraid.” (Psalm 56:3-4)

Today and at this remembrance time thank God for the peace and freedom we enjoy because of those who laid down their lives in the cause of peace, freedom and justice. Thank God for the ultimate defeat of Sin and death by Christ Victory on the Cross and his resurrection which brings true, everlasting peace between humankind and God. Finally Thank God that in the midst of covid-19 God is Sovereign and his will has the real final victory.

Let us all devote ourselves continually to prayer for our Leaders in their decision making, for those who are ill, the dying and the bereaved, all in the medical field, all careers, ourselves for God's protection and the defeat of this Virus.

Trory and Killadeas



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New Year Already?

We often talk about 20-20 vision, but who could have foreseen the year 2020 which we have just lived through. Many of us have had to learn how to work from home, been told to self-isolate, reduced contact with friends, family and loved ones, and it hasn't been easy.

According to the Gregorian calendar we set our dates by, 2020 is not over yet, but in the church we wave goodbye to the old year on the feast of Christ the King or stir-up Sunday in old money (22nd November) and we welcome the new church year on Advent Sunday (29th November.) As we look towards the new Church year with hope and anticipation, there are some positive lessons we can take from 2020. Remembering the importance of family, love, compassion, care, creativity, imagination, the restorative beauty of creation, the calming influence of prayer, and the comfort of knowing above everything God is in control, to name but a few. I would also hope you would all agree the church has been a source of care, comfort and consolation, during this turbulent time.

November is often an emotive month as it



Taking part in online quizzes.

is punctuated centrally by Remembrance day, and as parishes we shall of course be observing Remembrance Sunday on 8th November. This year, the services will take a theme and focus of 'right remembering.' Equally, with the end of one church year, and the beginning of a new one, we remember the ultimate sacrifice of Christ, not least written into our Christian heritage and church calendar through our celebrations of the Feast of Christ the King and Advent Sunday.

Sunday Services for November

1st November

10am Holy Communion, Priory
11.30am Holy Communion, St Michael's

8th November Remembrance Sunday

10am Morning Prayer with an act of remembrance, Priory
11.30am Morning Prayer with an act of remembrance, St. Michael's

15th November

10am Morning Prayer, Priory
11.30am Morning Prayer, St. Michael's

22nd November Feast of Christ the King/ Stir-up Sunday

10am All Age 'organised mess' service
11.30am All Age 'organised mess' service
1pm Zoom Coffee, Craic and Chat (United congregations)

29th November Advent Sunday

10am Morning Prayer, Priory
11.30am Advent Carol Service, St. Michael's

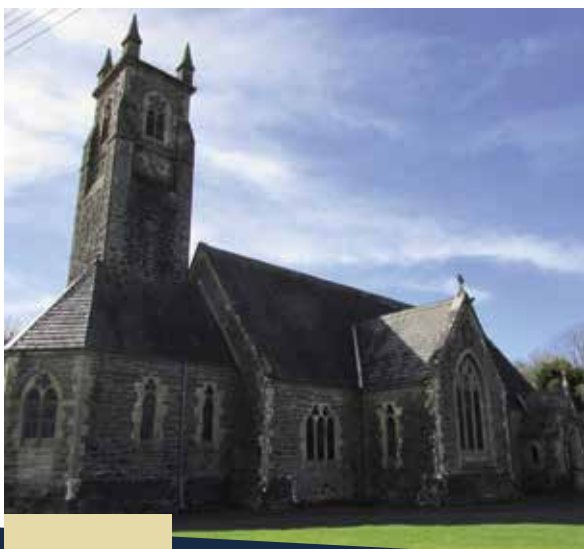
Midweek Services

We continue our midweek services on Wednesdays at 7pm. This month our reflections are on hymns and hymnwriters.

Christian Burial

■ 14th October 2020 (Killadeas) Ivan Armstrong.

Both parishes extend our deepest sympathies to the Armstrong family, as they mourn the passing of Ivan. He was a well-liked well known, and well-respected character in the area, fondly remembered and sadly missed by many.



What Happened Last Month

Since the last edition of the diocesan magazine, both St Michael's, Trory and Priory, Killadeas came rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves, and now all is safely gathered in. We may have had to cancel our drive-in picnics and games at the rectory, but our services continued undisturbed and we enjoyed our alternative indoor picnics along with fun quizzes via Zoom instead. A huge well done to all of our families, children, young people, and those who are young at heart, who showed new levels of creativity and imagination in the 'turn up with a turnip' and 'veggie people' competitions.

Heartfelt thanks are due to all of the volunteers who decorated our churches so beautifully, and safely, under strict drop off conditions. Thanks also to Joan, Barbara, and the members of both choirs who brought their voices out of lockdown to lead us through solos and duets in the traditional harvest hymns. And a final word of thanks to Evelyn who took all necessary precautions in making vegetable soup and rhubarb crumble for the residents of Trevenna Lodge from the Priory harvest decorations.

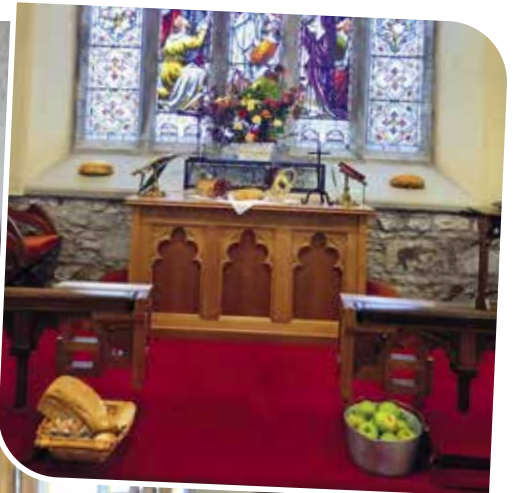
Looking Ahead

As I write these notes in mid-October it hardly seems right to be thinking about the 'C' word. No, not Covid, or even

Coronavirus, but Christmas will be upon us again soon. Carol Services, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and details for the following dates will all be in the next magazine, but for now please put the dates in your diaries.

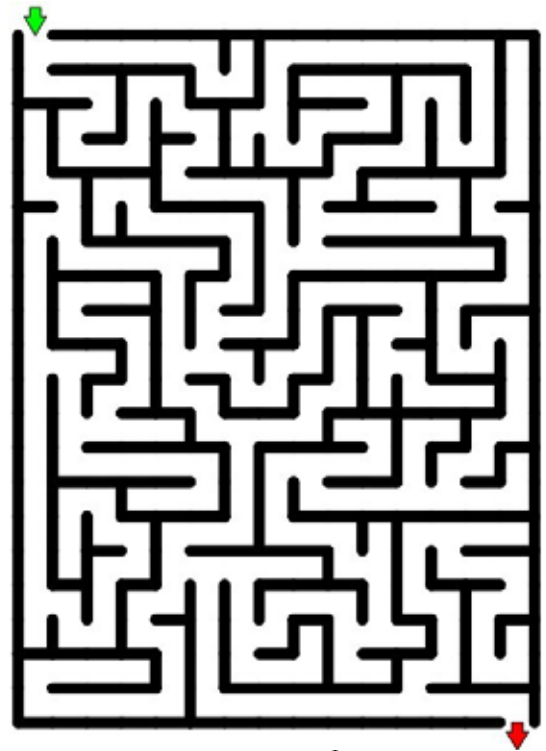
- Saturday 12th December - 11am An Outdoor Family Nativity Event.
- Friday 18th December - 7.30pm, Carols by Runway Lights, a Unique Drive-in Carol Service.

While it is almost impossible to plan for anything in the current climate, please keep these dates free, and if things change, an alternative will be found for the same time and date.



Harvest decorations.

CHILDREN'S SECTION



Pray without
ceasing



CHURCH
FOR ME...

SPIRITUAL

PEACE

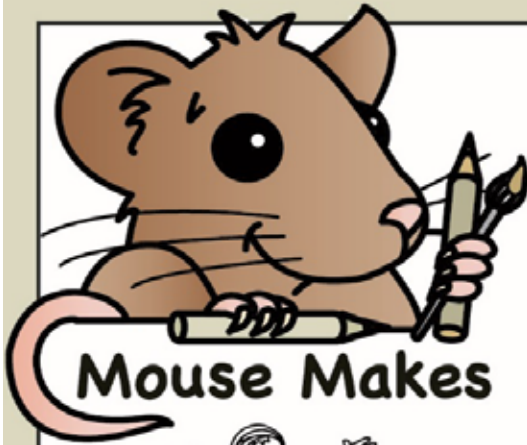
STILLNESS

WISDOM

REFLECTION

what could it be
for you?





REMEMBERING

How do you remember things?

In bible times God's people would remember what God had done for them by building monuments made of stones and by holding festivals and celebrations to give thanks to God.

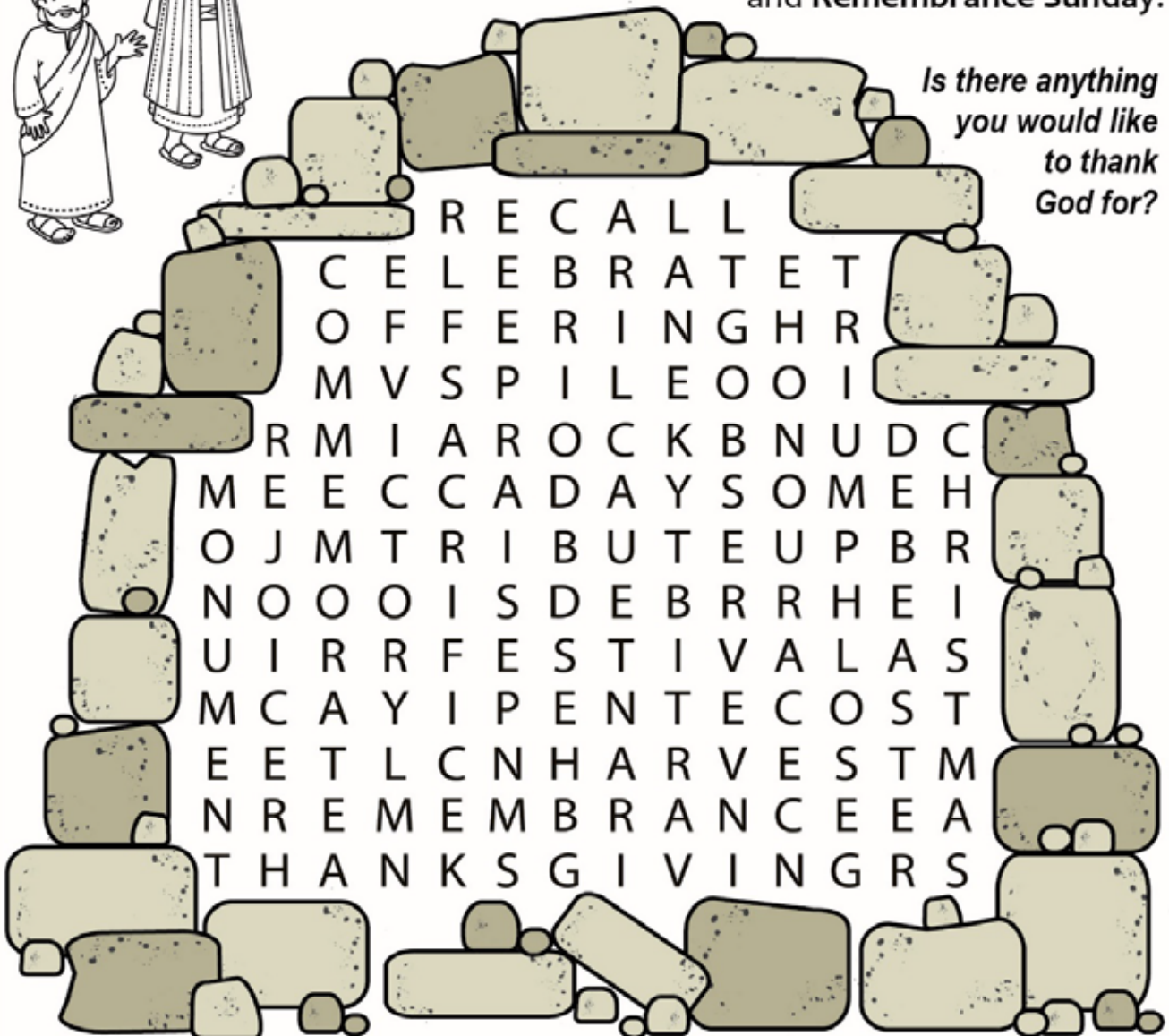


READ Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:1-14

Today we too build monuments to remember and hold services of thanksgiving like **Harvest** and **Remembrance Sunday**.



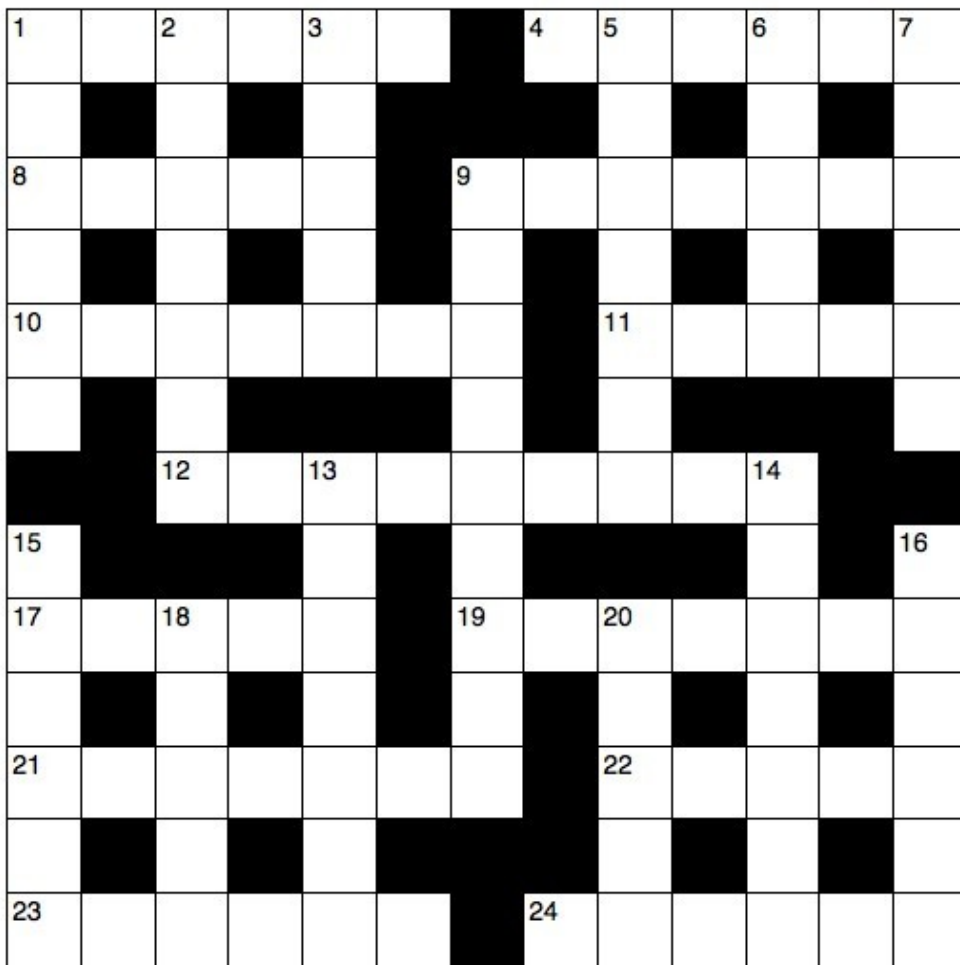
Is there anything you would like to thank God for?



REMEMBRANCE • SACRIFICE • VICTORY • TRIUMPH • MONUMENT
 ROCK • PILE • OBSERVE • TRIBUTE • COMMEMORATE • RECALL • OFFERING
 HONOUR • CELEBRATE • PRAISE • REJOICE • THANKSGIVING • DAYS
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PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when He had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and His — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

DOWN

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
 7 A three (anag.) (6)
 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
 16 See 6 Down (6)
 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 63

MOTHERS' UNION

Blessing Bags distributed to members in Clogher Diocese



The project launched by the Trustees in the Clogher Diocese was under the theme, Grateful, Thankful, Blessed providing a "Blessing Bag" for each Mothers' Union member and all the Rectors in the Diocese. The bag contained a booklet of practical activities as well as spiritual guidance in the form of prayers and insightful scripture prepared by some Trustees. As members were unable to hold their branch meetings, the bag was to be an unexpected surprise to bring encouragement to each member and inspire them to communicate with others during the Covid 19 pandemic.

The bag contained a notebook and pen, sachets of cup a soup, porridge and hot chocolate, a packet of tissues, a packet of biscuits, a thank you card outlining the MU projects supported this year, a small bag of sweets and a reusable face covering.

The Mums in May Fund provided a grant towards the cost as well as funding from the Diocese and each branch supplied the sweets and face coverings for their members. The generous donations of products from Dunnes Stores, ASDA and Tesco in Enniskillen added to the variety of content in the bags.

Trustee members spent time sorting each item into boxes for the branch leaders to place in paper bags for delivery to their members (730 of each item). The responses expressed by members who have received their "Blessing Bag," have been encouraging as surprise, delight, wonderful idea, much appreciated are some of the comments. Another encouragement has been the opportunity for branch leader and others to speak to members face to face, outside their door, and share together, as the bags have been delivered.

Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union have demonstrated 'Christian Care for Families,' and fulfilled the theme of building Hope and Confidence in their membership.





CLOGHER DIOCESE



Taking part in memory verse craft.



Taking part in junior members 7-9 years craft at home.



Taking part in memory verse craft.



Taking part in junior members 7-9 years jigsaw craft.

GFS - Update and way forward for now!

All our branches were closed suddenly due to the lockdown in March and we were unable to hold our Diocesan Service in April and our branches were unable to finish off their year as normal.

- Our Bible Study was completed by all branches and it had been judged at Diocesan Level and we will get the All-Ireland Results in November.
- The Handcraft was not fully completed at Diocesan Level – therefore, we are going to acknowledge the girls' work with a certificate for 2019/2020.
- Badge work in some branches was not completed but the girls can complete this work this year and will get their badges at the end of this year.

Presentation of Certificates

At our Diocesan Zoom meeting it was decided to forward the Bible and Handcraft Certificates to each branch to acknowledge the girls work for last year. So, hopefully in next month's magazine we will have some photographs to show you.

GFS Year 2020-2021

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and Government regulations and trying to keep everyone safe and well, we are still unable to meet in our parish halls but GFS do not want to sit back and do nothing, as we want to keep contact with our girls and maintain the 3 F's of GFS – Fellowship, Friendship, and Fun – so therefore we have to adapt! We are going to try and run our branches remotely – and we hope that parents will encourage and help the girls with this. We are going to try and make it as interesting



A typical Bible programme.

and as easy as possible for leaders, parents, and girls. All information regarding the Bible Programme, Handcraft, Badge Work, etc., will be distributed by the Branch Leaders to the girls. For this year there is no competition work at Diocesan or All-Ireland Level.

Bible Programme 2020/2021:

- Memory Verse: "Whoever has ears, let him hear" Matthew 11 v15
- The Parable of the Talents – Matthew 25 v 14-29 (All Members)
- The Unmerciful Servant – Matthew 18 v 21-35 (Junior Members 9-11yrs upwards)

Badge Work – Home Makers' Badge.

The leaders within the branches in the Diocese decided to work for the same Badge, with worksheets being available for the Branches. This badge is very suitable as we are all going to be at home and a lot of the things that the girls have to do are based around their homes!

What will be included in your pack;

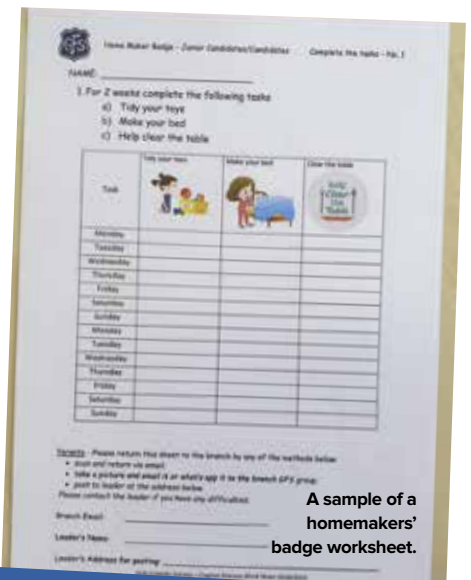
- Parents' Note
- Consent Form – (must be returned to the Branch Leader)
- Bible Story and Activity/Sheet
- Badge Work – Home Makers' Badge Sheet
- It might also include a simple craft that can be made at home.

Some branches have already sent out their first pack to their members, but if you have not received a pack from your Branch yet it will arrive shortly.

At present this is the plan for our Diocese and as soon as there are any changes in the rules or regulations we will let every branch know, but we are going to run like this until after Christmas anyway.

Stay safe and God Bless,

Pearl, Clogher GFS Diocesan President



A sample of a homemakers' badge worksheet.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CLOGHER DIOCESAN RESPONSE GUIDANCE

UPDATED GUIDANCE



Revised restrictions are in place in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland since October.

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Northern Ireland Executive introduced restrictions for all households in Northern Ireland from 22nd September 2020 - No mixing of households in private dwellings is permitted, exception in certain circumstances. Circumstances particularly relevant to parishes include: a funeral; a house move; and a marriage ceremony in a private dwelling where one partner is terminally ill.

On 14th October, the Northern Ireland Executive agreed a range of significant time-bound interventions to curb the spread of Covid-19 in Northern Ireland. In addition to current household restrictions, the following measures, relevant in a Church context, came into regulatory effect on Friday 16th October and will be in place for a period of four weeks:

- Funerals to be limited to 25 people with no pre- or post-funeral gatherings.
- Wedding ceremonies to be limited to 25 people with no receptions. This was implemented on Monday 19th October. This maximum figure for weddings and funerals is inclusive of clergy, organists and anyone else who may be present or involved in either types of service.

The following advice, relevant in a Church context, will be added to the existing health guidance:

- Work from home unless unable to do so;
- No unnecessary travel should be undertaken. The half term holiday break for schools and colleges will be extended to a two-week break to run from 19th to 30th October. Places of worship will remain open with a mandatory requirement to wear face coverings when entering and exiting. This will not apply to parties to a marriage.

- Select Vestries - In light of the new restrictions in Northern Ireland, for the next four weeks from Friday 16th October, where possible it is recommended that all meetings should either move to being online or be postponed.

- Church meetings In light of the new restrictions in Northern Ireland, with the exception of services of worship as outlined above, for the next four weeks from Friday 16th October, where possible it is recommended that all other meetings should either move to being online or be postponed.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

All counties moved to Level 5 from midnight, Wednesday, 21st October for six weeks.

Level 4 has the following implications:

- Everyone should stay at home except for essential reasons such as essential work or education or exercise within 5km of your home. Schools and childcare remain open.
- You cannot have visitors from outside your own household. No social or family gatherings should take place in other settings;
- Up to 25 people can attend weddings.
- No organised indoor or outdoor gatherings should take place;
- Religious services to be held online, though places of worship may remain open for private prayer;
- Maximum number of mourners to attend a funeral is 25;
- Those aged over 70 years and over and the medically vulnerable should exercise judgement regarding the extent to which they engage with others and in activities outside home;
- Visits to long-term residential care facilities are suspended, with the exception of visits required for critical and compassionate circumstances.

DIARY

Because of the changes in restrictions, it has been difficult to plan what services are going to be held in churches during the month of November.
Churches cannot open in the Republic of Ireland unless for private prayer.
In Northern Ireland church services can take place in church buildings but other church meetings are recommended to take place online or be postponed.
Up-to-date information on particular parish services can be found on their Facebook pages.



The neat and well-kept plot established by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission with the Cross of Sacrifice in Derryvullen North Parish Churchyard.

Commonwealth war graves are fitting tribute to those buried there

■ by **Brian Donaldson**

This Remembrance Sunday, we will pay homage to all those who made the Supreme Sacrifice particularly during two world wars and in other conflicts. The normal Remembrance Sunday ceremonies and parades are curtailed this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions but everyone can still pay their respects to family members and others who served their countries in past conflicts. While there are many memorials in towns and cities and in churches and graveyards, there are few more poignant than the headstones in burial plots managed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The rows of thousands of Portland stone headstones across northern Europe are familiar to many but nearer home, there are those on a smaller scale. In Derryvullen North Parish Church graveyard, there are more than 70 graves of aircrew from the UK and Canada who lost their lives following crashes of aircraft while operating from RAF Castle Archdale on Lough Erne. They were mostly from the RAF and Royal Canadian Air Force. These graves, along with a number at the nearby Church of the Sacred Heart are diligently maintained by the CWGC through

their regional supervisor and through a local contractor, Stuart Brooker from Monea, who runs Grave Image, specialists in grave care. The plots of war graves are laid out in straight rows, the Irish limestone headstones spaced evenly with flower borders running along in front of the headstones. Even the flower borders have symmetry with red Floribunda roses alternating with herbaceous perennials all running in sequence along the rows. The Commission lays down exact specifications which would put amateur gardeners to shame. The grass height must be cut to 30mm, the flower borders are edged and a selective foliar feed and treatment given to roses. The

gravestones get a makeover every two to three years.

Stuart explained; "I make a weekly maintenance visit to the plots using a cyclinder mower on grass cutting as it doesn't damage the edges and no trimmers are allowed but hand shears on edges only.

"Every cemetery will have the same standard," said Stuart.

This high specification is appreciated not only by the relatives of the war dead but by many local people and visitors to the cemeteries.

Stuart says he would regularly have people stopping by commending the work and saying how well it looked.



Rows of servicemen's graves at the rear of Derryvullen North Parish Church.

While most will only see the plot at the front of Derryvullan North, a much larger plot lies at the rear of the church where two Yew trees are planted to break up the expansive formal lawns.

Stuart also looks after the Commonwealth War Graves Commission plots at Eglinton, Ballykelly, Limavady and a site at Killead within RAF Aldergrove.

In Derryvullan North churchyard, a Cross of Sacrifice has been erected, normally placed where there would be more than 40 graves. The story of the airmen who perished during active service while based on the shores of Lower Lough Erne during the Second World War is well documented but perhaps few know how they are remembered.

Inscriptions are permitted on the headstones and families have been given the opportunity for four lines of verse to appear at the base of the headstones if they wish.

The scale of the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission is immense with an estimated 1.75 million burials in the Commission plots.

Each of the participating countries of the Commonwealth such as United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and India, pay towards the costs of the work with the UK paying around 75% of it.

The practice of non-repatriation of the dead established during the First World War meant that Commonwealth servicemen and women who died on active service abroad were buried there, alongside their comrades, for the most part in specially constructed war cemeteries now cared for by the Commission.

The Commission says that the significance of the 'home' countries, those member countries of Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, South Africa and the United



Airmen's graves at Derryvullan North Graveyard.

Kingdom, as places of commemoration for the Commonwealth's war dead, was less widely appreciated and it often surprises many people that the United Kingdom with over 300,000 was second only to France, the scene of intense fighting in both wars, in terms of numbers commemorated. Over

half of those were men and women who died at home and in military hospitals of wounds, sickness and disease or in training accidents or air raids.

As a result the War Graves Commission has 12,500 different locations throughout the UK.

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES CURTAILED

The traditional Remembrance Day services and parades across Fermanagh will be severely affected this year due to the restrictions imposed for Covid-19.

The Remembrance Service in St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen on Sunday 8th November will begin at 11.15am but following discussions with Enniskillen Royal British Legion, HML Viscount Brookeborough, Cathedral representatives, the Dean and David Young, this year's event will take place in a very different format. Seating in the Cathedral will be restricted to 30 invited guests including the VIPs, dignitaries and special guests, bugler and piper. The organisations; The British Legion, Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, PSNI, FODC, UDR Association, St John's Ambulance, Red Cross, Fire Service, RUCGC Association are restricted to one seat.

The service will be streamed live on the Enniskillen Cathedral website, enniskillencathedral.com

Parishioners attending will be seated on the south side of the Cathedral and in the Regimental Chapel to a maximum of 32 people.

The British Legion are organising the Silence and wreath laying at the Cenotaph at 11.00am and everyone entitled to lay a wreath will be invited by the Chairman to attend with instructions but the public have been advised to stay away to avoid gatherings.

In Irvinestown where there has been a traditional parade in the afternoon on Remembrance Sunday, the normal community service of Remembrance hosted by Derryvullan North Parish Church will not take place but discussions were going ahead at the time of going to Press.

In Brookeborough, the Service at the Cenotaph in Brookeborough will be a very small service this year, with no hymns, no parade, or general involvement with the public, but a scaled back private service.

DEAN REFLECTS ON 10 YEARS OF GROWTH AND CHANGE IN CATHEDRAL PARISH

The Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, who is in charge of St. Macartin's Cathedral parish, Enniskillen has reflected on 10 years in Clogher Diocese.

The end of September marked 10 years since he was instituted Rector of Enniskillen Parish and installed as the Dean of Clogher, holding the honour of being the only Dean of two diocesan cathedrals; Enniskillen and Clogher.

For Dean Hall, it has been a period of growth, change, community involvement and at times national recognition as St. Macartin's Cathedral hosted some prestigious civic services attracting leaders of church, monarchy and state throughout Ireland, the United Kingdom as well as internationally.

The most public event during this time was the visit of Her Majesty, The Queen, to Enniskillen in June 2012 when the Sovereign symbolically walked across the road from the Anglican St. Macartin's Cathedral to the Roman Catholic St. Michael's Church, highlighting the strong community relations work between Dean Kenneth Hall and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly. The Queen had been attending a Service of Thanksgiving in St Macartin's for the Diamond Jubilee. Dean Hall still remembers vividly the build up to that occasion and the outpouring of goodwill afterwards. He and Monsignor O'Reilly were subsequently invited to Buckingham Palace and a separate visit to Windsor Castle. Both clerics had a private audience with the Queen.

During his decade of ministry in Enniskillen, Dean Hall has also hosted civic leaders such as the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins; two Taoisigh, Enda Kenny and Leo Varadkar for the official Remembrance Service as well as leaders and representatives of the governments of Northern Ireland, the United Kingdom, the US and Poland.

In terms of major church occasions, Dean Hall fondly remembers some great services attended by Archbishops as well as bishops from many other Anglican churches and other denominations. These included Archbishops of Armagh; the Archbishop of York, Most Revd. John Sentamu for the pre-G8 service and the Bishop of Swaziland, the Right Revd Ellinah Wamukoya, the first female bishop to preach in Clogher Diocese as well as the Bishop of Jerusalem, Right Revd Suheil Dawani.

With his interest in mission work, linked to CMS Ireland, Dean Hall visited Kajiado Diocese in Kenya in 2012 and he has also preached in St. John's Anglican Cathedral, Hong Kong at the invitation of the Dean, Very Revd Matthias C. Der.

At the beginning of his ministry in Enniskillen, Dean Hall welcomed the Primate of the Episcopal Church of Scotland, the Most Revd David Chillingworth to the Cathedral to preach at his installation as Dean. The preacher was once a choirboy in the Cathedral. Canon Andrew White, Vicar of Baghdad also preached in St. Macartin's.

However between these many public occasions, pastoral work and normal services have continued unabated. In the past 10 years, Dean Hall has conducted 182 baptisms, prepared 203 young people for confirmation, conducted 70 marriages, 250 funerals and led 2026 services, about half of which were services of Holy Communion. In recent years a Garden of Remembrance has been opened in the Cathedral grounds for burial of ashes and last year, the parish hosted the launch of a history book on the Cathedral, which will become even more important when the iconic building celebrates its 400th



Dean Kenneth Hall outside St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

anniversary in 2022.

The growth in Enniskillen parish is evidenced by the number of parishioners now, exceeding 1370, with 276 new families being added over the 10 years. This is why new ways of outreach have had to be developed since Coronavirus Covid-19 restrictions earlier this year.

All weekly services in St. Macartin's Cathedral are now livestreamed as well as those weddings and funerals agreed with families. Online technology is also assisting church meetings by Zoom as well as Sunday School and Messy Church also engaging with young people online.

"I have always put a lot of emphasis on pastoral visiting and getting to know the people and building the community. The Cathedral can be a home for all regardless of differences," he said.

"It has certainly been a rollercoaster as we (the parish) spent £1.3m on developing the Cathedral Hall and now about to embark on the £400,000 re-roofing of the Cathedral which could not be done without the loyal support of the Select Vestry," he adds.

In his time in the parish, Dean Hall introduced choral scholarships and eight members are currently benefiting from these to increase choir numbers to around 40.

Outside his own parish work, Dean Hall serves on a number of diocesan bodies as well as being secretary of Irish Dean's group. He is also the hospital chaplain locally and in normal times would meet with around 50 new people each week only for that work to be suspended at present.

In a reflection for his 10 years in the Cathedral on Sunday, Dean Hall reflected on the love that binds everyone together and appealed to those watching the service online to sign up as a member "at a distance" so that they can be offered pastoral care, even at the end of a telephone.

"We have had viewers from as far as Canada, Australia and London. A lot of people might be virtual but we can provide pastoral care for them too," he said.

Dean Hall has the support of his wife, Stephanie and his three sons, Philip, a gastro consultant in Belfast; Gary, a teacher in Leeds and Michael, a software engineer in Belfast.

Parishes supporting Food Banks as people's needs increase during Covid-19

by Brian Donaldson

There has always been a need to support people who are struggling in society but since the lockdowns and restrictions imposed as a result of Covid-19, these have been exacerbated.

Food banks are now established in centres throughout Clogher Diocese in Fermanagh and Monaghan.

One example is the Food Bank at the ARC Healthy Living Centre, Irvinestown, which opens each Friday as a drop-in facility. Among the supporters of the Food Bank there have been the parishes of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale, where Canon Paul Thompson is Rector.

He says the parishes of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale have supported the work of the ARC Food Bank at both Harvest and Christmas.

Throughout the year individual parishioners are also regular supporters of the Centre and the Food Bank.

He explained; "As the repercussions of the lockdown associated with the Covid-19 pandemic sadly became clearer, the people of the parishes and wider community were very active in supporting the Food Bank as

the numbers needing support increased greatly. This increase included people who previously were supporters of the Food Bank and people who suddenly found themselves out of work with no experience of accessing financial support and also a time lag between applying for the support and getting it.

"During this critical period the additional support given to the Food Bank came from people of all churches and the whole community.

"Here in St Tighernach's (Derryvullen North) and St Patrick's (Castle Archdale) we also had Jenny Irvine, who heads up the ARC Healthy Living Project, come and speak at our Harvest Services. She explained the work of the Centre and helped us understand the breadth of the work beyond the Food Bank and now supports many people in the community," he said.

In her address, Jenny Irvine spoke of the



Annette Leonard (front centre) and Peggy Carty (right) from the ARC Healthy Living Centre and Canon Paul Thompson of Derryvullen North Parish Church finishing packing the Food Bank bags ready for collection.



establishment of ARC, the first healthy living centre in NI 20 years ago, based on needs of the local community.

She explained that while life expectancy was 80 years, on average people are well for the first 58 years of their lives and many people will live with chronic conditions into later life.

She spoke of the importance of encouraging people to eat well and look after their health in a way to prevent some illnesses and some of their programmes focus on children and young people so they get a good start in life.

But she also spoke of other societal problems.

"There is a poverty of aspiration, its not real poverty as in Africa but poverty is here," she said.

Two years ago the Centre opened a Food Bank for people on benefits and those with crisis in their lives.

But she said something changed fundamentally since the beginning of Covid-19. Some of those seeking help had been those who had contributed to the Food Bank previously and one couple lost

their jobs at the beginning of the lockdown and didn't know where to find help. Jenny said; "There is no shame in asking for help. It's about reassuring people."

The donations of food were supplemented by the Centre with fresh fruit and vegetables and eggs so that hampers could be put together, rather like a box scheme.

This was supported by some local firms including Maguire Eggs and Durnien's Fruit Wholesalers.

At the height of the Covid-19 lockdown, the Irvinestown Food Bank had provided food weekly for well in excess of 200 people.

"We have been providing the Food Bank service for two years and it was steady but it suddenly went off the Richter Scale," Jenny explained.

Their staff and volunteers had also included toiletries and baby supplies as well as delivering prescriptions to people who might not have been able to leave their homes.

The Centre works alongside other Food Banks and charities so that the service is coordinated and for sharing resources.

The ARC Centre responds to the need of the local community by providing opportunities to enable and empower people to develop their own resources for creative and healthy living.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

ANGLICAN PRIMATES SIGN LETTER ON INTERNAL MARKET BILL

Archbishop John McDowell co-signed the lead letter published in the Financial Times last week, from the Primates of the Anglican Churches in the United Kingdom, on the UK Internal Market Bill. The full text of the letter is as follows:

“As the Anglican Primates of the four nations of the United Kingdom and Ireland, we wish to highlight the grave responsibility of peers in the House of Lords today as they debate the UK Internal Market Bill. We are taking the rare step of writing together because the decisions implemented in this Bill will profoundly affect the future of our countries and the relationships between them.

“The Bill represents a profound shift in how trading relationships within the UK will be regulated and governed. This will not be a return to a trade regime that existed before UK joined the EU; it will be an entirely novel system, replacing one that evolved slowly and by careful negotiation over decades.

“The Scottish Parliament and Welsh Senedd have made clear that the Bill’s weakening of both the principles and the effect of devolved policymaking is of constitutional significance. Moreover, if the Bill is made law without consent from devolved legislatures (as will happen if it is not amended to address their concerns), this will further undermine trust and goodwill among those who govern the different parts of the United Kingdom.

“The Bill is, of course, not just concerned with domestic law. It currently asks the country’s highest law-making body to equip a

government minister to break international law. This has enormous moral, as well as political and legal, consequences.

“We believe this would create a disastrous precedent. It is particularly disturbing for all of us who feel a sense of duty and responsibility to the Good Friday (Belfast) Agreement that international treaty on which peace and stability within and between the UK and Ireland depends.

“The UK negotiated the Northern Ireland Protocol with the EU to ‘protect the 1998 Agreement in all its dimensions’. One year on, in this Bill, the UK Government is not only preparing to break the Protocol, but also to breach a fundamental tenet of the Agreement: namely by limiting the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights in Northern Ireland law.

“If carefully negotiated terms are not honoured and laws can be ‘legally’ broken, on what foundations does our democracy stand?”

“We urge lawmakers to consider this Bill in the light of values and principles we would wish to characterise relationships across these islands long after the transition period.”

Signed by

The Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh

The Most Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

The Most Revd Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church

The Most Revd John Davies, Archbishop of Wales

The Most Revd Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

2020 General Synod of Church of Ireland to be held in December

This year’s delayed General Synod is to take place in early December by electronic means.

Pursuant to section 30 of the Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 2020, which provides for the validity of remote meetings of an unincorporated body, notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the General Synod will be held by electronic communication technology on 1st, 2nd, and, if necessary, 3rd December 2020, as approved by the Standing Committee on 14th October 2020.

The Standing Committee has authorised the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod to propose the hours for the Synod. These times, and the link for the electronic meeting, will be communicated to Synod members in due course. Bills should be lodged by 21st October, Notice of Motion should be given by 1st November and requests for information should be sent by 24th November to the Synod Officer; catherine.smith@rcbdub.org Further information at; www.synod.ireland.anglican.org

Video competition to highlight safeguarding

To celebrate the launch of the new Safeguarding website, parishes and youth groups are invited to take part in a competition to create a short video on ‘Why Safeguarding is Important’.

Videos should be submitted by 5pm on Friday, 13th November. The new website is available at <https://safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org>

The competition is an exciting opportunity for parishes/youth groups and individuals from the Church of Ireland to spread the word about the importance of safeguarding and/or what this means to you. This is a fantastic way to showcase your creativity and imagination.

Rules

- Parental consent required for entrants under the age of 18 and should be compliant with existing safeguarding policies. More information is available on the Church of Ireland website.
- The video should be a minimum of 1 minute and a maximum of 2 minutes long.
- It should include references to child and adult safeguarding.
- Videos will be judged on creativity, the information communicated and how engaging they are.
- The video content can be live action or animated.
- The video will be displayed on the new Safeguarding website, the Church of Ireland website and all our social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, etc.) and it can be liked, shared and promoted from there.



- Your video must not infringe any third-party copyright or trademark, or violate the rights of any person or entity.
- Videos must be appropriate for viewing by the general public. Your video may not contain material that is obscene, defamatory, libellous, threatening, pornographic, offensive, or encourages conduct that would be considered a criminal offense, gives rise to civil liability, or violates any law (including, without limitation, the privacy or publicity rights of any individual whose likeness appears in the video).
- Please film the video in landscape mode.
- Please submit, through a parental or carers’ mobile or email if the entrant is aged under 18, via WhatsApp to 00 353 872 853 696 or by sending a link to -cpori@ireland.anglican.org by Friday 13th November at 5pm.

PRIZES

Prizes have been very generously provided by Ecclesiastical Insurance. The videos will be judged by a panel of judges which will include children.

Prizes are: 1st: €250 / £225; 2nd: €150 / £135; 3rd: €100 / £100

Competition kindly sponsored by Ecclesiastical Insurance

South West Acute Hospital Chaplains meet again for a hospital blessing



The Very Rev Kenny Hall (Church of Ireland), The Rev Lorna Dreading (Methodist), The Rev David Cupples (Presbyterian) and Rt Rev Monsignor Peter O'Reilly (Roman Catholic) prayed at the entrance to the hospital for all staff, patients, those bereaved and the community at this time of crisis due to the increase of the Corona Virus, Covid-19.

A joint statement to the members of the Church of Ireland from the Archbishop of Armagh and the Archbishop of Dublin



In the context of the consideration of legislation regarding end-of-life issues by Dáil Éireann, the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd John McDowell, and the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, have issued the following statement to the members of the Church of Ireland: 'We affirm the sacredness of human life, in its totality from beginning to end, as a gift given by God, and that each and every human life is intrinsically valuable in all its phases. 'It should also be recognised that very difficult situations and emotions can arise from the management of care towards the end of a life and the discussion of personal circumstances always requires the utmost sensitivity. Such sensitivity should also be borne in mind in the public debate around these issues.'

- The Most Revd John McDowell and The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson

New mental health programme launched

The Church of Ireland announced on World Mental Health Day (Saturday, 10th October), it was launching a major three-year all-island mental health promotion programme.

Among the many effects of Covid-19 has been an increased awareness of the importance of promoting and supporting positive mental health, an issue that affects people in every part of the community.

Entitled 'Mental Health Promotion across the Church of Ireland and Wider Community', the project aims to transform the understanding of, attitudes towards, and responses to mental health within the Church of Ireland and the wider community. It has been made possible by a significant grant from Allchurches Trust, one of the UK and Ireland's largest grant-making charities. Allchurches' funds come from its ownership of Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

The project will begin with a study to establish the understanding of, and attitudes towards, mental health within the Church community. The study will also measure any changes in these at the end of the three years. The results of this research will shape an integrated programme of mental health promotion, support and training, which

will be rolled out on an all-island basis. This will be followed by individual dioceses being invited to apply for funding to support more localised initiatives.

Throughout this project, the Church will work with a range of other organisations, both state-sponsored and voluntary, involved in mental health promotion in all parts of the island, and will share the results of its research, and the lessons learned from the project, with government bodies and charities.

Welcoming the initiative, the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd John McDowell, said: 'The Church of Ireland is a church that seeks to serve the whole community and to engender hope at a very difficult time for everyone who lives on this island. That hope is based on our understanding of the generous gospel of Jesus Christ through sharing whatever resources and gifts we possess, as open-handedly as possible. My hope and prayer for this initiative is that as a serving church we will be able to be more effective in our ministry of comfort, of practical help and of hope, and in doing so to benefit those most in need within our communities and beyond.'

ADVICE ON RESPONDING TO TAKEDOWN NOTICES FROM YOUTUBE

The Church of Ireland has given advice to parishes on uploading services to YouTube and what to do if they receive a takedown notice from YouTube

The Church's Press Office has prepared guidance on responding to takedown notices from YouTube. Similar guidance will follow on copyright disputes on Vimeo and Facebook. This is likely to have occurred as a YouTube algorithm has identified content within your video as infringing copyright – this action is known as a copyright strike and can naturally

cause confusion if a parish has obtained all the relevant licences to help it comply with copyright law in its jurisdiction.

If you have used material without seeking permission from the owner (e.g. a commercial music video or a recording of music performed outside your parish), please be aware that this action will have broken copyright law and you will need to find another approach.

We have advised that parishes use local musicians who perform works covered

copyright licences obtained by the parish (obtained from CCLI or other official licensing sources). Asking local musicians to perform will encourage them and help them to develop their talents and abilities, and neighbouring parishes can help each other in this regard.

More guidance on organising online services and audio-visual content within the Church of Ireland is available on their website. If you have any queries, please email press@ireland.anglican.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Climate change brings drought and hunger to Ethiopia. But your love brings hope.



Father-of-five Mekonnen Sofar (38) lives in Ethiopia's South Omo region. Every day, he digs in a dry riverbed to find water for his cattle.

MEKONNEN'S STORY

Mekonnen Sofar kneels in the sand, determinedly digging with his hands into the dirt of the dry riverbed. He is thirsty and desperate with the dry hole more than a metre deep. Mekonnen knows that if he does not strike water today, some of his livestock may die.

The effects of climate change are real in the village where Mekonnen lives with his wife and five sons. The rains have stopped, drought has dried the rivers, and crops no longer produce a harvest. Even the honey bees have disappeared. Mekonnen worries that his way of life will not last much longer as the climate crisis worsens. Many of his livestock have already died, and hunger has forced him to sell off some of his remaining animals to feed his family.

"We pray for rain but when there's no rain, we have to dig. A number of people have died because they dig deep with sand above their head and the sand collapses on top of them. Even small children."



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You can donate online at www.caid.ie/ChristmasAppeal or by telephone on 028 9064 8133 (Belfast) or 01 496 7040 (Dublin).

KAWITE'S STORY

Kawite Koyrita rises with the sun to gather water for her animals from the community pond. In the morning light both her pregnant belly and warm smile glow in expectation. Hope has returned to her community like a spring in the desert.

Today Kawite will make breakfast for her family, send her youngest children to school, and tend to her business of trading goats and sheep. But her smile has not always shone so brightly. For the past 10 years Kawite's family struggled to make ends meet as the climate crisis ravaged her village with prolonged drought and hardship. "When I was young, the wells were full, and collecting water didn't take much time," she explained. "But when the climate changed and the rains stopped, the water disappeared."

Kawite and her daughters travelled up to five hours every day to fetch water, and her children often missed school or went hungry. As the burden of prolonged drought became unbearable, Christian Aid and our local partner worked alongside the community to build a pond from which they draw water for their animals and crops. Kawite and her community were given drought resistant seeds to boost the harvest, elephant grass to feed the livestock, and goats and sheep to help the women build livelihoods.



Pregnant mum-of-ten Kawite Koyrita (45) lives in the Konso region of Ethiopia. Despite the effects of climate change, Kawite is thriving. The community pond provides water for her animals and crops.

The community pond saves Kawite hours of precious time that she can spend at home with her family, and the other support from Christian Aid's partner enables her to put food on the table and build a better future for her ten children and her baby on the way. "The pond is not only for me. It has changed the life of this village."



THE ART OF REMEMBERING

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