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The new Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis following his Service of Consecration in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. See pages 4-7 for words and pictures.

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Bishop Ian Ellis with Lord Eames and the Archbishop of Armagh at St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

BISHOP IAN CONSECRATED AT SPECIAL SERVICE IN DIOCESE

The Diocese of Clogher now has a new bishop in place.

The Revd Canon Dr Ian William Ellis was consecrated as Bishop of Clogher at a service on the Feast Day of St. Mark on Monday, 26th April in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

While the numbers attending were restricted due to the Covid-19 guidelines, many people watched the service in their homes as it was live-streamed on the Enniskillen Cathedral website.

The Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, who was elected following a meeting of the Episcopal Electoral College held on Monday, 9th November, an election which was subsequently approved by the House of Bishops, was ordained Bishop by the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd John McDowell assisted by consecrating bishops, the Most Revd Pat Storey, Bishop of Meath and Kildare; the Right Revd George Davison, Bishop of Connor and the Right Revd and Right Honorable Lord Eames, OM, former Archbishop of Armagh.

The Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall took part as the Archbishop



The laying of hands by the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd John McDowell.

of Armagh's Chaplain and the Archdeacon of Clogher, the Venerable Brian Harper also took part as the Bishop-Elect of Clogher's Chaplain.

The main churches were represented at the service;

Representing the Methodist Church was the Revd Dr Heather Morris, Past President

of the Methodist Church in Ireland, General Secretary of the Methodist Church in Ireland and Secretary of the Conference and also by the Revd Lorna Dreading, Minister of Enniskillen Methodist Church.

Representing the Roman Catholic Church was the Most Revd Larry Duffy, Bishop of Clogher and the Rt Revd Monsignor Peter

THE NEW BISHOP OF CLOGHER



Bishop-Elect Revd Canon Dr. Ian Ellis with his family members at the beginning of his Service of Consecration.



Mrs Naomi Shearer, daughter of the Bishop-Elect reading the second lesson.

O'Reilly VG, Dean and Parish Priest of Enniskillen. Representing the Presbyterian Church was the Revd David Cupples, Minister of Enniskillen Presbyterian Church. A number of civic guests attended including The Viscount Brookeborough KG, the Lord Lieutenant of Fermanagh and The Viscountess Brookeborough; The Rt Hon Arlene Foster MLA, First Minister of Northern Ireland; Mrs Rosemary Barton MLA and Councillor Diana Armstrong, Chair of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. Those attended were shown to their seats by the Churchwardens, Mr. David Graham and Mrs Audrey Williamson while Verger, Mr. Andrew McCabe officiated. The organist was Mr. Glenn Moore joined by the Choir of St. Macartin's Cathedral directed by Dr. David Baxter. The ceremony of ordination and consecration of a new bishop took place within the context of the Eucharist. The Bishop-elect was vested only in his cassock and presented for ordination and consecration by his sponsors, Mr Sam Morrow OBE and Mrs Ethne McCord. After the certificate of election was read followed by the support of the people given,



Lord Eames laying hands.

the Bishop-elect made his declaration of canonical obedience to the Archbishop of Armagh. The Archbishop, during his address to the congregation, emphasised a bishop's role not only in serving and caring for the people of God, but also working with them in the oversight of the Church. The Bishop-elect affirmed the questions put by the Archbishop, the Litany and the Archbishop prayed for the gifts of the Holy

Spirit and for the grace necessary for the office of a bishop in the Church of God. The Archbishop and other bishops present laid their hands on the head of the Bishop-elect who was then vested in his episcopal habit. Following the Communion service, the new Bishop of Clogher took his place with the other bishops. Bishop Ian and his wife, Heather, processed to the back of the Cathedral and greeted the congregation outside as they left the service.



The Bishop of Connor, the Right Revd George Davison laying hands.



Lord Eames and former Archbishop of Armagh who preached at the service.

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The Bishop of Meath and Kildare, the Most Revd Pat Storey laying hands.



The first lesson was read by Mr. John Irvine MBE, Diocesan Lay Honorary Secretary and Diocesan Reader.

New bishop is 'answering call of God'

The sermon was preached by the Right Revd Lord Eames, former Archbishop of Armagh, who has known Bishop Ian since his training for ordination.

He said Bishop Ian's pilgrimage which began at his ordination as a Deacon, was now continuing in a new role.

"Ian is answering the call of God," he said. Lord Eames said Bishop Ian was already familiar with Clogher Diocese, familiar with the clergy but he would get to know his colleagues and the diocese in new ways – he would reach out to them when they sought his help and guidance, to listen to them when a listening ear was all they needed.

"You will be to them the Father in God," he said.

Lord Eames said Bishop Ian was coming to this role and ministry at a time when the diocese like all other dioceses was facing such change.

"As we come out of lockdown and as we



The Bishop-Elect's sponsors were Mrs Ethne McCord and Mr Sam Morrow OBE.

come out of restrictions of lockdown, as we look at the church and parish life through which we have all come in the last few months, we do wonder what will survive in the structures of the church.

"What have we learned in the period of what we can do without and what have we learned what we have missed most?" he asked.

He said it was an exciting time to take up

leadership of the diocese and while there will be problems, discussions and plans to be decided upon, at the end of the day the one question Bishop Ian would face would be, "What's God wish and what's his plan for the Diocese of Clogher?"

He asked the people of Clogher Diocese to offer their prayers for their new Bishop and his wife Heather.



The Archbishops, bishops and clergy taking part in the Service of Consecration in St Macartin's Cathedral.

THE NEW BISHOP OF CLOGHER



Bishop Ian and his wife, Heather greeting members of the congregation outside the Cathedral following the service.



Archdeacon Brian Harper who read the Gospel reading.



The new Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis with Archdeacon Brian Harper and Dean Kenneth Hall.



The new Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis and his wife, Heather, leave the Cathedral.

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Sunday 2nd May

Clogh 10.45am Holy Communion

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Holy Communion

Sunday 9th May

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 16th May

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd May

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer



The interior of Clogh Church.

Sunday 30th May

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

*Drumsnatt Church will remain closed
in accordance with current Covid 19
restrictions in ROI.*

Worship

It was wonderful to be able to return to our church buildings for the Easter Services.

Thanks to Marina and James Elliott for their beautiful rendition of 'The Power of the Cross' in Aghadrumsee on Good Friday. Also to Dean Raymond Ferguson for conducting the service of Holy Communion in Clogh on Easter Sunday.

Easter Vestry

Easter Vestry Meetings took place in Aghadrumsee and Clogh during April. Lists of the 2021 – 2022 Vestries will be in next months edition.

Sympathy

We were saddened to learn of the death of Susan Nelson whose funeral took place in Clogh Church on 9th April. Sympathy is extended to her husband William, daughters Stacey, Kiera and Lindsay and grandchildren Freya and Lexi and the extended family circle.



The interior of Aghadrumsee Church.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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www.colebrookeparish.org/online-services
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May

Sunday 2nd May

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

Sunday 9th May

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

Sunday 16th May

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

Sunday 23rd May

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

Sunday 30th May

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

Mullaghfad Service

In light of the present circumstances, there will be no service in Mullaghfad in May. Decisions will be made at a later date in relation to services resuming in September.

Colebrooke Friends' Service

This service will also be postponed to a later date.

Organisations

Due to the continuing Covid19 pandemic, our parish organisations will not be meeting. When things return to normal, they will operate as follows:-



GFS

Girls Friendly Society every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and upwards.
The Closing Service this year will be held on Monday 13th May 2019.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Group meet every Tuesday from 7pm-9.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-14 years. The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.
Squirrels (4 - 6 years)
Beavers (6 - 8 years)
Cubs (8 - 11 years)
Scouts (11 - 14 years)

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meets on Thursday evenings at Colebrooke Parish Hall. Although the season has now ended, new members of all ages are welcome to join in the new bowling season beginning in September.

Mothers' Union

The members of the branch are pleased to receive another newsletter from the Trustee Board giving interesting articles and up to date news of MU activities. There is also a copy of the new MU twice yearly magazine 'Connected.'

Everyone is encouraged to support the Mums in May fundraising ideas listed and if interested they can walk along with June Butler, All Ireland President, in May (details to be confirmed). Please obtain sponsorship from family and friends as all funds go to support projects in Ireland over the next three years. You can also enjoy the 'Count your Blessings' calendar for May and put aside some money for all the blessings you receive and support the fundraising effort. The continued communication by telephone and social media brings help to members during these days of lockdown and ongoing prayer is appreciated.

The plans for the future are for members to meet outside for an hour, in the leader's garden, when restrictions allow.

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Sympathy

We continue to pray and support all those who have been bereaved in the recent months. During these difficult days, when we cannot conduct funerals and memorials in the same way than would have been normal, it has been particularly difficult for all families. As a parish, we will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers for the days to come.

Church Services

April saw a return to “in-church” worship, with our Easter Sunday Holy Communion being a most appropriate way to celebrate a new stage in our pandemic response.

We continue to stream our services, and to worship with our parishioners at home, as well as with Christian visitors from all over the world.

Our online congregation at each service has been extended throughout the past year, and we are regularly joined by visitors from USA, India, Pakistan, Philippines, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, and many other countries. Our “lockdown” has actually expanded our worshipping congregation worldwide – and it is a blessing to think that we join Christians in so many countries as we praise, worship, and pray to God.

Our services in May will continue to celebrate the Easter Hope of Resurrection and New Life, finishing the month with Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. As we pass through into June, we enter a period of “Ordinary Time” – but only in the sense that we are between the major festivals of Easter and Advent. There is nothing ordinary about our Christian message of Salvation and the hope of Eternal Life!

As we move through the remaining months of this year, we will be building upon the foundation of faith, hope and love – please continue to join us as we worship together.

Annual Easter Vestry 2021

I (the rector) would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual Easter Vestry meeting on Tuesday 13th April – both

physically, and virtually for the first time! It was an encouraging evening for all, and I was impressed by the positivity of all who were looking forward to continuing God’s work in our parish. We all thanked everyone who had served throughout the past year, especially under such difficult circumstances.

I am delighted to report the following appointments and election results of our Select Vestry for 2021-2022:

Rector’s Churchwarden – Frances Cartwright

People’s Churchwarden – Rebecca Morrison

Rector’s Glebewarden – David Atwell
People’s Glebewarden – Kenneth Hall
Election of Select Vestry for 2021-2022

- Alan Johnston, Blayne Cartwright, George Morrison, Ronald Graydon, Albert McClelland, Helen Woods, Wayne Foster, Shirley Morrison, Harry Reynolds, Rebecca Morrison, Jimmy McElroy, Esther Flanagan and Robert Rolston

Following the meeting, Shirley Morrison was elected as Honorary Secretary and Albert McClelland was elected as Honorary Treasurer for the incoming year.

I would ask that you pray for your Select Vestry members as they continue to serve God in this manner within our parish, and hope that you will support them in their endeavours.

May Calendar

2nd May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

11am, Holy Communion, in-Church and online

9th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

11am, Morning Prayer, in-Church and online

16th May – The Sunday after Ascension

11am, Morning Prayer, in-Church and online

23rd May – Day of Pentecost/Whitsunday

11am, Family Service, in-Church and online

30th May – Trinity Sunday

11am, Morning Prayer, in-Church and online

Although our services are all available online via Facebook, I would encourage everyone who can to join us “in-church”.

We follow all physical distancing rules;

sanitisers are available at the doors; we encourage all to wear masks, unless you are exempt, of course; there is still a very warm welcome to any strangers (or, as we call them, “friends we just haven’t met yet”); and we still have plenty of room to fit everyone in! We had hoped to have our Crosslink Mission partner, Trevor Watson, who serves as a missionary in Sweden with his family, speaking at one of our services during May 2021, but unfortunately with the flights and quarantine situation, he is unable to return to Northern Ireland this month. However, we are thankful that Colin or Dave will be able to join us on Sunday 23rd May to preach and to give us a mission update on how the family are getting on in Sweden. There will be a retiring collection that morning for the work of Crosslinks – so please plan to be there or send your donation to the rector or one of the church wardens.

Bible Fellowship

Our Bible Fellowship group meet every other Wednesday evening, continuing 5th May at 8pm in the Parish Hall. Again, all appropriate physical distancing measures are in place, and everyone is welcome to join us. These meetings are not streamed online, but any notes from our studies are posted on our parish website at www.aghavea.blogspot.com

Parish Organisations

Our parish organisations (Bowls Club, Girls’ Friendly Society, Mothers’ Union, Sunday School) have not been able to meet recently due to the Covid-19 restrictions, but please be assured that the leaders are still active in their prayer and support for all the members of each. As soon as we get the green light to start again, any announcements will be widely published. Given our current circumstances, it is likely that many of them will have already missed this year’s opportunity to restart before the summer recess – but if we find it possible, we would love to have some special events over the summer period, so please keep in touch!



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Services via “Zoom”

As we still can't gather to worship in our churches at present, parishioners are invited to join together via “Zoom” for a short service at 11.15 a.m. each Sunday.

Thank you

Very many thanks to Andrea Johnston who continues to provide the music during our Sunday services via “Zoom”.

Sunday School

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 situation, we have been unable to resume Sunday School. In order to provide for the faith development of the young people in our parishes over the past number of months, the Sunday School teachers in each parish prepared activities which the children were able to do at home. We thank all of them for their help and support.

Easter bunny at St. Maeldoid's

The children of St. Maeldoid's Sunday School were lucky enough to meet the Easter bunny in a socially distanced setting outside the church on Saturday 27th March. He brought an Easter egg for each of them.

Sympathy

We extend our sincere condolences to the Johnston family on the death of Noel's aunt, Laura Reaney, (Markethill). May they especially know God's presence at this difficult time.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Paul and Dawn Leathem on the birth of their twins, Jamie John and Ellie Avril, a sister for Tara Ella. Best wishes to the twins' proud grandparents, Isaac and Jennifer, and all



the Leathem family. Paul, Dawn and their family live in Germany.

News from St. Colman's Church, Clontibret

During the recent lockdown, essential work was undertaken on electrical wiring in the church in order to meet the criteria of our insurance company.

We are grateful to the “Department of Rural and Community Development” for support from its “COVID-19 Emergency Fund” to meet expenses associated with recommendations of the Church of Ireland protocol etc. Some of the ladies in the parish undertook a deep clean of the church to sanitise the building.

Funding for St. Colman's

We welcome funding from the 2021 “Built Heritage Investment Scheme” which recognises the significant contribution that our historic built environment makes to the economic prosperity of the area through sustaining traditional skills – they are one of the main attractions for visitors to Ireland and also contribute to the regeneration of urban and rural areas.

This allocation will part-fund much needed work on our boundary wall to ensure the

sanctity of the graveyard and the church building.

Easter Vestry Meetings

The annual Easter Vestry meeting for each parish will be held shortly after services in church resume. During these meetings, elections for the following positions will take place:

- A People's Churchwarden
- A People's Glebewarden
- Up to 12 members of the new Select Vestry.

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 of 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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Services

At the time of writing these notes we have are awaiting the latest government updates on in-church worship for May.

If we are back into the church buildings our services times will be:

- St Finbarr's, Carrickmacross - every Sunday at 10.30am plus Holy Communion Wednesday at 11am
- St Molua's, Magheraclone – every Sunday at 12noon
- St Patrick's Ardragh – 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1.15pm

If the church buildings remain closed worship will be on our Facebook page (Carrickmacross Group Church of Ireland) Sunday's at 11am and Wednesday's at 8pm.

Please check our Facebook page for up to date information. Parishioners will also be notified of all changes via text message.

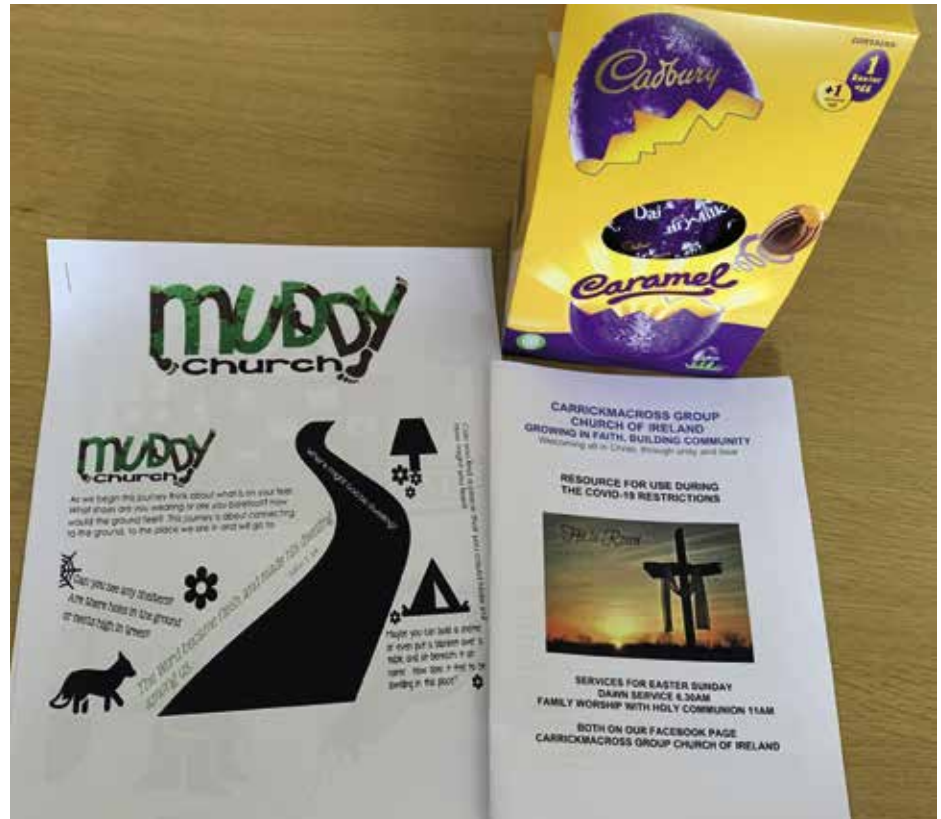
Easter General Vestries

While it was not possible to hold our Easter General Vestries in person due to the ongoing restrictions we are thankful that we were able to use technology to ensure the meetings took place on schedule.

We very much appreciate this has not been an ideal situation as many were excluded from attending but we are thankful that we could get enough people online from each parish to make it possible.

Given that last year's Easter Vestry didn't take place until September all three parishes decided to vote the current vestries back in as was.

We are thankful for our secretaries and treasurers who have kept on top of all paperwork and financial matters in these difficult times. Thanks also to our



glebewardens who have been working away despite the buildings being closed. As many were unable to attend the Easter General Vestries Rev Colin circulated the following Rectors annual report:

In 2017 when roads and land subsided in Magheraclone St Molua's had to close temporarily. On re-opening getting to and from the church was a logistical nightmare. We probably all thought nothing could top that. Little did we know that a couple of years later the world would be gripped in a pandemic that would see many parts of life that we took as normal completely transformed. In last year's Easter notes I spoke of how Easter would be different and my sense of sadness that our normal gatherings through Holy Week and full churches for Easter Sunday would be replaced by empty pews. Back then it all felt so new, it wasn't going to last, it would only be a couple of months. However, by this Easter standing in our churches on a Sunday morning with only Janice and a camera has become all too familiar.

Church, like many aspects of life, just isn't the same and there is a real sense of pain in being unable to meet together as a church family. Worship has moved online and while that has been a blessing in many ways it has also meant that some of you have been unable to join us. I have missed not visiting your homes and seeing you on a Sunday morning. I've particularly missed our young people meeting each month, the buzz of children returning from Sunday School,

playing the odd game of bowls, socialising with our Men's Group and hearing about our Jewels Women's Group. I've missed the discussion of Bible Studies and the sharing in our prayer meetings. I've missed the fun of choir practice, I've missed hearing you sing in church, I've missed the concerts, the BBQ's, in truth I've missed it all.

The year was particularly hard for anyone who lost a loved one, and so we remember the Babington and Hill families and how they had to say goodbye to the two George's in very different and challenging circumstances.

Being community has not been easy for the past year and there was a real fear that church communities would simply drift apart as we all got out of the habit...I thank God that this hasn't been the case in the Carrickmacross Group. So while I have missed being together so much I have also been so encouraged and enriched by how you have chosen to not only help our church family stay together but in many ways thrive during this past year.

The number of people who have volunteered to record a reading of Scripture, a reflection or prayer to enhance our online presence. The joy in dropping of a simple gift of a plant or chocolate at the doorstep, the messages of encouragement and support and offers to help not just to me but to one another have been appreciated more than any of you could imagine. Seeing the work our Sunday School children have been doing at home always brightens any day.

The acts of kindness in continually supporting Carrickmacross Foodbank and the generosity of donations for both our Harvest and Christmas appeals. The togetherness in filling Duffy's car park and holding our Harvest service in cars when it wasn't possible for everyone to be in our buildings, taking part in the St Patrick's Day Virtual Parade and lighting the spire of St Finbarr's green, continuing to be a church at the heart of our community. Financially this has been a hard year for churches like many others, bills still need to be paid even when the buildings are closed and there has been little or no opportunity to fundraise. It would have been easy for you to stop giving when we weren't meeting in person but from our yearly accounts we can see the generosity of those who chose to continue to support. The response to our Gift Day at Harvest time was a real boost (St Finbarr's €5,520, St Molua's €1,350, St Patrick's €560). Thank you to all who generously donated and have continued to hand in envelopes or paying by direct debit. I won't pretend that we are in a great financial position, however thanks to the generosity of so many we are in a better place than we might have been. 2020 was to be our year of 20/20 vision – opening the church doors, being more involved in community life, adopting our worship to cherish our tradition but also to be relevant to all – much has had to be put on hold yet we have, are still, and will continue to be a Group of Churches that seeks to be **GROWING IN FAITH,**



BUILDING COMMUNITY - Welcoming all in Christ, through unity and love. As we move forward this will continue to be our mission and our vision. We will continue to seek to show God's love to one another and to all in our communities and beyond seeking to grow in faith, unity, love and number. As we emerge from lockdown I want us to focus on that mission both inwardly (worshipping together and growing in faith) and outwardly (serving others). Our focus will be on the Anglican Five Marks of Mission as we look to where God is leading us in the coming years. So please be encouraged, please continue

to pray, please let us not sit still waiting for the buildings to re-open. Let us continue to be church, to live church and to live for God's Kingdom in the everyday. Let our lives be our worship, let our faith shine through even in the mundane and let us continue to be a loving, serving, Christ-centred community. I look forward to celebrating with you all once the restrictions are lifted, but for now do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid – Christ is Risen. The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Carrickmacross Foodbank Collections

Our collection of non-perishable food items for Carrickmacross Foodbank will continue even when the church buildings are closed. Items can be dropped in anytime to the Rectory with the food items brought to the store room usually after the third Sunday of each month.

Sunday School and Youth Group

Sunday School at home continues each week with resources sent out to each family. It is unclear when Sunday School will be able to meet in person so we continue to support and encourage our young families as a vital part of our church family. Our youth group has not met for over a year and we really miss the monthly get togethers. Resources are sent out to keep our young people connected and we hope to meet up (possibly outside) before the summer break.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Worship
There was great joy and thankfulness that our Churches were allowed to have in-church services commencing on Good

Friday, 2nd April 2021 with social distancing, hand sanitising and the wearing of face masks still being adhered too. Floral arrangements of spring flowers and daffodils

were much on display in both churches – both Parishes are thankful for the floral skills and artistry of some of the parishioners. Evening Prayer for Good Friday was held

in Cleenish Church and Services of Holy Communion for Easter Sunday were held in both Parishes.

The Royal Family

It was with great sadness that the parishioners heard the announcement from Her Majesty The Queen to the peoples of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of the passing of her husband, His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The announcement was received with a great sense of loss by all in our Parishes. The Duke of Edinburgh will be remembered for all that he achieved and what he did in his 99 years. He leaves many legacies – the best known of which is the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme for young people. On Sunday 11th April, during Morning Service, a Minute's Silence, prayers for the Royal Family and the singing of the National Anthem were made in both churches. The parishioners continue to uphold Her Majesty and the Royal Family in their prayers.

The Rector writes...

Psalm 91 verses 1-2 says; 'Whoever goes to the Lord for safety, whoever remains under the protection of the Almighty, can say to him, You are my defender and protector. You are my God; in you I trust.' (Ps. 91:1-2 GNT). These verses are a fitting reminder of God's ever-present Love and Protection for us whenever we are willing to trust Him with our future.

In our present climate of uncertainty it is easy to allow our fears of the future to invade our hearts and rob us of God's Peace.

Just like the Coronavirus the 'fear virus' is



Floral arrangements in Cleenish and Mullaghduin Churches.



Parishioners arriving at Cleenish Church on Easter Sunday morning.



Quay improvement works continuing.

also contagious. Each one of us will have experienced situations where we have met somebody who has transmitted their fears to us and as a result we end up becoming more anxious than before we met them. I am sure that we have all experienced challenging times in our lives when we have allowed our minds to focus on the “what if....” questions - What if I get sick, what if I lose my job?

It is interesting to note that over 2,000 years ago Jesus dealt with these troubling questions.

In Matthew Chapter 6 and verse 5 He told us not to worry about our lives.

Jesus is simply saying to all those people who listened to Him to stop worrying because fear and worry have no place in people’s hearts.

When fear of the future starts causing all the “what ifs ..” to invade your mind remind yourself that Jesus has ‘your future’ in His Hands. Just trust in Him.

Canon Geoffrey P Bridle

Easter General Vestries

The General Easter Vestries for Cleenish and Mullaghduin Parishes were held after Morning Prayer on Sunday 11th April 2021. In Mullaghduin Parish, the following appointments were made:

Rector’s Churchwarden: Mrs H E Carson;
People’s Churchwarden: Mr J D Coalter;
Rector’s Glebwarden: Mr T H Elliott;
People’s Glebwarden: Mr J S Moffatt.
Select Vestry: Mrs C V Nixon, Mrs A Wilson, and Messrs D W T Benson, W J Blair, G W Carson, J Clements, J Gamble, T G Gallagher, A S G Humphreys, G R Lucy, G McCutcheon and R A Watterson. Mr

R Gibson was appointed as Honorary Secretary, Mrs E Clements as Assistant Secretary and Mrs C V Nixon as Honorary Treasurer.

In Cleenish Parish, the following appointments were made:

Rector’s Churchwarden: Mrs R Forde;
Peoples’ Churchwarden: Mr L Nixon; Rector’s Glebwarden: Mr O Clements; People’s Glebwarden: Mr B Hoey. Select Vestry: Mr D Smyth, Mr O Wilson, Mr I Crawford, Mrs M Keys, Mr Ed Keys, Miss R Sheridan, Mr C Smyth, Mr T Kingston, Mrs J Dowson, Mrs A Graham, Mr C Brownlee, Mrs L Coulter.
Honorary Treasurer: Mr R Forde; Assistant Treasurer: Mr O Clements; Honorary Secretary: Mrs J Dowson; Assistant Secretary: Mrs A Graham;

Church Building Works

As the church building in Cleenish Parish was closed during Lockdown, repairs and refurbishment work was carried out very successfully on the Vestry Room. In addition, a sound system was installed to enable Drive-In Outdoor Services to be held in the church car park. This facility, which starts on Sunday 18th April at 11.30am, allows all those parishioners who have been ‘shielding’ due to the coronavirus, to come to Church each Sunday morning to participate and listen to the services in the comfort of their own cars.

Bereavements

Condolences are expressed to Mrs Madeline Richardson whose mother, Caroline Elliott, late of Windy Ridge, Monea died on 22nd March at the Tilery Care Home, Florencecourt; and to Mrs Helen Carson whose brother James Charles

McCauley, late of Drumliff, Lisnaskea died on 30th March at the South West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen.

Marriage

Congratulations are expressed on the marriage of Mr John Johnston, Derryhowlaght West, Florencecourt and Ms Shirley McClean, Drumleagues Big, Lisbellaw before Easter.

Bellanaleck Community Group

At time of writing the Quay improvement works are at an advanced stage, with better weather the footfall within the Village area is steadily increasing therefore, various members with larger boats are looking forward to be able to launch and retrieve them at the newly widened slipway. This Project remains on schedule which includes a new 16 berth floating mooring connected to the Quay completed by the end of April. Since food carry outs began trading at the end of February, large numbers of left-overs are being thrown out from cars especially at weekends leaving the village very untidy, including the play areas, and M.U.G.A. playground. Group members have appealed via Facebook to those responsible to assist in keeping our Village neat and tidy. As we move into the summer months, the various spring flowers are in full bloom, and can now be appreciated within the Village roadside plots, and the wild flowers spread along the Loughshore. Should any parishioner in Cleenish require assistance within the public domain in the Village area, contact Owen Wilson (Sec) 66349602, or Sharon Elliott on Facebook.

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From the Rector's Desk

The clock going back and the extra couple of minutes of daylight which are modestly appearing at the end of our day are a very welcome sight in 2021. They bring with them a hope that as each day progresses that what are a few minutes now soon gather to be of greater significance over the days and weeks to come, we all love to see the longer brighter days.

The very familiar verses of Lamentations chapter 3 have these words;
19 I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. 20 I well remember them,

and my soul is downcast within me. 21 Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: 22 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. 23 They are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness. 24 I say to



Mrs Olive Williamson packing some of the toiletry bags.

myself, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.'

Every morning folks is a blessing, and every morning if we look to Jesus we start the day afresh, leaving behind the trials of yesterday. If we ask, our mighty God will equip us anew with what we need for each day, as the little saying goes, 'each day is a gift, that's why it is called the present.' God bless you and keep you. Rev. Olie

Knit, Stitch & Natter

Our wonderful ladies from Knit, Stitch & Natter have

been working very hard. The ladies had knit lots of Christmas decorations and little bits and pieces and were kindly granted a place to sell their goods during 'Ladies Night' at Corick House Hotel. With the money they raised



These bags were knit by the ladies
from the
Knit, Stitch and Natter Group
Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes



The children's comfort bags.



Each bag had a little label saying who it was from and on the back 'Remember Jesus loves you.'



Some members of the Cathedral Knit, Stitch & Natter Group with Omagh Women's Aid.



Some members of the Cathedral Knit, Stitch & Natter Group with Enniskillen Women's Aid.

they bought toiletries and have used their 'lockdown' time to knit bags to hold the toiletries. As a result, just before Christmas they were able to hand over 40 filled toiletry bags and a £100 cheque to Omagh Women's Aid and a further 20 filled toiletry bags and a cheque of £100 to Enniskillen Women's Aid.

Upon hearing of the children who accompany their mothers at times of crisis to Omagh Women's Aid refuge, the ladies once again responded by putting their knitting needles into action by knitting this time 20 children's bags and filling them with sweets, colouring books and pens and a toy, something simply of comfort to hand a child who arrives at the refuge.

Tanya from Omagh Women's Aid wrote this in response to the ladies work; "your donation has helped to make Christmas more comfortable for our clients at what can be a difficult time, the women were delighted with their toiletry bags and

many commented on the beautiful handiwork. Each of the children entering the refuge received a comfort bag, these bags help to make the daunting first night in new surroundings much easier, thank you most sincerely."

This was a tremendous achievement for our little group and already these gifts are being distributed to vulnerable people, well done ladies. In 2019/2020 in Northern Ireland 561 women and 316 children stayed in a Women's Aid refuge, 276 women could not access a refuge as they were full. During this period also 5536 women and 5143 children accessed outreach support from Women's Aid thus allowing them to remain in their own homes. Pandemic figures have not yet been released. Please remember this work and the staff in your prayers. New members to our Knit, Stitch & Natter are always welcome, please speak with the Rector or Mrs Hilary Keys.

Prayer Requests

Our prayer team are faithfully continuing to pray and intercede for all who have requested prayer. Please feel free to drop your request into the box in church or contact the rector. This may be a prayer request for yourself or someone you know, you may be battling with something you haven't told another person, you may be struggling with family issues, relationship issues or perhaps loneliness. All we need is a first name, however, if you would prefer you may use a middle name, that is ok, the important thing is that God knows who you are. All requests are dealt with sensitively and confidentially and your request will remain on our list for 4 weeks.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

Christian Burial

St. Mark's Newtownsaville, 2nd February 2021, Mr David (Dai) Noel Wilson
 St. Mark's Newtownsaville, 9th March 2021, Mr Everett Francis Beck
 St. Mark's Newtownsaville, 30th March 2021, Professor Aileen Stockdale



Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Although lockdown restrictions have meant that we have not been able to worship in our own church buildings during the month of April, we in this Group of Parishes are hoping and praying that the current gradual easing of restrictions here in the South will mean that the scheduled government review on 4 May will see our return to public worship at that point. If this is so, our Sunday services will be:

Sunday 9 May

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

Sunday 16 May

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

Sunday 23 May

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

Sunday 30 May

Clones 11.00am: Joint Group Morning Prayer

Sunday 6 June

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

Our WhatsApp Group

Whilst our churches have remained closed, our Group WhatsApp forum has continued to grow. Throughout Lent the Rector posted a wide range of Bible readings, meditations, and prayers each evening for us all to share together the following day – and a number of our Sunday School members rose to the Rector's challenge to use their creativity to respond to the question 'What does Easter mean to us in these times?' The young people sent in a wide variety of videos, poems, photos and pictures which



Ewan Hall - The Crucifixion.



Ewan Hall - The Empty tomb, with soldiers lying like dead.

Some of the Sunday School entries in our 'What Easter means to us' challenge



Above: Rose Moore - A reminder of the true meaning of Easter when we open our Easter eggs.

Left: Ruby - Jesus died on a dark day so that we might have brighter ones.



Katie Moore - The beginning of new life.



Katie ... and the gift we have of everlasting life.

were really excellent, and some of these are included at the end of this article for the whole Diocese to be able to enjoy. Many thanks, and well done, to all who sent in their creations! On Easter Sunday we also decided to have our first ever Group service via Zoom. It was a lovely 'occasion' on which at least some of our church members had the opportunity to hear Easter poems from our children, Bible readings and reflections from adult parishioners, and to share in an act of 'spiritual communion' as we received in our hearts what we would usually have

received physically. It was also a great pleasure to be able to gather together and see each other's faces, even if for the time being only on a screen. All in all, the service was much appreciated by those who were able to take part – and if we do not return to public worship in May we will arrange to have a similar service via Zoom on 23 May to celebrate the 'Birthday of the Church' at Pentecost. In the meantime, other helpful features of our WhatsApp Group forum – which all parishioners are invited to join – are the Rector's weekly sermons, and also a variety

of videos, photos and messages posted by the Rector and other members of the Group with a view to helping us retain our sense of community as well as maintain our 'spiritual health' during this period of lockdown. We have already posted a couple of the Rector's sermons in previous editions of this magazine – but, for your interest, here is a short contribution he posted just after Easter to show the spiritual benefit we as Christians could derive from a special prayer still said today by Jews as they wake up in the morning:

Good afternoon, everyone, and I hope that you are all having a good week. I read a little quote this morning from CS Lewis, who in his 'Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on

Prayer' said the following: "Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done."

This little quote caused me to reflect on the importance of starting each day with a sense of the importance of God within it. This is something that would have been ingrained into Jesus as a Jew, and even today observant Jews start off each day as soon as they wake up in bed with a special prayer called 'Modeh Ani'. In this prayer they give thanks that, after the opportunity to recharge overnight, they have received from God the gift of life for another day – which they see as a sure sign that there is still a little corner in the world where God is calling them to be of service that day.

To my mind, giving thanks to God for our very lives at the very moment we wake up is a powerful routine for us all as Christians too. The Jewish prayer at waking in the morning goes like this: "I offer thanks to You, living and eternal King, for You have mercifully restored my soul within me; Your faithfulness is great."

We Christians can phrase our prayer any way we wish – and keep it as short as we like – but simply saying "thank you" to God for our life with all its people, opportunities and blessings at the very start of each day is surely a helpful practice we could all try to take on board as we move through this first week of Easter.

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Services

MAY

2nd - Holy Communion 11.30am

9th - Family Service 11.30am

16th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

23rd - Morning Prayer 11.30am

30th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

JUNE

6th - Holy Communion 11.30am

13th - Family Service 11.30am

20th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

27th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

Please note, although services are as listed going to print, they are subject to change as guidance around COVID-19 is changed and updated. Services will be posted online in the interim period. Any changes to services times and dates will be notified on the notices and parish Facebook page.

Christian Baptism

■ 4th April 2021 - Essie Annie Graham,



daughter of Marcus and Joanna.

■ 14th April 2021 - Cody Seamus Foster, son of Carol and Gerard.

Christian Burial

■ 28th March 2021 - Annie Eileen Johnston, Lack.

■ 11th April 2021 - Olive Jones, Ederney.

Easter

It was wonderful to be back in church for the Easter services, and to join in fellowship, one with another as we lifted our praise to God for whom all honour and glory is due. To meet each day with a renewed hope in the knowledge that in believing in Christ who gained the victory over sin and death, hope of an eternity. The gift of salvation to all who are penitent with sins forgiven, born again into a new life in Christ. No matter

what each day unfolds we need not fear for Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords. He is risen and He is Lord, Hallelujah. An Easter card with a poem written by the rector was available for families on Easter Sunday, reminding them of the hope we have in Christ.

Easter Vestry

The Easter General Vestry meeting will have taken place on 21st April, when the parish accounts will have been presented, and the election of the Select Vestry undertaken. We want to express our sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers and continued support through a year that has had its challenges as well as its joys. We want to offer our support to those elected or re-elected to the Select Vestry and to commend all for their active participation



in the life and witness of the parish and its mission.

Consecration of Bishop

At the time of writing, the service of consecration of the Revd. Canon Ian Ellis as Bishop of Clogher will have taken place (DV) in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Please hold him in your prayers as he steps out as bishop and that God will watch over him, guide and grant him wisdom and grace to fulfil his role as overseer of the diocese.

Confirmation


Please continue to hold our young people, who were due to be confirmed in 2020 in your prayers at this time. We hope and pray that as restrictions ease, that a date for confirmation this year will take place.

Parish Auction

Due to the uncertainty around the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the parish auction in May will be postponed until such times we can gather with greater ease.



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Worship

We are pleased that some of the restrictions have been able to be eased and this means that we will be offering public worship again each Sunday in Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale. We will still however be required to observe social distancing, wear masks

(unless exempted or while leading worship) and sanitise hands. This all will mean that numbers continue to be restricted and on top of this many people are still in a vulnerable position – therefore as long as such restrictions are in place we will be offering a weekly online devotion and other occasional reflections. Parishioners are also reminded that there are streamed services from St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at the following link <http://www.enniskillencathedral.com/>

Our weekly pattern continues to be:

1st Sunday of the month

10.15am Castle Archdale (Holy Communion)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Holy Communion)

Online recorded Scripture reflection and prayer from 7.00am @rectorDVNandCA

2nd Sunday of the month

10.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

11.45am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

Online recorded Service with singers and musicians from 7.00am @rectorDVNandCA

3rd Sunday of the month

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning

Prayer)

Online recorded Scripture reflection and prayer from 7.00am @rectorDVNandCA

4th Sunday of the month

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

Online recorded Scripture reflection and prayer from 7.00am @rectorDVNandCA

Holy Week

Apart from Good Friday all our observances for Holy Week were limited to online but these were viewed by a large number of people. These involved suggested activities too and two of the Easter Gardens were shared online – by Carol Clarke and by the Hetherington Family. There are photos included here of those lovely visual reflections on this holy season.

All of the Holy Week reflections are still available on the Rector's Facebook page @rectorDVNandCA. These were:

Monday – Making an Easter Garden

Tuesday – Holy Week and Easter by Lego

Wednesday – The Jericho Road reflection

Maudy Thursday – Audio visual reflection using the hymn "Jesus our Master"

Good Friday – Audio visual of Jesus' final words from the cross with the hymn



“When I survey”

Holy Saturday – Audio visual reflection using words from John’s Gospel

Easter

It was good to be back in Church again and the churches were each looking good after being well cleaned, prepared and decorated. Some photographs of the floral displays are included here.

National Day of Remembrance

A National Day of Reflection, 23rd March, was proposed by Marie Curie. It was supported by many charities, organisations as well as by the government - we were invited to reflect, in ways that are appropriate for each of us, on our collective loss, on supporting those who have been bereaved, and on the hope for a brighter future. Two specific times of the day were suggested to be a special focus - so that we each know that we are never grieving or remembering alone but in the company of others even though we are not able to be in one place. To assist and support people in this

Marion Faris kindly assisted by being recorded saying a special poem “Memories of You” for the 12 noon time and then leading a prayer for the evening focus. The instrumental music was by Gwenan Lyttle and Rachel Giles. As many will know Marion is the Chairperson of the Fermanagh Friends of Marie Curie.

Here are the words of the poem, **“Memories of you”**

*I remember everything about you
Your voice,
Your smile,
Your touch,
The way you walked
The way you talked
The way you looked at me meant so much.
I remember all the words you said to me
some funny, some kind, some wise.
All of the things you did for me
I see now with different eyes.
I remember every moment we*



shared,
 seems only like yesterday,
 or maybe it was eons ago,
 it is really hard to say.
 You are gone from me now
 But one thing they can't take away
 Your memory resides within my heart
 And lights up the darkest day

Special Guest

For the second Sunday of Easter we welcomed an special guest to the online act of worship – Major Steve Whittingham (pictured right) of the Salvation Army. He is a good friend of the Rector and they served in ministry together for several years over in England. Steve has retired from full time ministry with the Salvation Army and currently serves as Band Sergeant (or Chaplain) at Chelmsford Citadel. He plays the Euphonium, which is the principal tenor voice of the brass band. Its role is similar to that of the cello in a symphony orchestra. Perhaps one day he might be able to join us in Church but for now if you would like to hear him, you can still check out the video he feature in at <https://fb.watch/4R710uc8ds/>

From The Registers

HOLY BAPTISM

■ Harper Bree Lindsay (Castle Archdale),
 4th April 2021.

A poem

"Memories
 of You"



Derryvullen South and Garvary

Vacant:

During the vacancy **Revd John Woods** is in charge.

Service and pastoral cover will be provided by **Mr Roy Crowe DPA** and **Dean Raymond Ferguson**.

Services

Sunday, 2nd May

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

Sunday, 9th May

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South
 12 Noon Morning Prayer Garvary

Sunday, 16th May

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

Sunday, 23rd May

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

Sunday, 30th May

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

Return to in-church worship

We were pleased to be able to commence our regular services once again on Easter Sunday after the most recent lockdown. Revd Alison Irvine was our preacher for the service and she was assisted by her father, Mr. John Irvine.

Holy Baptism

In December, Isla Grace O'Shea, daughter of Stephanie and Eoin O'Shea, was baptised in Garvary Parish Church.

Burial

In March, Alexander Wilson died after a long illness. We extend our deepest sympathy

to his wife, Jade, son Ryan and also his parents; Mark and Kim and to all the other members of his family circle.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to John Irvine and his family circle following the death of his sister, Mrs Elsie Graham, Ballintarson, Lisbellaw.

Prayers

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

Derryvullen South and Garvary Mothers' Union

Deepest sympathy is extended to Elizabeth, Violet, William, and all the family circle of Mrs. Elsie Graham, Ballintarson, Lisbellaw who died on 21st March 2021.

Elsie was a founder member of Derryvullen South Mothers' Union, having been enrolled in Derryvullen South Parish Church on Tuesday 27th March 1956.

Elsie was a very supportive member, having served on the Committee for many years.

Devenish & Boho



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Services for May

Sunday 2nd

10.00 am Holy Communion, Boho Parish
Church

11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish
Church

Sunday 9th

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish
Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish
Church

Sunday 16th

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish
Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish
Church

Sunday 23rd

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish
Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish
Church

Sunday 30th

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish
Church

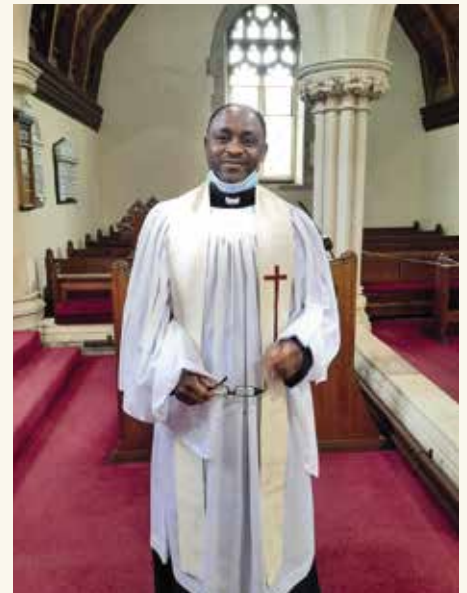
11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish
Church



Eileen Little and Hilary Redmond outside Boho Church on Easter Sunday.



Above and below: Flower arrangements for Easter in Devenish Parish Church.



Rev. Sampson Ajuka at Easter.



Burial

25th March 2021 - Caroline Elliott, Tilery Nursery Home, late of Windy Ridge, Monea, Enniskillen. The service in Devenish Parish Church was conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka. Burial was in the adjoining graveyard. We extend our deepest sympathy to Caroline's sons Bryan and Alan, her daughters Madeline and Orville and the wider family circle.

Return to Church

After what appeared to be a very long winter and made worse by the Covid-19 restrictions everyone was delighted to return to church on Easter Sunday. Revd Sampson Ajuka conducted the services in both Boho and Devenish, The organists in Boho were Rejoice, Love and Chiemela Ajuka and in Devenish it was Gill Spence. We wish to extend our thanks to everyone who provided flowers and helped decorate the churches.



Flower arrangements for Easter in Devenish Parish Church.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh

Chancellor **Ian Berry** is in charge.

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

'Have a Good day'

This is a phrase we have all heard from time to time and maybe used it ourselves.

Perhaps we have used it without much thought.

During 'lock down' over the past year when in conversation on the telephone we may have heard those words used as we finalised a conversation. Whenever I heard those words 'have a good day' they seemed to take on a new meaning, perhaps the reason being that I had more time to think about what was being said and who said it. The words sounded good, I was encouraged and felt the person cared. Sometimes when we meet people outside and they will say as they leave 'have a good day'.

Then I began thinking as to how I could 'have a good day' and realised that although people wished me to 'have a



good day' they didn't actually tell me how, I had to work that out for myself.

Our lives are lived in various time segments, years, months, weeks, days and days are divided into hours, minutes and seconds. Learning to manage our time is a major priority in life. God wants us to fill each day with meaning. To return to the question then, how can we 'have a good day'?

Can I suggest, **Begin each day with God.** Good beginnings are important. Students need good beginnings in school. An employee needs good beginnings at their place of employment. In numerous areas of life good beginning are essential. Begin the day with God can mean Bible reading and prayer. This will mean a stronger relation and faith in God which in turn leads to guidance and direction for the remainder of the day.

Second: **Maintain healthy interpersonal relationships.** We truly realised as never before during 'lock down' how vital it

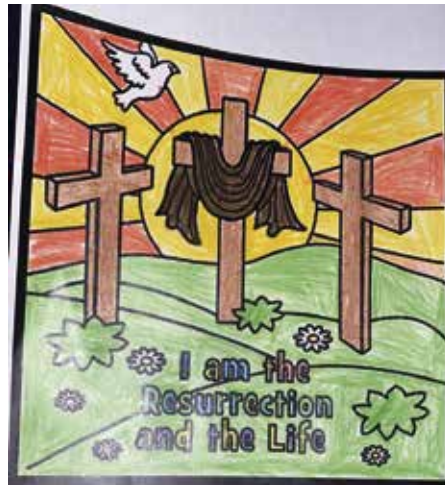


is to have daily contact and interaction with other people. Meeting with people enhances our relationships. Over the past months children missed their school friends, families were separated from loved ones and church goers missed each other also.

Third: **Watch our conversation.** Talking takes up a large part of our daily activity and we take our gift of speech for granted. Have you ever stopped to think as to how many words you have said in a day and the fact that you were able to express yourself through the gift of speech. Words can be used in a positive manner as well as negative. Some might speak words of encouragement and this will enhance our day. Another might say something of a derogatory nature and could ruin a person's day. To 'Have a good day' we need to filter our words. There are times when we need to listen carefully to the critical words from others as well as complimentary words. With the help of God, let us guard our conversation.

Fourth: **Fill your minds with good thoughts.** Human beings cannot prevent thoughts and ideas during the course of the day. To entertain good thoughts will lead to good actions. To entertain bad thoughts will lead to immoral actions. We read in Proverbs 23:7 "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he". The apostle Paul helps us focus on our thoughts when he says "Finally brothers and sisters fill your minds with those things that are good and deserve praise, things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely and honourable. And the God who gives us peace will be with you" Phil 4:8.

To 'have a good day' would mean that you enjoy your work and strive to do your best. In addition to 'having a good day' we also need to remember that we give one day of each week to be devoted to worship.



This will enhance our days. A meaningful day includes you giving your best to work, attending church worship and helping others along the way.

Finally we can 'have a good day' many times in our lifetime but the best day of all is when we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

'Remember Today is a good day to have a good day.'

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to David Waller and family on the death of his cousin, Trevor and the death of his Aunt Margaret, sister of the late Joe. Also to Marina and family on the death of her aunt, Noreen and her uncle, Blayney.

Covid Grants

The Select Vestries of the Donagh Group of Parishes wish to thank Monaghan County Council for their grant assistance towards the insurance and heating of the three churches during the pandemic. Donagh (St Salvator's), Tyholland (St Sillian's) and Errigal Truagh (St Muadain's)



Easter themes coloured in by young people in the group.



all received E1,000 each. The grants were awarded by the Monaghan County Council Covid-19 Emergency Fund Grant Scheme 2021, supported by the Department of Rural and Community Development.



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Failure?

'Before Jonas Salk developed a vaccine for polio that finally worked, he tried two hundred unsuccessful ones. Somebody asked him, "How did it feel to fail two hundred times?"

"I never failed two hundred times in my life," Salk replied. "I was taught not to use the word 'failure.' I just discovered two hundred ways how not to vaccinate for polio."

'Failure is not an event, but rather a judgment about an event. Failure is not something that happens to us or a label we attach to things. It is a way we think about outcomes.'

Above are some quotations from a book 'If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat' (John Ortberg, Published by Zondervan). Ortberg looks at the story of Jesus walking on the water in the midst of the storm and Peter's response to this—to walk on the water himself. What



most people remember about the story is Peter sinking as he takes his eyes off Jesus and focuses on the storm around. In the reader's eyes he has failed! However, Ortberg points out that there were 11 bigger failures in the boat who never even tried to walk on water. They didn't take the risk! Peter had to be rescued by Jesus, but he got the exhilarating experience of walking on water.

Someone has said that 'Faith' is spelt 'RISK'. It is only when we put ourselves in a place where we can only do something with the help of God that we are truly exercising faith—'walking on water'. If we want our faith to grow then we have to make a choice between sitting in a place of comfort and stepping out into the realm of 'I can only do this with your help Lord!'

As we will be looking at 'Our Part in God's Church' this month, it is important for us to understand that all those who call themselves 'Christian' have a part to play in God's Church. Everyone has been given gifts by the Holy Spirit and we are all meant to use those gifts to serve God and serve one another.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.
1 Peter 4:10

Can I encourage you to prayerfully consider how the Lord wants you to use your gifts to serve others within the congregation you attend as well as in the community? Perhaps the Lord is wanting you to volunteer to help an existing ministry within the Church, or even to be part of something new! Then, give me a call to chat about it, to see together where God is wanting you to make a difference for him.

Sunday Services (May)

2nd May

11.00am S o W, 'Our Part in God's Church – Fishers of Men' (Matt 4:18-22)

9th May

11.00am S o W, 'Our Part in God's Church – The Body of Christ' (1 Cor 12:12-31)

16th May

11.00am HC 2, 'Our Part in God's Church – The Great Commission' (Matt 28:16-20)

23rd May

11.00am S o W, 'The Spirit Guides' (Acts 8:26-40)

30th May

11.00am S o W, 'The Spirit Empowers' (Matthew 4:1-11)

Midweek Services (May)

5th May

8.30pm S o W, "Who is this?" (Luke 8:16-25)

12th May

8.30pm HC 2, "But seek his kingdom..." (Luke 12:22-31)

The Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave

Green is for the grass He made

Yellow is for the sun so bright

Orange is for the edge of night

Black is for the sins we made

White is for the grace He gave

Purple is His hours of sorrow

Pink is for our new tomorrow

A prayer for this Easter time

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SERVING GOD, SERVING COMMUNITY

21st May

8.30pm S o W, 'Reason to Rejoice' (Luke 10:17-24)

28th May

8.30pm S o W, 'Evidence of the Spirit' (John 20:19-23)

S o W – Service of the Word
HC2 – Holy Communion 2

Services

We continue to offer two services each week – one on the Sunday @ 11.00am and a Midweek Service on Wednesday @ 8.30pm, which are both 'In-Church Worship' and 'online'. Our service on Sunday is an 'All-age' Service, lasting no more than 40 minutes, while our Midweek Service is aimed more at adults (with more in-depth teaching from the Bible – currently picking up on one of the passages set for that day), usually lasting no more than 45 minutes. Both services will also be livestreamed on Facebook (uploaded later to YouTube). As numbers attending go up, can we encourage you to choose a service to attend for 'In-Church Worship' and then you can always attend the other service virtually.

For those attending virtually using Facebook, try to come on at the beginning of the countdown timer (10.50am on Sundays and 8.20pm on Wednesdays) and use the time before the service to say hello to others. Also, please like (put thumbs up, hearts, etc.) during the service as this will promote the services to others to watch (as it raises the video's level of engagement). Remember that you can press the thumbs up and heart buttons more than once during a service too.

Easter Packs

The Vestry delivered Easter Packs to all the parishioners, encouraging people to have a cup of tea or coffee, with a biscuit, on Easter Monday – so that although we cannot have a drink together physically, as part of our fellowship, we could have one on the same day and think about each other. The packs also had Jelly Beans, with the prayer (right).

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



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As I write these words, we have celebrated Easter and we are of course mindful of the passing of Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh. As with all who have been bereaved over the past year and more his family have been denied the normal grieving process and we extend our sympathy to them and to all who have been bereaved in recent times. I want to share the words that I wrote on our newsheet on the first Sunday that we were able to worship together – Easter Sunday.

Welcome Back

It goes without saying that I am delighted that we have been permitted to meet in church for worship this morning and pray that this will be the last time we are kept

apart as has been the case over the past year.

I would encourage you to continue to pray for our country and community as well as the rest of the world in these challenging times.

We give thanks to God for the development of the various vaccines that are being distributed and which we trust will allow life to return to something resembling normality soon.

As we move forward, we should do so continuing to trust in God and knowing that no matter what this life throws in our way we are assured that we will spend eternity in God's presence because of the events of that first Easter that we remember and celebrate today (and indeed continue to celebrate throughout the Season of Easter).

While I realise that these words are a few weeks out of date they are worth thinking about, nonetheless. We should never again take for granted the freedom to worship God and we should pray that we will never be denied that opportunity again. I intend to hold a Youth Service on Sunday 13 June at 3.30pm in Drumkeeran Hall. The speaker will be Alastair McFarland the E3 school's worker for this area. We look forward to this service which will provide an opportunity for our children and young people (and of course their families) to gather in an informal way before the summer holidays.

Diary

Sunday 2 May

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckcross and 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 9 May

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckcross and 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 16 May

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckcross and 11.30 Tubrid,

Sunday 23 May

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckcross and 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 30 May

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckcross and 11.30 Tubrid

I am basing this on the churches in the Republic of Ireland remaining closed.

If this changes then the pattern of worship will return to normal which will be highlighted on our Facebook page.



Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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

Chancellor Ian Berry is in charge.

Dartrey and Rockcorry The Pandemic

We may be bored with the virus but the virus is not bored with us. The virus spreads when we let down our defences. We are living in exceptional times. The Covid-19 Pandemic will be spoken about in the future like the Black Death of the mid-1300's and the Spanish Flu of 1918-1919. But when will we be able to talk about it as something that is over. When will it end?

The vaccines remain our major weapon. They will without doubt get the number of hospitalizations and cases of severe disease down to acceptable levels that will mean the pandemic is finally over. We will however, have to live with this virus while the vaccination campaign continues. Pandemic



fatigue is inevitable.

While the virus dominates our lives normal life has to continue. People have been ill, people have been bereaved, people have been lonely, people have been depressed and parents and children have had to deal with the demands of home-schooling. We remember them all in our prayers. At the same time we look forward to the re-opening of our churches in the not too distant future. God bless. Keep safe.

Aughnamullen

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to

Mrs Betty Jordan on the death of her brother Mr Robert Lynch, Toa, Shantonagh.

Crossduff

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Mary Lynch on the death of her husband Mr. Robert Lynch and to her family Robert, David and the extended family circle. The funeral and burial took place in Crossduff Church on Saturday 3rd April conducted by Revd Colin Mc Conaghie, rector of Carrickmacross and Mr Walter Pringle.

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May Services

Sunday 2nd May: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 6th May

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 9th May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogation Sunday

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 13th May: Ascension Day

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 16th May: The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)

11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 20th May

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd May: The Day of Pentecost - Whitsunday

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 27th May

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 30th May: Trinity Sunday

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Holy Baptism

- 10th April – Alice Beth McElwaine
- 11th April – Jack James Nixon
- 18th April – Archie Andrew Hunter
- 18th April - Alfie James Johnston
- 25th April – Heidi Ann West

Burial

- 20th March - Jean Pauline McCusker, 45 Brackvede Park, Enniskillen.



A donation being made to Dean Kenneth Hall by members of the Rowland family.

Cremation

- 14th April – William Colin McCormick 7 Killyhevin Demesne, Enniskillen.

Parish Donation

The Rowland and Kee families wish to thank all those who generously gave donations in lieu of flowers in memory of their beloved Shirley.

The magnificent sum of £17,016 has been presented to the Cathedral and will be used towards re-roofing Shirley's place of worship. When gift aid is claimed this sum will rise to approximately £21,000. Two members of the Rowland family are pictured above making the presentation to the Dean..

The Death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

With the announcement of the death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh we wish to join our voices with the many others who have sympathised with Queen Elizabeth and

their family. We do so while recalling the visit of the Queen and Prince Philip to Enniskillen on 26th June 2012. Those who were present on that day to see The Queen and Prince Philip cross the street from Saint Macartin's Cathedral to enter St Michael's Church will remember the joy of that occasion and its witness to our one community rooted in our common Christian heritage. We remember his lively interest in Enniskillen and his faithful support for the Queen, plainly visible on that day.

Remember, O Lord, your servant Philip, who has gone before us marked with the sign of faith and now rests in the sleep of peace. According to your promises, grant to him and to all who rest in Christ, refreshment, light and peace; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, St Michael's Church (Roman Catholic), Enniskillen
Dean Kenneth Hall, Dean of St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen*



The Dean of Clogher elected to the Chapter of the National Cathedral

The Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, Rector of St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen was elected to the Chapter of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

The Chapter of a Cathedral is the body of clergy responsible for the ministry and mission of the Cathedral. The Cathedral Chapter of the National Cathedral of the Church of Ireland (St Patrick's Dublin) is composed of four Dignitaries (Dean William Morton, Precentor, Chancellor and Treasurer), the Archbishop of Dublin, 12 Diocesan canons to represent each diocese of the Church of Ireland, nine canons elected by the Chapter, and two ecumenical canons elected by the Chapter. The Very Rev Kenneth Hall was elected on Monday 15th March to the prebendal stall of Tassagard and to serve on the Chapter of St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin. Dean Hall was very pleased and honoured to be considered for this position and looks forward to his installation and taking on this role.

For two weeks each year he will be 'in residence in St Patrick's Dublin' with the responsibility of preaching and other duties in the National Cathedral.

Diocesan Pastoral Assistant

We welcome Mrs Sue Hogg to the Parish Ministry Team as she now takes up the role as our new DPA following the retirement of Mr Will Stevenson. Sue was commissioned in 2013 and has served as a DPA in Lisbellaw, Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk, Trory & Killadeas and is at present serving in Rossorry Parish. She will continue her role with Rossorry as well as St Macartin's



St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

Cathedral. She comes with a wealth of experience and we look forward to her becoming a familiar face around the homes in our parish, as soon as restrictions are lifted and visiting is allowed again.

St Macartin's Scout Group

On 1 August 1907, 20 boys gathered together to join the first experimental Scout camp on Brownsea Island, near Poole in Dorset. The man behind the event was Robert Baden-Powell

On January 24, 1908, the Boy Scouts movement begins in England.

As a matter of interest – The Girl Guides movement was formally founded in 1910 by Baden-Powell and his sister Agnes Baden-Powell.

Gradually from 1908 Scouting grew and

developed and is now active in 216 countries with over 31 million members!

A Brief History 1921 – 2021

Although there are reports in the local press of Scout activity in Co. Fermanagh prior to 1921 the first official registration of a Scout Troop with Scout Headquarters was on 23rd March 1921 when 1st Inniskilling Troop was registered. The Scoutmaster was I Pierce and assistant scoutmasters Louis Thornton and Arthur Algeo. There were 18 scouts in the troop.

A Wolf Cub section (later to be renamed Cub Scouts) were registered with Scout HQ on 21st April 1926. The Cubmaster was Ernest McIntyre and assistant Cubmaster Thomas McCaffrey. The pack had 25 wolf cubs.

The beaver Scout section was registered on 9th November 1978 and at this time Beavers



Mrs Sue Hogg.





The Dean with George Irvine of 1st Inniskilling Scouts.

scout movement and we have had a small number over the years. In the early days as well as annual camps locally there are reports of camping in favourites like Bundoran and Mullaghmore and transport would have been by train. The group were active in the community and were present at the opening of the World War 1 Memorial in 1922 and to my knowledge have participated in all remembrance days ever since. During the war years the scouts would go around the houses in town and country at Easter time and collect eggs for distribution to the Hospitals and Workhouse. In 1946 1st Inniskilling troop formed a scout band with instruments lent by the British Legion and played for many years at Scout parades and other local events. The Current Troop flags were dedicated in the Cathedral on 1st November 1953 by the then rector Revd Thomas Clements. This past year has been the most trying to the group with no face-to-face meetings being allowed and other ways to communicate had to be found, Zoom being the leader. Let's hope normal scouting will once again soon take place. Thanks must go to all our leaders past and present who have kept this great movement of Scouting going in Enniskillen without you we simply could not operate. Thanks also to the young people and parents who attend faithfully each week again without you we could not operate. 1st Inniskilling (St Macartin's) Scout have been in continuous existence since 23rd March 1921 and was 100 years old on Tuesday 23rd March 2021. George Irvine gave a summary of the history

of the scouting movement after the service on Sunday 21st March. He is pictured above cutting a cake to mark their 100th Anniversary. The cake was then 'shared' by Zoom on the anniversary, Tuesday 23rd March!

Mothers' Union

This past month our Mothers' Union branch has been busy. We received our wool and fabric supplies which we purchased with our grant monies. The purchase of the fabric materials proved challenging due to the current Covid 19 restrictions. We got there in the end and are presently sorting and distributing to our ladies. In March we ordered some Stay Active Resource cards from Sports NI. These cards showed us how to do seated exercises for flexibility and mobility and low Intensity exercises which included aerobics and strengthening. All a bit of fun and to keep us moving! To finish off the month each member was paid a visit by Jenifer, Sally or Maud and an Easter egg given, which was very much appreciated by all. We look forward to getting back to some normality and hoping to see everyone again in the Autumn.

Prayer

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

were unique to Northern Ireland and did not become recognised by Scout HQ until 1986. Until this date all the beavers in Northern Ireland wore a turquoise blue scarf. After this they became full members of the group and were able to wear the group scarf. The beaver leaders at formation were Mrs Avril Kee, Mrs Hazel Hunter and Miss Allison Hilliard. The colony had 24 beavers. 1st Inniskilling (st Macartin's) Group Scarf is Emerald Green / Black half and half and is worn with the Emerald Green half to the right hand side. From early 1990s girls were admitted into the



Jenifer Johnston of the Mothers' Union with supplies of wool and fabric.



Mothers' Union members received an Easter egg.

Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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Dear Parish Family,

Fifteen years ago at Easter, my family and I moved our lives to Fivemiletown. However many more days or weeks or months or years God gives to us all here, I want to put front and centre our appreciation to so many people across the parish and community who have allowed us to share their lives in both happy and difficult times. Being a ministry family is a particular thing, and we've been learning as we go. We've been blessed with the example of great



clergy families in our home and training parishes and found both supportive and encouraging parishioners across all the churches where we have worshipped. I keep a prayer desk in my home used by one former rector, as a reminder to me of the witness and support of so many clergy and Christians who helped shape our lives. Perhaps above all things, Fivemiletown has been a great place to grow as a family. Both Deborah and I are especially thankful to youth leaders and friends who have contributed so much to our boys' lives during these years.

I thought I was doing really well marking 15 years, until I read this week in the Friends of Armagh Diocese notes, that the rector of one parish stayed for 35 years! However much longer God gives to us here, it is a privilege to be called into Christian ministry, and may I thank everyone who has shown kindness and encouragement to us during this time.

Ministry Notes

We have all done really well to make our way through these last 14 months, and I want to sincerely thank everyone who has committed themselves to help steer us as a Church through these times.

The parish office-bearers Edwin, Florence, David, Alex, John and Stephen have been exceptionally committed, providing wise counsel and helping us negotiate the ever changing guidelines with good grace. Thank you also to Andy and Wendy in maintaining the cleaning and set-up routines for services and special events on two sites. And thank you to Ronnie who has been committed to us across so many years, and whose labour in the Churchyard and parish sites draws respect from so many parishioners and visitors alike.

I couldn't have managed to record services, and work through Facebook and Zoom calls without the unstinting support of Judith and

Elliott and Chris. They are unsung heroes to me and offer their time and commitment unstintingly. Thank you.

Kiltermon Project

A quiet success of recent months has been the developing work to bring to fruition the planned project at Kiltermon. An old word meaning the 'Church of the Sanctuary', Kiltermon's enduring presence on the Fivemiletown to Belfast Road is an important witness and part of the parish's life. Many comment on its peaceful environment and atmosphere, which adds to the appeal of its worshipping life.

When we are able to re-open the building for use, you will find greatly enhanced facilities. A new carpark with lighting is being installed, as well as newly tarmacaded entrance and level door stone. New gravel leads also to a side door entrance to the extended facilities. The west side of the building has been reroofed.

The interior of the church has been repainted and new electric heating installed throughout. From the Baptistry, an entrance has been created into the small corridor with a disability accessible toilet facility. This leads to a larger room which will serve as both a kitchen and Vestry for parish meetings. Progress so far has been remarkable, both by the contractor, painters, and parish in its financial support of this long-anticipated project. The Select Vestry were delighted to receive funding from both the Church Of Ireland Priorities Fund and the National Church Trust.

As we consider how to re-open Kiltermon, given the current restrictions, we look forward to welcoming the parish both to see this new facility, and to worshipping there. Thank you in particular to the Glebes sub-committee of the Select Vestry, who have led on this work, and to Bertie and Joyce as they help us prepare for meeting there again.



Build Up Your Church, Lord
4 Fellowship Evenings

Fellowship doesn't just happen, it needs encouraged and worked at. Join us online for 4 special evenings of worship, sharing, prayer and encouragement, with guests + friends of the parish: Rev'd John Rutter, Kate Doherty Operation Rescue, Claire Holmes SAMS and Val Gibson from Crosslinks.

request zoom link by email: fivemiletownparish2@gmail.com

**4 Fellowship Evenings
to support your discipleship**

8.15pm Thursday 22nd April, Rev'd John Rutter
8.15pm Thursday 13th May, Claire Holmes SAMS
8.15pm BREATHE Pentecost Sunday 23rd May
8.15pm Tuesday 1st June, Kate Doherty Operation Rescue
8.15pm Tuesday 22nd June, Val Gibson, Crosslinks

**'encourage one another,
and do not give up meeting together.'**
Hebrews 10

Church Services

11am Sunday at St John's Church
At present the guidance still asks the parish to open one building and maintain the hygiene and social distancing measures advised. A Sunday service is planned for 11am each week going forwards, at St John's or in the Parish Hall if necessitated.



Breathe

continues to provide a welcome quieter space to many in the life of the parish. Across several years, more than 55 parishioners, members of the diocese and Methodist brothers and sisters have joined in one of our Quiet Days or contemplative evenings. The move on-line has been very successful as many have negotiated technology as a way to gather for fellowship and prayer. Another Breathe is planned for Pentecost Sunday 23rd May, and will be on-line or in person subject to ongoing restrictions. More information to follow.

Thank you

Thank you to so many across the leadership of the parish who have tried to maintain a witness in their group or ministry despite ongoing restrictions. The work which has carried on is remarkable, and is teaching us a lot about our resilience, and what are the essentials of Christian witness in these days.

Communication

It helps us a lot if you could advise us of any changes of family circumstances, pastoral needs or even new postal address, telephone or email details. This can be done by phoning me at the Rectory on 8952 1030, or emailing us at fivemiletownparish2@gmail.com

**Kind regards in Jesus,
Precentor Hanlon**

Fellowship Evenings

4 evenings

These are planned to help promote and develop discipleship in our lives. I've learned during lockdown that even when all structures are set aside, a living relation continues between every believer and the Lord. Learning to pay attention to that relationship is at the heart of following Jesus. And when each of us is strengthened, the Church is stronger. And realising that we benefit from the support of others, four evenings are planned with worship, Bible readings, prayer and special guest speakers. Our last evening saw 25 gather with 10 apologies, so we can hope to build that fellowship.

Email us at the parish and request the link for each evening.

You are very welcome to join us.

Pastoral Offices

Holy Baptism

Six families are preparing for Holy Baptism. Usually Baptism takes place within the Morning service, with the worshipping congregation present. However, temporarily, permission has been given for Baptism to take place mid-week. This allows for the recommended 72 -hour period to pass before the Church building is used again. Numbers attended are limited to eight persons, using the side door entrance to the Baptistry. Preparation is now taking place with visits to family gardens, weather permitting, or via Zoom.

Weddings

Preparation continues, with six ceremonies planned for 2021. Numbers attending are restricted to the building size, and subject to a risk assessment. For St John's this has lifted from 25 persons to 50.

Guidance For Funerals

Until further guidance from the Church of Ireland, the Rector and Select Vestry of Fivemiletown ask those attending a funeral at

St John's Church and/or its churchyard to pay attention to the following:

A service in the house before the Church service/ committal is not permitted at this time.

A maximum of 50 persons may be present for the funeral service in St John's Church or attending a committal in the Churchyard. This number is formed from the space available, and subject to a risk-assessment. This number is to include both the organist and the Rector/ Officiating Minister. Please provide a list to the Rector, of the names of maximum 50 persons attending from the family at least by the evening before the ceremony.

The Church Of Ireland Funeral Service only, or that permitted by the House of Bishops for Committals during this time, may be used.

The wearing of a facemask/covering is compulsory when entering or leaving Church premises, and during the ceremony, with exemption only on medical grounds or when leading the liturgy.

All attending are asked to use the hand sanitizer when entering Church buildings.

The Funeral Director is asked to seat the 50 attendees, by relevant family groups/'bubbles', in the pews allocated only, notify the families that they are required to complete the seating card in each pew, and make direction when leaving: this is to minimize the counterflow across other people.

When possible, a Churchwarden or Sidesperson will attend before the service begins.

Where possible, a period of 72 hours at least will be observed between use of St John's Church. This may mean that a Funeral could be delayed.

Arts and Craft Evening

'God In All Things.'

'Give one thing more... a grateful heart'

How did you use your gifts during lockdown? We had a fantastically successful online Arts and Crafts evening in April, with 25 people participating. Guest speakers shared

their handcraft successes and failures from lockdown, and we leaned about the skills in crafts as varied as Watercolours, storytelling, home-baking, dried flowers arranging, knitting toys, and clothes making. We heard how Knit Pray Love faced making 650 cotton dishcloths for an outreach project, 'one cloth at a time, met Zzub Zzub (buzz in reverse) the Bee character in Nana Bev's book, heard about the remembered freedom to do exciting things like going to 'buy buttons.' We were uplifted as the speakers shared their faith encouragement too and recall words such as 'Give one thing more... a grateful heart', 'May God fill you with all joy and peace', 'You will keep in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee,' and appreciated a book recommendation 'Where is God In A Coronavirus word by John Lennox.

The evening was themed from the abridged words of George Herbert's hymn Teach Me My God And King, into the title, 'God In All Things', reflecting that God is with us as we create with our hands. Thank you to all who spoke and all who listened. Monies realized are to the Smile Train cleft palette repair charity.

A reflection written by one of the Arts and Crafts Evening participants, Jenny Montgomery, retired GP and ordained Minister.



Creativity

'I'm a bit of a mixture. I'm an Irish woman who lived over half her life in Britain. I'm a qualified doctor but also an ordained minister. Although I was ordained in the Church of England and now associate myself with the Church of Ireland, I spend at least half my time working for or worshipping with the Methodist church. Although strongly extrovert by nature I really appreciate time on my own. I love words and things of the mind but am strongly creative, making virtually all my clothes. Clearly there's a lot of variety and contradiction in my life but I hope I'm not like the man John Dryden wrote about: A man so varied that he seemed to be Not one, but all mankind's epitome. Stiff in opinions, always in the wrong; Was everything by starts, and nothing long:

When we moved back to Northern Ireland when I retired from full time ministry, one of our requirements was that any house we bought would have space for a room for each of us, aside from bedrooms, sitting room and so on. My husband's room is clearly a study but mine is perhaps less easy to define. Let's call it a workroom. The most striking thing – apart from the mess! – is the two desks side by side in the room. One is clearly in use as a desk with computer, keyboard and so on. The other is home to my sewing machine, overlocker and the other accoutrements required by anyone who sews seriously. Just looking into my room gives a fair insight into my personality. It could be very tempting to think that the 'desk' end of the room with the computer is the more important. After all, that's where I plan worship and write sermons. Surely this is the 'godly' end of the room and the other end is more frivolous. Didn't Jesus say: *'Consider how the wildflowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. Luke 12.27*

As I've thought about this, I realise that both are equally important. We read in Genesis 1: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth; and then, God created humans: Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness If we are made in the true likeness of our Creator God, creativity in some form must be part of what makes us human. Being able to create something beautiful and bring brightness and light into the world is surely a godly activity. Maybe my two desks aren't so far apart after all. One of the things I lived in the English Anglican church was the use of vestments. By no stretch of the imagination am I high church but I loved the brightness and colour they brought to our worship. Ideally, we should worship God with all our senses. In the Protestant church it often seems as if the only sense involved is that of hearing but worship should engage every part of our being. One of the things which gave me great joy was to make vestments. Doing so was an intensely spiritual activity where I was creating something of beauty to offer to God. We don't often sing the hymn 'Teach me, my God and King' but I believe that there is an important lesson in the words. *Teach me, my God and King,*

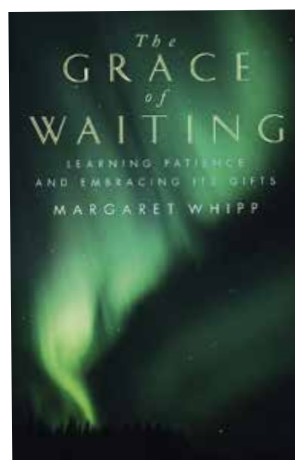
in all things thee to see, and what I do in anything to do it as for thee.

Everything we do, whether writing a sermon, making a dress, peeling potatoes or worshipping in church is all part of what God requires of us. All of our life should be lived in awareness of God. Many of us have found lockdown hard and I'm no exception. Gradually I've come to realise that simply living each day to the best of my ability, whatever I'm doing, is a true offering of worship. Making a coat mightn't sound like worship but, thanks be to God, it can be.'

Jenny Montgomery (Rev'd Dr)

Book Reflection

**The Grace Of Waiting Margaret Whipp
Rev'd Janet Rossall**



'Last Summer Precentor Hanlon mentioned to me, that he would love to be part of a reading group and showed me a book called the Grace of Waiting by Margaret Whipp. Having read the cover of the book my own interest was sparked. Precentor Hanlon got a few more copies in case anyone else was interested and Mamie Alexander joined us. We made arrangements to start at the beginning of September, and because of restrictions knew we would need to meet by Zoom. So a very small reading group was born. We decided to meet

fortnightly taking one chapter each time and taking it in turns to lead through each chapter.

Margaret Whipp was a Consultant Oncologist before becoming a Priest in the Church of England and is now lead Chaplain at the Oxford University Hospitals Trust. She clearly has a wide life experience and gentle understanding of the frustrations and anxieties often felt whilst waiting on God. The book explores vivid metaphors for life's waiting times through The Waiting Room, The Wilderness, The Winepress, The Watch, The Winter, The Womb and The God who waits for us

Margaret has insights in medical, spiritual and practical ways which enable her to walk alongside the sick and suffering in their waiting offering compassion and a real depth of tenderness, but in a way that points not to herself but to the Lord. It is easy to see from her writing that the author has a very close walk with the Lord.

This is a very wise and beautiful book which draws on the experience of un-chosen waiting - in sickness, in old age, in the struggles and frustrations of everyday life the writer has explored these through people's

real-life experiences and also drawn on scripture, poetry and the writings of others to explore the challenges of waiting and where comfort and reassurance can be found. This book for me was very timely for the time and season we have been going through this last year. A time of waiting, isolation, anxiety, frustration. A time when our busyness is taken away, a time to pause, breathe and draw close to the Lord and to learn to wait on him and put our trust and hope in him in what have been some very dark days. When everything else was stripped away to allow Him to fill us and to feed us. Mamie Alexander shared her thoughts. 'This is a difficult, but beautiful book which holds your attention. You are taken into the waiting room to learn to practice the skill of patient waiting as we go through the chapters on a journey towards God to discover he is the God who waits for us.'

Sunday School

Crèche, Sparks, Juniors & Seniors

Pastoral Report from Heather Kirkpatrick, Sunday School Superintendent

2020 has been a very trying yet heartening year for Sunday school. Our Sunday school continues to provide an important ministry



within the parish. It has been a year of growth with more families and children engaging. We as a Sunday school knew we had to diversify and make changes to engage with our families during this pandemic and not being able to physically meet since March 2020. A lot of changes would have to be made.

John 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

We have 102 children within Sunday school (correct on Sunday 11th April '21) from 50 households.

'Sparks' (P1 – P4) was taught by Deborah Hanlon, Julie Corbett and Heather Kirkpatrick. Sparks are assisted by Gail Campbell, Rita Magee, Wendy Little and Norma Kerr. Now currently taught by Deborah Hanlon and Heather Kirkpatrick The junior section of the Sunday School (P5 – P7) was taught by Christine Baxter, Liz Hackett, Zelma Robinson assisted by Ruth Bell until June. From September Juniors was taught

by Julie Corbett, Norma Kerr and Zelma Robinson. The Senior Sunday School (Years 8 – 10) were taught by Yvonne Cunningham, Elliott Hanlon and Melissa Harpur and now currently taught Elliott Hanlon and Melissa Harpur

Liz Hackett retired from teaching Sunday school, With Christine Baxter, Yvonne Cunningham and Ruth Bell taking a break. We would like to thank them all for their hard work and dedication to Sunday school The parish crèche continued to meet in the 'Ark' each Sunday under the capable leadership of Kathryn Wilson and her team, from November this was reviewed and a monthly story by Kathryn has been issued to parents via WhatsApp.

Sunday school follows the following format: Welcome and prayer; Bible story/teaching; workbooks/craft/Bible verses, quizzes and closes with prayer. The children and young people are encouraged to actively engage throughout the lessons. This is currently carried out via Zoom.

As in other years, despite the Pandemic there were also a number of special events within Sunday school. These were just corresponded in a different way. Mother's Day flowers were delivered to the door of the ladies within the parish. For Easter, an Easter craft pack was delivered to children along with an Easter egg. Children were provided with a rainbow colouring pack and these were displayed at Scotts bakery wall for the community to enjoy and see.

Children's Day was held on 14th June 2020. Children and teachers worked hard to deliver a virtual service which included singing, bible readings and a mime with was cast over Facebook and through Whatsapp. Thank you to Elliott Hanlon for piecing this all together for us.

Teachers delivered children with certificates and prizes to their door.

In September 20 Registration packs were delivered to families along with a Sunflower Competition.

For October Children received Harvest Craft Packs. A display was made in a local shop window kindly granted.

On 1st November we held our first monthly virtual Sunday school. The number of children that are engaging has continued to grow. This is a great encouragement to us as teachers.

For Advent a family Christmas Advent wreath pack was

issued to each Sunday School Family. Each family was able to make the wreath and say their advent prayers each week.

The Nativity Service was held on the 20th of December 2020 with Sunday school participating via a virtual performance facilitated by Play It By Ear Drama. This proved extremely popular with all age groups. With teachers Heather Kirkpatrick, Norma Kerr and Elliott Hanlon reading. Seniors performed a very emotional mime which pulled on the heartstrings with many parishioners.

Children were presented with the gift of a Christian book as a gift from Sunday school. I would like to personally acknowledge the passion and commitment from our leaders. May the Lord richly bless and encourage you all as we seek to do the work he has called us to do through his son Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all the families who trust and allow us to guide your children. It truly is a blessing and an honour to help them to grow in their love of God and to understand his teachings. Also to Precentor Hanlon for his continual support.

The future of children's ministry is bright at St John's, and we are excited for another year of continued growth and meaningful ministry albeit we look forward to physically meeting again when permitted.

The Sunday school leaders would ask that members of the church would pray for the children, leaders, helpers and the work of the Sunday School and other young people's ministries within the Parish.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

Thank you to Heather and all of the Sunday School staff for the remarkable ministry they are upholding during these days. Precentor.

Discipleship

by David Watson

Some of the parish have started reading this very challenging book from David Watson.

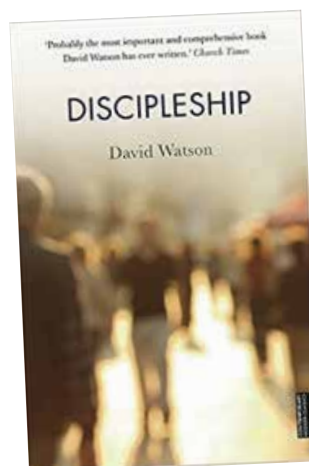
David ministered into the late 1970s at St

Michael Le Belfry, beside York Minster, and had a great influence on his generation in the Church Of England and beyond.

As I read, I keep asking how was it possible for anyone to know so much about the Way of Jesus. It's not head knowledge, but an awareness of the heart and spirit. I recommend this to you.

Copies are available priced about £10 from local Christian bookshops. Real Life Bookshop, Joy Loane 6632 2400

Oasis Bookshop, Val Irvine: 6772 2677



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Reflections on our Covid-19 Journey

This past year we have had **changes** in our lives, **challenges** in our lives and **creativity** has flourished in our lives. We thought we could manage the world but now we know we cannot. Working from home has morphed from a novelty to the mundane. Travel for business or pleasure, once routine, has become non-existent. Seeing friends, going to our favourite restaurants, visiting family — the list of things we can't do, and won't be able to for some months to come, is endless. There is a sameness and lack of novelty in our Covid existence and each day can seem just like the next. How



New appointed Churchwardens of Galloon Parish: Mr William Heaslip (Peoples' Churchwarden) and Mr Richard Bell (Rector's Churchwarden).

could we ever have been equipped for such a time as this? No—one could have predicted that the year of 2020 would render our daily lives unrecognisable from all previous years. It has affected our personal lives, our working lives, and our spiritual lives. No-one or perhaps we feel nothing has remained the same. Maybe we have resented the **changes** that have been imposed upon us, and upon our personal freedom, but most would agree that the restrictions have produced good as well as bad. Our lives have been impacted positively in some areas even though we would never have chosen this method. There are some things we do not miss. Nobody misses commuting. Families have spent a lot more time together. Birdsong has become audible. Many of us are out and about in creation a lot more than we ever were — trying to take care of our bodies, but to a far greater degree, trying to look after our mental health. Most of us would never want to repeat 2020, but it hasn't been all bad. There has been very significant spiritual and personal growth. We have learnt that we have more strength and

resilience than we ever thought possible. We have risen to the **challenges** that this year presented us with. It is amazing what the human spirit can bear. Knowledge is a challenge during a pandemic — there are so many experts on social media who absolutely know everything about the way ahead. Almost as soon as that expert has tweeted, another expert says the opposite. Our governments, north and south, have been trying to negotiate the impossible task of saving lives, and saving livelihoods. Who would want to be making those decisions? We have certainly become more familiar with technology. We have explored new ways of doing and begin a church. We as a parish have responded having Zoom services during the second period of lockdown. We have certainly seen new growth in **creativity** this year. We can open our eyes to amazing new possibilities and find ingenious solutions at times of crisis. We as a parish have done this. Our young people rose to the challenge of providing us with some wonderful models and pieces of artwork made from recycled materials at harvest-tide. Then at Christmas all three congregations became creative on "Dress-up Sunday". People young and old alike have taken part sharing their stories at our Zoom Church Services. We have all been encouraged as each person relates to their own personal journey through Covid-19.

Back in the Pews

"Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord." John 20:20

We have travelled a hard road but we are delighted to be at a new junction. It was wonderful to celebrate Easter back in our pews (albeit only in Northern Ireland). Easter a time when we journey from the cross to the empty tomb and we see our Risen Lord. The Easter story may begin in the darkness, but it ends in the light. That sense of a new direction and intention, of hope that carries us forward, is likely to be mocked by many. The disciples were hidden away behind locked doors, isolated and feeling alone, fearing for their lives. But when Christ rose from the dead he brought back the light of hope into the darkness of despair. Neither the women nor the two disciples had hope when they went to the tomb. Mary was so filled with sorrow, so caught by an utterly reasonable despair that she could not even recognise Jesus when he stood in front of her. Who would recognise someone known to be dead? Yet within a very short period we find Mary announcing that she has seen the Lord. The women went to the tomb in the dark, and there they found the light and hope of Christ risen from the dead. Mary Magdalene turned the disciples' world back to light. May we see our darkness gradually turning back to light as we give thanks to God for all His help, guidance, love, comfort and hope in our lives.

Services in May

If the Government restrictions allow the following services are planned:

Sunday 2nd May 2021 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 9th May 2021 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 16th May 2021 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Family Service

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Family Service

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Family Service

Sunday 23rd May 2021 - The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)



9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th May 2021 - Trinity Sunday

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Group Service

Tribute to His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Revd Lorraine paid tribute to HRH, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh on Sunday 11th April at both Services. Prince Philip having passed away two days previously had died aged 99, was the Queen's husband for 73 years. He was the longest-serving royal consort in British history, the family's patriarch and a well-known figure in public life for two-thirds of a century until his final disappearance into seclusion in 2019. Pledging his allegiance to his wife at her coronation as her "liege man of life and limb and earthly worship." His dutiful support for his wife and his engagement in public visits, ceremonial occasions and foreign trips continued well into old age. He had a tendency to be forthright and sometimes got him into trouble. He certainly gained a reputation for misjudging situations, particularly when he was abroad. Indeed, many saw his so-called "gaffes" as nothing more than an attempt to lighten the atmosphere and put people at their ease. At a speech given at a celebration to mark the couple's golden wedding anniversary, the Queen paid tribute to her husband, the longest-serving royal consort in British history. "He is someone who doesn't take easily to compliments, but he has quite

simply been my strength and stay all these years. And I, and his whole family, and this and many other countries, owe him a debt greater than he would ever claim or we shall ever know." The duke retired from public life in August 2017 after decades supporting the Queen and attending events for his own charities and organisations. Buckingham Palace calculated he had completed 22,219 solo engagements since 1952, and Theresa May, the then Prime Minister, thanked him for a "remarkable life of public service". But his greatest achievement was undoubtedly the constancy and strength of his support for the Queen in the long years of her reign. He believed his job was, as he told his biographer, "to ensure the Queen can reign". Revd Lorraine said the Duke of Edinburgh displayed many characteristics which were to be admired. His commitment and dedication to his wife, family, our nation and the commonwealth has been outstanding and he is to be praised for all the good he did. Revd Lorraine prayed for the Queen, and the members of the royal family at their time of loss. Revd Lorraine said as a group of parishes we wish to join our voices with the many others around this nation and commonwealth who have sympathised with the Queen and to this end she would send on behalf of the parishes a letter to her Majesty and her family.

Easter Vestries

Both Sallaghy and Galloon Parishes have had their Easter Vestries via Zoom as Government restrictions did not permit for us to meet in person. Wishing all elected to serve in the Select Vestry every blessing as we seek to work together and see His kingdom come in Sallaghy and Galloon.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher

Vacant

Vacancy and Pastoral cover provided by the Rural Dean, Canon Alan Irwin (Colaghty)

Service cover provided by Revd Maureen Desborough and Canon Dr William Johnston.

Church Services Diary

Services have resumed with the normal rota.

Until restrictions are lifted in ROI, Kiltyclogher will hold their services in Garrison Parish Church.

Revd Maureen will conduct the services of HC on the first and second Sundays of each month.

Garrison and Slavin on first and third Sundays at 10am and 11.30am respectively
Kiltyclogher and Belleek on second and fourth Sundays at 10am and 11.30am respectively

5th Sunday service on Sunday 30th May will be held in Slavin Church at 11.30am

Thanks During Vacancy

Thanks to Canon Alan for his continued supervision, pastoral care and for carrying out Easter Vestry meetings. Full details of appointments from Vestries in next month's magazine.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone our group of parishes who have been unwell in recent weeks.



Mrs Edith Kirkpatrick with her Maundy gifts.



Garrison Accordion Band Virtual table quiz

On behalf of Garrison Accordion Band, the band leader Lisa Beacom would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the recent Virtual table quiz. £700 was received from quiz entries and donations afterwards.

Thanks everyone for your generous support including all who sponsored prizes.
1st prize- Alan and Shelina Ovens
2nd Prize- Neil and Lorraine Fentie
3rd prize- Richard and Jenny Willis

Special Award of Maundy Money to Mrs Edith Kirkpatrick, from Belleek.

Mrs Kirkpatrick has been nominated by the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Rev John McDowell, to receive the Royal Maundy Gift. Each year, on Maundy Thursday, the Sovereign attends a special Royal Maundy service in a particular Cathedral in the United Kingdom and afterwards distributes the Maundy Gift to certain individuals

who have been nominated by the Church hierarchies throughout the UK. In 2008, Queen Elizabeth II attended her first ever Royal Maundy service outside of England and Wales, when she came to Armagh Cathedral. This year the service was to be held at Westminster Abbey. However, it has had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, the Maundy Gifts were sent out by post, with an accompanying letter from the Queen. The Royal Maundy Service goes back many years, to the 4th century in Italy and Spain and there is a reference to one being held in England in the 6th century, when St Augustine was Archbishop of Canterbury. Direct Royal involvement dates back to at least 1210, when there is a record of King John attending such a service at Knaresborough Castle in Yorkshire. It is generally thought that the Sovereign took part in such services in much earlier times, but this is the earliest record of the Sovereign's attendance. The Royal Maundy Gift consists of two purses, one red and one white. In the Red purse contains a symbolic contribution for clothing. This year a specially minted £5 coin to celebrate the Queen's 95th birthday, is included and also a specially minted 50p coin, which commemorates the 50th anniversary of decimalisation of our currency in 1971. The white purse contains specially minted Maundy money: silver pennies, two-pence, threepence and four-pence coins, all to the value of 95p, the Queen's age.

Quoting from the letter from the Queen...

"Each year, at the Royal Maundy Service, we have an opportunity to recognise, and



give thanks for, work done by countless people for the wellbeing of their neighbours; work that has often been taken for granted or hidden..."

Edith has always shown great love for her family, the community and her Church, where regular worship and service is very much a part of her life. She says that she is humbled and privileged to have been nominated to receive the Royal Maundy Gift this year, and is very pleased to accept it on behalf of all the unsung heroes in our families and in the community, who make more of a difference than even they realise.

Well done Ryan Graham

Ryan Graham from Garrison church and a Year 9 student at ERGS set himself a 100 mile cycling challenge in aid of Air Ambulance NI. Ryan felt he had a special connection to AANI after they attended an accident to help his cousin in May 2018. Unfortunately AANI were unable to save the life of Neil Graham although



Ryan completing his cycling challenge.



everything possible was done. Ryan's family recognise the vital service AANI provides particularly for rural Fermanagh. As well as his fundraiser Ryan signed up to be a junior member of AANI and would encourage any young person under 18 to do the same. Adults can also join and become a member.

Leslie and Wendy and sister Carly are very proud of Ryan who has already raised a huge £2000 for this wonderful charity.

Thanks for Easter Services

Online Services were posted each Sunday and during Holy Week on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Thank you to all who read the lessons and to Robbie Johnston for singing on Good Friday. Special thanks To Doreen Earls for the IT facilitation of the services. Thanks also to Rev Maureen for the Easter Services. It was just wonderful to return to in-church worship. For the Good Friday service in Belleek Dot

Barlow read the Epistle and the Gospel was read by Rachel Love, James Pye, Liesel Zink and Rev. Maureen. Robbie Johnston accompanied by Mrs. Sadie Moore, sang the Celtic Version of 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'.

On Easter Sunday in Slavin Billy Nelson read the Epistle. In Garrison it was read by Dot Barlow. We had beautiful flowers in all churches at Easter. Sincere thanks to those who provided them.

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.



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Congratulations

Congratulations to Trevor and Shiree Ferguson on their recent marriage in Fivemiletown Church of Ireland. The parish wishes them a long and very happy life together.



The wedding of Trevor and Shiree Ferguson.

Thanks

Heartfelt thanks to all who attended the Annual General Easter Vestry in April. This was held socially distanced in the church following a service of Late Evening Office. We welcomed some new members unto the Vestry but sincere thanks go to all those who served so faithfully last year. It was a difficult year for every Vestry as they sought to make their churches safe for everyone but Inishmacsaint Vestry was particularly united, committed and professional in this quest.

A special word of thanks is extended to Mary Elliott who completed three years as Rector's Churchwarden. Mary, along with People's Churchwarden Elizabeth McClelland, did a wonderful job of keeping us in line with COVID-19 regulations making sure we maintained social distancing and wore masks. Elizabeth also continues to keep a record of all who attend services and where they sit. Before reopening on Easter



Revd Stephanie presenting flowers to Rector's Churchwarden, Mary Elliott and People's Churchwarden Elizabeth McClelland in recognition of their sterling work regarding COVID.



Gillian Rutherford at her piano.

Sunday, Mary and Elizabeth spent many, many hours cleaning the church. Thanks to Leeann Muldoon who continues to do a sterling job keeping us all informed, enlightened and encouraged during lockdown via Face book. She continues to diligently record significant church events with her ever-ready camera phone. Thanks again to Andrew Khew who edits the readings, prayers and songs from parishioners enabling them to be put up on Facebook as a continuous service. In particular we thank him for editing over 20 contributions from parishioners when many agreed to read parts of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus for our service on Good Friday evening. As a parish we continue to offer online services in this manner as well as having the church open for regular, though shortened, worship at the usual time of 11.30am each Sunday morning.

GFS

GFS has continued remotely thanks to our creative, imaginative and hard-working leaders! Thank you and congratulations to all the GFS girls.

Praise

Worship through music continues to be provided by Gillian Rutherford who arranges and provides the online worship music as well as the in-church music when allowed. We are so grateful to her and to those who sing solo under her direction – also to Ian who records her and who looks after the sound system in church.

Thanks to Canon and Mildred Hemplebottom for recording a children's talk each Sunday for our online service. They had a well-earned rest after Easter.

Mothers' Union and Well Being Bags

You will see a photograph of the contents of the 'Well Being' bag prepared by members of Omagh Forum with additional items supplied by Laura Rogers and her helpers. These bags include items to keep the mind, body and soul active and also include wool and needles to allow members to continue

knitting teddy bears, hats and blankets for the South West Acute Hospital. We would like to thank Omagh Forum for their generosity and know they have been very active in the Community during the current pandemic.

As minister I would like to take this opportunity to thank the MU leader Mrs Laura Rogers for her committed care of the members of Inishmacsaint Mothers' Union. She is creative in her provision and diligent in her care.

Ducks are now a part of the Woods' animal family. If you are partial to a duck egg, please let Revd Stephanie know as she can't stand them.

Thanks to all the animals who allow themselves to be recorded during Revd Stephanie's online sermons. Pictured below is Billy the dog (driving).



Mothers' Union bag of goodies.

Clinical Pastoral Education (unit one) was undertaken and achieved by Revd Stephanie Woods during the past lockdown. This was an extensive course run over 12 weeks from January to March 2021 with two days a week active teaching and learning. Usually one day a week was spent on zoom (8.30am to 4pm) and one day a week was spent in the CPE teaching centre in Ballyclare, Co Antrim (8.30am to 4pm) although sometimes both days were spent in Ballyclare. The rigorous nature of the course only added to its value as it focused on how to minister to those in any kind of difficulty but in particular those in hospital or prison. The emphasis was on how to relate to a person as a 'human document' and provide them with the help they needed on whatever 'page' they were on at the moment of interaction. Revd Stephanie is deeply indebted to Sister Maryjo Corcoran, the director of CPE, and her supervisor Revd



Revd Stephanie with her CPE colleagues and Sister Maryjo to the left.

Don Gamble (who used to be the rector of Dromore Parish in this diocese). She also learned a great deal from the other five participants on the course (two Catholic Deacons, one Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Minister, one Methodist Chaplain and one Quaker Chaplain). Many thanks to Archbishop John McDowell and Bishop-

Elect Ian Ellis for giving permission to attend this course.

Sympathy

As a parish we would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the late Billy Crooke, formerly of Enniskillen and the late Ian Kettyles, formerly of Maguiresbridge.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Tattoos, Children's Drawings and Commitment

"Fern Britton's Holy Land Journey", was on the TV over Easter time documenting her travels to Israel to find out more about the final days of Jesus from Palm Sunday to the crucifixion. Fern admittedly confessed that although she considered herself to be a Christian she felt that she wasn't a very good one but hoped that her journey might change that. There have been numerous welcomed programmes and documentaries produced, giving insights and background information, from the places where Jesus walked to the landscape around Jerusalem and Galilee but, for me the interesting aspect of the programme was Fern's personal experience of her journey. She was open to learning and being confronted with the facts

from archaeology and history, the evidence at hand, and was at moments moved to tears as the events of Jesus' life and death were discussed in the locality where it all happened. At the end of the journey, she made the decision to get a tattoo on her wrist of a small cross that would be a permanent reminder of her experience in the Holy Land, an experience that seemed to touch her deeply.

Whatever age and stage we may find ourselves at, we might possibly remember a time when one of our children or grandchildren came running up and presented their freshly scrawled masterpiece to us. Their eyes were alive and anticipating our reaction. And of course, the reaction they were waiting for was one of total shock and deep appreciation that someone so young could produce an artwork to accomplished. Sometimes we knew what it was without asking but oftentimes, not. The next appropriate action was to go and find a place for

it on the fridge or on some other prominent feature that could take a bit of Blue-tack. The truth behind it all was that we really did love the picture, not because of the accomplished nature of it, for that wasn't there, but because the artist, whom we had a relationship with, had drawn it and thought of us. The picture was a symbol of a relationship between the artist and the one gifted it. The picture represented a love connection and was indeed an expression of that love and valued on those grounds.

I read a story recently about a mother who was presented a picture from her young son and instead of heading for the fridge or reaching for the Blue-tack, she went along to a tattoo parlour to get the picture, representing the love connection she had with her son, tattooed in ink on to her body. It was a sacrifice of time and money and some discomfort, but I'm sure she thought that it was worth all she had to give because this represented the love of her son for her



– and now, in ink, her love for her son. She would forever have the visible representation of her son's love in her skin. It was only after the tattoo was inked in and paid for that some time later, she was to discover that the picture that her son gave her was not his, it had been drawn by someone else. What now? The tattoo had lost all its value and significance. It was supposed to be a permanent reminder of the experience of love and relationship but now it was only the meaningless representation of a stranger's naïve and childish artwork. What might the lesson be? It might be something like, be sure you are making the right commitment for the right reason before you make it because getting it wrong could make your commitment meaningless. If ever there was a time when the disciples of Jesus felt like they had a good reason to commit to following Him surely it was after the resurrection. The resurrection changed everything. Jesus had overcome death itself. He had proved His words to be trustworthy and true. If they weren't sure before, or had doubts on Good Friday, then all that changed. Jesus was alive and victorious. As we now move on towards Ascension and then Pentecost we consider

our commitment to Jesus and the gospel that He has sent His followers out to live out and declare and demonstrate. What are we committed to? What ideas are the focus of our commitment? Are we committed to the right things or is it possible that our commitment to at least some of the things that we find important, is meaningless? We need to know! Perhaps as we journey through the month of May, we might take time to make sure that we are committed to the right things – and especially the right person, Jesus. He told His disciples that it was better for them that He would leave them, for then He could send the Holy Spirit. This Holy Spirit would be with them to empower them and gift them and cause them to be fruitful, leading them into all truth. He is still about the same business today. May our challenge be to be committed to Jesus and let go of anything, whether ideas or practice, that cause us to be misguided in our commitment. Let us make it simple as Jesus did for us... love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbour as yourself, going into all the world making disciples of all nations and teaching them the things that Jesus has taught us.

A service 4 everyone

We are open again

It's great to have our church doors open again and hopefully as the vaccine makes the rounds confidence will grow and so will attendance. As was the case during the period from Harvest to Christmas, our services will have a little something for everyone and be a little shorter than usual too. It has been great to see families coming out again and reconnecting even though at present we are without our Sunday School. We continue to have a drive-in option at Kilskeery Parish Church during the service which a good number avail of. We look forward to a time when the drive-in is no longer required but until then we are blessed by so many who make it possible. We are looking forward to catching up with a waiting list for baptisms and weddings and look forward to restrictions easing further, enabling social events to take place and a return to visiting. We also look forward to welcoming Bishop Ian among us and look forward to his leadership and oversight in the diocese.

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.

Holy Week

Each evening during Holy Week and on Good Friday we were able to post short prerecorded services on Facebook, introduced and concluded by the Revd. Colin. Thanks to Lynda and her daughter Alice for their lovely singing during the week; to Sadie Speight, Lizzie Hogg, Gary Black, Isobel Stewart, Robert Dane and Ruth Morrison for reading and to five of our young people, Kacey, Jake, Charlie, Mia and Hannah for leading the prayers so well.

Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday morning, a service of Holy Communion, led by the Revd Colin was live-streamed from the church to Facebook as was a Service of Morning Prayer on the following Sunday - 11th April.

Return to Church

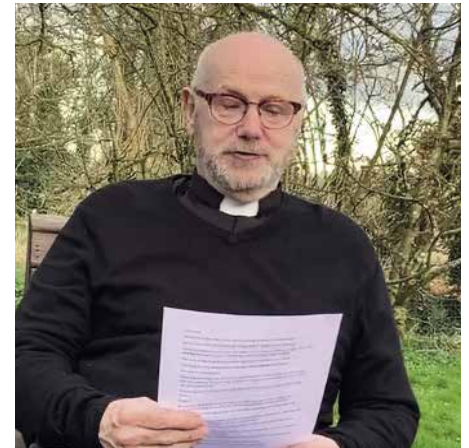
At the time of writing it has just been confirmed that the congregation may return, albeit, socially distanced and with face coverings on Sunday 18th April. All services will continue to be live-streamed for those who do not yet feel ready to return.

Annual Easter Vestry Meeting

At the time of writing, it has been agreed that the Annual Easter Vestry Meeting will take place in the church, following a short service on Wednesday 21st April at 7.30.

Death

It is with deep sadness that we record the peaceful death at her home on Easter Sunday, 4th April 2021 after a short illness, of Mrs Jean McElroy of Rathview, Lisbellaw, dearly loved wife of Jimmy, beloved mother of Linda, Adele and Ian and a dearly loved grandmother and sister. To Jimmy and to all the family we extend heartfelt condolences at this sad and difficult time. After a private funeral service in the church on Tuesday 6th April, conducted by Dean Kenneth Hall and



Revd Colin Brownsmith.



Robert Dane.



Sadie Speight.



Lizzie Hogg



Jake.

assisted by The Revd Stephanie Woods, former rector of Lisbellaw and the Bishop Elect of Clogher, the Revd. Canon Ian Ellis, Jean was buried in Tattygar Cemetery.

Tribute to Jean

In the Diocesan Magazine of May 2020 the Revd Stephanie paid tribute to Jean who had, just a few weeks earlier, received Maundy Money from Her Majesty the Queen in recognition of her service to the parish and the wider community of Lisbellaw. Her words then captured very well the work which Jean did in our parish and will give some idea of how sorely she will be missed by us all. 'Jean is a worthy recipient of this honour. Those of us in Lisbellaw know of her tireless involvement and work in Mothers' Union, Wednesday Club, Women's Institute and the Catering Committee amongst other things. She co-ordinates the flower rota in church and often produces flower arrangements at the request of others who wish to mark particular anniversaries. She provides delicious afternoon tea twice a year for those who meet for Holy Communion in the Parish Centre at Christmas and Easter. Characteristically, during this time of lock down, Jean has been busy baking bread, buns and cakes which have been

distributed to parishioners...? We thank God, for every remembrance of her.

Prayers

We continue to remember in our prayers all in our parish and community who are grieving, especially those families who have been so recently bereaved. We pray too for all who are ill, in hospital or at home, undergoing tests or treatment, or at home waiting for operations or recuperating. We remember too all who are lonely, in nursing homes, or at home, but still separated from the company of their families and friends in these difficult days. Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." John 11v 25-26 has also been pre-recording and sharing her musical gifts to bless and encourage thousands of people each week across Northern Ireland and much further afield.

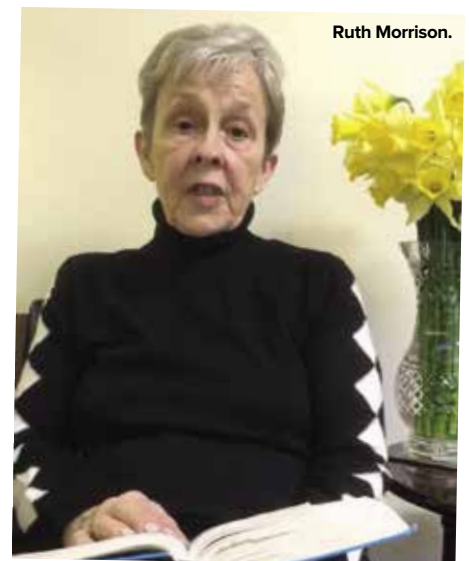
Pastoral Concerns

If you need or anyone known to you in the parish of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck needs pastoral help in these difficult and testing days, please contact the

Rector's Churchwarden, Robert Dane on 02866387213. Robert will be happy to put you in touch with the Revd. Colin. Please, please share this with anyone you know who isn't on Facebook or does not subscribe to this magazine.

Lent and Easter

At the time of writing it has just been announced that churches will be open for worship from Good Friday onwards. It is difficult at the moment to be specific about upcoming services in Lisbellaw but we



Ruth Morrison.



Gary Black.



Isobel Stewart.

do hope to be able to livestream from the church on Easter Sunday Morning.

Annual Easter Vestry Meeting

Our third Vestry Meeting by Zoom was held on Thursday 18th February and chaired by the Dean. The Annual Easter Vestry Meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 21st April and will be held, DV in the Parish Centre at 8.00pm.

Death

It is with sadness that we record the peaceful death at his home on Monday

8th March 2021 of Mr Victor Beacom of Derryhoney, Lisbellaw, dearly loved husband of Peggy, father of Vivian, Gwen, John and David and a dearly loved grandfather, brother and cousin. To Peggy and to all the family we extend heartfelt sympathy at this sad and difficult time. After a private funeral service in his home conducted by Dean Kenneth Hall, Victor was buried in the Churchyard.

Prayers

We continue to remember in our prayers all in our parish and community who are

grieving, especially those families who have been so recently bereaved. We pray too for all who are ill, in hospital or at home, undergoing tests or treatment, or at home waiting for operations or recuperating. We remember too all who are lonely, in nursing homes, or at home, but still separated from the company of their families and friends due to the continuing lockdown.

Jesus said; "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." John 11v 25-26.

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Services for May

Sunday 2nd

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th

10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 16th

10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd

10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th

10.30am Morning Prayer

Burial

■ Wednesday 24th March

Dorothy Esther Gardiner (Dorrie), 21 Kilmore Green, Lisnaskea.

■ Tuesday 13th April

Albert McGirr, Newbridge Road, Lisnaskea.

Our thoughts and prayers are with both families at this very difficult time.

Members of our choir in particular have a lot of happy memories of Albert, who was a very faithful member for many

many years. He always made an effort to attend practices and all of our trips to other churches when we were invited to be part of services. Quiet and unassuming, he will be sadly missed when we finally get together as a group to sing again in church.

Back to church

How lovely it was to return to our church building on 11th April on what was a beautiful Spring morning. It was great to see so many there and we trust as time goes by more and more people will feel comfortable enough to come back.

Social distancing and the wearing of face coverings are still compulsory and strictly adhered to. Services are kept to around 30/40 minutes.

An audio of the Rector's sermon can be received via What's app or email and you can also access his website on: www.alancapper.com

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any queries about this.

General Vestry

Our General vestry meeting was held by zoom this year on 24th March.

There were only a couple of changes with Hilda Latimer replacing Hazel McDonald as People's Churchwarden and Wilson Keith taking the place of Andrew Kells as a vestryman as Andrew wished to step down.

Not everyone who comes to Jesus is a Follower

I was sitting and thinking about Matthew 13 which starts with a familiar story "The parable of the Sower" and wondering how I would start... How could I write about this Parable?

I thought about starting a number of times and, in a way, ended up with some different starting points... So sit back...rest...ponder and start again.

And then...I saw it, never thought of it that way and the title came to me. Actually, God gave it to me "Not everyone who comes to

Jesus is a Follower"

I nearly didn't write it like that felt I should have said "Everyone who comes to Jesus is not a Follower"

But I felt a check in my spirit and left the title as it says since it follows on from what Jesus says about Parables and knowing the truth.

In Matthew 13:10 – 17 the Disciples question Jesus about why He speaks in Parables "He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given." (Matthew 13:11)

This at first seemed harsh and so I pondered a bit more and then I saw it.

"And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore." (Matthew 13:2)

The "multitudes" are the "them" that Jesus is referring to. These "multitudes" sought Jesus out, they wanted to hear Him, they wanted to "see" Him, they needed Him for healing.

ALL of which they received... BUT they did NOT follow Jesus, they returned home. TODAY we might say... they were entertained... seen enough and left...

They got what they came for now back to life...

The Disciples, on the other hand were "Followers" of Jesus He was their ALL. Now before you start thinking that there were ONLY twelve followers this is what Paul records: "After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once" (1 Corinthians 15:6)

Talking about the people that Jesus appeared to after His resurrection there were more Followers or Disciples than we realise we tend to think of "The Twelve" as being the only ones but as you can see The Bible doesn't say that

So which are you? Are you part of the "multitude"?

Or are you a Disciple and Follower of Jesus? Is He your ALL? Or are you just visiting?

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We were delighted to be able to resume in-church worship in April. We did so on Easter Sunday with a well-attended celebration of Holy Communion at 9am in the Church followed by Morning Prayer for Easter at Ferney Park as a Drive-In. The service was conducted by Howard McMorris with prayers by Valerie McMorris and the rector addressed the gathered congregation from a stage decorated with floral arrangements by Margaret Watson. A number of cars were also decorated and displayed Easter Bonnets! We are very grateful to all who helped with set up and marshalling of the service and to Ballinamallard United Football Club for the space.

On Easter evening on Northern Sound radio, we were able to broadcast a pre-recorded version of Easter Communion with a small section of our choir and assisted by Howard and Valerie McMorris with



Archdeacon Harper delivering a gift.



The platform ready for the Drive-In service.

the rector celebrating communion and preaching.

Easter Vestry

Our Easter Vestry met by Zoom on April 11th. Richard Coulter was appointed as rector's Churchwarden and Julie Heatherington as people's Churchwarden with Roly Hurst (rector's) and Wilfie Crawford (people's) also continuing as Glebewardens. Proposals were received for the remaining membership of the Select Vestry and the votes were returned to the tellers over the next two days. As a result, the following were elected to Select Vestry: Kenny Armstrong, Liane Armstrong, Ernie Fisher, Harold Graham, Warren Kerr, Gordon Lee, Richard McBride, Jenny McCrea, Howard McMorris, Sammy Nixon, Joan Quinn-Vaughan and Henry Robinson.

May

Our services will continue throughout May at 11am each Sunday and will also be online on our Facebook page. May 16th is National Sports Sunday and, as Ballinamallard has a strong sporting presence, this will be the focus of our service on that day. Coincidentally, it falls

on the eve of the rector's 60th birthday. He had planned to mark this day with the London Landmarks Half Marathon in aid of Prostate Cancer UK. However this was postponed until August and it is therefore replaced by his personal Ballinamallard half marathon. After church, at noon, he will run 13.1 miles around the parish, taking in various landmarks on the way and all the housing developments. Parishioners Simon Johnston, Ryan Smyth, Michael Haveron and Andy Maguire will also be raising sponsorship for Prostate Cancer UK with their participation four rounds of golf (approx 26 miles) at Enniskillen Golf Club in July.

Community

Thank you to the Football Club and to Ballinamallard Scouts for organising lunch and hamper deliveries across the community. It has been greatly appreciated.



Easter bonnets.



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Rebuilding

As we grapple with the future, not only due to the impact of Covid-19 but also with the many challenges in the increasingly changing and complex society around us, we have an opportunity to co-operate and collaborate with the purposes of God in what might be dubbed 'a new cultural moment'. A moment when an element of rebuilding will be required in society as a whole as well as within the church community. Life in the months and years

ahead is not simply going to be marked by 'going back to normal'. There can be no doubt that we will see some social things begin to normalise. However, we will more than likely have to come to terms with the fact that the culture around us has been through a process of profound change over this last year. As a church community, as followers of Jesus, we will need to work out how to be present, in biblical terms as 'salt and light', within the spaces we occupy with a commitment to pray and act 'for the kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven'.

In the process of rebuilding, if we are to be the 'heaven on earth people' and the 'new creation communities' we are called to be in Jesus Christ then we, among other things, will need to be earthed and grounded in the narrative of scripture, and crucially Spirit-led: mobilised, empowered and dependent in and on the Spirit. This opportunity to participate with God's purposes as disciples of Jesus in this 'new cultural moment' requires a power that matches his intentions. This power is to be found in the person and work of the Holy Spirit. The Church participates in the world, in the culture it finds itself in, through the person and work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives authority, wisdom, guidance, power, gifts and fruit to enable and equip the Church to live into its mission – to be the 'salt and light' and to pray and act 'for the kingdom to

come on earth as it is in heaven'.

In the season of Pentecost which lies before us, may we be challenged and reminded to welcome the person and work of the Holy Spirit – may we be drawn afresh with a holy curiosity to his animating, energising, equipping and empowering presence as we seek to participate in the work of rebuilding here on earth as it is in heaven – releasing the 'God flavours and colours' into the society in which we live.

We pray the ancient prayer, 'Come, Holy Spirit'.

Looking back

It was with great joy that we gathered for in-person worship on Good Friday and Easter Day.

There was some more joy as a number of households received a 'Tea for Two' box and Easter eggs were distributed to the children of the church. A big thank you to all involved – very much appreciated.

Prayer

As with many others we continue to pray for Her Majesty the Queen and members of the Royal Family in the wake of the death of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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"For I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side!" They conspire against me and plot to take my life" (Psalm 31:13). In times of crisis people often find it easy to identify with the psalmist. The COVID-19 pandemic has turned our world upside down and is challenging every nation around the world, and it has, and it continues to challenge us as individuals in ways we never imagined possible. As people continue in social distancing, and in isolation, many are asking themselves: Will I have a job? Is the food supply secure? Will I become sick? Like

psalmist, we, too, keep hearing of the "terror on every side,"

In (verses 14-15) the psalmist encourages us move past the terror that surrounds us and say, "But I trust in you, Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me".

(Verse 5) "Into your hands I commit my spirit". At this Easter Season we instantly recognize these words as the last words our saviour uttered to his heavenly Father in prayer on the cross (Luke 23:46)

This is a good prayer for us to keep in the forefront of our minds during the coronavirus pandemic—regardless of what the future may hold. We can confidently entrust ourselves, and our families to the goodness of God in the awareness that we are indeed his children through the sacrifice of his son on the cross for our sins.

Future Worship

We are delighted to have returned to in-church worship on 'Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, and we intend to continue with this—all-be-it under (Covid-19) restrictions which are absolutely necessary to keep



our parishioner's safe. We will continue to broadcast live on our Parish's Facebook page every Sunday morning from Maguiresbridge Parish Church, so that those people who may still feel vulnerable can join with us.

Maguiresbridge New Kitchen

Congratulations to all concerned for their magnificent effort in completely refurbishing the kitchen in the Parish hall. A special

thanks to Mr. Ivan kettyles, who give so much of his time as he took on the role of project manager, clerk of works, coordinator, and every other role that was needed to see this project reach its conclusion, during an exceedingly difficult time in our history. I know that Ivan wants the efforts of all of those who make up the kitchen committee team acknowledged, and they would like to thank the suppliers, who through their

professional skills helped to bring the project to a very successful conclusion;

- Dunlop Kitchens Maguiresbridge (main supplier)
- Stephens Catering Equipment Ballymena (Specialise cooking and refrigerated equipment).
- G R White Tempo (electrical installation).
- Ian Short Seskinore (Plumbing)
- Jim Coulter Lisnaskea (Specialised

flooring).

- Keith Wilson Maguiresbridge (Painting).

Special thanks to Mrs Myrtle Jackson whose services were much appreciated in choosing the colour scheme for the kitchen and main reception area.
On behalf of the vestry and parishioners I say thank you to all those who were involved, it was truly a marvellous achievement!

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Sunday Services
 With COVID restrictions we are limited to holding services online. We will be on Facebook live at 10:30am each Sunday morning.

Holy Week and Easter
 During Holy Week we joined with the other churches in Monaghan for services on Facebook live using a page set up for Holy Week. The town clergy took turns to lead and to preach each night taking the theme of "5 reasons Jesus came to die". This was the second year we had done this online and though it was frustrating only being able to have the two clergy and those running the technology on site in the church it was good to gather together people from the different congregations online. Instead of our dawn service we posted on the Facebook page, a short service of readings and hymns at dawn on Easter Day
 On Easter Day we had an online service when we looked at the resurrection using our senses and how we can know it is real and why it matters.

Easter General Vestries
 We plan to hold these meetings whenever it is possible to do them in person.

Bible Study
 Our Bible Studies continue on Wednesday nights at 8pm on Facebook live. In this Easter season we're going to look at some of the events that happened after Easter with Jesus and the disciples. Here are the

- passages we will look at
- ~ spreading rumours Matthew 28v11-15
 - ~ walking with friends Luke 24v13-35
 - ~ meeting the disciples John 20v24-29
 - ~ eating with the disciples John 21v1-14
 - ~ reinstating Peter John 21v15-25



~ what Jesus' followers are to do Matthew 28v16-20

Illness

Please remember in prayer those who are ill or recovering from illness, the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

State exams

We wish all those doing assessments and sitting the state exams every success and blessing as they study in these coming weeks.

Condolence

We offer prayerful sympathy to Mr Chris Treacy and family on the death of his brother in law.

Looking forward in this Easter season

As I write these notes we find ourselves in circumstances which are frustrating and encouraging at the same time.

We don't quite know what is to happen next with restrictions, what we will be allowed and encouraged to do or not to do.

We are a bit like the disciples who after Jesus' death, resurrection, appearances and even his ascension back to heaven, weren't all sure what would happen next, what they were told to do, what they could do.

But like the disciples, even in the uncertainty of our situations, we do have the reality of Jesus' resurrection to know and believe in. We do have the assurance of faith that Jesus died for our sins. We do have the presence of the Holy Spirit with us in our lives.

This is a frustrating time, even with the encouragements we can see from time to time. We carry on keeping close to God, celebrating what he has done for us in raising Jesus from the dead. Sin is atoned for, death is defeated, the way to God and life lies open for us to take with and by faith.

Do please keep in touch with each other. Do also let me know of any needs whether practical or spiritual that I could help with.

I close with a collect of Easter to assure us of God's presence.

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

Rossorry

Vacant

Dean Kenneth Hall is in charge

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These notes, below, are prepared by Gerry in the Parish Office on behalf of the Parish. If there are any items you would like me to cover, or photographs of parish events, please let me know before the submission date which is the 15th of the preceding month.

Rector's Farewell

On Easter Sunday, 4th April 2021 immediately after the Service of Holy Communion, the Parish said farewell to our Rector, Canon Ellis and his wife Heather. The Church was packed to capacity (subject to social distancing rules) and we could not have fitted one more person in. A truly fitting tribute to the love and respect which the Parish held for Canon Ian. Nigel Irvine acted as MC for the event and led the tributes to Canon Ellis and Heather. He outlined the many events and projects which the Rector led us through over the last six years. He went on to mention Canon Ellis's qualities of inclusiveness, leadership, pastoral caring, concern, kindness and support to all who needed it



Canon Ian Ellis and Heather receiving gifts.

over his six years with us. Nigel mentioned the unswerving support which Canon Ian offered to every one of the Parish organisations by attending meetings and showing his support. He was a friend to young and old and all shades in between, involving as many as possible into services and events. He also spoke of his contribution to the many committees and appointments in the town and the Diocese which Canon Ian managed to find time for. As a pastor, the Parish loved his humility, compassion, sincerity, Christianity and his sermons! Behind every good man stands a better woman and Nigel praised Heather for

her support to Canon Ian with his heavy workload in a busy Parish and her own many contributions to the activities and wellbeing of the Parish.

There then followed a presentation of many gifts to the Rector and his wife from:-

- The Select Vestry
- Sunday School
- The Choir and m-Blaze.
- The Rossorry Branch of Mothers' Union.
- The Parish Prayer Group.
- The Wednesday Club.
- 1st Rossorry Guides
- Rossorry Parent and Toddler Group.
- 1st Rossorry Scouts.



Heather Ellis says thanks and farewell.

- Rossorry Bowling Club.
- The Parish Readers.
- A gift cheque from the people of the Parish.

The Rector then responded to thank everyone for the wonderful array of gifts presented to him. He said how touched he was by the show of appreciation and affection shown to him as he leaves. He also spoke of the wonderful family of parishioners and organisations in the Parish and how privileged he felt to be part of that. He said how much he and Heather, and all his family were going to miss the life of Rossorry, but he felt that his calling to be Bishop was a call he could not avoid. It was going to be a challenge for him, and he asked for our prayers to support him in the future. He said he would pray for us as a Parish as we moved forward, and he was sure that we would soon have a new Rector to lead us into the next period of Parish life.

Heather then spoke warmly of her time in



Nigel Irvine leads the tributes.

Rossorry, the many friends they had made and her wishes for the future of the Parish. She thanked everyone for the beautiful gifts which would remind her of her happy times, here in Rossorry.

The Presentation ended with Andrew Irwin serenading the couple with a rousing rendition of 'Time to say goodbye!' (made famous by Andrea Bocelli in 1995).

If you wish to see the Presentation on video – go to Facebook – Rossorry Parish Church

Letter of thanks from Canon Ian and Heather

Heather and I would like to thank the Churchwardens, Select Vestry and parishioners of Rossorry Parish for the lovely farewell event held at the conclusion of Easter Sunday's Holy Communion Service. We were both very moved by the occasion, both by Nigel Irvine's kind words and the lovely presentations made to us. We wish to express our deepest gratitude



Rector says thank you and goodbye.

to the Select Vestry and Churchwardens for the beautiful print of the church and the gift cheque presented to us on behalf of the parishioners of the parish. We were simply astounded by your generosity and thank you most sincerely for your kindness. Thank you also to the various parish organisations who made individual presentations: Sunday School, Choir, Mothers' Union, Prayer Group, Wednesday Club, Guiding Organisations, Scout Groups, Parent and Toddler Group, Bowling Club, and the Parish Readers. We really appreciate all your thoughtful gifts and kind messages.

As we said on the day, we have so many memories to treasure of our time in Rossorry; we thank you again for your friendship and helpfulness as we worked together in this parish. We look forward to coming among you hopefully many times again in the future. With kindest good wishes and renewed thanks.

Canon Ian and Heather



Andrew serenading the Rector with 'Time to say goodbye!'.



Garry Clarke presents on behalf of 1st Rossorry Scouts.



Update on the Consecration of our new Bishop

A new date for the Consecration of Bishop-elect, Canon Ian Ellis, has been set for 26th April 2021 at Enniskillen Cathedral now that Worship is, again, to be permitted in church but by invitation only.

Sunday School

Sunday School materials for the second term have been sent online by Carol (Sunday School Superintendent) to all those families who opted to take part in keeping Sunday School going during this difficult time.



A big thanks to all the parents who are taking part, on top of all the home schooling and other restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic and to Carol for coordinating the effort. The children were encouraged to reflect last month on Mothering Sunday and what it means.

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

As you probably know, by now, the Church has had to close again, as part of the plans to combat the recent upsurge of Covid-19. There is one Sunday service each week at 10am, in Church and recorded and available on the 'Rossorry Parish' Facebook page.


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 also be screened on Facebook.



Rossorry Weekly News

The weekly News Sheet is still being produced. It contains the text of the Sunday

 <h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">ROSSORRY</h1> <h2 style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">PARISH CHURCH</h2>	<p>Sunday 18th April 2021 The Third Sunday of Easter</p>
<p><i>If you know that He is righteous you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of Him</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>1 John 2:29</i></p>	<p>If you cannot attend in person—then check online over the weekend for video of the recorded Service on Facebook:- Rossorry Parish Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE READ THE SAFETY PROTOCOL (Copy in the Seat)</p>
<p><i>(Using the Book of Common Prayer- BCP)</i></p> <p>Introduction and Opening Hymn - 263</p>	
<p>1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne, hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own: awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.</p> <p>3. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his wondering eye at mysteries so bright.</p>	<p>4. Crown him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife, for those he came to save: his glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.</p> <p>6. Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime: all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 0.8em;">Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-94) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903) Music: George J. Elvey (1816-93)</p>
<p>The Greeting The Lord be with you. And also with you.</p>	
<p>A Sentence of Scripture <i>'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 0.8em;">1 Peter 1:3</p>	

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 house bound, maybe help with groceries or medication etc. have been curtailed by the change in 'lockdown' regulations. 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.

Mothers' Union

Heather Ellis hosted her last meeting as leader of the branch on Thursday 18 March 2021 again via Zoom due to the Covid pandemic. Those who attended the zoom meeting outlined how they had been coping with the restrictions in place. Sympathy was expressed to members, Patsy Long and Beth Acheson on the death of Ernie Long



(husband and brother respectively). It was also a time of reflection on the last three years since Heather became our branch leader. The members enjoyed many varied meetings and visits, always with the Mothers' Union annual theme in mind. In her closing remarks Heather thanked everyone who helped to build MU during her time in Rossorry. Diane Donaldson thanked Heather for her leadership, for her inspiration to all with her enthusiasm, creativity and attention to detail. We hope to meet in person again when restrictions are lifted. On Easter Sunday gifts from Rossorry Mothers' Union were presented to Heather from the members on her leaving the parish.

Freewill Offerings

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 (now on Yellow envelopes for 2021)— 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.

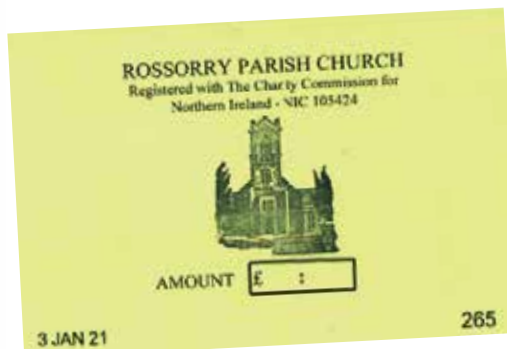
Throughout the period of the Pandemic, the Parish continues to have ongoing costs and your contribution is vital in sustaining its work and ministry.

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 or envelopes through the door or in



the post, etc—if there is anything I can do to help.

Tel:- 02866 329889

Email :- rossorryoffice@btinternet.com

SERVICES for May 2021

- In Church and online

Sunday 2nd May

10.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 9th May

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Sunday 16th May

10.00am - Morning Prayer.

Sunday 23rd May

10.00am - Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th May

10.00am - Morning Prayer

Visiting Clergy and Diocesan Readers will continue to deliver Services and Catherine will upload video Services for Sundays on Facebook.

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

Contact Us...

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Facebook: Rossorry Parish Church

We update regularly events in the church as well as weddings and christenings.

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Funeral

■ 26th March - Maria Dorothy Semple, Camgart Road, Clabby.

Our sympathy and prayers with her husband, Will and all the family circle.

I have calmed and quieted my Soul:

As we begin to come out of lockdown. Back into “normal” life again and as life appears to speed up again as we have more and more activities added to our personal to-do lists. I would like to encourage us, with God’s help that we should keep the teaching of Psalm 131 in the forefront of our minds. In speaking of this Psalm Charles Spurgeon said, “It is one of the shortest Psalms to read, but one of the longest to learn. It speaks of a young child, but it contains the experience of a man in Christ.” Although this is a short Psalm it is a denial of pride, arrogance, and selfish ambition.

*O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things*



*too great and too marvelous for me.
2 But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.*

*3 O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.*

In these verses the psalmist is reflecting on his refusal to give in to pride or anxiety. He is not dreaming about how to become famous or powerful or renowned. His attitude is marked instead by humility: “My heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvellous for me” (v1). Instead, he has “calmed and quieted [his] soul,” like a small child secure, docile and silent in the care of his mother (v2).

This is true security. The Bible is full of assurances to those who embrace this healthy quietness of soul to which God draws near. After all, what does such a posture communicate? It declares to the

Lord that we are trusting in Him, not in our own plans, cleverness or ambitions. As the psalm concludes, to bear such an attitude is to “hope in the LORD” (v3).

Can we with all honesty say that we have calmed and quieted our soul? Under the threat which COVID-19 poses yet still can we say that we have calmed or quieted our souls? Can you say with all honesty that you are not restless about what tomorrow brings? If we are honest with ourselves it is difficult to say that we have calmed and quieted our souls. Each day poses new challenges and obstacles which we may not have expected. But we don’t have to face the challenges of life alone. We need not be anxious about the future if we place our hope in the Lord knowing and trusting that he holds the future.

So, What in your life is pulling you away from saying, “I have calmed and quieted my soul” (v2)? Come to Jesus. Hope not in yourself or your own ability. Hope in him once more.

Trory and Killadeas



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Easter is upon us, and of course it is not just a day, but a season which lasts for 50 days, finishing with the birthday of the church on Pentecost Sunday. After the year that was, I'm sure we are all ready for as many reasons to celebrate as possible. So, let us take this period, and really celebrate the fact that Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia. We are Easter people, with resurrection hope. If we cannot see good times ahead, and show other people hope for a better tomorrow, then we are a poor show as the body of Christ, the Church today. So, proclaim it not just in words, but in how you live; in your joy, in celebration, in hope for a better tomorrow, in love for friend and stranger. Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Talents Scheme

Pentecost (23rd May) will also bring to a close the talents scheme. The initial closing date for the return of profits from the tenner was Easter Sunday, but with a fairly strict lockdown lasting slightly longer than expected, it was extended by 50 days, to

allow more time for any products sold to be delivered in a safe manner. For those still hard at work, please remember to get your tenner plus profits back in on or before Sunday 23rd May.

Thank you to all who crocheted, knitted, baked, grew plant cuttings, sold quizzes etc. The list of ideas for using the tenners to invest, was almost endless, and some of the returns were astronomical. Of course any scheme based on the parable of the talents aims to sell and make a profit, but most importantly for our scheme, it was to give a reason to pick up the phone with people you hadn't talked to in a while, and use whatever you were making/baking/growing/selling as a reason to start a conversation. Hopefully it was a good conversation starter too.

Easter Annual General Vestry Meetings

The Annual Easter General Vestry meetings took place on Sunday 18th May for both parishes. At the time of writing, the new vestries in both churches have not yet been voted in, but by the time of reading, they will be in place, so a huge thank you to all who faithfully served last year and thank you to all who willingly stood for this office this year, as well as a hearty welcome to those who join either vestry for the first time. We will say some extra words of welcome and thanks in the next edition of the magazine, especially thanks to those who have stepped down from roles, and those who have retired after years of dedicated service.

In Church Worship

As we make our phased return to in building worship, we continue to record our services, and upload them onto our Facebook page (@troryandkilladeas) as soon as possible thereafter. Our apologies to those still

shielding, and interacting with church in this way, it can sometimes take a long time to get the services uploaded, but we hope that it will not be too long until you are back in building with again. It goes without saying by this stage, all relevant Covid safety procedures and protocols (social distancing, sanitizing, wearing masks etc.) are followed for all services, but for now, if you are still not comfortable coming out, we will continue to try and get the services to you digitally.

Services in May

2nd Easter 5

10 am Holy Communion Priory Church Killadeas

11.30am Holy Communion in St. Michael's, Trory

9th Easter 6

10 am Morning Prayer, Priory Church Killadeas

11.30am Morning Prayer, St. Michael's, Trory

13th Ascension (Thursday)

7pm Holy Communion, St Michael's, Trory

16th Easter 7

10 am Morning Prayer, Priory Church Killadeas

11.30am Morning Prayer, St. Michael's, Trory

23rd Pentecost

10 am Service of the Word, Priory Church Killadeas

11.30am Service of the Word, St. Michael's, Trory

30th Trinity Sunday

10 am Morning Prayer, Priory Church Killadeas

11.30am Morning Prayer, St. Michael's, Trory



MOTHERS' UNION



Liane Armstrong, Mothers' Union Diocesan Secretary with All Ireland President, June Butler and Revd Charles Eames, Diocesan Chaplain.



Irene Boyd, Mothers' Union Diocesan President presenting June with the mascot, Archie.

All Ireland President walks in Clogher Diocese

June Butler, All Ireland President, began her sponsored walk in the Clogher Diocese on Tuesday 20 April.

This was her fifth walk to raise money for the Mums in May Fund. She plans to walk 21 km in each Diocese in Ireland, covering three seven-kilometre distances in each one in Northern Ireland while restrictions allow.

The walk commenced at Castle Archdale Parish Church (St Patrick's) just after 11.00 am. Leading the walk was Diocesan Secretary, Liane Armstrong and she and June were accompanied by Revd Charles Eames (Diocesan Chaplain) and some members and friends from Derryvullan North & Castle Archdale MU branches.

Valerie McMorris, a former Trustee Board member, took photographs and Diocesan President, Irene Boyd, and Heather Ellis, wife of Bishop-elect Revd Canon Dr Ian Ellis joined the group for part of the route.

Before they began, June was presented with the new Mums in May mascot which had been created by Margaret Reilly from Derryloran MU in Armagh Diocese. There was discussion about what the lovely little bear should be called and the ladies decided on the name "Archie" in honour of that day's walk from Castle Archdale. Archie spent the rest of the walk looking out of June's rucksack except when it rained - when he went inside to keep dry!

The rector of St Patrick's, Canon Paul Thompson, offered prayers for the walk and June was presented by Dr Margaret Knox, on behalf of the parish, with two lovely books about the church and the area.

At four points during the walk, Norman Noble, a local historian, gave short talks about the particular locations at which the walkers had arrived and their significance to the history of the area and the Archdale family. The first of these talks was at St Patrick's Church.

The main group of 10 walkers (in pairs and socially distanced) went from the Church via the forest path to Duross Car Park and then to the Marina via the shore of Lough Erne. By this time it was raining quite steadily but, while the lough was shrouded in mist, it did not stop the walkers from appreciating the trees, primroses and drifts of



Norman Noble, local historian, explaining some of interesting facts about the Castle Archdale area to June Butler.

bluebells. As the rain eased, the group then walked to the Walled Garden and courtyard at the main Castle Archdale site and finally along another woodland path beside the shore to Old Castle Archdale. There they were joined by former All Ireland Provincial President, Margaret Crawford, and Irene and the ladies provided a lovely picnic lunch for everyone – a lovely end to a most interesting and varied walk, totalling just over 8 kms in length.

Singers and musicians record hymns for a 'Time for Hope'

The Clogher Diocese Trustee Board have planned a project to record a DVD/CD entitled 'TIME FOR HOPE'.

It will contain hymns sung by local artistes, an interview with the Diocesan President, prayers from Revd Charles Eames, Diocesan Chaplain and a reflection from the new Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis.

The artistes plan to sing familiar hymns, old and new, and there will be scenes from the diocese included in the DVD.

The artistes taking part are; Roy Crowe; Diane Wright-Kendrick; Gillian Rutherford with Alan Ferguson and Michelle Elliott; Marina Elliott with her family and father; Dean Ferguson; The Bloomfield family – Mark, Ann, Katie, Ellen, Jamie and Emily-Jane; Revd. Mark Gallagher and some bagpipe music from Isaac Leathem.

The project seeks to fulfill the MU Theme "Rebuilding Hope and Confidence." The aims are:

- To promote our Christian faith and values as well as health and wellbeing, through song, music, prayer and reflection.
- To provide pleasure and enjoyment and help develop resilience.
- To help rebuild hope, confidence and connectivity for a wider audience during this time of social isolation when people can't attend public worship and feel unable to seek spiritual help.
- To help people with cognitive decline as familiar hymns and prayers can stimulate their memory.
- To bring comfort and solace to those who have suffered loss during the pandemic.
- To raise awareness of the work and witness of the Mothers' Union in Ireland as a caring and inclusive organisation.
- To fundraise for the MU Diocesan Fund which supports the needy both locally and worldwide.

The Trustees acknowledge with thanks

some funding for this project from the *All Ireland Mums in May Fund*.

The DVD and CD should be available for purchase at the launch concert on 21 May 2021 being held as a Drive-In event at the Ulster Farmers' Mart premises, Tempo Road,

Enniskillen, at which some of the artistes will be taking part. The DVD and CD will then be available from Branch Leaders and Trustees costing £10 or €10.

Please keep this date free and plan to come in your car.

TIME for Hope

DRIVE IN CONCERT TO LAUNCH CD/DVD

Friday 21st May 2021 at 8pm

VENUE: THE ULSTER FARMERS MART,
LACKABOY, ENNISKILLEN.

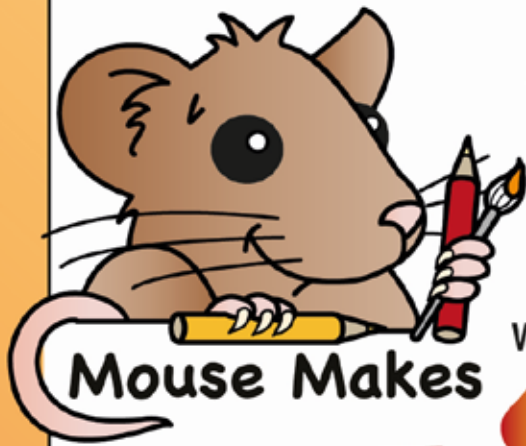
Artists

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CHILDREN'S SECTION





Mouse Makes

Re arrange the scrambled letters to find the missing words.

 The Holy Spirit
VSEIL
with us and in us.

The Holy Spirit
helps us to
WKN O
we belong to God.

The Holy Spirit
HCTSEEA
us about God.

The Holy Spirit 
KPESSA
God's word to us.

The Holy Spirit
PHLSE
us to tell others
about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit
helps us when we
AYPR



On the day of **PENTECOST**
the disciples were gathered
together in one place...

What sound did they hear?

Acts 2:2

What did they see?

Acts 2:3



What filled them?

Acts 2:4



How did they speak?

Acts 2:4



What did the crowd hear?

Acts 2:6



Which countries
had they come from?

Acts 2:9

What was
their reaction?
Acts 2:12-13






Who explained
what was
happening?
What did he say?
Acts 2:14-36

How many
people were
baptised
that day?
Acts 2:41



Change each letter to the
letter before it in the
alphabet and see what
the **Holy Spirit**
produces in us:

 KPZ
IVNJMJUZ
TFMG DPOUSPM
GBJUIGVMOFTT
 LJOEOFTT
QBUJFODF
QFBDF
MPWF
HPPEOFTT 

Galatians 5:22

What is the work of the
Holy Spirit? What does He do?

Fill in the missing letters.


TEAC _ ES

COMF _ RTS

REVEA _ S 

IN _ OU



TRAN _ FORMS

 HEL _ S 

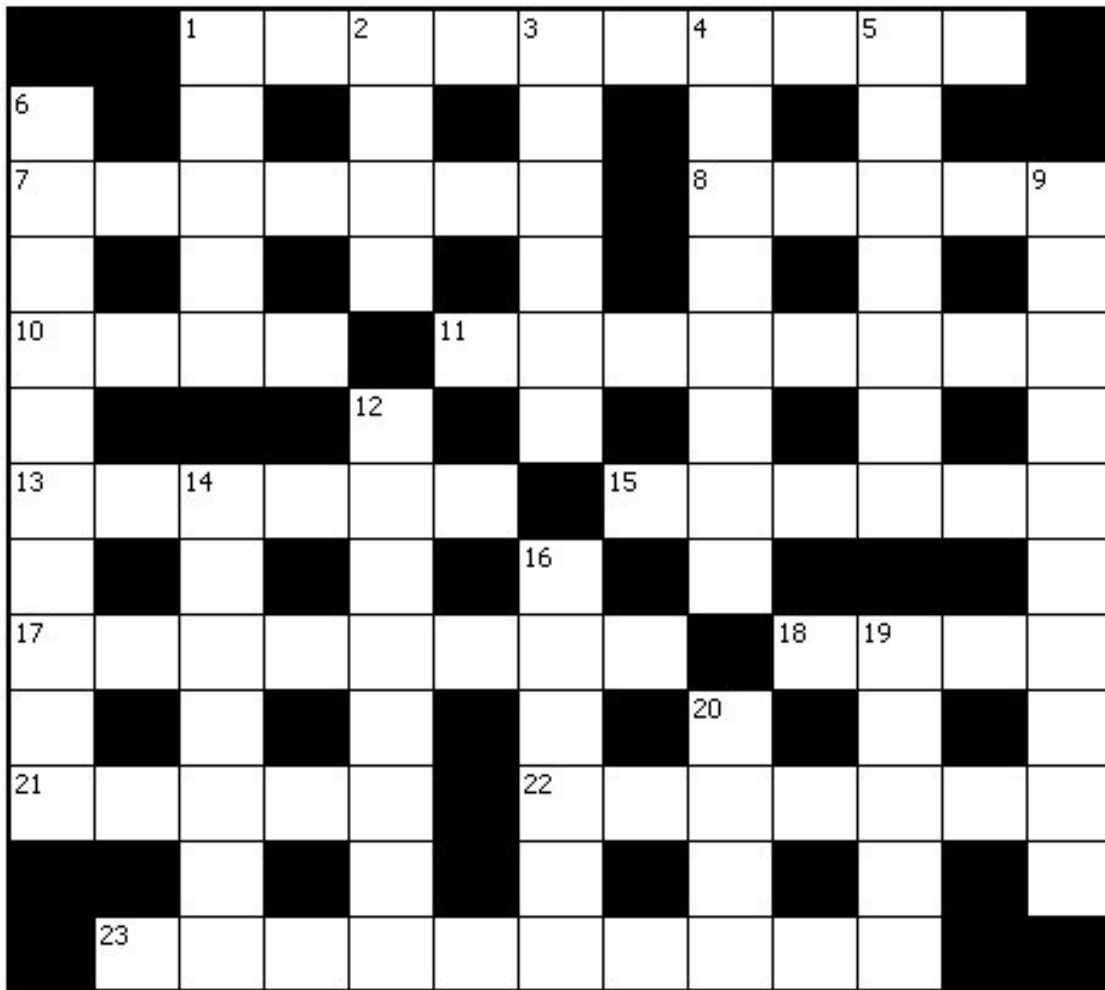
 GU _ DES

 ENEWS

CONV _ CTS

SANC _ IFIES

PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 Sense of right and wrong (1 Corinthians 8:7) (10)
- 7 Coming (John 11:17) (7)
- 8 'All I have is — , and all you have is mine' (John 17:10) (5)
- 10 Smarten (Acts 9:34) (4)
- 11 Hold back (Job 9:13) (8)
- 13 Member of the Society of Friends (6)
- 15 At ague (anag.) (6)
- 17 Citizen of the Greek capital (8)
- 18 So be it (Galatians 6:18) (4)
- 21 Twentieth-century poet and dramatist who wrote Murder in the Cathedral, T.S. — (5)
- 22 Empowers (Philippians 3:21) (7)
- 23 Imposing (1 Samuel 9:2) (10)

DOWN

- 1 Healed (Luke 7:21) (5)
- 2 Central space in a church (4)
- 3 Co-founder of Spring Harvest and General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance 1983–97, Clive — (6)
- 4 Moses killed one when he saw him beating a Hebrew labourer (Exodus 2:12) (8)
- 5 Bravery (Acts 4:13) (7)
- 6 It interrupted Paul and Silas singing hymns in a Philippian jail (Acts 16:26) (10)
- 9 Transgression (Psalm 36:1) (10)
- 12 Irish province in which Dublin is situated (8)
- 14 Same hit (anag.) (7)
- 16 'The Spirit of God was hovering over the — ' (Genesis 1:2) (6)
- 19 Author of the immortal stories of Winnie the Pooh, A.A. — (5)
- 20 Cab (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 67

DIOCESAN NEWS

EDITH DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE MAUNDY GIFT FROM THE QUEEN

A member of a parish in Clogher Diocese was a recipient of the Royal Maundy Gift from Her Majesty The Queen just before Easter.

Mrs Edith Kirkpatrick, from Belleek was nominated by the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Rev John McDowell, to receive the gift for her exemplary Christian service within the community.

Each year, on Maundy Thursday, the Sovereign attends a special Royal Maundy service in a particular Cathedral in the United Kingdom and afterwards distributes the Maundy Gift to certain individuals who have been nominated by the Church hierarchies throughout the UK. However, this year's service had to be cancelled due

to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, the Maundy gifts were sent out by post, with an accompanying letter from the Queen. Edith, a parishioner of Belleek Parish Church, has always shown great love for her family, the community and her Church, where regular worship and service is very much a part of her life.

She said she was humbled and privileged to have been nominated to receive the gift this year and is very pleased to accept it on behalf of all the unsung heroes in our families and in the community, who make more of a difference than even they realise. The Royal Maundy Gift consists of two purses, one red and one white. The Red purse contains a symbolic contribution for clothing. This year a specially minted

£5 coin to celebrate the Queen's 95th birthday, is included and also a specially minted 50p coin, which commemorates the 50th anniversary of decimalisation of our currency in 1971. The white purse contains specially minted Maundy money: silver pennies, twopences, threepences and fourpences, all to the value of 95p, the Queen's age.

The gift was accompanied by a letter from the Queen containing the following quotation; "Each year, at the Royal Maundy Service, we have an opportunity to recognise, and give thanks for, work done by countless people for the wellbeing of their neighbours; work that has often been taken for granted or hidden..."



Mrs Edith Kirkpatrick with her Maundy gift.

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Lorraine Smyton and Lorna Armstrong checking out the new steam oven at Maguiresbridge Parish Hall.



Revd Abraham Storey with Hall Committee members; Lorraine Smyton, Lorna Armstrong, Ivan Kettyles, Harold Nelson and Edward Whittaker.

Parish ready to host teas again after upgrade to kitchen facilities

Parishioners who had been busy entertaining in their parish hall before the onset of Covid-19 restrictions, have taken advantage of the closure to upgrade facilities. The parish of Christ Church, Maguiresbridge, had begun a project to replace their ageing kitchen around four years ago. A Hall Committee was established with the view to install a new working kitchen to service the needs of the parish which had been involved in serving funeral teas, monthly dinners, barbecues and many other functions hosted by the various clubs and organisations using the hall. However progress was slowed down due to additional costs incurred to upgrade the Rectory. Then two years ago, the Hall Committee began a series of fundraising events such as sponsored walks and dances to build up reserves to cover the costs. They did receive Lottery grant funding of £10,000. Project Manager, Ivan Kettyles explained that the committee of Edward Whittaker, Harold Nelson, Lorna Armstrong, Lorraine Graydon and himself agreed on a plan after visiting other parish facilities in the Diocese. While Covid-19 initially delayed plans, it was decided to go ahead last autumn and the new state-of-the-art kitchen is now complete. It includes a very efficient steam oven, modern water heaters, fridges and freezers, a dishwasher and a Bain Marie food warmer as well as plenty of cupboard space and central island with two different



The Maguiresbridge Parish Hall Committee members (from left); Lorraine Smyton, Lorna Armstrong, Ivan Kettyles, Harold Nelson and Edward Whittaker.

levels. The Quartz worktops are easily cleaned. Revd Abraham Storey, who is currently leading services and pastoral cover in the parish, has congratulated the committee for their magnificent effort in completely refurbishing the kitchen. "A special thanks to Mr. Ivan kettyles, who give so much of his time as he took on the role of project manager, clerk of works, co-ordinator, and every other role that was needed to see this project reach its conclusion, during an exceedingly difficult time in our history." Revd Storey added; "I know that Ivan wants

the efforts of all of those who make up the kitchen committee team acknowledged, and they would like to thank the suppliers, who through their professional skills helped to bring the project to a very successful conclusion. They included Dunlop Kitchens Maguiresbridge; Stephens Catering Equipment Ballymena; G R White Tempo(Electrical); Ian Short (Plumbing); Jim Coulter, Lisnaskea (Specialised flooring), Keith Wilson, Maguiresbridge (Painting) and Mrs Myrtle Jackson (Colour co-ordinator). The parish is now awaiting the lifting of restrictions to allow parish activities to resume again.

PARISHIONERS OF ROSSORRY SAY FAREWELL TO RECTOR

The parishioners of Rossorry Parish Church in Clogher Diocese and representatives of the many organisations within it have paid tribute to their Rector, Revd Canon Dr. Ian Ellis and his wife, Heather, at a farewell during the Easter Sunday service. Canon Ellis was consecrated as Bishop of Clogher on Monday, 26th April.

Towards the end of the in-church Service of Holy Communion for Easter Sunday, Mr. Nigel Irvine, a member of the Select Vestry and choir member, gave the farewell address on behalf of the parish, extending their heartfelt appreciation for all that Canon Ellis had given as the 25th Rector of Rossorry.

He recalled that when a new bishop had been elected, it was greeted overwhelmingly with joy and some relief by the various parishes across the Diocese. However, for Rossorry the news was taken onboard with very mixed emotions, thrilled that Canon Ellis would become their next Bishop but with a deep sense of sadness in their hearts that they would be losing both him and Heather from the day-to-day life of their Parish.

Canon Ellis has been rector since March 2015 and has made an enormous contribution not only to their Parish and local community but to the wider Diocese in general.

He has served as Clerk of the Cathedral Chapter, a member of Diocesan Council, serving as its Clerical Honorary Secretary, member of the Diocesan Board of Education, a Diocesan Nominator and a member of General Synod, a clerical representative on the General Synod Safeguarding Board and the Clogher representative Canon on the chapter of St Patrick's Cathedral, in Dublin. He has also served as Vice-chairman of the Board of Governors of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School, chairman of its Education Committee and as a governor of Jones Memorial Primary School.

Mr Irvine said that Canon Ellis had performed 79 Christenings, 27 marriages and 103 funerals, prepared and performed over 600 services including sermons during his incumbency which he said were without exception, completed with humility, dignity and with grace.

"You have generously and consistently afforded us all with open fellowship, warmth and sincerity, with a listening ear, a quiet and gentle nature, a genuine concern for those in times of trouble, pain or grief. A soft word, a calming prayer, an endearing eulogy ... each bringing peace and comfort to many



Revd Canon Dr. Ian Ellis and his wife Heather at the farewell in Rossorry Parish Church with (above); churchwardens, Gary Johnston and Joy Coalter; Parish Secretary, Dorothy Wilson and MC, Nigel Irvine and (below); those who took part in the service.



in their time of need," Mr Irvine told the congregation.

He also praised the role of Heather, known for her uplifting enthusiasm, outgoing and friendly nature, tireless support within the Church community, the Mothers' Union, the Wednesday Club, with Rotary and countless other organisations in the wider community, across the province and also nationally. He reminded those present of the hugely successful Christmas Tree festival, a truly remarkable event and certainly a high point for their Church community.

Gifts were presented on behalf of the Select Vestry, Sunday school, Choir, Mothers' Union, Prayer Group, Wednesday Club, Guide and Scout organisations, Parent and Toddler Group, Bowling Club, Parish Readers and Rossorry Parishioners.

Mr Irvine concluded; "With the last gift presented, all that remains to be said is, Canon Ian, you have proved to be a great

servant to Rossorry, a man of dedication, scholarship, and spirituality, you have a lively mind and wise counsel, a loving nature and a warm heart.

"Thank you for your sincere and generous friendship, for your gracious ministry and exceptional pastoral care for us in Rossorry. God's blessings to you, to Heather and to your extending family circle for whatever the God's will has in store for you all.

The presentation ceremony ended with Andrew Irwin, a parishioner and Tenor, singing, "Time To Say Goodbye."

Replying, Canon Ellis said he and Heather greatly appreciated the friendship and support from the people of the parish and it was his great privilege to have served in the parish.

He said it was people, not buildings that made the church and ended with a quotation from Psalms, "Commit your way unto the Lord and He will direct your paths."

Archbishop pays tribute to HRH Duke of Edinburgh

A statement from the Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland:

'With profound sympathy for Her Majesty the Queen, I wish to express my sincere condolences to her and her whole family on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. Her Majesty's sense of loss must be very great after over 70 years of unbroken love and friendship. 'In remembering and reflecting on a life of service, including as an Naval Officer in the Second World War, we recall his exemplary sense of duty to the nation and Commonwealth over seven decades and, most especially, his love, honour and obedience to Her Majesty.

'Prince Philip accepted and developed a unique role in the life of the United Kingdom, always closely supporting the Queen as her "liege man of life and limb", and continuing to serve in an active public



life which continued long after many would have sought to lay aside a heavy burden of public service. My prayers will be with the Royal Family in the days to come.'

'The Archbishop's Commissary for Clogher Diocese, Revd Canon Ian Ellis

added: 'We in the Diocese of Clogher, join with the Archbishop in praying for Her Majesty the Queen and members of the Royal Family upon the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

'We look back most fondly to the 2012 Royal visit by Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, to Enniskillen for a service in St Macartin's Cathedral followed by the remarkable crossing of the street to visit St Michael's Roman Catholic Church. The manner of this gesture by the Royal couple in reaching across the divide, coupled with the warmth of the welcome by the local community has done so much in breaking down traditional community barriers.

'The work of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has also achieved so much in developing skills and confidence in the lives of countless young people through our schools and youth organisations.'

Enniskillen clergy recall Queen's visit

A statement from Right Revd Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, St Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Enniskillen and Very Revd Canon Kenneth Hall, Dean of St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen;

'With the announcement of the death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, we wish to join our voices with the many others who have sympathised with Queen Elizabeth and their family.

'We do so while recalling the visit of the Queen and Prince Philip to Enniskillen on 26th June 2012. Those who were present on that day to see The Queen and Prince Philip cross the street from Saint Macartin's Cathedral to enter St Michael's Church will remember the joy of that occasion and its witness to our one community rooted in our common Christian heritage. We remember his lively interest in Enniskillen and his faithful support for the Queen, plainly visible on that day.

'Remember, O Lord, your servant Philip, who has gone before us marked with



the sign of faith and now rests in the sleep of peace.

According to your promises, grant to

him and to all who rest in Christ, refreshment, light and peace; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.'

A CENTURY OF PARTITION

George Woodman, a member of the Church of Ireland's Historical Centenaries Working Group, puts the Centenary of Northern Ireland in perspective documenting some of the events leading up to 1921 and afterwards.

On 22 June 1921 King George V opened the first Parliament of Northern Ireland in Belfast City Hall. This confirmed the division of Ireland into two separate political jurisdictions, the key event in the process known as partition. Here I aim to present the sequence of events.

1885-1919:

Every general election in Ireland from 1885 to 1910 showed a solid majority in favour of self-government in loose association with Great Britain, or Home Rule. In north east Ulster there was equally strong opposition. By 1912, when the British Government introduced a Home Rule Bill, it was clear that Ireland could not be denied it while Ulster could not be coerced into it. So the exclusion of Ulster, in whole or part, from the operation of Home Rule entered the political agenda.

Nationalists throughout Ireland strongly objected to exclusion, although they came reluctantly to allow for it temporarily in some areas. How much territory was to be excluded? The nine counties of Ulster only gave a small majority against Home Rule and Donegal, Monaghan and Cavan were decidedly in favour of it. So unionists came to consider that they would have the greatest security in the six Ulster counties without these three.

Between the rebellion of Easter 1916 and 1919 the demand of Irish nationalism shifted to complete independence. In the December 1918 general election Sinn Fein dominated most of Ireland, while in Ulster the Unionist vote held. Sinn Fein did not take their seats in Westminster but constituted a separate parliament, Dáil Éireann, in Dublin. Declaring independence, they formed a government and refused to recognise the authority of Westminster. Over 1919 and 1920 Ireland drifted into war between the Irish Republican Army fighting for Irish independence and Crown Forces responding ruthlessly. In Westminster Prime Minister Lloyd George complemented military action with a political initiative.



THE KINDEST CUT OF ALL.
WELSH WELSHMAN. "I NOW PROCEED TO CUT THIS MAP INTO TWO PARTS AND PLACE THEM IN THE ICE. AFTER A SUITABLE INTERVAL THEY WILL BE FOUND TO HAVE COME TOGETHER OF THEIR OWN ACCORD.—(ASIDE)—AT LEAST LET'S HOPE SO; I'VE NEVER DONE THIS TRICK BEFORE."

This cartoon by Sir Bernard Partridge appeared in **Punch** on 10 March 1920.

1920-1925:

The Government of Ireland Act 1920 created separate jurisdictions of Northern and Southern Ireland each with its own parliament and government - in effect double home rule- something Unionists had never asked for. Both jurisdictions were to continue to be represented at Westminster and the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland was to represent the Crown throughout Ireland. Both parliaments were to elect representatives to the Council of Ireland, to which some powers were initially to be devolved and to which they could devolve further functions. Lloyd George's aims are brilliantly summed up in the attached cartoon.

Ulster Unionists succeeded in their demand for Northern Ireland to consist of the six counties rather than the nine the Government wished for. Delegates from the three counties brought an opposing motion to the Ulster Unionist Council on 24 March 1920, which the other six overwhelmingly rejected, driving a wedge between the two groups.

Nationalists throughout Ireland rejected the creation of separate jurisdictions, and any continuing link with the British Parliament or Crown was unacceptable to Sinn Fein. However, they were prepared to contest elections to the Southern Parliament. None took place as in May 1921 all 124 Sinn

Fein election candidates were returned unopposed, with four independents returned for Trinity College, Dublin. Only these four attended the formal opening of the Parliament, the rest meeting as a new Dáil Éireann.

The election of 24 May 1921 for the Northern Ireland Parliament saw the return of 40 Unionists, six Nationalists and six Sinn Fein. Neither of the latter parties took their seats. On 7 June Sir James Craig took office as first Prime Minister of Northern Ireland.

At first it was not clear what would happen in Southern Ireland and the division was not absolute. The Northern Parliament elected representatives to the Council of Ireland and continued to owe allegiance to the Lord Lieutenant in Dublin.

The Truce between the Westminster Government and the IRA took effect on 11 July 1921, leading to the Treaty of 6 December 1921 and the formation of the Irish Free State as an independent dominion on 6 December 1922. Northern Ireland exercised its right under the Treaty to opt out of the Irish Free State the following day. The Treaty allowed for the convening of the Council of Ireland and for a Boundary Commission to make adjustments to the border.

Nationalists hoped and Unionists feared from this Commission. In the end its leaked recommendations pleased nobody and in November 1925 it collapsed. The Irish Free State, British and Northern Ireland governments signed a Tripartite Agreement on 3 December recognising the existing border and formally abandoning the Council of Ireland. The division was complete.

Concluding Personal Comments:

What remained of the one Ireland after partition? The Church of Ireland, like all the churches, continued its witness to Ireland as a whole, ministering often in the same diocese to different groups with different fears and aspirations. Remarkably, it continued to pray for both Parliaments in Ireland. In its life and liturgy it bore witness to an Ireland transcending political divisions, a shared landscape and culture enjoyed by the people who live there and shared by them with the world.

Church service marks centenary of partition

As Northern Ireland marks 100 years in existence this month (May), the political landscape of the island of Ireland has changed significantly since 1921 but the Church of Ireland continues to serve its people, whether they are worshipping in a parish in a predominantly Protestant area of Northern Ireland or in a religiously mixed area of southern Ireland.

Of course the single year of 1921 did not define the future of these two parts of Ireland. There was considerable debate, unrest and violence in the years before and in the years to follow.

Church of Ireland populations carried on with their lives through this period in largely stoic and resilient fashion even though for many, the creation of the border led many of them to move north of the border in the years to follow.

The Church's Historical Centenaries Working Group has already published archival material relating to the period from the early 1900's until the years after Partition.

The Church of Ireland is also part of the Church Leaders group using this year's centenary of the partition of their island in 1921 to remind people how interconnected they are.

In a joint New Year message earlier this year, the heads of the country's main Christian denominations; Presbyterian, Church of Ireland, Roman Catholic, Methodist and Irish Council of Churches also talk of how that interconnection has been exemplified by the struggle against the Coronavirus.

A service led by the Church Leaders' Group, marking the Centenary of the partition of the island of Ireland and the formation of Northern Ireland and exploring how to build a future marked by peace, commitment to the common good, in Christ, in whom all things hold together will be broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on Sunday, 2nd May at 8.10am and later the same morning on BBC Radio Ulster at 10.15am

Taking part will be the Right Revd David Bruce, Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly; the Revd Tom McKnight, President of the Irish Methodist Church and the Archbishops of Armagh, the Most Revd Eamon Martin and the Most Revd John McDowell. Music is provided by the New Irish Choir directed by Jonathan Rea. The former Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd Richard Clarke, wrote a foreword for a publication; "Divided States: A Reading List, Irish



The British Army protecting citizens on the Mill Bridge, Pettigo just after partition.



The bridge over the Termon River with the former Termon Creamery premises in the background.

Independence and its Aftermath, 1918-1923. In it he examines many of the events taking place during this period and says there was considerable emigration of the Church of Ireland membership from the area of what became the Irish Free State.

There was an estimated loss of over 100,000 protestants from the 26 counties of what became the Free State between the census years of 1911 and 1926. While Archbishop Clarke says some of this would have been directly caused by the First World War and some would have been the departure of those involved in the British administration, it has been calculated that well over one-third of this drop of population occurred in those fraught years between 1919 and 1923.

"The legacy of those years, in both Northern Ireland and what became the Irish Republic, is still apparent in many respects," he said.

A large part of the border between

Northern Ireland and the Republic is in Clogher Diocese.

One of the areas which was controversial at the time of the creation of the border, is in north-west Fermanagh/Donagall around the border town of Pettigo.

North Fermanagh local historian, David Keys said it was in the rural area that life became different for many people from 1921 and the years to follow.

In February 1925, the Revd William Stewart from Templecarne submitted a letter following a meeting in the Leslie Hall, Pettigo, which called for the Boundary Commission to transfer rural areas to the newly formed Northern Ireland. In the next article, Revd Canon Dr. William Johnston, who grew up in the townland of Tievemore, Donagall, near the banks of the Termon River revisits his family homes, his former church and school and the community where he spent his formative years.

NORTHERN IRELAND CENTENARY 1921-2021

Growing up on the border in a Church of Ireland community

• Photos and report by **Brian Donaldson**

Someone who knows about living along the border well is the Revd Canon Dr William Johnston, a retired minister in Clogher Diocese. Born in the townland of Grouse Lodge, just off the Lettercran Road, Pettigo, his family moved several times within the same area, always on the southern side of the Border. His family would have been members of Templecarne Parish, initially attending the Cashelinney Chapel of Ease now derelict on the Lettercran Road until attending the 'big church' in Pettigo.

However he was later to begin work in shops, firstly in Pettigo and then in Enniskillen before going forward for training for church ministry and ordination and spending the majority of his vocation in parishes in Northern Ireland.

Pettigo was one of the towns on the border suffering negatively from partition. For years afterwards, many Protestant families moved out of their homesteads to seek a new life in Northern Ireland. This was after an appeal to the Boundary Commission was made to re-draw the route of the border to include more people inside the new Northern Ireland.

The border created contrasting economies and for some produce, there were big differences in prices, such as eggs and flour. From a church perspective, the dwindling population left in those areas, resulted in closure of buildings.

Canon Johnston showed me Cashelinney Chapel of Ease, located on the side of Lettercran Road which was built in around 1836 and has been closed to worship since the 1970's.

"This church was part of Templecarne parish. I was baptised here and I preached here before I was even ordained," explained Canon Johnston standing outside the entrance gate now overgrown with scrub.

"My father and grandfather were Sextons here and I remember coming to church here when I was four or five years of age. It could hold 100 people. But people either moved out or families died out and it closed. There were nine different Johnson families in this area but we were not related to any of them."

The building is generally intact with some glass damage to the ornate arch windows.

Canon Johnston attended Dernasesk School, now a renovated parish hall where occasional services from Drumkeeran Group are held.

As we left, I saw numerous derelict homesteads, abandoned when families died out after younger family members went in search of jobs across the border in Northern Ireland or in larger towns or cities in the Republic.



Revd Canon Dr. William Johnston outside the derelict Cashelinney Chapel of Ease on Lettercran Road, Pettigo.

The Lettercran Road connects Pettigo which is situated on the edge of the Termon River with Scraghey Mountain on the way to Castledearg. There are numerous border crossings along here and these form just some of the 300 or so border roads along the entire border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Canon Johnston then takes me to a farmhouse which his family bought in around 1962 and where he lived as he was seeking his first job. In the townland of Tievemore, Co. Donegal, he would have travelled from here, firstly to Pettigo and then to Enniskillen where he worked in Dickie's shop. It was from this farm that he travelled to university to train for ordination. Across a few fields is the former Tievemore Orange Hall. Lodge and band members now meet in premises just across the border in Co. Fermanagh.

For those Protestants who joined the RUC Reserve and the UDR, this border area created risks to their lives.

But the border also resulted in more fundamental problems.

"There was absolute poverty in the Republic of Ireland after the war," he says and with high rates on houses and rents payable for farms, families had to be self-sufficient.

However as the decades passed, Canon Johnston said rates were taken off houses and people could live a little better.

He was ordained in 1970 and served as Curate in St Donard's, Belfast before going to Castledearg and Killeter and then Rector of Drumclaph and Lower Langfield Union and finally Kilskeery and Trillick parishes.

Since then Canon Johnston has been providing relief cover for services across several counties.



Revd Canon Dr. William Johnston at Dernasesk parish Hall, formerly the school where he was educated.

BANKING SCAMS:

How to keep yourself safe

We've all had those strange calls. Out of the blue, it's a message (often an urgent one) claiming to be from your bank to warn you of suspicious activity on your account. And asking you to confirm all of your important details so they can log in and check it out. Scammers will stop at nothing to get your money, and over half all scams start with a phone call. Often, these are very effective by luring a customer into a conversation and tricking them into giving the scammer the keys to their account. A bank scam will typically involve a fraudster, pretending to be from your bank or building society, phoning you to say you've been a victim of fraud.

There are many variations on this scam. They may ask you for personal and financial information to get access to your bank account or to steal your identity.

Alternatively, they may tell you there is a corrupt member of staff in your bank and they need your help to identify them. They may also ask you to transfer all your funds into a 'safe account' because your account has apparently been taken over. This 'safe' account will likely be with a different financial institution.

What should I do?

Remember to always be suspicious of cold calls – and to reject them. Signing up for a call blocking service might not stop all scam calls but it will stop cold-callers.

If you receive a phone call from someone you don't know, always ask for the name of the person to whom you are speaking, and who they work for. Check this information by calling the company's office – on a different phone line in case the caller is holding the line open.

It's best to wait for 20 minutes before you make this call to a trusted phone number to check out what is happening, as scammers are able to keep phone lines open. Whilst you may think you are making a new phone call, the line is still open to the scammer who pretends to be a different person from your bank or from the police. If possible, use a different phone or call somebody else in the meantime.

Never give out your personal, full credit card or online account details unless you made



the call and the phone number came from a trusted source.

Never assume that someone is who they say they are just because the number on your caller display matches that of the organisation you know. Scammers can clone telephone numbers of organisations they want to impersonate and make the number appear on your caller ID display. The scammer may well tell you to 'Google' the number to confirm it is genuine. This is also true for text messages. Scammers can manipulate a text to appear as if it comes from your bank.

It's best not to respond to text messages or missed calls that come from numbers you don't recognise or are not expecting. Falling for a scam can be embarrassing, and even devastating, but it's always important to report what has happened. This will help you get the best help and support and also help in investigations which are seeking to tackle scams.

How do I report a scam and get help?

If you live in the Republic, you should report incidents of fraud to your local Garda station where officers can investigate the matter on your behalf. An Garda Síochána or your bank will never contact you to look for your banking PIN number or password or ask you to transfer money, or come to your home to collect your payment card, cheque book or cash.

If you live in Northern Ireland, you should make a report to the PSNI when any of these apply:

- a fraud is being committed or recently occurred (within 24 hours);
- you know the suspect and they live in Northern Ireland;
- the victim is perceived to be vulnerable; or
- you believe it's important to report the incident to police so they can secure and preserve evidence or prevent loss.

You can make this report to the PSNI by phoning 101, or 999 in an emergency. For other cases, it is recommended that you contact Action Fraud – the UK's national fraud and internet crime reporting unit. It offers a central point of contact for information about fraud and financially-motivated internet crime. Action Fraud can be contacted on 0300 123 2040 and you can also make a report online at www.actionfraud.police.uk

When you make a report to Action Fraud, you will receive a police crime reference number. If you receive a scam email message or a computer virus but you haven't lost any money, you can also report it, for information purposes, to Action Fraud. Remember, if you can spot a scam, you can simply put the phone down and stop it there and then. And if you have been scammed, ripped off or conned, you are not alone and there is something you can do about it.

National Sports Sunday in May

National Sports Sunday is being marked in churches on Sunday, 16th May. Organised by Sports Chaplaincy UK, this event is now in its fourth year.

In Clogher Diocese, Archdeacon Brian Harper of Magheracross Parish, who is Chaplain of Ballinamallard United Football Club, will be marking the event at morning service and also running a half marathon. See Magheracross parish notes on Page 45.

Further information on the website; <https://sportschaplaincy.org.uk/nationalsportssunday/>

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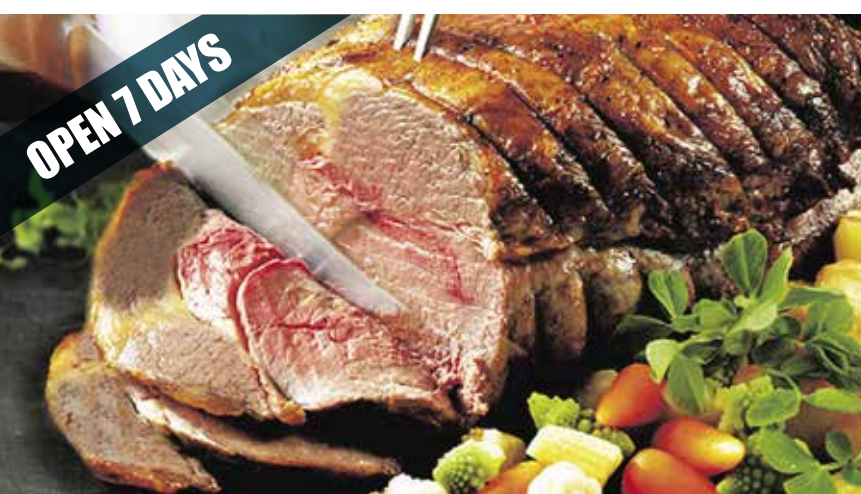
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