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Planning the open days at Kiltermon Church are (front from left); Joyce Bleakley, Muriel Henry and Pauline Wilson and back row (from left); Bertie Bleakley, caretaker; John Moore, Glebewarden; Alwyn Barton, Vestry member and Precentor Kyle Hanlon.

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Council screens film to mark NI centenary year

A film, "Stretch Out The Hand" written by author and historian, Philip Orr, dealing with the historic occasion of the inauguration of the new parliament in Northern Ireland attended by King George V and his wife, Queen Mary is being screened online by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council on Monday, 7 June at 7pm.

The Chair of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Councillor Diana Armstrong, said; "The decade between 1912 and 1922 featured many important moments in our shared history and it is right that we remember them based on historical accuracy, their impact and consequences, and through mutual understanding and respect in the context of an inclusive and accepting society. "The film deals with one of those seminal moments, the opening of the new Northern Ireland parliament on 22 June 1921 and focusses on the story of a young couple who played a role in the historic occasion."

To register to view the film, please email: goodrelations@fermanaghmagh.com.

This event has received financial support from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Good Relations programme assisted by The Executive Office.

A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



A Message from the Bishop

THANK YOU

May I begin my first message by saying thank you for the welcome I have received since becoming your Bishop and also for your prayers in preparation for my ministry among you in the diocese. I am most grateful to the Archbishop and Dean for arranging a most memorable Consecration service in St Macartin's Cathedral on 26th April, constrained as it was by the Covid restrictions. I appreciate that not everyone was able to attend due to scaled down nature of the event, but it is my hope that later in the Autumn we may be able to hold Enthronement Services in both cathedrals to which we could invite a wider group to create an occasion for the diocesan family to meet.

A PRAYER AND A THOUGHT

On 16th of June in the calendar of the Church of England, Richard, Bishop of Chichester who died in 1253 is commemorated. He was trained as a church lawyer in Oxford and Paris and became Bishop of the Diocese of Chichester where he was renowned for travelling around his diocese on foot, visiting and caring for his clergy and people. Now we in Ireland may not have heard much of him but we probably do

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know the prayer attributed to him. In our previous church hymnal it was better known as the hymn 'Day by day':

Day by day,

Dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly,

Love thee more dearly,

Follow thee more nearly,

Day by Day.

Some of you may have learnt this hymn in Sunday school. It is a simple yet profound prayer which has within it the essence of discipleship – seeking Christ, loving him dearly, and following him closely. It strikes me this is a very suitable prayer and vision at this time of new beginnings.

Now I am not proposing that I or any of the clergy set about travelling around the parishes on foot as Richard of Chichester did! His story does remind us that parish ministry is essentially pastoral – caring for people and loving them as Jesus does. It also tells us that we should also be helping those who are seeking faith – as clergy that is a challenge to our preaching and how we engage with those who are asking questions. The starting point of all ministries is sharing the love of God as we have seen it in the life of Jesus Christ – in his ministry, death and resurrection.

As we emerge from the long impact of the coronavirus pandemic, our priority must be to re-engage with parishioners and the local community and to demonstrate that faith brings meaning and purpose and that it makes our lives fulfilled. It begins with a vision of Christ, seeing him more clearly in daily life, loving humbly in the way that Christ demonstrated, in our judgements, decisions, and actions.

WORKING TOGETHER

As I begin my episcopal ministry among you I realise I must first learn how to be a bishop and then how to be your bishop. In these early few weeks, I have become aware of just how many 'moving parts' there are in the enterprise of running a diocese. I am so thankful that it does

not all depend on me – there is a very talented team of clergy, staff and lay members who do so much to help the diocese run effectively. I look forward to working with all and harnessing all the talents across the diocese to help meet the challenges which will inevitably come and to enable our various ministries to flourish for the kingdom of God.

CONFIRMATION

I have had several enquiries about when Confirmations will be held in the diocese. I realise that some of the parishes will have had Confirmation Services planned for 2020 which were cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

In thinking about this, there are constraints which we must remember. Firstly, the Covid protocols about in-church services are likely to continue into the medium to longer term and will restrict the size and nature of services. Secondly, although in-church worship is returned, the ROI government regulations do not at present permit confirmations taking place.

Accepting the above, I have begun this month in NI, a very cautious return to holding Confirmations. A number of Confirmation services have been planned with a very restricted attendance of candidates and their families only, either on Sunday evenings or week-day evenings. More will follow in the Autumn term when we hope that restrictions may have eased.

Adult confirmation is also planned for St Matthew's Day, 21st September in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. If anyone would like to find out more about this, please contact your Rector.

I look forward in the months ahead to getting out and about more in the parishes and meeting members of the diocese. May the Lord bless us all as we seek him, love him and follow him more nearly day by day.

+Ian Clogher

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh & Drumsnatt



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The interior of Drumsnatt Church where services resumed on 16th May.

Services

Sunday 6th June

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

Sunday 13th June

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer
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Sunday 20th June

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
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Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th June

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

Congratulations

The Group would like to congratulate our new Bishop, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis following his Service of Consecration and assure him of our prayerful support in this role.

Churches re-open

Following the easing of Covid restrictions in Southern Ireland we are delighted that Drumsnatt Church is now also permitted to reopen.

Easter Vestry

Following recent Easter Vestry Meetings, the Select Vestries and officers will remain the same as last year in Aghadrumsee and Clogh parishes with Drumsnatt hoping to be in a position to have their meeting in the near future.

Sympathy

It was with great sadness that the group learned of the sudden death of Beth Moore on 20th April. Beth was one of the linchpins of Drumsnatt Parish, serving for many years on the Vestry and as both Treasurer and Peoples' Churchwarden. Sincere sympathy is extended to her daughters Joan and Wilma, sons Robert, Richard and Ian, sons-in-law Errol and Meredith, daughters-in-law Lynda and Joanne, her grandchildren and the entire family circle.

Sympathy is also extended to the Forster family on the recent death of Jim Johnston of Clogh Parish.



Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Sunday 6th June

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion

12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

Sunday 13th June

10.45am Colebrooke MP on Sunday

12.15pm Cooneen MP on Sunday

Sunday 20th June

10.45am Colebrooke MP on Sunday

12.15pm Cooneen MP on Sunday

Sunday 27th June

10.45am Colebrooke MP on Sunday

12.15pm Cooneen MP on Sunday

From The Registers

Holy Matrimony

On Friday 7th May 2021, at St Ronan's,



Colebrooke, Miss Rebecca Clendinning and Mr Dean Johnstone were joined together in Holy Matrimony. The Bestman was Mr Richard Duncan and the Maid of Honour Mrs Cheryl Cluff. We wish Rebecca and Dean God's richest blessing as they begin this new phase of their lives together.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 16th May 2021 in St Ronan's, Colebrooke, Arthur Howe, son of Victoria and Philip Howe, was baptised into the Christian faith. Godparents were Katherine Smith and Dominic McCaffery. May God bless this little one and his family in the days and years ahead.

Mullaghfad Service and Colebrooke Friends' Service

These services have been postponed to a later date.

Organisations

Due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, our parish organisations will not be meeting. When things return to normal, they will operate as follows:-

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

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Group meet every Tuesday from 7pm-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 Mothers' Union meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in Colebrooke Parish Hall.

Aghavea



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Baptism

Evie Shirley Hurst, daughter of Alison and Alexander Hurst, 8th May 2021.

Funeral

Amanda McManus, Derryree Wood, Lisnaskea, 16th May 2021.

Condolences

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.

Obituary

Aghavea Parish has been shocked by the sudden death of Amanda McManus. Amanda grew up in the parish – baptised, confirmed, married, and brought her two children to the church to be baptised. She and her husband Frainc were regular members at every service, bringing the girls to church most weeks. Even throughout the lockdown period last year, Amanda could be seen at most of the carpark services,

helping set out the carpark, and tidying up afterwards.

Amanda was one of our Sunday School teachers for many years. She was involved in so many aspects of church, regularly attending many of the different events, helping at funeral teas, bringing family and friends to the barbecues and craft sales. She used her imagination and crafting skills to make Sunday School a hands-on experience for the young people – and will be long remembered by each of the children she taught.

She was an IT teacher in Enniskillen Royal Grammar School, and it was fantastic to see so many young people forming an honour guard at the funeral. It was also a privilege to be joined at the funeral by Bishop Ian Ellis (in his capacity as a member of the Board of Governors in ERGS), Father Canon Jimmy McPhillips (Lisnaskea Roman Catholic Church), and our Parish Reader David Atwell.

As a parish, we will continue to support Frainc, Katie and Charlotte, Kenny, Linda, Susan, Wendy and the entire extended family both in our prayers and actions.

Parish Organisations

As we approach June, it has proved impossible to meet regularly in each of our organisations this year, and are looking forward to restarting them in September; that being said, it will depend upon the state of our society and the permissions being right – September is still a long way off!! We look forward to the return of Mothers' Union, Bowls, GFS, Sunday School, and to resuming our programme of events that we normally host throughout the year. In the meantime, keep in touch, and if permissions



The tidy graveyard.

and circumstances allow, we will hopefully host some events over the summer.

Church Services

Sunday 6th June, Second Sunday of

Trinity – Holy Communion

Sunday 13th June, Third Sunday of Trinity

– Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th June, Fourth Sunday of

Trinity – Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th June, Fifth Sunday of Trinity

– Morning Prayer

All Sunday services start at 11am, and will be in-church unless circumstances demand

otherwise. Each service is streamed online via Facebook, and is available afterwards via our YouTube channel – all links are available through our website – Aghavea.blogspot.com

Church tidy-up

I would like to thank the team who have been tidying up the old graveyard at the church. They have uncovered many of the gravestones on the graves, with many dating back earlier than the current church building. I would certainly encourage everyone to take a short walk around the graveyard, to experience some of the history of the parish!

Life in a Post-Covid world

As we head out into a post-Covid world, we need to remember that still need to be careful – none of us is safe until we are all safe. As our society starts to think about returning to “normal”, let us remember the countries around the world where the Covid virus is rampant, and attacking societies less fortunate than our own. As summer approaches, please continue to take care, be sensible, and respect each other at all times, and in all places!

Correction and apology

In the list of Select Vestry members listed last month, the rector managed to rename Esther Crawford as Esther Flanagan! The rector completely and unreservedly apologises, and freely admits that he probably shouldn't be put in charge of collecting information at all! My bad!!



The baptism for the Hurst family.

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Resumption of in-person church services

At the time of writing, following the Government's recent announcement regarding the easing of Covid-19 restrictions from Monday 10th May, all of the churches in our group of parishes are due to re-open for worship on Sunday 16th May. Attendances will be limited to 50 people and all of the Covid-19 regulations regarding social distancing etc. will remain in place until we are advised otherwise. Nevertheless, it will be wonderful to be able to gather together in-person once again as a Church family and a Christian community to worship God, to confess our sins, to hear his word and to bring our prayers and praises to him.

Many thanks to the churchwardens and all those who continue to ensure that the necessary protocols and procedures are followed so that the churches are able to be opened safely - in all instances the health and safety of parishioners, clergy and readers is paramount.

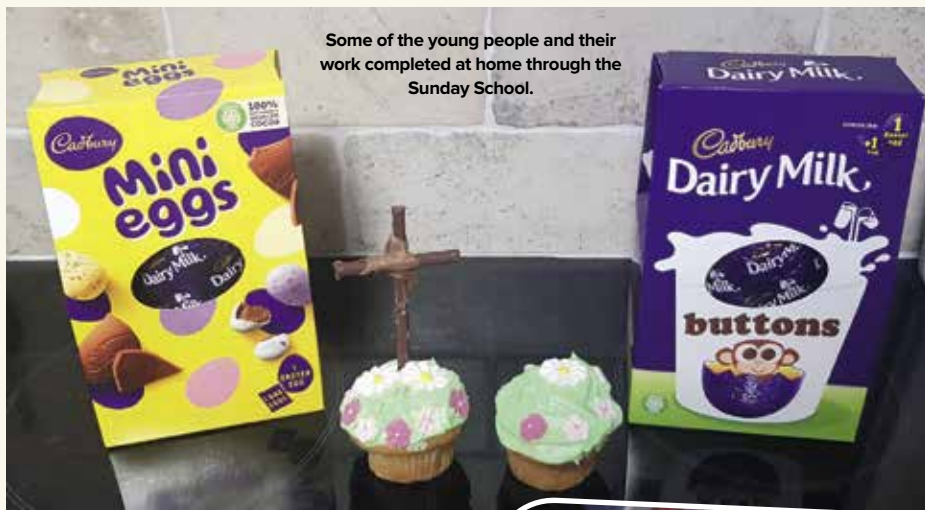
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Parish Lockdown Quiz!

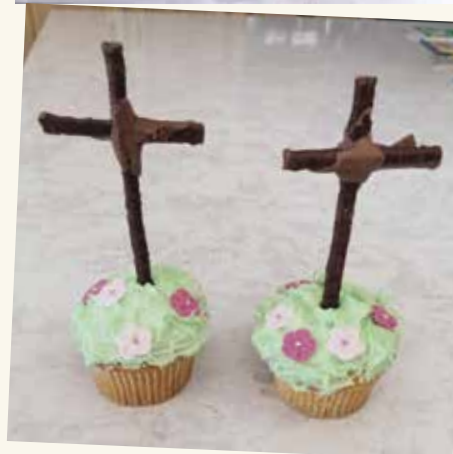
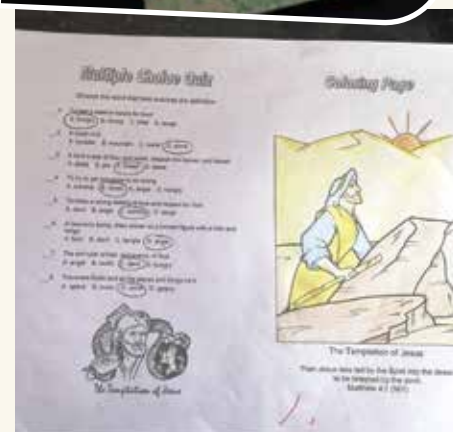
Many thanks to all those who took part in our online Lockdown Quiz via "Zoom" on Saturday 24th April. We'll take a break from the quizzes during the summer months, but hopefully they can resume in the autumn.

Sunday School

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 situation, we have been unable to resume



Some of the young people and their work completed at home through the Sunday School.



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 (see pictures). We thank all of them for their help and support.



Sympathy

We extend our sincere condolences to Yvonne Donaldson and all her family on the passing of her brother-in-law, Joe Gillanders (Monaghan Town). May they especially know God's presence at this difficult time, and may Joe, and all who have died, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Paul and Dawn Leathem on the birth on 7th April of their twin babies, Jamie John and Ellie Avril. They have an older sister, Tara Ella. Best wishes to their proud grandparents, Isaac and Jennifer, and all the Leathem family.

Paul, Dawn, and their three children, live in Germany.

Easter Vestry Meetings

The annual Easter Vestry meeting for each parish will be held when restrictions allow. 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

Wednesday 2nd June

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 11.00am

Sunday 6th June

Morning Prayer St Finbarr's 10.30am

Morning Prayer Magheraclone 12noon

Wednesday 9th June

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 11.00am

Sunday 13th June

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Holy Communion Magheraclone 12noon

Morning Prayer Ardragh 1.15pm

Wednesday 16th June

NO Holy Communion

Sunday 20th June

Arise and Shine with Sunday School

Prizegiving St Finbarr's 10.30am

Service of the Word Magheraclone 12noon

Wednesday 23rd June

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 11.00am

Sunday 27th June

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Holy Communion Magheraclone 12noon

Holy Communion Ardragh 1.15pm

Wednesday 30th June

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 11.00am

In-Church Worship

We were delighted to be able to meet again in our church buildings from mid-May following almost five months of online only worship. All Covid regulations continue to be in place, Rev Colin will advise all parishioners of any changes as and when they occur. We are continuing for the moment to

broadcast our Sunday Service at 10.30am and Wednesday Holy Communion at 11.00am live on our Facebook Page. At the moment we are using only basic equipment for screening services so please bear with us around quality, we hope to look at installing something more permanent in the coming months.

Youth Group and Confirmation

Our Youth Group has been unable to meet for some 14 months so with restrictions lifting we hope to plan an outdoor meet up in June (keeping within all regulations). Rev Colin will be contacting parents with the details and we look forward to being able to catch up before hopefully resuming our monthly meetings in September.

We are planning to hold Confirmation either November of this year or early 2022. This will be open to all young people aged 12 plus. Please contact Revd Colin if your child would be interested in being confirmed. If any adults who have not been confirmed would be interested please also speak to Revd Colin.

Sunday School at Home

Despite being unable to meet on a Sunday

morning for Sunday School the children have been keeping up to date with their activities through Sunday School at Home. Thank you to all the parents for enabling the children to keep in touch and to keep learning and growing in their faith by helping them with the resources. We will have our Sunday School prizegiving (most likely virtually) during Arise and Shine on Sunday 20th June. This will also be Father's Day so we will have a great celebration. Unfortunately, unless there is a change to the ongoing restrictions, we will be unable to hold our family picnic on that day.

Carrick Chatter Summer 2021

The summer edition of our parishes magazine, Carrick Chatter, will be available in mid-June. This will be a special edition looking at how our group of churches adopted to life during a pandemic, as well as looking at how we can use the past year to help shape our future under God's guidance.

Carrickmacross Foodbank

We continue to support the wonderful work



Carrick Chatter summer edition of our Parishes' magazine.

of Carrickmacross Foodbank in helping local individuals and families who are struggling at this time.

We hold our monthly collection on the third



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Sunday of each month.

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Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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The Church of Ireland has produced liturgical resources marking the Centenary of the Opening of the Northern Ireland Parliament. The Government of Ireland Act 1920 came into force on 3rd May 1921, partitioning Ireland and creating Northern Ireland. The following Collect is extracted from the liturgical resources:
God of our past, God of our future, from whom all authority comes. On this centenary of the opening of the Northern Ireland Parliament we pray for the legislative assembly and its executive.

By your gracious help may it give Northern Ireland good governance, serve with integrity and seek the common good, that all people may live peaceably and grow in respect for one another; this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Church of Ireland

A New Normal?

As these notes are written, there is a sense of returning to some form of normality in our weekly worship. There is gradual easement in Covid restrictions. There are increasing numbers of people receiving their Covid-19 vaccinations. Both parishes are welcoming those parishioners who were 'shielding' back to Church, still in keeping with social distancing guidelines. In Cleenish Parish, a number of parishioners have availed of the outdoor sound system in the church car park whereby they can listen to and participate in Morning Service in the comfort of their own cars. All that is needed now, is for our Sunday Schools to have face-to-face learning whenever church halls are reopened.

Many of our parishioners were able to join via electronic means to observe the Service of Consecration of the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis as Bishop of Clogher at a service on the Feast of St Mark on Monday 26th April in St

Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Cleenish and Mullaghduin look forward – one day – to having a Bishopric visit.

The Rector writes...

Today we live in challenging times, whether it be the present unrest in the Middle East or the employment situation following the Coronavirus Pandemic. It would be easy for people to lose hope for the future. Let me take you to an incident which is recorded in 2nd Kings Chapter 6. The prophet Elisha who, was surrounded by the unstoppable armies of the Arameans, managed to get a great night's sleep in spite of the challenge that surrounded him. It wasn't that he was blind to the danger but rather that he believed he had a greater force on his side. His servant however didn't see it that way and was terrified. Then Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes and let him see!" The LORD opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.' (2 Kgs. 6:17 NLT). God's protecting power was around them both but the young man couldn't see it until his eyes were opened. It is as we continue to place our complete daily trust in the Lord Jesus Christ that we will lose our fear for the future.

In Psalm 31 & verses 14 & 15 we read the following; 'But I am trusting you, O LORD, saying, 'You are my God!' My future is in your hands ...' (Ps. 31:14-15 NLT).

Isn't it simply amazing to think that the God of the universe is holding the entire world in His hands. But it's much more personal when you realise that the God of the universe holds not just the world, but your future, in His hands.

One night a young boy was forced to make his way to the roof of his house as it caught fire. The father stood on the ground below with outstretched arms, calling to his son, 'Jump! I'll catch you.' All the boy could see were the flames and the smoke, and so he cried out; 'But, Daddy, I can't see you.' To which his father replied, 'But I can see you and that's all that matters.'

During this season of challenge and uncertainty, let us remember that God sees us and He is waiting for us to jump into His Loving Arms when we'll enjoy His Presence and protection forever.

Canon Geoffrey P Bridle

Bereavements

Condolences are expressed to Tommy Elliott (Mullaghduin Parish) and Maureen Irvine (Cleenish Parish) on the death of their brother-in-law, Mervyn Brownlee on 18th April; and to Madeline Richardson (Mullaghduin Parish) on the death of her sister-in-law Ethne Elliott (nee Foster) on 7th May.

We also sympathise with the Creighton family circle following the death of Bill. Bill and his late wife, Violet were married in Mullaghduin Parish Church on 8th April 1953 and were faithful supporters of their "home" Church.

Christian Burial

Mullaghduin Parish Church

■ 21st April 2021

Mervyn Frederick Brownlee
Coolyermer, Letterbreen
Aged 77 years.

■ 9th May 2021

William Edward (Bill) Creighton
Sligo Road, Enniskillen
Aged 96 years.

Cleenish Parish Church

■ 10th May 2021

Ethne Elliott (nee Foster)
Ardess West Road, Armagh (formerly of Bellanaleck)
Aged 71 years



Aimee Nixon bringing out twin lambs from her father's farmyard to be released.

Bellanaleck Community Group

As springtime moves towards summer, the improved weather shows many trees and hedges coming into leaf within God's Kingdom. After a very cold April many young lambs are now out in the fields along with their mothers. At time of writing the Quay improvement works were almost complete.

Group Chairman, George Thornton, and Group Secretary Owen Wilson, are shown seated at one of the picnic tables which have been erected along the river decking adjacent to the Slipway. The background shows the newly resurfaced Car Park, with the block of habited housing in the distance. It is likely there will be an official opening which will only take place in accordance with Government Covid Regulations.

The Fermanagh Thrust has provided a grant of £550 for the provision of community information maps, which means this Project can now go ahead. New facilities in the Village are now included in the draft proposal. 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.



George Thornton, Group Chairman and Owen Wilson, Group Secretary at one of the new picnic tables.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

We are glad to report that all our churches have now reopened, and that we are once again able to gather together for in-person worship. Sunday services for June will therefore take place in church at our traditional times, as follows:

Sunday 6 June

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

Sunday 13 June

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

Sunday 20 June

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

Sunday 27 June

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

Sunday 4 July

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

Baptism

We were delighted on our first Sunday back after the lockdown to welcome into the Church family baby Milo Adams, son of Stephen Adams and Carmina Jones. Milo was baptised in Newbliss Church on 16 May, and it was a real joy to have such a special occasion on our first Sunday together in church for many weeks. We pray that the Lord will bless Milo and his family richly as they walk onwards in faith.

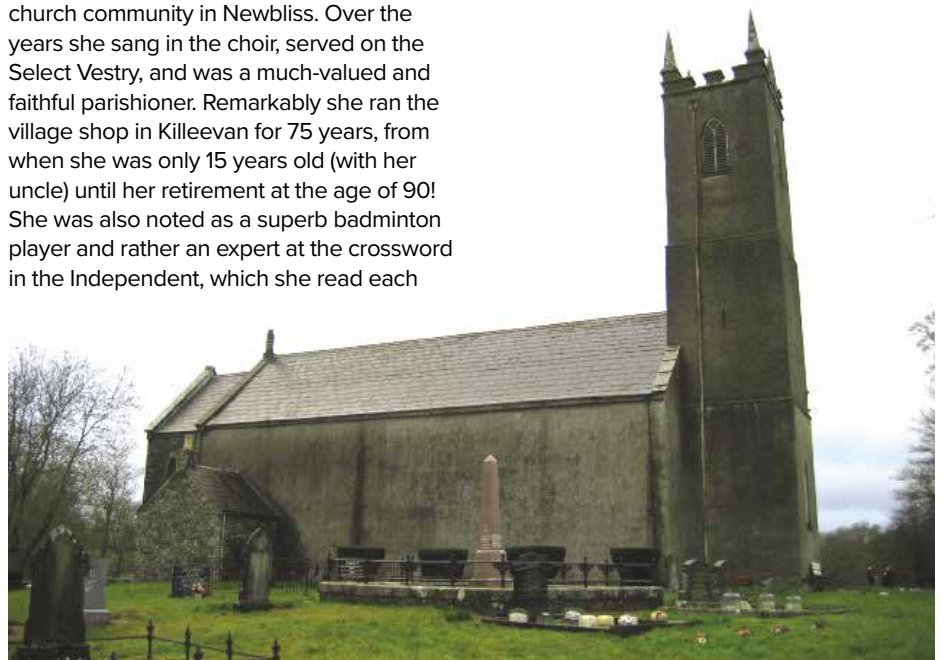
Death

On 15 June we held the funeral of Ms Eileen Hall. Eileen was 96 years old when she died – and a long-standing member of our church community in Newbliss. Over the years she sang in the choir, served on the Select Vestry, and was a much-valued and faithful parishioner. Remarkably she ran the village shop in Killeevan for 75 years, from when she was only 15 years old (with her uncle) until her retirement at the age of 90! She was also noted as a superb badminton player and rather an expert at the crossword in the Independent, which she read each

day. Eileen died at Drumbear Lodge Nursing Home in Monaghan, and it was there that we held an outdoor funeral service for family and close friends before burial in her family grave in the churchyard of the Presbyterian Church at Newbliss. We will miss Eileen greatly, and we offer our sincere condolences to all her family and friends as they continue to grieve her loss.

Annual General Vestry Meetings

Unfortunately meetings in church are still not currently permitted in the Republic of Ireland, so we have no fixed dates as yet for our annual General Vestry Meetings. We hope that it will be possible to hold these in the not-too-distant future, and we will announce dates in due course.



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Services

JUNE

6th - Holy Communion 11.30am
6th - Confirmation service 7.00pm (see below)
13th - Morning Prayer 11.30am
20th - Reconnect service 10.30am (parish hall see below)
20th - Morning Prayer 11.30am
20th - Orange Anniversary Service 7.00pm
27th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

JULY

4th - Holy Communion 10.30am
11th - Morning Prayer 10.30am
18th - Morning Prayer 10.30am
25th - Morning Prayer 10.30am

Note the services during July and August

are at the earlier time of 10.30am.

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 service times and dates will be notified on the notices and parish Facebook page.

Christian Baptism

■ 5th May 2021 - Charlie Gordon Ginn, son of Jason and Naomi, Ederney
■ 12th May 2021 - Sammijo Heather Kerrigan, Drumbullen,

Christian Burial

■ 20th April 2021
Sarah Jane (Sally) Ginn, Monaverice, Ederney



As things begin to open again as COVID-19 restrictions ease, it is an opportunity to look back, to reflect, to remember, to give thanks, as it is good to look forward at the opportunities that lie ahead. Those reflections, remembrances, may stir up memories of hurt, sorrow and loss, as they may recall times of excitement and joy. Yet in all things we should rejoice and give thanks to the Lord, who has sustained and strengthened us to live each day under His care. As we look forward, maybe even thinking will things be different and how might they be different, let us continue to trust in God who holds our future. In Isaiah,

we read these words, “Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isa. 43: 18 – 19, Let us believe that the Lord will do a new thing in our lives, in our communities, throughout the world and pray that the abundance of His blessings will restore and revive us to walk with Him each day.

Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry has taken place, and the parish accounts presented with the Select

Vestry being re-elected for another year. Our thanks to everyone for the roles they undertake in the affairs of the church and its mission.

Young@Heart

A glimpse at one of the window baskets that the Young@Heart members had planted as part of a SWAP project in April. (See photo).

Confirmation

At the time of writing, we will be welcoming Bishop Ian on his first visit to Colaghty on Sunday 6th June 2021 at 7.00pm for the Service of Confirmation. This service will be for the confirmation candidates and immediate families with limited numbers in following ‘in-church worship protocols’. Please continue to pray for the 12 young people to be confirmed at this service.

Sunday School/Confirmation group

Sunday 20th June 2021 at 10.30am – Reconnect service for Sunday school children and the confirmation group. All are asked to attend along with a parent and to sit in family/household bubble, for a short service in the church hall.

Dates for the diary

■ Saturday 24th July – R & D’s Sizzlers at Colaghty – more information will follow for this parish fundraiser.

Again, our appreciation to you all for the way in which you have adhered to the restrictions around COVID-19 as we meet in worship.



Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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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 in worship) and sanitise hands.

At the time of writing there is still the requirement to keep the Services to a shortened form but we hope that it will not be too long before we are able to offer our fuller traditional forms of weekly worship.

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/>

Services

Sunday 6th June

10.15am - Castle Archdale (Holy Communion)

11.30am - Derryvullen North (Holy Communion)

Online recorded Scripture reflection and prayer from 7.00am @rectorDVNandCA

Sunday 13th June

10.30am- Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

11.45am - Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

Online recorded Service with singers



Mothers' Union All-Ireland President, June Butler (right) with Clogher Diocesan representatives and Castle Archdale parish representatives during her walk.



Ethel Johnston singing during online worship.



Billy McBride playing the organ.

and musicians from 7.00am @ rectorDVNandCA

Sunday 20th June

10.15am - Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am - Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

Online recorded Scripture reflection and prayer from 7.00am @rectorDVNandCA

Sunday 27th June

10.15am - Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am - Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

Online recorded Scripture reflection and prayer from 7.00am @rectorDVNandCA

Easter Vestries

The Annual General Easter Vestries were held on Monday 19th April (Derryvullen North) and on Tuesday 20th April (Castle Archdale).

For Derryvullen North, the Rector appointed Mrs Avril Stubbs as his Churchwarden. Mr Sam Johnston was elected as Peoples' Churchwarden. The Rector thanked outgoing Churchwarden Mrs Violet Hughes for all her support over her time in office and spoke of the engaging and helpful way she had fulfilled the duties of the office. He also thanked Mr Sam Johnston for all his excellent help and work during his time as Rector's Churchwarden.

For Castle Archdale the Rector reappointed Mr Bryan Thompson as his Churchwarden. Mr Derek Anderson was re-elected as Peoples' Churchwarden. The Rector thanked them for all their support each week throughout the year and for the welcoming and engaging way they fulfilled the duties of their offices.

The work of all our Officeholders and Vestry Members in both parishes is much appreciated and greatly valued by the Rector and the parishioners.

Mothers' Union

While the members have not been able to meet as a group it has been good to

support a range of events including the Mums in May project (noted below). One normal aspect of the branch that will still continue is the tradition of moving the Banner to Castle Archdale for the summer months. The closing service would usually have been held in Castle Archdale and the banner brought from Derryvullen North. There will be no closing service as such but the Banner will still make its way to Castle Archdale.

Mums in May

"Mums in May" is an All-Ireland Fund of the Mothers' Union which was established in 2012 in celebration of 125 years of MU in Ireland. The Fund supports new and on-going MU projects throughout Ireland as well as specific important overseas projects. Every third year the MIM Fund is replenished through the efforts of members in Ireland and 2021 will be the fourth occasion when MU fundraising will focus on the Fund.

Through projects funded by "Mums in May" in recent years, All-Ireland Mothers' Union has reached out to communities and families across the island to help them in times of need. For example the fund has provided short breaks to those who cannot afford them, school books and uniforms for struggling families,

clothing and food for those who have been forced to leave their homes due to domestic violence and, since the Covid pandemic, vouchers for families now enduring food poverty.

Mothers' Union All Ireland President, June Butler, is planning walks in each diocese and she began these in March and if restrictions permit she aims to complete them by November 2021 - a total of 252 kilometres! She started in her home parish of Saintfield and arrived at Castle Archdale on Tuesday 20th April. Due to covid restrictions this could not be advertised in advance but she was joined by MU Diocesan President Mrs Irene Boyd, Enrolling Member Dr Margaret Knox, Mrs Liane Armstrong, the Revd Charlie Eames, Mr Norman Noble and the rector Revd Paul Thompson. The rector led a prayer for the project and Norman gave a very enjoyable outline of the history of the church and the Castle Archdale estate and area.

A "JUST GIVING PAGE" has been set up for the "21 in 21" initiative, so friends and family can easily sponsor June's walking extravaganza or any other member's challenge. Simply log on to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MumsinMay21 to donate to the All-Ireland Mums in May Fund



Canon Paul Thompson with prayers from the Rectory.

Royal British Legion

At the time of writing the Rector plans to meet for Prayers with Royal British Legion representatives at the War Graves, Derryvullen North on Saturday 15th May and a wreath will be placed at the Cross of Sacrifice. This is to recognise the Royal British Legion Centenary 1921-2021. There will be more details in the next edition.

Scripture Union

We continue to remember and support the work of SU NI's E3 Schools' Project which is a localised form of Schools' Ministry, where a local 'E3 Worker', backed up by local volunteers and churches, works over a set District. E3 describes the three main aims:
 ENGAGING schools pupils with the opportunities and resources that may lead them to encountering Jesus through His word, praying that they can make an

informed decision about Jesus and His truth.
 EQUIPPING Christian teachers and pupils by giving them support and encouragement to facilitate growth in Christian maturity and to encourage them to be salt and light in their schools.
 EMPOWERING churches to actively pray, support and get involved in Schools' Ministry.
 The current Prayer Letter from the Fermanagh/Fivemiletown Project is here as a photograph and you can find out more at <https://www.suni.co.uk/what-we-do/schools/e3>

From the registers HOLY BAPTISM

■ 25/04/2021, Theodore James Alexander Taylor (Derryvullen North).



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, 6th June

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

Sunday, 13th June

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

Sunday, 20th June

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

Sunday, 27th June

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South
 12 Noon, Garvary

Easter Vestry

The General Easter Vestry was held on 22nd April with the Rural Dean, Revd John Woods officiating. There were no changes from last year.



Successful rubbish pick up on land beyond Church car park.



The Royal Family

Parishioners were saddened to hear the announcement from Her Majesty, The Queen that her husband, HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh had passed away at the age of 99 years on 9th April. At the conclusion of Morning Service on Sunday, 11th April, prayers were said for the Royal Family, a minute's silence was also observed and this was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Used clothes collection

Due to lockdown last year the used clothes collection was cancelled. It is hoped that when restrictions are eventually eased, this can be re-arranged for later this year.

Birthday wishes

We extend our best wishes to Mrs Chris

Wilson, Garvary Hill, who celebrated her 90th birthday on 8th May.

Prayers

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

Mothers' Union

Congratulations to Mrs. Chris Wilson who celebrated her 90th birthday at the beginning of May.

Mrs. Wilson has been a branch member since 1968.

To mark her birthday, Garvary members gave her a cake, gathered in her garden and sang Happy Birthday, then went to her window and congratulated her.



Mrs Chris Wilson celebrating her 90th birthday.

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Services for June

Sunday 6th

10.00 am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 13th

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 20th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 27th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Congratulations

Congratulations and good wishes to our new Bishop, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis. We would ask parishioners to remember Bishop Ian in their prayers and look forward to his first visit as Bishop to our parishes.

Wall Restored

James Kells, Rectors' Glebewarden, has rebuilt a wall on the edge of Devenish Parish graveyard. The wall had fallen into

serious disrepair over the years. James, painstakingly rebuilt the wall, stone by stone and it is now restored to its former glory. The adjoining land owner, John Scott supplied the material for a post and rail fence which James, assisted by his son Connor erected. The Select Vestry and parishioners wish to express their thanks to James for all his work and also wish to thank John and Connor for their contributions to the work.



James Kells at the wall he restored.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh

Chancellor **Ian Berry** is in charge.

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

Services for June 2021

Sunday 6th June -The First Sunday after Trinity

Donagh 10.30am

Tyholland 12 noon.

Sunday 13th June- The Second Sunday after Trinity

Donagh 10.30am

Errigal Truagh 12.noon.

Sunday 20th June- The Third Sunday after Trinity

Donagh 10.30am

Tyholland 12 noon

Sunday 27th June – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Donagh 10.30am- Children's day with distribution of prizes.

Errigal Truagh 12 noon

I expect that many of you like myself during 'lockdown' took the advantage of reading books. Among the books that gave great comfort, help and kept me grounded was the 'Gold Collection' by Brian D'Arcey. His writing is said to be simple and direct with a great deal of pastoral advice as well as spiritual insight.' With the permission of Brian I wish to

share with you some thoughts and reflections in his book that I found humorous, reflective and challenging.

"Setting out on the journey of Life"



One way of looking at life is to see it as a journey of forgiveness; forgiving others, forgiving God and forgiving myself. The most difficult one to forgive is myself. I journey through life slowly and painfully, step by step, which means I don't have to perfect now.

Most of us carry baggage from the families we were brought up in. Seamus Heaney jokingly analysed his parents. His mother's motto in life was, 'Whatever you say, say nothing'. She never put it into practice herself because she talked non-stop. His father was different. He could communicate, but not with words. Heaney says 'language was a kind of betrayal' for his father.

Heaney wrote his poem 'the Follower' about his father. He sees himself as a boy following his father, a strong man handling a plough behind a horse. He stumbles along beside his father, getting in his way. He wants to grow up, to plough and to close one eye and stiffen his arm like his

father. But in fact, when he is a grown man, it is his father 'who keeps stumbling behind me and he will not go away'. How true that is.

Parents at first are heroes whom we follow with baby steps. But the older we get the more like them we become. Even when they are dead they haunt us. When we look over our shoulder or in the mirror, we find them stumbling behind us as we become more like them.

Life is a journey of forgiveness. But it is also a journey of self-awareness. That's the journey of life and the cycle of life too. When we fail to reflect or make the journey inwards, we get stuck in a rut. I need to know I'm loved for whom I am and not for what I do. That's the way God loves me.

There is no need for fear; no need for change. God loves this struggling mixture of success and failure. God love you for it is impossible for God not to love. 'The end of all exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time; was how T.S. Elliot put it.

Fancy meeting You!



"I dreamt death came the other night
And Heaven's gate swung wide,
With kindly grace an angel came
And ushered me inside.
And there to my astonishment
Stood folk I'd known on earth.
Some I had judged as quite unfit
Or of but little worth.
Indignant words rose to my lips
But never were set free,
For every face showed stunned surprise
-no one expected me! "

Congratulation to new grandparents

- Mrs Jean Wallace, a grandson, Heath, Howard Linten.
- Robert and Shirley Wilson, grand-daughter, Isabella Carleton.



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No Reserves, No Retreats and No Regrets

In 1904 William Borden graduated from a Chicago high school. As heir to the Borden family fortune, he was already wealthy. For his high school graduation present, his parents gave 16-year-old Borden a trip around the world. As the young man travelled through Asia, the Middle East, and Europe, he felt a growing burden for the world's hurting people. Finally, Bill Borden wrote home about his "desire to be a missionary."

One friend expressed disbelief that Bill was "throwing himself away as a missionary." In response, Borden wrote two words in the back of his Bible: "**No reserves.**"

During his college years, Bill Borden made an entry in his personal journal that defined him. That entry said simply: "Say 'no' to self and 'yes' to Jesus every time."

Upon graduation from Yale, Borden turned down some high-paying job offers. In his Bible, he wrote two more words: "**No retreats.**"

William Borden went on to do graduate work at Princeton Seminary in New Jersey. When he finished his studies at Princeton, he sailed for China. Because he was hoping to work with Muslims, he stopped first in Egypt to study Arabic. While there, he contracted spinal meningitis. Within a month, 25-year-old William Borden was dead.

When the news of William Whiting Borden's death was cabled back to the U.S., the story was carried by nearly every American newspaper. "A wave of sorrow went round the world . . . Borden not only gave (away) his wealth, but himself, in a way so joyous and natural that it (seemed) a privilege rather than a sacrifice" wrote Mary Taylor in her introduction to his biography.

Prior to his death, fully aware that he'd not live to accomplish his earthly goals, Borden



wrote two more words in his Bible. "**No regrets.**"

Serve Christ with *no reserves, no retreats*, and you too will finish the course of your life with *no regrets*.

Quotations taken from Borden of Yale, by Mrs. Howard Taylor, Moody Press, Chicago

"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him" (Romans 12:1, NLT).

Sunday Services

JUNE

6th June

11.00am S o W, 'God Knows – Sibling Rivalry: Jacob & Esau' (Gen 25:19-34)

13th June

11.00am S o W, 'God Knows – Jacob's Ladder' (Gen 28:10-19)

20th June

11.00am S o W, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

27th June

11.00am HC 2, 'Dead girl and sick woman' (Mark 5:21-43)

Midweek Services

JUNE

2nd June

8.30pm S o W, 'Resurrection – What will it be like?' (Mark 12:18-27)

9th June

8.30pm S o W, 'Treasure in jars of clay' (2 Corinthians 4:5-10)

16th June

8.00pm S o W, 'Overflow of the heart' (Luke 6:43-45)

23rd June

8.30pm HC 2, 'In remembrance of Christ' (Luke 22:14-23)

30th June

8.30pm S o W, "Everything is possible to those who believe" (Mark 9:14-29)

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

Services

We continue to offer two services each week – one on the Sunday at 11.00am and a Midweek Service on Wednesday at 8.30pm, 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 more contemporary, lasting no more than 50 minutes and from 26th May will incorporate live worship.

Walking Life Group

Our Walking Life Group will be running from May to September, initially meeting in the Church car park at 8pm on Tuesdays and walking around Dromore. This is to give an opportunity for some fellowship (a chance to chat while we walk) as we come slowly out of lockdown measures. As Covid-19 restrictions ease, we will do walks in other places (knowing that we can give lifts to those without transport).

Children's Sunday

Our Children's Sunday will be on 20th June 2021 at 11am. Prizes for the children can be collected by parents on the way into



Church. The service will be no more than 35 minutes and will be geared towards children. After the service, there will be an ice cream van outside in the car park and a complimentary ice cream for everyone who attends (including adults)! Let's rejoice in what the Lord has brought us through and have some fun together too!

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 (All-age Service) and on Thursday (Midweek Service).
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore.
- Get a recording of the service on CD or DVD every week



Drumkeeran, Muckcross and Templecarne



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My thoughts this month will be brief as our activities are still limited despite the relaxations that have taken place recently. We are of course grateful that we continue to see progress in both jurisdictions as regards vaccination and in the reduction in the numbers of cases, hospitalisation and deaths as the result of Covid19. We should thank God for these things. As I write these words, I am looking forward to joining in person again with the Christian community in Templecarne Parish on Sunday 16 May as we worship God together in church there for the first time this year.

We should continue to pray that no matter what the weeks and months that lie ahead may bring we would not be forced to close our churches again.

While we are still limited in our activities and in how we can meet I would hope that the confirmation service that should have taken place last May will happen soon. It is likely that this will be after the summer but when I receive further details, I will share these with the candidates and their parents.

I also hope that Sunday School will resume in both Drumkeeran and Templecarne after the summer.

As I have highlighted previously, I have arranged a Youth Service on Sunday 20 June (please note change of date) 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 holiday period.

I hope that everyone continues to look after themselves and that you will have the confidence to resume the activities that have not been possible for the last fifteen months.

As scripture reminds us, I can do all things through him who strengthens me. As we move forward may we trust in God for all things.

Diary

- Sunday 6 June 2021 Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, 11.30 Tubrid.
- Sunday 13 June 2021 Holy Communion 10.00 Muckcross, 11.30 Tubrid.
- Sunday 20 June 2021 Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid.
- Sunday 20 June 2021 Youth Service in Tubrid Hall at 3pm. Speaker Alastair McFarland who is the E3 Schools Worker for Fermanagh and Fivemiletown.
- Sunday 27 June 2021 Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, 11.30 Tubrid.



Ematrix with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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

Chancellor Ian Berry is in charge.

Aghabog

We extend our deepest sympathy to Peter and Lavina Toal on the death of Peter's mother, Mrs Moira Toal, Smithboro and to anyone who has been recently bereaved in the parish. Keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been unwell at home or in hospital in recent weeks and wish them best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dawn and Paul Leathem on the birth of their twins Jamie John and Ellie Avril, grandchildren to John and Ethel Ritchie, best wishes to all on this great event.

Aughnamullen

We were all saddened to learn of the death of Mrs Mavis Weir who was a faithful parishioner and a member of the select vestry for many years. Our deepest sympathy to her son Harold and daughters, Eileen and Muriel and the extended family who cared for her lovingly during her recent illness. Her funeral service took place in Christ Church Aughnamullen and was conducted by Revd. Margaret Pringle and Walter Pringle and the burial took place in the family plot after the service.

Sympathy

We also remember all those in our Parish who have suffered bereavements and remember them in our prayers and thoughts.

Dartrey and Rockcorry

Re-opening of churches

The vaccination programme is racing along, the big announcements are getting more positive and the country is starting to open up. Is it the endgame at long last? The re-opening of Ireland has begun which means that now we can look forward to the re-opening of our churches. We have missed the routine of weekly worship in our church buildings. The sense of relief around the country is palpable.

This year has been like no other. The pandemic has affected every person, family and church on the country. However, we can

at last look forward to many of the things that we missed and took for granted. What will our new normal be like. Before we claim victory, we must get vaccines out to all countries to reduce the risk of more variants. As Ireland looks forward to life post-Covid 19 we cannot forget those who have been bereaved and those suffering from Long Covid and other health problems. God bless. Keep safe.

Rockcorry School

Rockcorry National School has been a very busy and enjoyable place over the last while. The children have been working very hard on their normal curricular subjects as well as taking part in a number of worthwhile programmes.

We are working hard on our Active Flag and last week we had our Active School Week:

We enjoyed new and different activities everyday and even had Active Homework.

We are also continuing to work on our fourth Green School Flag, Travel Safety, and completing a new Farm Safe School Programme. Here we are learning about the dangers of the farm including animal and machinery danger.

As well as all this, the Senior Room has been very busy planting and growing fruit, vegetables and flowers, so hopefully we will have some healthy veg and bright flowers for our school garden.

Enniskillen Cathedral



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JUNE SERVICES

Thursday 3rd June

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 6th June: The First Sunday after Trinity

11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 10th June

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 13th June: The Second Sunday after Trinity

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 17th June

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 20th June: The Third Sunday after Trinity

11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 24th June

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 27th June: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am - Morning Prayer

Holy Baptism

1st May – Archie Eric Skuce

5th May – Rosie Fiona Yvonne Foley

9th May – Wyatt Lincoln Corrigan

Christian Burial

3rd May - Ethel Maud Wray, Millcroft Care Home, formerly Burnside Park, Enniskillen.

Cathedral Restoration Project

The contract for the restoration work on the cathedral has been awarded to Mr Harold Graham, a well-known building contractor from Irvinestown. Tenders were submitted by five contractors and Mr Graham was successful. When the consultant's and quantity surveyor's fees are added to the contractor's tender price, and allowing for incidental costs that may arise, the total cost is likely to be of the order of £450,000. VAT will also be charged on this amount but this can be reclaimed due to the Cathedral's status as a Listed Building.

The contract for the restoration work is legally between the contractor and the Representative Church Body (RCB) in Dublin, which is the legal owner of the Cathedral as is the case for the majority of Church of Ireland churches.

However, whilst the contract is with the RCB, responsibility for meeting the cost of the restoration rests with the Parish, hence the need to maintain the momentum of the



Discussing arrangements for the cathedral restoration work. With the Dean are from left: Mr Marius Blake; Mr Harold Graham, main contractor; Mr J Muldoon and Mr Chris McCollum, historic buildings restoration specialist, who will supervise the work. Messrs Blake and Muldoon are quantity surveyors involved in the project.

fund-raising campaign. Work is due to start on 1st June and be complete by the end of November. It is intended that acts of worship will continue as normal in the cathedral as the work progresses.

Youth

Just a short note to say a BIG thank you to everyone who has supported and taken part in any of our Children and Youth organisations while they have been online.

It has been a strange year, but we have enjoyed getting to stay in touch with you and we look forward to getting back together in person someday soon. Stay safe and have a lovely summer!

The Children and Youth team.

Messy Church @ Home

Messy Church @ Home has now finished for the summer. We hope you have enjoyed each session as much as we have enjoyed

putting them together. The whole team is looking forward to returning (hopefully in person!) in October. Keep an eye on our Children and Youth social media pages for Messy Church updates!

For April's Messy Church @ Home, we celebrated 'All Things New' after Easter. Our verse of the month was 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ERV): 'when anyone is in Christ, it is a whole new world. The old things are gone; suddenly, everything is new!' Activities included junk modelling, paper butterflies and making trees.

Messy Church is a great opportunity for children to learn about God and the Bible in a relaxed and creative atmosphere. It is a FREE group open to all primary-aged children of all denominations held on the third Thursday of each month.

Sunday Lights + Cafe @ Enniskillen Cathedral

Our final Sunday Lights + Café session is on Sunday 13th June. Keep an eye on our Children and Youth social media pages for Sunday Lights @ Café updates after summer! This year we have enjoyed learning about characters and stories of the New Testament. Since the New Year, we have focused on Jesus' time on Earth. We have enjoyed learning about the different miracles He performed and the parables He told. All of our virtual sessions will remain online and can be found on our Google Drive. Each session contains a Bible passage, a YouTube video link, some discussion questions for you and your family, an interactive activity idea and short lesson as well as some additional



Preparing the contract documents for signature. The Dean's picnic table provided an ideal location for social distancing. From left: Mr J Muldoon, Marius Blake (seated), Mr Chris McCollum, Mr Sam Morrow and Mr Harold Graham.



Pictures are from some of our last few Messy Church @ Home sessions.

resources.

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

Xplore and Confirmation

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

Confirmation

Due to circumstances beyond our control the Confirmation Service on 15th March 2020 had to be cancelled at the last minute. This was very disappointing for the 18 young people who had been prepared and rehearsed for their special day. This service has been rearranged for Wednesday 16th June at 7.30pm, unless Covid restrictions change in the interim period.

2022 Confirmation Group

We hope to begin Confirmation Classes again in November with a Confirmation Service in the Spring of 2022. This group will be made up from Years 9 and 10. Names of those wishing to be confirmed should contact the cathedral office email for an application form. Email stmcartins@btopenworld.com

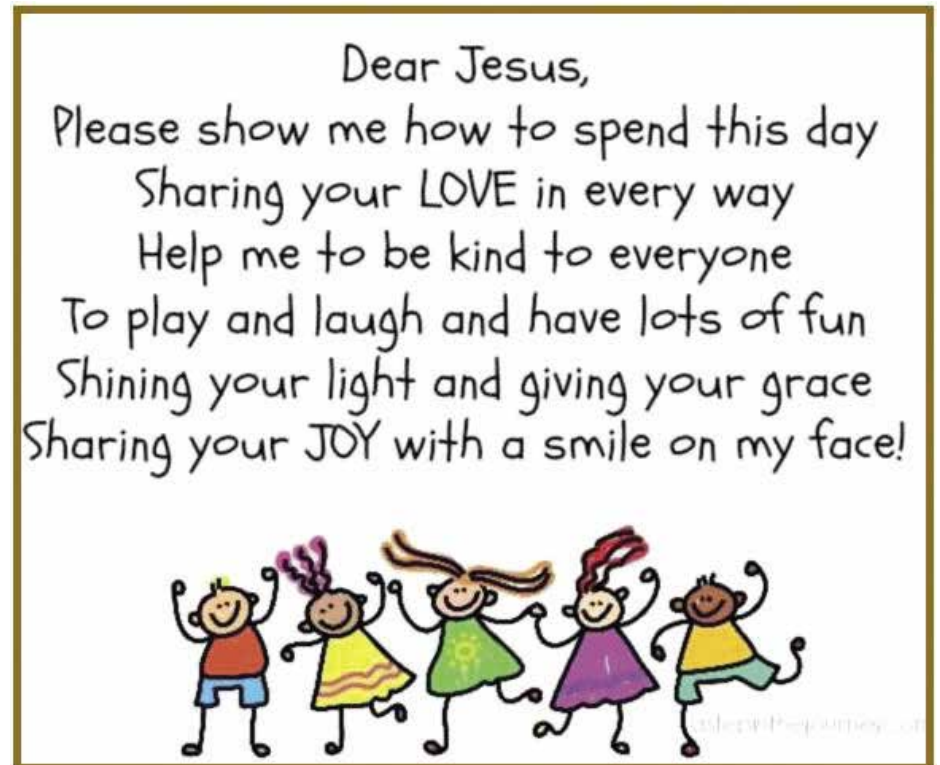
Adult Confirmation

It is hoped to hold a private confirmation service for any adults who wish to be confirmed in September. Those who were to be confirmed on Ascension Day 2020 will automatically be contacted nearer the time and if anyone else wishes to join

them please contact the Dean. This type of service is more or less kept as quiet and as confidential as possible with only close relatives in attendance (if invited by the candidate).

Prayer

O Lord God, whose glory the heavens are telling in joyous and ceaseless praise: bless the worship and work of our cathedral church; dedicated to your servant Macartin, that through the ministry of those who serve and worship here, that same glory might be seen at the centre of our diocesan life, to the praise and honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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Words Of Encouragement Fellowship Evening for Women

To encourage your Christian discipleship, link into a Women's Fellowship Evening with our guest, Christian author Catherine Campbell, from Coleraine.

8.15pm Thursday 29th July 2021 by zoom, and linked to hall if possible/needed.

Catherine plans to encourage through the story of Elijah, and has been asked to refer to

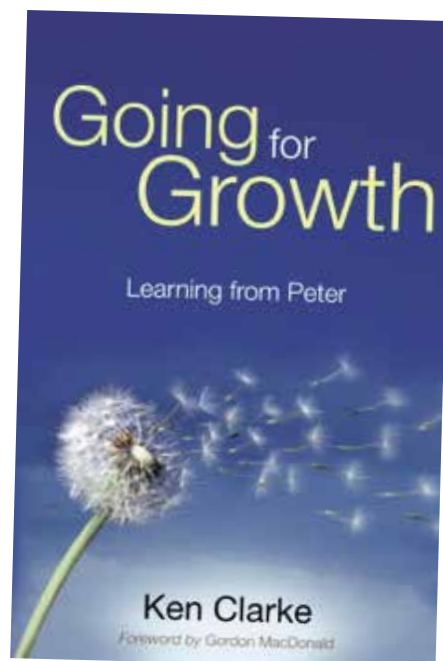
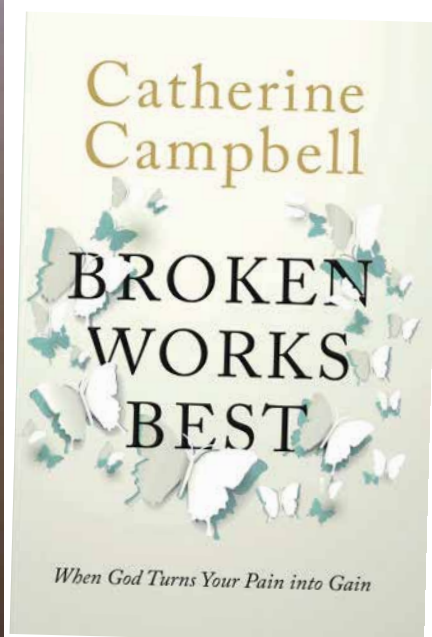


A painting of Kiltermon Church.

her well-received book, Broken Works Best. Could you pray for and encourage other Christian women in their response to God during this Spring and Summer? Encourage someone you know to read Broken Works Best as a way of helping them think about the theme of commitment to God during difficult seasons in life.

Perhaps gift a friend with a copy of the book. Copies are available from the parish office for only £3.

You don't need to have read Catherine's book to enjoy the evening.



We're Going For Growth!

This summer we plan to read and make available Bishop Ken Clarke's book on Peter, to men from across the parish and friends. More details to follow.

'Ken Clarke is a man worth listening to, and he speaks as he writes, from the heart to the heart. There is some rich wisdom in these pages as he looks at lessons from the life of Peter that apply to followers of Jesus in every generation. If you have been called to lead (or suspect you might be), there is much here to encourage you to grow and deepen



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

your faith! Ian Coffey, VP and Director of Leadership Training, Moorlands College 'This is a fantastic book by a great Christian leader. Powerful insights into the life of Peter will warm your heart, challenge your soul and fix your eyes on Jesus. Essential reading for every Christian who wants to grow. I loved it!

About Ken

For 13 years Ken Clarke (also known as Fanta) was Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh in Ireland, before serving as the Mission's Director for SAMS until 2018. He has served in church communities in Northern Ireland, Republic Ireland and in South America. He is married to Helen, and they have four daughters and five grandchildren. Bishop Ken enjoys watching

rugby and is a passionate fan of Manchester United Football Club.

**Off To A Great Start
4 Fellowship Evenings**

Rev'd John Rutter and Claire Holmes SAMS brought words of encouragement and challenge at the first two Fellowship Evenings.

David Watson wrote that 'every believer knows that discipleship is a struggle', and it is.

Lots and lots of planning, communicating and encouragement have been needed to gather the household after lockdown, and it was great to see 27 and 37 members of the parish and friends join on these evenings.

**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

Would you believe that we realised on the evening with SAMS, that through the parish's ministry, 15 parishioners, or 19 parishioners and friends of the parish, or 21 parishioners, friends and those at the fellowship evening have served with SAMS in South America? God is good.

We're really pleased that Kate Doherty, Operation Rescue and former Head Mistress at the Collegiate Grammar, Enniskillen, and Val Gibson nee Ellis, formerly of Inishmacsaint Parish, now working with Crosslinks Mission Society, are planning to speak on 1st June and 22nd June, respectively.

You are very welcome to request the zoom link, and join us.

This last year has reminded me again how many Friends and encouragers that Fivemiletown Parish has. Thank you.

Kiltermon Project Nears Completion

Join us on an Open Weekend at Kiltermon Church, on the Belfast Road; it's on the left about a mile and a half outside Fivemiletown heading for Clogher.

Sunday Services in Kiltermon

God willing, if restrictions allow, Kiltermon Church will reopen for Sunday services from 9.30am on Sunday 25th July 2021. 10am -5pm on Saturday 26th and 3pm -5pm on Sunday 27th June.

In 2008 Kiltermon was beautifully refurbished inside with new flooring, flexible seating, lighting, doors and Communion Table frontals. 13 years on, parishioners and friends are invited to celebrate this second phase of work at Kiltermon as it nears completion. An extension has been added with a vestry-kitchen, and a disability accessible toilet facility accessed by an additional doorway from the Church. Street lighting has been installed in a new car park on land kindly granted to the Church of Ireland by the Graham family.

Open Weekend, a very Little Flower Festival and Leaflet

This special weekend is planned for end June to give parishioners and friends of the parish an opportunity to visit. As part of the celebrations we plan to host a Little Flower Festival with 'Thankfulness' as the theme and produce a leaflet with a pocket history and photographs of Kiltermon Church. APPEAL for photographs of Kiltermon We would like to print a leaflet/display of photographs of Kiltermon Church. If you are able to provide any in a reproducible format, please contact Beverley Weir, or the parish office.



Little Flower Festival with 'Thankfulness' as the theme.



Thanksgiving Service

A short service of Thanksgiving and Dedication with the Select Vestry, and representatives from the National Churches Trust and Priorities Fund is planned for 2.40pm Sunday 27th June, when Bishop Ellis will lead the prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication.

Unfortunately due to the ongoing restrictions, only 30 persons will be able to be present inside for the service. It will be relayed if others are listening outside. Presentations are also planned to two long serving former members of the Select Vestry, Sandy Atwell and Will Cowan. The parish want to mark their long tenure, and many years of dedicated service to the parish and the Church Of Ireland at this special time. The Building be open from 3pm to allow for viewing.

Inspirational Note Cards Pack of 6

This is one of the six illustrations gifted by Beverley Weir to the parish for this project. £7.50 for a set. Available from parish office 8952 2422, B Weir, or Precentor Hanlon. All monies to Kiltermon Project.



Children's Day and Youth Sunday – 6 June

9.30am Holy Communion
11am Children's Day and Youth Sunday Service with Sunday School pre-recorded play, and prizegiving.

We are delighted this year that 102 children and young people registered for the ministry from Sunday School. It has been lots of hard work; planning lessons, cutting craft, sending out upwards of 90 packs across the parish and beyond. The leaders and members of the parish would express their appreciation

to all parents for supporting this growing work during the challenges of this last year. Families have been asked to register their plan to attend, to allow for allocation of seating with restrictions. An earlier Morning Service with Holy Communion is planned for 9.30am for other parishioners.

Pastoral Offices

Holy Baptism

- Oran Ronnie, son of Jacqueline Elliott and Shane McGirr – 28 April
- Jaxon Simon, son of Simon and Caroline Keenan – 12 May
- Katie Olivia, daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca Potter – 19 May
- Kayden William, son of Andrew and Kimberley Jameson – 26 May
- Hunter, son of Jonathan and Lindsay Crawford – 2 June
- Harrie, daughter of Neil and Claire Turkington – 9 June

Holy Matrimony

- Shiree Barton and Trevor Ferguson – 25 March
- Grace Robinson and Robin Farrell – 3 April
- Aimee McFarland and Jonathan Wiltshire – 8 May
- Rachel Nixon and Craig Dykes – 18 June

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Bring Jesus Into Your Picture

“So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet.” Exodus 15:25

When you study your Bible knowing that the Lord is with you, you will be amazed at how God’s Word comes alive. That is how I like to read the Word of God. I come to the Word to drink of the living waters from Jesus. I am conscious that Jesus is by my side, teaching me, speaking to my heart, and I can tell you that we have the best conversations during these times and I always come away from such times feeling refreshed and energised. Reading



Sandra spends time thinking of new designs to create. She shows her latest masterpiece to Revd Lorraine

His Word has become a great personal time of intimacy between Jesus and me. I get completely lost and absorbed in His presence until I lose track of time. You know what it’s like when you are enjoying a steaming cup of latte or a hot chocolate in a café with friends that you love, and you are having so much fun, laughing and sharing, that time just seems to disappear? Well, you can enjoy Jesus’ presence in the same way! Once you are conscious that Jesus is with you, reading the Bible no longer feels like

a chore or duty. You won’t catch yourself watching the clock going tick . . . tock . . . tick . . . tock . . . tick . . . and feeling as though an eternity has passed even though only five minutes has lapsed! That is what a chore feels like—as if time is standing still and you can’t wait to get it over with. Bible study divorced from His presence is a dead work. But when it is like catching up with your best friend, there never seems to be enough time!

So see the Lord in the midst of everything that you do and learn to bring Him into the picture, into your picture. Let Him become your focus in life. He is able to make everything beautiful in your life. When you look at your past, the scars of yesterday may still be throbbing in your memories. As you look back now, you may still feel angry, frustrated, and disappointed all at the same time, and the hurt still pierces your heart. But in the midst of your pain, I want to challenge you to start involving Jesus. See the Lord holding you, gently healing your wounds. Jesus is right there restoring you, putting courage into your heart, and taking away all the sense of shame and guilt. Beloved, He wants you to know that your past will not determine the future that He has for you. Once you involve the Lord and put Him into your bitter waters, He will turn the bitterness into sweetness. That is what the Lord did for the children of Israel. When they came to a place called Marah, they could not drink its waters because they were bitter. Moses cried out to the Lord and the Lord showed him a tree, which Moses cast into the waters. When he did that, the Bible says that “the waters were



Newly appointed Churchwardens for Sallaghy: Mrs Mabel Clingan (Rector's) and Mr George Little (People's).

made sweet."Why did the foul-tasting, undrinkable waters become refreshing and sweet? The answer lies in the tree that was cast in. The tree is a picture of the cross on which our Lord Jesus hung, bearing every broken heart and every sting of betrayal. When you bring Jesus into your situation, into your picture, He can cause every bitter experience to become sweet!

Family Service

Revd Lorraine invited the children and adults to produce some "creative" piece to show what each person spends their time thinking about. There was a huge range of people, things, Scriptures and places that we spend our time thinking about. People and children showed their creativity in art and needlework. Congratulations to all who went to so much effort. Revd Lorraine challenged us all to THINK before we speak!

Services in June

If the Government restrictions allow the following services are planned:

Sunday 6th June 2021 - The First Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Family Service

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Family Service

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Family Service

Sunday 13th June 2021 - The Second Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer with baptism

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church:



Galloon Parish children show their creative skills. Zara, Esther, Alfie, Hugo, Zoe, Jonathan and Matthew display their drawing of what they "think" about. Ideas included farming, family, pets and animals as well as church and others and school even got a mention.

Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th June 2021 - The Third Sunday After Easter

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th June 2021 - The Fourth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer



Jemma and Caitlin thinking of animals and farming. Young Dylan displays his handcrafted Pika Chu.



Emily thinks about rainbows; Charlotte thinks about horses; and Rueben thinks about Santa Claus already!

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.

Kiltyclogher have resumed services in their church with the lifting of restrictions in ROI.

Revd Maureen will continue to conduct the services of HC on the first and second Sunday of each month. Garrison and Slavin on the first and third Sundays at 10am and 11.30am respectively and Kiltyclogher and Belleek on the second and fourth Sundays at 10am and 11.30am respectively.

Thanks during vacancy

Thanks to Canon Alan for his continued supervision and pastoral care during our vacancy. Thanks especially to Revd Maureen Desborough for the many services she has conducted since churches



Slavin parishioners arriving for the Sunday service.

reopened. Thanks to Canon Billy Johnston who has also resumed taking services in the group.

Congratulations

Our congratulations from the group of parishes, prayerful support and good wishes are extended to the new Bishop of Clogher, the Rt. Revd Dr Ian Ellis, as he takes up his office.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone

in our group of parishes who have been unwell in recent weeks.

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.



The Garrison "Grassmen" at work.



Canon Billy and Mrs Johnston arriving to take a service in Garrison church.

Inishmacsaint



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Mothers' Union

The branch has invited Bishop Ian Ellis and Mrs Irene Boyd, MU Diocesan President to a special service of enrolment on 27th June to celebrate 70 years since the first enrolment service in the parish. Certificates will be presented to those members who have completed significant terms of membership.

Sympathy

As a parish we would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the late Jean McElroy and the late Gertie Dane, both formerly of Lisbellaw.

Inishmacsaint Heritage

The 'Angel of Resurrection' window on the north wall of the church (1912) was the first full scale church window produced by the celebrated Irish artist Wilhelmina Geddes (1887-1955) in 1912 when she was just 25 years old. Wilhelmina was born in Drumreilly in Co Leitrim on 25th May 1887. She studied at Methodist College, Belfast Technical College and Metropolitan School of Art in Dublin. Wilhelmina received tuition from the WW1 official war artist and painter of portraits William Orpen, the sculptor and poet Rosamund Praeger and stained-glass artists Beatrice Elvery and Sarah Purser. Wilhelmina's aim 'simplicity through strength

of design and colour' earned her many commissions including one (1917-1919) from the Duke of Connaught for a large three-light window in St Bartholomew's church, Ottawa, Canada, to commemorate his staff killed in WW1. She also produced the 25ft diameter rose window in Ypres cathedral commissioned in 1934 by the British Army and Royal Air Force to represent God's glory as depicted in 'Te Deum'. Wilhelmina suffered from ill health all her life. In her late 30s she had a mental breakdown. Concerned for her well being she referred herself to Downpatrick Asylum. As she had expressed a desire to return to England they referred her to Maudsley Hospital, London. Here she spent six months recuperating still working at her art. When recovered she would go on to win international acclaim and is now considered "the greatest stained-glass artist of all time" - Roy Foster, The Irish Times, 23rd January 2016.

The children of Emily and George Tottenham (Rector 1865-1903) dedicated her window 'Angel of Resurrection' in their memory. One of her other windows is in the neighbouring parish church of Devenish. It is called 'Innocence walking in the Fields of Paradise' and was completed in 1913.



Angel of Resurrection, Inishmacsaint.



Innocence walking in the Field of Paradise, Devenish.



Wilhelmina at work.



Rose Window at Ypres Cathedral, Belgium.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria and to the ends of the earth

“Staycation” is a word that has become familiar over the last few months as debates circulated as to whether it would be possible or not to go abroad during this year’s summer holidays. The advice that came encouraged people to stay safe and holiday on home soil. This advice hasn’t quashed, for many, the desire to fly to warmer weather with sunny beaches or to stay in the hotel away from home that has been stayed in for the last 20 years. According to statistics, in 2019, there were 58.7 million holiday trips abroad from the UK that year; lots of people seem to have the means and the time and the energy and the confidence and the initiative to get up and go, even in the midst of busy and demanding lives, in search of



relaxation and a change of scenery. The arrival of the Holy Spirit at the celebration of Pentecost was to be a defining moment for the early disciples of Jesus. They’d been told that they were to begin a journey that would propel them to the ends of the earth, starting at Jerusalem, but they had to first wait for the Promise of the Father, and His empowering presence. When the Holy Spirit arrived like the wind and like fire, He filled His temples, not made with bricks and mortar and human hands, but the hearts of His people. This filling was a fuelling, a resourcing, an explosive, empowered propelling out of the followers of Jesus, on

a journey, or rather a relay race, to the ends of the world. The Spirit’s presence took the 120 disciples out of the building they were meeting in and on to the streets of Jerusalem. The presence of the Spirit infused the disciples with boldness and courage, with energy and confidence; with initiative and the means to get up and go, not for the sake of sunshine and relaxation but for the cause of Christ, to share the good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection and its implications for the whole world.

We are still in the midst of a period of staying at home or rather “staying local” with many restrictions still in place. But are we as a church longing to get out among people again – to get up and freely go and share and demonstrate and present in flesh the truth and power, the deep relevance and reality of the Gospel? The doors of our buildings are open again – but open for what? ...to go into the building for worship but also for the people of God to find their way out on to the streets again to share with the poor and needy, the broken and heart-broken, the sick and suffering, the dying and mourning, the hope that is in them (1 Peter 3:15). Could it be that as we reach the other side of this pandemic, we will find ourselves in a place of renewed desire and passion to go; to go and carry on what began at Pentecost all those years ago. If so, it is no different for us, how could it be? We still need the empowering presence of the Father’s Promise, the Spirit of the Living God. Maybe as we wait to be able to go, we could do worse than pray, and study God’s word, and worship, and ask the Father to release His promise and Promised One, afresh upon us as individuals and upon His church.



A service 4 everyone

Church on Sunday

It's great to be open again and see the growing confidence that parishioners have to come back into the church building again. A sense of normality is creeping in but we look forward to getting back our cordoned off pews and having an opportunity to invite everyone back at the same time. Christ

Church Parish, Trillick meets at 10:30am and Kilskeery Parish Church at 11:45am with a drive-in option still being made available at the Kilskeery service. Along with these options to gather together for worship, we continue to offer a complete or partial recording of one of our morning services, online via our Facebook page (The Church

of Ireland Parishes of Kilskeery and Trillick). It has been great and encouraging to see many of our children return on Sundays but we look forward to being able to get the Sunday School and creche, children's and youth organisations up and going again too.

Bishop Ian's Consecration

It is with congratulations that we wish to welcome our new bishop, Bishop Ian among us in his new role. Both of our parishes wish him God's richest blessings in his work among us and with us and we look forward to welcoming him in our churches in the future.

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.**

Letter from the Revd Colin

This letter formed part of the contents of a number of gift bags which were distributed in the week beginning 17th May to some of our more senior parishioners and to those going through very tough times at the moment. Many thanks to all who were involved in the project.

Dear Parishioners,

Can you believe it that we are in May? Although spring is officially underway, you would be forgiven if you are feeling that the weather is more like mid-winter. Olive and I took a drive into Enniskillen yesterday and were pounded by hail stones! Later on, there was bright sunshine - perhaps a sign of warmer days to come. It is very regrettable that this pandemic continues to cause so much separation between us and continues to bring isolation for many, particularly the elderly. I am only too aware that the restrictions on pastoral visits have only increased the problem.



This being the case, a number of our parishioners felt that they would like to show, once again, that they still care for their Christian brothers and sisters and so will be bringing a small gift, as they deliver this letter, as a reminder that the church still cares for its members. I hope that this will continue the link between us, even if circumstances prevent us from all meeting in worship.

My thoughts are particularly with those of you in nursing homes and in hospitals, whom we are physically unable to be with at this time. I want you all to know that we hold you all in our prayers and look forward in hope to a time, hopefully in the not-so-distant future, when we can be with you again.

I thought this little excerpt from Jeremiah Ch 29 was very reassuring





Gift bags being distributed in Lisbellaw parish.

and so I would like to share it with you.

“You will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

I wish you Peace and may the Blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, and all whom you love, now and always. Amen

Your friend in Christ
Rev Colin Brownsmith

Annual Easter Vestry Meeting

At the Annual Easter Vestry Meeting, chaired by the Dean, the Very Revd Canon Kenneth Hall held in church on Wednesday 21st April, the following were appointed to serve: Rector’s Churchwarden: Robert Dane; People’s Churchwarden: Ronnie Stubbs; Rector’s Glebewarden: John Gordon; People’s Glebewarden - Rodney Johnston.

Select Vestry: David Abraham, Charles Barr, Lee Beacom, Gary Black - Hon.Treasurer, Frances Boyd, Jean Graham, Lizzie Hogg, Liz Kingston, Harriett Kirkpatrick - Hon.

Secretary, Victor Mahon, Stephen Nicholl and Jeffrey Reynolds.

Consecration of the new Bishop of Clogher

It was wonderful to watch the consecration service of the new Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis which was live streamed from St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen on Monday 26th April. To Bishop Ian and to his wife, Heather we send our very best wishes - and our prayers as they begin a new chapter of ministry in the diocese.



Sympathy

It is with sadness that we record the peaceful death on 29th April 2021 at her home, 53 Carrowkeel Road, Lisbellaw of Mrs Gertie Dane, dearly loved wife of the late Albert and devoted mother of Colin. To Colin and to all the family circle we extend our deepest sympathy.

Prayer

We continue to remember in our prayers all in our parish and community who are passing through deep waters and finding life very hard. We pray especially for all who have been recently bereaved. Draw near to each one of them and bring comfort to them in their grief and loss. We lift to you

too all those known to us who are seriously ill. Bring relief to them we pray, in their weakness, pain and suffering and may they and their loved ones know the peace and comfort that only your loving presence can bring. We lift them all to you, Lord, in Jesus Name. Amen

Lisnaskea



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Services for June

Sunday 6th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 13th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Burial

Wednesday 28th April - Joan Helen Morrison, Kilonan Road, Carrickmacusker, Lisnaskea.

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are with Joan's family circle at this very difficult time and indeed with everyone who has been recently bereaved.

Joan will be greatly missed in particular by the members of our choir in Holy Trinity. Despite her failing health over the last few years she remained determined and faithful in her attendance Sunday by Sunday and rarely missed a practice. We will very much miss her presence at future services and events and pass on our deepest condolences to her

sons Colin and David and the entire family circle.

Best wishes

At this time we also wish our caretaker Willie a very speedy recovery from his recent illness and pray he will be restored to full health. Thank you to those who have been helping to keep the graveyard tidy in his absence and all the other many jobs which sometimes go unnoticed.

Organist

Our search, which began before the first lockdown, goes on for a full-time organist for the church. Anyone wishing to consider this please contact the Rector, Parish Office or Diocesan Office in Enniskillen.

Life after COVID

We are in a time of change endeavouring to get back to some sense of normality. For many, the process is one of small steps taken gingerly not sure as to whether or not lockdown is finally over.

But there are other changes in our Diocese

with the consecration of Bishop Ian.

This means that any who wishes to be confirmed by the Bishop and admitted to the Holy Communion need to contact the Rector so that they can be included in a Service of Confirmation which hopefully will take place at the end of this year or in the early part of 2022.

Confirmation is an opportunity to confess the Christian faith which the candidates have been brought up in, by their parents and godparents, as promised on their behalf at baptism.

The life of the church continues to grow and flourish as all members, both young and old (or older), continue to meet to worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our Sunday service, though shortened, is an opportunity for everyone to meet in a safe environment, through social distancing, with Common Prayer hearing the Word of God read and explained for everyone.



Magheracross



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Birthday run

I'm writing this on the morning of my 60th birthday after a very enjoyable weekend. I was supposed to mark this event by running the London Landmarks Half Marathon. However, this event was postponed until August so I decided to run a half marathon (21k or 13.1 miles) around the famous landmarks of Ballinamallard.

National Sports Sunday

This coincided with National Sports Sunday. Our church service included video contributions from Ballinamallard United FC manager, Harry McConkey; player, John Edgar and Irish Hockey International, Bethany Harper. Following the service, I departed from the church and made my way round the parish, calling at the old railway tunnel, the Commons, the Mill Race, the Alpacas and some home-made landmarks. Surprisingly, the route, which included every housing park within the village and the hills of Magheracross, Salloon and Ferney loops,

Archdeacon Brian Harper stops off at various sights in Ballinamallard during his half marathon run.



measured exactly 21k. The sponsorship for the event, for Prostate Cancer UK, is currently in excess of £1000. Thank you to all who have helped.

Parish activities

Looking ahead into June and the summer, very few activities will be restarting until September.

Sunday School

Depending on the guidelines, we hope to host an afternoon for the Sunday School which will include games and a Bouncy Castle or a cinema trip.

Attendance

Church attendance has been excellent since our recent re-opening and we coped well with the appropriate social distancing etc. Let's hope we can ease this soon.



Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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In the gospel according to (St. Mark:1:9-11), we read.

“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

When Jesus was baptised in the ‘River Jordan’ by John the Baptist it marked the beginning of his earthly ministry. Three years later, as Jesus approached the end of his earthly ministry, he told his disciples “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of



The Mitten family baptism.

the Holy Spirit”. (Matthew 28:18-19)
Since the time of Jesus’ Christians have begun their Christian lives with the sacrament of baptism. The water of baptism is a visible sign of the grace which God conveys in the sacrament. God’s gift in baptism is new birth in Christ, a new

direction in life as God’s child, and a calling to be a lifelong, faithful disciple of Christ. Over the past weeks, on Sunday afternoon’s we have enjoyed the privilege of baptising/ welcoming infants into the Christian family and into the congregations of both parishes. Baptism is a sacrament which, cannot be



Baptism for the Parker family.



Baptism for the Read family.



The baptism for the McWilliams family.



Baptism for the Hughes family.

repeated or undone. It is God's once-for-all gift. And it places a responsibility on the parents, godparents, and the members of both parishes to ensure that each newly baptised child is welcomed and nurtured in the Christian faith as a member of the local Christian Community and a member of worldwide Christian family.

Baptisms

We welcomed the following babies into both our parishes at their baptism on: 25th. April Marni May McWilliams (Maguiresbridge). 2nd. May Amelia Jane Hughes (Maguiresbridge). 9th. May Charlotte Delilah Parker (Maguiresbridge). 9th. May Lloyd Matthew Mitten (Derrybrusk). 16th. May Isabella Catherine Read (Maguiresbridge).

Easter Vestry Meetings

We are thankful to the Revd John Woods, Rector of Donacavey and Barr parishes, for chairing both vestry meetings; Maguiresbridge on 28th April and Derrybrusk on 29th April. In both parishes' vestry members/officers were returned and we congratulate those who have been re-elected to their original offices.

Sunday Worship

We are delighted with the support that we have received since we re-opened both

our parish churches on 'Good Friday,' 2nd April and on Easter Sunday, 4th April. This in-church worship will continue under (Covid-19) restrictions for the foreseeable future and we will continue to streamline 'Sunday Morning Worship' live at 10.30am, from Maguiresbridge Parish Church (Technology does not permit this to happen at Derrybrusk).

It was a great occasion, when on Sunday 16th May, our Bishop joined us for 'Morning Prayer' in both Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk parish churches. Again this

was well attended, and we enjoyed a 'God felt presence time' of fellowship. We wish Bishop Ian well as he comes among us as our bishop in Clogher diocese and pray that the Lord will continue to guide him in the years ahead.

As the (Covid-19) restrictions relax, it is wonderful to look forward to the summer season, but we still need to proceed with caution! Keep your Distance! Wear face coverings! Wash your hands! Stay at Home! (where possible) keep in touch with your neighbour and Keep safe!

Abraham.



Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Sunday Services

From Sunday 16th May we were able to be back onsite in church but we will be continuing to livestream the service from St Patrick's each Sunday.

6th June

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
Holy Communion
12:15pm Kilmore Holy Communion

13th June

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
Service of the Word
12:15pm Ballinode Service of the Word

20th June

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
Service of the Word
12:15pm Kilmore Service of the Word

27th June

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
Service of the Word
12:15pm Ballinode Holy Communion

After nearly five months (our last services onsite were on Christmas Day), we were able to come back into the church buildings on Sunday 16th May. So again we get used to the good habits we had as we coped with COVID restrictions.

Some habits we are well used to. Sanitising our hands and wearing masks are now a part of everyday life, we've even got better at recognising people when they're wearing masks, well I write we but I still don't always get it right!

Some habits we are going to get used to again. Sitting in seats socially distant means sitting in seats we mightn't have been in before in church, it can even mean sitting upstairs in St Patrick's. Filling in contact

tracing cards now becomes part of what we do when we sit down in church.

It is good to get to this stage. We have come through a variety of experiences over the past year and a bit. Looking back it does seem hard to believe that we have been online only for church for three-quarters of the past year and we haven't really been able to see each other much in this time. There is a lot that has changed but God hasn't. He is as Hebrews 13 tells us 'the same yesterday, today and forever'. We look forward to meeting together again onsite and online in this next part of our journey as congregations of God's people in the places he has put us.

Easter General Vestries

We hope to hold these in the coming weeks either after the morning service or after a midweek service of worship. They will be announced well in advance.

Illness

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



Rossorry

Vacant

Dean Kenneth Hall is in charge

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Mrs Sue Hogg & Mrs Joan Nelson

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.

Parish Development Project

Good news! After a prolonged planning process involving the Heritage Service, agreement has been reached and full planning permission for the Stables development has now been granted. Permission for the development of The Parish Hall was granted a few months ago. The Select Vestry will meet shortly with our architect to discuss the next steps in the process to move these projects forward. Exciting times!



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 is open again, subject to the rules on social distancing and wearing of masks. The Church will hold about 85 people, safely, within these rules. 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 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 one or 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.

Easter General Vestry

The Easter General Vestry was held in Church, after a Service of Evening Prayer, on 15th April 2021.

Rev. John Woods, the Rural Dean, of Donacavey and Barr Parish took the Chair and conducted the meeting.

Minutes of last year's Easter Vestry were read and passed, followed by an outline of the financial activity of the Parish for 2020 by the Hon. Treasurer.

The appointment and election of Churchwardens and the Select Vestry then took place. Results listed on the right.

Freewill Giving

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

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

If you are not ready yet to come to Church send your envelopes (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.

EASTER VESTRY APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2021-22

RECTOR'S CHURCH WARDEN

Mr Gary Johnston

PEOPLES' CHURCH WARDEN

Ms Joy Coalter

RECTOR'S GLEBEWARDEN

Mr Robert Wilson

PEOPLES' GLEBEWARDEN

Mrs. Lorraine Simpson

SELECT VESTRY

George Armstrong

Albert Armstrong

Catherine Irwin

Gerry O' Callaghan

Brian Donaldson

Kenneth Brownlee

Ian Kells

Dorothy Wilson

George Elliott

Nigel Irvine

David Purdy

Mrs Florrie Little

PAROCHIAL NOMINATORS

Brian Donaldson

George Elliott

Ian Kells

Nigel Irvine

SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATORS

Florrie Little

David Purdy

Lorraine Simpson

Dorothy Wilson

DIOCESAN SYNOD MEMBERS

George Elliott

Gerry O'Callaghan

David Purdy

SUPPLEMENTALISTS

Heather Ellis

Colin Greaves

Nigel Irvine

PARISH RECORDERS

Colin Greaves

Albert Nixon

Joe Morrison

David Purdy

Robert Wilson

Tommy Armstrong

Derek Bowles

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.

Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for Rossorry Parish

The Annual Accounts have been finalised by our Auditors, Messrs. Cavanagh Kelly, and passed by the Select Vestry.

A copy will be with every household shortly, for information. Any issues – please contact George Elliott or the Parish Office.

The Select Vestry is most grateful to the Parishioners for their efforts to maintain their Freewill Giving. Although there has been a drop in Income for 2020 – conditions were difficult and that is understandable.

Please try to stay on top of your giving – you may find Bank Transfers or Standing Orders the way forward !

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.

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SERVICES for May 2021

- In Church and online.

Sunday 6th June

10.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 13th June

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Sunday 20th June

10.00am - Morning Prayer.

Sunday 27th June

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.

Parish Register

Bereavement.

Sincerest sympathy from the Parish to the family and friends of one of our most faithful Parishioners.

■ CREIGHTON, William Edward (Bill) peacefully, of Clonamullog who died on 7th May 2021, in his 97th year at South West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen. His funeral Service took place at Ballycassiday Funeral Home, at 3pm, on 9th May 2021. Interment followed, in his family plot at Mullaghduin Parish Churchyard.

Baptisms

■ FIVEY, Olivia Charlotte, infant daughter of Alison Fivey, who was christened at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 4th April

2021. Canon Ellis officiated.

■ ELLIS, Robin Edward, baby son of Darren and Elaina Ellis, who was christened at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 25th April 2021. Dean Hall of St. Macartin's Cathedral officiated.

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

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Funeral

■ 03/05/2021 Ernest (Ernie) Daniel Creighton, Main Street, Tempo. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to his wife Irene and all the family circle on their sad loss.

Faith, Hope and Love

Paul writing to the Thessalonian Church says in 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 "We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before God our Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

We learn the importance of always or continually praying, whether it be for other people and their particular needs, God's work, workers, fellow Church members, world and country needs.

The Christian should do God's work from a living, loving faith or trust in Jesus Christ. Faith means trust only in Christ as our



Saviour and Lord and forsake or give up anything that would pull us away from total obedience to him. We should work for and follow Christ each day to bring glory and honour to him. We depend totally on him. We work for and do God's work because we love Christ and desire to show our love for him. Jesus says "if you love me, you will obey what I command." "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Jesus's work on the cross was due to his love for us, he loved people during his ministry on earth. He is our example if we claim it be his followers. The Christian faith and life are not always plain sailing, a smooth path. It comes with trials, troubles and temptations. But we have Jesus promise to be with us. Hope is very important for the Christian, it means certainty and assurance of a great, perfect

eternal future with God/Christ in Heaven one day after death, or in the new heaven and earth Christ will bring into being when he returns again. 1 John 3:2-3 "Dear Friends, now we are Children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known, but we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for he shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself just as he is pure."

Who or what do we place our faith in?
Who or what do we love most in this life?
Who or what do we hope for our eternal future?

Like the Thessalonian Christians and Church could Paul have written this verse about us and our Church?

Finally what place does prayer have in our lives? daily, always, continually? For ourselves only? For others at all times?

Trory and Killadeas



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Most years the June magazine notes are a list of what has happened over the year, with clubs and societies all winding down for the summer. Instead this year it is a short list of what is starting, and reopening, through easing of restrictions and (slightly) more reliable weather for outdoor gatherings.

Easing out of Lockdown

Over the coming weeks/months the online output of recorded services from Trory and Killadeas will reduce. As a church we are the Body of Christ, and should be together, with Christ as the head. I would encourage everyone who is able to make it to services in person, especially those who up to now have sacrificially chosen to 'leave a seat for someone else' to return. There are a small number of pews/spaces in both churches on Sunday mornings. We are blessed to have two beautiful church buildings, both able to hold up to 50/60 people (number dependent on the size of family groups/ bubbles sitting together.)

Sunday School, Youth and Confirmations

As we are now back to in-building worship,



Enjoying the car park cuppa following services in Trory and Killadeas.

and even having our cup of tea (outside) most of the questions the rector gets about moving forward are to do with Sunday School and Confirmations.

Although all of us want to get back to in-person teaching of our young people as soon as possible, as things stand, we are still advised against holding Sunday School in person due to mixing of the bubbles which children are in for primary school. As an alternative to this, parents are still encouraged to bring children along to the shortened Sunday Services. Families are always welcome at all services, (as is everyone.) No exceptions. The rector and the congregation love to hear the young voices in church, so please do come along. The back page of the service sheet is now designated as 'Children's Corner' with pictures for colouring, wordsearches, etc. which are linked to the readings and sermon to help the children follow along. The fourth Sunday of each month, designated as 'Service of the Word' is aimed at being more 'child friendly' for want of a

better term, with a more interactive address and simple language liturgy and responses. The service structure will also be used as a 'teaching service' as to how and why we do what we do in the Church of Ireland. This is particularly aimed at families who have been asking about confirmations. As there are a number of considerations under current circumstances, could I please ask families who have a candidate ready for confirmation to let the rector know ASAP to add their name to the list. For this year, confirmations are most likely to be for invited guests, and on a weekday evening.

Carpark Cuppa

As much as the rector would like to believe his sparkling personality, charm and erudite sermons are the reason you want to sit in the pews, Revd. Mark is aware there is an





Enjoying the car park cuppa following services in Troly and Killadeas.



equally big draw with a simple cup of tea. (Of course I jest!) We are the family of God, so sharing love and fellowship round a cuppa is an important part of what we do as church.

After 15 months without being able to have the monthly tea, biscuits and chat, on Sunday 16th May both parishes had their inaugural 'Carpark Cuppa.'

With the success of the first one in both parishes (as seen in the photos) during the 'good weather' months, this will be a monthly occurrence on the third Sunday of each month.

For anyone coming to these services, a wrapped biscuit, which is only handled by your own hands, will be provided on exiting the church building, but you are asked to bring a thermos of your favoured hot beverage with you. (The Rector was very impressed with the variety of thermal cups, and kitchen crockery which turned up in May!) If the weather is good, we use the outside space to chat, and if the weather is damp, we have a 'Northern Ireland picnic', sitting in our cars, but with the door or window open to talk to our neighbours in the adjacent spaces.

For those who are interested as to how this fits within the rules, with being the family of God, and the Body of Christ, part of our worship is the need for community

and sharing of fellowship is integral to our worship (we are not disembodied members), therefore the cup of tea, on church grounds is an extension of our Sunday Service Church Worship, and allowed. Of course, as and when rules change, we will adapt with them.

From the Registers

Burial

■ Thursday 13th May – John Deering.

Services in June

6th Trinity 2

10 am Holy Communion Priory Church Killadeas

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

13th Trinity 3

10 am Morning Prayer, Priory Church Killadeas

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

20th Trinity 4

10 am Morning Prayer with Carpark Cuppa, Priory Church Killadeas

11.30am Morning Prayer with Carpark Cuppa, St. Michael's, Troly

27th Trinity 5

10 am Service of the Word, Priory Church Killadeas

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



MOTHERS' UNION



Bishop Ian Ellis leading a prayer at the end of the Drive-in Concert.



Members of the Elliott family sing during the Concert.

TIME *for Hope*

DRIVE-IN CONCERT SUCCESS

Car radios were tuned to a fabulous drive-in concert recently when Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union launched their 'Time for Hope' CD and DVD at the grounds of the Ulster Farmers' Mart, Enniskillen. The weather was kind and over 120 vehicles attended the drive-in evening. Revd Charles Eames, Diocesan Chaplain was compere for the evening and entertained the audience with a number of humorous stories. It was wonderful to have the All-Ireland President, June Butler and the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis join and speak to the assembled audience. Irene Boyd, Diocesan President, welcomed everyone to the launch and the evening began with Alan Ferguson singing "I Need Thee Every Hour" accompanied by Gillian Rutherford on the keyboard. Gillian also accompanied Michelle Elliott and Revd Mark Gallagher. Michelle sang "Yield not to Temptation" and Revd Mark sang "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" and "Now Thank we all Our God". Diane Wright-Kendrick sang "Amazing Grace" and "What a Friend", while accompanied by Gerard Toal. Marina Elliott and family sang "Nearer my



God to thee" and Dean Raymond Ferguson joined them to sing "Be Still and Know that I am God". Marina also accompanied Roy Crowe who sang "Blessed Assurance" and "I hear thy Welcome Voice".

Isaac Leatham played "Jesus Loves Me" and "Abide with me" on the bagpipes. Thanks are due to Gillian, who provided the keyboard for all the artists to use. The quality of the singing and music from the artists brought favourable comments

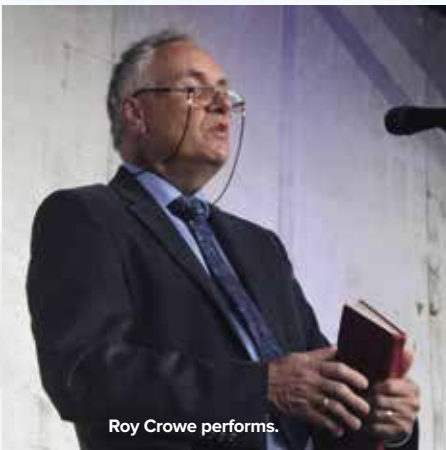
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Eileen Cutler and Linda Keating selling CDs and DVDs.



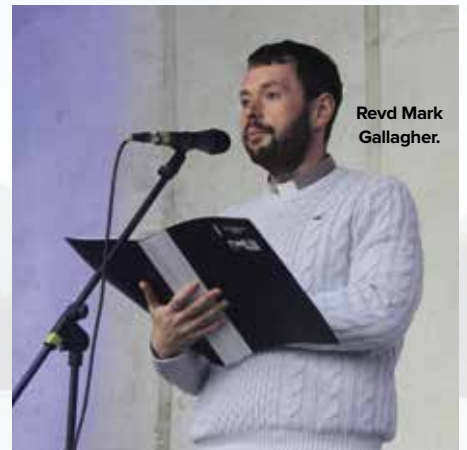
Gerald Toal accompanies Diane Wright Kendrick.



Roy Crowe performs.



Michele Elliott sings.



Rev. Mark Gallagher.

Gillian Rutherford who accompanied Alan Ferguson.



MU volunteers selling CDs and DVDs.



Rev. Charles Eames, MU Chaplain, with June Butler, MU All-Ireland President; Irene Boyd, Diocesan President and Bishop Ian Ellis.



Isaac Leatham plays the bagpipes.



Dean Raymond Ferguson with members of the Elliott family.

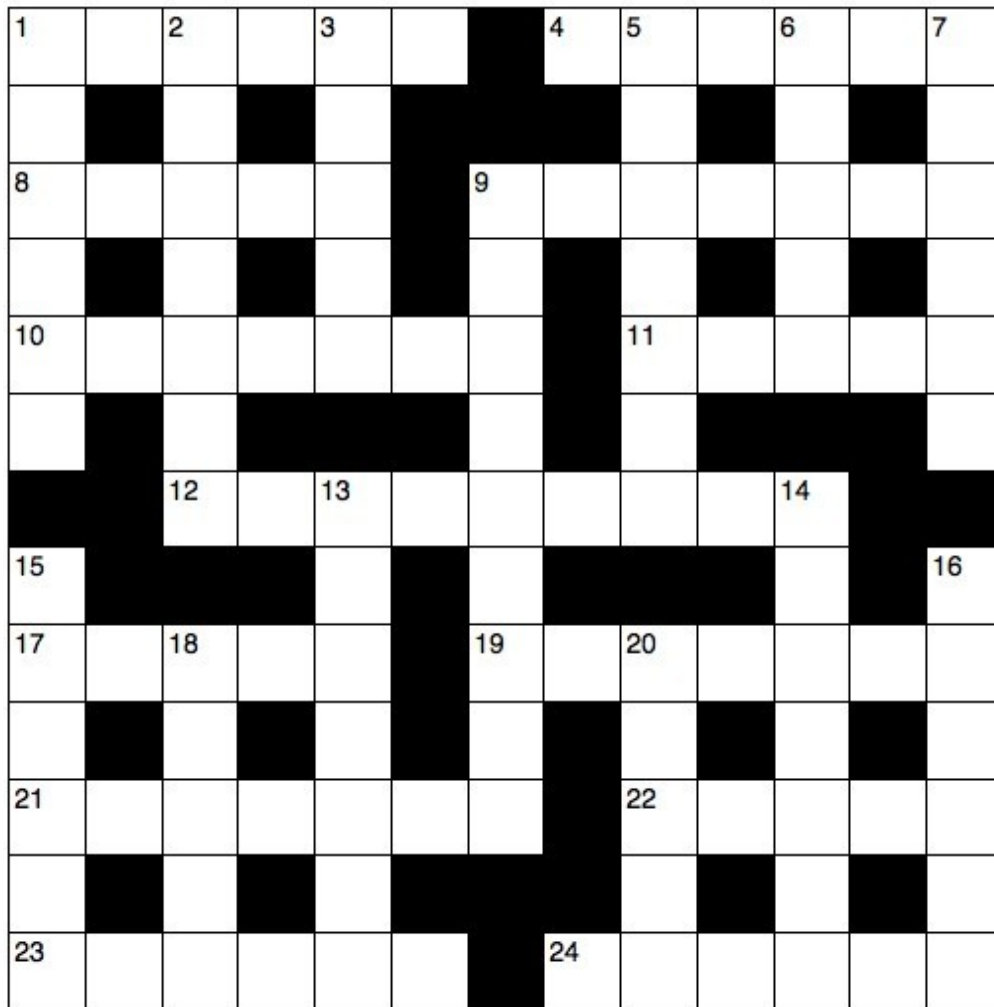
from those attending. The CD and DVD also included the Bloomfield family, a reflection from the Bishop of Clogher, The Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis and an interview with Heather Kirkpatrick, a Mothers' Union member from Fivemiletown Branch. Sincere thanks were expressed to Stuart Johnston, of the Ulster Farmers' Mart, for kindly granting the use of the mart premises; Harry Boles, site co-ordinator, for his help and assistance; Warren Kerr, of Kerr Farm Supplies Ltd, for the use of his trailer for the platform and to Rocky Top Productions for managing the sound and light at the concert. Thanks were recorded to all the artists who gave of their time and talents to record the

hymns and music, the interview and the reflection, to the rectors and select vestries of the parishes for permission to record in their church buildings and to members of the Mothers' Union Trustee Board and Revd Charles Eames. The project received sponsorship from the following businesses; Maurice Allen, E & R Bennett, Rahoran Ltd, Beatty's Spar, G R

White & Sons Ltd, William Bell Tractors Ltd and Fleming's and was part funded by a grant from the Mothers' Union Mums in May Fund. The Office Repair Centre sponsored the production and printing of the concert programme. Monetary donations were also received. A huge thank you is expressed for all of these contributions. Thanks are also due to Lyons Digital Productions for their professionalism and patience in recording and producing the CD and DVD and Ecclesville Printing Services for producing the publicity material and CD and DVD covers. If you require any more copies of the recordings. please contact lianearmstrong@hotmail.com or telephone 078 1063 8722. CDs and DVDs are £10 or €10. All profits are going to Mothers' Union funds.



PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



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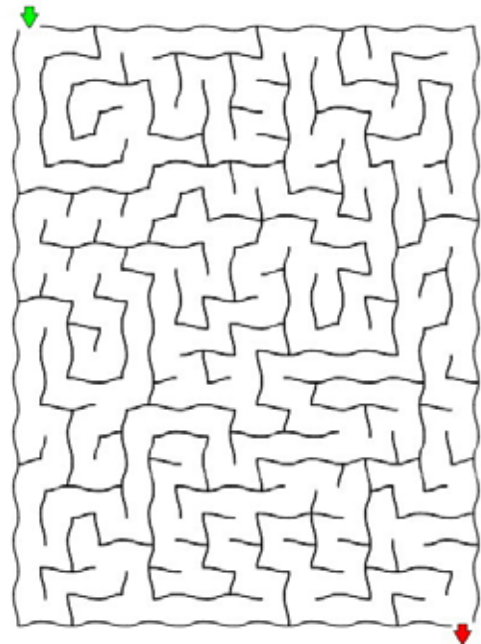
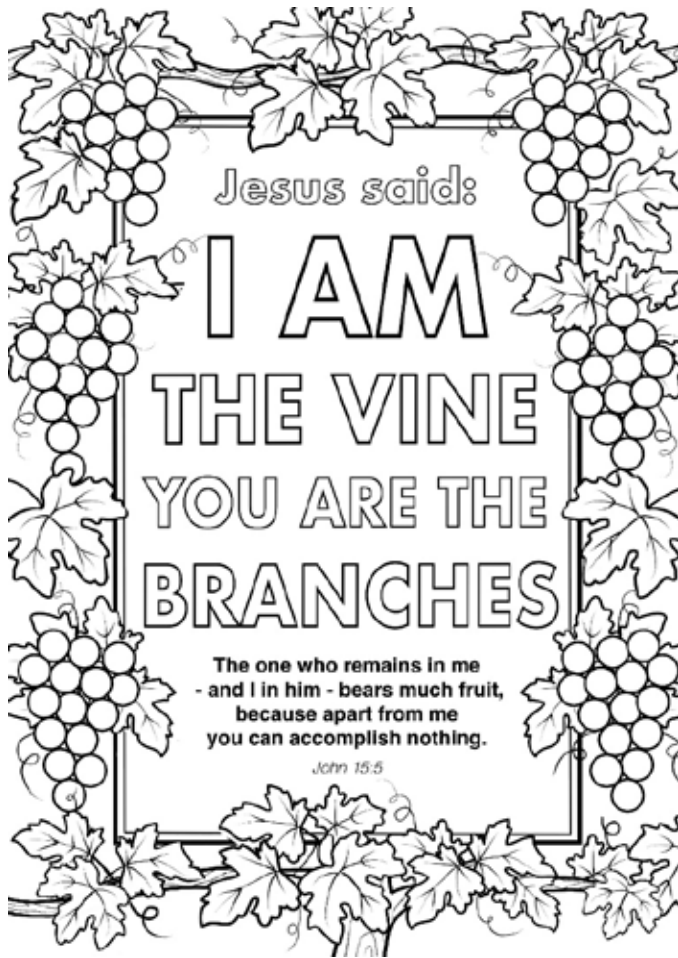
- 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4 Place of learning (6)
- 8 'When Moses' hands grew —, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
- 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
- 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19 So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21 'I have just got —, so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)
- 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)
- 23 Musical beat (6)
- 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

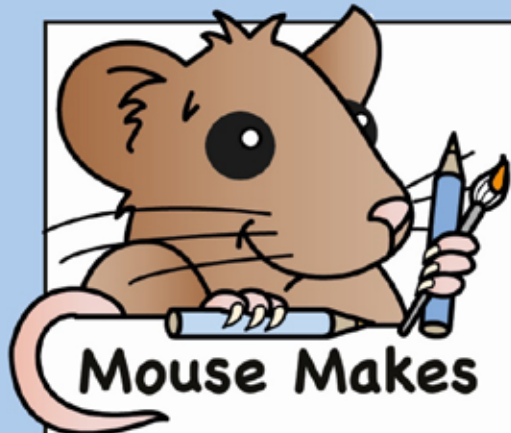
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- 1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
- 2 Art bite (anag.) (7)
- 3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)
- 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
- 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
- 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
- 9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
- 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
- 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
- 15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
- 16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
- 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
- 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 63

CHILDREN'S SECTION





Mouse Makes

JESUS HEALS

Who was the first person Jesus healed?
John 4:46-54

Who did Jesus heal from fever?
Mark 1:29-31

How was the the paralysed man brought to Jesus?
Mark 2:1-12

- Jesus healed and made the...
- SICK
 - DEAD
 - BLIND
 - DEAF
 - CRIPPLED
 - SINNER
 - MUTE
 - PARALYSED
 - DISABLED
 - ABLE
 - WALK
 - FORGIVEN
 - ALIVE
 - SPEAK
 - MOVE
 - SEE
 - WELL
 - HEAR



Where did the demons ask Jesus to send them when he drove them out?
Mark 5:1-20

How long had the man by the pool been disabled?
John 5:1-15

What did Jesus say made the woman well?
Matthew 9: 20-22



"There are **many** things that Jesus did. If every one of them were written down, I suppose the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written."
John 21:25

How many men were healed from leprosy?
Luke 17:11-19

What did Jesus heal Bartemaus from?
Mark 10:46-52



Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, how many days had he been buried?
John 11:1-45

DIOCESAN NEWS

EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS IN REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Depending on public health advice, the following easing of restrictions will take place in the Republic of Ireland;

From 2 June 2021:

- Hotels and bed and breakfasts can re-open services for guests only.

From 7 June 2021:

- You can have visitors to your home from one other household.
- Wedding receptions can have up to 25 in attendance
- Gyms, swimming pools and leisure centres can re-open

- Restaurants and bars can reopen for outdoor service for groups of up to 6 people
- Sports matches can be held without an audience.

Restrictions in place now

You should continue to work from home where possible.

Meeting with people indoors

You cannot have visitors to your home except in the following situations:

- Fully vaccinated people can meet indoors with other fully vaccinated people (up to a maximum of three households)

- Fully vaccinated people from a maximum of two households can meet indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household.

Some people who may be at risk of isolation can nominate another household to mix with. This is called a support bubble.

Meeting with people outdoors

Up to three households, or six people (not including children aged 12 and under) from any number of households, can meet outdoors. This includes gardens.

Organised outdoor gatherings can take place with a maximum attendance of 15.

Shops and services

Non-essential shops can reopen.

Outdoor shops can reopen. Personal services (like hairdressers) can reopen by appointment. Property viewings can take place by appointment only.

Nursing homes

Residents in nursing homes where at least 8 out of 10 residents have been fully vaccinated can have 4 routine visits per week. This applies where residents have been fully vaccinated for at least 2 weeks.

Residents of all other nursing homes are allowed to have 2 visits per week.

Domestic travel

You can travel anywhere in Ireland. Public transport can operate at 50% capacity.

Weddings and funerals

Up to 50 people can attend a wedding service. Up to 15 can attend an outdoor reception. Up to six people can attend an indoor reception.

Funerals can have up to 50 mourners.

Gatherings before or after the funeral should not take place.

Sports and exercise

Gyms, leisure centres and pools are closed.

Outdoor sport facilities can open, including golf courses and tennis courts.

No matches should take place except professional elite sports, horse-racing and greyhound racing behind closed doors.

Training for adult inter-county GAA can resume, not including under-20s or minors competitions.

Outdoor sports training can start again in pods of up to 15.

Religious services

Places of worship are open for religious services for congregations of up to 50 people. Where a place of worship is large enough, and where strict social distancing measures are followed, larger congregations may be allowed (but not for funerals and weddings).

COVID REVISED RULES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

COVID-19

YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT YOU CAN DO



Private dwellings

- Up to six people from two households can mix indoors (children aged 12 or under not counted).
- A household of six or more can mix with one other household (maximum of 10 people/ children aged 12 or under not counted).



Overnight stays

- Up to six people from two households can stay together overnight (children aged 12 or under not counted).
- A household of six or more can stay with one other household (maximum of 10 people/ children aged 12 or under not counted).



Gardens

- Up to 15 people (including children) from no more than three households.



Outside gatherings

- No more than 500 people can take part in an outdoor gathering.
- Outdoor gatherings of 30 people or less do not require a risk assessment.



Work

- Continue to work from home if you can.
- If you need to go to a place of work remember to keep your distance from others and try to avoid car sharing.



Inside gatherings

- The numbers to be determined by a venue risk assessment.
- Indoor gatherings of 15 people or less do not require a risk assessment.



Outdoor sports

- All outdoor sport permitted.
- Maximum number of participants, including coaches and support staff is 500 people
- Maximum number of spectators is 500 people.
- Risk assessment if more than 30 in attendance.



Indoor sports

- All indoor sport and leisure venues open.
- Group exercise/training is permitted.
- A risk assessment must be completed if more than 15 people participating.
- Shared facilities open for use.



Hospitality

- Maximum of six people can be seated together (children aged 12 or under not counted).
- More than 6 allowed if from single household/ bubble (maximum 10).
- Contact details must be provided.



Accommodation & Visitor attractions

- Overnight stay rules apply.
- Shared facilities open for use.
- Contact details must be provided.
- Wear a face covering in all indoor visitor attractions, unless exempt.



Weddings and civil partnerships

- Numbers attending will be determined by a venue risk assessment.
- Apart from the 'top table', table numbers are restricted to 10 (children under 12 not counted).



Retail

- Wear a face covering when you go to any retail premises, including any indoor area of a shopping centre, unless exempt.



International Travel

- Complete a UK Passenger Locator Form.
- Provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test.
- Depending on where you have travelled from, you may need to isolate for 10 days either at home or in a designated hotel and take a PCR test.



Travel within the CTA

- You can travel within the Common Travel Area to visit family and friends.
- You are strongly advised to take a pre-departure Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test, and then a LFD test on day 2 and day 8 after you return home.

Exemptions and mitigations apply.

Get up-to-date advice at: nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus

This page is a summary of what you can do. It is not a definitive statement of the law and should not be relied upon as such.

WE ALL MUST DO IT TO GET THROUGH IT



Might you be called... to the ministry of Diocesan Reader?

The next selection and training programme for candidates for the role of Diocesan Reader will shortly be taking place.

Diocesan Readers have a significant role within the ministry of the church. They are authorised by the Bishop:

- to lead Morning, Evening Prayer, Compline or similar Services of the Word
- to preach.
- to assist at the Holy Communion.

Within Clogher Diocese, the Diocesan Reader team offer an invaluable and greatly appreciated ministry across many parishes – helping ensure that the weekly pattern of worship and preaching continues and that the People of God are nourished in faith.

As the role of a Reader in teaching and leading is significant, candidates for that role are given training in Biblical studies, theology, and preaching before they are commissioned.

The training set out by the House of Bishops is comprised of three strands;
1. Completion of the Certificate in Christian Theology and Practice – this course lasts for 12 months, running January to December. It is delivered by the Church of Ireland Institute in Dublin and includes 15 assignments over the course of the year



and also six residential weekends at the Institute.

2. Two 'Worship and Preaching' modules from the suite of Open Learning courses through Edgehill College, Belfast.

3. Local practical training for preaching and leading of services – this is overseen by the Diocesan Warden of Readers, Canon Paul Thompson

Strands 1 and 3 take place in tandem while strand 2 will be taken in subsequently by way of continuing professional development.

"Diocesan Readers make a huge contribution to ministry across the parishes of the Diocese of Clogher. Many of our parishes could not continue to offer weekly worship without the time, commitment

and dedication of the Readers who offer themselves so willingly to prepare services, travel the length and breadth of the diocese and to lead worship and preach."

Canon Paul Thompson

Warden of Readers

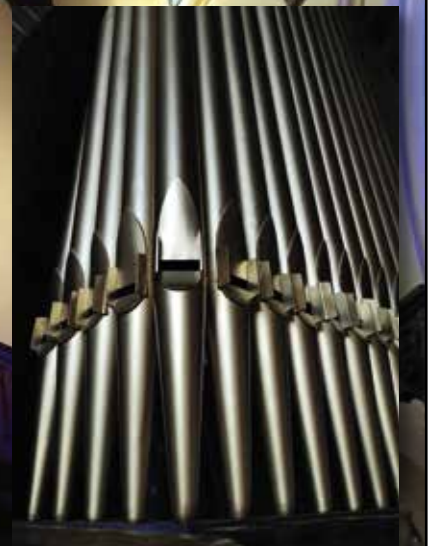
If you feel you might be called to this form of ministry then in the first instance speak to your Rector or Minister in Charge who will then contact the Warden of Readers. The Warden will meet with each candidate to discuss generally the ministry of reader and the candidate's vocation to that office.

A Diocesan Selection Panel for candidates will be held in September and names of those interested in exploring this path will need to be with the Warden by 9th August. Following the diocesan selection panel a recommendation is given by the panel to the Bishop who will then make the final decision.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:16-17

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Kiltermon Church just off the Fivemiletown to Clogher road.

Open days and flower festival to celebrate Kiltermon as a place of worship

One of the iconic church buildings well known to many people as they travel from Fivemiletown to Clogher is Kiltermon Church, part of Fivemiletown parish. This beautiful stone-built church just off the main road is nearing the completion of a second phase of refurbishment and will be hosting two open days on Saturday and Sunday, 26th and 27th June, among the first public events being held in churches in Clogher Diocese since the easing of lockdown.

Precentor Kyle Hanlon, who is in charge of Kiltermon as well as St. John's Church in Fivemiletown Parish, said: "The parish's most senior parishioner has always noticed the peace of Kiltermon Church, and many others enjoy the worshipful atmosphere and the morning light which comes through its five amber, red and blue stained glass panel windows. In this tranquil rural setting in the heart of the Clogher Valley, Kiltermon Church continues to provide for its people and bear witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ."

In conjunction with the open days which will have restrictions on numbers in the church at any time, the church will also be hosting



Preparing the newly fitted kitchen in the extension at Kiltermon Church; Bertie Bleakley, Pauline Wilson and Joyce Bleakley.

a "Little Flower Festival" with the theme of "Thankfulness."

A leaflet about the church states;

"Kiltermon Church is sited in the northern side of the townland of Kiltermon (Irish: Cill Tighearnáin) which translated means Church of the Sanctuary.

"That the townland itself takes the name of a church suggests a church connection to this site or townland prior to its naming. The current building was in existence at least from 1840, according to JB Leslie, and its use from 1841 is evidenced by the Holy Communion paten with its name 'Kiltermon', dated to that same year.

"The current church was built to accommodate the mostly farming families loyal to the established religion in the western end of the Clogher Valley. Its liturgical life and pastoral care were provided for by Clogher Cathedral until it came under the care and curtilage of the Parish of Fivemiletown, which successfully achieved its own Incumbent in 1870.

"This modestly sized building sits in what was once a quiet corner of the townland; there is a photograph from early in the 20th century of the Clogher Valley Railway stopping outside the church for travellers to disembark and embark, before travelling to Fivemiletown and on to Maguiresbridge. Late in the century, a new three-lane road was pushed through farmland adjacent to the church, creating a by-pass.

"However, Kiltermon has maintained itself in quiet dignity, seeing its service move to a Sunday morning in 2006, and securing support to renovate its building in 2008. Subsequently, its attending congregation has multiplied greatly, and members from Fivemiletown customarily worship there alongside new families and those with historic links to Kiltermon. This first renovation allowed the building to be used for marriages and funerals and special events for the parish and diocese."

The bellcote has a chain pull bell which is rung manually each Sunday from outside the Church."

The work to improve the interior has included welcoming doors and a tiled baptismal area at the rear of the church matched by a tiled area in the sanctuary.

Instead of pews there are individual cushioned mahogany chairs.

In 2008 Kiltermon was refurbished inside with new flooring, individual chairs instead of pews, lighting, doors and Communion Table frontals and now 13 years later, a second phase has included an extension to include a vestry-kitchen and a disability accessible toilet facility accessed by an additional doorway from the Church.

Street lighting has been installed in a new car park on land kindly granted to the



The colourful stained glass window in Kiltermon Church.

Church of Ireland.

Outside, a new car parking area has been created just opposite to allow for the increased numbers attending services.

Precentor Kyle Hanlon explained how the number in the congregation had dropped significantly some time ago but when the church was open before Covid 19 restrictions forced its closure, there could be up to



An interesting feature in the new refurbishment is this arch where a door was once fitted.

50 people worshipping at the early service on Sunday mornings.

On Sunday, 27th June at 2.40pm a short service of Thanksgiving and dedication will be led by the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd Ian Ellis and among those attending will be members of the Select Vestry and representatives of the National Churches Trust and Priorities Fund, who provided grants.



The interior of Kiltermon Church.

Bishop Ian speaks of the importance of staying connected as he addresses Diocese

The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, has spoken of the importance of staying connected with each other as society moves forward during the easing of lockdowns.

Bishop Ellis was giving his first address at a Service of Holy Communion in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Sunday, 2nd May which was introduced by Dean Kenneth Hall.

Taking his theme from a verse from the Gospel reading of St. John Chapter 15, "Abide in me as I abide in you. I am the vine and you are the branches," the Bishop said if they are to have a healthy church, then the members should relate to one another.

"That's a good place to start, thinking about what the church is like and about what it can be like in the future," he said.

Bishop Ellis said during the past year or so, the internet had enabled people to use many different ways to connect with each other and in ways they had never dreamt of in the years before.

While the internet and its many platforms had been a vital way of keeping links between families with children and grandparents seeing each other across the world and many others have been working from home using this technology too, he wondered if people were really having proper connected lives.

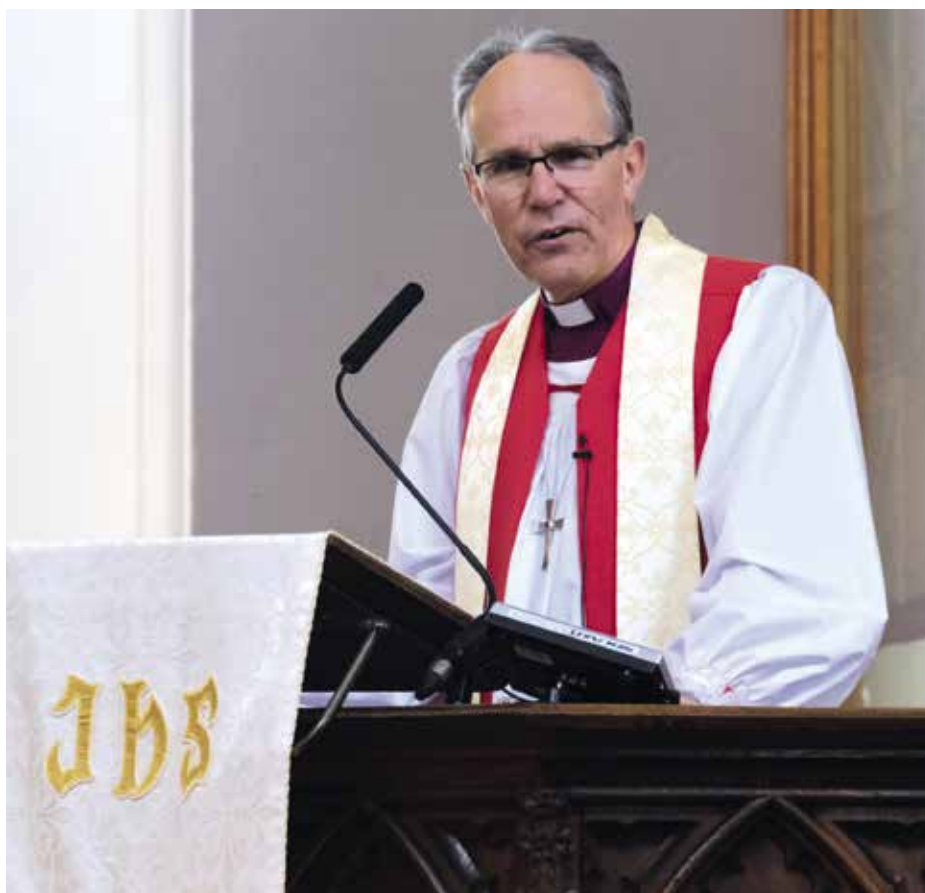
"Might we able to be better connected?" he asked, "and are people talking to their neighbours?"

The lockdown had caused them to become more atomised, to be more scattered and fragmented, he felt.

He said the pandemic had caused everyone to have fewer social contact and it had increased isolation and loneliness for some yet at the same time, the pandemic had brought out some good things in human nature such as more volunteering for foodbanks and neighbourliness was getting better.

He said that in rural areas such as Clogher Diocese, they were quite well connected and they had neighbourliness values but they must still continue their duty to their neighbours and learn again to invest more time in those who are near them.

"Spending time with people as we open out of lockdown will be so important. As those restrictions ease, as people of faith, we should resolve to do better to develop sustained caring relationships and to find new ways of connecting with communities in authentic and relevant ways. It is about



“Spending time with people as we open out of lockdown will be so important”

RIGHT REV. DR. IAN ELLIS

being connected to Christ and about being connected to others,” said Bishop Ellis. He continued; “Sometimes we have to discipline ourselves to produce growth in our faith and that will mean perhaps more time in Bible study, in prayer, in a creative use of silence and how we reflect upon our lives. These things we can do to cultivate

our closeness and our abiding in Jesus Christ.”

He said God did not create people to live isolated and individual lives. They were the branches of a vine and not pot plants or individual shoots or stems.

He said they needed to be connected together and needed the strengths of one another, to be part of the universal church and connected to those who are equally connected to Christ.

Bishop Ellis continued; “As churches begin to rebuild, rebuilding our connection with one another is going to be so important and we must put a high priority on getting our people to come back to corporate worship again when they are ready to do that.

“We should be encountering Christ in every experience we meet, seeing him in the needy, the poor and bearing witness with him in every context by our words, actions and attitudes.

“Faithful disciples need one another. Abide in me and I abide in you. Let's make abiding in Christ our new priority as we move forward into new times with the Lord of the vineyard,” he concluded.

JOINT STATEMENT FROM BISHOP IAN ELLIS, THE CHURCH OF IRELAND BISHOP OF CLOGHER AND BISHOP LARRY DUFFY, ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF CLOGHER TO MARK THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability'
- Acts 2:4

One of the great marks of the first Pentecost was the ability the Holy Spirit gave the apostles to speak across barriers of language of the works of God. The Spirit today gives the people of God the same ability to speak as one across all kinds of barriers and boundaries. We rejoice today that we can speak together to both our church communities and beyond with a common message of hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We are however disappointed that for a second year we are unable to mark this great feast by coming together for our Ecumenical Service of Prayer, as we have done for almost 20 years. This service allows us to give thanks and praise together to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Please God, next year this might again be possible.

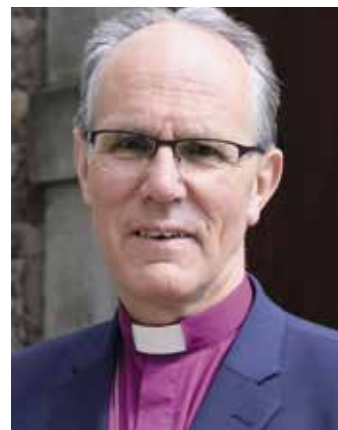
Speaking together about the goodness of God across barriers is an important expression of the language of hope. This is so important as we begin the journey of recovery from the impact of coronavirus. There has been much suffering; the loss of loved ones, illness, financial challenge and isolation. We all need to hear the healing and strengthening words of Christ 'Come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest'.

During the pandemic we quickly realised how important communication is when we were denied those simple non-verbal qualities of close contact and touch. We discovered how much we need the warmth of the love of our family and friends. The telephone and internet became our key means of keeping in touch and we thank God for these technological aids that kept us connected. Crucially, we learned how much we are indebted to medical staff, nurses, key workers and volunteers who have communicated dedication, care and love to the community through their skill and acts of kindness.

We must continue to communicate the language of love and hope across all barriers and boundaries. It would be so easy after this long period of restrictions to move to despair and lose hope. Yet we believe there are signs of new life all around us in the vaccination programme and the good response to public health guidance. Let us encourage one another to communicate the hope that by God's help, our common life will slowly return, and together seek his grace



Bishop Larry Duffy.



Bishop Ian Ellis.

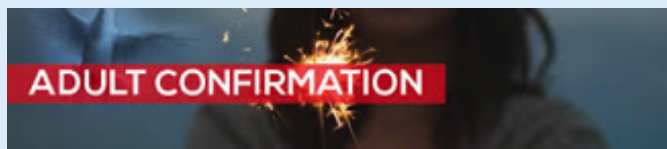
to renew our lives.

So we pray that the Holy Spirit of Pentecost may inspire us so that we communicate in our words and deeds the hope we have in God. May we as Christian people, speak of our belief in the transforming power of God, and by his Spirit to work together for the rebuilding and re-energising of our churches and society.

May the Spirit of God fill us with all joy, hope and peace.

+Ian Ellis +Larry Duffy

Adult Confirmation



It is hoped to hold an Adult Confirmation Service in September for any adults in the Diocese who wish to be Confirmed.

If you are over 16 and were never Confirmed and would like to be, can you please contact your Rector?

Vacant parishes should contact their Rural Dean or the Dean of Clogher, the Very Rev Kenneth Hall who organises this service each year (email dean@clogher.anglican.org)

The service is kept low key and as confidential as possible with only close relatives in attendance (if invited by the candidate).



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CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Can you spare 15 minutes for mental health?

■ By Bishop Pat Storey



“Gathering your thoughts on mental health awareness and understanding is a key phase of the project”

BISHOP PAT STOREY

On World Mental Health Day last October, the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd John McDowell, launched MindMattersCol, the Church's new mental health promotion initiative. Wellness in body, mind and spirit is something that our Church wishes to promote and our faith deeply desires.

We have been working hard, gathering a lot of information, developing a website and establishing an advisory group of experts to guide the project. I am pleased to let you know that we're now starting to collect information on awareness and attitudes towards mental health within the Church, and we need your help. Gathering your thoughts on mental health awareness and understanding is a key phase of the project as the results will inform and shape everything else we do.

Therefore, I would really appreciate if you would visit our website – <https://mindmatters.ireland.anglican.org> - and complete a short survey. It will only take about 15 minutes to complete, and the information you share will be anonymous and confidential. We will also be running a number of online focus groups, and if you would like to join one of these, please let us know by emailing: mhp@rcbdub.org

If you don't have internet access but would still like to participate, please call + 353 (0) 1 4125 660 and leave your name and



address. We will post you out a copy of the survey with a stamped addressed envelope, to return directly to the project manager, and will also provide details of the focus groups should you wish to participate in them.

The success of this initiative depends on your participation, so I would really like to encourage you to contribute and also tell your friends, relatives and fellow parishioners about this opportunity to take

part and help us to respond best to the mental health needs in the Church and wider community. Updates on the project will be available on our website so do visit it regularly. Thank you in advance.

Bishop Pat Storey chairs the Project Team and Advisory Group for MindMattersCol. This article was first published in the May 2021 edition of the Church of Ireland Gazette, an all-island magazine serving the Church.

MindMattersCol: the Church of Ireland's Mental Health Promotion Project

This three-year project, generously supported by Allchurches Trust, started in Autumn 2020. The aim of the project is to raise awareness of, and respond to, the mental health needs of communities across the island of Ireland. It also hopes to transform how we understand attitudes towards, and responses to mental health within the Church of Ireland and the wider community, through gathering evidence and looking at how we can promote good mental health over the longer term. Bishop Pat Storey, who chairs the project team, has expressed her enthusiasm for the project, emphasising that MindMattersCol will give the Church the opportunity to find out "what our clergy and members know and understand about mental health, and they will then be offered a range of training and awareness programmes to support improved knowledge around this important topic."

The appointed research team, Dr Katrina Collins and Kate Wilkinson, have now completed an extensive review of the existing literature on mental health awareness and understanding in faith-based communities. Building on this, they are now moving on to find out about mental health awareness and understanding within the Church of Ireland community. This is where the involvement of the wider Church, both clerical and lay, is critical. Three surveys have been prepared: one for the clergy; one for adult members; and one



MindMatters COI

for our younger members. To support the surveys, a number of interviews and focus groups will be held with all three groups. The survey is completely confidential and anonymous and will take about 15 minutes to complete. The responses from the survey will be stored electronically in a password-protected file that only the two researchers will have access to. This information is not shared with anyone else and is only used for the purposes of the MindMattersCol project.

The interviews and focus groups will last about an hour and will give an opportunity to explore understanding and attitudes about mental health and mental health problems in more depth. This information will be treated in the same way as the survey responses. If you are interested in joining a focus group, please leave your contact details at the end of the survey, contact the project at mhp@rcbdub.org or call + 353 (0) 1 4125 660 and leave your

name and contact details.

The findings from the research and the surveys will support the development of a Church of Ireland Mental Health Promotion Strategy, which will include a mental health awareness and training plan that will be rolled out across the Church of Ireland. The strategy will also include a significant programme of seed funding for Diocesan-led mental health promotion initiatives. The MindMattersCol Project gives the Church of Ireland the opportunity to take proactive and positive steps to support mental health awareness and understanding for all of our members and clergy and we do hope you will get involved.

This article was first published in the May 2021 edition of the Church of Ireland Gazette, an all-island magazine serving the Church. Please consider completing the survey through the Mind Matters website: <https://mindmatters.ireland.anglican.org>

UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH: Take the MindMattersCOI Survey

The MindMattersCOI project wants to hear from members of the Church of Ireland about your understanding and awareness of mental health and mental health problems.

MindMattersCOI is the Church of Ireland's mental health promotion initiative and the research team is currently seeking people throughout the Church, both clerical and lay, to take part in a short survey. The survey is anonymous and completely confidential and will take about 15 minutes to complete. To take part in the survey, just click here: <https://mindmatters.ireland.anglican.org>

The MindMattersCOI team is also looking for people to take part in focus groups. These interviews will last about an hour and will give an opportunity to explore understanding and attitudes to mental health and mental health problems in more depth. This information will also be treated confidentially. If you would like to join a focus group, please leave your contact details at the end of

the survey, contact the project at mhp@rcbdub.org or call + 353 (0) 1 4125 660 and leave your name and contact details.

The findings of the research and surveys will support the development of a Church of Ireland Mental Health Promotion Strategy. This will include a mental health awareness training plan that will be rolled out across the Church of Ireland.

Launched on World Mental Health Day last October, the three-year project aims to raise awareness of and respond to the mental health needs of communities across the island of Ireland. It also hopes to transform how we understand attitudes towards and responses to mental health within the Church of Ireland and the wider community through gathering evidence and looking at how the Church can promote good mental health.

You can learn more about the project on the website: <https://mindmatters.ireland.anglican.org>



BISHOPS' APPEAL HELPS WITH FIGHT AGAINST COVID IN INDIA

The Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal has released €10,000 (equivalent to around £8,600) in emergency funding to support two frontline agencies responding to India's second coronavirus wave: Asha, a Christian charity working in communities in Delhi; and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF).

Donations in support of this appeal can be made online or by post using the reference 'CIBA India Covid Relief' and all details about how to contribute can be found at www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give

Asha has committed supporters across the world and enjoys good relations with development agencies, diplomatic missions and governments. It is well-placed to bring medical treatment and to model good practice in terms of hygiene and face-coverings.

Asha's founder, Dr Kiran Martin, who has worked in over 60 slum communities in Delhi for 25 years, has made an impassioned plea for support. The agency needs N95 masks and medical masks, nebulisers, pulse oximeters and thermal scanners, steroids and anti-coagulants, or the funds to purchase the supplies. Her team is treating people who present with Covid in their homes.

Dr Kiran says: "Asha has instituted a protocol for home treatment of Covid patients with mild, moderate or severe disease. The situation with hospital beds and oxygen continues to be horrendous. We are treating severely ill patients with amazing success.



“The values of society are held in the hearts of the people in Delhi who have embraced them”

CANON GARETH HARRON

I truly think it's a miracle of God through willing and compassionate hands." Holywood Parish, outside Belfast, became associated with the charity almost 20 years ago and has sent a number of teams to visit two projects in the slums of Zakhira and Peera Garhi. The parish has funded building work for community centres and the creation, resourcing and staffing of IT centres. The work of Asha has also been embraced by many schools in Northern Ireland where young people have learned valuable life lessons.

Canon Gareth Harron of Holywood Parish's

says: "When you visit an Asha centre in the slums of Delhi the values of the society; dignity, empowerment, justice etc. are not displayed on posters on the walls; they are held in the hearts of the people who have embraced them. Asha means 'hope' and I had the privilege of seeing their hope-bringing work firsthand when I visited with a team from our parish in March 2020. We flew home just as the number of cases of Covid-19 began to rise in Delhi, not anticipating the crisis levels that have now been reached there. Having stood alongside the work of Asha for some years, we are grateful and encouraged that Bishops' Appeal has pledged its support as we know this will bring relief to the poorest residents of Delhi."

Médecins Sans Frontières has restarted its emergency response amid a surging second wave of Covid-19 in Mumbai, in Maharashtra state. The city's population density, poverty, and poor hygiene conditions are a triple trigger for the virus to breed, infect and spread rapidly.

"This is the largest upsurge since the pandemic started," says Dilip Bhaskaran, Covid-19 Co-ordinator for MSF in Mumbai. "MSF stands ready to further pace up its services in support of the health facilities that are currently completely overwhelmed." Among many other responses, MSF is supporting two units within a jumbo hospital in Mumbai. The units will include two tents with the capacity for around 1,000 intensive care beds in each.

Forging ahead – returning to youth activities

The Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD) is sharing advice for youth leaders and workers for returning to youth work activities, as soon as possible, now that lockdowns across the island are continuing to ease.

The 11-page guide – available on the Church of Ireland website at <https://bit.ly/3f9BMkw> – covers planning ahead, programmes, practicalities for indoor and outdoor gatherings, and loads of ideas for activities to bring youth people back together. These include:

- ‘Lunch on the Lawn’ – with everyone bringing their own picnic
 - dropping off a card and a bag of sweets to each young person’s household
 - drive-in movies in your church car park
 - youth small groups for social events or discipleship Bible study outside
 - garden games and scavenger hunts
 - social action projects in your community (e.g. litter picks, gardening, helping elderly people)
 - ‘Kindness Rocks’ – painting rocks/stones with encouragements and Bible verses etc. and leaving them in various places.
- Our National Youth Officer, Simon Henry, writes: “Firstly, it is important to acknowledge that youth ministry never



stopped! The creative and innovative ways many churches, leaders, and youth workers across Ireland supported and continue to support young people during the Covid-19 pandemic are a testament to their faith in God, passion, resilience, and commitment. As we journey through this crisis, looking ahead, we can begin to look to the future and how – on a carefully managed basis – we can restart youth ministry activities over the coming weeks.

“It is important that we look to restarting youth ministry activities, however small, without any unnecessary delays, based

on the latest government advice at the time – for the good of our young people’s socialisation, faith development and mental health.”

All guidance is indicative and subject to ongoing public health advice and a step-by-step risk assessment which should be carried out on an ongoing basis by each organisation or group, in line with the Return to In-Church Worship Protocols resource. Clear planning and communication with your Rector and Select Vestry is also essential.

Youth leaders and workers are encouraged to come back to CIYD or their local diocesan office for help and advice or to ask anything more specific regarding youth ministry. All activities should have regard to all other relevant requirements and good practice (e.g. in child protection, awareness of risk, and the safety and well-being of staff and volunteers).

CIYD wishes to thank our friends and colleagues in the Irish Methodist Youth and Children’s Department, Presbyterian Church in Ireland, National Youth Council of Ireland, and Education Authority (Northern Ireland) for their assistance in the preparation of this document.

Cathedral to host ‘peace-building’ art exhibition

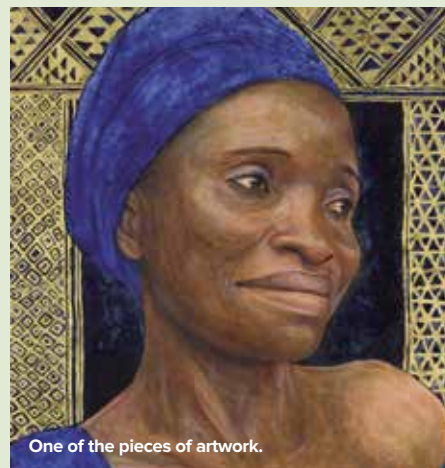
A unique art exhibition is being hosted by St. Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen later in June to give a voice to those who are persecuted in parts of the world.

The exhibition is being organised by Enniskillen Rotary Club through its President, Heather Ellis, in conjunction with Rotary Ireland, from 19th - 26th June 2021.

The Rotary Club and Rotary Ireland share a common goal with the United Nations to address humanitarian issues. This exhibition features artist Hannah Rose Thomas, a PhD student in Glasgow who has worked with women and children in wartorn countries and those who have ended up in refugee camps.

In August 2017 Hannah organised an art project in Northern Iraq with the Yezidi women who had escaped ISIS captivity, and in April 2018 for Rohingya children in refugee camps on the Myanmar border. She has also worked with the survivors of Boko Haram and Fulani violence in Northern Nigeria.

Through her art Hannah gives voice to the voiceless, lionises the isolated



and prescribes dignity to the persecuted and forcibly displaced. She seeks to use the arts as a tool for advocacy bringing their stories into places of influence. Her portraits have been shown in the Houses of Parliament, European Parliament, Scottish Parliament and Westminster Abbey. Three of her paintings of the Yezidi women were chosen by HRH The Prince of Wales for his exhibition ‘Prince and Patron’ in Buckingham

Palace in 2018. The Prince has now written the forward for Hannah’s book which will be published in September.

This is the first time Hannah’s exhibition “Tears of Gold” has come to Ireland and includes work from the Yezidi (survivors of ISIS captivity), Rohingya (survivors in refugee camps in Bangladesh) and Nigerian (survivors of Boko Haram) portrait series.

Through exhibiting and talking about her work in different formats, Rotary hopes it will underscore one of their objectives to “encourage and foster the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace throughout the world fellowship of Rotarians united in the ideal of service.”

At Morning Service in St. Macartin’s Cathedral on Sunday, 20th June the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis will be the preacher and Hannah Rose Thompson will be interviewed about her work. The exhibition will be staged in the Regimental Chapel area of the Cathedral, will be open for viewing each afternoon from 19th June to 26th June.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Church of Ireland Liturgical Advisory Committee launches Northern Ireland Centenary Resource

The Liturgical Advisory Committee (LAC) of the Church of Ireland has published a resource for use in parishes marking the Centenary of the Opening of the Northern Ireland Parliament, which will take place on 22nd June 2021. The published resource includes (in PDF and Word format):

- an introduction setting the historical context, written by the Revd Dr Stanley Gamble;
- a Service of the Word to mark the Centenary of the Opening of the Northern Ireland Parliament;
- a wide selection of suggested Scripture readings; and
- a range of prayers in contemporary and traditional language.

While the resource has been compiled

with particular reference to the Northern Ireland Centenary, it is also intended that the structure and much of the content of this Service can be used in the future to help congregations and individuals pray for those in authority and government.

Speaking about the Service on behalf of the LAC, the Committee's Chaplain, the Revd Adrian Dorrian, said: "Throughout the Decade of Centenaries, the LAC has been working in parallel with the Church of Ireland's Centenaries Working Group to provide worship leaders and parishes with resources to help mark and commemorate some of the most significant dates in our shared history. We hope that this Service of the Word will be useful to those preparing to

mark the Centenary of the Opening of the Northern Ireland Parliament in a liturgical setting.

"Prayers for those in authority have always been at the heart of our worship; of course they are built in to the Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer. Many of the resources in this service are not specific to this particular centenary, and we believe that they will remain useful to the Church as we continue to hold those in authority before God in the years to come."

The resource can be accessed on the Church of Ireland website at the following link: www.ireland.anglican.org/prayer-worship/worship-resources/commemoration-liturgies/the-opening-of-the-northern-ireland-parliament

COMMUNITY NEWS

Clogher Diocese Social Fund to hold annual meeting

The annual meeting of Clogher Diocese Social Fund will be held on Tuesday 29th June 2021 at 10am in the Hilliard Room, Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.

All incumbents and laity are welcome to attend this meeting. If there are any changes to the current COVID restrictions regarding meetings then these will be communicated to you in advice of the meeting.

MOTHERS' UNION POST

The Mothers' Union in Ireland are seeking a part-time Office Administrator to support the work of the charity throughout dioceses.

The successful candidate will be required to work flexibly, from their home base or in the office, which is in central Dublin, and closely with the Board of Trustees of the Mothers' Union for an average of 12 hours per week.

Further information, a job description, and the application form are available from

Rossorry Rectory, 59 Derrygonnelly Road, Enniskillen BT74 5PX or by email: heatherme.ellis@gmail.com with a number for information; 00447557507879

The closing date is Monday, 7th June 2021.

Historians reflect on Centenary

Historians have been reflecting on key events 100 years ago to coincide with the Centenary of Northern Ireland and Partition.

They have been taking part in a series of talks co-ordinated by the Glens Centre, Manorhamilton as part of the Peace Impact Programme funded by the International Fund for Ireland.

Several of the events took place in May when Dr Eamon Phoenix looked at The Road to Partition, the Civil War and the Boundary Commission.

Dr. Cormac Moore examined the ramifications on civil life. Now in June Dr Johnston McMaster will offer pertinent reflections about living with legacies whilst looking to the future with two talks, one on 14 June entitled "Inclusive Remembering" and another on 21 June "What will we do with the future?"

Each of the talks begin at 7.30pm.

This will be of interest to those with an interest in history and the impact of our shared history and those who wish to take the opportunity to find out key events which lead to the establishment of two Irish states, and partition.

To register for a Zoom link, email; acrossthelines@theglenscentre.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Police warn against criminals posing as police officers

Detectives from the Police Service of Northern Ireland's Economic Crime Unit are warning the public to be extremely vigilant following reports of criminals posing as police officers.

Detective Chief Inspector Wilson said: "In an incident which was reported yesterday, Monday, 10 May, an older woman was contacted, by telephone, by a man purporting to be a police officer. He told her that she was being 'scammed' by people claiming to be from an internet provider, who had been taking money from her account. The alleged police officer told the victim that he would send someone to her house to collect belongings as they needed them for their investigation.

"The victim left a small safe containing a substantial amount of money out at her front door for this man to collect. Later that same day, a man arrived at the victim's house and knocked on the door stating that he was there to collect a package. The woman pointed out to where she had put the money on the doorstep and the man made off from her house with a substantial sum of cash.

"The victim then received another call shortly after the criminal had collected the money, asking her about other possessions she had. Luckily she was not cheated out of anything further."

Detective Chief Inspector Wilson said: "This victim has lost a substantial amount of money as a result of the callous actions of these manipulative criminals who have no thought or compassion for the people they are cheating. They are extremely adept at sounding professional, however I cannot stress strongly enough Police will never ever contact you asking for money, bank details or what valuables you have in your home.

"Yesterday, Monday, 10 May, police received a report that another older person had also received a call from a male purporting to be a police officer. However, luckily they realised this was a scam call and they did not suffer any

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financial loss.

Chief Inspector Ian Wilson continued: "I am urgently advising the public to be vigilant at all times. Criminals are continuously coming up with advanced and sophisticated ways of targeting people, especially those who are more vulnerable or older.

"If you have older relatives or family members, please take time to share this information with them so they can be fully aware of this type of scam.

"Our message is simple, never ever disclose any personal or banking details to anyone over the phone or online, no matter where they say they are calling from or how convincing they may seem."

Protecting your personal information and banking details is extremely important. If you have received a call of this kind or if you are concerned by the intent of unsolicited calls, emails or letters the please call police on the non-emergency number 101 or make a report to Action Fraud via their website www.actionfraud.police.uk or by phoning 0300 123 2040.

For further advice and information visit www.nidirect.gov.uk/scamwiseni or the ScamwiseNI Facebook page @scamwiseni . ScamwiseNI have recently issued some helpful videos which show how these type of scams can take place and the terrible impacts for the victims



YOUNG SINGERS ENCOURAGED TO ENTER BBC YOUNG CHORISTER COMPETITION

Parishes are reminded that applications are now being accepted for BBC Young Chorister of the Year 2021/

Songs of Praise and Radio 2 have joined forces for the second year running to find the BBC Young Chorister of the Year 2021. Entries are now being accepted, so please pass on the details to any young singers you know who may be interested in taking part. The closing date is Monday 14th June 2021.

Singers aged 10-16 apply online by submitting two short films of themselves singing a Christmas carol or song and a sacred song such as a hymn, classical solo, spiritual, inspirational, gospel or worship song.

From all the entries received five girls and five boys will be selected to go through to the radio and television competition in October to sing in front of an expert panel of judges. The Winner and Runner Up will each receive a trophy and the chance to

feature on BBC Radio and the Winner will appear on Songs of Praise.

For more details of how to apply and to view the Terms and Conditions go to <https://bbc.in/3v9WVjL> but don't delay as the closing date is midnight on 14th June 2021.

If you have any questions email us at sopcompetitions@avantimedia.tv <<mailto:sopcompetitions@avantimedia.tv>>

Rural halls funding announced

The Rural Halls Refurbishment Scheme in Northern Ireland opened by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs will assist with upgrades of community halls.

Funding of up to 95 per cent of the refurbishment cost up to a maximum grant of £40,000 is available with a minimum grant payable of £15,000. The total capital cost of the project must be a maximum of £60,000.

The Scheme will close at 3.00pm on Friday 11th June 2021.

A range of capital works under various headings are available;

Health, Safety and Hygiene – refurbishment of toilets and kitchen, disability requirements, security systems, etc.

Efficiency and Environmental Needs – Improvements to energy efficiency such as upgrades to heating system, damp proofing, guttering, installation of Wi-Fi, etc.

More information by opening the following link;

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/daera/Scheme%20Information%20and%20Stage%201%20Application%20Guidance%20Notes%2014%2005%202021.PDF>



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Click-and-collect at RCB Library

The RCB Library has announced a Click-and-Collect service for printed books.

While the building remains closed to the public, access to the printed collection through Click-and-Collect will be the first step along the longer road to re-opening.

Orders received by 9am on the Monday of a given week will become available for collection at the Library, at precise pre-arranged times later in the same week. The Library will notify of the collection time by email.

The Library has developed three instructional video guides.

The first video tells you how to request a book as part of our new Click-and-Collect service;

Link: <https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cYQ2XGJFAo>

The second video tells you how to access your account, as well as how to reserve a book that is on loan to another Library member;

Link: <https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cYQflsHtC9>

The third video tells you how to search for a book, as well as sharing some tips for advanced searching;

Link: <https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cYQflsHtC9>

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DOWN: 1, Attach. 2, Biretta. 3, Sided. 5, Compete. 6, Owned. 7, Lustre. 9, Falsehood. 13, Ostrich. 14, Talents. 15, Farmer. 16, Asleep. 18, Early. 20, Alley.

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