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### Front Cover

Donna Geary, a parishioner of St Colman's Parish Church, Clontibret, who is going on a mission with YWAM to Papua New Guinea explaining details of her trip to her Rector, Revd Elaine Dunne. Full story on Pages 60-61.

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## Bishop Brian Hannon celebrates the 60th anniversary of his ordination

Just recently, one of our former Bishops, the Rt Rev Brian Desmond Anthony Hannon, celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination as deacon. He was ordained to serve as curate assistant of the parish of All Saints Clooney, in Derry Diocese on 29th June 1961. In 1964 he was instituted as Rector of Desertmartin parish and then appointed Rector of Christ Church, Londonderry in 1969.



It was in 1982 that he left Derry for Clogher Diocese to become Rector of Enniskillen and then Dean of Clogher from 1985. He was elected Bishop of Clogher on 7th May 1986 where he served until his retirement in 2001. We thank God afresh for Bishop Brian's many talents, especially for his episcopal ministry in the diocese and the wider church, through difficult times in Northern Ireland. We offer our very best wishes to Bishop Brian and to his wife Maeve and family on this special anniversary.

# A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



## *A Message from the Bishop*

Now that Covid restrictions have eased, I have been able to get out and about in the diocese and have really enjoyed visiting churches and meeting up with clergy and parishioners. As I have ventured out across the diocese it becomes very clear that we are blessed to be surrounded by a very beautiful countryside of fields, rivers, lakes and mountains.

During these early summer weeks farming life is busy and long hours are spent in the great rush to cut silage and make hay. Huge tractors, trailers and mighty machines are dashing in and out of fields, country lanes and the farmyards. The countryside is a hive of activity and for farmers, and it's a race against the clock and the weather.

The mowing of grass in the fields reminded me of some words spoken by our Lord and found in Luke 12:28 "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith!"

Jesus's words press home a very important message – the grass although useful has a very temporary life – here today and tomorrow used up. If God does all this for these earthly plants that

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disappear so quickly, how much more will he care for people?

As the farmer looks at his store of silage or hay in the winter, he becomes very conscious that it is being used up – particularly if the crop was limited or the weather is preventing the animals going out to the fields. The message is plain – earthly things are limited – disappearing grass, fading flowers, clothes which wear out and fading beauty!

### **WORRY**

Human reaction to the temporariness of life can easily lead to despair and worry. But Jesus told his disciples not to worry but to place their faith in their heavenly father to provide and care for them. This past year, the coronavirus pandemic has brought new heights of worry and distress for many individuals and families. Worries about our health, our families, our livelihood - all of which can affect our sense of well-being.

Psychologists tell us that worry is essentially a form of repetitive negative thinking where we can get stuck in negative thoughts about our present and how we predict the future. It's like a washing machine, where negative thought after negative thought keep turning around in our minds without going anywhere fast! Now, some negative thinking at challenging times is normal - worry shows we care and without it we, could potential place ourselves in great danger. However, it can become a problem when we give it more, time, energy and attention in our minds.

### **IT'S GOOD TO TALK**

Mental health experts tell us we need strategies to deal with anxiety and worry and these can include talking to someone we trust – it is important to being able to share our feelings and find someone who is going to take time to listen and not judge us. And there is also the simple idea of doing something to distract ourselves with other ways of thinking with more purposeful and enjoyable activities.



**“Do use the beauty and serenity of the beautiful world around you this summer to revive your spirits.”**

THE RT REVD DR IAN ELLIS

During lockdown all of us have had too much time being closed in, living fairly isolated lives. Some have dealt with this better than others, however, too many have experienced loneliness and may have become self-absorbed and allowed worry to creep into their thinking. If we don't talk to someone, those anxieties can magnify and can have an impact on our mental health. That's why it is so good to talk to a trusted friend about our feelings.

For people of faith we can also learn the lesson Jesus was teaching his disciples as he looked out across the fields in the plains around Lake Galilee and told them not to worry because our heavenly Father knows our needs and just as he provides for all the living things, the birds of the air and the flowers of the field he will provide for you also. We are to find peace of mind in our heavenly Father's care.

### **TOGETHER AGAIN IN WORSHIP**

It will be so important as life opens out again and restrictions ease that we reconnect with others particularly through our church life. Being together with others in church for worship and



The summer season has been busy with silage and hay making on farms.



fellowship can really help ease our anxieties and in company and chat find fresh perspectives and new thinking as a blessing from God. Getting back to a pattern of worship is essential and will be one element of restoring our sense of well-being and place in the body of Christ. The lockdown video services have been great keeping us connected but we gain so much more in worshipping together in person in church. Our central service of the sacrament of Holy Communion is at its heart about communion with one another and the Lord.

Jesus tells us that if we can but have faith, worries will recede as we reorientate our thoughts and focus on the kingdom of God. Do use the beauty and serenity of the beautiful world around you this summer to revive your spirits. And as you see the grass mown in the fields reflect on the temporariness of life and discover those helps for anxiety and worry – talking to a trusted friend and a shifting away from self-focus to developing a fuller trust in our loving heavenly Father who knows all our needs.

I hope over these summer months you and yours can get a break and find some time for rest and refreshment, and that God will bless you with a restored mind and a peaceful heart.

Yours in Christ's service.

*+Ian Clogher*

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### July 2021

- Sunday 11th July – **Drive-in /Walk-in Service** at Ferney Park hosted by Magheracross Parish at 11am which will also welcome the local Orange Lodge and friends. The guest preacher at this service will be Peter Booth and the service will be conducted by Howard McMorris with Joan Quinn-Vaughan on the keyboard.
- Saturday 24th July – **Colaghty parish fundraiser** with a fast food drive through with R & D's Sizzlers from 7pm-9pm. Burgers with a little extra, minimum donation of £5.00 with concessionary prices for children. A time to reconnect on the wheel so to speak and as a parish fundraiser. If planning to come along, PLEASE, confirm numbers of meals required to the Rector 02868631689 or Marcus 02868631238 or email colaghty@clogher.anglican.org to assist with the catering by Monday 19th July.
- Thursday 29th July – **Fellowship evening for women** with Christian author, Catherine Campbell from Coleraine, hosted by Fivemiletown parish at 8.15pm on Zoom. Catherine plans to encourage through the story of Elijah, and has been asked to refer to her well-received book, 'Broken Works Best'

### August 2021

- Sunday 1st August – **Archdeacon Brian**

### Harper's participation in the London

**Landmarks Half Marathon**, his second 60th birthday run in aid of prostate Cancer UK.

- Sunday 8th August – Annual St Molua's Day Outdoor Service at 3pm at Magheracloone led by Revd Colin McConaghie with guest preacher, Monsignor Shane McCaughey from St Joseph's in Carrickmacross.
- Monday 9th August – **Deadline for applications to be a Diocesan Reader.** Those wishing to train as a Diocesan Reader should submit their names to the Warden of Readers, Revd Canon Paul Thompson by this date in advance of the Diocesan Selection Panel meeting in September.
- Sunday 15th August – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for submissions for the September edition. Send to; editor@clogher.anglican.org

### September 2021

- Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th September 2021 – **Inishmacsaint Church Heritage Weekend** as part of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Heritage Days to commemorate the legacy of the Ely family and to mark the erection of a headstone at the burial site in the crypt. By the way, the church will be opened on 11th and 12th September as part of Omagh and Fermanagh Heritage Days to commemorate the legacy of the Ely family and

to mark the erection of a head stone to mark who is buried in the crypt in the graveyard. Church grounds will be opened from 10am to 6pm on Saturday and on Sunday afternoon. 11.30am service will include a Service of Thanksgiving attended by The Bishop of Clogher.

- Wednesday 15th September – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for submissions for the October edition. Send to; editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Tuesday 21st September – **Adult Confirmation** on St. Matthew's Day in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. If you are over 16 and were never Confirmed and would like to be, can you contact your Rector or contact your Rural Dean or the Dean of Clogher, Very Revd Kenneth Hall who organises the service; dean@clogher.anglican.org
- Thursday 30th September - Saturday 2nd October 2021 – **The 2021 General Synod** will no longer be taking place in May but will be held by electronic communication technology from 30th September to 2nd October 2021, as approved by the Standing Committee. The hours, and the link for the electronic meeting, will be communicated to Synod members in due course. Please visit the General Synod website for further information: <https://synod.ireland.anglican.org/2021/welcome>

# PARISH NOTES

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### Services

#### Sunday 4th July

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

#### Sunday 11th July

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer  
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 18th July

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



Members of the Martin family at the baptismal service with Godparents in Drumsnatt Parish Church.

#### Sunday 25th July

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer  
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 1st August

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

#### Sunday 8th August

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer  
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 15th August

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

#### Sunday 22nd August

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer  
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 29th August

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Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

### Sunday School

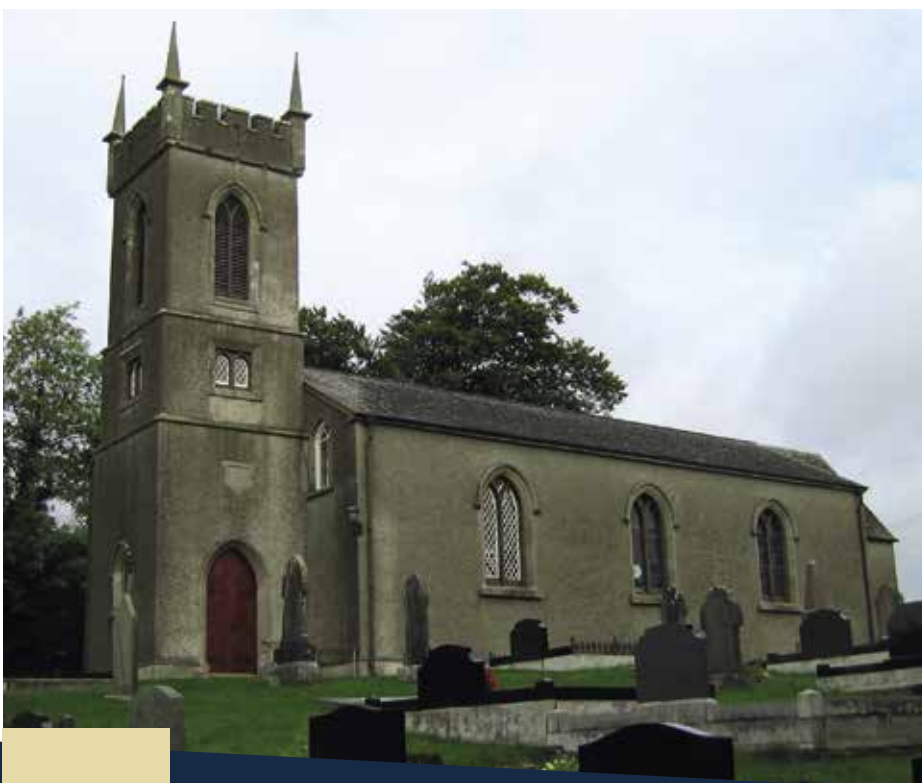
Normally at this time of year we would be congratulating the children on their achievements throughout the Sunday School year. This year Covid-19 changed things and we were unable to meet. Our thanks to Moira for putting lessons on the Aghadrumsee Sunday School Messenger and to those parents and children who diligently carried out the activities each week. We can only hope we will be able to resume classes in September.

### Holiday Bible Club

This year's club commences on Monday until Friday 2-6 August in Aghadrumsee Old School (with strict observance of covid regulations). We are grateful as usual to Jonathan Graham and helpers from Child Evangelism Fellowship.

### Baptism

On Sunday 13th June Drumsnatt Parish were delighted to have the Baptism of Lucy Gladys Martin, daughter of Stephen and Victoria and we wish them every blessing at this special time. Also present were Godparents David McBride and Samantha Buckley.



## Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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### JULY

**4** - 11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion  
**11** - 11.00am Cooneen Summer Service  
**18** - 11.00am Colebrooke Summer Service  
**25** - 11.00am Cooneen Summer Service

### AUGUST

**1** - 11.00am Colebrooke Summer Service  
**8** - 11.00am Cooneen Summer Service  
**15** - 11.00am Colebrooke Summer Service  
**22** - 11.00am Cooneen Summer Service  
**29** - 11.00am Colebrooke Summer Service

### From the Registers

#### CHRISTIAN BURIAL

■ On Thursday 10th June 2021, a service of thanksgiving for the life of Violet Kathleen O'Malley, was held in St. Ronan's, Colebrooke. Our thoughts and prayers are with her children Leslie, Basil, Audrey and their families at this time. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

■ On Monday 14th June 2021, a service of thanksgiving for the life of Robert 'Eric' Johnston, was held in Holy Trinity, Cooneen. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Georgina, and their children Diane, Graham, Derek and Jennifer and their families at this time. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

**Due to the continuing Covid19 pandemic, our parish organisations will not be meeting. When everything returns to**



Members of the Mothers' Union branch enjoying their meal together.



**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 at 8pm.

The members of the branch have kept in touch over the past year using technology, pen and paper and some doorstep visits. A few members joined the sponsored walk through Colebrooke estate on a glorious afternoon in May. The 7 km walk was led by All Ireland President June Butler and Revd John McClenaghan, rector, gave a reflection on 'Hope' then led prayers before the large group of walkers set off to enjoy the natural beauty and wonder of the estate. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments outdoors at the

end and used the opportunity to reconnect with friends.

The sponsorship sheets and 'just giving page' has raised £414.50 and €150 from branch members and their families.

There was much joy and excitement when some of the members met in The Valley Hotel to enjoy a meal together with much chat, as each table caught up with their friends and shared experiences over the past year. Everyone abided by the protocols in place.

It is hoped that branch meetings may be allowed again from September.

Shortly after this happy event the members were deeply saddened to learn of the death of their dear friend and Indoor Member, Violet O'Malley. The Branch Leader paid tribute to her memory during the funeral service in Colebrooke Parish Church.

'On behalf of Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union, I wish to convey sincere sympathy to Leslie and Margaret, Basil and Nan, Audrey and Ronnie and their families as they mourn the loss of a beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother.

Violet was like a mother to us, as well as a special friend, an encourager, advisor, full of fun and someone who cared deeply – she was interested in all the members and their families.

Violet was a faithful member of the Mothers' Union branch and she enjoyed going to other branch meetings, to outings and trips and supporting all the activities with enthusiasm. Everywhere we went Violet was so well known and loved chatting with people.

Her role in MU, as outreach officer to

families over many years, meant she sent cards to families when a new baby arrived. She knew all the children's names and their birthdays until recent years when her memory became less clear. She used to say to me 'I'm blankety blank'. She may have suffered some loss of memory but Violet was definitely not 'blankety blank' as she demonstrated the true characteristics of a MU member fulfilling the aims of 'Christian Care for Families'. Her emphasis was always on others, not herself, and she kept that interest all her life because of her steady secure Christian faith. We are so thankful to have shared in her life, to have enjoyed seeing her face light up with recognition when visiting and to have walked part of her life's journey together. The MU family will continue to uphold you all in prayer in the days ahead.'

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### Parish Life coming out from Lockdown

The past three months will be remembered by everyone in the world, and the year 2020 will go down in history as one of the strangest ever. In future years, people will ask their parents, grandparents and great grandparents if they remember the Great Covid-19 Lockdown, and how did they survive it! We will tell them about the wonderful communities we lived in, and the support and encouragement of our friends and families.

Life is starting to approach a particularly important step towards the new normality. We have just had the news that we can start going back to church buildings – but under very specific conditions and with certain rules and guidelines in place. These steps make it very difficult to make an easy transition to the church – so we will leave it a while longer before we start the process to make sure that we can do it safely and easily.

Please bear with us as we continue to closely monitor the developments, and I

am confident that when the appropriate time comes, we will be ready to start immediately!

### Drive-through Church

Thank you to those who organise the Parish car park each weekend for our outdoor church services. It has been a blessing to everyone to see how many have been attending, with visitors from Armagh and Bangor at times! I'm sure that anyone who has attended will report about the fantastic atmosphere – even if the weather doesn't always co-operate completely! Remember that we'll be continuing to meet each Sunday, and all are welcome!

The services are the first step in returning to the normality of church, and we will be continuing to meet each Sunday at 11am. The services will also be streamed live on the rector's Facebook page, and a link inserted to the webpage after its end.

### Online Services

We continue the services each Monday to Friday at 10.30am and 5.30pm, using Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, and a Celebration of Wholeness and Healing on Wednesday evening. We have continued to prayer for any and all of the requests we have been given – and we have been reassured that many of the names have had dramatic responses to their situations. We continue to stream our services on Facebook, where they can be streamed at



any time. If you have any prayer requests, you can send them to [Aghavea@gmail.com](mailto:Aghavea@gmail.com) or send them via the Facebook page. The requests only need to include a name, no explanation is necessary as we entrust them into God's hands, and he knows their needs better than we ever could!

Our parish website is <http://aghavea.blogspot.com> and always has up to date news and information about the parish. We have also started a parish Whatsapp group (if you're not sure what that is, ask your children or grandchildren). If you would like to be added to the group, you can do so by dropping a text to the rector at 07488371680. The group is a light-hearted effort to keep in touch with each other, and conversations have ranged from quizzes, word searches, Fathers' Day memories – and even a lot of comments about dragon eggs (the rector's water dragons have laid a clutch of eggs, we're not joining Game of Thrones or Middle Earth).



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### Mrs. Ethel Coulter R.I.P.

It was with absolute shock and heartbreak that we learnt of the sudden death and untimely passing of one of our most faithful and much-loved parishioners at St. Maeldoid's Church, Ethel Coulter, on Monday 24th May 2021.

Ethel was not just a faithful worshipper week by week at St. Maeldoid's Church, but she was also a long-time member of Muckno Select Vestry. She held the offices of Churchwarden and parochial nominator on several occasions. She was very much involved in parish life - when the church had to close due to Covid-19 regulations, she was very saddened, so when the church services via "Zoom" commenced, Ethel was first online! She was a stalwart member of the Mothers' Union and became leader of the Ballybay Group of Mothers' Union in 1997. She organised many activities and speakers and always tried to have an interesting topic. Ethel also was one of the coordinators of the "Team Hope" shoebox appeal.

Ethel was a woman of great strength, faith and leadership. With Ethel you did what you were told or she would tell you straight to the point! She brought great joy, happiness and laughter to all who met her. She was a first-class baker and her coffee cake was to die for. She loved her visits to the Castleblaney PW and many other church meetings. She cherished her outings and participation at the Castleblaney Bowling Club and would often show a very competitive side. Ethel also held many positions on the Castleblaney Show committee and carried out each of her roles with great diligence. She took great pride in her role as Chief Steward in the home industries section. Along with all these pursuits and interests, she was a loving wife, mother

and grandmother who will be profoundly missed.

Everyone in our group of parishes send sincere and heartfelt condolences to her husband Willie-John, her son Ian, daughter-in-law Amanda and grandson Ryan; her daughter Shirley, son-in-law Keith, granddaughter Diane and grandson Mark, and her sister Margaret.

*Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us, renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead. Strengthen our faith, that all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection: Who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.*

**(Audrey Hill and Janet Hill)**

As Mothers' Union Enrolling Member, Ethel was always well prepared for meetings with appropriate prayers and bible readings. Ethel conducted the meetings with great efficiency and always enjoyed the chat over the following supper which would not have been complete without her delicious cakes. We thank God for all her talents and pray that the family will find comfort in his love.

**(Jennifer Leathem, on behalf of the Mothers' Union)**

### Birth of baby Luke

Congratulations to Joan and Barry, Castleblaney, on the recent birth of a son, Luke, a little brother for Joseph, and the 22nd grandchild for John Montgomery.



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### Grant funding for Ballybay Parish

We at Christ Church, Ballybay, are absolutely thrilled to be one of the successful 1,200 applicants this year for grant funding from Allchurches Trust. Allchurches Trust is one of the UK's largest grant-making trusts. In 2020 they awarded more than £23 million to churches, charities and communities all over the UK and Ireland.

We were awarded a grant of £2,250 STG which will go towards much needed works that we have to carry out immediately to our church hall in Ballybay in order to get it reopened when Covid-19 regulations allow. Our first obstacle is replacing the collapsed ceiling in the toilet block, then hopefully we'll be swiftly moving on to get all the plaster that has come detached from the walls due to damp during the closure of the building during the Covid-19



Mrs Ethel Coulter.

lockdown removed and dry lining put in place, and finally we would hope to be able to get some paint work carried out on the interior walls. Our hall definitely requires some much-needed TLC and, thanks to Allchurches Trust, we should be in the position to get work started as soon as regulations allow. (Tanya Pratt)

### Please support Donna Geary!

At the end of August 2021, a Clontibret parishioner, Donna Geary, will be returning to Papua New Guinea to become a full-time volunteer with YWAM Medical Ships. She will be joining the MV YWAM PNG



Donna Geary on her previous mission trip.

Medical Ship and the new YWAM base (named 'The Jetty') in Port Moresby, which she had previously been able to be a part of when in PNG in 2020. Once in PNG, she will have the opportunity to work within communities providing training and assisting in the providence of medical care. (You can read an article which Donna has written elsewhere in this magazine.) As everyone at YWAM are full time volunteers, Donna will be fundraising over the coming months to go towards the upfront costs of her trip (e.g. flights, quarantine hotel etc.) and for ongoing monthly costs (e.g. food, healthcare etc.). Please do support her, if you can.

### New volunteers wanted!

We are looking for new readers and also volunteers for the flower rota in St. Colman's Church, Clontibret. If you would

like to assist with either or both of these important parish ministries, please speak to Jennifer Leathem.

### Easter Vestry Meetings

The annual Easter Vestry meeting for each parish will be held in July, provided that the proposed easing of restrictions on 5th July goes ahead. At the time of writing, it is hoped to hold meetings on the following dates:

■ Ballybay – Tuesday, 6th July, in the Parish Hall at 8.30 p.m.

■ Muckno – Wednesday, 7th July, in

■ St.Maeldoid's Church at 8.30 p.m.

■ Clontibret – Thursday, 8th July, in the Parish Hall at 8.30 p.m.

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.

## Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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### Services

#### Sunday 4th July

Morning Prayer St Finbarr's 10.30am

Morning Prayer Magheraclone 12noon

#### Sunday 11th July

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Holy Communion Magheraclone 12noon

Morning Prayer Ardragh 1.15pm

#### Sunday 18th July

Arise and Shine St Finbarr's 10.30am

Service of the Word Magheraclone 12noon

#### Sunday 25th July

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Holy Communion Magheraclone 12noon

Holy Communion Ardragh 1.15pm

#### Sunday 1st August

Morning Prayer St Finbarr's 10.30am



Revd Colin makes a presentation to James Coleman.

Morning Prayer Magheraclone 12noon

#### Sunday 8th August

Morning Prayer St Finbarr's 10.30am

Morning Prayer Ardragh 1.15pm

Annual St Molua's Day Outdoor Service

Magheraclone 3.00pm

#### Sunday 15th August

Arise and Shine St Finbarr's 10.30am

Service of the Word Magheraclone 12noon

#### Sunday 22nd August

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Holy Communion Magheraclone 12noon

Holy Communion Ardragh 1.15pm

#### Sunday 29th August

United Service Magheraclone 12 noon (NO other services) – This service will take place outdoors weather permitting.

### Sanctuary Sunday

On Sunday 13th June we held special services to mark Sanctuary Sunday to mark the beginning of Refugee Week. In January the Select Vestry of St Finbarr's signed up as a 'Church of Sanctuary' as we strive to make our churches a safe and welcoming place for asylum seekers and refugees. The vestry



Some of the children with their Sunday School prizes.

made the following declaration:

We the Select Vestry of St Finbarr's Church of Ireland, Carrickmacross wish to affirm our support for the Places of Sanctuary movement and our desire to work towards achieving 'Church of Sanctuary' designation. We will seek to develop and embed in our Parish a culture of welcome and hospitality towards asylum seekers and refugees in our own community and across our island. While we recognise that this will be a process of growth and learning within our particular situation, we state our commitment to the following general principles:

- Offering a positive vision of a culture of welcome and hospitality to all;
- Creating opportunities for relationships of friendship and solidarity between local people and those seeking sanctuary;
- Recognising and encouraging partnership and network development across localities;
- Identifying opportunities for working on common cause issues within and across communities;
- Celebrating and promoting the welcome and contribution of people seeking sanctuary;
- Engaging people seeking sanctuary in decision making processes at all levels and in all activities;
- Promoting understanding of asylum and refugee issues, especially by enabling



refugee voices to be heard directly.

### Farewell To James

On Friday 11th June we said goodbye to James Coleman after over three years of taking wonderful care of our grounds in St Finbarr's, God's Acre graveyard and the Rectory.

We are sad to lose James as he took such pride and care in caring for the church grounds but we are delighted for him as he starts a new job with Monaghan Council. Revd Colin presented James with a gift on



behalf of the Select Vestry and parishioners of St Finbarr's.

### Sunday School Prizegiving

Despite having been unable to meet in person throughout the past year it was lovely to give our Sunday School children a small prize for all their great work in continuing with Sunday School at Home. The children all pre-recorded parts for the special service on the 20th June in which they all appeared on the screen in St Finbarr's. There was also a small gift for all the men in church to mark Father's Day.

### St Molua's Day Outdoor Service

The annual St Molua's Day Outdoor Service takes place in Magheraclone on Sunday 8th August at 3.00pm. This service gives us the opportunity to remember the mission of St Molua and to give thanks for all who have gone before us in the faith and all who have passed the faith onto us. Our guest preacher will be Monsignor Shane McCaughey from St Joseph's in Carrickmacross. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for what is always a special time of worship and fellowship with our friends from other churches in the area.



## Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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### Services

Details of Church Services for July and August for both Parishes are as below:

#### **Sunday, 4 July**

11:00 a.m. COMBINED Loyal Order Service Mullaghduin.

#### **Sunday, 11 July**

11:00 a.m. COMBINED Loyal Order Service Cleenish.

#### **Sunday, 18 July**

11:00 a.m. COMBINED R.B.P. Service Cleenish.

2:30 p.m. Dedication Service Mullaghduin.

#### **Sunday, 25 July**

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Mullaghduin.

2:30 p.m. Dedication Service Cleenish.

#### **Sunday, 1 August**

10:00 a.m. Morning Service Mullaghduin.

11:30 a.m. Morning Service Cleenish.

#### **Sunday, 8 August**

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Mullaghduin.

11:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Cleenish.

#### **Sunday, 15 August**

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Mullaghduin.

11:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Cleenish.

#### **Sunday, 22 August**

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Mullaghduin.

11:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Cleenish.

#### **Sunday, 29 August**

10:00 a.m. Morning Service Mullaghduin.

11:30 a.m. Morning Service Cleenish.

At the time of writing, we remember in Prayer those who are ill or recovering from illness, the housebound and those waiting for, or recovering from operations. We also remember all those who have been recently bereaved.

The Select Vestries of both Cleenish and Mullaghduin met recently for a face-to-face meeting in order to do "catch-up" with parochial business. At these meetings, our Rector gave notice of his forthcoming retirement at the end of the month of August.



Car Park.

### The Rector writes...

It is with mixed feelings that I sit down to write my final thoughts for the Clogher Diocesan Magazine.

Twenty-two years is a big part of one's life, but I feel very privileged having been given the opportunity of spending most of my Ministry in such a beautiful part of Fermanagh. I must admit that I never felt as if I was a 'blow in' to County Fermanagh as I was born in Enniskillen and spent the first six years of my life there. Enniskillen has always held a warm affection for me because it has reminded me of my happy childhood. So, you could say that I came here with positive expectations, and it goes without saying that I wasn't disappointed!

Throughout my Ministry here I have experienced such warmth and friendship from the people of Cleenish and Mullaghduin. When I came here 22 years ago, I never expected to stay so long. However, the longer I stayed the more the people became a part of me and the more deeply their lives were woven into mine. I now feel the time has come for the Parishes of Cleenish and Mullaghduin to appoint a new Rector who will bring the Parishes into a new season of Ministry. I feel confident that a new leader will be able to draw on the many gifts and skills among the Parishioners which will help grow and develop God's Kingdom here in this part of County Fermanagh.

In Proverbs 29 we read these words - 'Where there is no vision, the people perish ....' (Prov. 29:18 KJV). The men and women who shape this world are men and women of vision. Saint Paul saw the vision of a world-wide Church. If he hadn't, Christianity might have remained a Jewish Sect which would have become more and more ingrowing - and that would have spelt death. But God gave Paul the vision and as a result in a few short years the Roman World was won for Christ. The men who

shaped the world were men like Saint Sinell from Cleenish Island. Because of their vision Christianity was spread throughout Ireland and beyond. Today, more than ever, Ireland once again needs men and women of faith and vision. May Almighty God raise up His People once again who will use their faith to run with this vision.

Finally, I wish to thank my Clogher colleagues and the Diocesan Office staff for all their love, patience and assistance throughout my 22 very happy years in Ministry.

I will certainly miss the fellowship of everyone, both clergy and people.

*Your friend and Rector.*

**Canon Geoffrey P Bridle**

The September issue of the Clogher Diocesan Magazine will carry details of the special services of dedication for Mullaghduin Car Park and Cleenish Car Park and the refurbishment of the Vestry Room in Cleenish Church as well as details of our Rector's Retirement.

**Both Parishes had good news to share –** Mullaghduin extends congratulations and best wishes to Rebecca Watterson and Andrew Shortt, who recently announced their engagement.

Cleenish extends congratulations to Florence Willis who was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to Local Government. Florence's dedication and commitment in the maintenance of a very high standard in the facilities located at Bellanaleck Quay is well recognised by both the District Council and the many tourists/visitors who come to Bellanaleck Quay by boat or car.

### Three Ways to Worship at Cleenish

Since the easing of restrictions and with the installation of a sound and video system in



Cleenish Church.



Cleenish Church Hall.

the Church Hall and installation of a sound system in the Car Park, parishioners and friends can participate in Morning Worship in keeping with government regulations regarding Covid-19. The Parish Church can currently seat 30 to 35 depending on family bubbles; the Parish Hall, with the service live-streamed can currently seat 30 to 40 and the Church Carpark can accommodate up to 30 vehicles whereby people can listen to the service in their cars by PA or car radio. A number of Cleenish parishioners – who still are shielding – are availing of the sound system in the Car Park.

**Holy Baptism**  
**MULLAGHDUN PARISH CHURCH**

- 22nd May 2021 - Dean Adam Patrick, Son of John William and Nicola Margaret, Sligo Road, Letterbreen.
- 12th June 2021 - Zoe Margaret Rose Jamison, Daughter of Philip Ivan and Kelly Louise, Earlsfort, Moira

**Christian Burial**  
**CLEENISH PARISH CHURCH**

- Bella Whitley (nee Balfour)  
June 2nd, 2021 at her home, 17 Lisgoole Park, Enniskillen (formerly Cleenish Island, Bellanaleck

**Bellanaleck Community Group**

As we move into summer, we thank God for the vastly improved weather which has seen our local farming community busy in the fields harvesting much wanted silage. Congratulations to our member Florence Willis on her recent award of the B.E.M., which is well deserved for her service in the Community for well over forty years. The Group can now state works at the Quay are now completed, with the resurfaced car park lined out for suitable parking etc Many thanks again to the staff in Waterways Ireland, and to their most efficient contractors.

Just a reminder about the Group's notice

board which is sited to the left of the main door into Cathcart's shop, where up to date information is recorded.

The Annual General Meeting of the Group took place on Wednesday 23rd June. This was the first occasion members met since February last year due to Covid-19 restrictions, details of the meeting in next issue.

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.



Florence accompanied by her daughter and granddaughter was at Morning Service as usual on Sunday Morning 13th June 2021.



The new Slipway at Bellanaleck Quay.

## Clogher Cathedral Group



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### From the Rector's Desk

#### 'A penny for them.'

You don't see loose change laying on the ground as much as you use to, well that is my observation anyway! Perhaps it is because we are not using actual coins and notes as much as we were due to the pandemic, then again, pre-pandemic we were moving away from the use of 'actual money' in favour of our plastic bank cards. There are pros and cons for both, on one hand cards are much more convenient and cleaner, however, on the other hand it is much easier to keep track of actual coins and notes in terms of when it's gone it's gone!

I am old enough to remember being given 10p to go and buy sweets in the shop, that was ten pennies. A child today would roll their eyes at you in disgust if you offered that to them. Yet when you are younger finding another penny made all the difference. So what happened? Would you pick up a penny in the street if you saw it



Pennies in the street.



Bishop Ian Ellis leading the service in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher.



today? If not, why not? Is it because it has no worth to you anymore? Our mighty God is very conscious of the smaller things in life, He made the galaxies and yet Psalm 139 speaks of Him knowing when you are I stand up or sit down. Jesus spoke about the one coin, one sheep, one person who is lost. In our busy world we can often feel very small, perhaps others have told you that you are insignificant or simply not good enough, you may even feel disrespected.

Look up from your page right now, look around you. Everything you see God created and still you are his most prized possession – you are priceless! **Isaiah 49:15-16** says this <sup>15</sup> 'Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? *Though she may forget, I will not forget you!* <sup>16</sup> See, I have engraved your name on the palms of my hands.'

God loves you! As we slow a little over the next couple of months may we take the time to let this sink into our hearts and

minds, and as a response to His amazing grace and love for us, may we seek to treat others with the same grace and love. God bless you and watch over you. Have a great summer. Revd. Olie

### A Special Pentecost with Bishop Ian

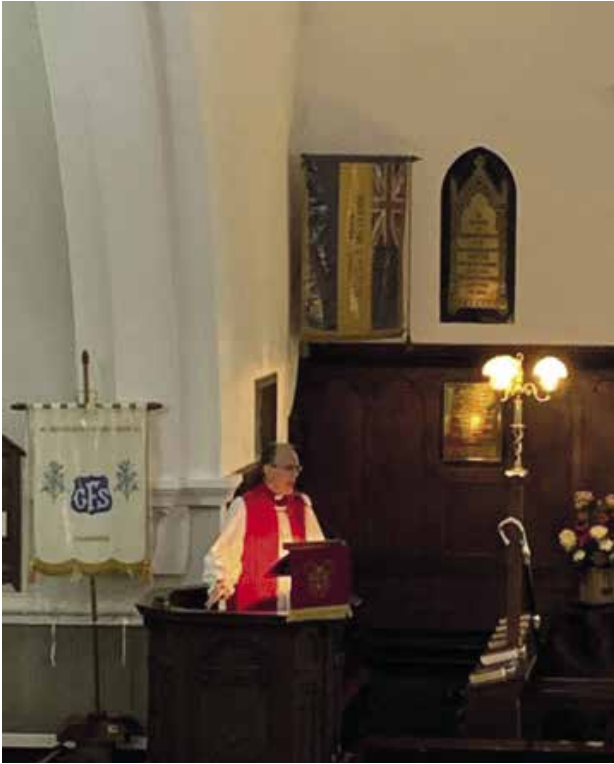
On Sunday 23rd May, Pentecost Sunday, a socially distanced congregation gathered at St. Macartan's Cathedral and had the joy of welcoming our new Bishop, Rt. Revd. Dr Ian Ellis on his first visit as bishop to the dioceses historical Cathedral. Parishioners from across the four parishes in the Cathedral group joined in worship and Bishop Ian preached and presided at Holy communion assisted by the rector, Revd. Olie. Bishop Ian spoke on the work of the Holy Spirit, explaining how the Holy Spirit brings change and challenge to our lives.

### Confirmation

Sadly, due to covid lockdown our planned confirmation service in 2020 was unable to take place. We hope to have a service of confirmation this November (restrictions permitting). Therefore, all those who wish to be considered for confirmation are asked to contact the rector as soon as possible. Please note all candidates must be at least year 10 at the beginning of September 2021.

### Summer Services

As restrictions relax further and we all look forward to hopefully a summer with some rest and rejuvenation, therefore our weekly Sunday church services switch to reduced services across our group for the months of July and August. Please see details below.



Bishop Ian preaching at the service for Pentecost in Clogher.



Bishop Ian with Revd Olivia Downey.

**Sunday 4th July**

St. Macartan's Cathedral 11.30am

**Sunday 11th July**

St. Mary's Errigal Portclare 10am  
St. Mark's Newtownsaville 11.30am

**Sunday 18th July**

St. Macartan's Cathedral 11.30am

**Sunday 25th July**

St. Mary's Errigal Portclare 10am  
St. Mark's Newtownsaville 11.30am

**Sunday 1st August**

St. Macartan's Cathedral 11.30am

**Sunday 8th August**

St. Mary's Errigal Portclare 10am  
St. Mark's Newtownsaville 11.30am

**Sunday 15th August**

St. Macartan's Cathedral 11.30am

**Sunday 22nd August**

St. Mary's Errigal Portclare 10am  
St. Mark's Newtownsaville 11.30am

**Sunday 29th August**

St. Macartan's Cathedral 11.30am

*\*Please note these are the only services on these dates within the group, normal service times will resume in September.*

**Knit, Stitch & Natter**

Our wonderful ladies from Knit, Stitch & Natter have been working hard once again. This time they answered the request from



Mrs Trixie Thompson who spearheaded the project with Tanya from Omagh Women's Aid.



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



Little Elsie with her parents Alan and Sheryl and Godparents.



Little Charlie with his parents William and Aisling and big brother and sister George and Anna.



you may use a middle name, that is ok, the important thing is that God knows who you are. All requests are dealt with sensitively and confidentially and your request will remain on our list for four weeks. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

### Christian Baptism

Elsie Jodie McKenzie, infant daughter of Alan and Sheryl, 28th April 2021 - St. Macartan's Cathedral.

Charlie Thomas Irvine, infant son of William and Aisling, 17th May 2021 - St. Mark's Newtownsaville.



### Christian Burial

St. Mark's Newtownsaville, 24th May 2021 - Mrs Margaret Ann (Cissie) Garland.

St. Mark's Augher, 12th June 2021 - Mrs June Montgomery.

Omagh Woman's Aid to help children who come to the refuge who have been traumatised by their home situations. The ladies with great skill and care not only knit more dolls but also added arm slings, plaster casts, hearing aids, glasses etc, Tanya from Women's Aid commented "these little acts of kindness will be invaluable during therapy sessions."

### Prayer Requests

Our prayer team are faithfully continuing to pray and intercede for all who have requested prayer. Please feel free to drop your request into the box in church or contact the rector. This may be a prayer request for yourself or someone you know, you may be battling with something you haven't told another person, you may be struggling with family issues, relationship issues or perhaps loneliness. All we need is a first name, however, if you would prefer





## Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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### Services

#### 4 July

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

#### 11 July

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

#### 18 July

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

#### 25 July

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

#### 1 August

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

#### 8 August

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

#### 15 August

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

#### 22 August

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

#### 29 August

Killeevan 11.00am: Joint Group Morning Prayer

### Annual General Vestry Meetings

After the July easing of regulations, these meetings are now possible in person. They will take place as follows:

#### 5 July

Clones Parish: In church at 8.00pm

#### 14 July

Currin Parish: In church at 8.00pm

#### 19 July

Newbliss Parish: In church at 8.00pm

#### 26 July

Killeevan Parish: In church at 8.00pm

### Baptism

On 4 July in Clones we were delighted to baptise baby Robert Moore, son of Sandra and Daryl. We pray that the Lord will richly bless Robert and his whole family as they journey onwards in faith.

### Sunday School Celebration

Despite the irregular pattern of the past



year, the Sunday School children of Newbliss and Killeevan marked the end of their school year with a fun family service and presentations in Newbliss Church, followed by a bring-your-own picnic in Rossmore Forest Park in Monaghan. A great time was had by all involved – and our special thanks go to the Sunday School teachers of all the churches within our Group of Parishes.

### Retirement best wishes

Our thanks go to Mrs Christine Rusk, who has just retired from her roles as Sexton and Sunday School teacher at Clones Church. Christine has given many years of service, and we send her every good wish for the future.

## Colaghty



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### Services

#### JULY

**4th** Holy Communion 10.30am

**11th** Morning Prayer 10.30am

**18th** Morning Prayer 10.30am

**25th** Morning Prayer 10.30am

#### AUGUST

**1st** Holy Communion 10.30am

**8th** Morning Prayer 10.30am

**15th** Morning Prayer 10.30am

**22nd** Morning Prayer 10.30am

**29th** 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. Any changes to service times and dates will be notified on the notices and parish Facebook page.

### Praise, Prayer, and Share

A midweek service was held, as an opportunity to reflect, remember and to give thanks to God for His blessings throughout the pandemic. Through the sad and lonely times, and through the joyous moments as well. Acknowledging that God is working out His purposes in all that we experience in the pilgrimage that is life. A number during the service shared some thoughts of what it was like in the initial stages of closure and of God's grace at work. "Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." Psalm 136: 1



The group of Confirmation candidates with the Rector, Canon Alan Irwin and Bishop Ian Ellis.

## Confirmation

A warm welcome was extended to Bishop Ian on his first visit to the parish on Sunday 6th June at 7.00pm for the Service of Confirmation. The service was limited to numbers due to the mitigations still in place around COVID-19, but did not take away from the occasion, as we welcomed the candidates' families. Please pray for Ellie, Savannah, Amy, Zeta, Amy, Joanne, Ben, Cameron, Joshua, Harry, Kimi, and Ben as they continue their walk with Christ. We want to thank all who were part of their teaching throughout their time in Sunday School, and in the Confirmation group, for the seeds planted as we leave the growth and the fruitfulness to God's grace. Thanks to the organist Anne for leading the praise, Jason for sound/IT, churchwardens, Heather for the beautiful flower arrangements and select vestry members who assisted on the day.

*"But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Tim. 3: 14 -17*

## R & D's Sizzlers at Colaghty

On what would normally have been our annual barbecue evening, we are trying something different this year as the uncertainty as to what mitigations will be in place at that time remain an unknown.

Instead, it will be Colaghty's take on "fast food" drive through.

**Saturday 24th July – R & D's Sizzlers at Colaghty available from 7.00pm – 9.00pm.** Burgers with a little extra, minimum donation of £5.00 with concessionary prices for children. A time to reconnect on the wheel so to speak and as a parish fundraiser. If planning to come along, **PLEASE**, confirm numbers of meals required to the Rector 02868631689 or Marcus 02868631238 or by text to 07899666348 or email colaghty@clogher.anglican.org to assist with the catering by Monday 19th July.

Thank you for the way in which you have graciously adhered to the restrictions around COVID-19 as we meet in fellowship and worship.



## Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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### Worship

It is good to be able to meet again for public worship and to see restrictions eased around the services associated with the Occasional Offices e.g. Marriages and Funerals. As the time of writing, however, we are still working with restrictions and with the spread of the Delta Variant, we may be doing so for a bit longer than we would have liked.

We will still therefore be required to observe social distancing, wear masks (unless exempted or while leading worship), sanitise hands and not use the prayer/hymn books or soft furnishings in church. There is still also 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

During July and August this will be the pattern for Sunday Services

#### First Sunday of the month

10.15am Castle Archdale (Holy Communion)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Holy Communion)

Online recorded Scripture reflection and prayer from 7.00am @rectorDVNandCA



Walking  
Group .  
Tuesdays  
7.30pm

The Walking Group resumes weekly on Tuesdays leaving the car park at Derryvullen North Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Social distancing will be observed and numbers limited, at present, to 30 in accordance with NI Covid-19 restrictions.



*"This is what the LORD says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.'"*  
Jeremiah 6:16



#### Second Sunday of the month

10.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

11.45am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)  
Online recorded Service with singers and musicians from 7.00am @rectorDVNandCA

#### Third Sunday of the month

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

Online recorded Scripture reflection and prayer from 7.00am @rectorDVNandCA

#### Fourth (and fifth) Sunday of the month

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

Online recorded Scripture reflection and prayer from 7.00am @rectorDVNandCA

#### Orange Service

At the time of preparing these notes it is planned to hold a smaller scale Service than would usually be the case with the Brethren of the Orange Order on Sunday 11th July. This will be strictly limited attendance in accordance with covid-19 restrictions. Details of this will be made available nearer the time.

The Rector also plans to meet on the morning of 12th July with a small number of representatives of the Orange Lodges in the District for an Act of Remembrance at the War Graves and Cross of Sacrifice

in Derryvullen North Burial Ground.

#### NI 100 Services

On Sunday 22nd August the morning services in both Castle Archdale and Derryvullen will be special ones to remember the Centenary of Northern Ireland. Our worship on that day will be based on a special form of service produced by the Church of Ireland for this significant and important anniversary.

#### Castle Archdale Parish BBQ

As part of the celebrations for the centenary of the foundation of Northern Ireland, the Select Vestry of Castle Archdale Parish Church plan to hold a parish BBQ in the Castle Archdale Forest Park. More details will be made available in due course about this and how to attend.

#### Walking Group

While running groups within the parish premises, while permitted, is challenging, we are pleased that the Walking Group is now up and going again. As this is based outdoors of course the current regulations make this easier to organise. This is open to parishioners and folk from the wider community and leaves Derryvullen North car park each Tuesday at 7.30pm. Thank you to Lorna Graham for organising this.

## Confirmation

At the time of preparing these notes there are provisional dates that the Rector will be sharing with all concerning once they are finalised. There will however be two Confirmation Services in our parishes – one in Castle Archdale and one in Derryvullen North with the candidates from each parish being confirmed in their own church. We are grateful to the Bishop for these arrangements as the large number of candidates would make using one church and holding one service impossible under the constraints of social distancing while wanting to include family and friends – two services will mean that each family will be able to have members present, possibly about nine or 10 per family.

## Scripture Union

Although we are entering the summer period we still remember the ministry of the Scripture Union and especially the E3 project (see the accompanying photograph). If anyone would like to receive the prayer letter direct by email you can request it from Alastair McFarland at [alastair@sun.co.uk](mailto:alastair@sun.co.uk). He has been very active recently delivering a programme to P7 classes across the area and at Irvinestown Primary School the materials were sponsored by Derryvullen Select Vestry.



## Photographs

There are some recent photographs included with these notes featuring some lesser known aspects of our churches. There is the lovely detail in the East Window in Castle Archdale which features a figure in stained glass holding a little model church, which if you look closely you will see is actually Castle Archdale itself. Then from Derryvullen North there is the stained glass window from the Sanctuary (north side) which features the

sower from the parable of Jesus. This window does not face the congregation and so is not usually seen.

## From the registers

### BAPTISM

Evie Marie Beacom, 13/05/2021  
(Derryvullen North)

### HOLY MATRIMONY

Nicole McQuaid and Mark Beacom,  
28/05/21 (Castle Archdale)

## 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, 4th July;

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

### Sunday, 11th July;

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

### Sunday, 18th July;

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

### Sunday, 25th July;

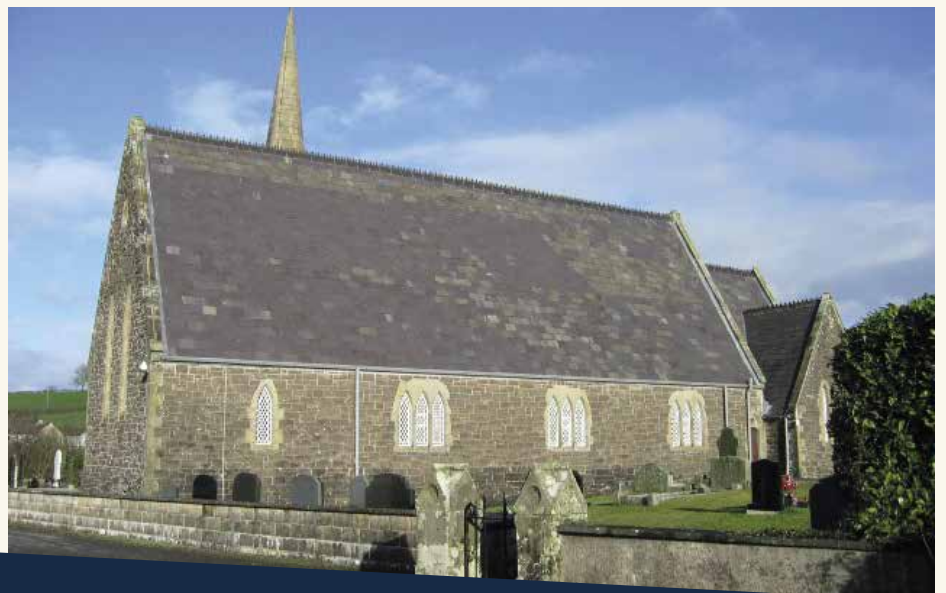
10.30am, Morning Prayer – Derryvullen South  
12 Noon, Morning Prayer – Garvary

## Holy Baptism

10th June 2021 – Daniel Alexander Love.  
13th June 2021 – Douglas Duncan Delaney.

## Prayers

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



## Devenish & Boho



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### Services for July and August

#### Sunday 4th July

10.00 am, Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am, Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

#### Sunday 11th July

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am, Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

#### Sunday 18th July

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am, Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

#### Sunday 25th July

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

#### Sunday 1st August

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

#### Sunday 8th August

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

#### Sunday 15th August

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am, Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

#### Sunday 22nd August

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

#### Sunday 29th August

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

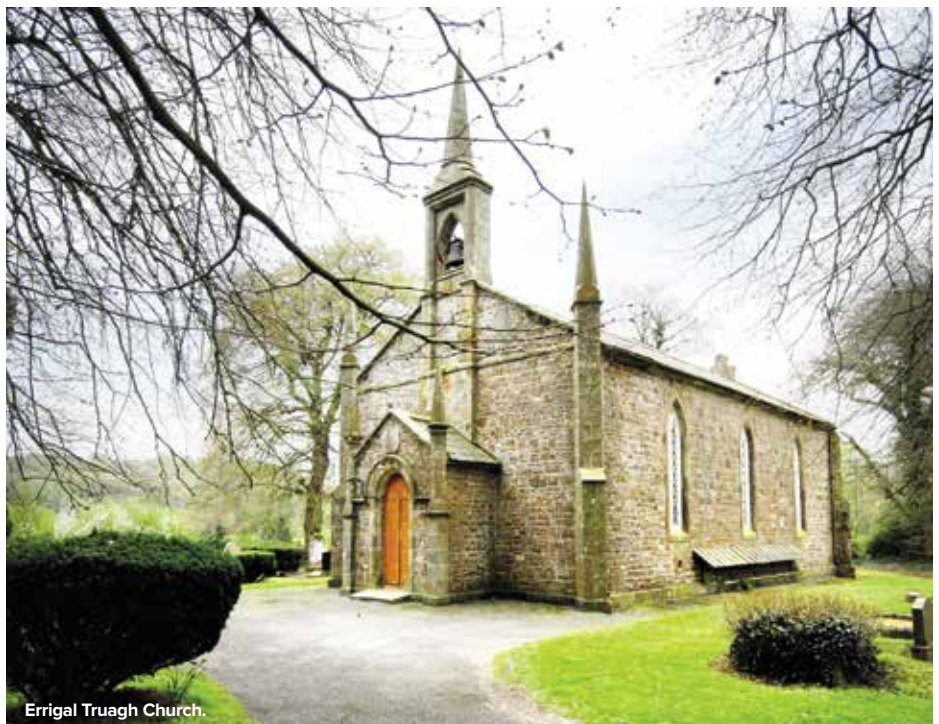
## Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh

Chancellor **Ian Berry** is in charge.

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

### Welcome

We wish to offer our congratulations to the Right Rev. Dr. Ian William Ellis on his consecration as Bishop of Clogher. Please remember Dr Ellis and his wife Heather in your prayers as he follows the call of God to lead us in Clogher and also the wider Church of Ireland during challenging times. During the service of Ordination and Consecration the sermon was given by the Right Revd and Right Honorable



Errigal Truagh Church.

Lord Eames, OM, former Archbishop of Armagh who has known Dr Ellis since his training for ordination.

Speaking about answering the call of God Lord Eames encouraged all present using the words "When God calls, God enables". We look forward to welcoming Dr Ellis to dedicate our new Donagh Group Sunday School Room and toilet extension upon completion and when COVID permits.

### Births

Congratulations to Beulah Anne and Michael Sinton on the birth of Heath Howard, first grandchild of Donagh churchwarden, Mrs Jean Wallace.

Congratulations to Stuart and Sharon on the birth of Sophia Florence Louise Waller who was born on 4th June, first grandchild of David and our parish reader, Marina.

"Children of God, wonderfully made, dearly loved and precious in His sight."

### Marriage

Congratulations to Suzanne Buckley and Iain Dudgeon who were able to celebrate their marriage in Ardess Parish Church. Revd Lorraine was delighted to officiate at her first wedding service since lockdown. She wished the lovely couple, Mr and Mrs Dudgeon, every blessing and happiness for their future together.

### Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Reverend Margaret Pringle who is presently on sick leave. We pray for her speedy recovery and that she will soon be back with us.

### Condolences

We offer our deepest sympathy to Olivia



Suzanne and Iain Dudgeon (from St. Salvator's) celebrating their marriage.

Cannon and family on the recent death of her father Alan Duncan, Dromore, Mountcharles, Donegal.

We extend deepest sympathy to David Waller and family of the sudden death of David's uncle Robert, brother of the late Joe Waller.

### Mothers' Union DVD

We would encourage you to purchase the newly released DVD entitled "Time for Hope" which features our own Diane

Wright Kendrick, accompanied by Gerard Toal, as well as several other well-known musicians from across the diocese and includes many scenes of Glaslough. We thank Diane for taking part in this initiative which supports the very important work of the Mothers' Union both here in Ireland and worldwide.

DVDs cost £10 each and may be ordered through the Donagh local MU branch leader Mrs Dorothy Boyd.

## Dromore



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### Getting the most out of reading God's Word

*'Although it is impossible to obtain exact figures, there is little doubt that the Bible is the world's best-selling and most widely distributed book. A survey by the Bible Society concluded that around 2.5 billion copies were printed between 1815 and 1975, but more recent estimates put the number at more than 5 billion.'* (Quote according to Guinness World Records)

YouVersion's Bible App gives us free access to 1,839 Bible versions in 1,275 languages. You can even download an audio Bible read by Poirot! Despite the Bible being both widely distributed and more easily accessed

through online websites and mobile apps a survey conducted by the Bible Society reveals disturbing facts.

The survey found that over half of Christian millennials (those born between 1981-1996) in the UK (51%) engage with the Bible a few times a year, or less. Only 9% read the Bible every day and a mere 13% look at the scriptures "a few times a week".

Then overall (across all age groups) only 10% of professing Christians have read through the entire Bible at least once. Most struggle to read the Old Testament and yet it is in reading it that we can understand the New Testament more. So, what help is there for those who want to get more from God's



Word, especially understanding difficult passages. Here are a few of suggestions:

1. Try reading the passage in another translation. If you have access to the internet you can visit [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) or use YouVersion's Bible App, where you can view a passage in different translations at the touch of a button (FREE).
2. Have as a companion 'How to Read the Bible, Book by Book', by Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stuart. This gives a good overview of Scripture as well as a Book by Book guide, giving the context and helpful hints to get the most out of reading particular passages.
3. Attend a Bible Study Group (when things open up again) where you can discuss with others and grow together.
4. Most importantly, remember to ask the Holy Spirit to help you to understand what you are reading.

## Sunday Services (July)

### 4th July

11.00am S o W, 'The Early Church' (Acts 2:42-47)

### 11th July

11.00am S o W, 'Healing of a lame man' (Acts 3:1-26)

### 18th July

1.00am S o W, 'Peter and Cornelius' (Acts 10:1-8, 34-48; Acts 11:13-14)

### 25th July

11.00am HC 2, 'Peter in Prison' (Acts 12:6-19)

*N.B. Details of our services over August will be on our Facebook page.*

## Services

Over the summer we will only have the one service each week – our All-age Service on Sundays at 11.00am, which will continue to be offered as both 'In-Church Worship' and 'online'.

## Walking Life Group

Our Walking Life Group will be running from



Photos from the Ignite Group.



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).

## Ignite

The warmer weather has enabled the youth to meet for some fun and games outside – the recent water fight being a particular favourite. Sixteen from Ignite (youth and leaders) hope to attend Summer Madness this year in Coleraine and we hope to have some activities over July and August.

## 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/](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, Muckross and Templecarne



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As we approach the summer, we do so in a different way than usual which has become part of life for us over the past year. I am sure that many of us would usually be looking forward to jetting off to sunnier climes and while this is possible there is still much uncertainty around travel which makes us think about whether we should take the chance or not.

As I thought about what I was going to write I looked at my notes for this time last year and was again struck by the fact that we would never have imagined that we would still be living under the shadow of Covid19 a year later. It is perhaps good that we did not as it would have caused us to despair.

However we have come this far and we pray that the recent progress continues and that we soon see life return to normal. I would like to encourage you to continue to trust in God for all things in these challenging times and to look to him for strength and comfort as we continue to live under restrictions.

As we read in Proverbs, Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

A timely reminder that God knows best and we do not.

As I said in my notes this time last year, I hope that everyone continues to keep well and that you take the opportunity to relax over the summer in some way.

### Parish Register

#### BAPTISM

On 22 May we welcomed Freddie William Fitzpatrick into the Templecarne Church family. We offer our congratulations to David and Yasmin on the birth of Freddie and we trust that they will continue to be part of the fellowship of believers here and that David and Yasmin would along with his godparents encourage Freddie to take his place in the church as he grows older.

#### MARRIAGE

On Saturday 12 June 2021 - Brandon Aiken and Kimberley Forshaw Teale were married at Tubrid. We wish them God's richest blessing for their life together.

Burial

#### BEREAVEMENTS

Sadly, we said our farewells to two parishioners recently.

■ On 23 April we had the funeral service for Sarah Noble, 87 Camplagh Road, Drumskinney, Kesh and we extend our sympathy to her children, Thomas, Ann and Thelma and to the extended family circle.

■ On 20 May we had the funeral service for Violet McClelland and we express our sympathy to her children Kathleen, Jacqueline, Alan and Caroline and to the extended family circle.

#### Services

##### Sunday 4 July

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,

Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

##### Sunday 11 July

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckross, Holy

Communion 11.30 Tubrid

##### Sunday 18 July

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne,

Morning Prayer 11.30 – Tubrid

##### Sunday 25 July

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckross, Morning

Prayer 11.30 – Tubrid

##### Sunday 1 August

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,

Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

##### Sunday 8 August

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckross, Holy

Communion 11.30 Tubrid

##### Sunday 15 August

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne,

Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

##### Sunday 22 August

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckross, Morning

Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

##### Sunday 29 August

Service of the Word 10.00 Templecarne,

Service of the Word 11.30 Tubrid

#### Sunday school

I hope that we will be able to reopen Sunday School in September and will communicate details of this towards the end of the summer break.

#### Confirmation

A Service of Confirmation has been arranged for Sunday 19 September at Drumkeeran. This service will be at 11.30 and if restrictions have been relaxed it will be the normal service.

If not then I will hold a service in the Hall at 10am which will be for the rest of the congregation. The service in Templecarne will be in the evening that day as outlined below.

#### Harvests

I hope to have harvest services in Dernasesk and the three churches this year. I have a speaker for Templecarne but have not yet arranged speakers for the other churches. I have had a thought in my mind since last year and I may use this as the basis of the services.

This would take the form of Service of Celebration, Thanksgiving, Reflection and Remembrance. The bad news is that I will be the speaker if I decide to go down this route.

The following dates are provisional at this stage (as much of life has been in recent months).

■ Dernasesk Sunday 5 September at 7pm

■ Muckross Sunday 12 September at 7pm

■ Templecarne Sunday 19 September at

7pm – speaker Archdeacon David Huss

■ Tubrid Sunday 26 September at 11.30am





## Ematrix with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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

Chancellor Ian Berry is in charge.

### Dartrey and Rockcorry Sunday 16th May 2021

Sunday, 16th May was a special day across the diocese. After many months of lockdown it saw congregations once more filling the pews in a socially distanced way to hear the Word in person. A special thank-you to those who maintained the grounds around our churches during lockdown and those who prepared the churches for the re-opening so that we could return safely for our services. It is good to see people in the flesh again, albeit behind a mask. The light at the end of the tunnel has been awaited with relief and the vaccines have offered hope to everyone of a return to a form of normality and everyday interaction. However, the sick and the bereaved are always with us and we continue to remember them in our prayers.

#### Rockcorry School

We have had a very busy final term in Rockcorry N.S.  
We received our top level accreditation to be



Mrs Iris Egerton celebrating her 90th birthday.

a Farm Safe School. Congratulations to Mara in Senior Infants, as she has been selected as the Ulster FBD Farm Safe Schools Regional Champion. The school thoroughly enjoyed the programme and the Farm Safe Fun Day we held to celebrate all the hard work. Well done to all the boys and girls from Rockcorry N.S.

#### Aughnamullen

We are delighted to be back in our churches again after some of the restrictions have been able to be eased, but we still have to observe social distancing, wear masks and sanitise hands. Please remember in prayer those who are ill, the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

#### Aghabog

We wish to extend our best wishes to Mrs Iris Egerton who celebrated her 90th birthday on 12th June. After the service Iris was presented with a bunch of flowers by Roberta and Vicki. Also thanks to Walter Pringle for his words of congratulations. Congratulations and best wishes to Matthew and Jackie Norris on the birth of their baby son. Please remember in your prayers those of our parishioners who are ill in hospital, at home or receiving treatment. Congratulations and good wishes to our new Bishop, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis. Please remember him in your prayers.

## Enniskillen Cathedral



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### JULY AND AUGUST SERVICES

**Thursday 1st July**  
11.00am – Holy Communion  
**Sunday 4th July The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**  
11.00am - Holy Communion  
**Thursday 8th July**  
11.00am – Holy Communion  
**Sunday 11th July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**  
11.00am - Morning Prayer  
**Thursday 15th July**  
11.00am – Holy Communion  
**Sunday 18th July The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**  
11.00am – Morning Prayer  
**Thursday 22nd July**  
11.00am – Holy Communion  
**Sunday 25th July The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**  
11.00am - Morning Prayer

**Thursday 29th July**  
11.00am – Holy Communion  
**Sunday 1st August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**  
11.00am – Holy Communion  
**Thursday 5th August**  
11.00am – Holy Communion  
**Sunday 8th August The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**  
11.00am – Morning Prayer  
**Thursday 12th August**  
11.00am – Holy Communion  
**Sunday 15th August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**  
11.00am - Holy Communion  
**Thursday 19th August**  
11.00am – Holy Communion  
**Sunday 22nd August The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**  
11.00am – Morning Prayer  
**Thursday 26th August**  
11.00am – Holy Communion



Heavy lifting machinery bringing scaffolding to the rear of the Cathedral.



Dean Kenneth Hall with Scott Elliott, commissioned as Parish Reader with the Churchwardens.

**Sunday 29th August The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

11.00am - Morning Prayer

**Holy Baptism**

30th May – Sarah Louise Johnston  
 5th June – Logan Jack McBurnie  
 20th June – John Henry Kingston  
 25th June – Josaia Esala Ronald Fawcett-Masi

**Burial**

13th May - John Alan Crozier Deering, 79 Mullaghmeen Road, Enniskillen.  
 27th May – Jean Holmes, 4 Killyhevlín Demesne, Enniskillen.

**Cremation**

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

**Burial of Ashes**

23rd May - Kathy Yvonne Barnett, 44 Mill Street, Enniskillen.

**Scott Commissioned as Parish Reader**

Scott Elliott has been a life-long member of St Macartin's Cathedral, being Baptised and Confirmed here, and has become a familiar face to everyone as he assists at all our services. He grew up on the family farm just outside Lisbellaw and is the second eldest of six children to Jim and Linda Elliott (His father was Churchwarden in 2014). He has already completed his Bachelor of Theology (BTh) at Queen's University Belfast and is hoping to pursue a call to ordination when the time is right, but in the meantime is employed in local government administration

in Enniskillen. Scott has also completed his training as a Parish Reader and was Commissioned by the Bishop of Clogher on Wednesday 16th June.

**Confirmation 16th June 2021**

The Confirmation Class of 2019/2020 have at last been Confirmed! All were prepared and ready for Confirmation on Sunday 15th March 2020 only to be disappointed by the cancellation two days beforehand, due to the danger of spreading Covid 19. The risk was too high at the time and we had no other option. Thank you to the 18 young people for their understanding and patience, and we wish them every Blessing in the years ahead. This Confirmation Group are among the first to be Confirmed in the Diocese of Clogher since the outbreak of the pandemic and also

among the first candidates to be Confirmed by the new Bishop of Clogher, The Rt Rev Dr Ian W Ellis.

Pictured on the next page with the Bishop and Dean are the candidates (in alphabetical order): Jonah Balfour, Maddison Blair, Alex Boyd, Ewan Evans, Madeline Hamill, Joshua Hicks, Jamie Hood, Scott Hood, Leah Irwin, Jacob Jones, Ben Millar, Annabel Morrison, Lucy Rogers, Jessica Saunderson, Matthew Shaw, William Shaw, Alfie Weir and Carl Wilkin.

**Cathedral Restoration Project**

Work has started on the roof and stonework restoration on the Cathedral. Putting up the scaffolding was quite a challenging process. Getting the scaffolding onto the site before erection commenced was an involved



Bishop Ian Ellis with Scott Elliott, Parish Reader and Canon Paul Thompson, Warden of Readers in Clogher Diocese.

procedure. A large crane was located in the Deanery yard which unloaded the scaffolding structures from a lorry parked in Hall's Lane before transferring them over the wall between the Deanery yard and the graveyard. The crane operator was presented with many difficulties, one being the fact that he could not see over the wall to where the scaffolding structures were being placed in the graveyard. He was assisted in this process by a colleague in the graveyard who was in contact with the driver by phone. The driver was given precise instructions by phone so that the scaffolding material could be placed safely in the graveyard without damaging any of the headstones.

The next phase of preparation was the erection of the scaffolding. The main scaffolding structure for the first phase of the work is on the east wall of the cathedral. This not only provides access to the east window and pinnacles that require restoration work but also access along the valleys on either side of the high roof. This will enable work to start on the high roof which will be re-slatted using new Welsh slates. The old slates from the high roof will be carefully inspected and those that are in good condition will be used along with the salvaged good quality slates from the lower roofs to re-slate the lower roofs.

## Youth

The Children and Youth team would like to say a big thank you to everyone for all your support this year! No one knew what this year would look like, but we were delighted to still be able to offer Sunday Lights + Cafe and Messy Church online and we appreciate all your lovely feedback. We hope you have enjoyed these sessions at home as much as we enjoyed making them. All previous sessions will remain available on our Google Drive.

All Children and Youth organisations are now taking a break for the summer and will resume (hopefully in person- depending on restrictions) in the Autumn. All updates will be posted to our social media pages and included in the weekly emails from Beth. If you need to get in touch before then, our inbox is always open. Until then, we look forward to seeing what God has in store for the year ahead. Have a lovely summer and stay safe!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29: 11

## 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



Some of the Confirmation group at St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen



The Dean and parish representatives view the restoration work in progress.

of those wishing to be confirmed should contact the cathedral office by phone 02866322917 or email for an application form. Email [stmacartins@btopenworld.com](mailto:stmacartins@btopenworld.com)

## 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 keyed and as confidential as possible with only close relatives in attendance (if invited by the candidate).

## Mothers' Union

Jenifer, Sally and Maud had great pleasure in visiting Dorothy Foster on the happy occasion of her 90th birthday (See photo right). Amongst the many cards, flowers and goodwill messages Dorothy was enjoying her special day. They brought her a gift and best wishes from our Mothers' Union which she really appreciated.

On 21st May some of our ladies attended the drive-in concert, Time for Hope, organized by the Clogher Diocesan

Trustee Board. A very well-organized event and a lovely evening was had, with the opportunity to purchase a CD or DVD of the evening. If anyone would like to buy a copy please let Jenifer know (£10). Wishing you all a lovely summer and hope the sun continues to shine.

## PRAYER

*All this day, O Lord,  
let me touch as many lives as possible  
for thee;  
and every life I touch,  
do thou by thy Spirit quicken,  
whether through the word I speak,  
the prayer I breathe,  
or the life I live.  
Amen.*

*(Written in 1876 by Mothers' Union  
founder, Mary Sumner)*



## Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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**'Let us not give up meeting together,  
As some are in the habit of doing.'**  
*Hebrews 10:25*

## Church Services

11am Sundays at St John's  
9.30am Sundays at Kiltermon from 25th July.  
**NB No change this summer in church  
service times.**

## All About Kiltermon

As I write, there are ten days to go.  
As you read, the days will have passed.



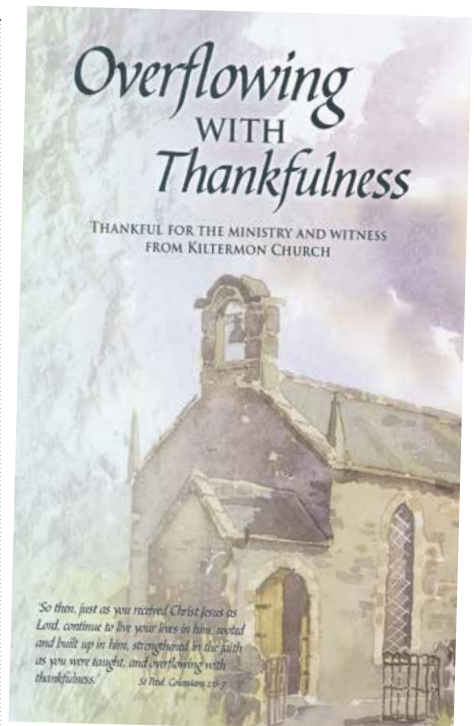
**Discipleship** is the response we make to follow on in the Way of Jesus.  
This is the teaching and ministry focus in the parish during 2021.

## Kiltermon's Open Weekend and Little Flower Festival

promises to be very encouraging.

Our Guest of Honour Robert Fyffe M.B.E., is well known across the diocese as a faithful and encouraging man of prayer. I first met Robert in my Dromore days, when he motored across the county on Sunday mornings on his blue mop-head, to lead worship in Holy Trinity. He had as great an affection for the parish there as the parish there had for him. And as a once upon a time youngest rector in the Church of Ireland, I was very glad to have an older and wiser someone to lean on. Robert is very much loved in Fivemiletown too and has contributed a great amount of spiritual commitment and energy to worship here. He loves Kiltermon Church, and I was delighted that he agreed to be our special parishioner for this special weekend. He has led us in prayer for a very long time, and today's encouragements in the Prayer Ministry here were, I think, shaped by people like him. It is Robert who drew our attention to the peace at Kiltermon, and so it is.

Here is the **forward** Robert sent for the Commemorative Booklet we produced:  
Forward Robert Fyffe M.B.E., Emeritis



## Diocesan Reader

'I have been asked if I would write a few words re the work that has been done to Kiltermon church: The Rector, Rev'd Precentor K Hanlon, and members of the



Select Vestry are to be highly commended on the decision they took to have this work done to this lovely house of prayer and worship. A new kitchen and toilet with disability facility, new heating, new carpark, and the church all painted. The contractors, members of the Select Vestry and the church members are due our heartfelt thanks. We are grateful to Bertie and Joyce for all the work they do in keeping the place clean both inside and out, and for having the church well heated for Sunday worship. I have had the privilege of conducting a number of services in Kiltermon, where there was always a peaceful atmosphere and you feel God's presence very near in that lovely church, where it was lovely to kneel and pray. Those who have passed from this earth to their home in heaven have left the church a real place of prayer. I trust this place of worship will continue for many years.

'How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts to me.'

Another great encourager is Beverley Weir, who shies from acknowledgement, but at this time, we share the lovely words she has written about Kiltermon for our special days.

### Kiltermon

*Filtered through panes of amber, blue and red'*

*Morning light casts patterns on the weathered stone.*

*Flowers, white linen, sacramental bread*

*And wine, the silver paten - 'Kiltermon, 1841'.*

*This is a place for quiet meditation,*

*To listen to the silence carried in the morning air*

*And feel the presence of His spirit moving  
On the faithful souls who come to worship  
there.*

*Across the years, beside a tranquil road, with  
beec*

*And guelder rose, this tiny church has stood.*

*Inside its hallowed walls comes peace*

*To those who contemplate in prayerful  
solitude.*

*These are the country roads and narrow  
lanes*

*That countless generations of pilgrim feet  
have trod.*

*This is the Place of Sanctuary and Rest – Cill  
Tighearnáin*

*This is the House of God.*

*Written for the re-opening of Kiltermon  
Beverley Weir*

### Acknowledgement from the Select Vestry

Florence Brunt M.B.E., Honorary Secretary 'Precentor Hanlon and the Select Vestry would like to place on record our grateful thanks to all those who have contributed to the project to improve facilities at Kiltermon Church. To have been able to complete this work during a pandemic has demonstrated how well things can progress when everyone works together and uses the talents with which God has blessed them.

In particular we would thank the following: Mr Ronnie Graham and his family very generously gave the gift of land to make a car-park. The contractors A&A Construction and their subcontractors worked hard to complete the extension to a very high standard and also replaced the north-facing side of the roof of the Church.

We were fortunate to be awarded £20k

funding from the National Churches Trust Fund and £15k from the RCB Priorities Fund. Mr Neal Linnegan from McConnell & Fyffe Solicitors gave his services free of charge to deal with the transfer of the land. Many gifts have been donated by parishioners to get the project to this stage. The Glebes Committee has committed a great deal of time and effort to see the project through to fruition. The Flower Arrangers used their talent to make this weekend a special one in the life of Kiltermon Church.'

### Anecdotes and Facts

**The Register of Deeds** (1826-1828 vol/p 837/ memorial no 301) shows that "Elizabeth Johnston Glenvale, Co Armagh, widow of Robert Johnston late of Warrenpoint Co Down, Gent, did in 1827 transfer and sell unto J B Story Clerk in Holy Orders (part of) the lands of Kiltermon Co Tyrone".

Story, who was the son of the owner of Corick at that time, was then the Perpetual curate in Fivemiletown parish. Kiltermon was never part of Blessingbourne estate and in 1860 was still in the ownership of the Johnstons. A Mary Johnston was the immediate lessor then. There is a theory that the building may have been a schoolhouse prior to its conversion to a Chapel of Ease. Ranenly School (also known as Kiltermon School and possibly built as a replacement), was situated further back from the road in that area; it closed when Andrews Wood National School opened in 1910. One of the teachers there was Emma Burrows, later to become the wife of Joseph Cowan.

### A list of the Sustentation payers to

**Kiltermon in 1884** gives interesting information about the names of families who attended in those early days:

Alexander Woods, Thomas Woods, James Hamilton, Samuel Lipton, Miss Irwin, James Steen, Mrs JJ Irwin, AJ Blair, John Lendrum, Andrew Lendrum, John Cowan, Joseph Hackett, Richard Little, Charles Browne, James Gallagher, William Taggart, Robert Somers.

### Sextons

Eddie Campbell, who lived with the Trimble family at Ballagh, was sexton for many years until his death in February 1984. Stanley Irwin then became sexton, a role he carried out until his death in November 2014. Bertie and Joyce Bleakley are the current sextons.

As well as tolling the bell, the sexton's duties used to include lighting the pot-bellied stove on Sunday morning and then topping it up in the early afternoon, before the start of the service at 3.00pm. Occasionally, after a particularly enthusiastic stoking up, the stove

would become red-hot. On one memorable occasion, parishioners in the front rows were distracted from their worship by the genuine fear that the stove was about to explode! At one time, there were two stoves, one at the front at the centre of the aisle and the other one at the back.

### **Sunday School**

Miss Sarah Woods was the Sunday School teacher for many years. Children attended Sunday School from 2.00 pm and had a 10-minute break before the service began at 3.00 pm. As adults arrived for worship, women traditionally waited in the porch while the men waited in a tin shed at the rear of the church, which was used to stable the horses of the preacher and the parishioners. One older parishioner remembers Chancellor Dagg arriving at Kiltermon on his horse. When the bell began to ring, it was the signal for Sunday School to end and the adults could go inside. Children, eager to get a break outside, had to squeeze through the throng of ladies in the porch.

### **Organists**

In early years, Kiltermon had a harmonium which it inherited from St. John's. Aileen Farmer (née Cowan) played occasionally when the regular organist was having a break; she and her mother Anna sang in the choir. Patsy Waters (née Wilson) provided the music until she got married on 19th March 1955. The following Sunday, Mrs. Doreen Moore (then Mrs. McKeown) took over as organist. She continued to play in Kiltermon until she transferred to Fivemiletown in 1967. She was succeeded in Kiltermon by Mrs Blanche Johnston, formerly Mrs. Eakin, who was in turn replaced by Miss Margaret Woods. Heather Marsden (née McKeown) and Ruby Brunt (née Clarke) also provided the music occasionally before they left the area to go to university. When Margaret retired from playing, Mrs. Betty Warrington took over.

### **Marriages and Christenings and Funerals**

During the Labour government's revision of marriage licensing arrangements in Northern Ireland, the clergy no longer issued licenses. The church of Ireland responded by licensing its clergy to conduct marriage ceremonies and in Clogher Diocese they are only permitted to do so in church buildings. In recent years, Kiltermon has been used to hold marriage ceremonies. Davida Cowan and Jerry Pettigrew were among the first couples to be married there, as were Kelly Morrow and Peter Burke. The informality of Kiltermon also makes it a very popular venue for parents asking for baptism of their infants at the 9.30 am service.

The funeral service of former sexton, Eddie Campbell was held in Kiltermon, as was the funeral service of George Willis, Pauline Wilson's father, in 1984.

### **General Vestry Members**

Kiltermon does not appoint its own churchwardens. Instead, the General Vestry often appoints someone from this section of the parish. Those who represented Kiltermon on the Vestry over many years included Alexander (Alex) Woods, Eddie Hall, Jerram Cowan, Fred Ramsay, John Eakin and Ronnie Graham.

**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 that west 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 twentieth 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, and another religious denomination established itself with expanding buildings across the road. 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 Church has a notorious weeping stone which has plagued several generations of Glebes Committee members, who hoped, according to an anniversary history of the Parish of Fivemiletown in 1970, to have solved the weeping by covering it with

plasterboard. Time has defied this hope although it has now been established that the weep originates in the bell cote. The bellcote itself, which was a gift from the Burnside family, is furnished with a chain pull bell that is activated each Sunday from outside the Church. Worshipers and visitors enter Kiltermon through a small porch with long glass panel entrance doors allowing light inside. The internal porch door is a lovely mahogany wood set with modern stained glass depicting the Parable of the Loaves and Fishes. The floor has a stone paving bearing the words of Psalm 139, 'The Lord knows your going out and your coming in.' The baptismal font was relocated to the Baptistry in 2008, and has a plaque showing the Holy Spirit as a dove. Families now regularly choose to attend this early service for Holy Baptism. The Memorial plaque to those who lost their lives in World War One, was re-sited during this renovation also, and is today placed on the South Wall to allow greater ease of access on Remembrance Sunday. The Nave seating, originally long board pews, was replaced with individual cushioned mahogany seats. The original Holy Communion Table was re-furnished, as was the large prayer desk, now used as a pulpit. A new prayer desk was gifted, along with a Clavinova. New table and pulpit frontals were gifted, having been designed and made by Hunter Ferguson, clerical tailors in Crumlin, County Antrim. The original sample cloth designs of the four liturgical frontals, designed with the four colours associated with the Christian Church year, are framed and form a display on the South wall. A new stone was set into the Chancel floor bearing the words of Jesus, who said, 'This Do In Remembrance Of Me.' The Parish decided in 2018 to consider a second phase to the 2008 refurbishment and committed itself to expanding the facilities at Kiltermon to include a long-necessitated toilet facility, and a kitchen with a Vestry. A Building Fund was established to include the needs of this project, and in late 2020 the contract was awarded and work began. Today as work nears completion, as well as new car parking facilities, street lighting and ground works, the Church benefits from a new alcove entrance from the Baptistry into the new area, which can also be accessed by a new doorway from outside. The corridor, disability accessible toilet facility and Vestry-Kitchen are a great addition to this building which will allow for a significant expansion in its use as part of Fivemiletown Parish. 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.

*Precentor Hanlon*

## Appeal To All Crafters

### Craft Project for Kiltermon

*'the tree of life ... yielding its fruit ... and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.'*  
Revelation 22:2



Could you crochet, knit, mould or applique a small flower or leaf as part of a Craft project from across the parish to Kiltermon? Hand stitched or crafted flowers and foliage from any season will be crafted into a 3D framed display to represent the support from across the parish for Kiltermon's ministry. Details from Knit Pray Love, or parish office.

## Inspirational Cards

Gifted to the Kiltermon Project and available now: Inspirational Cards - Pack of 6 Cards and envelopes for £7.50

## Other Parish News

Sunday School has been meeting online very successfully this year.

Families met in-person for Nativity Sunday, Children's Day and Youth Sunday.

'Fivemiletown Parish Sunday school continues to grow despite the current circumstances with 102 children having been registered for 2020-2021. We have engaged with our children through monthly zoom meetings and activities. A big thank you to our Sunday Children and Parents for engaging with us and knowing God's love is with them. Sunday school teachers remain committed to praying for all of the children of Sunday school. We are working on new ideas and planning of ways to connect again with children in our Autumn term. We look forward to being reunited physically when we can.' Heather Kirkpatrick

## An Encouragement Evening for Women

8.15pm Thursday 25th July: by zoom.



A link to hall may be available. A Catherine Campbell Book 'Broken Works Best' is being read by more than 80 women. And there is a commitment to pray during these months for all of the women in the parish and district. Join us in reading and prayer. Copies of Catherine's book area available from the parish office for only £3.

## Put Your Name On A Steak!

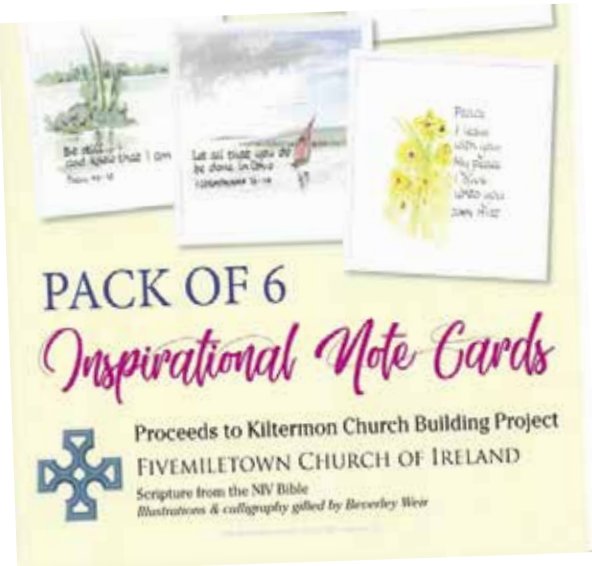
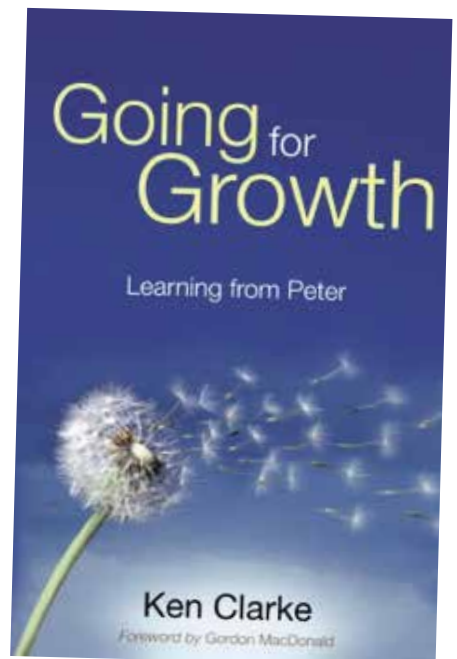
Men's Ministry are planning for a BBQ at Kiltermon, with guest speaker Bishop Ken Clarke: 7pm Saturday 7 August. Men are reading Bishop Ken's

book on the life of Peter, written to support Christian discipleship. 30 copies have been made available for free. Details from Chris and Andy and parish office. Encourage yourself and others by getting a free copy ahead of the BBQ.

## Teddy Bears Picnic and Puppets

Keep the Date!

10am-11.30am - Monday 20th September. Mums and Tots are hosting an outdoor picnic for mums, carers and pre-schoolers, with special guest puppeteer. Meet at front carpark, Parish Hall before walk at the Round Lake. Bring Your Own Picnic.



## Start Well and Finish Well

### 4 Fellowship Evenings

The last Fellowship Evening in this series was held on 8.15pm Tuesday 22nd June, with Val Gibson.

Rev'd John Rutter and Claire Holmes, SAMS and Kate Doherty, Operation Rescue have each spoken about Following Jesus. 27, 35 and 22 people respectively have linked in, and although that isn't a great percentage of the parish, the evenings have been really well responded to.

### Val may be better known to us as Val Ellis

She is formerly a member of Innishmaccsaint Parish, Co Fermanagh, and has been the Crosslinks Mission Society Church link for many years. Here are some words from her about the Fellowship Evening.



*'My name is Valerie Gibson and I am originally from the most beautiful county in Northern Ireland - Co.Fermanagh. In 2005 I moved up to the big city (Belfast) to begin working for Crosslinks Mission Society. I am married to Will and we have a little 16 month old boy called Joshua. He keeps us very busy! I am really looking forward to joining with you for your Discipleship Evening on Tuesday 22nd June. During our time together, we will be exploring what the Bible says about discipleship as well as what discipleship looks like for missionaries serving God in different parts of the world. I hope also to share some personal testimony about my own discipleship and how by God's grace I keep going as a Christian through all the changing scenes of life in trouble and in joy. Please do join us.'*

### Included is a letter emailed from Kate following her talk at the third Fellowship Evening:

Dear Friends of Operation Rescue, I have postponed writing this update for many weeks now in the hope that I would be able to send you positive news that would encourage you but sadly the news



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](mailto:fivemiletownparish2@gmail.com)

coming out of Tigray, from a handful of newspapers and reports from international organisations is very distressing as fighting continues in many areas. The UK Foreign Office special envoy for famine prevention and humanitarian affairs has warned last week of acute food shortages in Tigray, raising grim memories of the famine in the 1980s. Indeed, one recent estimate by the UN was that 4.5 million out of a population of 7 million are in need of emergency aid. On top of that, health officials, quoted by the Times Newspaper last weekend, say that 30 hospitals and more than 180 smaller clinics, about 80% of the total, have been destroyed by looting and vandalism leaving countless thousands of people without access to basic medical help.

This is happening in a context where Covid 19 is continuing to spread especially amongst the hundreds of thousands displaced from their homes – one estimate put this at 1.7 million which is c25% of the population of Tigray. Getachew, manager at ORE told me that there were 400,000 displaced people around the little town of Shire in the northwest of Tigray and the numbers in Mekelle itself have swollen to over 100,000. As if the above is not enough for them to bear there are frequent reports of gang-rapes and summary executions taking place in many places where fighting is continuing. It is impossible to have any full and accurate picture of the horrors taking place as for the last six months, communications blackouts and appallingly bad access for human rights researchers and journalists alike have shrouded this conflict raging across Tigray in shadows.

UNICEF said last week that children were 'paying a terrible price in the conflict' and

that brings me to speak specifically of ORE. We have much for which to be thankful for. Staff have been reaching out to the project children and their families on a regular basis, visiting them in their homes as it has not been judged safe for children to return to school or to the ORE centres. At Easter, each family was given a sum of money as well as flour and oil and needs are constantly being kept under review. In addition, staff at ORE have used resources and their own time to reach out to some of the displaced people, living in crowded, totally inadequate conditions in schools and community centres.

The ORE staff continue to put their whole trust in God and just last week there were three days of prayer involving all the Christian churches in Tigray. They long for an end to the fighting and hope that at some stage international pressure might cause that to happen. They ask also that we pray that the increase in Covid infections might be arrested and that there would be good rains in the next months to enable good harvests. However, so many have been displaced from their homes and will not be in their homes to bring in a harvest or to have sown





seed this spring. I will confess to feelings of deep sadness and real hopelessness at times but am always lifted when I speak to Getachew or Hiwot – I am so thankful that communication with them is still possible. ON the positive side, yesterday the EU approved food aid to the value of 500 million dollars. We must always remember God is sovereign and has a bigger plan that includes help and care for the oppressed and poor and we are part of that plan.

I know that Operation Rescue is dear to your hearts and ask that you keep them much in your thoughts and prayers, joining with them as they pray for their beloved land which has been totally devastated by this conflict. Psalm 33:18-19 is an encouragement to our dear friends in Tigray and to us. *“The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine”*

God bless and keep you all, whatever your circumstances at this time.

**Kate Doherty Chair of Trustees. Operation Rescue UK & Ireland.**

## Pastoral Offices CONFIRMATION

Confirmation should have taken place in Autumn 2020. Due to the restrictions and waiting for a bishop to be appointed, this was not possible.

However, God willing, Bishop Ellis is able to confirm in the parish, this Autumn.

It is our custom to prepare Confirmands only from YR 11 and above.

If your young person is beginning at least YR 11 this September, and is interested in Confirming their faith at this time, the arrangements we are considering are as follows: All Confirmands should ordinarily be attending Sunday services.

Either the 11am in St John’s or the 9.30am service in Kiltermon (reopening Sunday 25th July.)

Five final preparation classes are planned for: **7pm Thursday 2nd and 9th Sept, Wed 15th and 22nd, Tuesday 28th Sept.**

Subject to the number of Confirmation candidates, these may in part be on-line, or in person. TBC.

At present I am writing to 36 households. Bishop Ellis has offered two dates for Confirmation services. This would allow us to observe the restrictions, and for smaller attendances at one of the services.

Potential dates are: **7pm Sunday 17 October, 7.30pm Wednesday 20 October.**

## Thank you to the Sunday School

At this time may I thank the Sunday School and the other parish children’s and youth ministries for the commitment they have made to our young people over many years.

It is very usual for young people to stay on with Senior Sunday School in Years 11 and 12 after their Confirmation, and our hope is that this will continue.

## 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 Joseph John, son of Jonathan and Lindsay Crawford – 2 June

■ Harrie Adah, daughter of Neil and Claire Turkington – 9 June

■ Benjamin Irvine-Cassata, son of Mark Irvine and Anna Cassata - 28 July

## 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

■ Hayley Bell and Dale Johnston – 7 August

## Hospitals and Pastoral Visiting

Now that clergy are again permitted to visit in hospitals under usual circumstances, please let Precentor Hanlon know if a family member in hospital would like a pastoral visit. Some chaplains are very good at communicating, others less so.

**Pastoral visiting** has carried on during restrictions, by phone, email, and video call. Visiting is now taking place in Nursing and Residential care.

And parish pastoral visits to a garden, garage or a very well-ventilated room is possible, and underway.

Thank you to Elvina, Hilary and Canon Dennis who assist in this way.

## Parish Hall

At present the Parish Halls remain formally closed. However, revised restrictions have been sent to parishes from the Archbishop Of Armagh and these are under consideration. Re-opening the Halls is not straightforward, and the Select Vestry are tasked with ensuring that all the advised mitigations are in place. However, it will be essential that future Hall users observe the guidance as it is issued. Senior Leaders will take part in this conversation as we progress.

## Prayer and Spiritual Direction

**Prayer** continues to be offered every Sunday and mid-week. Mr William Morrow is secretary to the parish’s prayer ministry, and each Wednesday

eight members of the prayer ministry offer intercession for any who have asked for prayer.

An evening for prayer is planned for 8.15pm Wednesday 15 September St John’s.

A Christian name only may be given to him, or sent through to the rector, or the parish office. This information is treated in confidence.

Also, many parishioners engage with the Quiet Days and contemplative prayer offered.

Quiet Days are seasonal, while Breathe meets eight times each year, usually on the first Sunday.

**Spiritual Direction** - As part of the ongoing and developing ministry of prayer here, Precentor Hanlon has been given permission by the Bishop to offer a ministry of Spiritual Direction to clergy and lay people from across Northern Ireland. This is at heart a ministry deep listening to the work of God in another Christian’s life. He receives ongoing training, supervision and peer-mentoring. If anyone in the parish would like to hear more about this ministry, or contact details with others who offer this listening, please speak to the rector.

## Communication

It helps us a lot if you could advise us of any changes of family circumstances, pastoral needs or even new postal address, telephone or email details.

This can be done by phoning me at the Rectory on 8952 1030, or emailing us at [fivemiletownparish2@gmail.com](mailto:fivemiletownparish2@gmail.com) Parish information and updates are regularly posted on Facebook: Search St John’s and Kiltermon.



## Thank You

Thank you ... to Raymond, Ronnie, Chris, Lowry, Harold, Thelma, Wesley, Sandy, Olive, Sheila, Raymond, John, William, Evelyn, Beverley, Muriel, Garnet, Irene, Keith, Brian, Selene and David who distribute our literature across the parish, several times each year. It helps a lot with communication and saves a lot in postage.



## The Leprosy Mission

We hope to profile the work of the Leprosy Mission in September. Sheila Burke has promoted this work for many years, and we want to encourage that support in others.

Rebecca Parnell, Church Partnership Officer replied to us with these words,  
*'In a nutshell, we seek to reach out in love to those with leprosy, following Jesus' example during his earthly life. We want to give a voice to those with leprosy who are often voiceless as they are some of the most stigmatised and marginalised people in our world today. Our vision is to soon see a world free from leprosy and are working towards zero leprosy transmission by 2035. With the aim this will lead to zero disability as a result of leprosy and zero discrimination towards those who have suffered. We know*

*it is only through God's strength and partnering with people like you and your congregation, that this will be possible. Thank you again for your willingness to support this and I look forward to partnering with you to see an end to leprosy in our lifetime.'*

You can receive a digital copy of the supporter magazine which gives more detail about research work and real stories about how your support makes a difference to the lives of leprosy affected people.

Although the mission in Northern Ireland are phasing out their used stamp collecting, we are still receiving them with a view to sending them to the mission in Wales.

And cardboard collecting boxes are available if you want to set aside your loose change for the mission. From Sheila and Parish Office.

## Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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### A "With Us" and a Personal God *'Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.'* Psalm 119:105

The Lord wants to lead and guide you along the path of life each and every day. We are not abandoned or left to our own devices. He wants to guide our steps and point us in the right direction. He wants to show us which way to go and walk with us along the path. If you see no light at the end of your dark tunnel, take courage that as you read God's Word it will shed light on your situation. Our answer is found in a person. The person of Jesus Christ who is the Word made flesh and who is the light of the world. Maybe at this stage you can identify with verse 28 of Psalm 119: 'My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to Your Word.'

Life can cause us to become weary, tired, and exhausted. But the Word of God comes and brings us exactly what we



Revd Lorraine thanks Jennifer Smith for her work as Sunday School Superintendent and for helping to organise Children's Day with Alastair.

need. His Word and His promises bring strength into our lives. If you feel weary and drained by life, take hold of His Word, and be strengthened. Enjoy some time to rest over the Summer months. Lord, help us to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Give us the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You, a God who is a "with us" God in all we do and are challenged with.

### Services in July Sunday 4th July 2021 - The Fifth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Holy Communion  
10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Holy Communion  
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Holy Communion

### Sunday 11th July 2021 - The Sixth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer  
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer  
7.30pm Galloon Parish Church: Evening Prayer with the Orange Order in attendance. (Local brethren only due to Covid-19 restrictions.)

### Sunday 18th July 2021 - The Seventh Sunday After Trinity

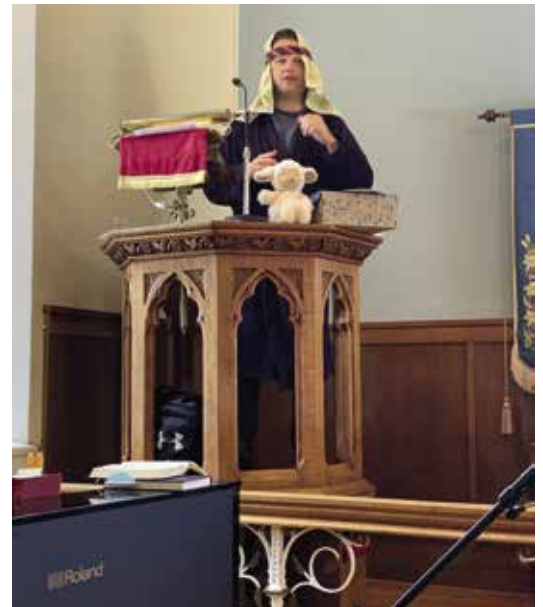
9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer  
10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer  
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

### Sunday 25th July 2021 - The Eighth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer  
10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer  
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer



Revd Lorraine presents a cheque to Alastair McFarland for Scripture Union work in Co Fermanagh.



Alastair used as his address the parable of the lost sheep.

## Services in August

### Sunday 1st August 2021 - The Ninth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Holy Communion  
 10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Holy Communion  
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Holy Communion

### Sunday 8th August 2021 - The Tenth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer  
 10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer  
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

### Sunday 15th August 2021 - The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer  
 10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer  
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer



Beth, Hollie, Esther and Isaac who wrote and led prayers at the Drummully Children's Day.



Joe read the Scripture lesson in Drummully.



Zoe reads the lesson for her first time at Galloon Children's Day.



Rev. Lorraine congratulates special Olympics Medal winner, Brian Whittendale (above) and other young parishioners who dressed up for National Sports Sunday are shown on this page.



**Sunday 22nd August 2021 - The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity**

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

**Sunday 29th August 2021 - The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity**

10.30 am: Group Service in Drummully

**Celebrating National Sports Sunday**

What a variety of sports we had represented at church on National Sports Sunday! Football, rugby, swimming, cricket, tennis, table tennis, badminton, horse-riding, running, and even a flicker enthusiast! Rev Lorraine spoke on the importance of us working together as a TEAM. Suggesting that "Together Everyone Achieves More." Although it grieved Rev. Lorraine to mention that many teams were named "united" she said it was in unity that the Lord

commanded His blessing. It is not always easy to get along but it should be our goal to decide to do our best to do so.

**Childrens' Day**

On Sunday 6th June we celebrated Childrens' Day. We were delighted to have Alastair McFarland from Scripture Union with us. What a great time was had by one and all looking at the parable of the lost sheep. In Drummully Joe read; in Sallaghy Delenne read; and in Galloon Zoe read. Well done to all the readers!

**From the Registers**

**BAPTISM:**

We were delighted to celebrate with Rae and James Kettles together with their families at the baptism of George Samuel on 13th June in Sallaghy Parish.

**BURIAL:**

**"Suffer the little children to come unto me."**

As a community we were saddened to hear



of the death of baby Freya Hope Elizabeth Morrow. She was buried in Galloon on Wednesday 9th June. We express our sympathies to the Morrow family at their time of loss.



The baptism for the Kettle family in Sallaghy Parish.

# 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

### Sunday 4th July

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, Both HC

### Sunday 11th July

Belleek HC at 11.30am, Garrison at 3pm  
EP Orange Parade Service in Garrison Church.

### Sunday 18th July

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, Both MP

### Sunday 25th July

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both MP

### Sunday 1st August

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, Both HC

### Sunday 8th August

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both HC

### Sunday 15th August

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, Both MP



Mothers' Union members attend their talk.

### Sunday 22nd August

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both MP

### Sunday 29th August - 5th Sunday

Group Service in Belleek Church @ 11.30am

### Sunday 5th September

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, Both HC

## Thanks During Vacancy

Thanks to Canon Alan for his continued supervision and pastoral care during our vacancy. Thanks especially to Revd Maureen Desborough and Canon Billy

Johnston who are taking our services in the group during the vacancy.

## Mothers' Union

A Ladies Evening was held on Tuesday 1st June in the Wark Hall. Dot Barlow, branch leader opened with a Reading and with prayer. She welcomed Rev. Maureen Desborough who told us about her early life growing up in Belfast and then moving first to London, then to Yorkshire and finally to Co. Fermanagh. We were interested to know that her career started in Musgrave Park Hospital where she was in charge of the preparation of Patients' meals. She furthered her studies in England, going on to teach Home Economics and then on to study Theology and working in different parishes in the Church of England. Revd. Maureen is enjoying her new home near Belcoo with her husband Mark and when free she travels to visit family in Belfast. A delicious supper was served and all agreed that it had been so good to be able to enjoy some fellowship together.

## Confirmation

Confirmation was held in Belleek Parish Church on Sunday 13th June. This service had been postponed from March 2020 due to COVID restrictions. The candidates were Avril Thompson, Claire Thompson, Glen Brock and Sarah Johnston. The service was led by the Rural Dean, Rev. Canon Alan Irwin and he welcomed the newly installed Bishop of Clogher, Rt. Rev. Dr Ian Ellis and his wife Heather. He also welcomed the parents and Godparents of the candidates. For his



Bishop Ellis and his wife Heather at the Confirmation Service in Belleek Parish Church.



Rev. Maureen with Dot at the Ladies Evening.



Sarah Johnston with her family & clergy at her confirmation.

address, Bishop Ian used a bunch of keys as his visual aid and told the young people that the first key, the key of the front door was important as it symbolised family and those who had nurtured them through life to the present. The next key was the car key which would give them freedom and the last key wasn't on the bunch but it was the key to their heart. The organist was Mrs. Sadie Moore. Canon Irwin presented the four candidates with a Bible at the end of the service which he hoped would get lots of use in the days ahead. The sun shone as the photographs were taken outside.

### Holy Baptism

Congratulations to Mark and Mairead Ovens from Slavin who had their baby girl baptised recently.

Isobelle Violet Ovens was baptised on 5th June in Slavin Parish church by Rev'd Noel Regan. May God bless this little girl and her family in the days and years ahead.

### Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone our group of parishes who have been unwell in recent weeks. We pray for Lowry Somerville and his wife May who is caring for Lowry at home.

### Keep Up To Date

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on [www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org](http://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.



Bishop Ellis with Rural Dean, Canon Alan Irwin; Churchwardens and Confirmation candidates.



Rev Noel Regan with baby Isobelle at her baptism.



Baptism for the Ovens family.

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### Sympathy

As a parish we would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of the late Jean Henderson formerly of Portadown and the late Raymond Orr formerly of Lisbellaw.

### Thanks

Thanks are due to Leeann Muldoon who continues to do a sterling job keeping us all informed, enlightened and encouraged



via Facebook. She continues to diligently record significant church events with her ever-ready camera phone. See photographs she snapped while some of

the parishioners had a catch up socially distanced in the sunshine.

### European Heritage Open Weekend

St Ninnidh's Church of Ireland (Inishmacsaint) is taking part in the 2021 European Heritage Open Days offering access to, and tours of, the church on Saturday, 11th September 10am to 6pm and Sunday, 12th September 2pm to 6pm. Information will be available on the Ely ancestry and their contribution to this church. The Fermanagh Genealogy Group will be in attendance on Saturday. On Sunday, 12th September, at 11.30am, the parish will welcome Bishop Ian Ellis who

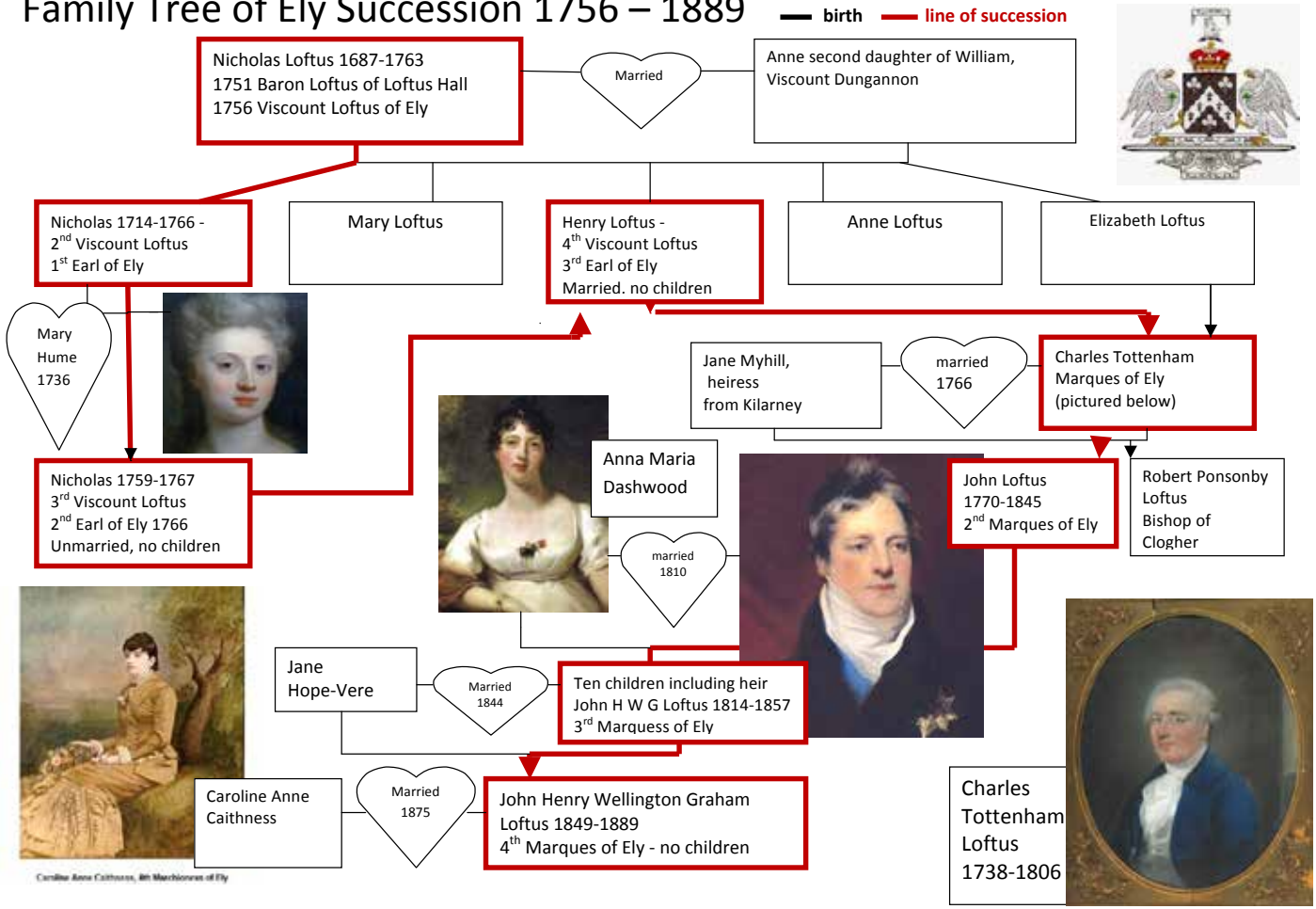


Parishioners enjoying the fine weather after one of the services.



The Chancel in 1946.

# Family Tree of Ely Succession 1756 – 1889



will lead a service of thanksgiving for the Ely family and for all in this community, past and present, who have contributed to the life and growth of this community of faith. At some point on the weekend (to be decided) a memorial stone will be unveiled recording those who are buried in the church crypt.

## Inishmaccsaint Heritage

Please see a family tree drawn out by Revd Stephanie Woods. This is the Ely line of succession from 1756 to 1889. You will see some names still familiar today eg Hume, Tottenham and Loftus.

Please especially note the photograph of Anna Maria Loftus. It is thought she hand painted the panels you can see on this 1946 photograph of the chancel of the church. Four of these panels remain but are in need of restoration.

## Kilskeery and Trillick



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## Looking back but praying forward

Normally at this stage we would be reflecting on the year behind us, giving thanks for all the activities and programmes and organisations that have just paused for the summer break - but unfortunately that is not the case this year. We hear about children and young people having missed out on their education over the last year and a half but what about the missing out on fellowship and friendship around church – what about discipleship and recreational activities – what about the opportunities to pray and worship together in small groups – what about weekends away and camps and missions opportunities at home and abroad? Hopefully come September things will be different. It would be great to see organisations starting up again, children and young people gathering to grow in their faith, to have fun and reconnect. It would also be great to sit down together after church, before church, during church, and have a conversation over a cup of tea and a biscuit. It would be great to meet together in small groups to study God's word and pray and worship. It would be great to resume proper visiting again. Who knows what September brings but let's take some time out over the summer months to pray for our hopes for September. Why not set some time aside and pray about opportunities to reconnect, to re-envision, to re-energise, our church family with all faith and hope that the challenging days ahead will not be beyond the ability of our good Father to do exceedingly, abundantly more that we can ask or imagine.

## The End of the Drive-in

Our first drive-in service took place on Sunday 21st June 2020 and with the exception of July 2020, and a Sunday in winter when snow got the better of us, it



has happened every Sunday since. When our buildings were closed it was great to be able to still come together and at least wave at each other through car windows. There have been many memorable drive-in services like our Harvest drive-in decorated with bales of hay and farm machinery. It was a particularly memorable Sunday morning last winter when our service took place at -30 enjoyed by a dedicated congregation many with blankets, some with enjoying soup, and others yet with tea and coffee. The drive-in services saw people move into action as part of the team that made it all happen. There were those who welcomed and received the envelopes on the way in, others who kept a record of who was in attendance, a set up team who faithfully came every Saturday night to set up and stayed behind every Sunday afternoon to clear away. There were those who directed the traffic, gave out service

sheets, those who provided our lorry and sound equipment, so many so willing to make it all work so well. When our buildings opened again we kept the drive-in option going to allow for those who were perhaps a little cautious heading indoors again and also for those who wanted to have had the two jabs before entering. On Sunday 4th July 2021 we will have our last drive-in service in the grounds of Kilskeery Parish Church, for both parishes at 11:00am. This will be our 50th drive-in service since the pandemic started and hopefully, in God's grace, we will not have need of it for that reason any more. It will be an opportunity for both parishes to come together to worship at the beginning of the summer and a few surprises have been planned for that day. It is with much gratitude and thanks to all those who served in so many ways, going above and beyond the call of duty, that the drive-in proved to be such a success. Perhaps it may appear again as a special option on special occasions.



## Sunday Services in July

### 4th July

Joint Drive-in Service at Kilskeery Parish Church – 11:00am

### 11th July

Christ Church Parish, Trillick – 10:30am

### 18th July

Kilskeery Parish Church – 11:00am

### 25th July

Christ Church Parish, Trillick – 10:30am

## Sunday Services throughout August

Christ Church Parish, Trillick at 10:30am

Kilskeery Parish Church at 11:45am

## Lisbellaw with Coolbuck

Vacant

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



Services and pastoral cover provided by **Rev. Colin Brownsmith.**

### Baptism

On Sunday 30th May it was lovely to welcome into the church family, baby Ruby Florence Elizabeth Lindsay, daughter of Ryan and Natalie, grand-daughter of Will and Lynda and great-grand-daughter of Billy and Iris. In the unavoidable absence of the Revd. Colin, the baptism was very kindly performed by Dean Kenneth Hall. It is our prayer that the Lord will richly bless Ruby and her family in the years ahead.

### Confirmation

At the time of writing it is hoped that a Service of Confirmation for eight of our young people will be conducted in church by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd. Dr Ian Ellis on Thursday evening, 24th June at 7.30. Due to current restrictions re. social distancing, the service will be on a small scale, with only the candidates and their



The Confirmation class.

families being able to attend. In preparation for the service, three classes were held for the young people by the Revd Colin, to supplement the work done with them in 2020 by the Revd. Stephanie before the outbreak of the pandemic.

Please remember in your prayers, Andrew, Caela, Gareth, Isaac, Kaitlin, Lauren, Maddison and Rebecca as they have now publicly confirmed the promises made for them by their parents at their baptism.

### British Empire Medal

Congratulations to Mr Paul Speight of Farnamullan Road, Lisbellaw, who was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List - for services to scouting.

### Death

It was with huge sadness that the people of Lisbellaw and Coolbuck learned of the death, peacefully after illness, on Tuesday 8th June 2021 of Raymond Orr, of Cloghtogle, Lisbellaw, devoted husband of Ann, very special father of Lynsey and Andrew and a much-loved son of Robert and Elizabeth. At the funeral service, conducted by the Revd Colin on Friday 11th June, the preacher was the Revd Stephanie Woods. The service was followed by a private cremation.

To Ann, Lynsey and Andrew and to all the family circle we extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy at this sad and very difficult time.



Baptism for the Lindsay family members.



*'The Lord gave and The Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of The Lord.'*  
Job Ch1 v 21

### 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 July at 10.30 a.m.

**SUNDAY 4th**  
Holy Communion  
**SUNDAYS 11th 18th and 25th**  
Morning Prayer

### Services for August at 10.30 a.m.

**SUNDAY 1st**  
Holy Communion  
**SUNDAYS 8th 15th 22nd and 29th**  
Morning Prayer

### Burial

- Thursday 27th May - Robert Cyril Graham, Holywood, Co Down. (Formerly Castlebalfour Road).
- Tuesday 15th June - Walter Braig, Arney Road, Bellanaleck (Burial of ashes).

Sincere condolences to the Graham and Braig family circles and to everyone recently bereaved.

### What do you give value to...?

Think about that for a moment...  
WHAT do YOU give VALUE to?

- Things...
- People...
- Yourself...
- Jesus...
- God...
- The Bible...
- A significant other in your life?

One of the ways to help you find out  
Is to think about what you focus on

"Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple."  
(Matthew 24:1)

The Disciples "valued" the temple  
As they wanted to show Jesus  
The buildings of the temple

Maybe they were impressed with  
The architecture...

"And Jesus said to them,  
"Do you not see all these things?  
Assuredly, I say to you,  
not one stone shall be left  
here upon another,  
that shall not be thrown down."  
(Matthew 24:2)

Regardless of WHEN Jesus was  
Predicting the destruction  
Of the temple...

Nothing, in this life, will last...  
Everything will pass away

As important as the temple was  
God who dwelt in the temple  
Was far more important...

Even the Bible is important  
But unless we know God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit...  
It's just a book...

So do you KNOW Him...  
And do you VALUE Him...?

Now obviously we all can  
Value Him more than we do...

But does He have the highest place  
Of VALUE in our lives...?  
Or do we just "visit with Him"  
Once in a while...  
When we have nothing better to do?

### Mothers' Union

Since the lockdown in February 2020 we have been keeping in touch with members by phone and email so it was a pleasure for some of us to meet up in our hall car park on Thursday 1st June and be able to chat face to face even though we had to wear our masks and practice social distancing. Some months previously we had applied to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council for Funding through their RECOVER Grant Aid Fund, for an activity project for our members. We decided on a small gardening project and thanks to the Council for granting us the funding and to Timothy Elliot from Manor Garden Centre we were able to put together an activity. A decorative planter, soil and plants were obtained from the garden centre and given to each member. The main object of the project

was to encourage members to get out into the fresh air and with the help of children, grandchildren, partner or a friend to plant up the container. The plants consisted of one little conifer tree which would remain in the planter and bedding plants which could be replaced by different plants in winter and then the process could start again next summer. Timothy also included a list of some general gardening hints and tips which will prove useful to us all. We hope that even the most inexperienced gardeners among us will be able to keep our planters going and be able to enjoy the flowers for many years. We were delighted that most of the members were able to come to the hall to collect their planters and plants and chat with members they hadn't seen since our last meeting.

Other years we would have had our Annual Outing in June. We have many fond and happy memories of outings in the past and we can only hope that we can look forward to others in the future. Wishing all members and their families a happy and safe summer.

### Confirmation

In order to facilitate the number of candidates who have put themselves forward for Confirmation (14 at present), the Bishop will arrange two evening services; first on Wednesday 1st December and the other on Sunday 5th December. This is to facilitate the numbers currently permitted in church and so allow relatives to attend. As we all know circumstances and rules may change but this is our intention and classes will begin in the Autumn.



Mothers' Union members involved in their gardening project.



# Magheracross



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At the time of writing, we continue to live through a period of uncertainty. There are those who feel that the pandemic is over and behave accordingly and those who are still cautious. In between these two groups lie everyone else, unsure and uncertain. And so everything that we plan for the summer months has to be designed with the flexibility to cope with whatever restrictions are in place at the time. Throughout the pandemic, Magheracross has held only one morning service in the church building. It is hoped that we can increase this to two and reintroduce the



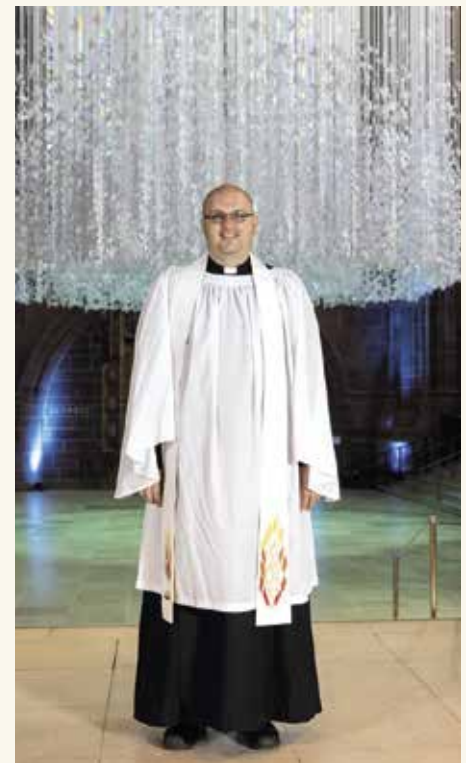
A baptism for the Williams family in Magheracross.

earlier 9.00am service from August 8th with a “fogging” before the 11am gathering. Hopefully, this will allow more people to attend but please keep an eye on the notice board in case this date is pushed back. Pre-recorded services will continue to be published on the parish Facebook page throughout the summer except for July 3rd, 11th and 18th. On July 11th, there will be a 9am service in the church followed by a drive-in/ walk-in service in Ferney Park which will also welcome the local Orange Lodge and friends. The guest preacher at this service will be Peter Booth and the service conducted by Howard McMorris with Joan Quinn-Vaughan on the keyboard.

Our youth worker, Naomi, is also planning a variety of events in August which will be advertised locally depending on the situation at the time. In June, the Youth Fellowship enjoyed two “special” outdoor events. The first was an evening of rounders at Fisher Park pitch and the second was an evening at Castle Archdale on the Hydrobikes. Also in June, The Revd Gareth Morgan, son-in-law of our rector, was ordained in Liverpool Cathedral. As there were 22 candidates for ordination, three services were held in the course of June 12th. Gareth was ordained at the first of these at 10:30am and this can be viewed on either Facebook or Youtube under “Liverpool Cathedral.”



The Revd Gareth Morgan, with the Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Revd Paul Bayes and the Bishop of Warrington, the Right Reverend Beverley Mason.



The rector's son-in-law, the Revd Gareth Morgan, following his ordination in Liverpool Cathedral.

## Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



Services and pastoral cover by:  
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(1st. Samuel 17), records the story of David and Goliath. It is a story that most of us know from our Sunday School days. Goliath was a champion, he was a Philistine, above all he was a giant of a man who stood nearly 10 feet tall. We do not know his actual body weight but the coat of armour he wore weighed 125 pounds, the head of his spear by itself weighed 15 pounds.

He was a serious threat to the Israelite's identity, security, and their wellbeing. What was it that caused David to stand up to Goliath? Why was he not dismayed and terrified of the giant like everyone else? David's faith in God caused him to look at the giant from a different perspective than the others. Goliath was merely a mortal man defying an all-powerful God. David looked at and took on the fight from God's point of view.

We all face giant Philistines in our lifetime that can dismay and terrify us, that can threaten and challenge our identity as Christians if we do not face up to them. Sometimes they can be personal and unique to our particular situation, Goliath might be an illness, loneliness, the loss of a loved one. Or maybe for some it may feel as if life is moving out of control, and we are powerless to do anything about it. We can learn from David how to face up to our own personal giants. David did not need the weapons or the armour that the Israelite army had to face Goliath. He stepped up to the battle "in the name of the Lord" (1 Samuel 17:45).

To step up to a battle in our lives in the name of the Lord is not about reinforcing our position, or our politics, or our authority, or anything else "with a divine fist."

It is not about co-opting God on our side at the expense of the other side. It means opening our eyes and turning our hearts God, and to seek his direction, as we face life's challenges—whatever they may be. As the (Covid-19) restrictions relax, as we to look forward to the summer season, we still need to proceed with caution! Keep your Distance! Wear face coverings! Wash your



Baptism for the Kettle family in Maguiresbridge Church.

hands! Stay at Home! (Where possible) keep in touch with your neighbour and keep safe!

**Abraham.**

### Baptisms

- Will James Kettle: Maguiresbridge Parish Church on Sunday (23-05-2021)
- Poppy Olivia Wright: Derrybrusk Parish Church on Sunday (06-06-2021)

### Burial

- Mr William Wilson, funeral service in Derrybrusk Parish Church May 19th, burial in the adjoining graveyard.

### Sympathy

The parishioners of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk wish to extend their deepest sympathy to:

The family of Mr William Wilson, especially his sister Maggie Whitsitt.

The family of Mr William Armstrong, late of 3 Marble Arch Road, Drumlaghy, Florencecourt, especially to his sister Mrs

Annie Carson, and his brother James Armstrong.

The family of William John Coulter, who died peacefully on 26th May 2021, in his 98th year at his residence, 114 Greenhill Road, Maguiresbridge, especially to his daughter, Mrs Lorna Stubbs

The family of Mrs Debbie Crawford, especially to her husband Austin and to their daughters Ellie and Jessica.

The family of Mr Moore Heasty who died peacefully on Friday, 21st May 2021, at his home in Mullaghmore West, Ballinode, County Monaghan, especially to his daughter Adele Phair.

### Sunday Worship

In-church worship will continue in both parish churches 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.



Baptism for the Wright family in Derrybrusk Church.

## Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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### Services

#### 4th July

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

#### 11th July

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

#### 18th July

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

#### 25th July

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

Service of the Word  
12:15pm Ballinode Service of the Word

#### 1st August

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

#### 8th August

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

#### 15th August

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

#### 22nd August

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

#### 29th August

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

We are getting used to being back in church and although there are still some parts of worship we miss, especially singing, it is good to be able to be back onsite as well as online. Having had some weeks back now we are again getting used to how our services work and remembering how we do communion.

### Illness

Please continue to remember in prayer those who are ill either at home or in hospital, the housebound and those in

residential care and their families.

### Condolences

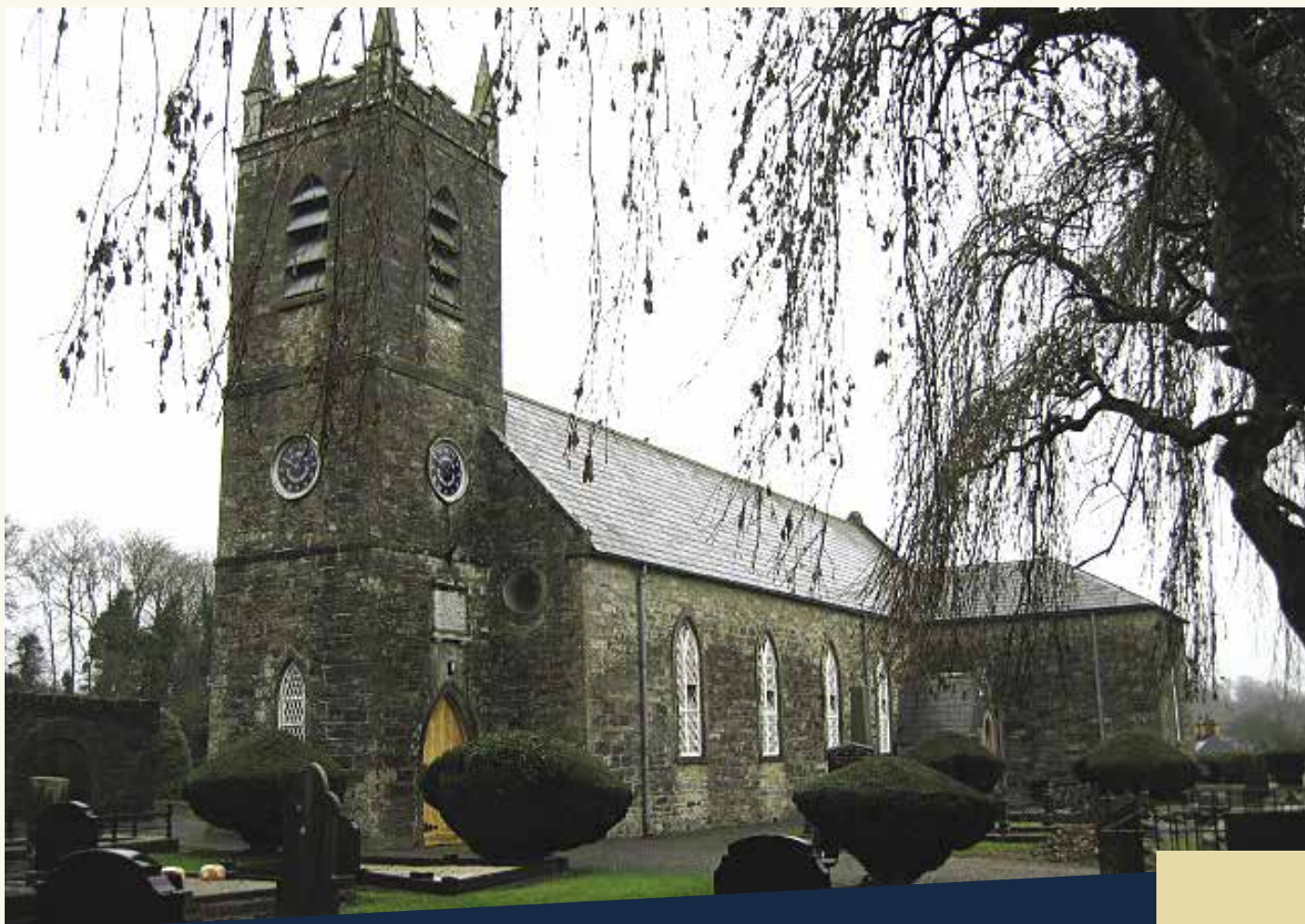
We offer prayerful sympathy to Ruby Heasty and family on the death of Moore. His funeral was held in Ballinode Church on Saturday 23rd May. In line with COVID restrictions there was a limited congregation in the church. However, as has become a good custom, many people were able to be outside and to stand along the route that the funeral cortege took on the way to the church.

### Congratulations

We offer congratulations to Victoria Hazlett and Ciarán Duffy who recently announced their engagement. We also congratulate our former Deacon-intern Revd. David Moses who has been appointed Rector of the grouped parishes of Keady, Armaghbreague, Derrynoose, and Newtownhamilton.

### Sunday School End of Year Service

As we weren't able to have Sunday School this year we couldn't have our usual End of Year Service. We still had our All-Age Service for June, as we got back into our usual pattern of services. We pray for God's blessing on those who are starting big school and moving on to secondary school.



# Rossorry

Vacant

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

## 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.

## 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

## PARISH HALL DEVELOPMENT



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.

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.



## 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.



## Parish Self-Help Volunteer Group

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

However, a good number of volunteers came forward wishing to help out – so we have been able to consult with the elderly/





housebound and each volunteer has been allocated a number of Parishioners who they keep in touch with, by telephone, in a befriending service.

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



### Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union branch sent birthday greetings to one of our indoor members, Ena Graham, a resident of the County Nursing Home, Enniskillen, who celebrated her 100th birthday. Among the many card she received was one from Her Majesty, The Queen.

Among the visitors was Bishop Ian Ellis and his wife, Heather (pictured above).

### Freewill Offerings

#### FREEWILL GIVING

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

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

If you are not ready yet to come to Church send your envelopes (now on Yellow envelopes for 2021)— with a friend, post them to the Office or drop them through the letterbox at the Office. If these don't work for you—please ring Gerry at the office (02866 329889) and another arrangement can be made.

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

If you wish, you may set up a Standing Order with your Bank or Building Society to deal with this matter. If you have online

 <h1 style="margin: 0;">ROSSORRY</h1> <h2 style="margin: 0;">PARISH CHURCH</h2>	<p><b>Sunday 13th JUNE 2021</b></p> <p><i>The Second Sunday after TRINITY</i></p>
 <p><b>THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER &amp; THE SEED</b></p>	<p>If you cannot attend in person—then check online over the weekend for video of the recorded Service on Facebook: - Rossorry Parish Church</p> <p><b>PLEASE READ THE SAFETY PROTOCOL (Copy in the Seat)</b></p>
<p><b>Introduction and Opening Hymn - 335</b></p>	
<p><b>1. Jesus calls us here to meet him</b> as, through words and song and prayer, we affirm God's promised presence where his people live and care. Praise the God who keeps his promise; praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends.</p>	<p><b>2. Jesus calls us to confess him</b> Word of life and Lord of all, sharer of our flesh and frailness saving all who fall or fall. Tell his holy human story; tell his tales that all may hear; tell the world that Christ in glory came to earth to meet us here.</p>
<p><small>Words and Music: John L. Bell and Graham Maule</small></p>	
<p><b>The Greeting</b> The Lord be with you. And also with you.</p>	
<p><b>A Sentence of Scripture</b> <i>Round the throne of God, day and night they never cease to sing, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.</i> <small>Revelation 4:8</small></p>	

banking, you can do this without even visiting your Bank. Contact the Office for details.

### The Parish Office

The Office is still working, (9am-1pm, Monday to Friday) keeping the day to day, machinery moving.

Please, don't visit -but I will be delighted to chat on the 'phone, take emails or a note or envelopes through the door or in the post, etc—if there is anything I can do to help.

Tel:- 02866 329889

Email :- rossorryoffice@btinternet.com

### Arrangements for the Parish during the vacancy

As the Parish was officially vacant from 5th April 2021 onwards the following

arrangements will be in place for Pastoral Cover and the running of the Parish.

- The Rural Dean (Rev. John Woods—who can be contacted at 02882 840863), will be in charge of the Parish during the vacancy.

- PASTORAL COVER (Weddings, Christenings and Funerals) will be undertaken by Dean Hall of St. Macartin's Cathedral, who can be contacted on 02866 322465.

- CHURCH SERVICES will be taken by visiting Clergy or Lay Readers appointed by the Diocesan Office.

The Parish Office will continue to operate for advice or assistance (02866 329889) and for receiving Freewill Envelopes etc.

## SERVICES for July & August

### In Church and online

#### Sunday 4th July

10.00am - Holy Communion

#### Sunday 11th July

10.00am – Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 18th July

10.00am - Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 25th July

10.00am - Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 1st August

10.00am - Holy Communion

#### Sunday 8th August

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

#### Sunday 15th August

10.00am - Morning Prayer.

#### Sunday 22nd August

10.00am - Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 29th August

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](http://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 Parishioners.

■ **ACHESON**, Angela, (nee Mc Guinness) of Camagh Lodge, Blaney, Enniskillen who died peacefully at the South West Hospital on 20th May 2021. Her funeral service took place at Rossorry Parish Church on Saturday



22nd May 2021 at 2pm. Dean Hall of St. Macartin's officiated. Interment followed in the adjoining Churchyard.

### BAPTISMS

■ **REILLY**, Dara Edward, infant son of Eddie and Andrea Reilly who was christened at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 23rd May 2021. Dean Hall of St. Macartin's Cathedral officiated.

*May he grow in the faith in which he has been baptised.*

## Contact Us...

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Facebook: Rossorry Parish Church

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

E-mail at [rossorryoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:rossorryoffice@btinternet.com)

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## Gift

The Rector and Select Vestry of St. Margaret's Parish Church, Clabby, appreciate the generous, kind and practical gift of a new lectern from the family of the late Mrs. Pearl Wilson. Mrs. Wilson had been a loyal member Parish since she moved to Clabby in 1973 prior to the death at a relatively young age of her beloved husband and left to raise a large young family.

Mrs. Wilson was a very faithful member of the Mothers' Union branch. She was the organiser of all the catering events in the Church until recent years due to advancing age. It is a fitting tribute from the family in honour and remembrance of their dear mother and one who gave so much time and practical service in the Parish.

## Faith, Love, Hope.

Paul writes to the Thessalonians Church 1st

Thessalonians Chapter 1: 2-3

"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ".

### **We note a few things from this passage:-**

1. The importance of prayer, its priority in our lives personally and for fellow Christians and Church members. Paul is the great example of this to us. He lived out his words "Pray for one another".
2. His prayers for his Church included not just requests, but also thanksgiving. But it was also continual, not now and again. These are important lessons for what should be part of our prayer life personally and as a Church.
3. He remembers their faith, love and hope. The three central pillars of the Christian life and faith. Read the rest of the passage to



The new lectern presented by the Wilson family.

see what this Church was like. It was by no means a perfect Church, it had its problems because its members were imperfect. But these verses 3-4 were central to their living out of the Christian faith and life. Perhaps the challenge for us all personally and as members of the Church and our local Church or Parish as we move out of

lockdown, to a new norm are these our marks? Could others thank God or these marks in our lives and our Church? Perhaps the challenge for us all who profess faith in Christ or need to come to that place of committing our lives to Christ is to be found in verses 9-10 "You turned to God from idols to serve the

living and true God, and to wait for his son from Heaven, who he raised from the dead - Jesus who rescues us from the coming wrath". As we turn to and trust in Christ as Saviour and serve him as Lord then we live out verses 3-4.

**Trory and Killadeas**



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**Revd Mark Gallagher**

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### A Year in Review

Anniversaries and special dates are often good times to pause, and to take stock of what we have done. Very often in the midst of the busyness we can forget how far we have come. 11th June 2021 marked the one year anniversary of Revd, Mark being instituted as rector of our group of parishes, so the one year anniversary seems like a good time to stand back and take stock of the last 12 months. It was a year of firsts in many ways, not least the first online 'Zoom' institution service for the parish, although not quite the first anywhere in the world, or even the first in the diocese, such was the rate of change in how the world 'did church' over the last

year. In that time, like all local congregations, we saw the church buildings reopened three times, and (almost) all of our services whether in building or from the rectory being made available for digital access. Midweek services served as a prayer group or a midweek bible study group while services could continue, but societies, meetings, and groups could not. These have now paused but will be reinstated in Advent and Lent annually. The envelope contributions for both churches were constant, whether envelopes were left with Noel and Ella, or left at the Trory drive through drop offs once a month while the church buildings were closed, (and many people also transferred giving to the direct debit option too) Our Harvest festival saw our churches with their usual splendid decorations, but this year enhanced with our young people getting very creative with their Vegepals and 'turn up with a turnip.' At Christmas our nativity play moved outdoors, and at the same time the children followed a trail with the adults playing the parts of the nativity characters. Our carol services inside were slightly modified to fit regulations, but our 'big' Christmas celebration took over all of St. Angelo Airport for 'Carols by Runway Lights' and filled the skies with a huge fireworks display. After Christmas, the long dark winter months of yet another lockdown, light relief on Friday nights came from 'Friday night is

concert night,' reliving happy memories of local concerts in Ballycassidy Hall, and the times both churches appeared on television broadcasts. Then another year of lent in lockdown saw Sunday School packs with online videos distributed to all of our young people, and as well as the themed midweek services, digital updates from our mission partners, and the Talents scheme was launched. Holy week saw us emerging out of lockdown in time for Good Friday with the very atmospheric Tenebrae and poignant 'Readings and Music' services. Sunday school and youth activities may not have happened in the normal ways, but our young people played a significant role in all of the major church festivals, and it is great to see and hear the young people engaging in our service as part of the church family every Sunday. While the fourth Sunday of every month is now designated as a Service of the Word (All Age Worship) there is also a children's corner filling the back page of the order of service every week. As we carefully emerged out of what is hopefully the final lockdown, our 'Carpark Cuppa' is currently going down a storm and is now a firm fixture on the monthly calendar alongside the third Sunday service. Getting to know the parish under the current restrictions was also not without its challenges. A letter of introduction to every household within the parish boundaries had to suffice instead of a knock on the door and a quick chat. Then with either limited (or



no) numbers allowed in church, a monthly double A4 letter or Christmas parish magazine was delivered to everyone in both congregations, both as a means of pastoral contact and a way to keep everyone up to date with the ever-changing rules until lockdown rules eased. Pastoral visits almost without exception had to become periodic phone calls and handwritten letters or cards. Through all of this, our prayer book centered worship which the Church of Ireland does so well, and which has grounded our faith and seen us through in so many ways never ceased. Whether in building or digitally, not a single service was missed. When watching online, or joining in one of our church buildings, hopefully church always felt like you were part of a 'real' service, whether watching services made of edited clips submitted from various people, the live streamed services from Trory or the rectory or the pre-recorded services from Killadeas.

It has been a full, varied and busy year, and the church most certainly wasn't idle or closed. In fact, in many ways it has been busier, and more innovative than ever. And in the case of our parishes, it was the immense work of various teams, with incredible enthusiasm and drive to see their parishes thrive which made all of this possible, and for that I (Rev. Mark) owe a huge debt of gratitude. Without these teams, none of the above would have ever got off the ground.

(And, just to finish the review honestly, it was not all glowing successes. Of course with so many new alterations in such a small space of time we tried some bits which just didn't work. Zoom did not really work for us in either parish. As a tool for coffee after

church with a quiz, and for Sunday School it was attempted, but it was not for us.)

Yes, everything was different through necessity, but if we take a look at the year in review, everything which we expect of 'church' as an institution still happened. Some of the changes may even have been good, as they made us think carefully about who we are as the people of God, the church, and what the outreach, mission, love, care and compassion as the church can look like in years ahead, especially in unfamiliar circumstances.

With all the doom and gloom which permeates all too many headlines, hopefully these short paragraphs will remind us of some of the good things which happened in our parishes over the last year, and once again emphasise the church, both local and worldwide, was never closed. The doors to the building had to stay shut for safety, but the people of God and the work of God continued, and in many cases flourished in ways we would not have dreamed possible a couple of years ago.

### Talents Schemes

There was an overwhelming response to the talents scheme in both churches. Crocheted animal blankets, knitted scarves and baby clothes, boiled cakes, traybakes, handmade cards and crafts, bird tables, homemade jams and marmalades, plants ready for planting out in the garden, and blackthorn walking sticks account for only some of the innovations the talented hands of our congregations came up with. The tenner was invested in starting materials, the products were then sold and profits accumulated over the 100 days from Ash Wednesday until Pentecost Sunday.

The total raised in Trory was £2305 and the total for Killadeas was £734

A huge well done to all who took their tenner and returned it as £50, £100, £250, and in one case even £1400 from one single £10 note invested in paper and ink, and sold as fireside quiz sheets to what must have been most houses in the whole of Fermanagh!!!

While the profits from this scheme are exceptional, the overriding reason for it during the months of lockdown was to initiate conversations, and keep us in contact with one another, using the selling something for the scheme as a reason to pick up the phone people you hadn't talked to in a while, and thought 'I have nothing to say if I do ring them.' With the amount of items sold, I think we can safely say we have been keeping up the contact, phoning each other, talking over fences, and doing whatever contact was appropriate and allowed at whatever stage of lockdown we were at.

### Confirmation candidates

Letters will be/are on their way to all families in the parish who have made themselves known to Rev. Mark who have candidates considering confirmation, tentatively early November, with full details. If you would like to be put forward for confirmation this time, but have not yet spoken to Rev. Mark, please do so ASAP.

Attending confirmation classes, (most likely round a fire pit in the rectory garden) and church services including the all age teaching service and at least one communion service is mandatory for all candidates. The 'teaching service' will be every 4th Sunday as part of all age worship. Confirmation candidates are encouraged to attend church as often as possible at other services too.

### Sunday Services

#### 4th July

10 am Holy Communion Priory Church Killadeas

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

#### 11th July

10 am Morning Prayer, Priory Church Killadeas

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

#### 18th July

10 am Morning Prayer with Carpark Cuppa, Priory Church Killadeas

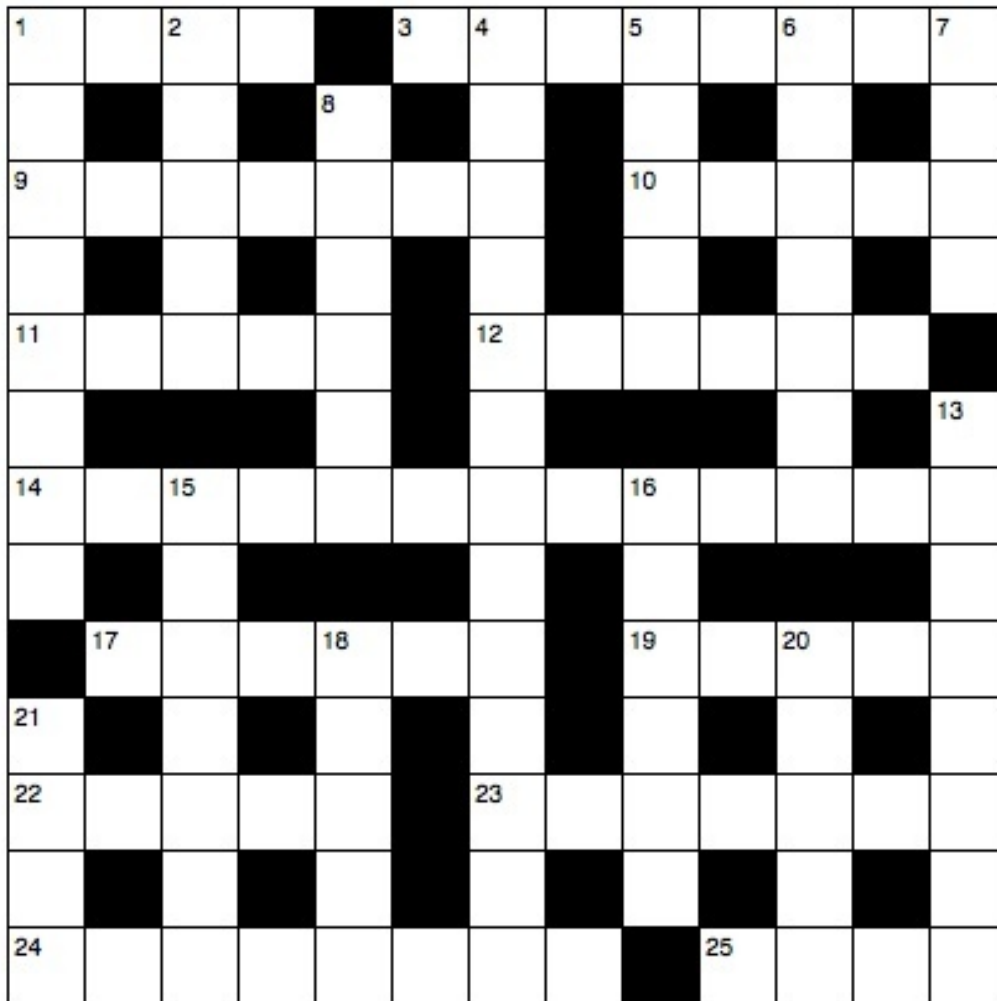
11.30am Morning Prayer with Carpark Cuppa, St. Michael's, Trory

#### 25th July

10 am Service of the Word, Priory Church Killadeas

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

# PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



## ACROSS

- 1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah's ark (Genesis 8:8–12) (4)
- 3 'The vilest — who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives' (8)
- 9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as 'the Devil in solution' (7)
- 10 'Whoever — his life for my sake will find it' (Matthew 10:39) (5)
- 11 King of Gezer (Joshua 10:33) (5)
- 12 Gideon's home town (Judges 6:11) (6)
- 14 The area under the jurisdiction of a primate, for example, Canterbury, York (13)
- 17 To him God promised that David would be king (1 Chronicles 11:3) (6)
- 19 A descendant of Aaron who was not allowed to offer food to God (Leviticus 21:20) (5)
- 22 'If any of you — wisdom, he should ask God' (James 1:5) (5)
- 23 I gain me (anag.) (7)
- 24 Relating to the armed forces (1 Chronicles 5:18) (8)
- 25 Title given to 2 Down (abbrev.) (4)

## DOWN

- 1 Greek coins (Acts 19:19) (8)
- 2 Church of England incumbent (5)
- 4 What Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25) (6-7)
- 5 Mother of David's sixth son (2 Samuel 3:5) (5)
- 6 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in — ' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (7)
- 7 It destroys treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 8 It threatened Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:35) (3,3)
- 13 Well-known Reference Bible that espoused dispensationalism (8)
- 15 Where the choir sits in a parish church (7)
- 16 Real do (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Martha, Martha... you are worried and — about many things' (Luke 10:41) (5)
- 20 'One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day — ' (Romans 14:5) (5)
- 21 A place with twelve springs and 70 palm trees where the Israelites camped (Exodus 15:27) (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 71

# MOTHERS' UNION



The Mums in May walk at Colesbrooke which was led by All-Ireland President, June Butler.

## SECOND MUMS IN MAY WALK IN COLEBROOKE PARK

The All-Ireland President, June Butler, continued her walks in the diocese on a gloriously warm sunny afternoon in May. She joined around 40 people at Colebrooke Parish Church car park to walk 7 km through the beautiful grounds of Colebrooke Park, the home of Lord and Lady Brookeborough. Permission had been granted and Lord Brookeborough welcomed everyone to the walk, wishing them an enjoyable and successful afternoon.

Revd John McClenaghan, Rector of Colebrooke Parish Church, spoke on 'Hope,' led prayers and gave each person a small stone with words of hope, to encourage them on the walk.

Then the group followed June Butler, who set off carrying 'Archie' the teddy mascot in her rucksack. Abiding by social distancing regulations, the group soon spread out on the route along the tarred roadways through the estate, walking alongside the Colebrooke River, over Kidd's Bridge, along the oak avenue and passing many stunning displays of bluebells nestling under the majestic trees which were coming into full leaf.

The walk wound past the beautiful Colebrooke House, through the farmyard and around the lake before heading homeward towards the tall spire of Colebrooke Parish Church. Welcome refreshments were provided by



Anne and Diane from the Trustee Board and thanks are also due to Mervyn and Robert who organised the parking of vehicles and the provision of seating for the walkers to rest and chat.

A wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by all present.

Those who had not raised sponsorship for the walk donated £346 and €10 towards the Mums in May Fund. Sincere thanks is

expressed to everyone who contributed to a most enjoyable and successful event.

A third walk in the diocese, in County Monaghan, is planned for later in the summer or early autumn, when restrictions allow groups to meet together.

This fundraising takes place every three years so any money raised by branches in the next months should be sent to the Diocesan treasurer, Diane Donaldson.



## Trustees enjoy fellowship

Members of the Trustee Board enjoyed warm fellowship as they joined together in the Valley Hotel for a tasty meal. All protocols were adhered to as the members renewed friendships and speaking face to face.



Members of the Trustees Board of Clogher Mothers' Union enjoying a meal in the Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown.



# CHILDREN'S SECTION

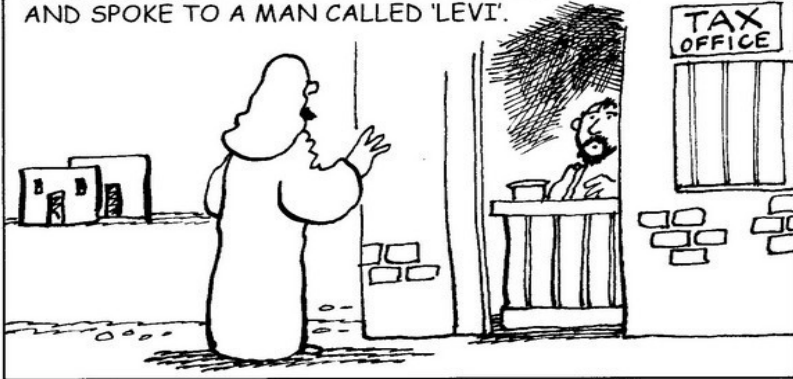
## The Doctor and the Sick



THE PEOPLE JESUS CHOSE TO BE HIS CLOSE FOLLOWERS WERE OFTEN QUITE UNUSUAL.



ONCE JESUS STOPPED BY A TAX-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AND SPOKE TO A MAN CALLED 'LEVI'.



LEVI'S LIFE WAS CHANGED BY MEETING JESUS.



LEVI WANTED ALL HIS FRIENDS TO MEET JESUS TOO, SO HE CALLED A BIG PARTY FOR HIS TAX COLLECTOR FRIENDS



IN JESUS' DAY TAX COLLECTORS WERE VERY UNPOPULAR. THE PEOPLE THOUGHT JESUS WAS MIXING WITH A BAD BUNCH!

...BUT I AM HERE TO HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR WAY!

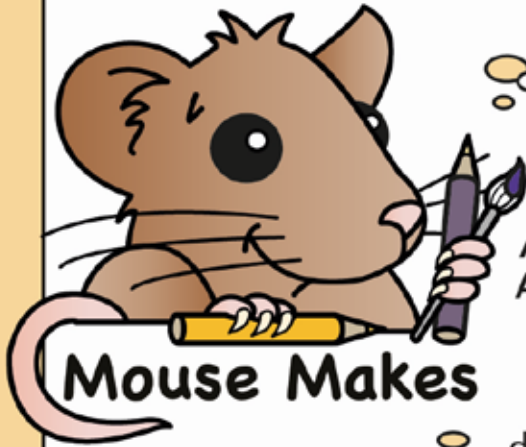


SURELY IT IS THE UNWELL PERSON WHO NEEDS THE DOCTOR - NOT THE WELL?!



see Luke 5:27-32





## Mouse Makes



Read the full story in  
Luke 10:25-37

### The Parable of the Good Samaritan

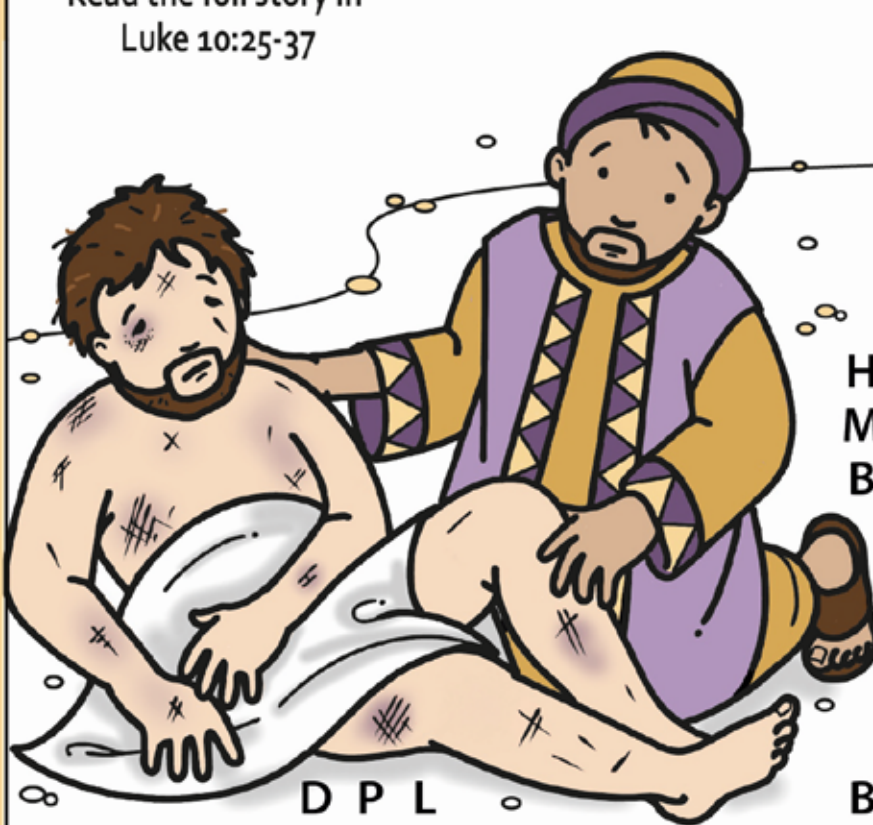
A man asked Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" and Jesus replied with this parable:

A man was attacked by robbers, they tore his clothes, beat him and left him almost dead. A priest saw him but walked by on the other side. A Levite saw him but walked by on the other side.

A Samaritan saw him and took pity on him, he poured oil and wine on his wounds and then bandaged them. He lifted the man onto his donkey, took him to an inn and cared for him.

The next day he gave the innkeeper two denarii to look after the man until he returned.

*Which of the three travellers do you think was the neighbour to the man who was attacked?*



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# DIOCESAN NEWS

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS RECIPIENTS IN CLOGHER DIOCESE

### Church and community life at the heart of Florence's award

A number of people involved in church and community life in Clogher Diocese have been recognised with awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours. One of them, Florence Willis from Bellanaleck, a member of Cleenish Parish, who has received the British Empire Medal, is well known in her community for a number of roles.

She has been recognised for "Services to Local Government" as she is employed by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council as an attendant at the public toilets in Bellanaleck, a role she has done for more than 40 years, even more important because the walking areas, boating marinas and lakeside facilities attract many visitors during the year.

As a member of Bellanaleck Community Group, she has witnessed some great



improvements to the waterside development at Bellanaleck with a new quay just completed. For many years, Florence also worked in the kitchen of St. Fanchea's College. An active member

of Cleenish Parish Church, Florence is a member of the Mothers' Union branch and has been one of the team of Cleenish Ladies, a catering group involved in providing refreshments and meals for parish events as well as outside events. She was also a Beaver Leader for 15 years. Florence and her late husband, Mervyn have a son, Trevor and two daughters, Janet and Sharon.

### MBE for work in the Fivemiletown community

A member of St. John's Parish, Fivemiletown received the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to the community.

John Burrell, well known as former Principal of Fivemiletown High School, was heavily involved in the building of the parish hall for St. John's Parish. He has been involved in various aspects of the church over the years including singing in the choir. Over the many decades that he has been living in Fivemiletown, Mr Burrell was also involved in the establishment of Fivemiletown Community Development Association and which led to The Buttermarket area of the town as well as many other improvements.

Sports provision in the area has been

something which Mr Burrell has supported over the years. While involved in Fivemiletown High School, he help spearhead the swimming pool project there which has become a community facility since.

Another great community sports provision is the outdoor bowling green established at the King George V Playing Fields.



### Award for peace building

A familiar figure in church circles in Fermanagh, Major Jack Dunlop, has been awarded the MBE for his services to cross-Border peace building in the county.

Following his retirement from the Army, Major Dunlop was Curator of The Inniskilling Regimental Museum at Enniskillen Castle until his retirement and has been involved in arranging the parades at church services at St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. He has also been involved in the erection of Ulster History Circle blue plaques for servicemen who had received the Victoria Cross in military service for The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers as well as helping to expand and improve war memorials in towns in the county.



A lifetime to the Scout movement aptly sums up Paul Speight's involvement to the youth organisation. Paul from Lisbellaw, has been awarded the British Empire Medal for "Services to Scouts in Northern Ireland".

Paul is married to Sadie and both are involved with Lisbellaw Parish Church. Originally from South London, Paul has been involved with Scouting since the early 1970's. He was a member of various units during his youth before taking on leadership roles but his expertise is in Explorer Scouts. This unit was previously known as Venture Scouts and is designed



for older, teenage members. As District Explorer Leader in Fermanagh, Paul is involved in co-ordinating activities and the various regulations when organising county camps such as risk assessments and is also qualified for outdoor activities such as field archery and climbing. When he and Sadie, who is originally

from Lisbellaw, moved back to Fermanagh in 2007, Paul became involved in youth climbing at Gortatole and through that has returned to Scouting. "I'm delighted with the award and It's a great honour for Scouting," he said.



Artist Hannah Rose Thomas with some of her work on view. Photo courtesy of Roy Crawford.

## Artist brings 'Tears of Gold' exhibition to Cathedral

There was a great response to the unique art exhibition held in the Regimental Chapel of St. Macartin's cathedral, Enniskillen recently with aims of giving a voice to those felt persecuted around the world. The exhibition, "Tears of Gold" by artist, Hannah Rose Thomas, organised by Enniskillen Rotary Club through its President, Heather Ellis, was held in conjunction with Rotary Ireland. The artist has worked with women and children in wartorn countries and with those in refugee camps. One of the special features of the exhibition which opened to the public daily for a week, was inviting schools to view the exhibition and meet the artist. On Sunday, 20th June, known as World Refugee Day, the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis was the preacher and Hannah Rose Thomas was interviewed about her work which has been featured in the Houses of Parliament, European Parliament and Westminster Abbey.

## New Rural Dean of Clogher

The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis has appointed the Revd Johnny McLoughlin as Rural Dean of Clogher following the resignation of the Rev Canon Maurice Armstrong from that role.

Right Revd Ian Ellis said: "Having recently received the resignation of Canon Armstrong as Rural Dean, I am delighted that Revd Johnny McLoughlin has accepted my invitation to be his successor in Clogher Rural Deanery. Revd Johnny brings to this role his wide experience of pastoral ministry and of working with church property both here in Clogher and for many years as a rector in Armagh Diocese. I wish him every blessing in his new role".

"I wish to thank Canon Armstrong for his long service as Rural Dean since his appointment by Archbishop Jackson in 2005. He has brought consistent and dedicated service to Clogher Rural Deanery working with Select Vestries during vacancies, providing pastoral cover and the routine annual inspections of churches and glebes."



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Teaching healthcare in the villages to a group of young women with another YWAM volunteer.

# Donna set to embark on valuable mission work in Papua New Guinea



Donna Geary preparing for her mission trip to Papua New Guinea in August.

A parishioner of St. Colman's Church, Clontibret in the Ballybay Group of parishes in Co. Monaghan, is shortly about to undertake a mission trip to Papua New Guinea but she needs your help.

Donna Geary has to finance her trip as all funds go directly to the mission rather than on overheads. This is her story: "At the end of August 2021, I will be travelling to Papua New Guinea (PNG) to join the MV YWAM PNG Medical Ship and the new YWAM 'Jetty' base in Port Moresby. There I will serve alongside the teams already working within communities providing training and medical care. There are many opportunities to help in different ways and my heart is open for whatever challenges are ahead. I am so excited to take this step and see how it all unfolds.

### What is YWAM

YWAM stands for Youth With A Mission and is an international missionary organisation. YWAM began in the 1960s and now has 1500 bases in 180+ countries, each with different expressions of the central trifold

ministries of training, evangelism and mercy ministries. The base I will be connected with is YWAM MS Townsville. Their focus is North Queensland and Papua New Guinea (PNG), engaging as a registered training organisation, and with a medical ship in the waters of PNG. All the work undertaken is in partnership with, and on the invitation of, the PNG government as part of the National Healthcare Plan and in collaboration with local health care authorities and health workers.

### How I ended up on this path

After three years of teaching, at both secondary and college level, I still wasn't content and was looking for more. Then, after spending nine months in Australia completing a Discipleship Training School (DTS) with YWAM MS Townsville, I found a way where I could use my teaching skills to improve and enhance peoples' lives. As part of the holistic healthcare Community Engagement Programme that the medical ship runs on outreach in PNG, I went into villages teaching young children how to



**Donna Geary on her first outreach in Papua New Guinea.**

take care of their own health and welfare. I was also able to be part of the Community Action Programme which, through a series of interactive lectures based on areas the elders had highlighted, helped the people of the villages to improve aspects of village life to the benefit of the district.

**Support**

The model YWAM was founded on means that everyone involved works on a voluntary basis. This means there is no form of salary for what we do and we pay our own way (rent, food etc). This ethos has served the ministry in many ways – helping it rapidly expand and ensuring all money raised goes directly towards the mission rather than overheads. This means that each individual YWAMer volunteer is responsible for raising the ongoing funds to do the work they do. Each full-time volunteer is supported by people that partner with them and, as such, I would like to invite you to consider partnering with me in one, or all, of the following ways:

**Prayer support**

I will be emailing updates in which I will include Prayer Points. I would love if you were to incorporate these points into your own prayers and join with us on specific areas as a ministry. I will also include praise reports and results of prayers so you can see the effect your prayers have had!



**A welcome party inviting the volunteers from the medical ship into their village.**

**Financial support**

I would appreciate it if you would consider partnering with me by donating a regular sum on a monthly basis – or even donating a once off amount. Every little helps! If you feel you would like to do this feel, free to email me at [donnainmissions@gmail.com](mailto:donnainmissions@gmail.com) and I will send you the relevant details to be able to support me in this way.

**Share about what I do**

It would be really great if you would share my story with someone else. I'd love to see

more people come, get involved and join me on this journey! Thank you for taking the time to read about what I am undertaking. I will be sending out regular newsletters to keep everyone informed about the work I will be doing so email me if you would like to be added to my mailing list. The link to Donna's Go Fund Me page is <https://gofund.me/afbaa430>

All the best,  
**Donna**  
[donnainmissions@gmail.com](mailto:donnainmissions@gmail.com)



The MV YWAM PNG Medical Ship.

# Demonstration farms can provide informative meetings for church and community groups

Church groups can learn about the technical aspects of livestock farming at some of the Technology Demonstration Farms in Fermanagh.

There are currently four Technology Demonstration Farms (TDF) within Co. Fermanagh which cover the themes of Grassland Management, Beef Fertility, and Dairy Feed Efficiency. CAFRE will soon be appointing further farms which will specialise in Farm Habitat Creation and Management and Efficient Sustainability. Group sizes are limited to a maximum of 25 people to allow effective discussion and peer to peer learning whilst on the visit. If you are interested in attending you should note that these will be available both online and on farm and bookings will only be available for groups and not individuals. This may be a COVID friendly way of church or community groups, who have an interest in farming, to meet over the summer months. Meetings are held outside and will allow participants to gain valuable knowledge on current and new farm technologies.



Details of all TDFs and how to book a visit are available on the CAFRE website: [www.cafre.ac.uk/industry-support/technology-demonstration-farms/](http://www.cafre.ac.uk/industry-support/technology-demonstration-farms/). At the moment CAFRE is taking group bookings only by emailing [kt.admin@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:kt.admin@daera-ni.gov.uk).

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and the European

Union fund the Business Development Groups Scheme and the establishment of Technology Demonstration Farms across Northern Ireland under the Innovation Technology Evaluation Demonstration (ITED) Scheme, as part of the Rural Development Programme.

## *Liturgical Advisory Committee launches resource for marking centenary of the end of the War of Independence*

The Liturgical Advisory Committee (LAC) of the Church of Ireland has published a resource for use in parishes marking the Centenary of the End of the War of Independence, which will take place on Sunday, 11th July 2021.

The published resource includes (in PDF and Word formats):

- an introduction setting the historical context, written by Dr Marie Coleman (Reader in History, Queen's University Belfast, and a member of the Church's Historical Centenaries Working Group);
- a Service of the Word to mark the Centenary of the End of the War of Independence;
- a wide selection of suggested Scripture readings; and
- a range of prayers in contemporary and traditional language.

This follows the publication of similar liturgies in recent years to mark the centenaries of the First World War, the Easter Rising, the Battle of the Somme, and most recently the Opening of the Northern Ireland Parliament. Liturgical material for use at centenary events in parishes and local communities, and a Service of Light for the reconciliation of local communities, has also been produced.

The Rt Revd Dr Paul Colton, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross and Chair of the Historical Centenaries Working Group, stated: "The primary roles of the Church include worship and prayer, and to bear witness to the Christian message of love and reconciliation.

These liturgies commissioned by the Historical Centenaries Working Group and devised by the Liturgical Advisory Committee, are designed to assist members of the Church of Ireland to do exactly these things as we commemorate the events of this Decade of Centenaries."

In her introduction, Dr Coleman remarks that it cannot be denied that the War of Independence had been "a difficult period for church members many of whom were victims of personal, sometimes fatal, injuries, or damage to their property."

A number of prominent members made a significant contribution to the achievement of Irish independence but the subsequent Anglo-Irish Treaty and the creation of the Irish Free State "was a wrench for many Church members in breaking ancestral ties with Britain."

A contemporary editorial in the Church of Ireland Gazette (on 13th January 1922) noted honestly that many would not "regard the change which is impending with any great enthusiasm" but recognised the community's willingness to accept the new situation and to "give their whole-hearted and active support to the Irish Free State."

The resource is available on the Church of Ireland website at this link: <https://bit.ly/3gmudXp>

# INISHMACSAINT HOSTS VISITORS DURING EUROPEAN HERITAGE WEEKEND

One of the parishes in Clogher Diocese will be focussing on its heritage at an event in September.

St Ninnidh's Church, in the parish of Inishmacsaint, just off the Enniskillen to Belleek Road will be taking part in the 2021 European Heritage Open weekend on Saturday and Sunday, 11-12 September from 2pm to 6pm.

Visitors will learn about the line of succession of the Ely family from 1756 which produced some of the familiar names of the area over the centuries.

A family tree has been produced by Revd Stephanie Woods, in charge of the parish, and which can be seen on Page 40.

The Fermanagh Genealogy Group will be in attendance on the Saturday.

On Sunday, 12th September, at 11.30am, the parish will welcome Bishop Ian Ellis who will lead a service of thanksgiving for the Ely family and for all in this community, past and present, who have contributed to the life



and growth of this community of faith. At some point on the a memorial stone will

be unveiled recording those who are buried in the church crypt.

## Scott commissioned as Parish Reader



The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis with Scott Elliott and Canon Paul Thompson, Warden of Readers.

A new Parish Reader has been commissioned for St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

Scott Elliott, a life-long member of the Cathedral, has already completed his Bachelor of Theology (BTh) at Queen's University Belfast and is hoping to pursue a call to ordination when the time is right, but in the meantime is employed in local government administration in Enniskillen.

Scott was Commissioned by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis on Wednesday 16th June.



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# WEDDINGS – HOW RULES HAVE BEEN EASED

A review over how weddings can be held have been made by the Northern Ireland Executive. The Northern Ireland Executive has approved arrangements for post marriage and civil partnership receptions from Monday 24 May 2021. Numbers attending marriage/civil partnership ceremonies in places of worship, a Local Government venue or other venues, such as hotels, are determined by risk assessment for the venue specific to a marriage/civil partnership ceremony.

Post marriage/civil partnership receptions are permitted; the maximum number permitted to attend is to be determined by a risk assessment specific for the venue.

For outdoor ceremonies and receptions the maximum numbers permitted has increased to 500 or is capped at the venue specific risk assessment level if lower. Gatherings of over 30 people outdoors require a risk assessment. The Government advises organisers to consider the use of Lateral Flow Tests for larger events. - A marriage or civil partnership where one partner is terminally ill can take place in a private dwelling. A maximum of 10 people can attend including the participants and officiant.

## PRE-CEREMONY

### HAIRDRESSER

**Can a hairdresser come to your house if there are more than 6 people already present?**

A hairdresser is allowed to visit your house pre-wedding but should do so at a time separate from others who may attend to provide other services.

### MAKE UP

**Can a makeup artist come to your house if there are more than 6 people already present?**

A make-up artist is allowed to visit your house pre-wedding but should do so at a time separate from others who may attend to provide other services.

### PHOTOGRAPHER /VIDEOGRAPHER

**Can a photographer/videographer come to your house if there are more than 6 people already present?**

If a photographer/ videographer is coming to your home, social distancing guidelines should be followed and they should attend at a time separate from others who may attend to provide other services.

## TRANSPORT (TO/FROM)

### TRANSPORT

**Can people from two or more households travel in the same transport?**

Social distancing guidelines remain in place therefore if the vehicle can facilitate this, it is permissible for short periods of time. Face coverings should be worn and windows kept open

### FACE COVERINGS IN TRANSPORT

**Will people have to wear face coverings?**

Currently face coverings are required on public transport, including taxis, in all circumstances unless the person is exempt.

### GUEST TRANSPORT

**Can minibuses or coaches be used to transport guests to and from the wedding venue?**

Yes, providing guests from the different

households can be seated socially distanced.

Face coverings are mandatory on public transport including private hire transport. All passengers age 13 and over, as well as all staff, must wear a face covering on all forms of passenger transport unless they are exempt.

## SPECTATORS

### UNINVITED WELL WISHERS

**Are spectators allowed to congregate outside the venue?**

Outdoor gatherings are now permitted, maximum numbers permitted has increased to 500 or capped at the venue specific risk assessment level if lower. Gatherings of over 30 people outdoors require a risk assessment. Social distancing and other mitigating requirements set out by PHA must be adhered to.

## MISC.

### SANITATION

**Is the venue responsible for providing hand sanitizer and related PPE if required?**

The venue is responsible for implementing all measures identified in the Risk Assessment and the guidance provided by their sector which would include provision of PPE, sanitiser, signage etc. It is, however, recommended that visitors bring hand sanitiser and related PPE for personal use.

### TRACK & TRACE

**Is the venue responsible for completing a record of guests in attendance at the wedding?**

The regulations state that visitor information must be recorded either before or at the time of visit and retain this information for a period of 21 days beginning with the date on which the visit occurred. This must include the name and telephone number of each visitor and attendee over the age of 16 and the date and arrival time of their visit.

Visitor information must be destroyed as soon as reasonably practical after the 21 day period

## AMENDMENT TO MARRIAGE REGULATIONS, JUNE 2021

On Tuesday 15 June 2021, The Standing Committee of the Church of Ireland approved the following revised wording in the Marriage Regulations (NI) 2004 and the Marriage Regulations (RoI) 2007:

**Marriages are ordinarily solemnised in a church or chapel of the Church of Ireland duly consecrated for public worship. Marriages shall not be solemnised at any place other than a church or chapel of the Church of Ireland duly consecrated for public worship unless the circumstances are exceptional and the prior approval of the relevant bishop has been obtained.**

unless there is some other lawful basis for its retention.

If the ceremony and reception are held in two different venues, track & trace information must be collected at each venue.

Those attending the ceremony and reception should be encouraged to have the Stop COVIDNI app on their phones.

## ONE WAY

**Does a one way system need to be in place for the movement of people?**

The venue needs to ascertain and risk assess the flow of guests through the premises and the seating plan for each element of the ceremony and reception.

Consideration should be given to implementing a one way system in and out of the room or rooms if this is appropriate for the size of the gathering.

## VENUE

**How many guests can the venue hold? Is it dependent on social distancing or a set number of guests?**

The number attending marriages / civil partnerships ceremonies and reception is determined by a risk assessment for the venue.

**Do members of staff at the venue count towards the total number of guests allowed (either at indoor or outdoor ceremonies)?**

The number attending marriage / civil partnership ceremonies or receptions are determined by a risk assessment for the venue. This includes staff working at the hotel, registry office or other venue used for the marriage/civil partnership ceremony/reception.

## CEREMONY

### MEET & GREET

**Can guests be met and escorted to their seats?**

Guests can be greeted for a short amount of time at a social distance.

The venue will have determined the seats



available for the ceremony or reception.

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

##### ***Can they be given out upon arrival vs placed on a seat?***

Orders of service can be collected at a point of arrival or placed on a seat.

The venue will implement a cleaning regime for all hard surfaces which might be touched during the service.

##### ***Can order of services be allocated between guests (i.e. one between two) or does each guest require their own copy?***

Guests who do not share a household should have their own order of service. For guests who share households, the sharing of an order of service is permitted.

#### **FACE COVERINGS**

##### ***Do we have to wear a face covering during the service?***

It is mandatory to wear face coverings inside a place of worship and when entering and exiting.

For ceremonies taking place in other permitted venues such as hotels, you must wear a face covering.

Face covering exemptions apply.

This does not apply to the person leading worship or to a couple who are at a ceremony to solemnise their marriage or to form their civil partnership.

#### **PROCESSION**

##### ***Can people from different households walk down the aisle together?***

Seating should be laid out in line with social distancing measures. Only members of the same household should walk together. Timed or staggered arrival should be planned to relieve congestion and queuing.

##### ***Can the main party stand together or do they have to be seated socially distanced?***

Social distancing guidelines remain in place and therefore any close contact of less than 1m increases the risk of spreading the virus.

#### **MINISTER**

##### ***How close can the celebrant be? Can the celebrant interact with the bride and groom and/or exchange items?***

There is an increased risk to faith leaders who are required to maintain close physical contact with individuals during faith services and rituals. These individuals will inevitably be placed at greater risk of contracting the virus. Where possible, physical contact should be kept to a minimum and social distancing guidance followed.

#### **KNEELING**

##### ***Are kneeling posts cleaned pre-wedding?***

Covid-19 can survive up to 72 hours on hard surfaces. Deep cleaning of rooms or shared areas is not required if they will not be used again within 72 hours, in which case wiping down surfaces with household cleaning products will be sufficient. The virus survives longest on hard surfaces. Contact with shared surfaces can therefore increase

the risk of infection. Surfaces such as tables, seats, handrails and toilets should be cleaned regularly with household detergent. The virus may survive for a shorter period on soft furnishings, such as seat cushions, but their use should be avoided where possible as they are harder to clean.

#### **LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

##### ***What guidance is required for the lighting of candles during the ceremony by the bridal party or guests?***

Candles can be lit.

#### **EXCHANGING OF RINGS**

##### ***Can the rings be handed to the celebrant?***

Yes, and care can be taken in advance to make sure that all items passing between the participants are clean.

#### **READINGS**

##### ***Can multiple people give readings from the same pulpit? Does this need to be sanitized between readings?***

It would be best to give short readings from a standing position at the front of the venue to avoid hard surface contact. Readings should be kept short, and voice projection should be avoided.

The virus survives longest on hard surfaces and can therefore increase the risk of infection. Surfaces such as tables, seats, handrails and toilets should be cleaned regularly with household detergent.

#### **MUSIC**

##### ***Can music be played during the ceremony, particularly when the bride is walking down the aisle and the couple walk back up the aisle?***

Yes, music is permitted during the ceremony

#### **SINGING**

##### ***Can a choir sing during either the ceremony or reception?***

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##### ***Are guests allowed to sing hymns during the ceremony?***

You should refer to guidance for places of worship Coronavirus (COVID-19): places of worship | nidirect

#### **VOWS**

##### ***Can the bouquet of flowers be passed to another person?***

You should avoid passing the bouquet to another person. Where this cannot be avoided hand hygiene equipment should be made available.

#### **SIGNING OF THE REGISTER**

##### ***Can you use the same pen and table?***

All witnesses should use different pens either provided by the venue or brought with them. If provided by the venue, the pens and hard surface area for the signing of the register will be part of the cleaning regime.

#### **CHILDREN**

##### ***Would social distancing apply to children?***

Yes, unless part of the same household.

#### **GUEST BOOK / ITEM**

##### ***Can a guest book be signed?***

Yes, provided there are sufficient pens available or brought to the venue by attendees, and the hard surface area must be part of the cleaning regime.

#### **POST CEREMONY**

#### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

##### ***Can group photos, extended family photos, friendship photos be taken indoors?***

Large groups should not form for the purpose of photograph, unless social distancing can be maintained.

#### **GATHERING**

##### ***Can people mingle together?***

Guidance around outdoor gatherings allows people to come together but social distancing should be maintained. Gatherings of more than 15 people must be an organised gathering with a risk assessment.

#### **IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND, THE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS WILL BE**

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Subject to maintaining progress with the virus, the following measures will come into effect:

- increased numbers permitted to meet indoors in private homes in line with Level 2 of the Framework – up to 3 other households
- number of guests permitted at wedding receptions/celebrations increased to 50
- first communions, confirmations and baptisms may take place. Related family gatherings should strictly adhere to prevailing public health advice on household mixing, including visitors to your home and indoor and outdoor dining. Any decision to schedule such ceremonies should take account of the disease situation in the local community
- organised indoor events can recommence, permitting a maximum of 50 attendees at the majority of venues in groups of up to 6, with arrangements to ensure no intermingling of groups. Max of 100 in larger venues where strict 2 metre seated social distancing and one-way controls for entry and exit can be implemented (includes business, training, conferences, events in theatres and other Arts events)
- the numbers permitted at outdoor organised events can further increase to a maximum of 200 for the majority of venues, with a maximum of 500 for outdoor stadia/venues with a minimum accredited capacity of 5,000
- indoor training, exercise and dance activities can recommence in pods of up to 6
- return of indoor services in restaurants and bars
- indoor activities - bowling alleys, snooker halls, amusement arcades, ice-skating/roller skating rinks and children's play centres, indoor waterparks, in line with appropriate sectoral guidance.

# CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

## HOW YOUR CHURCH AND CONGREGATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE



The issue of climate change and how churches can respond was the subject of an online event recently.

The Irish Council of Churches hosted an online 'Voices of the Climate Crisis' event in collaboration with Christian Aid.

The aim of this online webinar was to help equip people in church leadership (lay and ordained) to develop their church response to climate change by connecting them with people directly impacted by climate change and introducing them to resources developed by Christian Aid that will support their churches' engagement.

Among those speaking were Bob Kikuyu, Global Theology Advisor at Christian Aid and Julius Mbatia and Rebekah Wilson, who are young climate activists from Kenya and Ireland, who outlined the impact of climate change on peoples' lives.

The online event also showed what resources were available from Christian Aid that could equip their churches to respond to the climate crisis.

At the end of the webinar, the Irish Council of Churches and Christian Aid gave the following tips for engaging churches on climate change.

1. Don't be a lone ranger! They advised on getting others involved. While they say it is essential for a few people to be the 'champions' for climate change response, it is beneficial for those people to have others around them who care. A team of people, large or small, can make a big difference,

helping to keep each other motivated. It is important that this group get the leadership of the church on board.

Collaboration between churches and with coalitions can help too – such as inter-church forums, Creation Care and Eco-Congregation Ireland. Some churches have found working with local schools to help with momentum. One participant told a story that when she moved into a new area, she made a point of using assorted refuse bins on a street where no-one else seemed to be doing so. Now they all do! She also made a point of being seen tending her garden in an environmentally friendly way – and now others are doing likewise. Setting an example is key.

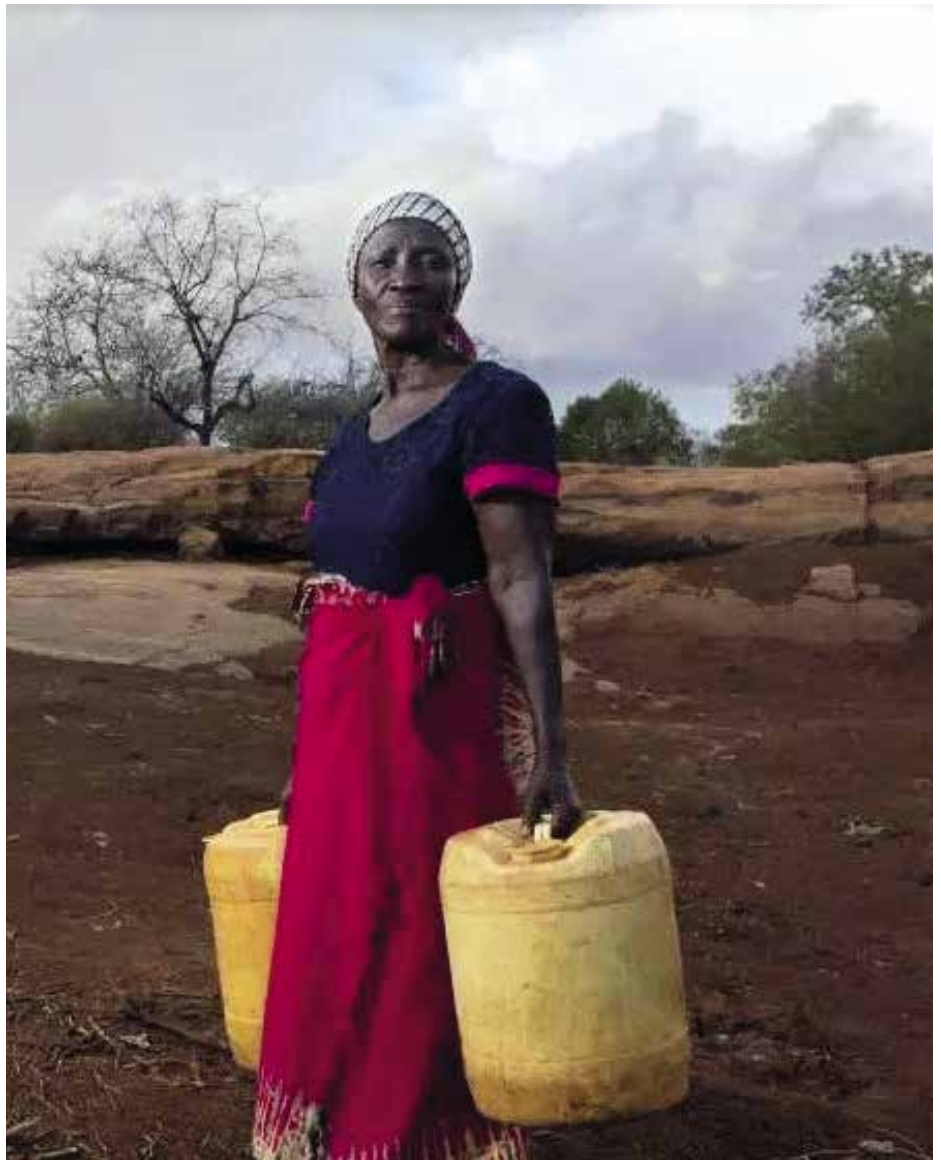
2. Start with small realistic steps. It can be overwhelming for people to consider the scale of the challenge. Therefore, many people have found it beneficial to start with small, tangible suggestions such as switching to a green energy company or starting to use plastic-free and Fairtrade tea and coffee supplies at church meetings and functions. You can use your Church magazine or Facebook to share top tips for the week, perhaps one or two tips a week, so people make small but significant changes. People in your church will need to be educated first and this will lead to action. Eco-Congregation Ireland has an environmental audit that they encourage churches to go through which can help you to identify what those steps might be. For example, removal of plastic cups,

different forms of insulation, LED light bulbs etc, and this is something that all churches should go through. Going through this audit will help you identify the steps that will have the biggest impact on cutting carbon emissions and do those things first.

3. Get people involved in practical challenges which encourage a connection with nature! Encouraging the congregation to get involved with nature and the environment directly serves to reverse some of the damage done by climate change and it also serves to help people feel connected to nature. If they feel connected, they are more likely to continue to take action. There are lots of creative ways that churches have done so. For example, one church built a raised herb bed and engaged the children in the church to plant different sections. Another used their land to plant 1,000 trees and involved the community, and still another gave out saplings for people to take care of. Church land can be used for re-wilding by leaving parts un-mown or it can be used for planting food. Even parts of some graveyards can be left to grow without upsetting people. Churches can build bird boxes or have allotments. It's also worth thinking about Glebe land as there are some places where woodland has been planted on Glebe land. Another resource for churches are the pollinator plans from the National Biodiversity Data Centre in Ireland. There was a suggestion that signs would need to be

put up to explain some initiatives such as re-wilding as congregations tend to want to see tidy, manicured grass. Perhaps, even agreeing that a small part of the green space could be 'mow free' would be a step forward.

4. Incorporate a connection with nature and creation care into worship. There is a need to focus on helping people to understand how essential caring for creation (and those most impacted by changing climate) is in the Bible and to our Creator God. People need time to pray and contemplate on creation care. If you love something enough you will protect it. Including liturgy that embeds the justice narrative into the worship and thinking of the church can be a powerful tool on this journey. It's helpful if church leaders can include this in their preaching. For example, one church leader used the book of Zechariah to show the disproportionate effect that Christians can have on the environment for good or ill.
5. Include political actions. It's vital to include lobbying politicians in your response to climate change. They can effect wider change and use influence at government level. This can take many forms such as inviting a local politician to your creation care service, or to help plant a tree, or to officially open your new wildlife area etc. Get the congregation involved in letter writing and petition signing. Campaign cards could be left on seats, signed and put into the offering for example. Youth groups could write letters or draw pictures of what they love about creation and send to those in authority in their area.
6. Denominational-level action. Individual churches taking action is really important but it's also vital to see action at a denominational level. For example, denominations can look into the energy-efficiency of their manses and rectories. The Methodist church is discussing the possibility of selling old manses and buying newer more energy efficient buildings. Some Church of Ireland dioceses also looking at ways of reducing fuel use in rectories. In a recent Quaker renovation project, the underfloor insulation was 'eco cell' ground up paper rather than foam. Many churches at a denominational level are considering how they can use their investments to support the shift from a fossil-fuel based economy to clean renewable alternatives.



7. Keep it on the agenda. Some spoke of the danger of burning out due to the challenges that can come up when trying to keep creation care and responding to climate change on the agenda. Suggestions for keeping it on the agenda were to regularly include the topic in the church newsletter or magazine. The eco 'champions' should keep asking questions and put it on the agenda of church meetings.
8. Show impact of climate change. It is vital to show the impact of climate change on the ground for real people, whether that be in Ireland or much further afield. Visits to other countries can be effective at inspiring people by showing them examples of local actions for example a recent visit to Swaziland where the team travelling saw rain-water harvesting projects. The trip gave people a greater awareness of issues like single-use plastics. (Although we also recognise the

conflict of long-haul flights involved in these overseas trips) We now know we don't have to travel far to hear from people from around the world. We have all been part of events with contributions from various countries through tools like Zoom and these will continue to be really important in building links and inspiring people.

9. Celebrate progress. It can be challenging to champion this cause when others around you are not as passionate. So, it is vital to celebrate when you make progress – whether a successful lobbying event with your local MLA, the church using re-useable cups at coffee time instead of disposable or the young people being educated and inspired. Keep marking those moments whether big or small!
10. Keep in touch Find out more at [christianaid.ie/climate](http://christianaid.ie/climate) and [irishchurches.org/climate](http://irishchurches.org/climate).

# CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS



Revd Andrew Quill at his sound desk in Holy Trinity Church, Dromore.

## HOW CHURCH IS CONNECTING WITH WORSHIPPERS ONLINE: Council for Missions webinar reveals how it can be done successfully

A very practical and engaging webinar about online church organised by the Church of Ireland's Council for Missions on "Practical Lessons from the Frontline" was held recently.

The event had speakers from across the Church of Ireland including Clogher Diocese and from the Church of England and set out what can be achieved at local level to connect with worshippers through many different mediums including online services.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Nick Shepherd, from the Church of England Digital Labs and other contributors included Revd Andrew Quill, from Dromore Parish, Clogher Diocese; Revd Nicola Halford, Enniscorthy in Diocese of Ferns and Revd Cliff Jeffers, of Dunmanway, in the Diocese of Cork.

Revd Colin McConaghie, Rector of Carrickmacross Group in Clogher Diocese helped organise the event as Secretary of the Council for Missions.

There were three different examples of live streaming given from across different

churches on the Island of Ireland using different technologies.

The participants who were representative of most dioceses from around the country were able to choose which of the three breakout groups they attended, which were led by the rectors from the example parishes. They had an opportunity to follow up on their presentations and ask further questions.

Introduced by the Very Revd Tim Wright, Dean of Kildare and Chairman of the Council for Missions, the keynote speaker, Dr. Nick Shepherd from the Church of England Digital Labs, examined the principles behind digital culture and the church.

He outlined how relational ministry and mission acts were already connecting church and its people such as prayer, sharing meals, pastoral visits, sung worship, Eucharist, sympathy cards, telephone calls, Zoom breakout groups and Bible readings. He then went on to explain digital mediation

which is embedded in offices, homes, cars, newsrooms and churches and embodied through platforms such as sound, photography, videos, gaming, etc as well as in social actions such as Covid 19 support, phone line support for those shielding, and campaigning for mental health.

One of the speakers was Revd Nicola Halford who has been rector of the Enniscorthy and Monart Union of Parishes in Co. Wexford for the past five years.

She explained how there had not been any online presence for worship for her parishes before Covid 19 and the parish group embarked on recorded services as she was finishing maternity leave and with one person in the group who had knowledge of digital work. The first online broadcast was on Palm Sunday 2020.

Revd Halford found the pre-recorded service user friendly, easy to share and allowed her to use different participants.

A webcam was installed at a cost of 2,500 Euros installation fee with an annual

maintenance fee of 500 Euros and 45 Euros per month for broadband connection. The downside was no option for playback but the company is working to include this.

She now adds a Facebook live option which is free and allows for feedback and can be shared easily.

With better quality microphone, the sound quality will improve.

She said online church provided missional opportunities, connecting people across huge distances.

“Online church has given the opportunity to offer God’s message of love and mercy to a vast array of people and to get our own parishioners connected,” she said.

Revd Andrew Quill, Rector of Dromore parish, said they began online services from the Rectory and used videos of parishioners as participants. The broadcast took about two hours to edit.

They then decided to use the many pre-recorded worship songs they possessed so the broadcasts looked more relevant from Dromore.

He explained that streaming licences required them to use homegrown singers. They also incorporate a 10-minute countdown before the beginning of the live broadcasts during which time those viewing can send messages.

Revd Quill went on to explain the equipment they now use, including a Switcher unit and mixing desk.

He encouraged parishes to use the free Bible images which are freely available as well as using the YouTube videos which only show the lyrics and not the musicians or singers. This means the songs are not identifiable to any church.

During questions and answers in a breakout session, Revd Quill was asked about the livestream licence. He explained how most churches now had a licence through CCLI for singing etc during worship but they needed an extra licence for livestreaming services.

He also answered questions about the technical aspect of broadcasting from webcams.

He also reassured people in other churches that problems can also occur citing that even the big TV broadcasters can have technical hitches from time to time.

The third contributor to the webinar was Revd Cliff Jeffers in charge of Fanlobbus Union of Parishes, Dunmanway, Diocese of Cork.

He said all they had before the first lockdown was an active parish Facebook page and a good parish newsletter. His aim was to continue to proclaim the Good News

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- Hear how parishes have remained online post-lockdown.
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**Nick Shepherd**  
Church of England Digital Labs.

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and to be as interactive and connected as possible and to develop the online community.

His group of parishes had good internet, Revd Cliff had a good technical background and they already had computer software for video projection already installed in church. This was then connected through a PC for broadcasting. They also had an active Facebook page and a good parish newsletter for communications.

What initially began from the kitchen table from 6am on the first broadcast during the beginning of the lockdown has now developed into a much more sophisticated system.

One of the first things Revd Cliff did was to bring a small team of people around

him to help with the broadcasts. This has continued with some working on the sounddesk, some interacting with parishioners with messages, etc.

The system was developed where they asked those online worshippers to send in photos based on the theme for the following week’s service and this meant they were feeling connected.

They had good feedback often as a result of surveys. Most people liked the interviews with parishioners.

Now with two laptops and other equipment, the estimated cost to set up a similar system could be between 3,000 Euros and 6,000 Euros with annual costs of between 800-900 Euros a year.



# NEWS FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF CHURCH OF IRELAND



The Standing Committee of the General Synod met in an online format on Tuesday, 15th June 2021. Canon Malcolm Kingston opened the meeting with a reading from Luke chapter 20 and in prayer, remembering the role of the members of the Church to be ambassadors for Christ, seeking to bring hope and encouragement in these challenging times.

The Archbishop of Armagh welcomed the Rt Revd Dr Ian William Ellis to his first meeting of Standing Committee in his capacity as Bishop of Clogher.

The Standing Committee considered the audit of the relationship between parishes and Bishops' Appeal, and an investigation of the possible future development of that relationship, carried out by Williamson Consulting, and supported the Bishops' Appeal Committee in bringing its recommendations for a re-launch of Bishops' Appeal as a resolution to General Synod 2021.

On the recommendation of the Central Communications Board, the Standing Committee approved a subvention of €5,000 from the General Synod Royalties Fund to Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise (the Irish Guild of the Church) towards the reprinting and republishing of An Bíobla Naofa (the Holy Bible) in the Irish language to mark the 40th anniversary of the first publication of the version.

The Standing Committee approved revised wording of the Marriage Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 and the Marriage Regulations (Republic of Ireland) 2007, received from the House of Bishops following the Standing Committee's support at its March 2021 meeting for the revision of the regulations: 'Marriages are ordinarily solemnised in a church or chapel of the Church of Ireland duly consecrated for

public worship. Marriages shall not be solemnised at any place other than a church or chapel of the Church of Ireland duly consecrated for public worship unless the circumstances are exceptional and the prior approval of the relevant bishop has been obtained.'

A report from the focus group set up by the House of Bishops, and chaired by the Bishop of Meath and Kildare, to look at the progress of women in ministry in the Church of Ireland was approved to be passed to the Commission on Ministry for further reflection and appropriate response.

The Standing Committee approved a private member's motion, as follows: 'The Church of Ireland affirms that every human being is created with intrinsic dignity in the image of God with the right to life. We oppose the extreme abortion legislation imposed on Northern Ireland by the United Kingdom Parliament in what was previously considered a devolved issue and ask that legislation is developed that safeguards the wellbeing of both the mother and unborn child. In addition, we encourage our church to provide more support to mothers during pregnancy, particularly during times of crisis.'

Board for Ministry with Children and Families - The Standing Committee approved the proposed terms of reference for the Church of Ireland Board for Ministry with Children and Families which includes a vision 'to equip, resource and advocate for the increased welcome, enhanced inclusion and full participation of children and their families in the whole life of the Church' and 'that every Church of Ireland parish, no matter how big or small, is equipped to provide vibrant and engaging ministry with children and families.'

For the purposes of the work of the Board, a child is defined as an individual up to and including those in primary education and the term family encompasses all who have a part in caring for and raising children. The Board for Ministry with Children and Families will ultimately report to General Synod but will report through the Standing Committee in the initial three-year period. Appointments:

The Revd David White will represent the Church of Ireland at the AGM of the Conference of European Churches on 30th June 2021, on the recommendation of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue and with the agreement of the Honorary Secretaries.

Mr Robert Dunne, Safeguarding Officer (Republic of Ireland), has been confirmed by the Anglican Communion's Safe Church Commission as the provincial representative of the Church of Ireland, on the nomination of the Secretary General and with the approval of the Safeguarding Board.

The Standing Committee approved the nomination of Dr Peter Hamill and the Revd James Mulhall to represent the Board for Ministry with Children and Families on the Executive of the Children's Ministry Network (UK and Ireland) under Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

The Ven Adrian Wilkinson and Mrs Kaye Nesbitt were appointed to propose and second (respectively) the Report of the Standing Committee to General Synod 2021.

Elections and Nominations - The next meeting of the Standing Committee will be on Tuesday, 21st September 2021, ahead of the annual meeting of General Synod, to take place from 30th September to 2nd October 2021. This will be the last meeting of the current membership of the Standing Committee. Elections for members of the Standing Committee to serve in the next triennium (2021-2023) will take place in the months leading up to General Synod, when the names of the new membership will be announced. Nominations for co-options will then follow and the first meeting of the new Standing Committee will take place on Tuesday, 16th November 2021. The Archbishop of Armagh closed the meeting in prayer.

## Northern Ireland abortion law and support for women in pregnancy: statement from the Standing Committee

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by the United Kingdom Parliament in what was previously considered a devolved issue and ask that legislation is developed that safeguards the wellbeing of both the mother and unborn child.

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## Tributes to retiring bishops

Commenting on the announcement that the Bishop of Tuam, Killala and Achonry and the Bishop of Limerick, Killaloe and Ardfert are to retire on 31st October 2021,

The Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd John McDowell, and the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Michael Jackson, have paid tribute to the Bishops of Tuam, Killala and Achonry and the Bishop of Limerick, Killaloe and Ardfert who have announced their retirement from October 31 2021.

It has already been agreed that the united dioceses will be amalgamated once there is a vacancy.

Archbishop McDowell said: "I wish to thank Bishop Patrick Rooke and Bishop Kenneth Kearon for their respective and very distinctive contributions to the work of the House of Bishops and to the life of the Church of Ireland."

Archbishop Jackson said: "The retirement of Bishop Rooke and Bishop Kearon will bring significant structural change to the dioceses. Both the Bishops now retiring and the people of Tuam, Killala and Achonry and of Limerick, Killaloe and Ardfert have done sustained work in building a firm foundation for their future together."

### CROSSWORD ANSWERS *from page 53*

**ACROSS:** 1, Dove. 3, Offender. 9, Alcohol. 10, Loses. 11, Horam. 12, Ophrah. 14, Archbishopric. 17, Samuel. 19, Dwarf. 22, Lacks. 23, Imagine. 24, Military. 25, Revd.

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