

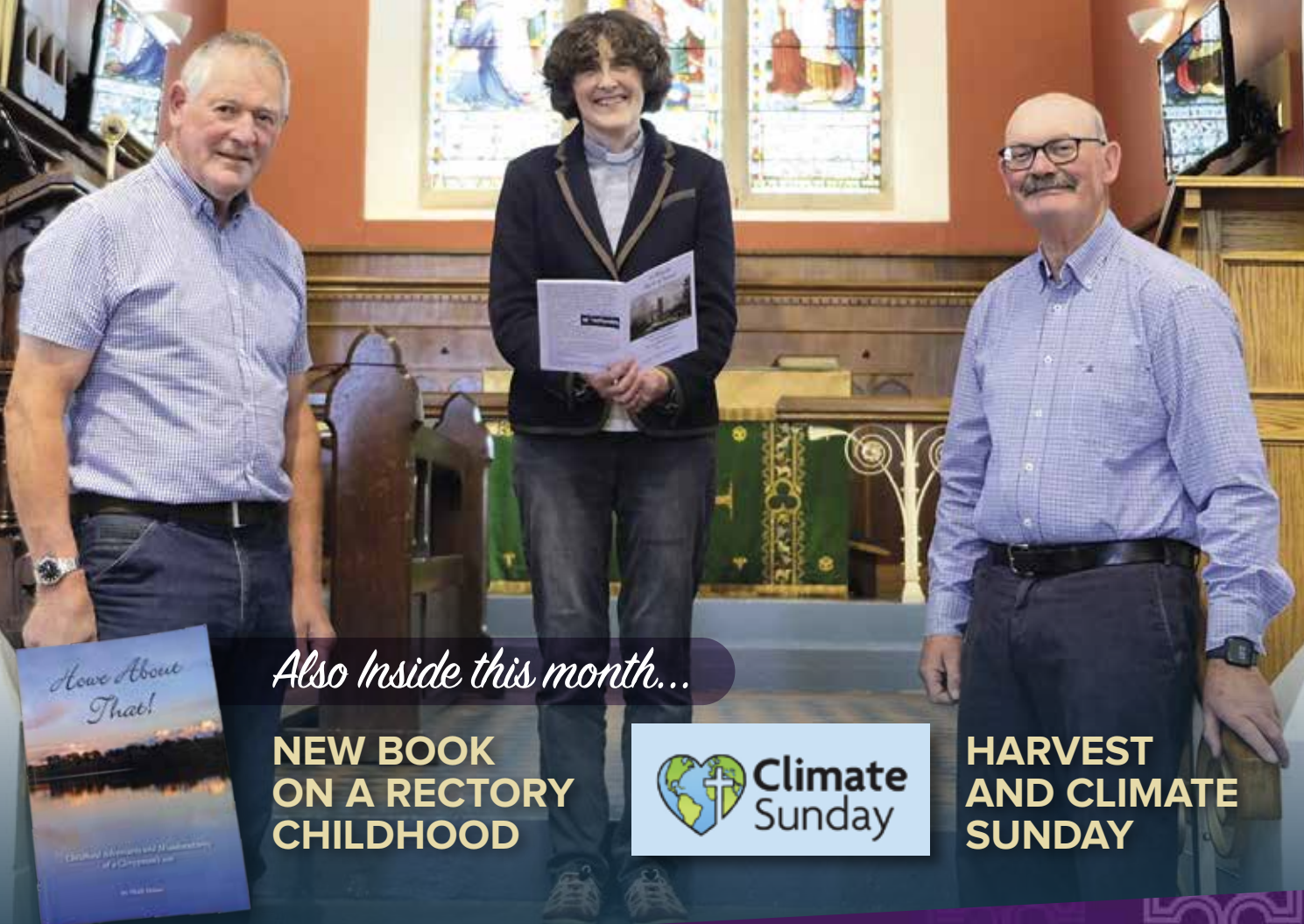


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Revd Stephanie Woods with Ron Ferguson and Eddie Rogers, some members of the organising committee of the heritage weekend at Inishmacsaint Parish Church in September. Full story on Pages 60 and 61.

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Climate Sunday and harvest services



September and October are months for Harvest Thanksgiving Services in churches throughout the country.

Some parishes are endeavouring to have a relatively normal harvest service with examples of harvest displayed in churches. Other parishes are inviting parishioners to bring their own produce in compliance with Covid-19 regulations.

Harvest festivals this year however take on an extra theme, looking after God's creation and our climate. Climate change has become a huge issue globally with dire predictions from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in a recent report.

Our churches are now being invited to host a Climate Sunday before 31st October which marks the beginning of COP26, the UN Climate Change Conference hosted by the United Kingdom in Glasgow. For further information on Climate Sunday, go to; www.climatesunday.org

A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



A Message from the Bishop

CHANGE

September is one of those months of transition in the calendar – it's a time when one season slips imperceptibly into the next. The long days diminish and the trees and hedgerows change their colour from the greens of summer towards the autumn palette of reds, golds and browns.

MICHAELMAS

There is a significant church commemoration on the 29th of September, called St Michael and All Angels also known as Michaelmas. It falls near an equinox, a day associated with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days. In times past in England it used to be said that harvest had to be completed by Michaelmas; it also marks the beginning of legal and university terms.

September is the time for many young people to leave home for the first time to head off for university or college. It's an exciting stage in their development and also a bittersweet moment for parents as their child finally breaks free of the apron strings!



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I have a vivid memory of Heather and I leaving our Timothy to Durham university for the first time and attending evensong in the magnificent Durham Cathedral. The sermon was on this theme of Michaelmas – and the preacher reminded us of its Biblical origins in Revelation Chapter 12, with the Archangel Michael and his battle against Satan. This passage uses vivid pictorial language and expresses a radiant trust in divine providence even amid hardship and suffering.

It was a very comforting message for many parents who like us had deposited their young people in an unknown city to begin a new chapter of their lives, far from the protection of home. We were assured that our loved ones would be safe and we could let go and leave them under in the shelter of God's love. That message is an even greater assurance this year for parents and young people beginning their studies in the additional shadow of the pandemic.

We were also reminded that this is the time for the Michaelmas daisy, it flowers between late August and early October, provides colour and warmth to gardens at a time when most flowers are coming to an end. This flower is probably associated with St Michael as a protector from darkness and evil, just as the daisy fights against the advancing gloom of Autumn and Winter.

The Michaelmas daisy is a brilliant sign of light overcoming darkness, good over evil,



Michaelmas Daisy

hope over despair. As we work through this recovery stage of the coronavirus pandemic in our personal lives and parish and diocesan life, this should give us great heart. We will all have to face significant changes and challenges in rebuilding our society and renewing our church life. However, we are

not to despair and fear the future - God will provide vitality and light despite the gloom which seems to surround us.

AGENTS FOR CHANGE

Another important point about change is that we are not to be its passive victims. We can all be agents for change in small but highly significant ways. There is much to be done in restoring our societal and church life – we need change agents to bring back what we have all missed over the past two years with enthusiasm and new ideas to revive and energise our parishes.

On a global scale there is much to be done to address climate change and individuals and parishes can make a small change to improve the future for our planet. You will



find details about Climate Sunday Initiative elsewhere in the magazine – The initiative is calling on all local churches across Britain and Ireland to hold a climate-focused service on any Sunday before the 26th United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP 26), which is taking place in Glasgow from 31st October to 12th November this year, and to commit to long-term action on climate change. Within this initiative there are resources and ideas which your parish might take up and use the opportunity to bring the topic into our local conversations and begin to change mind sets.

As we enter this season of change, let's re-discover the hope that Michaelmas points to, that despite how difficult the circumstances may seem, God is in control of our ultimate destiny – darkness and evil has been defeated in Christ and our future and the lives of those near us are held in his hand.

And if you have opportunity to enjoy the flowers of the Michaelmas daisy, may your hearts be lifted to see bright signs of God's life restoring us. Remember too we are called to be his agents for change, and we must seize every opportunity serve him and the world.

May God bless you through all the changing scenes of life.

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PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh & Drumsnatt



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Sunday 5th September

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

Sunday 12th September

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

Sunday 19th September

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



Holy Trinity Church, Clogh.

Sunday 26th September

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

King George VI quoted part of a poem
by Minnie Haskins in his Christmas Day
broadcast in 1939:

*"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of
the Year, 'Give me a light that I may tread
safely into the unknown.' And he replied,
'Go out into the darkness, and put your
hand into the hand of God. That shall be
to you better than light, and safer than a
known way.'"*

That seems appropriate at this present time
when various activities should be starting

up again but there is an uncertainty as to
what to do for the best. We can make our
plans but only God knows what lies ahead.
The words from that poem King George
quoted become for us a prayer as we enter
what is still the unknown of what the winter
will bring. Not only from variants of Covid
but also the effects we have seen on our
TV screens of global warming spiralling
dangerously close to being out of control.
A United Nations Intergovernmental Panel
on Climate Change report has given a stark
warning which U.N. Secretary-General
António Guterres described the report as a
"code red for humanity". This is not in some
future tense but now. The report delivered
their starkest warning yet about the
deepening climate emergency, with some of
the changes already set in motion thought to
be "irreversible" for centuries to come.
There is an initiative of Churches Together
in Britain and Ireland and parishes across
the Church of Ireland are being encouraged
to support 'Climate Sunday'. The initiative is
calling on all local churches across Britain
and Ireland to hold a climate-focused
service on any Sunday before the 26th
United Nations Conference of the Parties
(COP 26), which is taking place in Glasgow
from 31st October to 12th November this
year, and to commit to long-term action on
climate change. The collective action and
commitments from local churches across
Britain and Ireland will be presented to
the UK Government at a Nations Climate
Sunday Service in Glasgow on Sunday, 5th
September 2021.

'There is so little I can do' are words you
may have in your mind as we talk about



St. Mark's Church, Aghadrumsee.

such things. Words the disciples said to Jesus as a little boy offered the little he had, five loaves and two fish, and we know how that turned out. Canon Andrew Orr, is Chair of Eco-Congregation Ireland, an inter-church organisation seeking to help churches to celebrate the gift of God's creation, recognize the inter-dependence of all creation, and care for it in their life and mission and through our personal lifestyles. Archbishop John McDowell remarks: "There has probably never been a time when an

emphasis by the Churches on the care of the created order is needed. Climate Sunday gives parishes the opportunity to celebrate God's work in creation as well as his work in redemption, at a time when the need to do so is most pressing." So, we will meditate on these things for our Harvest Services in the group, most likely limited as we will be like last year to our own congregation. Aghadrumsee will be at the usual time for service 12.05pm on 19th September, Clogh will be on 26th

September at the usual time of 10.45am and Drumsnatt will be on 17th October at 3.00pm.

Sympathy

The funeral of Miss Amelia Egerton took place in Clogh Graveyard at the end of July, sympathy is extended to the Egerton Family Circle. We also send our condolences to Henry and Elizabeth Johnston and family on the recent death of Elizabeth's father.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Sunday 5th September
10.45am - Colebrooke HC
12.15pm - Cooneen HC
Sunday 12th September
10.45am - Colebrooke MP
12.15pm - Cooneen MP
Sunday 19th September
10.45am - Colebrooke MP
12.15pm - Cooneen MP
Sunday 26th September
10.45am - Colebrooke MP
12.15pm - Cooneen MP

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

■ On Thursday 8th July 2021, in St Ronan's Colebrooke, the wedding of Miss Joanne O'Malley, daughter of Leslie and Margaret O'Malley, and Neil Thornton, son of David and Ethel Thornton took place. Ms Alison Graham, was the Matron of Honour and Mr Gary Thornton was Best Man. We wish

God's richest blessing on the happy couple as they begin the next exciting chapter in their lives together.

Christian Burial

■ On Sunday 25th July 2021 a service of thanksgiving for the life of Gertrude 'Gertie' Primrose was held in Holy Trinity, Cooneen, with the interment in St John's Fivemiletown following. Gertie was a very well-loved member of our congregation and will be missed by family and friends alike. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family circle at this time. 'The Lord is my Shepherd'.

Burial of Ashes

■ On Sunday 4th July 2021, the interment of the ashes of Joseph Thomas Coulter took place in the graveyard in Colebrooke. On Sunday 18th July 2021, the Interment of the ashes of Angel Thompson took place in the graveyard in Colebrooke.

Parish Organisations

At present the parish organisations will not be resuming as normal, due to the ongoing

Covid 19 situation. When they are able to resume, they will be held as follows:

GFS

Girls Friendly Society will meet every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and upwards, and new members will be made very welcome, taking part in games, cookery, craft, bible study and especially having lots of fun.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

When the Scouts recommence they will be meeting every Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and to 9.15pm for Scouts, 11 – 14 years.

The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

- Squirrels (4 - 6 years)
- Beavers (6 – 8 years)
- Cubs (8 – 11 years)
- Scouts (11 – 14 years)

Bowling Club

When they are able to resume, the Bowling

Club meets in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7.45pm.

Bowls

We would encourage anyone interested to come along, give it a try whilst having fun and fellowship with other members. All age groups welcome.

Mothers' Union

The members are reminded of the plans to hold a meeting on Wednesday 15 September at 8 pm. The details of the meeting will be communicated closer to the date but please put the date in your diary.

All protocols will be observed and necessary guidance followed.

Two branch members joined over 20 MU members and June Butler on the third walk in the diocese on Friday 13 August, walking part of the Ulster Canal in Monaghan and into Rossmore Park. An enjoyable morning was experienced by all present.



Aghavea



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With the summer months almost over, we have had some really hot weather followed by a few weeks of wet weather - so it seems that it was a typical Fermanagh summer! There has been a lot of conversation in the media about Climate Change, and this was very evident with the temperature reaching over 30 degrees Celsius for many days in a row - and at one point I jumped into my van and the temperature read 41! I am reminded in these circumstances of Psalm 24:1 - *the Earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it*. We live in God's world, not ours - and all the damage we are doing to the world

causes harm to God's creation. We need to live in a way that reconciles our faith and our responsibility to care for the world, to heal and not hurt, both to the environment and to all people. Christians should not simply respond to this crisis through science, but through our faith and love for God and all that he has made. We should not simply see God in humanity, but in every aspect of our created world.

Baptism

10th July - George Thomas Toland, son of David and Emma, Brookeborough.

Weddings

- 24th July - Patrick and Rebecca Mullan, Drumsallan.
- 12th August - Kyle and Amanda Smyth, Brookeborough.

Condolences

The parish continues to extend our condolences and prayers to any who have been bereaved at this time, and to those who continue to miss loved ones whose anniversary falls in these months.

Services

Our regular services continue throughout September, and we support the calls of the bishops as they strongly recommend face coverings be worn throughout the services, while being mindful those with medical exemptions. The face coverings are compulsory while entering or leaving the church, while singing, and during any movement during the service.

We are also directed that Holy Communion



Patrick and Rebecca Mullan following their wedding in Aghavea Parish.



Kyle and Amanda Smyth following their wedding in Aghavea in August 2021.

will only be distributed in "one kind", ie only bread being distributed to the congregation. In our parish, the clergy distribute the bread to the seated congregation, further removing any possible chance of Covid spread.

- 5th Sept - Holy Communion
- 12th Sept - Morning Prayer
- 19th Sept - Family Service
- 26th Sept - Morning Prayer

We will be restarting our Evening Services



The famous pink wheelbarrow in church.

on the second and fourth Sundays. On the second Sunday, we will hold our Celebration of Wholeness and Healing at 7pm, and on the fourth Sunday we will hold a service of Evening Prayer.

All our services are open to everyone, and we will continue to pray regularly for those on our prayer list. If you have any requests, please let the rector know at any time - all we need is a name, the Lord knows the circumstances of the person we pray for. Our services are also streamed online via Facebook, through our Aghavea Parish page.

Harvests

It has been a difficult few years for our Harvest Services, with curtailed celebrations of the bounty that is provided to us by God. This year we hope to return to our "normal" Harvest celebrations, with a Friday evening, Sunday morning and evening services - all being planned with the Covid restrictions in mind, so we hope and pray that this will be possible.

We hope to have a guest speaker for our Family service on Sunday morning, and the preacher in the evenings will be the rector, due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The evening services will be at 7.30pm, and seating restrictions will be in place (as at all services in current times) - all are welcome.

Bible Fellowship

Our Bible Fellowship continue to meet fortnightly on Wednesday evenings - our next services are on 8th and

22nd September. Our first Bible Study will face our responsibility to live as God's people in the midst of the Climate Crisis, and the second will consider our response to the Refugee Crisis in countries such as Afghanistan and in countries where Christianity is persecuted. All are welcome to an informal and enjoyable meeting each time, and we continue to explore how our faith influences our daily lives.

Food Bank

We continue to support our local food banks through our Pink Wheelbarrow initiative.

We have had a tremendous response over the summer months and pray that you can continue to do so. We don't ask for much, just that you add an item or two to your weekly shopping for those less fortunate than ourselves; from the rich bounty that God has provided, we give for those in need in our communities.

Again, please consider their needs - and although we immediately think of tinned foods, pasta, rice - we are also reminded that we should be supplying soaps, shampoo, household cleaners, toilet rolls, etc.

Parish Organisations

We intend to restart our parish organisations as soon as we get the green light to do so! It has been a difficult year for our Sunday School, Mothers' Union, GFS, Bowls Club - but we have kept in touch with our leaders and members and anticipate a return in the near future. We thank you for all your understanding and support during the recent months, and will continue to pray that the Covid situation gets under control enough to allow us to resume our meetings.



Baptism for the Toland family.

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Returning to school/college

Best wishes to all who are returning to, or starting, school or college this month. May the Holy Spirit inspire all those involved in education during the forthcoming academic year.

Clontibret National School

By the time these notes appear in print the school will have re-opened and will have welcomed some new pupils. Thank you to the school staff for all their hard work.

Clontibret Parish Sunday School

The children of Clontibret Sunday School had their end-of-year service at the Family Service on Sunday 11th July. Each child received a book in recognition of their hard work and learning during the past year. Thanks were expressed to the Sunday School teachers, and all those involved in any way, for their dedication and for all the time they put into this important ministry in the parish.

Birth of Baby Ava

Congratulations to Clive and Helen Jenkins, Castleblaney, on the birth of a daughter, Ava, a little sister for Katie. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to Ava's baptism in St. Maeldoid's on Sunday 26th September. May God watch over her and guide her as she grows.

Holy Matrimony

■ Best wishes to Vanessa Flack (Muckno Parish) and Conor Cadden, who were married on Friday 9th July in Glaslough. May God, who brought them together, bless their marriage, enrich their lives and deepen their love throughout the years.
■ Best wishes also to Shane Moffett and Samantha Cronhelm who are due to be



Photos from Donna's previous trip to Papua New Guinea.

married in Christ Church, Ballybay, on Saturday 4th September. Their wedding was postponed a number of times due to Covid-19 restrictions, but we hope that it will be able to go ahead this time. We pray that God will richly bless them in their life together.

Sympathy

We extend our sincere condolences to Barbara Johns and her family, Clontibret, on the death of her mother, Myrtle Mills, on 1st July. May Myrtle, and all who have died, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Donna Geary's Mission Trip to Papua New Guinea

By the time these notes appear in print, Donna Geary, a parishioner of St. Colman's Church, Clontibret, will be preparing to undertake voluntary missionary work in Papua New Guinea. We were delighted that she was able to speak to parishioners about her forthcoming trip during services on Sunday 8th August. During her time in Papua New Guinea, Donna will be emailing updates in which she will include prayer points. She would like parishioners, and others, to incorporate these points into their own personal prayers and join with her, and the other members of her team, on specific areas of ministry. She will also include praise reports and results of prayers so you can see the effect your prayers have had! If you would like to receive updates, you can contact Donna at donnainmissions@gmail.com.



Furthermore, Donna will not be receiving any form of salary for her work and will pay her own way (rent, food etc). This means that she will have to raise ongoing funds to continue her work. If you would like to assist Donna, you might consider donating a regular sum of money on a monthly basis or a once off amount (if you haven't done so already). The link to her GoFundMe page is <https://gofund.me/afbaa430>

Prayers

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

Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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Services

Wednesday 2nd September

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Sunday 5th September

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Holy Communion Magheraclone 12noon

Wednesday 8th September

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Sunday 12th September

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Holy Communion Magheraclone 12noon

Morning Prayer Ardragh 1.15pm

Wednesday 15th September

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Sunday 19th September

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 9.00am

Arise and Shine St Finbarr's 10.30am

Service of the Word Magheraclone 12noon

Wednesday 22nd September

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Sunday 26th September

Harvest Thanksgiving Ardragh 3.00pm (NO other services on this day)

Wednesday 29th September

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Magheraclone Outdoor Service

The annual St Molua's Day Service took place in Magheraclone on Sunday 8th August at 3.00pm. We were delighted to be joined for the first time at this service by our guest speaker, Monsignor Shane McCaughey, the recently installed Parish Priest of St Joseph's Carrickmacross. The Monsignor spoke on the importance of memories and our thankfulness to those who passed the faith on to us, that wonderful "cloud of witnesses" we read about in Hebrews 12.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we were unable to provide refreshments but



Magheraclone Outdoor Service.



it was great to see such a large crowd and people from throughout our community reconnecting after so long apart.

Harvest Services

The first of our Harvest Thanksgiving Services takes place in Ardragh on Sunday 26th September at 3.00pm.

Magheraclone's Harvest Thanksgiving takes place on Sunday 3rd October at 3.00pm. The St Finbarr's Harvest is on Sunday 10th October at 7.00pm when it is hoped that we will be able to hold our Group Harvest Supper in the Jackson Hall following the service in St Finbarr's but this will be dependent on Covid regulations.

The preachers for our services are to be confirmed.

The Harvest Services will be the only service within the Group of Parishes on their given Sunday to encourage parishioners to support the other churches in the Group at

this wonderful time of year.

Sunday School

Following over a year of Sunday School at home we look forward to the children once again being able to meet in person on Sunday mornings in September. Updates for the starting date will be sent to parents.

Youth Group and Confirmation

We plan to recommence our Youth Group on Wednesday 15th September following the enforced break due to the pandemic restrictions. This will be dependent upon the latest guidelines at the time.

Youth Group is a mixture of fun games and challenges with a short time of worship and Bible talk. All young people aged 12 to 18 are welcome to attend.

We plan to hold a service of confirmation in late November, confirmation classes will



Youth Group summer get together.



hopefully commence in September. Please speak to Revd Colin if your child is interested in going forward for confirmation.

Prayer Meeting

Our monthly prayer meeting will recommence in the Rectory on Monday 6th September at 8.00pm. All are welcome as we pray for our world, our community, our church and the needs of ourselves and others known to us.

Women's and Men's Group

Both are Women's and Men's Groups hope to arrange a get together in September following the enforced lay off. This will provide a great opportunity for people to catch up and also think of ideas for the year ahead. These will be done within Covid guidelines.

Condolences

It was with great sadness that we learnt

of the death of the oldest member of our Group of Parishes, Mrs Meta Rountree on 13 August. Meta's funeral service took place in St Molua's, Magheraclone.

We convey our deepest sympathy to Meta's children Richard and Meta and the entire family circle, her siblings, son-in law and daughter in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin

Vacant

Rural Dean, Revd John Woods is in charge

For urgent pastoral calls, please contact Dean Kenneth Hall

The month of July was certainly a busy month for both Parishes of Cleenish and Mullaghduin with the completion of major projects and dedication services for both. This month also saw the welcome return of members of the loyal orders for their annual services after a break due to Covid-19 restrictions.

An update from the Diocese regarding mitigations for the coronavirus advises that by wearing a face covering we are showing our support and consideration for other members of the congregation, particularly the more vulnerable and those with underlying health concerns. "Individually and collectively, we are also then continuing to play our part in preventing transmission of the virus. Please continue to ensure that all necessary mitigations and safety measures are in place and that risk assessments are regularly updated". (Diocese of Clogher)



Members of the Black Preceptory with a representative of the Enniskillen District Black Preceptory.

Orange Anniversary Services

On 4th July, Mullaghduin Parish were delighted to welcome members of the Orange Order to their Service. The parade was led by Moybrone Pipe Band. The Service was led by Canon Geoff who extended a warm welcome to all present. He was assisted by Parish Reader, Robert

Watterson. Elizabeth Hazlett and the choir led the Hymns, "O God Our Help In Ages Past", "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "Onward Christian Soldiers". The Lessons were read by Brother Adrian Lucy and Brother Kenneth Humphreys. Following the singing of the National Anthem, Brother Kenneth Humphreys thanked the Rector

and Parish for hosting the Service and wished Canon Geoff God's Blessing for his forthcoming retirement.

Then on 11th July, Cleenish Parish welcomed the members of the three local Loyal Orange Lodges. The Church was filled to the maximum numbers allowed according to the social distancing guidelines with the Church Hall and car park being used by Brethren and parishioners – the service was relayed to both the Church Hall and the Car Park. The service was led by the Rector, Canon G Bridle and the organist was Mrs Joan Brownlee. The service was greatly supported by Brethren from Enniskillen District with the District Master and Secretary present. County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge was represented by the County Grand Secretary, Bro. Alan Elliott. The scripture readings were read by the WMs of 382 and 1709 Bros. Robert Kerr and Billy Griffin respectively. During the expression of thanks Bro. Leslie Nixon LOL 1567 made mention of the fact that this was Canon Bridle's last LOL service due to his retirement at the end of August. The gratitude of the Brethren was passed on to Canon Bridle's for his support over the last 22 years and his personal welcome to all those attending over those years.

Royal Black Service

On 18th July, Cleenish Parish welcomed the members of the local Black Preceptory for Morning Service.

Again, the Service was led by the Rector, Canon G Bridle and the organist was Mrs Joan Brownlee. The hymns were "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus", "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" and "Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah". Readings were read by the WM Sir Knight Robert Kerr, the Chaplain, Sir Knight Leslie Nixon with the vote of thanks by Sir Knight Cecil Brownlee who expressed



The Rector, Canon Geoff Bridle with the project Team at Mullaghduin Church; Stanley Moffatt, Geoffrey Lucy and Tommy Elliott.

special thanks to the Rector for his support towards the Sir Knights over the years and wishing him every blessing in his future retirement.

Dedications

Mullaghduin Parishioners were blessed with wonderful weather on Sunday 18th July as they and guests gathered for a Service of Evening Prayer with the Dedication of the car park extension and new lights. People's Churchwarden Dessie Coalter petitioned the Rector: "Canon Geoff. On behalf of the parishioners of Mullaghduin Parish, I ask you to dedicate to the Glory of God and the furtherance of His Kingdom, the extension to Mullaghduin car park and the lighting system". Elizabeth Hazlett and the choir led the singing of the hymns "O God Our Help In

Ages Past", "Take My Life And Let It Be" and "Bind Us Together, Lord". The project was co-ordinated by Stanley Moffatt who gave a brief synopsis of the work and displayed a photographic record of the different stages involved for everyone to peruse whilst enjoying refreshments outside the Church following the Service.

The second Dedication Service took place in Cleenish Parish on Sunday 25th July, again with continuation of the wonderful weather. During the Service of Evening Prayer, the refurbished Vestry Room and the Church Car Park with lighting and installation of an outdoor sound system was dedicated. The People's Churchwarden Mr Leslie Nixon petitioned the Rector to dedicate these works "to the Glory of God and the Furtherance of His Kingdom". The service included the hymns; "O God, our help in ages past," "Before the hills in order stood," "Take my life, and let it be" and "Bind us together, Lord." The organist was Mrs Joan Brownlee. During his address, Canon Bridle praised the commitment and craftsmanship of all those who gave their gifts and talents to ensure the facilities were provided. Further reports and photographs from both Dedication Services can be found on the Diocese of Clogher website: <https://www.clogher.anglican.org>

Bereavement

William Gordon (Willie) Elliott, who died on 25th June was a faithful parishioner of Mullaghduin Parish for all of his life, serving on the Select Vestry for many years. We extend sympathy to his wife, Margaret, sons Gordon, Deane and Mark and the wider family circle.



A new Vestry Door in Cleenish Parish Church was presented by Mrs Florence Willis and her family in memory of husband and father, Mervyn.



Parishioners enjoyed an Afternoon Tea Picnic in the Church Car Park following the Dedication Service at Cleenish Parish Church.



The Church Car Park lighting at Cleenish Church was presented in Memory of James Balfour by his wife, Jayne, daughter Annie and members of Jame's family.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

MULLAGHDUN PARISH CHURCH

29th June 2021

William Gordon Elliott

24 Windmill Road, Enniskillen

formerly of Derrycormick, Letterbreen.

Cleenish and Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

The members met on Saturday 31st July for the first time since the Covid pandemic. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to catch up on the highs and lows during the past year. Members expressed their delight at getting together again and enjoyed afternoon tea served outside in the grounds of the Moorings Restaurant overlooking the Lough Erne.

It was a wonderful opportunity to say farewell to Mrs Rosita Bridle, a dedicated member and regular attender at branch meetings over the past 22 years. Lettie Coulter, Branch Leader presented Rosita with a gift which the members hope will contribute to her gardening project. The members wished Rosita good health and much happiness in her new home in Belfast. Members expressed interest in meeting again in September whilst there will not be

any outside speakers in line with guidance from Clogher Diocesan Mothers Union, meetings will continue in line with Covid-19 regulations for the remainder of the year. The theme "Building Hope and confidence" continues for 2021.

Details of the September meeting will be circulated to members in due course. New members welcome.

Cleenish Parent and Toddler Group

A Special General Meeting was held in Mrs Margaret Crawford's home on 5th August at 8pm. Mrs Joan Nixon, a founder member of the group, has agreed to take on acting lead as Mrs Rosita Bridle, current leader, leaves the Diocese at the end of August. The future of the group was discussed, and it is clear additional volunteers will be required to maintain the smooth running of the group and assist in additional requirements to maintain a safe environment in accordance with the on-going regulations of the Covid-19 pandemic. Church Voluntary Groups take their lead from the Church of Ireland House of Bishops, the Dioceses; the Cleenish Hall Committee; and the Health Boards. The decision was taken to suspend the running

of the group until January 2022. The current team of volunteers will meet on Tuesday 24th August at 10am to inspect the toys and equipment. The Committee presented Rosita with a leaving gift.

Bellanaleck Community Group

The Group have been in recess during the summer period, however the secretary Mr Owen Wilson still keeps active during this time sending out normal day to day correspondence as soon as it is received. Members of the Group have been active on a rota basis watering flowers daily within the confines of the Village, especially during the prolonged dry spell. It is pleasing to note how well the newly widened Slipway and new Jetty are being utilised on a daily basis.

The Rector's Retirement

As is commonly known, Sunday 29th August marked the final Services for our Rector, Canon Geoff Bridle.

The October issue of the Diocesan Magazine will contain details of the Parishes presentations to Canon Geoff and Mrs Rosita Bridle.



Mothers' Union members enjoying their meal at The Moorings Restaurant.



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From the Rector's Desk

"... though its waters roar and foam"

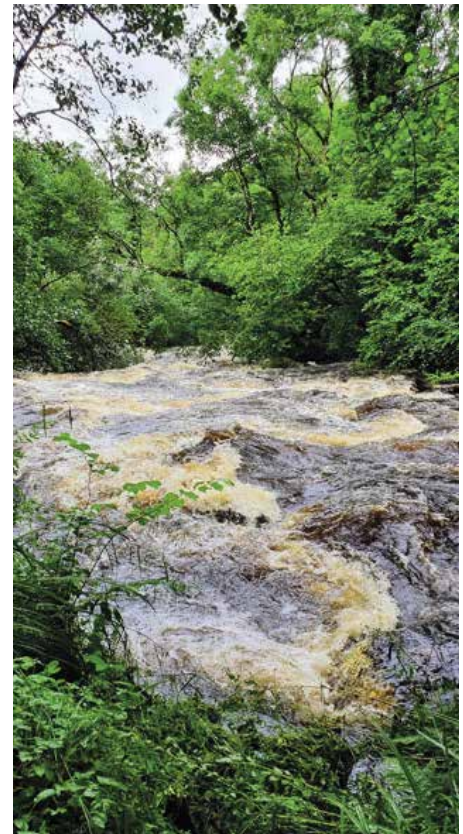
As Sam and I (my chocolate Labrador) were out for one of our walks recently, these words of Psalm 46 came very vividly to mind. The familiar gentle comforting flow of the Claddagh River had been transformed to almost something unrecognisable. The bird sound and soothing gurgle of the river had now been replaced by noise, it was the mighty noise of hundreds of gallons of wild storm water coming off the mountain and now being constrained and forced to take a path not of its own choosing, its rebellion and displeasure almost palpable in the air as we witnessed its strength.

I began to think on the rest of Psalm 46, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Trouble has a way of catching us unaware, it doesn't tend to give us notice of its intentions, but rather it so often crashes in on our everyday life, making its presence greatly felt and drowning out the sounds of everything else around it.

As Sam and I walked along the path I have to confess to holding him a little closer, and in a strange way he stayed a little closer to me too, never once looking to pull away. How much more does God do this for us, God is our refuge, and He is stronger than anything that this world may cast our way. You see nothing ever takes God by surprise, He knows exactly what each day holds for us, and He is right beside us every step of the way, indeed in my own experience I would say in times of trouble He is even closer.

So, whatever you may be walking through today, perhaps you can hear the birds singing and you are at peace, or perhaps you find yourself in a time of trouble, all you



can hear is noise around you, just know that our mighty Father God is present with you, reach out to Him and He won't let you go.

"Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" Psalm 46: 10

Rev. Olie

Revd. Pat Drops into the Cathedral

On Sunday 1st August it was lovely to have the Revd Dr. Pat Mollan with us in the Cathedral for morning service. Revd Pat preached on John 6:24-35 reminding the



Revd Dr. Pat Mollan and Revd Olie.

congregation that there is a 'Jesus shaped' hole in all of us.

Confirmation

We are very pleased that following the rather lengthy postponement of our Confirmation classes that we are now back on track and classes have recommenced. We hope to have a service of confirmation this November (restrictions permitting). Across our Group of Parishes we have parishioners who have committed to pray specifically for at least one of our candidates in both their preparation for confirmation and afterwards. This is a tremendous investment in our young people and one which will undoubtedly enrich the lives of each of our candidates. Please may I urge you if you are not already remembering our young people in your prayers to do so, your time will certainly not be wasted.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Full details of Harvest thanksgiving Services will be circulated to parishioners closer to the time.



Prayer Requests

Our prayer team are faithfully continuing to pray and intercede for all who have

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

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

Marriage

On Saturday 24th July in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher we had the joy of celebrating the marriage of Miss Wendy Crawford and Mr Markus Botha, we wish them both God's richest blessings as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Christian Baptism

Elmamay Diane Rachel Wilson-Cooke, infant daughter of Avril and Andrew, 26th June 2021, St. Mark's Newtownsaville

Freddie Rolie Ray Orr, infant son of Nathan and Leona, 27th June 2021, St. Macartan's Cathedral



The 'newly married' Mr and Mrs Botha.

Christian Burial

- St. Mark's Newtownsaville, 21st July 2021 - Mr William (Billy) Irvine
- St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher, 5th August - Mr Noel George Ramsey
- St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher, 6th August - Mrs Rebecca (Reba) Kathleen Myers
- St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher, 7th August - Mrs Dorothy (Alex) Alexandra Hackett.



Little Elmamay with her parents Avril and Andy and big brother Tony.



Master Freddie with his parents Nathan and Leona and his Godparents.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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During the summer months our Sunday congregations have been relatively small. However we have all remained delighted just to be able to gather together as a church community and to have the opportunity to worship in our own church buildings each week, with all Covid-19 measures firmly in place. It has also been a welcome development that the recent easing of regulations now allows for our excellent organists to be able to play the pipe organ again. It has been a real joy to listen to them, even though the flip side of this has been that we have had to sacrifice listening to the wide range of recorded music that the Rector put together for us each service. We now await further government guidelines with regard to the reintroduction of congregational singing,



Four generations of the Moore family.



Young people enjoying the parish outing.

which we would very much welcome when it is considered safe to do so. In the meantime, though, Clones church has taken advantage of the possibility to have a small group of musicians singing hymns on our behalf during Sunday worship, and perhaps the other churches in our Group will decide to follow suit? In any case, we all look forward with anticipation to the months ahead!

Forthcoming Services

5 September

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

12 September

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

19 September

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer
(both services led by Mr Keith Brown as the Rector is away)

26 September

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

3 October

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

Baptisms

■ On 4 July in Clones we were delighted to baptise baby Robert Moore, son of Sandra and Daryl. It was an extra-special occasion since Robert was then our youngest parishioner, and his great-grandfather Leslie is our oldest! All four generations of the family were present.

■ On 22 August in Scotshouse we were equally delighted to baptise baby Daniel Cyril Rusk, son of Kiera and Richard. This

was another extra-special occasion as well – particularly since Daniel, his father Richard, and his grandfather Cyril (also Rector's Churchwarden in Clones) all share the same birthday ... apparently a 1 in 130,000 chance!

We pray that the Lord will richly bless Robert, Daniel, and both their families as they journey onwards in faith.

Annual General Vestry Meetings

Current government guidelines only allow us to have meetings indoors if we just admit people who have a 'Covid passport'. Since we hope that these regulations might be eased soon, we have decided to wait until all our parishioners are able to attend our AGVMs before we hold them. Further details soon ... we hope!

Sunday School Celebration

We ended our last Sunday School year in June with a fun family service followed by a picnic in Rossmore Forest Park, Monaghan. All the Sunday School teachers in our Group are now 'ready to go' for the new term ahead – and we are delighted to announce that Sandra Moore will be taking over in Clones from Christine Rusk, who has retired after many years' service. However, exactly when we will be able to start lessons again will depend on the government's Covid-19 regulations. We will announce further details in church as soon as we are able.

Thank you to Roy Crowe and Clones Select Vestry volunteers

Our thanks go to Roy Crowe and his team of Select Vestry volunteers who have taken

over the role of Sexton in Clones from Christine Rusk. This is an important role in the running of the church, and we are grateful to those who will fulfil it.

Finally ... thank you to our Clones grass cutting team

Some weeks ago the grass in Clones graveyard seemed to be getting longer and longer by the minute. Amanda Irwin issued a challenge to us to clear the grass, and lots of parishioners turned out one evening to do precisely that. We all had great fun just working and laughing together, and there was lots to do for both children and adults. Many thanks to all who took part and made such a difference to our graveyard.



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Services

SEPTEMBER

- 5th** Holy Communion 11.30am
- 12th** Family Service 11.30am
- 19th** Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 26th** Morning Prayer 11.30am

OCTOBER

- 3rd** Holy Communion 11.30am
- 8th** Harvest Service 8.00pm
- 10th** Family Harvest 11.30am
- 10th** Harvest Service 7.00pm
- 17th** Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 24th** Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 31st** Morning Prayer 11.30am

Christian Wedding

■ 17th July 2021

Lauren Thompson and Andrew Young,
Colaghty Parish Church.

Reconnect Service

It was pleasing to see a good number of children and parents attend the reconnect service in June. A chance to reconnect with the Sunday school children and confirmation class before the summer break. An opportunity to share in fellowship, to worship God and encourage one another in our faith. The rector delivered a suitable children's talk and at the conclusion of the service Sunday school prizes were handed out, acknowledging the contribution of the children in completing lessons at home and returning the same. Thanks to all the

Sunday school teachers, throughout this period and to Jason in leading the worship.

Orange Anniversary Service

It was a delight to welcome the local lodges and Lack Pipe Band for 'In-Church worship' this year, as last year due to restrictions, a Drive-in service was held in the carpark. Many of those in attendance expressed delight in being able to share in fellowship and worship. The rector conducted the service and preached on the moral and spiritual decline, challenging us to live the life that God has called us to live in His service.



Lack Pipe Band leading the parade.

R&D's Sizzlers

We thank Almighty God for blessing us with beautiful weather, succulent food and the opportunity for fellowship at the 'Drive through' burger night, Colaghty style. A huge thankyou to everyone, who came along on the evening, for your support and donations towards the parish funds. We extend deepest appreciation and thanks to those who generously donated the food, drinks etc. our resident barbecue king and queen, those who took orders, and served the burgers. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

Sunday School/Confirmation

At the time of writing, it is intended that both will recommence on Sunday 12th September at 10.30am in the parish hall, providing Covid-19 restrictions and the Church of Ireland 'In-Church' protocols allow. We would encourage all to register their children and to attend, as we seek to fulfil the promises made in bringing them up in the Christian faith. We will notify parents in advance, if there are any changes to this date going forward, either on the parish Facebook page or on the church weekly notices.

Harvest Weekend

This year will be one in which we have much to thank God for in the blessings of harvest as we have in every year before. To acknowledge God who created, who sent seed for the Sower, who watered the earth, give the warmth, the growth that we may reap a bountiful harvest. Mindful



Members of the Orange Order parading to the church.

of the final harvest still to come when the reaper will go forth and gather in the wheat to the barn and the tares to fire. Let us as we give thanks this year, keep in mind the final harvest and live accordingly with God's will, fully aware that all things will be held to account. We look forward to welcoming Mr Keith Browne to our Friday evening harvest on 8th October at 8.00pm.

Please check weekly notices for other groups and organisations around dates for meetings etc.



Homegrown potatoes harvested from the parish garden.



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Worship

Sunday 12th September

10.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

11.45am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

Sunday 19th September

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

7.00pm Confirmation in Castle Archdale

Wednesday 22nd September

8.00pm Confirmation in Derryvullen North

Sunday 19th September

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

Sunday 26th September

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)



Attending the Orange Anniversary Service.



Attending the Orange Anniversary Service.

Sunday 3rd October

10.15am Castle Archdale Harvest Thanksgiving

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

7.00pm Castle Archdale Harvest Thanksgiving (Preacher Canon Alan Irwin)

Orange Service 11th July

A service of the Office of Evening Prayer was held with local members of the Orange Order on Sunday 11th July in St Tighernach's Church, Derryvullen North. We were joined by representatives of LOL 159, WLOL 222, LOL 1270 and Drumharvey Pipe Band. Last year it was not possible to hold public worship and this year we had to keep to limited numbers and a shortened form of service. The Bible reading was by W Bro Hubert Elliott, the soloist was Bro William Neville accompanied by Organist Mrs Florence Barrett and the Piper was Mr Jason Irvine. We were also very pleased to have the choir of St Tighernach's Church lead the praise.


Community Service

The annual Inter-Church Community Service was held as part of the Lady of the Lake Festival. Both the Festival and the Service had to be more limited in scope due to the ongoing restrictions. This Service is a celebration of our shared faith and the strong community spirit in the area. We would normally have held the Service on White Island (which is within Castle Archdale Parish) and there would have been the ever popular boat trip as part of our time together. This year we held an open


air service in the Garden of the Celtic Saints (within the grounds of the Sacred Heart Church). The praise was led by members of the Community Choir and the worship was led by Ruth Morrow (Methodist Church) Fr Kevin (Catholic Church), John Kerr (Presbyterian Church), and Canon Paul (Church of Ireland). We were joined by Joe Mahon who gave as always so much practical assistance and who puts so much work into the Festival and also by Canon Michael McGourty who is enjoying his retirement. Unfortunately both the Revd George Bowes and the Revd Günther Andrich were unable to be present and sent their apologies.

Lady of the Lake Festival 2021


Community Inter-Church Service




Sacred Heart, Catholic Church



Methodist church



Presbyterian Church



St Tighernach's Church of Ireland

Due to the current restrictions this service is unable to be held on White Island and so instead we are using the Garden of the Celtic Saints in Irvinestown

Sunday 11th July 2021
6.00pm

Act of Remembrance

On the morning of the Twelfth of July the Rector led a short act of Prayer and Remembrance with the members of Drumharvey LOL 159 at the War Graves, Derryvullen North. As part of the occasion, a wreath was laid at the Cross of Sacrifice. Piper Jason Irvine introduced the ceremony with a Lament for the Fallen and also brought it to a close with a most appropriate selection of hymn tunes. We had held a similar, though much more low key ceremony last year too (in keeping with the restrictions of the time), and the members of the local lodge along with the Rector felt it would be a positive way to begin the day this year too. Following this ceremony the Lodge Members were led around the town by Drumharvey Pipe Band.

New Castle Archdale microphone

The Select Vestry of Castle Archdale Church installed a new microphone specifically for use in the chancel and sanctuary of the Church. A photograph is included of Dr Margaret and the new microphone.



Castle Archdale Barbecue

At the time of preparing the magazine notes the Select Vestry of Castle Archdale Parish is planning to hold a barbecue in the grounds of Castle Archdale Forest Park on Friday 20th August and in the next edition of the magazine we will have a report of the occasion. This is being held to commemorate the foundation of Northern Ireland.



Derryvullen North Commemorative Book Marks

The Select Vestry of Derryvullen North Parish is planning specially designed commemorative bookmarks to be made available at Church to parishioners. These are to celebrate the centenary of Northern Ireland and feature the centenary logo, a photograph of the Church and a prayer with accompanying Bible verse. At the time of preparing these notes, it is planned to make these available from Sunday 22nd August when the Centenary Service will be held.

Special Centenary Services

At the time of writing these notes it is planned that on Sunday 22nd August there will be a special order of service use in both Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale marking the centenary of Northern Ireland.

Walking Group

Over the summer we are very grateful to Lorna Graham for organising the Walking Group – leaving Derryvullen North Car Park each Tuesday at 7.30pm. This is not just for members of our parishes but also for friends and neighbours from the wider community. In the Bible we are taught that we are body, mind and spirit and "well-being" involves taking care of the whole person. A walk in lovely surroundings along with other people can indeed be very good for us.

Visiting Musician

It is planned that on Sunday 12th September we will have a guest musician playing at each of our Services in both parishes – Major Steve Whittingham (Salvation Army). Steve, along with his wife Major Christine Whittingham, will be in the area on holiday and having



contributed to several of our online acts of reflection and worship we now hope that Steve is able to join us "in-church" on this occasion. Major Steve and Canon Paul served together in Ministry for several years in England and have remained good friends ever since.

Confirmation

This will be celebrated Sunday 19th September 7pm in Castle Archdale and Wednesday 22nd September 8pm in Derryvullen North. This year attendance at the Services of confirmation will be limited to the candidates and families due to the social distancing that is still required of us. Please do remember the candidates in your prayers – there are 13 young people being confirmed and we are grateful to the dedicated teachers of the two Sunday Schools who supported and taught them over the past years. The Rector has been finishing off the course of preparation with them over the summer but we have of course had to adapt to the current restrictions but the group have been exemplary in their time together in spite of the limitation.

From the Registers

BAPTISM

"You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever." Ephesians 1:13



Some members of the Walking Group.

- Amber Louise Patterson, 27/06/2021 (Castle Archdale Parish)
- Ralph Hetherington, 05/07/2021 (Derryvullen North Parish)
- Isla Dolan, 15/08/2021 (Derryvullen North Parish)

Holy Matrimony

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves."

Romans 12:10

- Tracy Kathleen Webb and Reza Jolfaei (Derryvullen North Parish) - 6th August 2021
- Holly Johnston and Aaron Robert Noble

(Castle Archdale Parish) - 12th August 2021

Christian Burial

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

- Gerald Bruce (Derryvullen North Parish) - 22nd June 2021
- James Connolly (Castle Archdale Parish) - 2nd July 2021
- Robert Weir (Castle Archdale Parish) - 13th August 2021

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, 5th September

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

Sunday, 12th September

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

Sunday, 19th September

10.30am – Morning Prayer, Garvary
12 Noon – Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South
Sunday, 26th September
10.30am – Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South
12 Noon – Morning Prayer, Garvary

Family Sunday

On 30th June, a Family Sunday was held in Garvary when the children received their prizes.

Holy Baptism

- 11th July 2021 – Ruby Emily Doreen Fannin, daughter of Lyn and Alan Fannin.

Burial

- 6th August 2021 – Jack O'Brien, Feddan Road, Garvary, Enniskillen. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife, Audrey; daughter Wendy; son-in-law John and



grandchildren Jessica and Ben and the wider family circle.

Prayers

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

Devenish & Boho



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September Services

Sunday 5th

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 12th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 19th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 26th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church



Gerry McDermott and Ken McKeown.



Kenny Ferguson, Emily Hall and Maud Ferguson.

Burials

■ Sunday 4th July

Kathleen Elizabeth Irwin, Aghaherrish, Boho. The funeral service was held in Boho Parish Church and was conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka. Kathleen's grandson, Alastair Irwin paid a tribute to her life. His brother Andrew, accompanied by his mother Catherine, sang a solo. Burial was in Boho Parish Graveyard.

Church was central to Kathleen's life and she played a very active part in Boho Parish. She was organist for over 60 years and she worked with many different ministers in providing music for services in Boho. Kathleen was also a member of the Mothers' Union.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Kathleen's sons Basil, Trevor, Ian and Gary, daughter Enid and the wider family circle.



Joe and Margaret Reilly.

■ Saturday 7th August 2021

Noreen Anna Acheson, the Tilery Nursing Home and formerly of Windy Ridge, Monea. The funeral service was held in Devenish Parish Church and was conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka. Noreen's grand-daughter,



Group of young people.



Kay McKeown and Emily Hall.



David and Dorothy Scott and Jim Wilson and grandchildren.

Alison Boreland gave the Eulogy and her grand-nephew, Andrew Irwin sang a solo. Burial was in Devenish Parish Graveyard. Noreen was a faithful and dedicated parishioner of Devenish Parish Church. She was Secretary to the Select Vestry, Choir member, Sunday school teacher and Mothers' Union member. Noreen along with Gladys Latimer founded Monea Girl Guide Company and Noreen led the guide unit for many years. A former guide said of Noreen; "what a wonderful role model she was for

we guides and gave us a lot of fun with it." We offer our deepest sympathy to Noreen's daughter Joy, son in law Alex, grandson Jason, granddaughter Alison and husband Barry and great-grandchildren Oliver and Phoebe and brothers George and Joe and the wider family circle.

A Walk, Chat and Ice cream

During these difficult times parishioners have limited opportunities to meet. The Select Vestry decided to hold a walk,

chat and ice cream in Ely Lodge forest on Saturday 14th August. Despite rain at the beginning of the evening a large variety of age groups turned up and after a walk through the forest enjoyed a chat and an ice cream in the car park. Everyone and particularly the young people enjoyed the evening. The evening coincided with David Scott's birthday and donations were made to the Chest, Heart and Stroke association. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and gave donations.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh

Chancellor **Ian Berry** is in charge.

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

Services for September

Sunday 5th

Donagh 10.30am (H.C.)
Tyholland 12.00 (H.C.)

Sunday 12th

Donagh 10.30am (M.P.)
Errigal Truagh 12.00 (H.C.)

Sunday 19th

Donagh 10.30am (M.P.)
Tyholland 12.00 (M.P.)

Sunday 26th

Donagh 10.30am (M.P.)
Errigal Truagh 12.00 (M.P.)

Children's Day

A big "thank-you" to all who took part



Errigal Truagh Church.

in the organisation of Children's Day on Sunday 27th June and to Mr Walter Pringle who led the service in the absence of his wife Revd Margaret Pringle.

The Sunday School children all gave of their talents and contributed to a video which was shown on the screen to avoid too much walking around the church

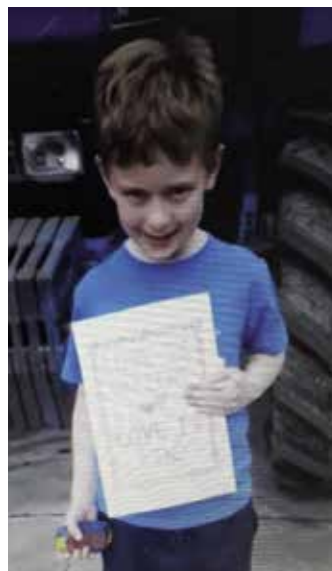
during the present Covid restrictions.

The theme of the video was based on Corinthians "Faith, Hope and Love" and opened with a welcome from the Keith family followed by the song "Hello Welcome" sung by Jessica, Emma and Hallie. Jack Taylor read from Corinthians Chapter 13 verses 1-13. Katherine Ryan



Photos of children during Children's Day services.

read from Romans Chapter 10 verse 17 "Faith comes from hearing and hearing by the word of Christ" followed by an impressive rendition of "New Orleans" on her piano. Matthew and Eve Atkinson recited memory verses emphasising 'Love' followed by Daniel playing his drum accompanied by his brother Stewart on flute. Hallie Treanor sang a solo "This little light of Mine" accompanied by Alexandra Kendrick on piano. This was followed by a series of memory verses and slate/stone/paintings by Daniel, Luke, Victoria, Hannah, Adam, Lily, Jonah and Harvey all based on the theme of Faith, Hope and Love. The prayers opened with the song "Prayer is like a telephone" sung by Jessica, Emma and Hallie and were read by Harvey, Dylan, Danny, Nathan, Bobby T, Lily, Victoria, Alfie, Daniel, Adam, Eve, Jessica, Emma, Bobby T, Jonah and Tommy T.





The children concluded their service with a drama entitled "I don't like Covid-19" by Jessica Coulter (Granny) and Hallie Treanor (Granddaughter Jenny). The aim of the script was to encourage people to look for, and give thanks for, God's blessings throughout the Covid -19 crisis and to remind us that God's love and goodness remain the same no matter what happens in our lives.

We give thanks for the Sunday school teachers who nurture the talents of the Sunday School children, for the children themselves and their willingness to contribute to church life which brings us much hope for the future.

"This hope will not disappoint because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Illness

We continue to remember the Revd Margaret Pringle in our prayers as she continues to recover slowly from her present immobility.

Bereavement

We offer our deepest sympathy to Adam and Annie Wilson (son and daughter-in-law of Ronnie and Doris) on the sudden death of Annie's mother, Siobhan.

Easter Vestry Meetings

Thank you to Chancellor Ian Berry for conducting the Easter Vestry meetings for Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh. The following were appointed to serve:

Donagh:

Rector's Churchwarden: Mrs Jean Wallace
 People's Churchwarden: Mr Robert Jordan
 Glebewardens: Mr Clayton Coulter

Select Vestry: Mrs Diane Wright Kendrick (Hon. Sec.); Miss Michelle Atkinson (Assistant Secretary); Mrs Eileen Coulter (Hon. Treasurer); Mrs Maureen Atkinson; Mr Kenneth Atkinson; Mr Jim Keith; Mrs Marina Waller; Mr Ron Kendrick; Mrs Eunice Hall.

Tyholland with Errigal Truagh:

Rector's Churchwardens: David Montgomery and William Singleton
 People's Churchwardens: Robert Wilson and Robert Singleton
 Glebewardens: Glenn Garland and Robert Singleton

Select Vestry: Mrs Ethne McCord (Hon. Sec.); Mrs Eleanor Stewart (Hon. Treasurer); Arlene Stewart; Wilfie Garland; Elizabeth Garland; Doris Wilson; Ronnie Wilson; Daisy Montgomery ; Shirley Wilson, Emily Singleton; Joan Singleton.



Photos of children during Children's Day services.



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Parishioners enjoy an ice cream.

The Love of God

God wants you to feel his love for you. He wants you to accept his love in your heart. You can receive his love in a new way today.

A man is walking along a road hand-in-hand with his child. The boy knows that this man is his father and that his father loves him. But suddenly the father stops, picks up the child, lifts him into his arms, embraces him, kisses him and hugs him. Then he puts him down again, and they continue walking. It is a wonderful thing to walk along holding your father's hand; but it is an incomparably greater thing to have his arms wrapped around you.

That was the way Thomas Goodwin, one of the Puritans of 300 years ago, illustrated

the experience of God's love. We know that God loves us through the cross: 'God demonstrated his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us' (Romans 5:8). We experience God's love through the Holy Spirit: 'God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us' (Romans 5:5).

'The whole Bible,' St Augustine observes, 'does nothing but tell of God's love'. Raniero Cantalamessa writes that, 'This is the message that supports and explains all the other messages. The love of God is the answer to all the "whys" in the Bible: the why of creation, the why of the incarnation, the why of redemption. If the written word of the Bible could be changed into a spoken word and become one single voice, this voice, more powerful than the roaring of the sea would cry out: "the Father loves you!" (John 16:27). Everything that God does and says in the Bible is love, even God's anger is nothing but love. God "is" love!' (Day 199 of Bible in One Year, <http://www.htb.org.uk/bioy/commentary/>)

Children's Service

Our Children's Service was held on Sunday 20th June 2021. Sarah Emerson, our Scripture Union E3 School's Worker for the Omagh and Castlederg area, did an all-age talk as well as sharing an update video during our countdown timer. Sarah shared how although Covid has meant that most of her work has had to go online (online assemblies, talks and virtual groups), she is now connected with more schools than before the pandemic. Resources that she and other SU workers have put together on YouTube have been very well received and reached many, opening up doors to schools

which weren't linked with SU before. After the service we had an ice cream van for the children as well as the adults to enjoy an ice cream in the beautiful sun shine.

Please continue to pray for Sarah and her work within the schools as well as supporting the work financially. Sarah shared in her end of year report that the finances finished with a deficit (as fundraising events, which would normally be run throughout the year, couldn't happen because of Covid-19.

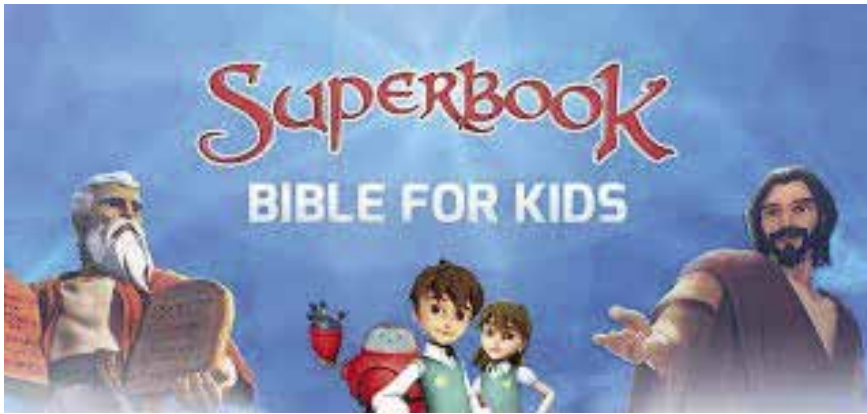
N.B. Details of our services over September will be on our Facebook page.

Superbook App

The Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) launched an animated program for children aged six and above called 'Superbook'.



Sarah Emerson
who spoke at the
Children's Service.



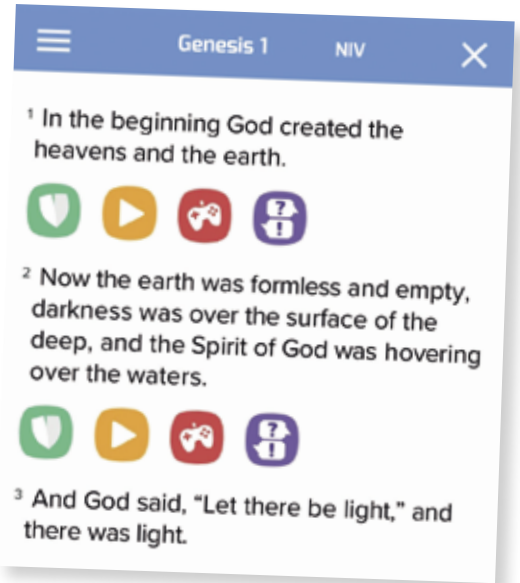
This has been brought together with the Bible, Games, Bible Questions and Answers, Bible Profiles and Daily Quests into an App. Daily Quests can help children to learn Bible verses as well as discovering what they mean. Bible Q & A offer a place where children can find out answers to questions on, God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, Heaven, Prayer and many other subjects. When reading the Bible (different translations to choose from and download), four different symbols are shown for certain verses, so that you can click on 'profiles', 'videos',

'games' and 'Q&A' relating to a particular verse. Why not download the app and give it a try.

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/UCwj585CXlqQq6W6h7_2AiYg/

- Watch uploaded Services on YouTube on a smart TV, uploaded usually on Sunday afternoon (All-age 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 I began to write these words, I was patiently awaiting the second heatwave that we have been promised. Today was a pleasant day and I managed to get my grass cut before it required the services of a contractor of the agricultural nature so I cannot complain. However this thought shows that we spend our lives in hopeful expectation of something better in the future which is understandable in some ways but is not always healthy for us. I think that is particularly true in relation to the current times as we hope for

something other than the current restrictions and limitations that are placed on our lives (albeit that they are less severe now than in the past). I know that this is true for me and I am sure that it is true for others as well.

While the infection numbers do not look good at present it seems that locally at least this has not been reflected in deaths. I do not want to underestimate the severity of this virus but I look at the figures daily and on 1 June 2021 there were 6083 recorded cases in the Fermanagh and Omagh area and there had been very sadly 86 deaths related to Covid 19. As of today, 11 August there have been 8274 recorded cases in this area (Fermanagh and Omagh) with only one additional death despite the recent spike in case numbers.

So in very general terms there have been over a third more cases since 1 June with one additional death.

I have to admit that I was surprised when I reviewed the notes that I have made over the last 10 months to discover the above facts (according to the Department of Health Dashboard). I think that this demonstrates the importance of looking at the figures as far as we can for ourselves as the media and our elected representatives might paint a different picture.

While we do need to continue to be

careful, we must begin to ask questions of those who make the decisions that have an impact on our day to day lives.

I know some may feel that I should not say this but I feel that I must as churches seem to be under more restriction than any other area of society.

I admit that I feel that I must ask WHY this is the case and I know that there are others within our churches who are asking the same question.

When I started to write these words these questions and thoughts were not what I intended to put to paper but as I have written them, I feel that they need to be asked and said.

Why are churches being treated differently to every other part of society despite our adherence to everything that we have been asked to do?

I cannot answer that question and will leave it to you to consider if you agree with what I have said.

It is fair to say that we all hope for better times and our faith gives us that hope.

As we read in Hebrews chapter 11, faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

We see that word hope again and as Christians we hope for something that is beyond this life with all its challenges.

Where is our hope found – as the hymnwriters tell us, our hope is to be found

In Christ Alone. As we move forward in faith, we should reassess our priorities and we should seek to focus our hopes on what truly matters rather than on the things of this world.

Diary

Sunday 5 September

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid.

Sunday 12 September

Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid.

Sunday 12 September

Harvest Muckcross 7pm.

Sunday 19 September

Morning Prayer Tubrid 10.00am,
Service of Confirmation 11.30 Tubrid.

Sunday 19 September

Harvest Templecarne 7pm – speaker:
Archdeacon David Huss.

Sunday 26 September

Morning Prayer Muckcross 10.00,
Harvest Tubrid 11.30am.

Please note that the planned service for Dernasesk for 5 September will not go ahead as at the time of writing we are still restricted as to the numbers we can have in church which means that a service there is not practical.

Sunday school

I hope that we will be able to reopen Sunday School in the Autumn and will communicate details of this as soon as we



make the necessary decisions as regards dates.

Confirmation

A Service of Confirmation has been arranged for Sunday 19 September at Drumkeeran. At this stage it is likely that this will be for the candidates and their families only. Unless there are major changes to the restrictions which allow us to have this as our normal service, I will hold a service of Morning Prayer in Tubrid at 10.00 for the remainder of the

congregation which will be in the Hall.

Harvests

I have outlined the details of the Harvest Services under the Diary.

We look forward to welcoming Archdeacon David Huss, Rector of Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey Parishes to Templecarne on 19 September. I will be the speaker at the other Harvest Services on the theme of Celebration, Thanksgiving, Reflection and Remembrance.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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

Chancellor Ian Berry is in charge.

Aughnamullen

It was nice to have Revd George Beattie and Marjorie with us for morning service on Sunday 11th July and afterwards for refreshments outside the schoolhouse complying with Covid restrictions. We continue to remember in our prayers those in our parish who have suffered bereavements and those who have been

unwell.

Fund Raising Events

The select vestry of Christ Church, Aughnamullen wish to acknowledge a grant of £6000 Stg from All Churches Limited towards the repairs of Christ Church. This grant along with our own fundraising events will complete the re-wiring of the church. The next event forthcoming will be Christ Church, Aughnamullen in conjunction with Billy Fox Memorial Park are holding an auction in the fall of the year. Donations of household items, garden items, tools, furniture, bric a brack are all welcome. Items can be stored in Aughnamullen School – Phone Alice on 087 7457493 or Kenny 083 8025118. Further details later.

Late Billy Fox (TD and Senator) proposed Memorial Centre in Christ Church Aughnamullen have a Go Fund Me page set up with Latton Social Services and Dev CLG. We are grateful to those who have already donated and to those interested in donating please to GF.ME/U/XCZCR7.

Aghabog

We wish to extend our best wishes to all the

children who are starting school shortly and to all the children heading off to Secondary schools.

Our prayers and thoughts are with those who have been unwell at home or in hospital and also remember those in our prayers who have been bereaved recently. Congratulations and best wishes to Timothy and Emma Norris on the birth of their baby daughter, a sister to Jack, Charlie, Tommy and Sammy.

Dartrey and Rockcorry Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Nan Browne and Noel Carleton and other relatives on the death of their brother-in-law, Wilfred Crowe, in England. We also sympathise with the Carleton family on the recent death of Olivia's father. Best wishes to those that are in Residential care and those that are unwell at present.

School

Best wishes to all who are moving on to further education in September and to those who are starting school.

The Pandemic

Tentatively, we seem to be leaving this coronavirus pandemic behind - a virus that has resulted in a huge upheaval in all our lives. Nobody has escaped. We continue to be grateful to those who have worked so hard to sustain and support us. We think particularly of those who produced vaccines, those who cared for the sick and housebound, those who were separated from loved ones and those whose lives were curtailed in so many ways.

For many it will be a time to move forward in new and different ways. We still need to be vigilant regarding masks and social distancing. We are appreciative of those who serve the parish in so many ways and grateful for their generosity to their church and community.



Revd. George and Margery Beattie with Aghnamullen parishioners after morning service 11th July.

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September Services

Sunday 5th – The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Thursday 9th

Holy Communion

Sunday 12th – The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Morning Prayer

Thursday 16th

Holy Communion

Sunday 19th – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd

Holy Communion

Sunday 26th – The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Morning Prayer

Thursday 30th

Holy Communion

All services are at 11.00am

Thursdays at 11.00am

A Service of Holy Communion is held each Thursday at 11.00am. Those who usually attend the early Sunday morning and Sunday evening services should consider (if not working) attending the Thursday service, as it is much quieter than the 11.00am Sunday morning service.

Holy Baptism

■ 11th July - Olivia Violet Curry

■ 31st July - Florence Stella Armstrong

■ 1st August - Harper Jayde Elizabeth Gault

“Go make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

Marriage

■ 31st July - Lucy Mary Geddes and Adam Donald Finlay

■ 14th August - Rachel Martine Black and Peter James Hayes

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who labour build in vain” Psalm 127:1

Burial

■ 2nd July - William (Bill) Toal, 36 Cherry Walk, Enniskillen.

■ 14th July - Dorothy Catherine Kerr, 17 Mullaghmeen Road, Enniskillen.

Cremation

■ 21st June - Lewis David Crawford, 41 Feddan Road, Enniskillen.

■ 8th July – Hester Elizabeth Elliott,

F6 Portora Wharf, Enniskillen.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

Cathedral Restoration Project

Work on the high part of the cathedral roof is progressing well. The old slates, felt and battens were removed, the old slates being carefully stored so that the best of them can be used in reroofing the lower roofs. Any defective structural timbers have been replaced. Generally the roof timbers were in good condition although one section of wall plate, which had rotted, has been replaced with new treated timber. New roofing felt and treated timber battens were then fitted. The new Welsh slates were then placed across the roof area in convenient lots in preparation for the slating process. The new Welsh blue slates came with holes for the securing nails already punched and ready to be fixed on the roof. The slates are affixed to the battens using copper nails. As an additional security measure, each slate has a clip to minimise the risk of the slates slipping down at any future date. Now that the work is progressing well, the bills are coming in and have to be paid. It would therefore be very much appreciated if parishioners would make every effort to make their monthly contribution through the Yellow envelopes to ensure that there are sufficient funds available to cover the payments that will have to be made. On a sad note, one of Mr Graham's valued team members, Mr Aidan Monaghan, who had worked on the cathedral project, died suddenly, aged 44. Mr Monaghan leaves a wife and young family. The thoughts and prayers of the cathedral community will be very much with the Monaghan family and Mr Monaghan's work colleagues at this sad time.



Mr David Hall, Harold Graham's site manager, showing a new slate with the copper nails and clip in position. The specialist slaters have made a good start on fixing the slates on the south facing slope of the cathedral's high roof.



Cathedral Roof Fundraising Slate Tickets

The book of Slate Tickets that was issued to each Family in March provided you with an opportunity to sell slates for the Cathedral Roof to non-parishioners - eg family, friends or neighbours. If every family helped out this fundraiser could raise £100,000, but if some do not we will fall short in our target to do so. If you have not already made your returns please do so as soon as possible?

Total Costs

The full cost of reroofing is in the region of £450,000, and unfortunately over this past year we were unable to run any fundraising activities so we are depending on each family playing their part and helping out.

Yellow Envelopes

It is also vitally important that parishioners use the Yellow Envelopes for their own personal giving to the roof fund. The project started the 2nd of June and will end on the 26th November, therefore all the expenditure will come in this Financial Year.

Summary

Yellow Envelopes – your own personal giving Slate Tickets – an opportunity for you to collect money from others.

This is your Cathedral, please help!

Please note

If for some reason you have not received a book of 'Slate tickets' and would still like to assist with providing 20 slates for the Cathedral Roof please contact the Cathedral Office or the Churchwardens. 30 books are still unsold and available.

Your help and assistance would be very

much appreciated.

Thank you

A sincere thank you to all our parishioners and to many throughout the Diocese and even further afield who have contributed so generously to our Cathedral Roof Appeal.

Organ Recital and Fundraiser for Cathedral Roof Appeal

Wednesday 29th September at 7.30pm

One of the most promising young pianists and organists in Northern Ireland, Orly Watson is Director of Music at Dromore Cathedral, and Official Accompanist at Queen's University. A published composer, he is currently undertaking doctoral studies in that field at Queen's. He was trained at Armagh's two cathedrals by Theo Saunders and Baron George Minne and sang in the choir of the anglican cathedral for a number of years. A graduate of Oxford University and of the Royal Academy of Music in London, Orly has performed extensively in Ireland and

England and has worked for the Royal Irish Academy of Music and for Northern Ireland Opera. He is one of the leading upcoming accompanists in Ireland and was awarded the 2018 Peter Rankin Pianist Internship by NI Opera.

For his first concert appearance in Enniskillen, he will perform a programme



of favourite organ works framed by congregational hymns. Incidentally, Orly has long-standing family connections to the cathedral, with numerous relatives having been confirmed members before the family largely moved away in the earlier part of the last century.

Please come and hear this talented musician and support this first fund raising concert for the Cathedral Roof.

Suggested Donation - minimum £8

'Tears of Gold' Art Exhibition

Enniskillen Rotary Club hosted an exhibition by artist and humanitarian activist Hannah Rose Thomas to mark the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations and Rotary International's supporting role in its formation.



The theme of the exhibition -which was entitled 'Tears of Gold' – a peace building and conflict prevention.

Hannah Rose Thomas's work draws on her previous experience organising projects for Syrian refugees in Jordan; Yazidi women in northern Iraq; Royhingya children in refugee camps on the Myanmar border and the survivors of Boko Haram and Fulani violence in Northern Nigeria.

Hannah, who is a UNESCO scholar and is currently studying for a PhD at Glasgow University will also host a series of art workshops for the families of Syrian refugees living in Enniskillen.

While Hannah's portraits have been shown in the Houses of Parliament, European Parliament and Westminster Abbey, this was the first time they were be on display in Ireland.

Three of her paintings of the Yazidi women were chosen by HRH The Prince of Wales for his exhibition 'Prince and Patron' in Buckingham Palace in 2018.

'Knitwits' Summer Garden Get-together

The "Knitwits" is the name of the cathedral's knitting group - a term coined by John



Claire Holmes presenting a cheque for Air Ambulance NI to Myrtle Irvine during an outdoor meeting of Knitwits.

Owens, whose wife Margaret is a member. The group used to meet regularly on Saturday afternoons from Autumn until Spring, but thanks to Covid-19 lockdowns, its activities have been severely curtailed. This meeting in June 2021, in the garden of Willie and Claire Holmes, was the first gathering since early 2020.

During the afternoon, Claire presented a cheque for £300 for the NI Air Ambulance to Myrtle Irvine. This money was raised by the group during a number of Saturday afternoon knitting sessions. From left; Linda Corrigan, Violet Vennard, Margaret Owens, Claire Holmes, Myrtle Irvine, Beth Rennick, Liz Robertson, Dorothy Pendry and Ruth Young.

Mothers' Union

I hope all our members have enjoyed the glorious weather over the summer months and have been able to spend long overdue time with family and friends.

Our September meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th September at 8pm (depending on Government guidelines) with guest speaker, David Bolton. This should be a very interesting evening and new members are most welcome.

Mothers' Union members are not all mothers, or even all women, but are single, married, parents, grandparents or young adults who are just beginning to express their social conscience. For all 4.1 million members in 83 countries what Mothers' Union provides is a network through which they can serve Christ in their own community through prayer, financial support and actively working at grassroots level in programmes that meet local needs.

1st Inniskilling Scout Group

It has been a very trying 17 months for the

Group with meetings being cancelled for most of the time. If the current trend on lockdown continues it is hoped we can return to regular weekly scouting activities in early September.

The year will commence with a registration evening, the date yet to be decided.

Beavers age between (6-8), and Cub Scouts (8-10/12).

If you have children in the above age groups and would like them to join, come along and talk to the leaders and complete the necessary paperwork or contact any of the leaders.

All sections are in need off extra leaders if you would like to have a go at this worthwhile volunteering experience, please talk to any of the leaders or contact George Irvine 07864889672.

Adult Confirmation

An Adult Confirmation Service will be held in mid-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, please contact the Dean?

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

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. Those wishing to be confirmed should contact the cathedral office by email for an application form. Email stmacartins@bopenworld.com

Prayer:

Gracious God, teach us to be as committed to you as you are to us. Amen.

Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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Ministry Reflection

When the Shine Wears Off

Today was not a great day. It had lots of potential, but it started without prayer. And so working in my own strength and measure, I quickly forgot whose ministry it is, and who is Head of the Church.

Each difficulty I met today, and there were a few, I took as a measure of my own work and worth; someone de-registering from our records, a leader or two who decided not to come back to their role in September, leadership holes beginning to appear here and there, third hand criticism that we don't provide enough in one area, a phone call or two needed to still waters that might become choppy, and to cap it all ... no one to click through a power-point on Sunday. Imagine. How did our forebears ever manage without digital technology?

On another day, I would smile politely, and carry on. Today I was easily discouraged, because I forgot, again, that it isn't my Church, it is His, it's not my ministry, rather it is His, and the flock I am called to care for, are really His.

Today, however had another purpose. It made me look again and see the absence of so many people, individuals and families alike; children, teens, twenties, thirties, forties ... need I go on.

I wondered if it is my fault, after 15 years here. Shouldn't I have managed to nurture better, and encouraged better, and have gathered a ready supply of leaders willing to lead and to serve?



Will you **STAND** with us and **PRAY**?

Earlier in the day ... it was my fault. But as the day worn on, and a wise leader or two encouraged and suggested, instead of the 'poor me', I've realized that the better and more helpful response is that instead of seeing the empty seats and roles, I would renew my commitment to see individuals, and people who for whatever reason aren't yet motivated to gather to worship the Lord, or see the need to contribute something back to the Household.

Today I come to see again, the need for a renewed commitment to look to Him who is our Head and ask for His direction and leading. I'm reminded in today's sermon prep, of a very telling little phrase said first by Jesus; 'no-one comes to the Father unless He draws them.' Another word is 'Beckons.' It's a great word, speaking of God calling and His offer of Salvation through Jesus. It's becoming very clear that there is no reset button after this pandemic. Lots of people have discovered new Sunday routines, and freedoms from leadership responsibilities. I mentioned before the question a senior cleric asked me through the car window in Tesco Carpark, 'how will we ever gather up the flock again?' I wasn't as then concerned. Today I am much more aware.

But it is His Church, and His flock, and it is He who calls, and draws and beckons. My job is to not have another day like today; it is to begin tomorrow in prayer, and to remember the example of Martin Luther and other saints who said a version of 'the busier we are, the more we need time for prayer.'

For me, as I look ahead into late August, and the Autumn season, Church life doesn't look as it once did. Yet He remains faithful to us, and we come to Him, again, as He beckons us.

I must share a final encouragement. Someone introduced me to a new hymn with

great lyrics.

As I worshipped this evening I heard these words,

'And every prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

*Oh, there will be a day when all will bow
before Him*

*There will be a day when death will be no
more*

*Standing face to face with He who died and
rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord.'*

And on that day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain"
"Forever He shall reign"

I will One Day see that all of this was worth it. May God encourage you to carry on worshipping and working for His Kingdom, in these unexpected days.

Precentor Hanlon

PS Hymn OF Heaven from Phil Wickham is very worth listening to.

Parish Diary

- Sundays 9.30am Morning Prayer - Kiltermon* pre-booking essential
- 11am Morning Prayer - St John's
- 7pm Breathe Quieter Prayer first Sunday in Parish Hall

NB Do not attend Church services or Parish events if you are displaying cold-like or gastric symptoms.

At present, hand sanitisation, 2m social distance and face covering remain mandatory at all Parish Events.

Parish Office: 10am-3pm Wednesday and Friday
Tel: 8952 2422

fivemiletownparish2@gmail.com:

Rectory: 8952 1030

*Book with Joyce at Kiltermon or Parish Office



Quiet Morning

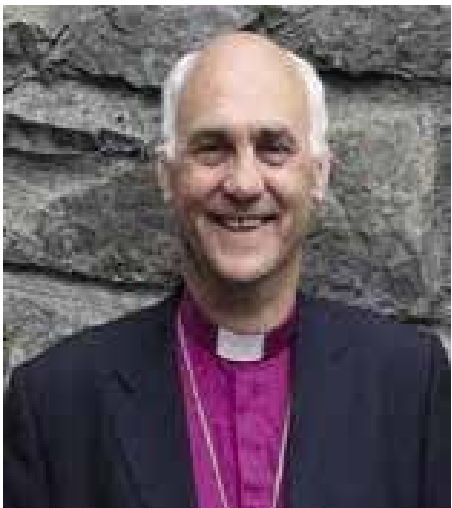
**With Rev'd Canon David Ferry, Limavady
Saturday 13th November '21 in St John's,
Fivemiletown**

For parish, diocese and friends of the parish Join us for a quieter morning led by David Ferry. David is a witness for the Fellowship Of Contemplative Prayer and will lead the prayer and quiet according to their rhythm. He will focus on a sentence of scripture for each time of prayer. Book with Kyle Hanlon, or Judith in the parish office 8952 2422
9.30 Coffee served in Parish Hall
10am Quiet Time in St John's
10.45 am Stretch break
11am Quiet Time and Holy Communion
12noon Soup Lunch (regulations permitting)
No fee, small donation welcome

THANK YOU

Bishop Ken and Catherine Campbell

They formed part of the Discipleship Series this spring and summer, during which we've been joined by members of the Diocese, and friends from across Northern Ireland. Please be encouraged to continue reading



Broken Works Best and Going For Growth and when finished, please pass on your copy to encourage someone else.

Catherine has kindly agreed to visit the parish again in March '22, God willing.

Catherine Campbell Reflection

After three months of prayer, the evening with Catherine Campbell finally arrived. And it did not disappoint. 83 of her book 'Broken Works Best' went out from the parish, and on the evening 45 of us gathered: 40 online and five in the parish hall. Although the tech was a little wobbly in parts, Catherine's message from the way God dealt with Elijah in his difficulties, was really encouraging. For me, the most poignant part was her retelling how during a time of her daughter's illness, when she could no longer pray, a friend simply offered to lift-up her daughter Joy to the Lord for her. She challenged us all to try and do something to help the person beside or near to us, even in the very ordinary and simply things. To know, that someone will carry you, or another to God in prayer, is very meaningful and reassuring. Catherine has kindly agreed to join us again in March '22, either in person, or on-line. I've included some words from two of the evening's participants, Janet and Hilary.

'I thank God for Catherine Campbell's Christian witness and her faith in God. I have read her book for the second time, Broken Works Best,' and every time I read it, it strengthens my walk with God, and that God can take a bad situation and turn it into something good. I recommend everyone to read her books.' *Hilary Kenny*
'As I sit down to reflect on my time spent in fellowship via zoom with other members of our parish, the wider community and Catherine Campbell in July, two words come to mind. I felt heartened and comforted. In listening to Catherine, you soon come to realise that she is just an ordinary, down to earth lady with an extraordinary strong faith in the Lord, who has had to face many challenges in her life.

Catherine spoke on the prophet Elijah, 1 Kings Ch 17. As Catherine spoke, the point that stuck with me most was that we humans find it very difficult to deal with failure or admit defeat. Asking for help is usually a last resort (well in my case anyhow). Our expectations of ourselves are often unrealistic.

We strive for perfection in our children, jobs, relationships etc. In reality, nobody's life is perfect.

All may look good on the outside but everyone has their own struggles. Often when we are in need the Lord sends us help. Often we are unaware of where the help is coming from. A comforting text, a thoughtful friend at the door with a few



scones and a listening ear or maybe an email or a card in the post.

Through Catherine I have been reminded that imperfections are part of daily life for us all.

There is nothing more reassuring than to know that no matter what we have to deal with here we can lean on the Lord and bring all our cares to him.

I totally recommend Catherine's books and if you ever get the chance to hear her speak, please don't miss it.' *Janet Farrell*

Men's Ministry BBQ and visit from Bishop Clarke

In January 2020 we were hoping to start our full year of planned events and then Covid 19 arrived and everything changed.

For the last 18 months we have kept in touch via WhatsApp and zoom to keep each other encouraged in our walk with the Lord but really missed the face to face fellowship we previously had enjoyed.

With this in mind it made Saturday 7th August extra special as we gathered together for a men's BBQ.

Following social distancing measures we were delighted to welcome 26 men along for the BBQ and listen to our guest speaker Bishop Ken (Fanta) Clarke.

Bishop Ken has been an amazing support and wonderful encourager over the years and we are so delighted that he was able to come along and spend time with us and speak on 1 Peter.

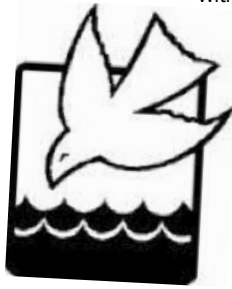
Sometime ago, Bishop Ken wrote a book called 'Going for Growth' which focuses on the life of Peter and the men's group had purchased 40 copies of this book and gave them free of charge to the men of the parish. We are all able to draw comparisons with Peter and learn from him. The talk challenged and encouraged us and had a bit of light humour thrown in as you would expect from Ken.

The night was so enjoyable we look forward to our next opportunity to meet again.

*With every blessing
Chris and Andy.*

CONFIRMATION

At present, 21 young people have expressed a desire to be confirmed. Information will be sent to those families regarding preparation and final dates of confirmation. Anyone else hoping to be confirmed who has not yet replied, please send reply to Precentor Hanlon as soon as possible. The first Confirmation Class is from 7.00-7.45pm Thursday 2 September St John's Bring a Prayer Book, pencil and notebook



Sunday School teachers are working hard to find the safest and best way for Sunday School to meet this Autumn. Please encourage them with your support.

Four dates are already planned including two pre-booking services for Sunday School, an online Sunday, and a possible in-Hall Sunday in October, subject to local Covid rates and restrictions.

This will double the number of classes from last year and represents a willingness by the Sunday School teachers to provide teaching, which should enhance what parents do at home, and reconnect our children to worship on Sundays.

Also, Sunday School On - line 11am Sunday 26th September.

Knit, Pray, Love

Knit, Pray, Love Garden Groups are meeting as arranged. Also, Wednesday 25 August at the round lake. Weather Permitting!



Sunday School at Harvest 11am Sunday 10th October

All-age family Harvest at St John's Special Speaker: Alastair McFarland, Scripture Union for Fermanagh and Fivemiletown. Booking is essential: phone Judith @ office 8952 2422 or email: fivemiletownparish2@gmail.com to book a pew

Mums + Tots Together

A Teddy Bear's Picnic is planned for 10am – 11.30am Monday 20 September, meeting at the Parish Hall before walking to the Round Lake. Bring your own picnic. Contact: Mamie 8952 1844

Cash for Clobber

Will be open until Monday 6 September. Items to be bagged and left at the parish hall on Wednesdays or Fridays, 10am – 3pm.

Back To Church and Sunday School Re-opening

11am Sunday 12th September '21 @ St John's

Opening of Sunday School and all-age family Worship @ St John's

Booking is essential: phone Judith @ office 8952 2422

or email: fivemiletownparish2@gmail.com to book a pew.



Sunday 24th October 11am Sunday School at The Hall -subject to local restrictions / Covid rate

The Pastoral Offices

Holy Baptism

- Hunter Joseph John Crawford, son of Jonathan and Lindsay Crawford - 2 June
- Harrie Adah Turkington, daughter of Neil and Claire Turkington - 9 June
- Benjamin Peter Irvine-Cassata, son of Mark and Anna Irvine - 28 July
- Drew Beacom, son of Andrew and Joanne Beacom – 7 September
- Evie, daughter of Mark and Bethany Ellis – 8 September
- Matilda, daughter of Rebecca Reynolds and Matthew Busby – 22 September

Holy Matrimony

- Jane Buckley and Robert Carlisle – 16 July (from Holy Trinity, Woodburn Parish, Carrickfergus)
- Hayley Bell and Dale Johnston – 7 August

Christian Burial

- Mr George Edward Maguire - 29 June

Prayer Ministry, Intercession and Holy Communion

It is with grateful thanks and the power of prayer that we give thanks to our heavenly father for the opening of our churches for public worship. We are looking forward to brighter days and reduced restrictions. God willing church halls will re-open and activities will resume. During the stressful time of covid 19 the prayer ministry of healing continued to take place every Wednesday and other suitable times. God willing the service of Holy Communion and prayers of intercession is planned for Wednesday 15th September at 8.15 pm. This meaningful service is open to all the church and community, everyone will be made welcome. We ask that you keep this ministry and prayer group in your private prayers. As we continue in faithful prayer and the study of God's word we can face any challenge together. Anyone requesting prayer of intercession can forward their first name only to either



THANK YOU FOR THE SEASONS 3-D Floral Gift for Kiltermon Church

Are you a soft crafter?

Do you needle felt, embroider, knit or crochet?

Would you like to make a flower or a leaf as part of a handmade gift for Kiltermon Church?

From Alliums to Zinnias all submissions are welcome and from every age!

Completed flowers and leaves can be left with Judith in the office.

For more information contact Michele Magee (KNIT PRAY LOVE)

Email: michele027@aol.com

Thank you



Precentor Hanlon, William Morrow or the Parish office. The name will remain on the list for three months.

St Mark ch 5 v 34 He said to her; "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering"

Portion of scripture that gives us comfort and peace.

St Matthew ch 11 v 28-30

Then Jesus said "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and

gentle at heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear and the burden I give you is light. *William Morrow*

PowerPoint Rota and Appreciation

Since 2008, the parish has appreciated the use of power-point and sound amplification at almost every Sunday morning service in St John's Church. Brian Corbett has been the anchorman for most of this time, very ably assisted by Elliott Hanlon, Chris Bloomfield and Yvonne Cunningham. Brian is retiring

form this role as August draws to a close, and we want to acknowledge this, and mark our appreciation in a tangible way.

There will be a presentation to him at a morning service in early September.

We appreciate the willingness show by others to continue this ministry, and I thank Brian, Elliott, Raymond Magee, Roger Humphrys, and Mark Irvine, who will share this on a rota basis. And to Chris and Yvonne who will act as a back-up for us. Thank you everyone.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Stop and Listen

The Lord your God is with you; his power gives you victory. The Lord will take delight in you, and in his love he will give you new life. He will sing and be joyful over you. Zephaniah 3:17

In the early months of lockdown where our streets were quiet, we heard the birds singing. Once lost in the din of life, their exquisite melodies were carried to us across the silence, reminding us of the rhythms of nature and of a world that is much bigger than Covid. Birdsong gives us a way of understanding that God is a with us God. He is with us all the time. Beloved, I want you to know He never leaves you nor forsakes you. He is near to those who are brokenhearted (Ps. 34:18), and right now He is drawn to you in your situation as you cry out to Him. He is both the God of the mountaintops and the God of the valleys (1 Kings 20:28). He is with you even in the valley, and because of that, you can have the confidence that you will get through it (Ps. 23:4). He is with us in our ordinary days. Like the birds singing



Churchwardens Richard Bell and William Heaslip together with Revd Lorraine present Bishop Ian and Mrs Heather Ellis with a welcoming gift from Galloon Parish.

they can be unseen and unheard, yet their presence is with us. God is there all the time. He is always with us. God is with us and God is for us. Often we spend our time looking for him. So stop and listen and hear God sing.

Confirmation

We were delighted to have Bishop Ian with us twice in June for two Confirmation Services. On Sunday 20th June 2021, the Confirmation Service was in Sallaghy Parish. Five candidates had been prepared for confirmation: Will, Caitlin, Jemma, Delenne and Cameron. Bishop Ian was piped in to the service by pipe-major John Fleming. Joyce Clingan played the organ for the service. Revd Lorraine in welcoming Bishop Ian to the Parish presented him with a David Austin rose. Jemma on behalf of all the confirmation candidates gave Revd Lorraine a beautiful hydrangea plant. Revd Lorraine assisted in the service and Mr Charles Crawford, Diocesan Reader read the lessons. The evening finished off with choc-ices for everyone! Thanks also

to Mrs Vera Fiddis for all her hard work behind the scenes and for purchasing the most welcome treat! Thanks to Mr Richard Clingan who took the photographs to mark the event.

Wednesday, 23rd June was the turn of Galloon Parish. There were seven candidates confirmed: Lucie, Adam, Ben, Isaac, Matthew, Neil and Sam. The Churchwardens presented Mrs Heather Ellis with a beautiful array of bedding plants prepared by local landscape gardener, Mr Aubrey McAlister, a parishioner of Galloon Parish. Musicians included Mrs Grace Rickey on the organ and Emma Rickey played her violin during administration of Holy Communion. Thanks to all those who cleaned the church and those who tidied up outside in preparation for the service. Thanks to Mrs Heather Darling for taking the photographs and to Colleen Kennedy for all her beautiful calligraphy work. Drummully Parish has not been forgotten and when the Republic of Ireland Government allows us we will have Bishop Ian for a third visit!



Seven candidates were confirmed in Galloon: back row from left; Bishop Ian, Matthew, Ben, Adam, Neil, Revd Lorraine and front row; Sam, Lucie and Ben.

Celebrating with a Centenarian

Noble Hetherington turned 100 on 30th June 2021. Noble was visited by Revd Lorraine, The Bishop of Clogher, The Rt. Revd Dr. Ian Ellis and also Lord Brookeborough, who presented a card on behalf of The Queen. Noble was also joined by his wife, Margaret, his sons, John and Cecil and his daughter, Jean at the family home in Kilgarrerett, Newtownbutler. In the beautiful sunshine we enjoyed Noble's wonderful garden.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all our young people who have recently passed their examinations. Their capacity to respond with flexibility and positive determination to

the many challenges of COVID 19, together with the stalwart support of our parents and carers has to be praised. Well done to all.

Services in September

Sunday 5th September 2021 - The Thirteenth 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 12th September 2021 - The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning



Jemma presents Rev Lorraine with a gift from all the confirmation candidates in Sallaghy Parish

Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th September 2021 - The Fifteenth 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 26th September 2021 - The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

26th September - Derryadd Harvest at 3.30pm.

Harvest Dates for Your Diary

We plan harvests for the following dates:

3rd October - Sallaghy Harvest at 10.30am

10th October - Drummully Harvest at 7pm

17th October - Galloon Harvest at 12 noon.

With the current restrictions around COVID-19 this year we will not decorate the churches on the Saturday before the harvest service. Instead people are welcome to bring already assembled decorations on the Sunday of the harvest service. Revd. Lorraine also asks that the children of each parish gets creative. This year's theme is to be "Scarecrows." Children can draw a scarecrow, write a poem, or up-cycle old materials to produce a scarecrow work of art. We look forward to seeing all our children's wonderful creations that will help decorate our churches for



Bishop Ian was welcomed to Sallaghy Parish by Churchwardens George Little and Mabel Clinghan along with Revd Lorraine and Diocesan Reader, Charles Crawford. Piper, John Fleming played Amazing Grace for the arrival of Bishop Ian.



Rev. Lorraine presents Bishop Ian with a David Austin rose as a welcome gift from Sallagh parish.



The newly-weds, Peter and Jayne Robinson enjoy an ice-cream and a chat with Rev. Lorraine after their marriage ceremony.

harvest. There will be a retiring offering at each Harvest service for the work of Bible Society.

From the Registers

Rev. Lorraine was delighted to assist at the marriage ceremony of Peter Robinson (Galloon Parish) and Jayne Hanthorn (Seagoe Parish) on Thursday 1st July 2021. We wish Mr and Mrs Robinson every happiness and blessing in their future together.

Christian Burial of a sister and brother:

■ Mrs Letitia Jane (Tish) Gardiner (nee Clingan), Gortacharn Care Home, Lisnaskea (formerly 92 Keady Road, Lisnaskea), called home 22nd June 2021.

■ Mr James William Albert Clingan M.B.E. (Jim), 144 Ready Road, Lisnaskea, called home 2nd July 2021.

We express our sympathy to all of the Clingan and Gardiner families at their time of loss.

■ We also express our condolences to the Rickey and Sey families on the loss of Mrs Christina Margaret Sey. To all who have been recently bereaved we extend our deepest condolences.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They are blessed indeed says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours." Revelation 14:13

100th birthday celebrations

Bishop Ian and Lord Brookborough accompanied the Rector to the home of Mr and Mrs Noble Hetherington. Noble celebrated his 100 birthday today! Noble had served on the B Specials and then after losing his leg in an accident he did some administrative tasks for the RUC.



Rev. Lorraine presents Noble with a birthday card. He also received a card from Her majesty, the Queen.



Lord Brookborough and Noble enjoy a chat



Rev. Lorraine presents a card to Noble from Gallon parish. Also in the photo is Mrs Margaret Hetherington.

He received a telegram from the Queen. I also brought him a card celebrating his 100th birthday from the Rector and all the parishioners in Galloon.



Bishop Ian admires some of Noble's birthday cards.

Noble has a great zest for life. He loves his garden which was out in lovely bloom for his "garden party". He is a lovely gentleman who enjoys a visit!

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 5th September

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 12th September

Kiltyclogher 10am HC
Belleek 11.30am HC

Friday 17th September

Slavin Harvest Thanksgiving at 8pm

Sunday 19th September

Garrison 10am MP
Slavin (Harvest) 11.30am MP

Friday 24th September

Belleek Harvest Thanksgiving at 8pm

Sunday 26th September

Kiltyclogher 10am MP
Belleek (Harvest) 11.30am MP

Friday 1st October

Garrison Harvest Thanksgiving at 8pm

Sunday 3rd October

Garrison (Harvest) 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 10th October

Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 10th October

Kiltyclogher Harvest Thanksgiving at 7pm

Sunday School Commencement

Garrison/Kiltyclogher Sunday school begins on Sunday 19th September at 9.45 in the church hall. All children from P1 upwards are most welcome. Are there any parents/adults who would like to help at Sunday School? Due to the diverse age range, help is needed for separate age groups. Please let Helen Thompson or Lorraine Boyd know if you are free to help, it would be greatly appreciated. Slavin/Belleek Sunday school will begin in October.

Thanks During Vacancy

Thanks to Canon Alan for his continued supervision and pastoral care during our vacancy. Thanks especially to Rev Maureen Desborough and Canon Billy Johnston who are taking our services in the group during the summer months.

Special Service in Belleek church

On Sunday 25th July a special service held in Belleek Parish Church was taken by Canon Billy Johnston. Canon Johnston welcomed the families of Mrs. Eileen and Mrs. Edith Kirkpatrick. Rachel Love, Rector's Churchwarden, spoke about how Edith and Eileen had worked tirelessly in the community for many years in the Wark Hall, serving at functions, home baking and helping to keep the hall running with fund raising. Presentations were made to



Robyn and Doreen Earls with Eileen Kirkpatrick.

both ladies by Donna and William Pye and Betty Johnston. Canon Johnston added his thanks and based his sermon on the parable of the Good Samaritan. The lesson was read by Liesel Zink and Robert Johnston sang a solo, 'When I survey', (Celtic Version).

Everyone enjoyed a lovely lunch of soup, sandwiches and a choice of desserts in the hall afterwards.

Slavin Sale

Slavin Annual Sale was held in July in the Wark Hall, coinciding with the monthly market in Belleek on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Thanks to all who helped and donated.



Eileen Kirkpatrick with her daughter Hilary; Edith Kirkpatrick with her daughters Carol and Sharon and their families.



Back row; Betty Johnston, Rachel Love, Donna Pye. Middle William Pye and Front; Eileen and Edith Kirkpatrick.



Carol Livingstone and Edith Kirkpatrick with daughter Sharon and family on holiday from England.



Eileen Kirkpatrick with her niece Roberta Lutton, daughter Hilary Redmond and their families.

Christian Burial

David Albert (Bertie) Millar passed away peacefully on Thursday 17th June. His funeral service was held in Garrison parish church on Saturday 19th June conducted by Canon Alan Irwin with the burial in the adjoining churchyard. Our sympathy is extended to Gladys Graham and her daughters Carol, Heather and their families. Bertie still lived in the family home at Gurteen, Garrison until earlier this year when he was admitted to hospital and Millcroft

PNH. A kind, unassuming man who loved to chat and enjoyed his farming life and the company of many callers who visited him over the years. He was pre-deceased by his brother George and his sister, Betty Henry.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone our group of parishes who have been unwell in hospital or at home in recent weeks. We particularly pray for Lisa Bea-

com who is in the RVH.

Keep up to Date

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



Mary and Douglas Reid, George and Edith McBride and Liesel Zink.



Canon Billy Johnston with his wife, daughters and granddaughter.



May Somerville, Phemia Gregg, and Gwen Taylor enjoying lunch in the Wark Hall.



Ann Dyer, Florence Earls and Anne Nelson.

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Sympathy

As a parish we would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of the late Kathleen O'Rourke formerly of Belleek.

European Heritage Open Weekend:

On 11th and 12th September 2021 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. See special articles on Page

Old Benmore Rectory

Jason and Clare Palmer have spent the past six years lovingly and sympathetically restoring Benmore Rectory (access opposite the church). On the open weekend (same hours) they invite visitors to the church to also stroll up the avenue to enjoy the grounds and see the outside of the rectory. They also have many old photographs which will be displayed for viewing. Tea and scones will also be available.



PLEASE NOTE BENMORE RECTORY IS NOW PRIVATELY OWNED AND THEREFORE ANYONE ENTERING ITS GROUNDS DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK.

On Saturday, 11th September, the Fermanagh Genealogy Group will be in attendance at the church and are happy to answer questions on the Ely family and also give advice on your own family research.



Benmore rectory in former times.

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, 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.

Inishmacsaint Heritage

Revd Stephanie Woods has compiled a short, colourful history book of the church and the Ely family, an accompanying puzzle book and a book detailing the providence and meaning of the stained glass in the church. These will be available on the weekend.

Nineteenth Century panels, hand painted by Lady Anna Maria and currently awaiting restoration, will also be available for viewing – as will the 6th century hand chiselled font (still in use today) and the first full size, autonomous window undertaken by the world-famous glass artist Wilhelmina Geddes.



Wilhelmina Geddes.

MU special anniversary

Mothers' Union welcomed Bishop Ian and MU Diocesan President Irene Boyd, along with their spouses Heather and Robert, to a special service on 27th June to celebrate 70 years since the first enrolment of a



Olive Saunderson, Doris Elliott and Dolly Ferguson receiving their certificates with Irene, Stephanie and the Bishop.



Laura Rogers with a beautiful bouquet prepared by Ann Orr using flowers from her own, and her mothers', garden.



These church flowers (two) were grown and arranged by Olive and Delene Saunderson.

MU member in the parish and certificates were awarded for long service. During the service Laura Rogers, the parish leader for the past six years, stepped down. Tributes were paid to her commitment and extreme hard work over those years, her passion for getting everyone involved and her ability to create, and maintain, a sense of community – especially during the dark days of lockdown. Robena Elliott was welcomed as

the new parish leader and commissioned by Irene Boyd. We thank them both profusely for their commitment to this parish and to the world wide organization of Mothers' Union.

Certificates were awarded to: Lorraine Kettyles for 20 years of membership and a special welcome as she has recently joined this branch; Robena Elliott and Marion Saunderson

for 27 years of membership; Ida Byers, Heather Elliott and Laura Elliott for 33 years of membership; Dorothy Acheson, Joan Acheson, Katie Byers, Eileen Cutler, Sadie Hamilton, Eileen Kilpatrick and Laura Rogers for 38 years of membership; Olive Saunderson for 52 years of membership; Doris Elliott for 56 years of membership and Dorothy Ferguson for 57 years of membership.



Olive Brownsmith receiving her enrolment card from the Bishop pictured with Irene and Stephanie.



Robena Elliott, Marion Saunderson and Lorraine Kettyles receiving their certificates with Irene, Stephanie and the Bishop.



Inishmacsaint Parish Church

EUROPEAN HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND
SATURDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 10am – 6pm
SUNDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER 2pm – 6pm

Featuring:

- *Tours of church building featuring the influences of the Ely family and findings of research project funded by the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership*
- *Talks on the Ely family by Fermanagh Genealogy Group*
- *Ely family burial vault*
- *19th century illuminated panels hand painted by Lady Anna Maria Loftus, Marchioness of Ely*
- *Wilhelmina Geddes' first stained glass window*
- *Permission to visit the grounds (pictured) of the restored Benmore Rectory (opposite church) courtesy of Jason and Claire Palmer, light refreshments available*





Laura Elliott, Ida Byers, Eileen Kilpatrick, Irene Boyd, Dorothy Acheson, Rev Stephanie, Laura Rogers, Jean Acheson and the Bishop.



Olive Saunderson with some of her knitting for MU.

MU Knitting

Over lockdown the MU members were very busy using their time fruitfully by knitting over one hundred teddies and same again for hats for premature babies born in the SWAH.



Pantomime

Watch out for details of the parish pantomime to be held at Christmas or the New Year (dates Covid dependent) in Derrygonnelly Orange Hall with lots of amazing local talent!

Kilskeery and Trillick



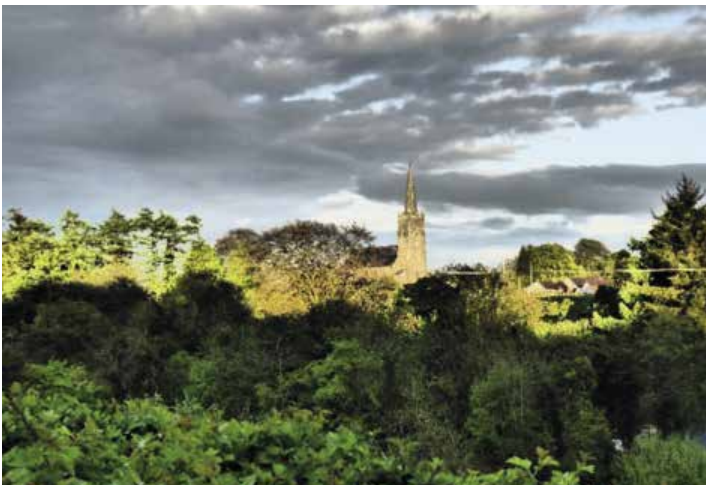
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Against the Odds

I can remember the Sunday morning I walked into a church for the first time and took a seat somewhere near the back. I thought it would be a good vantage point to keep an eye on everything that would be going on while making the statement that, at the back, I was not completely invested in what was going on. I knew the area in which the church was situated quite well and knew that it had considerable social, economic, educational, health issues and more going on. But here in the middle of it all was an unconventional church building and a group of people, now gathering on this Sunday morning to worship and pray, to have fellowship and to learn from God's word, and it just seemed, even at the outset, that I could imagine this being the kind of place where God would love

to do something more in. In many ways it had been a forgotten kind of place where it was accepted that things would always be like this, and in this setting was a church existing against the odds, coming together to celebrate a God who transforms broken lives, who shines light into darkness, who forgives past and not insignificant misdemeanours, and who gives hope when what is around is not particularly hopeful. The church in many quarters finds itself existing against the odds today, not altogether unlike what we find in the book of Acts; God's people, the ekklesia, the "called out ones" facing opposition at every turn but enabled by God's help and empowerment to overcome and expand and see His kingdom expressed in their midst. How did those first Christians deal with what they faced? Acts 4:42-47 gives us



a glimpse of what their lives and perspective was.

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”

Crudely summarized as, following the apostolic teaching, fellowship, the Lord’s supper, prayer, miracles, unity, sharing and meeting each other’s needs, and worship. They all seem quite basic and foundational. Could that be our way forward? A return to the basics, the foundational elements of our faith. Many are considering a syncretistic pathway to progress but built upon what foundation? How far wrong can we go if we retrace the footsteps of the apostles and the early church and find ourselves encouraged and excited once more about the power and truth of the gospel of the Kingdom?

50th and last drive-in

On Sunday 4th July we celebrated our



50th and last joint drive-in service. Our first drive-in service took place on Sunday 21st June 2020 and with only a few exceptions and despite rain, hail, snow and below freezing temperatures took place each Sunday through Harvest and Christmas Day, Communion and the like with the help of our most faithful Drive-in Set-up team. On this last drive-in we were blessed with a great turn out but not the weather (for the whole time). Attendees were invited to bring garden chairs and a picnic and sit out and although distanced by cars, take the

opportunity to speak to fellow parishioners across the bonnet before many would head away for their summer break. As the picture shows an ice-cream van made appearance which seemed to directly coincide with the appearance of the rain but the lure of the ice-cream could not be dampened even by the inclement weather.

Service times:

Christ Church Parish, Trillick - Sundays at 10:30am

Kilskeery Parish Church - Sundays 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 **Revd. Colin Brownsmith.**

Baptism

On Sunday 1st August it was lovely to witness in Coolbuck the baptism by the Revd. Colin Brownsmith of Edwin Dane, son of Richard and Natasha and baby brother of Maisie and Libby. To the young family



Confirmation candidates at Lisbellaw.

we wish every happiness and continued blessings in the years ahead.

Confirmation

On Thursday evening, 24th June at 7.30, a Service of Confirmation for eight of our

young people was conducted in church by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd. Dr Ian Ellis, assisted by the Revd. Colin Brownsmith. Due to restrictions regarding social distancing, the service was on a smaller scale than usual, with only the



Baptism for the Dane family.

candidates and their families being able to attend. It was lovely to welcome Bishop Ellis to Lisbellaw however, and both the Confirmation Service and the celebration of Holy Communion which followed were much appreciated by the young people and all the families.

Please continue to remember in your prayers, Andrew, Kaela, Gareth, Isaac, Kaitlin, Lauren, Maddison and Rebecca as they have now publicly confirmed the promises made for them by their parents at their baptism. May each one of them know the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. At the time of writing it is hoped that Confirmation Preparation Classes for the young people in Year 11 will begin early in September.

Wedding

Congratulations and very best wishes to Ruth Kirkpatrick and Colin Beacom who were married by the Revd. Colin Brownsmith in Lisbellaw on Wednesday 28th July 2021. We wish the young couple every happiness and God's richest blessing as they begin their married lives in the parish.

Deaths

With sadness we record the deaths during the summer of two of our oldest parishioners.

On Sunday 4th July 2021 in Gortacharn Care Home, Lisnaskea, Mrs Mabel Goodall, widow of the late Bertram and formerly of The Cottage, Brook Street, Lisbellaw, died peacefully in her hundredth year. To her daughter Charmian, son Alun, daughter in law Jillian, her three grandchildren and to the wider family circle we extend our deepest sympathy.



The wedding of Ruth Kirkpatrick and Colin Beacom.

On Tuesday 20th July 2021, Mr Fred Graham of Cloon, Lisbellaw, died peacefully in the South-West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen. Fred was the dearly loved husband of the late Vera Georgina and devoted father of Ian, Ken, Brian and Colin. To his sons, their wives and their families we extend heartfelt sympathy. "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23 v 4

Sunday Services

The usual pattern of services was maintained in Lisbellaw during the summer and will continue, all being well, as we move

into autumn - with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month and Morning Prayer on each of the other Sundays at 11.00. These services will continue to be live-streamed on the Church Facebook Page each Sunday. Thanks to Diocesan Reader Mr Harry Anderson who conducted the Service of Morning Prayer on Sunday 27th June.

The Coolbuck congregation have continued to meet monthly for afternoon Services of Holy Communion in Derryclavin Hall.

Harvest Thanksgiving

All being well, Coolbuck Harvest Services will be held this year in Derryclavin Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 26th September at 3.00pm and on Monday 27th September at 8.00pm.

Lisbellaw Harvest Services will be held, DV, on Friday 8th October at 8.00pm and on Sunday 10th October at 11.00am.

Lynda's Online Singing Ministry

For almost four years now, our church organist, Lynda Lindsay (pictured below) has regularly recorded hymns and songs for the Church Facebook Page. During lockdown especially, her ministry in song brought blessing and encouragement to many, both locally and further afield. In early May she recorded and posted the well-known hymn, 'The Old Rugged Cross'. To our amazement and delight, during two weeks in August, the song literally went right round the world, being listened to and bringing blessing to people from over 70 countries, from Alaska to Fiji, from Sweden to Brazil and from Kwa Zulu Natal to New Zealand.

These words from Acts 1v 8 come to mind! 'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you: and you will be my





One of the confirmation candidates.



Diocesan Reader, Mr Harry Anderson pictured with churchwardens, Robert Dane and Ronnie Stubbs following morning service.

witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' We pray for continued blessing on Lynda's ministry and that God alone will be glorified.

Children and Young People

At the time of writing it is unfortunately not possible to state with any certainty when Sunday School and The Bridge will resume. Please continue to pray for all our children and young people though, for whom the past 18 months have been unusual and

difficult. We remember especially those who are transferring to post primary schools in September and to all who will be moving on to college/university. We congratulate all of them for their successes in examinations - again in unprecedented times and wish them continued success, blessing and protection as some sort of normality returns.

Prayer

We also 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, as they undergo treatment and in their weakness, pain and suffering 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 SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 5th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY 12th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 19th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 26th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Baptisms

■ Wednesday 23rd June - Elsie Janet Hall, Keenaghy, Lisnaskea, daughter to Stuart and Janet.

■ Wednesday 14th July - Ember Diana Clarke, Castlebalfour House, Lisnaskea, daughter to Paul and Diana.
Congratulations to both families on their new arrivals.

Burials

■ Friday 16th July - Christina Sarah Ritchie, 5 Harryville, Maguiresbridge.

■ Saturday 24th July (Ashes) - George Richardson Clingen, Upper Mealough Road, Carryduff.

■ Monday 16th August - John Henry Mayne, Killynamph, Lisnaskea.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have sadly been bereaved at this time.

And as He walked...

*"And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee"
(Mark 1:16)*

Jesus walked...



Of course He did
There was no other
Means of transport

I suppose He could
Have used a donkey
Or the foal of a donkey
Or a camel
Or a horse...

But He didn't...
He walked...



Taking a break from tidying up around the church and grounds.



He went about His life
Walking here and there
Going about His business...

Just like we do

In ways there was nothing
Special about Him...

Certainly, we KNOW
That He was the Son of God

But the people that saw Him
And especially in His early days
Saw a man walking...
And this day...

He was walking by the Sea of Galilee

The difference was...
That Jesus walked with a purpose

He knew that He had a purpose
A reason for being on the earth
He was on a mission
(Which is what we might say)

NOW before I go any further
Let me ask you a question
Or perhaps a couple of questions:

Do you KNOW why you are here?

Do you have a purpose...?
A reason for being here?

And assuming you do know
What that reason or purpose is...
Are you fulfilling it?

Are you listening to God?
Or perhaps Jesus in particular?
And doing what He wants you to do?

This is where it gets really EASY...

Since the main thing that Jesus
Wants for you..
Is for you to spend time with Him

That's it..
Jesus wants YOU to have a relationship
With Him...

"And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee,
He saw Simon and Andrew his brother
casting a net into the sea;
for they were fishermen.
Then Jesus said to them,
"Follow Me,
and I will make you
become fishers of men."
They immediately left their nets
and followed Him."
(Mark 1:16 - 18)

Jesus DID call them for a purpose
The purpose of being...
"Fishers of men"

But He first called them
To FOLLOW Him
Which meant being WITH Him
Spending time with Jesus

Are YOU spending time
With Jesus...?

The Disciples could ONLY achieve
Their purpose because they first
Spent TIME with Jesus

Do NOT make the mistake
Of trying to fulfil His purpose
For your life...
Without first spending TIME
With Him...

Gardening

Thank you to everyone who has been helping to keep the graveyard and church grounds tidy during Willie's absence. We trust he will soon be back with us and wish him well as he is very much missed. A number of volunteers also came along to do some work around Trinity Hall on what was a very hot evening and this too is much appreciated.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest this year is planned for Sunday 3rd October at 10.30am. and Wednesday 6th at 8pm. This is similar to last year and avoids having a deep clean between the two services. All other restrictions also apply and masks must be worn at all times.

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; the first on Wednesday, 1st December and the other on Sunday, 5th December. This is to accommodate 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 for the candidates will begin in the Autumn.

Magheracross



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As September approaches, we find ourselves living with the same uncertainty as we did earlier in the year. Despite the legal relaxation regarding the pandemic, the local concern about the occurrence of COVID-19 has meant that we are continuing with our full two-metre distancing (every third pew), mask wearing and track and trace. Each organisation will provide its own risk assessment for the Archdale Hall in line with a general assessment but several groups have already indicated that they will not be starting until October.

Services

However, we have re-introduced our 9:30am service each Sunday and this has allowed us spare seating capacity at 11am. Thank you to Maurice and Sammy who ensure that the church is “fogged” and cleaned between the two services and to the ushers who provide an excellent welcome and help with the seating arrangements. The online service also continues on our Facebook page (Magheracross Parish Church) and CD recordings of the 11am service are also available. Envelope offerings will also be received on the 1st Saturday of each month between 10am and noon. We are extremely appreciative of the commitment and continued support in this way.

Outdoor activities

Our Youth Worker, Naomi Armstrong, despite a furlough reduction of hours, has produced an excellent outdoor programme for the end of August. Hopefully we’ll have photographs for the October issue but it will include a trip to the Ulster American Folk Park, indoor craft, orienteering, hydrobiking in Enniskillen and much more. The Youth Fellowship will also be meeting at The Surf Project in Portrush so hopefully there will be a few waves and splashes.



Presentation

Our Parish Reader, David Beare and his wife, Patricia (pictured above) moved to Lurgan just before the pandemic. We were finally able to present them with an engraved plate last June. David and Patricia have been very influential in our parish and community over many years and we wish them every blessing in their new home.



Young people enjoying water activities.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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From Sunday 25th July to Sunday 22nd August the gospel passages for our Sunday morning worship were found in (John 6). In (John 6:1-15) Jesus feeds 5000+ hungry people with five loaves of barley bread and two fish. In John's account of the Gospel of Christ, Jesus' miracles are referred to as signs, these signs/miracles point to the identity of Jesus as the 'Son of God' In this miraculous feeding, the people see the sign and it signifies to them who they think Jesus is "the prophet who is to come into the world"....Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself". (Verses 14).

The crowd wanted to make Jesus into something that they wanted, they wanted to give him a role, and a title...

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, "he withdrew again to a mountain by himself". (Verse 15)

The crowd completely miss the revelation of the sign that points to the divinity of Jesus and begin making plans to make Jesus into whatever they want him to be.

Baptism for the Crawford family.



He's a wonder worker!—he's a prophet!—he's a king! He is a free-meal ticket! They have visions of an abundant nation. They have visions of a defeated Rome. They have visions of a good king who might shepherd them into green pastures and by still waters

Of course Jesus is all of these, but there is much, much, more to Jesus. He was sent by God into the world, to bring God's light, life, and love. He came to offer hope and salvation. He came to offer redemption and release. He came that everyone would believe, and receive the gifts of grace, forgiveness, and eternal life.

Ever since the coming of Jesus Christ to earth there has always been a tendency for people to fashion Jesus into the Messiah that they want him to be.

A journey of complete faith in Jesus to provide what we need in our earthly lives is more difficult than it looks. We so desperately want to make Jesus into our own image, or the image of our choosing—and convince ourselves that he's on "our side" regardless of those who are on the other side. This thinking is wrong. Instead,

we're supposed to make ourselves into Jesus' image. We must strive to become like him...not the other way around.

Baptisms

- Charlie Richard Thomas Moore: Derrybrusk Parish Church on Sunday, 20th June.
- Layna Jayne Crawford: Maguiresbridge Parish Church on Sunday, 4th July.
- Luke Robert Hanley: Maguiresbridge Parish Church on Sunday, 1st August.



Canon Robert Riddell at the baptism of his great grand-daughter.



At the baptism service for the Moore family.



Members of the Hanley family gather for baptism.

Sympathy

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

The Families of Mr. John Aiken and, Mrs Mary Black especially to their niece Mrs Naomi Morrison, Alan James, and Evie. The family of David McWilliams, especially his brother William, Edna, Llyod, Dean, and Jill.

The family of Mrs Mabel Goodall, especially Mr and Mrs Alun Goodall, and their family.

Illness

There are a number of people ill at present in both our parishes, and we encourage all members to remember them in their time of personal prayer.

Confirmation (2021)

Confirmation classes for the group that was being prepared before the onset of

the (Covid-19) Pandemic in March 2020, will resume on Wednesday evening 25th August in Maguiresbridge parish church at 8pm. In addition to the Wednesday evening classes there will be short time of revision before Morning Prayer, each Sunday morning in both parish churches. Bishop Ellis has agreed to confirm all candidates (that have been prepared) in Christchurch Maguiresbridge on Thursday 11th. November at 7.30pm.

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.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Christ Church Maguiresbridge; Friday

Evening 24th September—special preacher Canon Peter Wilson with soloist to be confirmed. Sunday Morning 26th September, Family Harvest Service at 10.30am.

St. Michael's, Derrybrusk; Friday Evening 1st. October at 8pm—special preacher Revd David Skuce, soloist Mrs Lucy Woods. Saturday Evening 2nd. October Harvest Family walk. (Time to be confirmed) Sunday 3rd. October Family Harvest Service at 12 noon.

As the (Covid-19) pandemic restrictions continue to be eased, it is more important than ever for each one of us accept personal responsibility to ensure our own safety, and the safety of others. Please! Keep your Distance! Wear face coverings! Wash your hands! Stay at Home! (Where possible) keep in touch with your neighbour and keep safe! Abraham.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

5th September

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

12th September

10:30am St Patrick's (& on Facebook live)
12:15pm Ballinode

19th September

10:30am St Patrick's (& on Facebook live)
12:15pm Kilmore Harvest Service

26th September

10:30am St Patrick's Harvest Service (& on
Facebook live)
12:15pm Ballinode

3rd October

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

Christian Burial

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Myrtle Wills on the 1st July at her home.

She was a regular attendee at Church and a member of the choir. Outside of Sunday she was a member of the Mothers' Union for 44 years, as well as the Bowling Club. Her funeral service was held in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 3rd July conducted by the rector followed by burial in Coolshannagh graveyard. In line with Covid restrictions there was a limited congregation in the Church, but people were able to be outside and stood along the route to Church and graveyard to support the family.

We express prayerful sympathy to her daughters Pamela and Barbara and their families and the wider family circle on their sad loss.

Condolences

We express sincere sympathy to Mrs. Ida McElwaine and Mrs. Pearl Breakey and their families on the death of their sister and to Mrs. Hazel Sharpe on the death of her sister in-law.

Holiday Duty

We express grateful thanks to Mr. Roy Crowe and Mr. Walter Pringle for taking services. We are also greatly indebted to Mrs. Muriel Treacy, Mr. Roy Crowe and Mr. Keith Browne for taking services during Rectors sick leave.

Illness

Please remember in prayer all who are ill or recovery, the housebound and those in



residential care and their families.

Hall Renovations

These were to commence March 2020, to facilitate much needed storage space but due to Covid work only started in July and by the time these notes appear should be completed.

Church Organisations

None of the above have been able to meet since March last year and restrictions are ongoing.

We look forward to planning how they may meet when restrictions allow.

Harvest Service dates

With current restrictions we cannot have our harvest services as we did before. At the minute we will have a harvest themed service in each of the churches at our regular times.

Rossorry

Vacant

Dean Kenneth Hall is in charge

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

PARISH HALL DEVELOPMENT



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 Hall and Organisations

The Select Vestry are making tentative plans to reopen the Parish Hall for use by Parish Organisations and other groups in



late September.

This will require new arrangements about the sanitising of the Hall, a limit on numbers (subject to Social Distancing), a restriction on how many groups can use the Hall at any one time and on the same day. It will also place responsibilities on users to help maintain a healthy environment for all users. More details will follow and will be passed to our organisations when they are finalised. All subject, of course, to any changes in Government restrictions.



Harvest Worship

The date for this year's Harvest Worship will be the first weekend in October. Unless there is a big change in the restrictions imposed by Covid, our Harvest Weekend will be restricted to one Service, only, at 10 am on Sunday 3rd October 2021. We hope to have Revd. W.E. McGirr, formerly of Magheraculmoney Parish to lead our Harvest Celebration on that date.

Confirmation

Confirmation for the candidates who were under instruction when the classes were interrupted by Covid regulations is planned to go ahead (subject to any change in restrictions) on Wednesday, 27th October 2021 at 7pm.

The Rural Dean (Rev. John Woods) or Carol Livingstone will be in touch with candidates to arrange the finalising of their preparation classes. This will be family only service – sadly not open to parishioners.



Parish Website

(rossorryparish.com)

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



Rossorry Weekly News

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

It also contains a reminder of the safety protocol for attending church.



CDs for Parishioners

CDs of prepared online services are being prepared and posted out to parishioners who live alone or unable to receive the online postings.

These contain one or two services (Morning Prayer or Holy Communion) and a Children's video and a copy of The Rossorry Weekly News.

These have been well received and are a source of solace for the parishioners who feel isolated, and a bit cut off from our Parish life.

Mothers' Union

Sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to Branch Members, Catherine Irwin and Beth Acheson on the deaths of family relatives.

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 – so we have been able to consult with the elderly/housebound and each volunteer has been allocated a few Parishioners who they keep in touch with, by telephone, in a befriending service.

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

Freewill Offerings

FREEWILL GIVING

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



Bishop Ian Ellis, former Rector of Rossorry, returned to lead the Baptismal Service of his grand-daughter, Phoebe, pictured with family members.

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

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

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

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

The Parish Office

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

Please, don't visit -but I will be delighted to chat on the 'phone, take emails or a note or envelopes through the door or in the post, etc—if there is anything I can do to help. Tel:- 02866 329889

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Arrangements for the Parish during the Vacancy

As the Parish will be 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 September 2021

- In Church and online

Sunday 5th September

10.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 12th September

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Sunday 19th September

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Sunday 26th September

10.00am – Morning Prayer

Visiting clergy and Diocesan Readers will continue to deliver services and Catherine or Gerry will upload video services for Sundays on Facebook.

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

Parish Register

Bereavement.

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

■ IRVINE, Mrs Rosemary Heather, of Barbour Court, Enniskillen, wife of the late Ronnie Irvine, suddenly at South West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen on 15th June 2021. Subject to Covid restrictions, a service took place at 2.30pm—on Thursday 17th June

2021 at Rossorry Parish Church followed by interment at Rossorry Parish Churchyard. Dean Hall officiated.

Baptisms

■ SHEARER, Phoebe Heather Elizabeth, infant daughter of Naomi and Graham was Christened at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 25th July 2021 by her grandfather, Bishop Ian Ellis of Clogher Diocese.

May she grow in the faith in which he has been baptized.

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The Smarties Prayer. At a family Service held in both Churches in June we used the Smartie Prayer. Thank you to all the children and young people in Clabby for what each colour meant. At the same service on Father's Day Mr. Colin Stronge read the scripture passage. The Bloomfield family played an instrumental music on a selection of hymns and Mrs. Ann Bloomfield was the organist for the service. In Tempo Joseph Goodwin read the scripture reading and Mr. Mark McDonald played 'Morning has Broken' and 'Seek ye First' on the flute accompanied by the organist, Mrs. Carole Graham.

The Smarties Prayer

Pink - reminds us of God's blessings to us. Psalm 103 verse 1 and 2 "Praise the Lord, O my Soul, all my in most being. Praise his Holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" Thank you Lord God for all your blessings to us each day and for all you provide for us. We thank you for our health, our homes and families, our food, clothes, clean water to drink, our schools, our jobs, our Church, our Bible, for being with us each day no matter what happens. In Jesus name. Amen.

Brown - reminds us of the cross. Luke 23 verse 33 "When they came to the place

called the skull, there they crucified him". Lord thank you for your suffering and death on the cross in our place for our sins in loneliness and rejection. In your name. Amen.

Red - reminds us of Jesus's blood on the cross. John 19 verse 34 "one of the soldiers pierced Jesus's side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water" Lord Jesus thank you that you gave up your life and died on the cross. Thank you by dying on the cross and shedding your blood so we can be forgiven our sins and become your followers when we say sorry for our sins and turn away from them. In your name. Amen.

Orange - reminds us the stone was rolled away - John 20 verse 1 "early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance". Thank you Lord Jesus that you rose again and the stone that kept you in the grave was rolled away by your mighty power. In your name. Amen.

Yellow - reminds us Jesus is alive. Matthew 28 verse 5 "The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, he has risen just as he said" Lord Jesus thank you that you are alive, that you rose from the dead, that you defeated death. Thank you for the promise of eternal life to us who come and trust in you and that one day when we die we will go and live with you forever in heaven. In your name. Amen.

Green - reminds us we need to grow. 2 Peter 3 verse 18 "But grow in the grace and knowledge for our Lord Jesus Christ". Lord Jesus help us to trust you more each day and then to love you closer everyday as we read the Bible and pray everyday. In your name. Amen.

SERVICES

At the time of preparing these notes, Covid restrictions are now somewhat eased up. However it has been sad to reflect that numbers returning to Church have been low, and slow, particularly amongst our families - parents, children and young

people. This is the age group upon which the future existence of our Churches depend. Most importantly Parents did make promises on behalf of their children at Baptism to by your prayers and example, by your teaching and love will you encourage them in the life and faith of the Christian Community? And "help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?"

Our young people at their confirmation in the commission were asked one of the following questions "Will you continue in the apostles 'teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers, and in prayers'". This question would suggest Church attendance.

It has been a difficult time during lockdowns to be able to gather together as the Bible teaches to worship God and hear the reading, preaching and teaching of God's word, Social media has been a limited blessing but a poor substitute for the proper gathered worship of god's people. I was given the following article, which I commend to you. May I also recommend the following passages of scripture. Hebrews 10 v 24-25 "Let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habitat of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the day approaching"

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient (there are those that love not getting ready in the morning or leaving the home?!), it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers either. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We do life together.

The church needs you.

And you need the church.

Wherever you are, find a local church where you and your family can be part of community and use your talents to advance the kingdom and reach others. To come alongside one another physically, not just through a screen. While I'm grateful for technology to keep people connected that can't physically come to a facility or need to be away, it's absolutely not like being in the building. Never will be.

Yes, church on the sofa is ok.

But it'll never be the same as church in the sanctuary.

Copied from a Friend but I believe the above is very true for us all.

1. Worship is two dimensional us and God, us and the other people.

2. We meet to spur each other to go out serve God and care for others around us both fellow Church members and those outside the Church.

3. We are to encourage one another as we come together to worship God, We all need encouragement in daily life with all its trials and sorrows. But especially after all we have been through during the Covid pandemic. Any encouragement we could give during lockdown was generally during illness and bereavement by social media and phone calls.

4. We are not to get into a bad habit. Habits good or bad can creep up on us and take control of our lives. Bad habits are hard to shake off. We are made to be social beings and this is no less in terms of coming together to worship God.

5. The end of the verse clearly tells us why we should meet together and not neglect it or get in a bad habit - "all the more as you see the Day approaching". The Day - Christ's return, the day when we must all give account of our lives. The day when what we have done with Christ and for Christ will be laid open before God and



everyone. No excuses taken or accepted, every word spoken - good or bad, every motive for every action judged.

Our relationship with God is serious and God is serious about it. He sent his only Son to die for our sin on the Cross on our behalf. He calls us to real, living active relationship with him through faith in Christ alone. Then He calls us to grow in it, and love it out. One of those ways is through our Worship on Sundays.

As we face the winter soon again let us step up to the Challenges it will and may present by taking time to fulfil God's word to us in these verses from Hebrews 10 v 24-25.

Harvest Services

God willing and with hopefully no Covid restrictions it is planned to hold harvest services on the following dates:-

Tempo Sunday 26th September 11.30am
Clabby 3rd October 10.15am

Funeral

15/08/21 Mrs Tanya Margaret Armstrong,

Clabby Road, Clabby.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Tanya's husband Nicky, son Dale (Courtney), grand-daughter Georgia; Tanya's parents Gordon and Lily and sister Lavinia and all the family circle. Tanya fought bravely a two-year battle with Pancreatic Cancer. She will be greatly missed in her immediate family and by her friends. Tanya had been involved as a teacher in Sunday School, was a founder member of the Parish Bowling Club and was its secretary organising matches and the annual tournaments. Tanya's other hobbies apart from bowls was flower arranging. She arranged many beautiful displays at Harvest, Christmas and Easter along with arranging flowers on request by Parishioners for Sundays throughout the year. Latterly in 2020 she was appointed as Select Vestry Secretary.

Outside the Parish Tanya played bowls in the Western League and held office on the committee. She was on the staff of BT in Enniskillen.

Trory and Killadeas



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A note from the Rector

At the time of writing these notes, the long evenings and dry (even hot) weather of summer are erring towards a hazy memory. Nights are drawing in, and in the early mornings there is a definite autumnal crispness in the air. How much longer we will be able to continue daily routine tasks outdoors I'm not sure. We have just about learned to hold meetings standing outside, have for cups of tea in the car park instead of the hall, and even take confirmation classes round picnic furniture on the rectory lawn (but as the confirmation class can attest, the weather is starting to beat us, and we had to finish under cover). Who knows what autumn and winter will bring this year, but let's hope for some form of normality.

While the future may seem a tad uncertain, one hopes the church has remained certain, sure, a constant support, and beacon of faith, hope, and love for our local communities, and I hope and pray that we will continue to be so, whatever the weather, restrictions, or other curve balls we face.

There is a story told of Saint John the Divine (the one who wrote the Gospel, the letters of John 1, 2, and 3, and Revelation). When he was very old and no longer able to walk, his disciples would carry him out on a stretcher for him to preach to those who wanted to learn from him. Every day he would give the same short teaching. 'Little children, love one another.' Upon hearing this for the umpteenth time, one of the listeners asked him 'Teacher, why do you

never change what you say?' to which John replied 'Little children, love one another. Because that is enough.'

Perhaps there is something in this for us as we move into another uncertain autumn and winter. Perhaps when all is stripped away, love is enough. If all we have to cling to is love, perhaps we have enough. Christ when asked to summarise the law said; 'love God and love your neighbour' (a shortened paraphrase from Matthew) and Paul writing to the church in Corinth says after everything else passes away 'still these three remain, faith hope and love, but the greatest of these is love.' Even Prayer 3 in our Holy Communion liturgy reminds us that our salvation was won for us 'with love stronger than death, [making] the perfect sacrifice for sin.' If love summarises the whole law and pure love was enough to triumph over sin and death, then maybe love is enough.

As the evenings draw in and the weather gets less favourable to outdoor gatherings, perhaps it is time for us to find new ways live out our faith and put love in action. Start small, instigating good habits we should be cultivating all the time. Instead of complaining, ask yourself is what you are about to say loving? Think about your words, and make a more concerted effort to speak words that edify and uplift. Check in on neighbours, family and friends. Ask 'how are you?' and actually care about the answer. Take time to listen to those who need your compassion. And most of all remember to love yourself. Know and remind yourself often you are loved. Take time to stop, pray, read the bible, spend time

with God, and with the church, the whole body of Christ (that is your friends and family.) Get recharged and refilled through this love, and in doing so find new ways to show real love to those around you.

Whatever the world throws at you, always find a way to live out your faith rooted in hope and love.

'Little children, love one another. Because that is enough.'

Congratulations

Joan Nelson, our organist in Priory Church Killadeas will be commissioned as a Diocesan Lay Reader on 16th September in Enniskillen Cathedral. Although organist in Killadeas, she is no stranger to Trory either, playing the organ for holiday cover, and even on occasion cutting her teeth for her new role by preaching in St. Michael's too. We wish her every blessing as she takes up this new ministry.

Harvest

Priory Church, Killadeas Harvest Services are on Friday 24th September at 7.30pm and Sunday 26th September at 10am. See Church Service notes below for details. Harvest in St. Michael's, Trory will be Friday 8th October at 7.30pm and Sunday 10th October at 11.30am. Details will be published next month.

There is nothing quite like a harvest supper, so for the Friday services in both Trory and Killadeas we hope to have something to warm you afterwards, but of course this is dependent on restrictions. Even if we have to wrap up in winter woolies standing in a chilly carpark, or sit in our cars to avoid the

rain, talking to each other through open doors or windows, if there is a safe way, we will make it happen.

After the success of the 'Turn up with a turnip' competition, and the great imagination showed by our young (and young at heart) in making 'Veggie pals' during the All-Age Harvest services last year, we are going to run both again this year during the Sunday Harvest Service in both parishes.

'Turn up with a turnip' is a competition to carve or decorate a turnip to be used to decorate the church. Please decorate the turnip at home and bring it to church with you. Last year we had various themes, with faces, fruits of the spirit, and even one where the turnip was painted as a moon, with a figure of Neil Armstrong landing on it! 'Veggie pals' are made from kits containing small fruits and vegetables, held together with cocktail sticks, and made by families during the service. Kits will be provided during the Sunday Harvest Service.

Confirmation candidates

Confirmation classes are on pause for the month of September but will recommence on Tuesday 5th October. Please note the list of candidates for confirmation in November 2021 is now closed and no more late admissions can be facilitated.

From the registers

Holy Baptism

29th August 2021 - Camilla Lillie Porter Allen

Church Services

Sunday 5th September

10am - Morning Prayer 2 Priory Church Killadeas

11.30am - Morning Prayer 2 in St. Michael's, Trory

Sunday 12th September

10am - Morning Prayer, Priory Church Killadeas

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

Sunday 19th September

10am - Morning Prayer with Carpark Cuppa, Priory Church Killadeas

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

Friday 24th September

7.30pm - A service of harvest readings and music in Priory Church Killadeas, followed by outdoor/in car refreshments.

Sunday 26th September

10am - A Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Priory Church Killadeas. Guest Speaker, Canon Ronnie Nesbitt (Bangor Abbey).

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



MOTHERS' UNION



CLOGHER DIOCESAN MOTHERS' UNION ORGANISES THIRD WALK WITH JUNE BUTLER

About 25 ladies, gentlemen, children and two dogs assembled outside St Patrick's Church in Monaghan town on a very windy morning to join in a short act of worship led by the Rector of Clones, Revd Roy Taylor, before the beginning of June's 23rd walk – the third and final one in the diocese of Clogher.

At the beginning of this walk, June was accompanied by 18 others - the Diocesan President, Irene Boyd; the Diocesan Chaplain, Revd Charlie Eames; Barbara Clarke, All Ireland PRO for the northern dioceses - the official photographer for the day; members from several branches and their daughters - as well as the two dogs. The 7.5km walk was led by the Branch Leader from Killeevan Mothers' Union, Linda Keating.

The walkers headed down the hill from the church, beside the main town car park and across New Road, to join the designated trail along the disused Old Ulster Canal. This greenway totals 4.2km in length and uses the towpath of the abandoned canal. Heritage structures along the full route include three bridges, a lock house and two locks, although the walkers did not see all these features as, after approximately 2.5



kms, they turned left from the greenway, towards and then through the main gates into Rossmore Forest Park. Once in those grounds the remaining walkers (now around 13 in number and one dog) made their way up the main roadway towards the site of the former Rossmore Castle, admiring the views over Castle Lake towards "Roddy," one of the giant stone sculptures which have in recent years been added to the grounds as an attraction for children. The Park dates back to the 1760s and the castle (the former home of the Westenras - the Barons of Rossmore) became derelict in the 1950s. The park is now run by the Irish States forestry organisation, Coillte.

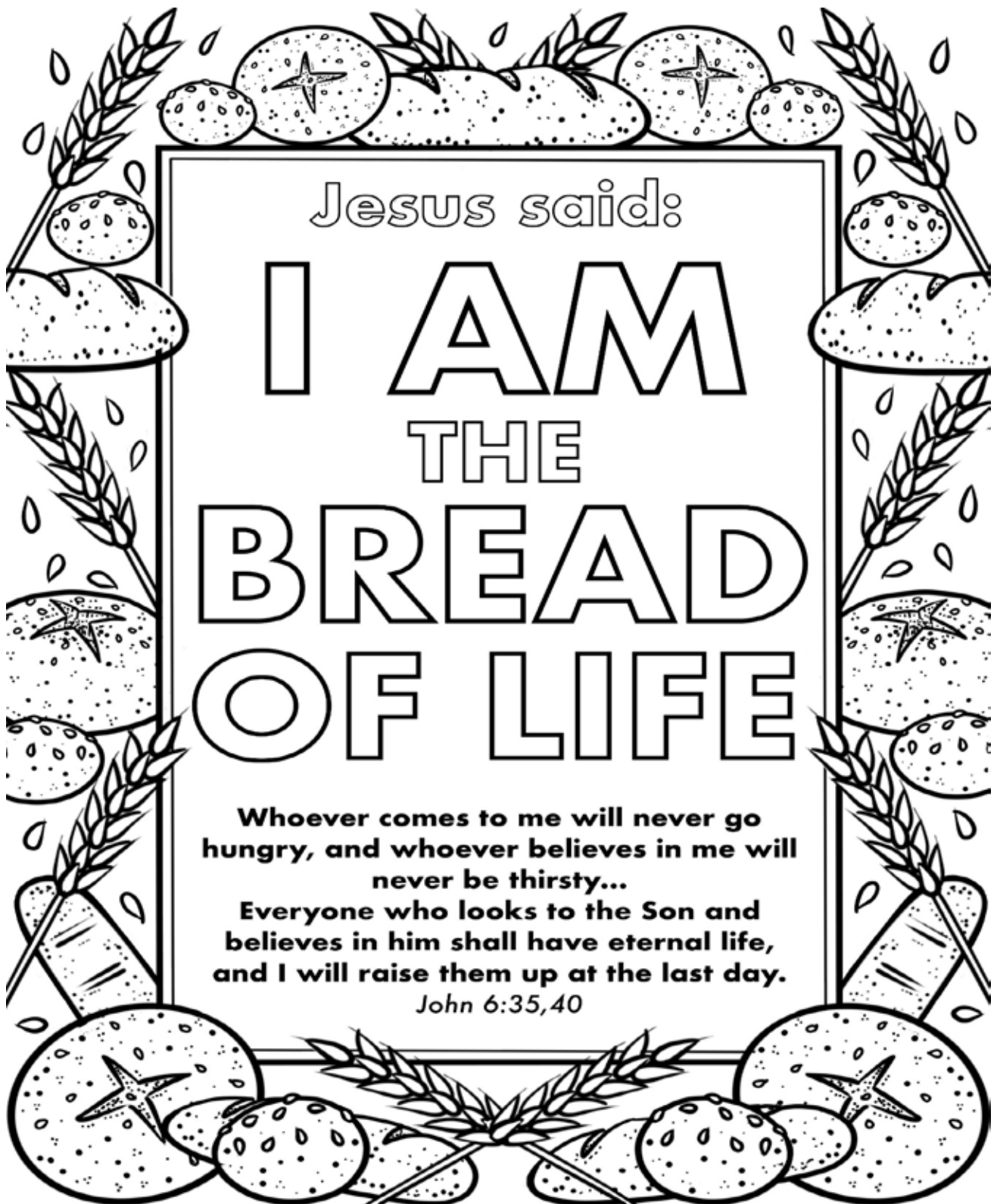
As the walkers had completed more than half the allocated distance, they regretfully

turned and retraced their steps back through the Park (passing another giant – "Banba" - at the gate) and along the canal pathway back to Monaghan town and up the hill to St Patrick's Church where the ladies of the MU branch had kindly prepared some refreshments. June said she was very tempted to return to Rossmore Park in the afternoon as it had so much to offer - including a variety of well-marked walking trails - but perhaps her feet had had enough exercise already that day! On returning to St Patrick's Church, everyone enjoyed the welcome refreshments provided by Jennifer Leatham and Linda Keating from the Trustee Board. Donations given by participants will go towards the Mums in May Fund.

The Trustee Board wish to express sincere thanks to all Mothers' Union members and friends who have participated in walks over the past four months. All monies raised through any type of sponsorship or 'Count Your Blessing' donations, are to be directed to branch treasurers, who will then forward their branch collection for the Mums in May Fund, to Diane Donaldson, the Diocesan Treasurer.



CHILDREN'S SECTION



Jesus said:
**I AM
THE
BREAD
OF LIFE**

Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty...
Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.
John 6:35,40



September 



Mouse Makes



The bowl of flour and the jar of oil

It had not rained for months and months, there was a drought in the land.

God sent His prophet **Elijah** to the town of Zarephath. At the town gate he saw a widow gathering firewood.

"Please bring me a drink of water and some bread." he asked her.



She answered "All I have is a handful of flour and a drop of oil in a jar, it is our last meal."

"Do not worry." Elijah said, "Make the meal and make a small loaf for me."

The woman did what Elijah had asked and God blessed her ...

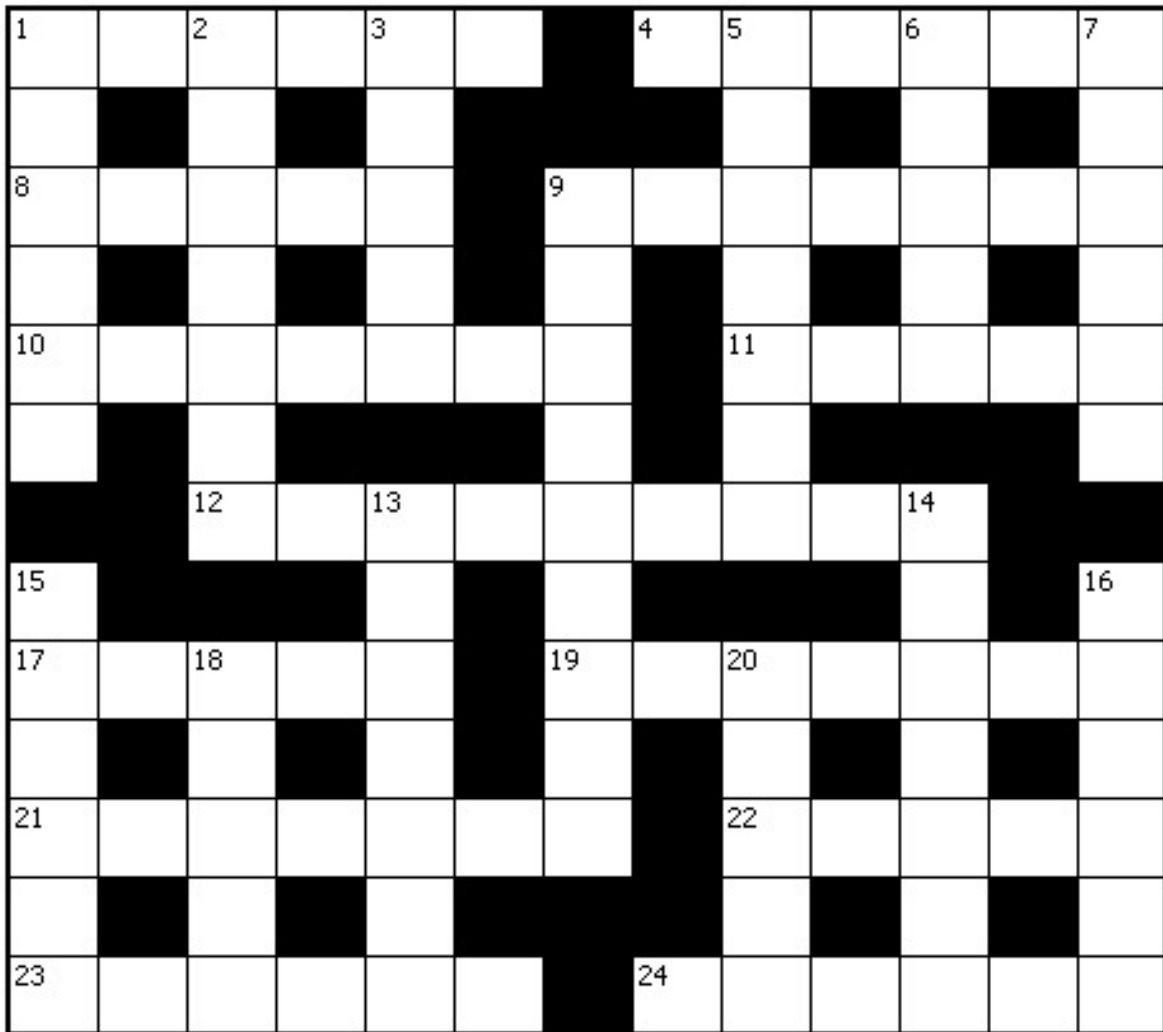
... The bowl never ran out of flour and the jar never ran out of oil until it rained again!



Find these words from the story in the word search:

- WORD • LORD • GOD • ELIJAH • SENT • ZAREPHATH • GATE • CITY • WIDOW
- STICKS • WATER • DRINK • BREAD • FEED • HANDFUL • FLOUR • LITTLE
- OIL • SON • EAT • DIE • FULL • WENT • MAKE • BAKED • ATE • JAR • JUG • MANY
- DAYS • LIVE • NEVER • EMPTY

PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 'Through [christ] we have gained By faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)
- 4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)
- 8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)
- 9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)
- 10 Belgium's chief port (7)
- 11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)
- 12 Imposing height (psalm 48:2) (9)
- 17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)
- 19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)
- 21 'Your will be done' ... as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)
- 22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)
- 23 Axle, eh? (Anag.) (6)
- 24 'Out of the... I cry to you, o Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

DOWN

- 1 Popular Christian author and humorist, Plass (6)
- 2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)
- 3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)
- 5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)
- 6 Lonny (anag.) (5)
- 7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)
- 9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)
- 13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)
- 14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)
- 15 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net (John 21:11) (6)
- 16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)
- 18 There will be weeping and gnashing of ... (Matthew 8:12) (5)
- 20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 71

DIOCESAN NEWS

News Canons of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin

Clogher Diocese is represented in the new Canons installed at St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

On Sunday 4th July, the Very Revd Dr William Morton, Dean of Saint Patrick's, installed the Revd Katharine Poulton, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, and the Revd Malcolm Kingston as Prebendaries of Swords, Tassagard and Yagoe respectively on the Chapter of the National Cathedral.

Dean Kenneth Hall represents Clogher Diocese while Revd Malcolm Kingston is from Armagh Diocese and Katharine Poulton is from Meath and Kildare.

Dean Morton, said they pray God richly to bless their ministry among us.

Canons Poulton and Hall were elected by the Chapter and Canon Kingston was appointed by the Archbishop of Armagh, in January of this year.

The lengthy delay between election, appointment and installation is a result of Church and State restrictions relating to the Coronavirus pandemic.



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The Ely family crypt in the graveyard at Inishmacsaint Church which is organising open days in September.

Inishmacsaint's heritage will be on view during special open days

The heritage of St Ninnidh's Church, in the Parish of Inishmacsaint will be outlined in a special exhibition and open days in September.

The parish will be opening their church on European Heritage Open Days on Saturday, 11th September from 10am to 6pm and on Sunday, 12th September from 2pm to 6pm. Information will be available on the Ely ancestry and their contribution to the church. The Fermanagh Genealogy Group will be attending on the Saturday.

On Sunday, 12th September, during morning services, the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis will lead a Service of Thanksgiving for the Ely family and for all in the community, past and present, who have contributed to the life and growth of this community of faith.

A special memorial stone will be unveiled recording those who are buried in the church crypt.

The Revd Stephanie Woods has compiled a short, colourful history book of the church and the Ely family, an accompanying puzzle book and a book detailing the providence and meaning of the stained glass in the church. These will be available over the weekend.



Revd Stephanie Woods looking over details of the heritage open days with organising committee members, Ron Ferguson and Eddie Rogers.



The Angel of Resurrection window by Wilhelmina Geddes in Inishmacsaint Church.

Nineteenth Century panels, hand painted by Lady Anna Maria and currently awaiting restoration, will also be available for viewing – as will the 6th century hand chiselled font (still in use today) and the first full size, autonomous window undertaken by the world-famous glass artist Wilhelmina Geddes.

The present church at Benmore was built in 1831 using a loan of £1,384 12d 3 3/4d from "First Fruits," a fund from the first year's revenue of all Church of Ireland vacant churches. With repayments annually of £55.8s the Second Marquis of Ely, John Loftus who lived between 1770 and 1845 paid a fifth and the parish the remaining four fifths.

John Loftus owned some 34,000 acres of land in Fermanagh and was considered a good landlord..

One of the features in the church is the 6th century baptismal font chiselled from local stone and brought from Inishmacsaint Island to the church where it is still used.

The church was consecrated by the Second Marquis's brother, Bishop Robert Ponsonby Tottenham on August 31 1831.

Among the many treasures which adorn Inishmacsaint Church is the Angel of Resurrection Window dating from 1912 and which was the first full scale church window produced by the celebrated Irish artist,



Ron Ferguson and Eddie Rogers promoting the heritage open days.

Wilhelmina Geddes.

Wilhelmina who was born in Leitrim but brought up in Belfast earned many commissions for her work including one in a church in Ottawa, and a 25 feet diameter rose window in Ypres Cathedral. Her window in Inishmacsaint was dedicated by the children of Emily and George Tottenham (Rector) in their memory. The pulpit and lectern were all donated by various members of the Ely family. Funding and support for the weekend has been provided by the Lough Erne Partnership.

In association with the church's open days, the present owners of the old Benmore Rectory just opposite, Jason and Clare Palmer are inviting visitors to see the

grounds where tea and scones will be provided.

A virtual tour of the building and grounds will be available from 6th September on the Facebook page; www.facebook.com/inishmacsaint-parish-church

ALSO OPEN FOR HERITAGE WEEKEND;

The Ardess Famine Graveyard, adjacent to Ardess Parish Church, near Kesh is open on Friday, between 12noon – 5pm; Saturday between 12noon -5pm and on Sunday between 1pm-6pm.



One of a number of memorials to members of the Ely family in Inishmacsaint Church.



Canon Geoffrey Bridle dedicating the refurbished Vestry in Cleenish Church.



Canon Geoffrey Bridle with churchwardens, Rosemary Forde and Leslie Nixon dedicating the new car park and lighting.

New Vestry and Car Park dedicated at afternoon service

The Rector and parishioners of Cleenish Parish Church, Bellanaleck, have dedicated a refurbished Vestry with new door, stair and balcony carpeting as well as provision of a car park with sound and lighting system. The Service of Evening Prayer and Dedication led by Canon Geoff Bridle, assisted by Parish Reader, Rowena Sheridan, took place on Sunday afternoon, 25 July.

The service included the hymns; "O God, our help in ages past," "Before the hills in order stood," "Take my life, and let it be" and "Bind us together, Lord." The organist was Mrs Joan Brownlee.

During the service, Canon Bridle performed the dedication of the refurbished Vestry including new door, stair and balcony carpets and the new car park at the rear of the church with sound and lighting system. The new Vestry door was donated by Mrs Florence Willis and family in memory of Mervyn and the car park lighting was donated by Mrs Jayne Balfour, Annie and the Balfour family in memory of James. During his address, Canon Bridle praised the commitment and craftsmanship of all



Cleenish parishioners enjoy a picnic tea after the service.

those who gave their gifts and talents to ensure the facilities were provided. He said that being a village church at the centre of a main thoroughfare, all the work and generosity does not go unnoticed and was admired by many who pass by. He said the new car park with lighting and sound system had been particularly useful during COVID-19 when parishioners were

able to participate in the Services in their cars. It also ensured that cars were taken off the main road and the lighting system would provide further safety during darker winter months.

Following the service, everyone was invited to an outdoor picnic tea in the car park which included pre-packed picnic boxes and an ice cream van.



Serving the picnic boxes and refreshments.



Members of the Willis family with Canon Geoffrey Bridle with the vestry door they donated in memory of Mervyn Willis.



The congregation at Mullaghduh Parish Church in their newly extended car park with new lighting.



Canon Geoffrey Bridle carrying out the dedication of the car park during the service at Mullaghduh.

Parish enhances grounds with new parking facilities

An extension to the car park with associated lighting and landscaping has been completed at Mullaghduh Parish Church, near Letterbreen in Clogher Diocese. The project which was undertaken during Covid-19 restrictions required the acquisition of additional land from a neighbouring landowner and the re-location of an electricity pole. The main entrance gates were also widened and rebuilt.

At a special Service of Evening Prayer with Dedication of the Extension to Mullaghduh Car Park and new Lighting System, the Rector, Canon Geoff Bridle paid tribute to those who had planned and carried out the work including Project Manager, Stanley Moffatt and his team of Thomas Elliott and Geoffrey Lucy. A gift was presented to Stanley by Canon Bridle to mark his leadership of the team.

He said it was one thing to have a vision but another to make it a reality even though the project was not without its challenges. Canon Bridle praised the craftsmanship and the work which was carried out in



The refurbished grounds at Mullaghduh Parish Church.

meticulous detail.

The People's Churchwarden, Mr Dessie Coalter, asked Canon Bridle to dedicate the facilities on behalf of the parishioners. The hymns; "O God, our help in ages past," "A thousand ages in thy sight," "Take my life and let it be" and "Bind us together, Lord" were sung accompanied by organist,

Elizabeth Hazlett. Canon Bridle was assisted in the service by Parish Reader, Mr. Robert Watterson.

Following the service, members of the congregation who included those who gave bequests, viewed the new facilities and enjoyed refreshments outdoors.



Canon Geoffrey Bridle with members of the project team; Stanley Moffatt, Geoffrey Lucy and Thomas Elliott.



Stanley Moffatt (right), Project Manager, outlining stages of the project at Mullaghduh Church to Albert Sherlock, Robert Gibson and Billy Blair.

Restrictions for church worship in the Republic of Ireland

At the time of going to Press, churches were still under restrictions for services of worship.

In the Republic of Ireland further information is available at the link: <https://bit.ly/3yLUhTD>

Key elements in organising and planning safe services are;

- A risk assessment is required to determine how many people can attend a service within the current requirements of social distancing.
- Ensure adequate ventilation of any indoor spaces.
- Advise all congregants not to attend service if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and have a plan for dealing with faith and religious leaders or members of the congregation who become ill during the service.
- Services should ideally not exceed one hour and allow sufficient time for cleaning and to ventilate the area before the next service begins.
- Explain clearly how the service will be conducted and what is expected of all members of the congregation when attending.
- Stagger entry and exit of the venue to allow for social distancing measures. Ensure congregants do not gather immediately outside the door before or after the service. Appoint stewards who can help congregants to maintain social distance
- Provide Alcohol-based hand rub for use at entry, exit and other appropriate points within the space. Provide tissues and bins for safe disposal. Ensure hand-washing facilities, including soap dispensers and disposable towels, are well maintained.



- Ensure all hard surfaces that are frequently touched, such as door handles, hand rails, taps and pews are cleaned regularly with a household detergent. Touching of surfaces should be minimised.
- Ensure social distancing of a minimum two metres (in all directions) is maintained between all individuals/pods during all services/gatherings.
- Mark off the seating arrangements, where possible.
- Congregants should continue to wear cloth face coverings or masks during indoor services and ceremonies. A mask provides better protection than a visor, which should not be used unless there are specific problems with using the face mask. Please note the use of surgical masks rather than face cloth coverings is now recommended to be worn by people who are in high risk and very high risk cohorts and older age groups when in confined community spaces.
- Small groups of singers may perform following implementation of any mitigation actions identified by risk assessment.

Rules on church services in NI

The number of people permitted to attend a place of worship must be determined by a risk assessment.

It is a legal requirement to wear a face covering when entering and exiting the building. Face covering exemptions apply.

The legal requirement to wear a face covering in a place of worship, during an act of worship, has been removed, however it is still strongly advised.

If singing is part of the act of worship it is strongly advised that face coverings are worn.

Face coverings must still be worn at any other activity taking place in a church building, unless the primary purpose of the activity is an act of worship. The regulations are available on the Department of Health website.

Many places of worship are also workplaces and should therefore be aware of their responsibilities as employers under health and safety law. Places of worship also have a duty of care to volunteers, to make sure that, as far as reasonably practicable, they are not exposed to risks to their health and safety. Guidance for voluntary and community groups that operate in church buildings is also available.

Anyone showing any of symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, a fever/ high temperature, or a loss, or

change in, their normal sense of taste and smell) must not attend their place of worship under any circumstances due to the risk that they pose to others.

For funerals, it is strongly recommended that anyone who is self-isolating attends remotely, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread to other mourners.

On entering and leaving a place of worship, everyone, including staff, should wash or sanitise their hands.

There should be signs and posters to encourage hand hygiene as well as hand sanitiser in multiple locations.

Social distancing

Worshippers should stay at least one metre apart and should not have close contact with anyone outside of their household.

In circumstances where worshippers are less than two metres apart, other mitigations, such as good ventilation and the wearing of face coverings, are strongly recommended.

Time spent in close contact should be kept to an absolute minimum.

Organisations do not have to keep detailed records of attendance for contact tracing purposes.

However, these details would help contact tracing if there was an outbreak within a place of worship.

COVID-19 can survive up to 72 hours

on hard surfaces. Contact with shared surfaces that are frequently touched can increase the risk of infection.

Rooms used for worship and shared spaces, such as doorways, should therefore be cleaned regularly and following every service.

Surfaces such as door handles, tables, seats, handrails and toilets should be cleaned regularly with household detergent.

Sufficient time needs to be allowed for this cleaning to take place.

After all necessary cleaning has taken place there should be a minimum 15-minute interval before the next service being held.

Singing, playing musical instruments and chanted prayer are an important part of many religious services but can increase dispersal of the virus through aerosols and droplets. This is especially the case at loud volumes.

Worshippers should be encouraged to bring their own bibles, hymn sheets, prayer books or prayer mats, and remove these at the end of the service.

Venues should refrain from providing reusable resources and single use alternative can be offered instead if the worshipper has not brought their own.

The worshipper must remove and dispose of this at the end of the service.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September 2021

- Wednesday 8th September – **Aghavea Parish Bible Fellowship** which will face our responsibility to live as God's people in the midst of the Climate Crisis.
- 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. Church grounds will be opened from 10am to 6pm on Saturday and on Sunday afternoon. On Sunday morning, the 11.30am service will include a Service of Thanksgiving attended by The Bishop of Clogher.
- Sunday 12th September – **Visiting musician to play at Derrvullen North (10.30am) and Castle Archdale (11.45am) services.** Major Steve Whittingham, Salvation Army, a friend of Canon Paul along with his wife, Major Christine Whittingham, will be in the area on holiday and having contributed to several online acts of reflection and worship, the parishes hope that Steve is able to join them "in-church" on this occasion.
- Wednesday 15th September – **Charity Registration Information Evening** for parishes in the Republic of Ireland in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan.
- Wednesday 15th September – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submissions** for the October edition. Send to; editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Thursday 16th September – **Commissioning Service for new Diocesan Pastoral Assistants and a Diocesan Reader** in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.
- Monday 20th September – **Teddy Bear's Picnic** hosted by Fivemiletown Parish Mums + Tots Together from 10am - 11.30am, meeting at the Parish Hall before walking to the Round Lake, Fivemiletown.
- 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
- Wednesday 22nd September – **Aghavea Parish Bible Fellowship** will consider our response to the Refugee Crisis in countries such as Afghanistan and in countries where Christianity is persecuted.
- Wednesday 29th September – **Organ Recital and Fundraiser for Enniskillen Cathedral Roof Appeal** at 7.30pm featuring one of the most promising young pianists and organists in Northern Ireland, Orly Watson, Director of Music at Dromore Cathedral, and Official Accompanist at Queen's University. A graduate of Oxford University and of the Royal Academy of Music in London, Orly has performed extensively in Ireland and England and has worked for the Royal Irish Academy of Music and for Northern Ireland Opera. He will perform a programme of favourite organ works framed by congregational hymns. Suggested donation of minimum of eight pounds.



- 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>

October 2021

- Friday 1st October – **Deadline for applications to the Church Fabric/Marshall Bereford Fund.** More information at; www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources
- Friday 15th October – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submissions** for the November edition. Send to; editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Tuesday 19th October – **Clogher Diocesan Council meeting** at 2.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall.

November 2021

- Saturday 13th November – **Quiet Morning in St. John's Parish, Fivemiletown** with Revd Canon David Ferry, Limavady, beginning at 9.30am and finishing with soup lunch (Covid permitting), open to parish, diocese and friends of the parish. David is a witness for the Fellowship Of Contemplative Prayer and will lead the prayer and quiet according to their rhythm. Book with Precentor Kyle Hanlon, or Judith in the parish office on 8952 2422.
- Monday 15th November – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submissions** to the December/January edition. Send to; editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Thursday 25th November – **Clogher Diocesan Synod** in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 5.30pm if held as an in-person meeting or at 7pm for an online meeting. Further details later.

May 2022

- Thursday 5th - Saturday 7th May 2022 – **General Synod for 2022** takes place at Croke Park, Dublin.



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GROWING UP IN A RECTORY FAMILY

– new book by Niall Howe

A member of a well-known church family in Clogher Diocese has written a book about his adventures and experiences during his childhood.

Niall Howe (pictured right), the eldest in the family of Chancellor George Reginald Howe and his wife, Mary, has published his book, "Howe About That!" which documents the family's historical roots, the childhood days in various rectories and later school life. Chancellor Howe grew up in Redhills, County Cavan and was ordained in the Church of Ireland following his graduation from Trinity College Dublin in 1939. He first served as a curate in St Clement's Parish, East Belfast and he and his wife, Mary were married in 1943 just after his appointment to Drumkeeran Parish, Tubrid in Clogher Diocese. He was later appointed rector of Rossorry Parish where he remained until retirement.

In the preface to his book, Niall explains how his inspiration to write the book was prompted many years earlier by his inquisitive children, Tanya and Jonathan who often asked about the 'old days.'

The book goes into some detail about growing up in a rectory family as well as the experiences which shaped and influenced his journey towards adulthood. Niall was the eldest in a family of four, with brothers, Brian and Don and sister, Heather.

Recalling his father's early days in ordained ministry in Belfast, Niall explained how it was during the heydays of shipbuilding at Harland and Wolff and Luftwaffe bombing raids on Belfast.

Niall's father was subsequently appointed Curate-in-charge of the Parish of Drumkeeran, Tubrid, in North Fermanagh, an area which provided him with plenty of opportunities to fish and shoot. Revd Howe was also a keen gardener and beekeeper too.

As Niall describes in his book, "Life around the rectory was never dull" and "Drumkeeran was a wonderful place for us kids to grow up. I have such happy memories of my childhood there."

The book takes readers to a simpler lifestyle of the late 1940's, 50's and 60's when the home comforts people take for granted today were not experienced then.

There are some detailed descriptions of Niall's experiences at school – he attended six different primary level schools - and the mischievous antics he got up to as he grew up.

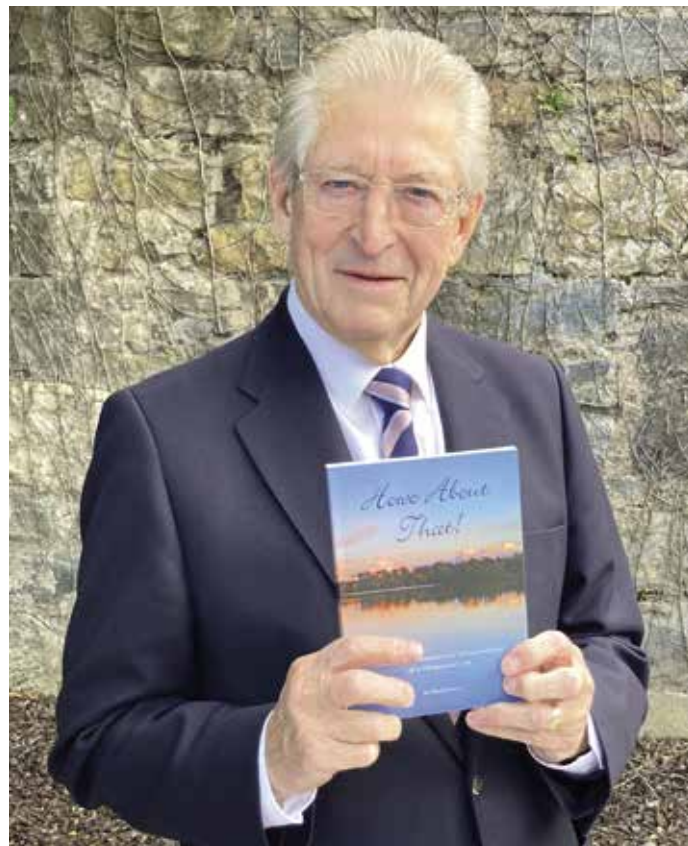
The family's sojourn of 12 years at Drumkeeran ended in 1957 when Revd Howe was appointed Rector of Rossorry Parish, on the outskirts of Enniskillen, marking the beginning of "an exciting new adventure" for the children.

The book charts Niall's progress to grammar school in Sligo.

In an epilogue, Niall said; "I found the experience of reflecting on my journey from my earliest childhood memory to the point where I left school to be quite cathartic!"

He searches deeply to describe his own family relationships acknowledging that while his father was a strict disciplinarian it was, he believes, his way of equipping his children with a moral compass for life's journey ahead.

While Niall did not follow his father into the church, he displays a real



understanding of theology and messages for everyday occasions.

He uses short quotations from the Bible to preface each chapter. Niall dedicates the book to his wife, Beryl and their children, Tanya and Jonathan and his wife, Christine, thanking them "for being a wonderful blessing to me and an example of God's love and kindness to all those you encounter."

It is also written in memory of his parents.

At least 25 per cent of all proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to Fields of Life, a Christian charity working in poor areas of Eastern Africa where it helps to change lives, transform communities and builds hope.

Niall has endeavoured to keep production of the book, largely in Fermanagh. The cover photograph of Sandy Bay, Lough Erne, was taken by Dr. Anita Kirkpatrick from Brookeborough and the book is printed by Cluff Printing Services, Derrygonnelly.

Copies of the book are available from Rossorry Parish Office (email: rossorryoffice@btinternet.com); from the Parish Office at Hillsborough (admin@hillsboroughparish.org.uk; Tel 028 92688839) or by contacting Niall on email; niallhowe@outlook.com.

ADULT CONFIRMATION SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER

Confirmation services have now begun around the diocese with the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Ian Ellis leading the services. Clogher Diocese is holding an adult confirmation service in September, for anyone over the age of 16 who has never been confirmed and would like to be.

The service will take place on Tuesday, 21st September on St.

Matthew's Day in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

If you would like to be confirmed or want more information, contact your Rector or Rural Dean or the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall who organises the service. He can be contacted on; dean@clogher.anglican.org

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Disestablishment 150: A virtual tour

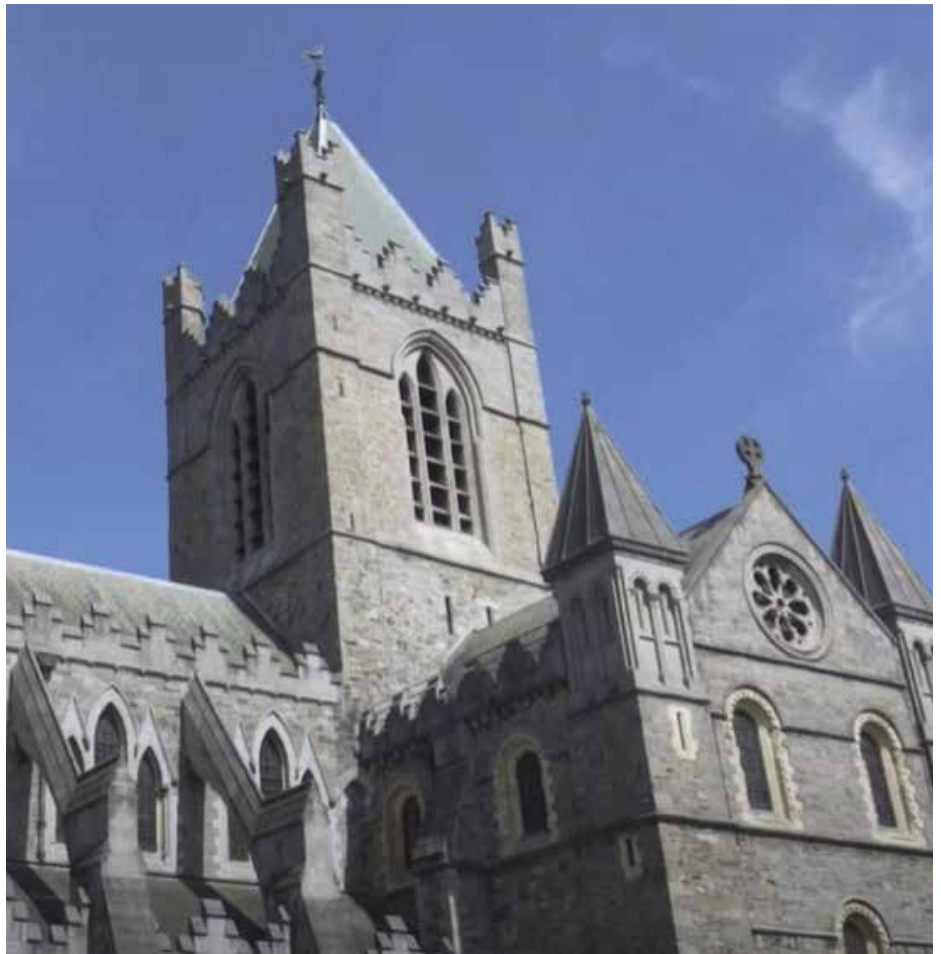
Heritage Week 2021's theme is Open the Door to Heritage. Disestablishment 150: A Virtual Tour opens the door to some of the Church of Ireland's most iconic built heritage.

150 years ago, on 1st January 1871, the Church of Ireland was officially disestablished, meaning it was no longer tied to the Church of England or to the state. Disestablishment was a time of religious, political, and social changes – in which a formerly established church became a voluntary one – and walking through these buildings associated with that period can really help us flesh out this story and bring it to life in our times.

This virtual walking tour looks at the Cathedral of Christ Church Cathedral as a monument restored post-Disestablishment, a powerful symbol saying: “We are still here.”

Dr Stuart Kinsella, Christ Church Cathedral's Research Advisor, expertly provides the finer details of this elaborate restoration and the contribution provided by the distiller and patron Henry Roe and architect George Edmund Street.

Caoimhe Leppard, National Co-ordinator for the D150 initiative, said; “We are also taken inside of the former Synod Hall purposely built after Disestablishment for the new democratic representation of clergy and lay, now home to Dublinia. A visit to St Audeon's provides us with an example of and insight into an Irish parish church during the time of Disestablishment. The final stop of the tour takes us to St Patrick's Cathedral rebuilt and elaborately restored, due to the generosity of Benjamin Lee Guinness of the famous



Guinness family, before Disestablishment as a bulwark to Disestablishment. “Restoration and preservation are a constant concern for the guardians of the Cathedral. We also speak to Cathedral Administrator, Gavan Woods, who shares

with us the scale of the most recent restoration of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, the largest scale restoration the Cathedral has seen since the Guinness Restoration.” The link to the virtual tour on video is; <https://youtu.be/lcLy3wmuY6k>

Priorities Fund open for applications!

The Church of Ireland Priorities Fund is now open for applications! Contributions to the fund come directly from Church of Ireland parishes and since its establishment in 1980 over €19 million (£16 million) has been distributed in grants.

The following categories are currently supported by the fund:

- Training – lay and ordained;
- Christian education;
- Outreach initiatives; and
- Innovative ministry in a rural context.

The Priorities Fund website – www.priorities.ireland.

anglican.org – provides more detail about the above criteria, and applications can be completed online on the website.

The closing date for the receipt of completed applications is Sunday, 31st October 2021.

For any queries about the fund, please contact the Priorities Fund's Administrator, Gordon Woods, at priorities@ireland, anglican.org or on 00 353 (0) 1 4125 636 or write to the Priorities Fund Office, Church of Ireland House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6, D06 CF47.



HOW THE CHURCH CAN FACE UP TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Work of Eco-Congregation Ireland outlined

The possible effects of climate change on communities across Ireland and advice to church communities to reduce their carbon footprint were illustrated recently in a talk given by Canon Andrew Orr, Chairperson of Eco-Congregation Ireland.

Some areas around the coasts including some major cities may be under water by 2050 if rising sea levels continue at the current rate unless action is taken.

He also encouraged church congregations to adopt ways to reduce damage to the environment. Climate change will have impacts on species, water pollution, soils, habitat loss and biodiversity.

Canon Orr began his talk looking back over historical records which show increases of CO2 levels globally in recent times and asked the question, "What happens if we blow the carbon budget?"

It is considered that if temperature rises continue within 2 degrees figure predicted, higher sea levels and more frequent forest fires, higher rainfall and periods of drought will be evident.

Examples of this have been evident in Ireland now with flooding events in Eglinton in 2017 damaging roads and infrastructure. The impact of rising sea levels could have catastrophic effects on coastal regions in Ireland. Taking the moderate scenario, by 2050, areas around major cities such as Dublin and Belfast could be under water.

Sea levels are considered to be rising at half a centimetre a year.

Canon Orr said the predictions are startling and would affect everyone. Crops traditionally grown in some parts of Ireland will move to other parts of the country in the future and in some parts of the world, island nations will be flooded.

Canon Orr looked at the Bible and how interpretation of passages guide people to and alluded to a scriptural view of creation care such as from Psalm 148; "All creatures are called to praise God."

He referred to the Five Marks of Mission;

- 1, Proclaim the good news of the Kingdom
- 2, to teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- 3, to respect to human need in loving service
- 4, to seek to transform the unjust structures of society
- 5, to strive to safeguard the integrity of



creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

He explained how Eco-Congregation Ireland has been established since 2005 and was made up of representatives from the Church of Ireland, Roman Catholic Church, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches and Society of Friends (Quakers) and was a sister group to similar groups

in Scotland, England and Wales and has a mission to encourage everyone to care for God's creation.

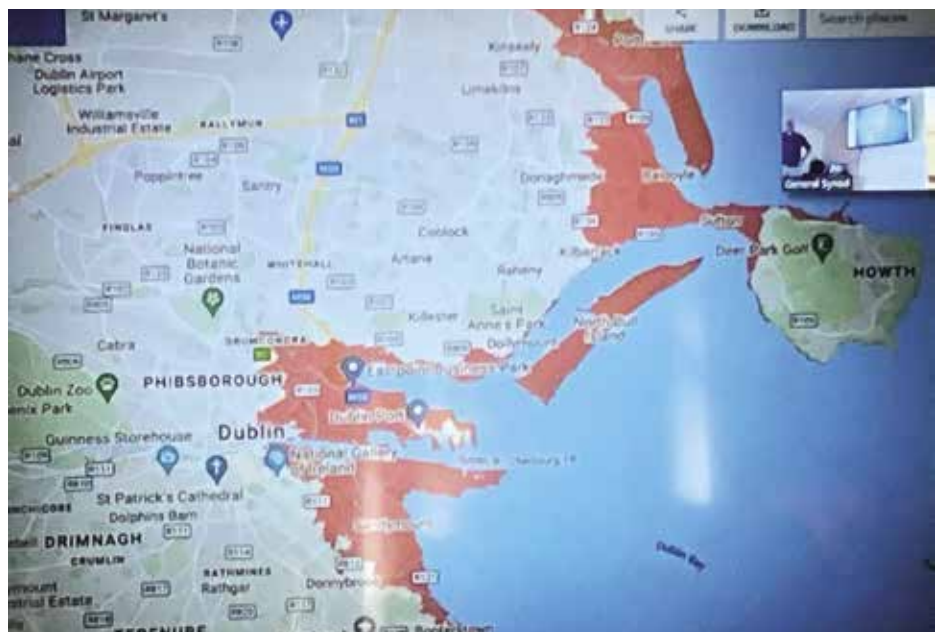
He said they ask parishes to work on spiritual, practical, local community and global aspects of this subject.

From a spiritual point of view, it is about resourcing the local church, providing materials for harvest festivals, Rogation Sunday. He said Creation Time takes place between 1st September and 4 October and another initiative is encouragement of parishes to organise a Climate Sunday by the end of October.

On a practical level, Canon Orr said advice to parishes from 360carbon.org include the following;

Church buildings

- Insulate church buildings wherever possible such as from grants
- Read your meters regularly/assess your energy usage
- Heating system should have timer and thermostatic controls
- Install energy saving light bulbs, using grants
- Encourage building users to switch off unnecessary lights and not leave items on standby such as photocopiers
- Check water outlets and repair drips and leaks



The areas in red are predicted to be under water by 2050 if temperatures continue to rise.

- Install water-saving devices

In terms of purchasing policy;

- Use environmentally friendly cleaning materials and paint
 - Purchase recycled paper and envelopes
 - Purchase Fairtrade products such as tea and coffee
 - Use local suppliers where possible
 - For catering, use crockery rather than disposable cups and plates or compostable items
 - Use farmers markets and other local markets to reduce food miles.
- He also advised on minimising waste by creating collection facilities for recycling items that can be used by church members, building users or local community. For church land adopt wildlife friendly management such as minimal use of weedkillers and pesticides, leaving some areas unmown. Native plant species and plants benefit

wildlife.

Use flowers and plants which are part of the All-Ireland Pollinators Programme with other features to benefit wildlife such as bird feeding stations, bird nest boxes, bat boxes, leaving piles of leaves and rotting logs for insects and hedgehogs. Tidiness is not always good for wildlife.

Use visually attractive planting and features and create areas for prayer/contemplation/ outdoor worship.

Parishes can also publish green tips in their church or parish magazine.

Canon Orr said small steps make a big difference overall.

Some churches in Ireland are about to install a new heating system in churches, with heated seat cushions rather than heating entire air space of the building.

Globally, parishes can make a difference with Bishop's Appeal, or other charities and Eco-Congregation Ireland present awards to those parishes who meet objectives.

Free online discussions on Decade of Change 1912-1922

Fermanagh and Omagh Council is organising a free programme to examine the events in Ireland of the decade between 1912 and 1922.

As part of its programme of events to reflect on the centenary of the foundation of Northern Ireland, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is organising the series of free online discussions looking at the events covering the decade between 1912 and 1922 which greatly shaped the modern history of the island of Ireland.

The programme, "Ethical and Shared Remembering: Remembering a Decade of Change and Violence 1912-1922" will explore the key historical events of the decade and will be delivered by The Junction who specialise in consolidating and strengthening community relations.

The programme is being delivered online over four consecutive Thursday afternoons commencing on Thursday 23 September looking at the Home Rule debate and the Solemn Ulster Covenant. To maximise the benefit from the programme, participants are encouraged to take part in all four sessions.

The "Ethical and Shared Remembering: Remembering a Decade of Change and Violence 1912- 1922" programme is a precursor for a further six session course entitled "Partition; What did it do for us? which follows immediately after. The programmes are available only to residents of the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

To book a place on either programme or on both, please contact Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Good Relations section by telephone on 0300 303 1777 or by email at goodrelations@fermanaghomagh.com as soon as possible. This event has received financial support from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Good Relations programme assisted by The Executive Office.

PARISHES ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT CLIMATE SUNDAY

Parishes across the Church of Ireland are being encouraged to support Climate Sunday, an initiative of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland which is illustrated in a new short video filmed around our island.

The initiative is calling on all local churches across Britain and Ireland to hold a climate-focused service on any Sunday before the 26th United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP 26), which is taking place in Glasgow from 31st October to 12th November this year, and to commit to long-term action on climate change.

The collective action and commitments from local churches across Britain and Ireland will be presented to the UK Government at a Nations Climate Sunday Service in Glasgow on Sunday, 5th September 2021.

The video, produced on behalf of the Church and Society Commission, is introduced by Canon Andrew Orr, a member of the Commission and also Chair of Eco-Congregation Ireland, an inter-church organisation seeking to help churches to celebrate the gift of God's creation, recognise the inter-dependence of all creation, and care for it in their life and mission and through members' personal lifestyles.

Archbishop John McDowell remarks: "There has probably never been a time when an emphasis by the Churches on



the care of the created order is needed. Climate Sunday gives parishes the opportunity to celebrate God's work in creation as well as his work in redemption, at a time when the need to do so is most pressing."

Canon Andrew Orr adds: "Climate Sunday is a fantastic initiative which is already proving very popular, with over 5,000 churches already signed up. It's a very straightforward way for churches to highlight the issue of climate justice in their congregations and get involved in caring for God's creation. We hope this video will encourage everyone in all parts of Ireland to take part."

Parishes are encouraged to share the video widely in their services and through their websites and social media accounts over the summer months, and to register their interest before Sunday, 5th September.

You can view the video at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/mQPeyOCQqJl>

More information on Climate Sunday is available at www.climatesunday.org

ARCHBISHOP VOICES CONCERNS OVER LEGACY PLAN

The Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, has issued the following statement on the UK Government's planned approach to the Legacy of the Troubles: "The announcement yesterday in the House of Commons of the path that the Government intends to follow in relation to Legacy issues in Northern Ireland will have created further heartbreak, frustration and anger for victims of the Troubles. The degree of suffering endured by victims over the years is not something that can be moved on from. It needs to be acknowledged in the full variety of its expression, and dealt with over the long term.

"Failure to deal with Legacy has probably been the biggest political and societal failing since the signing of the Belfast/ Good Friday Agreement. The one principle which all involved have been agreed on is that a general amnesty would be a morally empty response. Regardless of the name it goes under, a general amnesty is what the Government of the United Kingdom is now planning to put in place.

"In a repeat of a dismal pattern, once again political interests in Great Britain



Archbishop John McDowell.

have been used as the criteria for settling policy in Northern Ireland. Imperfect as they may have been, the carefully worked out provisions of the Stormont House Agreement have been set aside by one of the parties to the Agreement. Of course, that means a further erosion of trust in those who have been entrusted with just

and fair government.

"To believe that any process of reconciliation can be advanced by a measure that betrays the trust of victims, and of most ordinary citizens, indicates a profound ignorance of human nature and human suffering, and of the particular conditions of society in Northern Ireland."

Clogher link to Howth Castle auction

A portrait of a Bishop of Clogher from the 1600's is included in a large collection of antiques and effects being auctioned for the owners of Howth Castle with 800 years of history.

Lot number 544 is of Bishop George Montgomery, who served as Bishop of Clogher from 1605-1621.

Interestingly, this is one of two known portraits of Bishop Montgomery, the other being in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher.

Also among the contents is a portrait of Jonathan Swift.

The sale of contents of Howth Castle by the Gaisford-St.Lawrence family is being conducted by Fonsie Mealy.

The two-day auction, live online takes place on Wednesday, 8th September and Thursday, 9th September with viewing on 4, 5, 6 and 7 of September.

Course at Fermanagh House on handling conflict

An interesting course takes place at Fermanagh House later this month. Handling Conflict -Express of Interest, takes place over two days of Thursday and Friday, 23rd and 24th September between 10am and 4pm at Fermanagh House or by Zoom depending on the regulations.

One of the organisers stated; "Conflict can be described as a disagreement between people who differ in their ideas, needs, values or beliefs. Developing the knowledge and skills to manage conflict in groups is important to be able to effectively engage and communicate with groups of people in the Community with similar goals but differing ideas, opinions, or values. "A practical course aimed at exploring the roots of conflict in groups and

identifying ways to manage them.

"Training will include:

- *Identifying types of conflict and our associations.
 - *Understanding how conflict develops and escalates.
 - *Knowing the difference between functional and dysfunctional conflict.
 - *Examining causes of conflict.
 - *Understanding our own approach to conflict.
 - *Assessing a range of approaches.
 - *Mapping and analysing a conflict.
 - *The role of communication in managing conflict.
 - *Reality testing solutions to conflict.
 - *Steps to successfully managing conflict
- Anyone interested should follow this link; <https://forms.gle/wQRk2ofK2Mxe3WQr8>



THE ART OF REMEMBERING

Part-time post offered by Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union in Ireland is inviting applications from those interested in a part-time paid role as office administrator.

The role will support the work of the All-Ireland MU team.

The successful candidate will be required to work flexibly, from their home base or in the office in central Dublin for 12 hours a week with possible additional hours as workload demands.

Further information, a job description and application form are available from Heather Ellis, email;

heatherme.ellis@gmail.com and the closing date is Monday, 20th September 2021.

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