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At the Commissioning service were (front from left) Canon Paul Thompson (Warden of Readers), Mrs Joan Nelson, Diocesan Reader and Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis. Back row (from left); Wendy Kerr, Keith Browne, Viola Bryson and Pamela Hutchinson, Diocesan Pastoral Assistants.

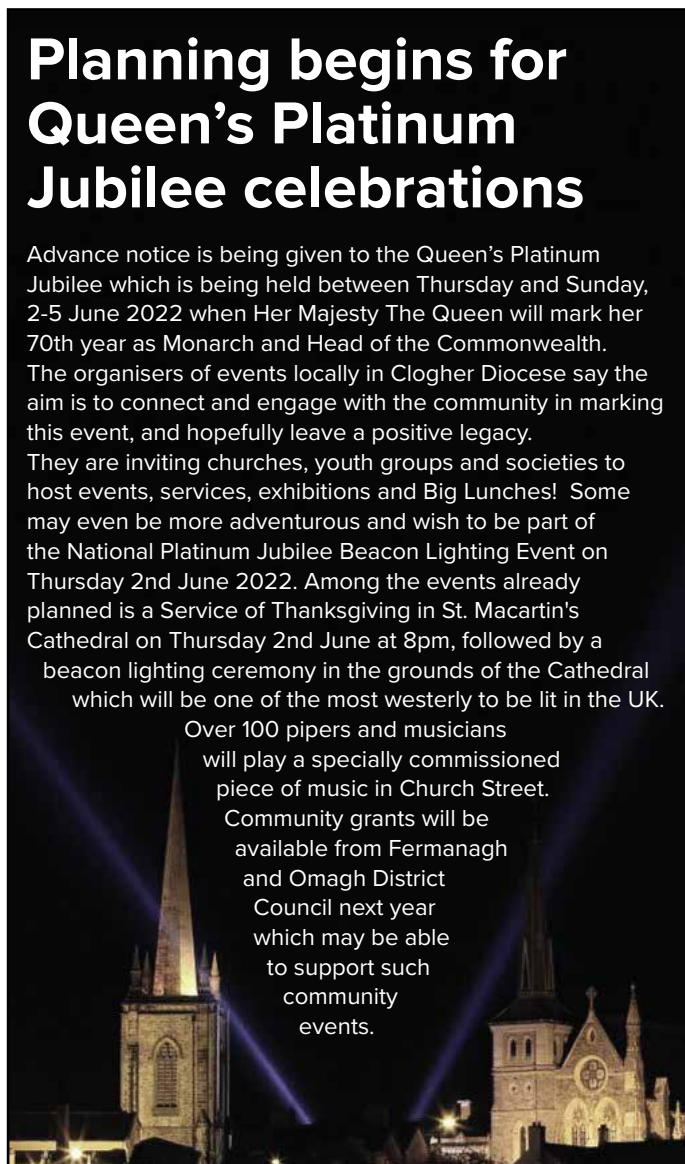
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Planning begins for Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Advance notice is being given to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which is being held between Thursday and Sunday, 2-5 June 2022 when Her Majesty The Queen will mark her 70th year as Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth. The organisers of events locally in Clogher Diocese say the aim is to connect and engage with the community in marking this event, and hopefully leave a positive legacy. They are inviting churches, youth groups and societies to host events, services, exhibitions and Big Lunches! Some may even be more adventurous and wish to be part of the National Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting Event on Thursday 2nd June 2022. Among the events already planned is a Service of Thanksgiving in St. Macartin's Cathedral on Thursday 2nd June at 8pm, followed by a beacon lighting ceremony in the grounds of the Cathedral which will be one of the most westerly to be lit in the UK.

Over 100 pipers and musicians will play a specially commissioned piece of music in Church Street. Community grants will be available from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council next year which may be able to support such community events.



A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



A Message from the Bishop

SOWING SEEDS

One of our most memorable family holidays was to the west coast of the US and in particular a visit to the famous Yosemite National Park in California. The Park is set in an amazing glacier-carved canyon with dramatic scenery including sheer cliffs and towering domed rocks rising 3000 feet above the river valley floor. It is an awe-inspiring scene which lifts our eyes to the glories of God's creation.



Yosemite National Park, California.

Around the mountain slopes are forests of pines and oaks; but by far the most impressive tree is the famous giant sequoia. The tour guides have a great patter for the tourists as they describe these trees in their typical American twang, as 'the greatest living thing'. They explain that it is not the tallest tree in the world, but it is the largest by volume and can live 1000 - 2000 years. The most famous is named the General Sherman which is 84 metres high and has a circumference at its base of 31 metres!

What is very interesting about these trees is that although very large and tall, their seed cones are small. The seeds are difficult to grow and as the cones fall off to the valley floor only a very few seeds fall out and take root. This is the reason why it is forbidden for visitors to take cones home. They are also very hardy trees and can withstand many diseases, lightning, and storm. They can normally withstand forest fires, although

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Giant Sequoia trees.

this year I read that due to the intensity of wildfires in California, firefighters have taken the unusual step of wrapping the bases of these trees in shiny fire-resistant blankets!

As I reflected on what we saw and heard about these trees, I was struck by the thought of that tiny cone from the giant sequoia cone falling hundreds of feet to the forest floor and the shaky possibility that a seed would find the earth and germinate. The future existence of these giant trees depends on that precarious sowing of a tiny seed.



Giant Sequoia cones

Jesus used a similar image about a seed of wheat – 'unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain, but if it dies it produces much fruit'. John 12:24

At this season of Harvest Thanksgiving, this verse is an important reminder that the future depends on seeds sown in the present. I wonder what those seeds might refer to in your life and mine, and the life of our parishes?

Perhaps it might mean:

• Sowing seeds of time in our service to the church and to others?

- Sowing seeds of kindness with a small gift or of helpfulness?
- Sowing seeds of ideas – perhaps encouraging someone to discover their vocation
- Letting go of something we hold precious to allow others to flourish?
- Making a small decision to do something to protect the environment?

All these examples are making a small difference but could help transform individual relationships, or parish life or indeed the planet.

And in the dimension of faith, it's about denying ourselves, offering to Jesus Christ our open hearts, and to grow in his life-giving power. Jesus was of course referring to the offering of his own life – laying it down that new abundant life for the world might flourish. Receiving that gift of forgiveness will yield an abundance of life in the Spirit.

For the church to grow depends on its members putting to death their own self-interests, burying their selfish ways, and daily offering their lives allowing God's power to enable them and his world to flourish. That may seem very difficult and as precarious as the germination of the giant sequoia seeds. It may appear that in church life and our personal lives that many seeds are wasted, but in the economy of God's kingdom, seed sown with faith and patience will produce fruit.

This is surely a message of great hopefulness as we begin the process of sowing seeds of new life in our parishes in our recovery from the pandemic. No matter where we are or how great or small our parish, we will need everyone to be in the business of sowing seeds for the future. Seeds of committed hearts, time, ideas, patience, love and care. By these small steps with the almighty power of God, his kingdom will flourish, and church life will be renewed.

There are many practical steps we can all take to sow those seeds in the coming months. As we move through this season of harvest and re-open parish life, ask yourself the question: what seed could I sow, that might make a difference to my spiritual life, my church or my community?

May God bless the seeds you sow.

*Yours in Christ's service
+Ian Clogher*

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Services

Sunday 3rd October

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

Sunday 10th October

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

Sunday 17th October

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer



Drumsnatt 3.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 24th October

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

Harvest Services

We are thankful to all who contributed to our Harvest Services in Aghadrumsee and Clogh during September. As last year restrictions meant we were unable to join as a group at each service but are thankful that

we were able to come together individually to thank God for his many blessings during this difficult year. The final Harvest will be in Drumsnatt on 17th October at 3.00pm.

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the late Mrs Ruth Deering whose burial took place in Clogh Graveyard. Also to the Johnston and Graham families on the death of their aunt and cousin, Mrs Edith Loughlin, Castlederg.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Sunday 3rd October

10.45am Colebrooke HC
12.15pm Cooneen Harvest

Sunday 10th October

10.45am Colebrooke MP
12.15pm Cooneen MP

Sunday 17th October

10.45am Colebrooke MP
12.15pm Cooneen MP

Sunday 24th October

10.45am Colebrooke MP
12.15pm Cooneen MP

Sunday 31st October

10.45am Colebrooke MP
12.15pm Cooneen MP

NOVEMBER

Sunday 7th November

10.45am Colebrooke HC
12.15pm Cooneen HC

Sunday 14th November

11.00am Colebrooke Remembrance Service

FROM THE REGISTERS

Christian Burial

On Tuesday 31st August 2021 a service of thanksgiving for the life of Thomas Adams was held in St Ronan's, Colebrooke, with the Interment in the cemetery following. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family circle at this time. 'The Lord is my Shepherd'.

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 following an Opening Service of Holy Communion on Wednesday 20 October 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.



Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Resumption of Parish Activities

Now that Covid-19 restrictions are easing, it is hoped that many parish activities can resume/start over the coming weeks, including Sunday School, confirmation classes and Mothers' Union.

Holy Matrimony

Best wishes to Shane Moffett and Samantha Cronhelm who were married in Christ Church, Ballybay, on Saturday 4th September. Their wedding was postponed a number of times due to Covid-19 restrictions, but fortunately it was able to go ahead this time! We pray that God will richly bless them in their life together.



Victor and Yvonne Donaldson in St. Colman's Church, Clontibret, shortly before they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Victor and Yvonne Donaldson of Clontibret Parish on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on 10th September. Victor and Yvonne are both life-long members of St. Colman's Church and Yvonne is currently parish treasurer. They celebrated their anniversary by travelling to Italy for a holiday. We pray that they may have many more years of good health and wedded bliss.

Sympathy

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Barbara Graham, Ballybay, on Sunday 15th August. Her funeral service took place in Christ Church on Wednesday 18th August and, following the service, she was buried in the churchyard at Creevagh Reformed Presbyterian Church. We extend our sympathy to Barbara's son, William, and her entire family circle, and pray that the Lord will comfort them in their grief.

We also extend our sympathy to Dorinda Lowey, Clontibret, and her extended family, on the recent death of her cousin. May all who have died, rest in peace and rise in glory.

National Services Day 2021

“National Services Day” took place on Saturday 4th September. This annual event honours the sacrifice, professionalism and dedication of those involved and working with 24 hours frontline and voluntary services around the country, including members of An Garda Síochána, fire and ambulance services, the coastguard and civil defence.

A ceremony attended by the Minister for Justice, Heather Humphreys T.D., and local clergy, including Revd. Elaine, was held in the grounds of St. Mary’s Hospital, Castleblayney, on Saturday 4th September at 11.30 a.m. Prayers were offered for frontline workers who had died as a result of the Covid-19 virus and a wreath was laid in their honour in the famine graveyard adjacent to the hospital. Following the ceremony a parade of emergency service vehicles took place in Castleblayney.

Donna Geary’s Mission Trip to Papua New Guinea – Update #1

Donna Geary from Clontibret parish set off for Papua New Guinea on Friday 3rd September.

Here is an update regarding her trip so far:

I made it to Papua New Guinea!
I must admit I haven’t seen much of it yet



Wreaths laid in the famine graveyard, Castleblayney, to remember those who died as a result of the Covid-19 virus.

as I am currently still in quarantine, but the fact I have made it here despite all the restrictions in place is a feat in itself! To get here I had three flights and eight documents to show to be able to get into the country, each time my documents were checked there was a sense of relief despite after them being checked the first time I was sure I had everything I needed! My first two flights went without a hitch, however, once I made it to Singapore the aircraft that was meant to take me to Papua New Guinea had an issue that meant I had

to wait two days for the next flight. As the airport was unable to get everyone a room in a hotel the first night, this meant a very uncomfortable night spent on the floor in a waiting room within the airport. On the bright side, they did give us a sleeping bag! By 9pm the following evening rooms in the airport hotel were finally freed up and I got a room to be able to shower and sleep in! The next evening I, and everyone else who was delayed, were able to board the plane to Papua New Guinea and I landed in the early hours of last Tuesday [7th September] I get out of quarantine on Tuesday coming and I’m really excited to finally get aboard the Medical Ship and help where I can. Thank you again to everyone who has supported me, both financially and in prayer, to start my journey in missions. I look forward to keeping you updated on what I will be doing.

If you have any questions, email me at donnainmissions@gmail.com

All the best, Donna

P.S. If you would like more personal stories, you can follow this link to my blog and sign up to receive those also. I am hoping my blog will be a place where I will be able to go more in-depth on some of the situations and stories I will be coming across while volunteering in PNG.

<https://donnag90.wixsite.com/donnainmissions>

Prayers

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



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Services

Sunday 3rd October

Harvest Thanksgiving Magheraclone 3pm

NO other services

Wednesday 6th October

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Sunday 10th October

Harvest Thanksgiving St Finbarr's 7pm

NO other services

Wednesday 13th October

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Sunday 17th October

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 9.00am

Arise and Shine St Finbarr's 10.30am

Service of the Word Magheraclone 12noon

Wednesday 20th October

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Sunday 24th October

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Holy Communion Magheraclone 12noon

Holy Communion Ardragh 1.15pm

Wednesday 27th October

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Harvest Services

Magheraclone's Harvest Thanksgiving takes place on Sunday 3rd October at 3.00pm with our guest preacher Pastor Tim McFarland from Carrickmacross Baptist Church. If the weather stays dry, we will hold the harvest service outdoors.

St Finbarr's Harvest is on Sunday 10th October at 7.00pm when our guest preachers will be Revd Ruth O'Kelly of Clane Union in Meath and Kildare Diocese. We plan to hold our Group Harvest with a difference following the service in St Finbarr's with refreshments being served to people in their pews.

The Harvest Services will be the only service within the Group of Parishes on their given Sunday to encourage parishioners to



Enjoying the good weather at our United Service in Magheraclone.

support the other churches in the Group at this wonderful time of year.

At each of our Harvest services we will be collecting non-perishable food items that will be donated to Carrickmacross Foodbank.

Climate Sunday

On Sunday 24th October we will be holding a Climate Sunday Service as part of a UK and Ireland wide initiative. Local parishes across the Church of Ireland are being encouraged to support Climate Sunday an initiative of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

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.



Lorna Lewis reading at our United Service in Magheraclone.



Some of the children back at Sunday School.

The special service will be held in St Finbarr's at 10.30am and is part of our Group of Parishes' journey in seeking to become better stewards of the environment God has blessed us with. As a Group of Churches we will be striving to achieve an Eco-Congregation Award from Eco Congregation Ireland.

Sunday School

It is great to have Sunday School back up and running in person in the parish room. Sunday School meets in St Finbarr's on the first, second and fourth Sundays of each month and is open to all children of National School age.

Youth Group and Confirmation

Youth Group meets again on Wednesday 20th October from 6.45 – 7.45pm. The time is shorter this month as confirmation class will take place immediately after the session. 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.

Our confirmation service will take place on Sunday 28th November. Confirmation classes are now underway with six young people coming together weekly to learn more about the Christian faith and to prepare to publicly affirm their faith at the service in November when Bishop Ian will confirm them.

Prayer Meeting

Our monthly prayer meeting continues in the Rectory on Monday 4th October 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

Given the most up to date Covid guidelines we decided to delay restarting our Women's and Men's Groups until restrictions are eased at the end of October when we will plan a get together. 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.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin

Vacant

Rural Dean, Revd John Woods is in charge

For urgent pastoral calls, please contact Dean Kenneth Hall

Our Rector's Retirement

On Sunday 29th August, the parishioners of Cleenish and Mullaghduin bid farewell to their Rector and friend, Canon Geoff Bridle and marked his retirement, after 22 years of faithful service.

During those 22 years the parishioners of both parishes have greatly appreciated the ministry, pastoral care, support and friendship which they have received at times of rejoicing as well as at difficult and sad times.

During those years there have been a number of parish celebrations. In Mullaghduin Parish shortly after his arrival, the new Parochial Hall at Letterbreen was completed and officially opened in 1999. In 2017 the Bicentenary of Mullaghduin Parish Church was celebrated with a concert by Dromore and District Male Voice Choir in the Hall and with a Special Bicentenary Service, which was held in the Parish Church, followed by a celebratory meal served in the Hall. More recently a Service to mark the dedication of the new car park at the Parish Church took place. In Cleenish, in 1999 the first tentative discussions regarding the land behind the church were made and today there is a Church Car Park with outdoor sound installation which was dedicated in July. In 2014 the parish ventured into a major fundraising event with a Flower



Canon Geoff and Rosita accompanied by their sons Jonathan and Adrian with the gifts presented to them from the Parishioners of Mullaghduin, the Choir and the Sunday School/Creche. The Parish Secretary, Mr Robert Gibson, chaired the presentations.

Festival – "Lord, for the Years". In 2019 Cleenish Parochial Hall underwent major refurbishment which included disabled access, new kitchen, new sound system and toilet refurbishment and more recently an extension to the Church porch was built and refurbishment of the Vestry Room. All

of these initiatives in both parishes were supported with prayerful encouragement. It was a joy to have Jonathan and Adrian present as a number of gifts and tokens were presented to Canon Geoff and Rosita following a Service of Holy Communion in both churches.



Gifts from the parishioners of Cleenish were presented to Canon Geoff and Rosita by Mr Leslie Nixon, People's Churchwarden, Mr Cecil Brownlee, a long-standing member of the Select Vestry, Grace Hicks and Miss Rowena Sheridan of the Sunday School and Mrs Janet Dowson, the Parish Secretary. The Rector's Churchwarden, Mrs Rosemary Forde, chaired the presentations.



Mr Stanley Moffatt presents Canon Geoff with a framed collage of photographs of Mullaghduin Church.

The Parishioners of both parishes wish Canon Geoff and Rosita a very happy and well-deserved retirement and pray that God will bless them and their family with good health as they enter a new chapter in their lives.

In Mullaghduin, congratulations to...

Graduation

Victoria Watterson graduated recently at UCD with a degree in Health and Performance Science, gaining an award for being top student in her year. We congratulate Victoria and wish her well as she continues her studies for a Master's degree.

Wedding

We congratulate Marcus Carson and his bride, formerly Kirsty Bailey who were

married on 27th August at All Saints' Church, Didcot, Oxfordshire.

Holy Baptism

MULLAGHDUN PARISH CHURCH

21st August 2021

Oliver David Thomas Lindsay, son of David Thomas and Lisa Jayne, 69 Corraglass Road, Brockagh, Florencecourt.

Bellanaleck Community Group

The first monthly meeting after the summer recess took place in Cleenish Parish Hall on Wednesday evening 22nd September, details next issue. Credit is due to the individual members who continued to water flowers throughout the Village on a daily

basis. Visitors walking the Loughshore Path have remarked about how the Community Garden is maintained, with grass cut on a rota basis from a two-week cycle to three times yearly depending upon location. Thanks are again due to the staff from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. Exceptional use has been made of the newly constructed slipway, and its nearby jetties, at the end of Waterhen Lane.

The next meeting of the Group is due on Wednesday 20th October to which new members are always welcome. Contact Owen Wilson (Sec) 66349602, or Sharon Elliott on Facebook.

A Prayer during the Vacancy of a Parish

Almighty God, the giver of every good gift, look graciously, we beseech thee, on thy Church, and so guide with thy heavenly wisdom the minds of those to whom is committed the choice of a minister for the Parishes of Cleenish and Mullaghduin, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who shall feed thy flock according to thy will, and make ready a people acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord (Book of Common Prayer).

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From the Rector's Desk

The Last Rose of Summer – or is it?

Most mornings when I'm out with Sam first thing I dead head my roses. Very new to gardening they have given me much pleasure over the last 18 months. As I was wielding my pruning shears the phrase "last rose of Summer" came to mind – could these brave little blooms be the last before the Autumn leaves begin to make their presence felt?

As I write these note in mid-September, I had the realisation that just three months ago it was mid-June and thoughts of summer and holidays. Then another thought crossed my mind, in just three months' time (12 weeks) it will be mid-December. For my own sanity's sake I decided to terminate that thought! It is crazy, isn't it, in many senses this year seems to have flown, yet it had exactly the same amount of days and hours as every



other year.

It reminded me of what Jesus said in the sermon on the mount, speaking about the futility of worrying about what we shall eat, drink or wear, Jesus concluded with these words. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Matthew 6:34

God has made wonderful provision for each one of us, yet we worry and fret and carry the weight of the world on our shoulders. If we would only seek God first and leave everything in His mighty hands, then everything else falls into place – even tomorrow!



Many of you reading this may well be anxious about the days and weeks ahead, for some it is financial worries, for some it is health and perhaps awaiting test results or a hospital appointment, or dare I even say the thought of Christmas. Whatever is ahead of us we have hope and assurance. God reminded me of this when I looked at the other side of this little rose as I found a whole head of buds. You see in our lives most of us know that the garden isn't always 'rosy,' in fact often we seem to get our fair share of thorns! But we are not to despair, as I have reminded you before, "the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end,

they are new every morning, great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23
 It may or may not be a rose that God provides, His blessings and provision come in many shapes and sizes and they never end regardless of the season we find ourselves in. The important thing is that we recognise the provider of our blessings and worship him alone, because it is only when we have our eyes fixed on Jesus and our hand in His that we can look confidently at tomorrow, whatever it may hold.
 God bless. Rev. Olie

Confirmation

Confirmation classes are underway, please may I remind you to continue to pray for all our young people.

Harvest Thanksgiving

A Harvest thanksgiving Service will take place in each of our parishes in the form of a ‘Family Harvest Service,’ details below;

■ St. Macartan’s Cathedral - Sunday 26th September 11.30am

■ St. Mark’s Augher - Sunday 5th October 10am

■ St. Mark’s Newtownsaville - Sunday 12th October 11.30am

■ St. Mary’s Errigal Portclare - Sunday 19th October 3pm

(Decorating arrangements will be announced in each parish respectively)

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



The ‘newly married’ Mr and Mrs Foster.

Marriage

On Saturday 4th September in St. Macartan’s Cathedral Clogher, we had the joy of celebrating the marriage of Miss Samantha Moore and Mr Darren Foster, we wish them both God’s richest blessings as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Back to Church Family Service and BBQ

On Sunday 5th September St. Mark’s Newtownsaville joined once again as church family.

Little voices were heard once again in church and the Rev. Olie even brought her guitar. Rev. Olie reminded everyone that “Church is not something you go to – it’s a family you belong to!”
 After the service everyone joined for a barbeque in the church carpark and the children – old and young, enjoyed the bouncy castles. The afternoon was topped off with the jingle of our very own ice-cream van arriving and 99’s were enjoyed by all.
 A wonderful day was had by all, thanks to all who made the day so special.



Above and next Page 13, enjoying the barbecue and ice cream following the family service.



Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Here in this Group of Parishes we are looking forward to being able to resume many of the activities that have been suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions – which are due to be lifted on 22 October. Mothers' Union meetings and Sunday School will begin again, confirmation preparation classes will be offered for our youngsters, our much-delayed Annual General Vestry meetings will finally take place, and we will be able to have congregational singing in church ... which we know will be appreciated by many. Exciting times ahead!

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 3rd October

Clones 10.00am: Harvest Festival Service

Newbliss 11.30am: Harvest Festival Service
(Guest preacher at both services: Mr Charles Crawford)

Sunday 10th October

Killeevan 11.00: Harvest Festival Service

Currin 3.30pm: Harvest Festival Service

(Guest preacher at both services: Mr Kenneth Rutledge)

Sunday 17th October

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

(both services led by Canon Ferguson as the Rector is away)

Sunday 24th October

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

(both services led by Mr Keith Brown as the Rector is away)

Sunday 31st October

Clones 11.00am: Joint Group Service

Annual General Vestry Meetings

(All to be held at 8.00pm, in the respective churches)

Currin – Wednesday 3 November

Clones – Tuesday 9 November

Killeevan – Wednesday 10 November

Newbliss – Thursday 11 November

Condolences

We offer condolences to John Hall and family, formerly of Scotshouse but now of Islandmagee, on the death of Charlotte. She was a much-loved wife, mother, grandmother and friend.



Sunday School

Classes are scheduled to resume in all Group churches from Sunday 24 October.

Mothers' Union

The first meeting of the new 'term' will be held on Thursday 28 October at 8.00 pm in Killeevan Church Hall. The Rector will lead a short opening service, which will be followed by refreshments and convivial conversation. Members old and new are warmly welcome.

Confirmation

We are delighted that Bishop Ian has agreed to lead a Service of Confirmation in our Group on Sunday 30 January 2022, and we look forward to welcoming him here for the first time as our new Bishop. Confirmation preparation classes will take place November-January, and teenagers aged 13+ who would like to be confirmed are invited to contact the Rector for further details.

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Services 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

NOVEMBER

7th Holy Communion 11.30am

14th Remembrance Sunday 11.30am

21st Morning Prayer 11.30am

28th Morning Prayer 11.30am

The wonderful spell of weather as autumn arrives has brought with it the opportunity for farmers of later harvesting, as well as reseeded. The ploughing, preparing and sowing to invigorate tired pastures, or for new crops for harvesting in spring has been welcomed. As we see those things

happening around us in creation, what of the fallow ground in our own lives, what seeds are we sowing and what harvest will we reap?

"Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you." Hosea 10: 12

Cycle Run in honour of murdered UDR members

On Friday 3rd September, a few cyclists cycled some 120 miles around churches in Fermanagh, in which fallen UDR members serving, and non-serving were interred, paying tribute to each with a short act of remembrance. They began their journey from Colaghty Parish Church at 8.30am and were met by members of the family of the late Jim Oldman and former colleagues. During the short act at the graveside, the Rector offered prayers and prayed for those

who had undertaken this task that their endeavours, while it would stir up memories for each would achieve its objective.

“And they said unto him, ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous. And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before the LORD is your way wherein ye go.” Judges 18: 5 – 6

Sunday School and Confirmation

It was encouraging to see classes resume again on 12th September in the parish hall. While the format was changed slightly due to COVID-19, being able to fulfil our commitment to nurture the children and young people in the faith was a blessing. Our thanks to those who plan and teach each week, for their desire to see God’s word imparted and the seeds of His truth sown. Thanks to the parents for their encouragement and the children for their attentiveness each week.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22: 6

Harvest Services

A reminder of our harvest weekend from 8th – 10th October. Please plan to come along as we give thanks to God for the harvest, for all His blessings new each day. We look forward to welcoming Mr Keith Browne on the Friday evening.

“Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.” Psalm 67: 5 – 7

Duty Bound

Duty bound is the name of a new book by local historian and author David Keys, detailing the service and sacrifice of the Ulster Special Constabulary in County



The cyclists welcomed to Colaghty Church by Canon Alan Irwin.



Cyclists arriving at Colaghty Church.



An early photo of the B Specials, by kind permission of the owner and author of Duty Bound.



USC medals.

Fermanagh. A book that will appeal to many as it takes you on an historical tour of Fermanagh and of the sub-districts in which the USC served the local communities. The historical timeline of events is but one element as is the record of the casualties who lost their lives between 1921 – 1970 when the USC was stood down from active service. It further records the casualties of those former members who continued on to give sterling service within the UDR and RUC, as well as civilians who were killed. The publication of the book is expected in December.

"...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2: 10

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



Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Worship

Sunday 10th October

10.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

11.45am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

Sunday 17th October

10.15 am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30 am Derryvullen North Harvest

7.00pm Derryvullen North Harvest (Rev William Anderson)

Sunday 24th October (Bible Sunday)

10.15 am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30 am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

Sunday 31st October (observed as All Saints)

10.15 am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30 am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

Sunday 7th November

10.15 am Castle Archdale (Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance)

11.30 am Derryvullen North (Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance)

We will notify people nearer the time of the arrangements for the annual afternoon Community Remembrance Service at the War Graves and in Derryvullen North Church.

Harvest Services

Castle Archdale Harvest Services will be on Sunday 3rd October, 10.15am and 7.00pm. The morning will be an all age celebration and the guest preacher at the evening will be the Revd Canon Alan Irwin, who is also our Rural Dean and gives us good guidance and support in that role. We also hope to have visiting musicians. While we are unable to have our traditional harvest supper following the evening Service, we do invite those attending to "bring a flask" and we will be providing wrapped snacks for everyone.

Derryvullen North Harvest Services will be on Sunday 17th October, 11.30am and 7.00pm. The morning will be an all age celebration and the guest preacher at the evening will be the Revd William Anderson, formerly Priest-in-Charge of Tullaniskan and Clonoe in Armagh Archdiocese. He is also well known to many in our area in his role as Sovereign Grand Master of the Imperial Grand Black Chapter. There will be a coffee/tea and wrapped snacks for everyone in the Church following the Sunday evening Service.

Castle Archdale Centenary barbecue

The Select Vestry and Parishioners of St Patrick's Church held a most enjoyable barbecue in the grounds of Castle Archdale Forest Park – there are some photographs from the occasion along with these notes in the magazine. This was to commemorate the Centenary of Northern Ireland and was a time for the parishioners and friends to gather in a safe space within the current restrictions and to enjoy an evening together. Thank you to everyone who supported and helped at the barbecue, especially Derek Anderson, who had the vision and drive to make it happen, and to Derek Evans who did all the cooking. We also had a





Derek Anderson at the barbecue.

great team of helpers who did the setting up, preparing and serving the food and clearing away – great work by all! It was also wonderful having Country Features join us with the live music which added so much to the occasion - thank you Florence and Robbie. The barbecue raised the sum of £2657.60 for the work of our parish and everyone's support and presence was much appreciated

Derryvullen North Commemorative Book Marks

The Select Vestry of Derryvullen North commissioned special commemorative bookmarks as part of our observing the Centenary of NI and we thank Sam Johnston for all the work he put into this project - the bookmarks feature the Church of Ireland's centenary collect, a photograph of the Church, the centenary crest and a Bible verse. These have been available at Church and have been collected at church and people may take some to pass on to friends and neighbours who are not able to be out – at the time of preparing these notes there are still some available.

Centenary Services

On Sunday 22nd August both Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale held special services, based on liturgical material prepared by the Church of Ireland, to mark the Centenary of Northern Ireland. At Derryvullen North, the Rector was very pleased to be joined by the Revd Canon Betty Thompson who gave the blessing. The soloist at the Service was Neville Scott who sang "My forever friend" and the organist was Florence Barrett.



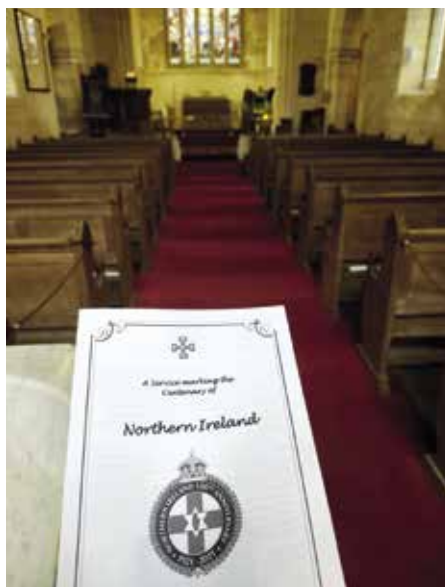
Some of the barbecue team.



The Centenary bookmark.



Canon Betty Thompson.



The Centenary leaflet for Derryvullen North.



Celebrating the NI centenary in Castle Archdale.



Soloist Neville Scott.



Organist Florence Barrett.

Visiting Musician

On Sunday 12th September we were joined at both our churches by Major Steve and Major Christine Whittingham of the Salvation Army. Steve and Chris are now both retired from full time ministry and live in Essex having ministered all over the UK in a very wide range of Salvation Army appointments. The Rector and Major Steve have been good friends for many years and the Rector took the opportunity of Steve and Chris having a holiday in Ireland to invite them to share with us. Steve had previously provided recordings for some of our online Services and on this occasion he brought his flugel horn and played two pieces – the tune Slane to which we sing “Be thou my vision” and the tune Contentment which was composed by Salvation Army Commissioner Keith Barnes. “Contentment” is used for a version of the 23rd Psalm which was also penned by Commissioner Keith, who is well known as a poet within the SA. We will be using

video recordings of Major Steve in the second Sunday online service for October.

Yes the Lord is my shepherd
I have all that I need
I rely on his goodness
I allow him to lead
He gives rest he gives quietness
He restores me within
And he strengthens me daily
If my life honours him

When the way becomes darker
I will not be afraid
For the Lord, the Good Shepherd,
Will be there with his aid.
He will stay close beside me
Every step of the way
He will guide me and guard me
To the end of the day

He surrounds me with goodness
Many blessings are mine
I am rich in the knowledge
Of the Shepherd divine

All his unfailing kindness
In my life I have known
And I'll live with him always
In his beautiful home
(Commissioner Keith Barnes SA rtd)

Confirmation

At the time of preparing these notes we are looking forward to the Confirmation Services and we thank Bishop Ian for making sure that our young people are able at last to receive this important Rite of the Church as they prepare for the years ahead. We will have photographs and a report in the next edition of the magazine

In **Castle Archdale** the following are to be Confirmed on Sunday 19th September;

- Brooke Anderson
- Natalie Thompson
- Archie Knox

In **Derryvullen North** the following are to be Confirmed on Wednesday 22nd September;

- Jasmine Giles
- Sophie Moore
- Molly Quinn
- Aimee Ross
- Rebecca Thompson
- Matthew Hunter
- Amos Johnston
- Adam Johnston
- Samuel McKenzie
- Reece Wood

From the registers

Baptism

Bobbie Kai Gibson (Derryvullen North) on 29th August.

Isla Grace Dolan (Derryvullen North) on 29th August.

Tommy Noel Armstrong (Derryvullen North) on 5th September.

Burial

Meta Thompson (Derryvullen North) on 1st September.



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**.

Baptism

The baptisms have taken place of Ruby Fannin and Douglas Duncan Delaney in Garvary Parish Church.



Above: The Fannin family at their baptism. Right: At the baptism service for the Delaney family.



Devenish & Boho



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Sunday 3rd October

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 10th October

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am, Harvest Thanksgiving, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 17th October

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 24th October

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 31st October

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Devenish Parish Church

Friday 8th October at 8.00 pm

Sunday 10th October at 11.30am

Sale of Firewood

A quantity of firewood is available for sale. All proceeds are going to Devenish Parish Church. Please contact David Scott (Telephone Home 02866 341293 Mobile 07765460370) for more information.

Devenish Parish Sale and Auction

This will be held on Saturday 6th November at 2.00pm in the Reade Hall, Monea.

Congratulations

Best wishes to Ernie and Georgina Whittaker on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Donacavey and Barr



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Services

Sunday, 3rd October

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey 11:30am Harvest Service,

Sunday, 10th October

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 17th October

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 24th October

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 31st October

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday School

Sunday school has started again. Children will leave during the service and be collected at the hall.

Confirmation

Confirmation will be on Sunday 28th November. We look forward to having Bishop Ian in Donacavey for the first time.

Harvests

Barr held their harvest service on the



Photos from the harvest decorations in Barr church.



19th September and this year we gave thanks for what has been an exceptional year throughout. The uncertainty of the weather in Ireland has always been a topic of conversation but this year has truly been one of the best in my memory. We experienced an incredible prolonged hot spell when it was almost too unbearable to work outside. So it was with grateful hearts

that the congregation met in Barr to remind ourselves that it is good to stop and give God thanks for his goodness to us.

Donacavey will hold their harvest service on the first Sunday of October, 3rd October. This harvest we are delighted that Melanie Grimsley is our special speaker. Melanie is an inspiration to everyone who hears her speak. This year the church will again be



Harvest decorations in Donacavey Church.



decorated for this thanksgiving festival by a group of dedicated, hardworking and very talented group of people who give of their time, energy and expertise to transform the church.

Baptism

■ Rose Willow Thompson was baptised in Donacavey church. It was great to see baby Rose at church for the first time and to have the opportunity for the whole congregation to offer their support and prayers for Rose, Shirley Ann and Stephen.

■ Annie Olivia Hunter was baptised in Barr Church in July. She is the daughter of Linda and Johnathan.

Our prayer is that they will be blessed by God as they enjoy family life together.



The baptism for the Thompson family.



At the baptism for the Hunter family.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh

Chancellor **Ian Berry** is in charge.

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

Services for October

Sunday 3rd

Donagh 10.30am (H.C.)

Tyholland 12.00 (H.C.)

Sunday 10th

Donagh 10.30am (Climate Sunday)

Errigal Truagh 12.00 (Climate Sunday)

Sunday 17th

Donagh 10.30am (M.P.)

Tyholland 12.00 (M.P.)

Sunday 24th

Donagh 10.30am (M.P.)

Errigal Truagh 12.00 (M.P.)

Holy Baptism

The recent Baptism of Sophia Florence Louise Waller, conducted by Rev Lorraine Capper in St Salvator's, was a joyous occasion. May God watch over this young family as they journey through life.

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Jane Wilson, The Firs, Glaslough on her engagement to Mr. Gordon Bell.

Thanks

We wish to acknowledge the valuable contribution of both Miss Rachel Dudgeon and Mrs Edna Taylor who have recently



The baptism for the Waller family with Revd Lorraine Capper.

resigned from their posts of Screen coordinator and Sunday School teacher respectively. We thank both for their very significant service over the years. If you feel you could help out by volunteering for either of these roles please contact our honorary secretary Diane Wright Kendrick or Sunday School leader, Mrs Marina Waller.

Girls' Brigade

Mrs Margaret Dudgeon has appealed for volunteers to help out with the Girls' Brigade. Margaret has made a massive contribution and shown great commitment to the Girls' Brigade over a long number of years and we pray that someone will respond to her call for assistance.

Climate Sunday

The Sunday School children are presently preparing a video for Climate Sunday which is scheduled for Sunday 10th October.

Building Works

It is very welcome that the new wheelchair

accessible toilet at St Salvator's is now in working order. We look forward to having all the building works there and the new Donagh Group Sunday School Room completed in the near future now that COVID restrictions have been eased.

Mother's Union

On a very windy morning five of our members joined over 20 MU members, Mrs June Butler MU All Ireland President and Mrs Irene Boyd, Clogher Diocesan President on the third walk in the Clogher diocese on Friday 13th August. Following a short service which was held in the car park at St. Patrick's Church Monaghan, we walked part of the Ulster Canal Walkway and into Rossmore Park before returning to St. Patrick's for some welcome refreshments. Beginning in May, Mrs Butler has undertaken three walks in each diocese in Ireland to raise funds for Mother's Union Mums in May Fund. The amount donated at the Monaghan walk was €311.00. Our branch has also forwarded €300.00 to this fund which we have raised from various branch activities.

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Mountain Moving Faith

'A small congregation in the foothills of the Great Smokies built a new sanctuary on a piece of land willed to them by a church member. Ten days before the new church was to open, the local building inspector informed the pastor that the parking lot was inadequate for the size of the building. Until the church doubled the size of the parking lot, they would not be able to use the new sanctuary.

Unfortunately, the church with its undersized parking lot had used every inch of their land except for the mountain against which it had been built. In order to build more parking spaces, they would have to move the mountain out of the back yard. Undaunted, the pastor announced the next Sunday morning that he would meet that evening with all members who had "mountain-moving faith". They would hold a prayer session asking God to remove the mountain from the back yard and to somehow provide enough money to have it paved and painted before the scheduled opening dedication service the following week.

At the appointed time, 24 of the congregation's 300 members assembled for prayer. They prayed for nearly three hours. At 10 o'clock the pastor said the final "Amen". "We'll open next Sunday as scheduled," he assured everyone. "God has never let us down before, and I believe He will be faithful this time too."

The next morning as he was working in his study there came a loud knock at his door. When he called "come in", a rough looking construction foreman appeared, removing his hard hat as he entered. "Excuse me, Revd. I'm from Acme Construction Company over in the next county. We're building a huge new shopping mall over there and we need some fill dirt. Would you be willing to sell us a chunk of



The new set up for the Sunday School.

that mountain behind the church? We'll pay you for the dirt we remove and pave all the exposed area free of charge, if we can have it right away. We can't do anything else until we get the dirt in and allow it to settle properly."

The little church was dedicated the next Sunday as originally planned and there were far more members with "mountain-moving faith" on opening Sunday than there had been the previous week!

Author unknown

Everyone is welcome to join us to pray for the service each Sunday at 10.15am. If you can't join us in person at the time, then please join us wherever you are in praying for our fellowship together to shape and transform us more into Christ's likeness and empower us to make a difference for Christ's Kingdom in our community and beyond.

Sunday School and Family Services

Our Sunday School is now back, face-to-face, meeting once a fortnight in the hall with social distancing and other measures in place to keep both the children and the volunteers safe. Although Covid-19 will make Sunday School a very different experience to how we previous did things, we will be aiming to make it a fun place to learn more about God. In the weeks in between we will have Family Services, which will be around 35-40 minutes in length, and we'll be giving prizes for those who can spot certain things during the service.

As well as the hall being used as an overflow for Family Services, the Committee Room will also have the service on the screen (for parents with young children if you feel that they are unsettled in the Church).

3rd October

11am – Family Harvest Service (with Sarah

Emerson from Scripture Union)

10th October

11am – Morning Service, 'Jesus the Great High Priest', Hebrews 4:12-16
(Children go directly to the hall for Sunday School)

17th October

11am – Family Service (Climate Sunday), 'God's care for Creation' Luke 12:22-27

24th October

11am – Holy Communion, 'Jesus and the Scriptures', John 5:36b-47
(Children go directly to the hall for Sunday School)

31st October

11am – Family Service, 'The Main Thing' Mark 12:28-34

Ignite

Ignite is also back to face-to-face meeting once a fortnight on a Saturday, 7.30pm – 8.45pm, in the hall (with Bible teaching and games). Again, we'll be following Covid-19 protocols to keep our young people and volunteers safe at the same time as having a bit of fun.

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/UCWj585CXIqOq6W6h7_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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It is incredible to think that we are almost mid-way through September as I write these words. We are also halfway through our harvests having had services in Dernasesk and Muckross with Templecarne and Drumkeeran (Tubrid) still to come.

I want to share a thought from my sermon at Dernasesk, the Lord has indeed done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. We need to keep that thought in our minds and remember all that God has done for us no matter what life may bring – God has and continues to do great things for us and that thought should truly fill us with joy. We all realise that life is still not as we might wish whilst being thankful for the relaxations that have taken place in relation to the restrictions that we face not just as church goers but in our everyday lives. As we continue to move forward, I would suggest that we should reflect on how we have reacted over the past 18 months and how we have behaved.

I thought about this in another sermon that I preached at harvest which centred on Celebration, Thanksgiving, Reflection and Remembrance. I thought about the positivity that existed last year and the



Some of the harvest decorations.

hope that this pandemic would cause a reset of attitudes and behaviour and initially the signs were good that this could indeed happen.

Sadly as time passed and we realised that this would not be over in 12 weeks as Boris confidently predicted and as the reality began to bite people reverted to type and we still see that today.

There are people who will try and help others and there are those who are selfish and think only of themselves and I make no apology for saying that.

The reason that I say that is that I want to make a suggestion which is this, as Christians we are of course called to treat people well and with dignity all the time. As with other aspects of our walk with



The boundary wall at Templecarne Church which has been repaired.



The boundary wall at Templecarne Church rebuilt after falling in disrepair (top right).

Christ we do get it wrong on occasion and when we do so we should not beat ourselves up rather we should learn from our mistakes and strive to do better next time.

If we get that even half right then these words are likely to become true - we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

I hope and pray that we all would like to be the people that God created us to be.

I have included photographs from the harvests held to date and will add more next month. There are also photos, both before and after in relation to the work that has been completed at Templecarne (Pettigo) Church to rebuild part of the boundary wall and to repair the wall at the street.

Our thanks to David Johnston for overseeing this work, to Thomas and Ryan Milligan of Stoned Professional Stone Masonry for carrying out the work and to Sammy Young for repainting the railings and piers. We are also grateful to have obtained the services of someone to cut our grass thanks to the cooperation of the Termon Centre.

Parish Register

Baptism

On 21 August we welcomed Thomas George Long into the Tubrid Church family. We offer our congratulations to Graham and Sarah and we trust that they will continue to be part of the fellowship of believers here and that along with Thomas's godparents they would encourage him to take his place in the church as he grows older.

Marriage

On Friday 10 September Donna Clarke and Sean Conway were married at Tubrid. We wish them God's richest blessing for

their life together and look forward to seeing them when they return from their honeymoon.

Diary

Sunday 3 October

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,

Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 10 October

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckross,

Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 17 October

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne,

Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 24 October

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckross,

Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 31 October

SOW 10.00 Templecarne, SOW 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday school

It is intended that Sunday School

will recommence at the beginning of November and further details will be circulated as they are available.

Confirmation

At the time of writing the notes a Service of Confirmation has been arranged for Sunday 19 September at Drumkeeran for the candidates and their families only with a service of Morning Prayer in Tubrid at 10.00am for the remainder of the congregation in the Hall.

Harvests

We were also looking 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.



Templecarne Church, Pettigo.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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

Chancellor Ian Berry is in charge.

Aughnamullen

As we are still restricted due to Covid 19 our annual harvest service on Sunday 12th September was on a reduced scale. Our thanks to Walter Pringle for arranging the service and we were delighted to Rev. Margaret Pringle as our guest preacher with an inspiring address. Thanks also to those who decorated the church so tastefully and to Betty Jordan for selecting and playing suitable harvest CD's. Our sympathy with those who have been bereaved and our prayers and thoughts are with them and also with those who are unwell.

Aghabog

We offer our deepest sympathy to John and Sadie Boyle on the death of John's sister Hannah Scott, Kilmore, Cavan and also to Hannah's husband Walter Scott, and to all others who have been bereaved recently in the parish.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been unwell at home or in hospital and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Holy Baptism

August 29th - Bradley Michael Burns, infant son of Adrian and Alanna Burns.

Rockcorry and Dartrey

Harvests

The season of harvest thanksgivings is upon us once again and the good news is that we can have 50% capacity in our church buildings while still being vigilant regarding masks etc. By the time these notes appear in print Dartrey Church will already have had its Harvest Thankgiving service and Rockcorry will be held on Sunday, 3rd October at the usual time of 11 am. Despite an unforgettable 2021 we still have much for which to be thankful.

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to Dean



The Burns family at the baptism service with Revd Margaret Pringle.

Raymond Ferguson who has come among us to conduct our Holy Communion services. We are delighted to have him.

Covid -19

Never in the field of virology has so much attention been paid to one virus -Covid -19, given how devastating the pandemic has been. We have learnt an awful lot over the past eighteen months. The easing of restrictions has enabled us to get out and about more while still adhering to government guidelines. Still it continues to be a difficult time for many people. We remember the sick at home, in hospital and

in nursing homes as well as all who have been bereaved.

New school year

We would like to welcome back all the pupils to a new school year and would like to particularly welcome all the new pupils. This includes six junior infants, one senior infant, one first class and one third class pupil. We are all looking forward to a great year of school work and friendships. I would also like to say a big well done to our active school team, our green school team and all the school pupils and teachers as we recently received our flags for both these initiatives.



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Services

Sunday 3rd October: The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 7th October

11.00am – Holy Communion and Harvest Service

Sunday 10th October: The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Harvest Service – The Very Rev Shane Forster, The Dean of Armagh

Thursday 14th October

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 17th October: The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 21st October

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 24th October: The Fifth Sunday before Advent

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 28th October

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 31st October: The Fourth Sunday before Advent

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Morning Prayer

Holy Baptism

■ 4th September – Aaron Stefan Damien Harron Southam

■ 26th September – Amber-Grace Armstrong

“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

■ 15th September – Jeanette Wilson and Richard George Cochrane

■ 24th September – Phyllis Kathleen Hicks and James Edward Wilson

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

Burial

■ 2nd September – Robert George (Robin) Gillespie, Lisburn Care Home.

■ 2nd September – Derek Allen Beresford, 5 Factory Road, Enniskillen.

■ 10th September – John Francis (Jack) Spratt, Brughas Lodge, 96 Derrygonnelly Road, Enniskillen

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

Harvest Services

‘Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest-home.’



■ Thursday 7th October at 11.00am
Preacher: The Rev Canon Desmond Kingston

■ Sunday 10th October at 11.00am
Preacher: The Dean of Armagh, The Very Rev Shane Forster

Unfortunately this year due to Covid 19 our Harvest Celebrations again will be very different. We cannot ask people to spend hours decorating a window or an area of the church that cannot be viewed by others. It would be appreciated if some would like to give money for floral decorations for the front of the Cathedral and the porch area. This year all others are asked to contribute by giving their Harvest Appeal Donations towards the Cathedral Roof Appeal Repainting Inside Fund – a Harvest Envelope is inserted in this Cathedral News. It is hoped we will get back to a fully decorated harvest celebration next year in a fully renovated and repainted cathedral. Let us look forward with joy to that!

There will be three services, 11.00am on Thursday 7th and 9.00am and 11.00am on Sunday 10th October. The Sunday service at 11.00am will be streamed as usual, and due to having to wear face masks for those in attendance even that service will have to be as short as possible!

Cathedral Roof Harvest Appeal:

Jesus said ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’ (Luke 10:2) In Christian service there is no resting, God has work enough for everyone. Don’t just sit back and watch others work—look for ways to help. Help practically, prayerfully and financially. Harvest Time is an opportunity to pause and think of all the goodness God provides for us in our daily living. Many things that are readily at our hands are taken for granted in this day and age, without a thought given to the provider, not to mention the number of things we accumulate or waste.

‘FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER’ – 2nd Corinthians Chapter 9 verse 7

Cathedral Restoration Project

The restoration work on the cathedral is progressing satisfactorily under good weather conditions. The high roof with its new slates, and new gutters, is largely complete. The pinnacles at the east end of this roof have been re-pointed and re-leaded as necessary.

The condition of the structural timber in the high roof was generally very satisfactory, although a section of wallplate that had decayed required replacement.

New secondary glazing has been fitted on the north side of the cathedral. This will provide protection for the stained glass, improve insulation, and looking from the



A view of the new Cathedral roof.

inside will result in much brighter stained glass. The next stage of the restoration process is to remove the scaffolding from the high level roof to the lower roof level. This will enable the lower roofs to be stripped of slates. The battens and breathable felt will then be replaced. This will lead to the major task of picking the very best of the old slates taken from the high roof and from the lower roofs for re-slating the lower roofs. As the re-slating progresses the existing copper valleys between the lower roofs and the walls supporting the high roof will be replaced with new lead valleys.

Meanwhile, work has been undertaken on the four stone pinnacles on the tower. These pinnacles have been in position since 1842 and over time have become loose. Three of them required dismantling and then rebuilding including replacing the corroded iron dowels used to stabilise the structures with stainless steel rods. This was a very difficult and skilled undertaking which involved the erection of a complex and very strong scaffolding structure so that the sections of the pinnacles could be removed and put back into position using block and tackle equipment.

Outside painting

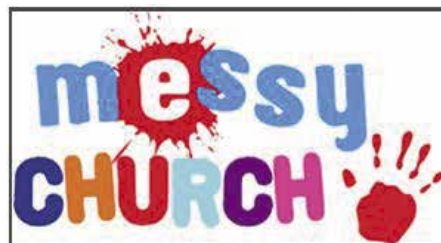
The spell of good weather provided an excellent opportunity to repaint the cathedral gates and railings. The Wilson lamp will require specialist cleaning before it is painted.



Stonemasons Raymond McConnell and Timothy Edgar examine a pinnacle before dismantling.

Finance

As the work progresses on the cathedral restoration the contractors involved require stage payments. This puts pressure on parish finance which depends largely on parishioners and the community continuing to contribute generously which should secure the structure of the cathedral as a place of worship for the parish, community, and diocese. It is also of course the most significant building in the streetscape of Enniskillen.



Messy Church

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

October's session will be ONLINE with resource pack pick-up on Monday 18th October from 4-5pm at the Cathedral Hall. Please drive around to the back of the hall and a member of our Messy Church team will be there with the packs.

Our hope is to have November and December's sessions in person however this will depend on regulations and restrictions. We will review these closer to the time and post any updates to our social media pages, in Cathedral News and in the weekly Cathedral emails, so please read these carefully. All dates will stay the same regardless of whether we meet in person or online.

Sunday Lights + Café @ Enniskillen Cathedral

Sunday Lights + Café allows our children to spend time together learning about the Bible, listening to stories about Jesus and His life, singing songs and participating in crafts and games. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-5 and Sunday Café welcomes children in P6-Year 8.

Like Messy Church, Sunday Lights + Café sessions will remain online via our Google Drive for the month of October with the hope to review regulations for November and December. There will be one session posted each week, with activities suitable for both Sunday Lights and Sunday Café participants. The link to our Google Drive can be found

on our social media pages as well as in the weekly Cathedral emails.

Xplore and Confirmation @ Enniskillen Cathedral

We were glad to finally be able to hold our Service of Confirmation for our 2019/2020 class back in June. We thoroughly enjoyed supporting these young people through this transition into adulthood in the church and we look forward to seeing where this journey will bring them.

We hope to run Confirmation classes again from November 2021. This year's class is open to anyone in Years 9 and 10. Anyone wishing to be confirmed should contact the Cathedral Office for an application form. More details will follow.

Our youth group, Xplore meets on the last Monday of each month and is open to all young people who have been confirmed as well as those in our current confirmation class. We are looking forward to holding Xplore meetings again once regulations permit.

How Can I Get Involved?

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

- On our social media pages and Google Drive
- On the Enniskillen Cathedral website under the 'Children' tab
- From childrenandyouth@enniskillencathedral.com
- From the Cathedral Office (tel. 02866322917)

All children and young people MUST be registered to participate in any Children and Youth organisation. All organisations are separate and require their own registration form.

Choral Scholarships

If you have the talent and interest, you can help form an integral part of St Macartin's Cathedral Choir, Enniskillen, and benefit from our new choral scholarships.

The Cathedral Choir sings at the weekly Sunday morning service at 11.00am, and occasionally at additional services throughout the year. Once or twice a year the choir visits churches and cathedrals further afield, to sing.

Each year, commencing in September, St Macartin's offers up to eight Choral Scholarships; ideally two of each voice part (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass). It is useful, but not essential, for potential Choral Scholars to have relevant experience of singing in a choir, for example a church, school or community choir. For all Scholars, good sight-reading skills are desirable. All Scholars are



Mothers' Union members at their meeting.



obliged to take lessons from an approved professional vocal tutor of their own choice, or from the Cathedral's designated vocal tutor, Mr David Robertson. Application forms can be requested from the Cathedral Office by telephoning 02866322917 or emailing enniskillen@clogher.anglican.org. The cost of this programme is £4,000 as the students get £500 each towards the cost of the singing lessons. If you would like to support this very worthy scheme donations would be very welcome.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union had their first meeting since March 2020 on Monday 13th September. Twenty two members got together in the Enniskeen Room, Cathedral Hall for a short meeting. It was lovely to be together and have a catch up after such a long time. Branch leader Jenifer Johnston gave a wedding present, on behalf of the members, to fellow member Jeanette Wilson who was getting married to Select Vestry Member, Richard Cochrane on Wednesday 15th September. Myrtle Irvine also gave a



gift on behalf of the NI Air Ambulance where Jeanette volunteers. The next meeting will be on Monday 11th October at 8.00pm.

Online viewing

We are grateful to those who have projected our services every Sunday for many years now namely Willie Holmes and Ronnie Carson. They now have the added task of operating the webcam to broadcast our services on YouTube to those unable to attend. We thank them for their loyalty and support each week making sure someone is

always there to operate the systems. Many already know how to access these services through our website at enniskillencathedral.com but some may not. This is where you as a reader of this article may be able to help. Can you ask those whom you know are housebound are they able to do so? Maybe they do not have a suitable device to do so? If not maybe family, friends or neighbours could encourage them to get a suitable device (possibly an ipad)? Maybe family member could club together at Christmas and purchase something suitable?

The housebound person may say they would be unable to work with new technology – well that will test how good your powers of persuasion are! Most devices can be set up and easy to operate! The Christian Life is all about outreach – this could be your means of outreach getting someone viewing on line! It could be a long dark winter (I hope not) but this could be a new means of great encouragement to the lonely or housebound!

“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Cathedral Prayer

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

Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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St Paul said, ‘Let us not give up meeting together.’

Worship on Sundays

9.30am Worship at Kiltermon Church 11am
Worship at St John’s Church
7pm Breathe Quiet Prayer and Worship
Parish Hall, 1st Sunday
Sunday School during term time:
on-line and in-person as announced 11am.
Wednesday Prayers said at home.

Jesus said, ‘The Kingdom Of God is Like ...’

On Sunday mornings we begin a new teaching series on the Parables of Jesus: Start your reading now through St Matthew 13, 18 and 20.
Sunday 5 September, The Pearl and the Treasure: ‘in his joy...’ Sunday 12 Sunday School Service about Jesus and Zacchaeus
Sunday 19 The Weeds: ‘Let both grow together...’
Sunday 26 ‘The Mustard Seed and the Yeast:



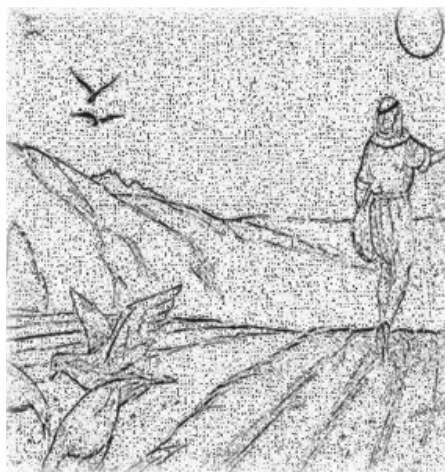
God willing, this Autumn and Winter we continue to learn about Discipleship, and look forward to a new series of Encouragement Evenings at Kiltermon.

‘the smallest...’
Sunday 3 October The Net: ‘this is how it will be at the end ...’
Sunday 17 The Lost Sheep: ‘there will be rejoicing in heaven...’ Sunday 24 The Lost Coin: ‘rejoice with me...’
Sunday 31 The Lost Son: ‘is alive, was lost and is found...’

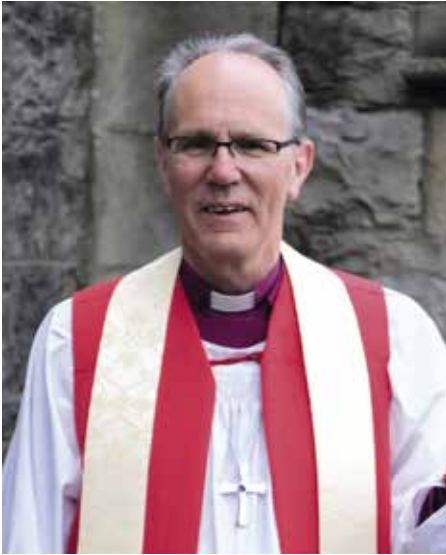
Harvest Thanksgiving ‘21

Harvest offering to Scripture Union and Abanna’s work in Uganda. 8pm Friday 8
Harvest Kiltermon booking essential, seating very limited

The Sower: ‘he who has ears, let him hear...’
Preacher: Rev’d Raymond Ferguson, formerly



Dean of Kilmore 9.30am* Main Harvest Thanksgiving Service Parish Hall The Sower: ‘he who has ears, let him hear...’
Preacher: TBC
11am Sunday School Thanksgiving St John’s booking to Sunday School households
Preacher: Alastair McFarland, Scripture Union.
7pm Evening Thanksgiving St John’s The Sower: ‘he who has ears, let him hear...’ Preacher: Rev’d Olivia Downey, Clogher.



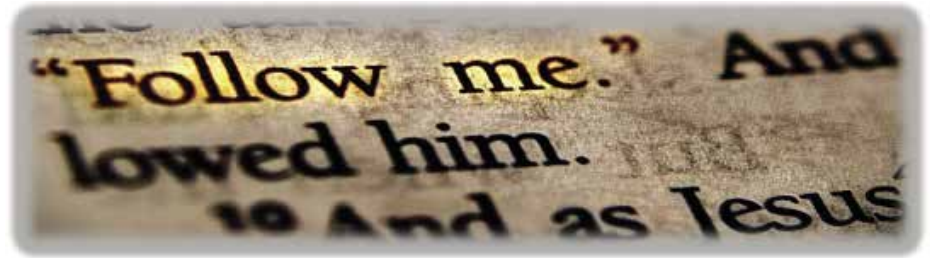
Confirmation '21

'with your own mouth and from your own heart'

We are pleased that 22 young people are undertaking their Confirmation preparation classes in September and October. On the evenings itself, the Bishop will ask each in turn, 'are you ready with your own mouth, and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?' What a great and life-significant question, that only each young person can answer for themselves. Do pray for Ewan, Harry, Sarah, Victoria, Lana, Dean, Nathan, Alex, Jamie, Ellie, Cassie, Matthew, Taylor, Lucas, Alex, Joshua, Owen, Ieuan, Adam, Keith, Jessica, and Jack as they prepare for this very important commitment. The Confirmations are on Sunday 17 October and Wednesday 20 October.

Sunday School

Sunday School had a very successful year past. This year re-opened on Sunday 12th



September with a 'Back To Church' Sunday. It was great to see 24 households and Children and young people gather for the service.

This year Sunday School will meet twice as often as last, usually every fortnight, and will be a blend of in-person classes and family services, and also on-line lessons; as teachers and families negotiate restrictions etc. They deserve our very best support in all that they do to promote the Kingdom of God across this age- group. Also in September Mrs Ruth Bell was presented with a new edition of the Book Of Common Prayer and some flowers to say thank you as she retires from her time teaching in Sunday School. Pray for Heather Kirkpatrick, the team of teachers, and all the young people.

Intercession and Prayers for Healing

'The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.' James Chapter 5, verse 16. We really appreciate the prayers which are prayed for us and others. William Morrow is secretary to a small group of eight people who have committed themselves to pray each Wednesday, at least, for any who have asked for prayer. You are welcome to leave a Christian name only with William, the rector or the parish office, and we commit to pray for the person during the next three calendar months. Prayers are said at the Holy Communion and Intercession on the third Wednesday, each second month: Join us at St John's from 8.15pm Wednesday 15 September and 17 November.

4 Encouragement Evenings for Women

8pm Thursday 14 October and Thursday 18 November, in Kiltermon. Booking essential: with Mamie Alexander or parish office. Worship, teaching and Christian encouragement with guest Bible teacher, Frances Boyd. Also, two dates planned for

next Spring with guests Claire Holmes and Catherine Campbell.

Quiet Day

The Diocese are joining us for a Quiet

Day on Saturday 13 November, in St John's, with Rev'd Canon David Ferry acting as the witness.

The contemplations will be based on the Words of God from the scripture. (Canon Ferry is Precentor Hanlon's former Boys' Brigade Captain.)

The timings are listed, and booking is essential

as space will be limited. 9.30am Coffee & registration
10am First contemplation
11am Break
11.20 Second contemplation with Holy Communion
12.30 Soup Lunch – No fee, donations welcome.

Breathe

Breathe is a quieter time in the parish's life. Each prayer evening is based on a piece of scripture, and the worship and prayer are related to that. Join us as Breathe reopens at 7pm Sunday 3 October in the Parish Hall: Also 7 November.

Presentation from the Lendrum Family

Earlier in 2019, the Lendrum family gifted to the parish a new Bridal seat and table, to be used amongst other occasions, for the signing of the Marriage Registers.

The lovely seat and table were based on the design of the seats in the Chancel, with original design peg fittings, by McNicol Church Furnishers, in Carrickfergus. Due to the restrictions, the manufacture and dedication were delayed, but we were pleased that Fiona, Zelda; John, Helena and Norma were able to join the Morning congregation on Sunday 5th September, last. As a son and



daughters of the parish, it was great to meet up with them again, and rekindle parish connections. The seat was dedication to God's Glory and in Loving memory of Mr Herbert and Mrs Anna Lendrum, and the table to God's Glory and in loving memory of Maxwell Lendrum. Thank you for these lovely gifts.

Thank you Bru!

Brian Corbett has been providing for the PowerPoint for 14 years, since it was first introduced in St John's. During that time he has been supported by Yvonne, Elliott and Chris. As he retires from the every-week responsibility, we say thank you to Bru, and gift him with a little something to help his garden grow. Going forwards Bru will share a rota with Raymond, Elliott, Mark and Roger.



'Faith Matters' Interview

This month we begin a new series of short interviews with worshipping members of the parish. It's to help us get to know one another a little more and be encouraged by the faith of others. Thank you to those who are willing to share their story with us.

This month we hear from Sharon Griffith

My name is Sharon Griffith. I am married to Garry and I am a mother to three girls- Ava (9), Annie (6) and Clara (3). I am a primary teacher in Enniskillen Model Primary School.

How did you come to be a member of Fivemiletown Parish?

My parents have been lifelong members of Fivemiletown Parish and I was born into the Parish. I have been baptised, attended Sunday School, confirmed and married in



Sharon Griffith with daughters.



Members of the Lendrum family making a presentation to St. John's Church.

this church.

What do you enjoy about parish life?

I enjoy the fellowship, friendships and the sense of belonging to our church family. I find comfort and opportunities for spiritual growth through parish life and I would like my girls to grow up as active members of church. I am thankful for the opportunities for children and young people to engage in our parish.

Tell us something about a favourite verse or piece of scripture?

My favourite piece of scripture is Matthew 6 v 25-34

'Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

This piece of scripture brings me comfort when I feel anxious or worried. It reminds me that we can hand all our worries over to God and our lives are in his hands.

What motivates you to be at worship on Sundays?

I enjoy the opportunity to worship together as a church family. I particularly enjoy the praise music and singing and how joining in this together makes me feel closer to God. I also feel that listening to the weekly teaching increases my understanding of the God's word.

Do you have hymn or praise song that encourages you in Christian life?

I really enjoy all the praise music and worship songs. Two of my favourites are: Redeemer by Nicole . C. Mullen and Draw Me Close by Michael W. Smith

If you had a word of encouragement today for other Christians what would it be?

In these difficult and uncertain times focus on the reasons we have to smile. Be thankful for everything good in our lives and trust God with all your worries and cares. Spend time with your family and friends, include laughter in each day.

Proverbs 17:22 'A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength.'
Thank you Sharon!

Leprosy Mission

We are still collecting used stamps for the Leprosy Mission.

Bag and leave with Sheila Burke of the office.

Collection boxes for the mission are also available.



Awesome Journey

This month I'm still reading the

Awesome Journey by David Adam

Available to order through the office from Real Life, discounted to £8

This is a great read. It is straightforward and written clearly.

David Adam was formerly the vicar of the Holy Island of Lindisfarne and brings



this deep Christian spirituality to this book. He reflects on our life as a pilgrimage, and looks at areas such as relationship with God the Father, times of loss and change, looking ahead to home.

Each chapter is clearly set out. He introduces the topic, then writes about a Biblical character or story to explain God's teaching, each chapter reminds with prayer exercise, and a challenge to find stillness before God. David continues to lecture, speak and act as a spiritual director. I have greatly enjoyed this book, and recommend you read it slowly across several weeks or months. *Precentor Hanlon*

Well Done Ronnie (And Addie)

Many across the parish were delighted to read through the centre page feature of Mr Ronnie Robertson which the Impartial Reporter printed in August. It goes without saying, that rarely a week passes when a visitor or friend of the parish comments on how well the Churchyard and grounds are maintained at St John's and Kiltermon.

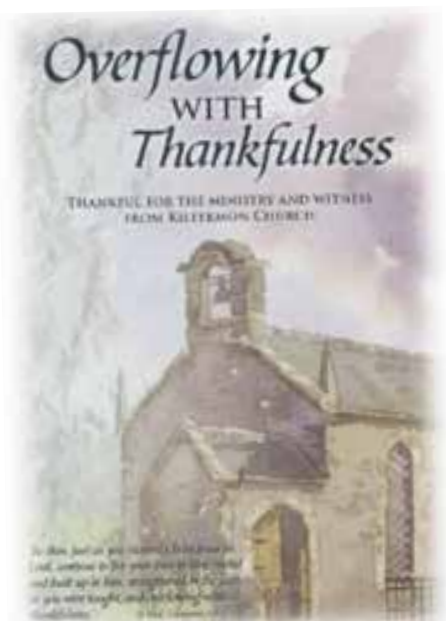
And weren't the photographs taken, really lovely? We will keep one or two to remind us of these days.

We are very blessed to have a great team of people in Andy, Wendy, Bertie, Joyce and Ronnie who maintain our Halls and both Churches so well. Ronnie greatly values the help he received from Ian and George, and Bertie appreciates the help he receives at Kiltermon. Thank you again to Ronnie, along with many others who allow us to maintain our facilities in this way.

Copies Still Available

of the lovely commemorative booklet we produced for the re-opening of Kiltermon Church in June.

Maybe someone you know would like a copy; perhaps a friend of the parish, or a son



or daughter of the parish, living away. They are free from the parish office.

The booklet contains lovely photographs of Kiltermon from today, and years past, as well as a little history, and the lovely new devotional poem written for this season in the parish's life.

Keep the date - Sunday 14 November is Remembrance Sunday

At present we plan to observe this day with members of the Royal British Legion, in the time honoured way, subject to any prevailing restrictions. 2.45pm - Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Stone 3.30pm - Evening Prayer with Act of Remembrance at St John's Church, with overflow to Minor Hall: Representation also from Cavanaleck and Aughtentaine Presbyterian Churches and Fivemiletown Methodist Circuit.

Pastoral Offices for August and September

Holy Baptism - Drew James Beacom, son of Andrew and Joanne Beacom - 7 September

Christian Marriage - Hayley Bell and Dale Johnston - 7 August

Christian Burial - Charlotte Elizabeth Holmes - 25 August

Robert George Gillespie - 2 September

Farewell and Welcome

In July we said goodbye to Revd Janet and Michael, from Fivemiletown Methodist Circuit as they moved to Donegal town. Both had



taken a great interest in our Quiet Days, the Breathe quieter prayer evenings, and were a great encouragement during the on-line Bible Study and Reading Group. We will miss them. And in September we welcomed Revd Clodagh to the town and also her husband Revd Dr Sahr John Sambasu who is currently the Methodist President.

We trust they will settle amongst us and enjoy a fruitful time of ministry here.

'Thank you For The Seasons' 3D Floral Gift For Kiltermon Church

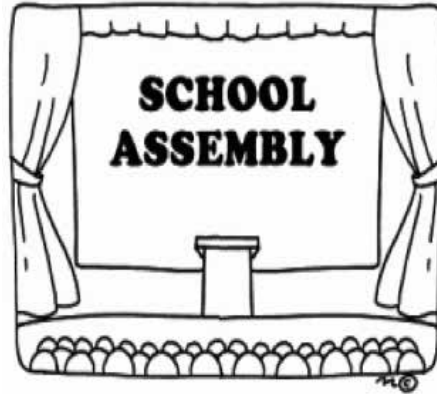
Are you a crafter? Do you needle felt, embroider, knit or crochet? Would you like to make a flower or a leaf as part of a handmade gift for Kiltermon Church? From Alliums to Zinnias, all submissions are welcome, and from every age! Completed



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. Knit, Pray, Love meet to craft and pray for a wide range of projects and people. Ask Betty Warrington, Margaret Cowan or Michele Magee for more details of how to become involved.

Such Lovely Writing

Thank you to Beverley Weir who provides all of our calligraphy for us. We provide handwritten Baptism certificates, inserts in each Bible we gift to a couple at their marriage ceremony; we inscribe presentation gifts and the display of all who been recently baptised. Thank you.



Good News

Good News that School Assemblies started again in Fivemiletown Primary School, on 15th September. It's been 18 months since the clergy were able to take part in this way, and since mid-September, smaller groups have been meeting to worship and learn together. Precentor Hanlon and Mrs Christine Baxter are transferor representatives to the Board Of Governors in the Primary, and Precentor Hanlon also is a representative to

the College. Several other parishioners serve as Governors, elected in various capacities.

Christian Guidelines Northern Ireland

For many years, the parish and diocese has benefited from the support and training of the Christian Guidelines



organisation, based in County Down. Ian and Lorraine Stewart have hosted marriage preparation courses here for more than 12 years. And most couples preparing for marriage through the parish attend their course here or in Fintona. God willing, they will be with us again in March 2022, and this date will be available to the parish, the diocese and other local churches.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Be Still

There is that prayer which has no words at all. "Be still and know that I am God," says the psalmist (Psalm 46.10). The prayer which is stillness and silence is about waiting on God and letting God be God. The awesome majesty of God stops us in our tracks; silences the frantic thoughts of our minds; and brings us to our knees. This kind of silence is not emptiness: it is heavy with the mighty presence of God. In all our prayers, and however we find prayer working for us,



Drone photos of Galloon Church and parish taken by Peter Robinson.

there should always be this silence and this waiting upon God. Well, then, what are we to do? How can we "cease striving" as some translate "be still"? How are we to accomplish such peace and trust? The clues are back in verse eight of Psalm 46. Verse 8 tells us to "Behold the works of the Lord," and it is fascinating

to consider what those works might have been. "Cease striving." In other words, stop and ponder what God has done for you. One of my favourite ways to behold the works of the Lord—which, in turn, helps me to be still and know that He is God is to look around while I am outdoors. You can notice the colours of the sky in the early morning,



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midday, and sunset. Try to count the shades of green in a tree. Ponder the transformation of a caterpillar to a butterfly and all that the process involves. Autumn the season of mellow fruitfulness with its amazing palette of colour. Take in the fresh air, supplied in perfect amounts of nitrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide, and water. The words taken from the Canticle Venite remind us, "For the Lord is a great God : and a great King above all gods. In his hand are all the corners of the earth : and the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it : and his hands prepared the dry land. O come, let us worship and fall down : and kneel before the Lord our Maker (Psalm 95:3-6)". In the world in which we live things can become very overwhelming. Before we know it, we can give in to worry, fear and doubt. That is why we need to pause and remind ourselves that God is still God. When we can still our hearts and remember this, we can rest secure. "Be still" means to stop striving, stop fighting, relax. So, this autumn as the days shorten let us take time to be still and to behold the works of the Lord.

Services in October

Sunday 3rd October 2021 - The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Holy Communion

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Harvest

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Holy Communion

Sunday 10th October 2021 - The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer with baptism

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

7pm: Drummully Parish Church: Harvest

Sunday 17th October 2021 - The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Harvest Sunday 24th October 2021 - The Twentieth 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 31st October 2021 - The Twenty-first Sunday After Trinity

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Group Service

Remember British Summer-time ends so clocks go back by one hour!

Harvest Services

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer and day and night shall not cease."

(Genesis 8:22).

Come and say, 'thank you' to God for all that

we have at the Harvest Festival services on:

■ Sunday 3rd October at 10.30am: Sallaghy Parish.

■ Sunday 10th October 2020; 7pm: Drummully Parish and

■ Sunday 17th October 2020; 12 noon Galloon Parish.

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



Confirmation candidates from Sallaghy parish; back row (from left); Charles Crawford (Diocesan Reader), Will, Bishop Ian, Cameron and Revd Lorraine. Front row; Caitlin, Jemma and Delenne.

Sunday School

We are delighted that Sunday School restarted in both Galloon and Sallaghy parishes in September. We wish the children a wonderful year of studying God's word together. With special thanks to our Sunday School Superintendents (Dawn Hutchinson and Jennifer Smith) and to all our faithful teachers and helpers.

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes for Galloon will be on the first Sunday of each month. Candidates who plan to be confirmed should note: it

is important that you attend these classes in preparation for your confirmation.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to Mrs Patricia Hutchinson who was commissioned as a Diocesan Pastoral Assistant by Bishop Ian Ellis on Thursday 16th September in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Patricia's family, friends and Revd Lorraine supported her at this special service by their attendance, good wishes and prayers. We wish Patricia God's blessing as she enters this new chapter of serving in this ministerial role.

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 10th October

Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 10th October

Kiltyclogher Harvest Thanksgiving @ 7pm

Sunday 17th October

Garrison 10am MP

Slavin 11.30am MP

Sunday 24th October

Kiltyclogher 10am MP

Belleek 11.30am MP

Sunday 31st October

Group service in Kiltyclogher 11.30am MP

Sunday 7th November

Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 14th November

Belleek 11.30am HC

Garrison 5pm Remembrance Sunday

Sunday School Commencement

Sunday schools have decided they will now begin in November. Dates to be notified.

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.



Revd Maureen Desborough at the fifth Sunday service in Belleek with from Left: James Pye, William Pye, Mrs. Sadie Moore (organist).

Belleek Group service

The 5th Sunday of the month, Group Service in August was held in Belleek Church. Revd Maureen led the service which was an 'All Age Worship' and had the theme, 'Transformed Life'. Both Bible Readings were read by James Pye. Revd Maureen gave an interesting visual talk on the first reading from James Chapter 1, using an empty vase to represent our lives and various items to represent the big things and important things in our lives. Bad things also appear in our lives and we need the Holy Spirit each day to help us deal with the bad things. William Pye, ably assisted Revd. Maureen by overflowing the vase with water, representing the Holy Spirit. The second reading from Mark Chapter 7 was made relevant to our lives by a short reflection. Revd Maureen told us that it isn't cleanliness on the outside that really matters, it is our inside cleanliness that really matters. We need not only clean hands but a clean heart. All of us struggle with trying to put right the wrong that we have in our hearts. We need to realise that we are all sinners, we struggle to love

everyone unconditionally, but we must keep hate out of our hearts and not let it in. The hymns chosen all tied in with the Theme and the organist was Mrs. Sadie Moore.

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 pray for Lisa Beacom who is continuing her recovery at home. We also remember some of our parishioners in our prayers who have been recently bereaved.

Keep up to Date

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

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Heritage Weekend

The Project Graveyard Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make our heritage open weekend a success. They would like to acknowledge the assistance received from the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership (LELP) through the Heritage Lottery Fund for graveyard scrub removal, historical research and erection of Ely memorial stone. Without their support and guidance this project would not have been possible. Many thanks for the historical research done by the Fermanagh Genealogy Group and the production of their report (copies can be ordered at a cost of £5). Special thanks to the Bishop for attending the service and conducting the unveiling ceremony and to Mrs Elmarie Swanepoel who spoke so eloquently on behalf of LELP. Thanks, too, to all those who cleaned the church and grounds prior to the event especially Derek Elliott who worked on the car park; to Clare and Jason Palmer who opened their garden for refreshments and to their children who worked alongside our own helpers to provide refreshments for well over one hundred people; to our own volunteers who supplied food and helped with the teas; to the marshals in the church building and the



A visitor all the way from Larne.



Delene and Jayne serving tea and scones to the many visitors to old Benmore rectory.



Someone working extremely early on Saturday morning.



Stephanie welcomes her mother Martha and sister Pam.



Benmore rectory beautifully and lovingly restored by the Palmer family.



Ely memorial stone.

grounds for keeping visitors safe; to those who answered questions in the church and tidied up afterwards; to the District Lodge for the loan of their vintage tables and chairs and Ann Orr and Ian Rutherford for the loan of gazebos. Most of all we thank those, from the parish and beyond, who supported this event. It was truly wonderful to see so many people catching up with old friends over a socially distanced cup of tea and scones seated under the gazebos in the open air of the beautifully restored garden of Benmore rectory.

Parish Video Tour

Alan Nesbitt, parishioner of Donacavey, agreed to put together a video detailing the



Eddie Rogers welcomes Bishop Ian and his wife Heather on Saturday afternoon.

church history, buildings and furnishings. He worked tirelessly with the narrator to produce a very professional package that we will be proud to show for many years to come.

You can find it on YouTube under 'Inishmacsaint Church History'. Lough Erne Landscape Partnership was so impressed that they are using it as an exemplar to others.

Gift Day

Many thanks to those who have responded to this annual appeal.

Parish Website

This has been redundant for years and we are in the process of taking it down. Please do not use it. Leeann keeps Facebook updated so use this for information. Thank you.

Annual Clothes Collection

The usual clothes collection has now started. All types of clean, re-wearable clothing, handbags, paired shoes, hats and belts are accepted. Bric-a-brac, toys, quilts or coat hangers are not suitable. Please leave the clothing as usual in Rogers' yard for collection in November. If you need it lifted please let Stephanie know. Thank you.

Sunday School

Due to high levels of Covid in the area the commencement of Sunday School has been postponed and will be reviewed at the end of October. Children's resources will be available during Sunday services and children's services will still go ahead – albeit children practicing at home.



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!



Keith and Hannah ready to welcome our visitors.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Weekly times and dates

Sunday

- Christ Church Parish, Trillick at 10:30am
 - Kilskeery Parish Church at 11:45am
- Wednesday
- Fellowship Group at 8:00pm (alternating between parishes)
- Thursday
- Prayer Meeting at 9:00am (alternating between parishes)

OCTOBER DATES

Sunday 3rd

- Family Communion Service (Trillick 10:30am and Kilskeery 11:45am)

Sunday 10th

- Christ Church Parish, Trillick Family Harvest at 11:00am
- Christ Church Parish, Trillick Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 8:00pm

Friday 15th

- Kilskeery Parish Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 8:00pm

Saturday 16th

- Messy Harvest in Kilskeery Community Hall at 11:00am -12:30pm

Sunday 17th

- Kilskeery Parish Family Harvest at 11:00am

Sunday 31st

- An Evening of Prayer and Worship - Christ Church Parish, Trillick (7:00 – 9:00pm)

Eyes to see the Harvest

“But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.”
Matthew 9:36

In scripture we find many occurrences where people are compared to sheep, figuratively speaking. In Matthew 9:36, Jesus is recorded to have recognised that the people he was standing in front of were like sheep, but sheep without a shepherd. What made Him come to this conclusion? He had looked out upon those clamouring to get close to Him and saw a weary and scattered people. Some bible commentators attach the weariness and scatteredness to the results of living under the leadership of the Scribes and Pharisees. They not only wearied the people with weighty rules and regulations that went far beyond what the Lord God required of them but also due to various sects and the rules of who was “in” and who was “out”, divided the people, separating them by way of doctrinal contentions. Was Jesus commenting on the weariness and scattering nature that comes with a religiosity that has forgotten compassion and neglected the Spirit’s empowerment to refresh, restore, to make righteous and to gather up the lost by way of an invitation to repent from an old way of life and accept God’s new life through Himself? If we take this line of thinking then we must say that the weary and scattered multitudes who were following him were suffering from the wrong thinking, attitudes, practices and prejudices of the religious elite; the very leaders who were supposed to administer

God’s refreshment and guidance. For many, because their religious upbringing they had been conditioned to think and value themselves through the eyes of their religious leaders and yet others had most likely left much of the religious life behind and set out to construct their own view of the world.

It is from this observation that Jesus further comments that “the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.” It appears that as Jesus looks out over these thronging multitudes that He doesn’t see divisions and denominations; He doesn’t comment on their good-livingness or their orthodox views on this doctrine or that philosophy. Jesus looks out over the crowds and sees a people who are ready. He sees in their weariness the signs of a ripening harvest... people in need of refreshment and leadership. People ready to be gathered in, into the family of the King. People, who’s hearts are crying out for the healing, and deliverance and salvation that only God can bring, whether they realise it or not. People who need an encounter with the Spirit of the living God, who pours out His refreshing and freedom upon those who come to Him. He sees a people on a journey of faith, awakened and stirred by His own ministry. He sees people ready to be birthed into the kingdom of God. But there is a problem! Although the harvest is ready to be gathered in there aren’t enough farmhands, midwives, harvesters, fruit-collectors, labourers for the task. There are too many people ready to step into the kingdom for the current labourers to cope with. For Jesus, this is a matter for prayer and He invites His disciples to pray for more workers.

Is it possible that when we look out at the crowds around us in society, that our eyes see people not adhering to our way of doing things; people not keeping our laws and religious penchants, and we stand before them as doctors writing down a diagnosis, as judges offering a



verdict? When Jesus looked out, He too saw their condition, their shortcomings yet He had compassion, a compassion that wasn't about celebrating their weariness and scatteredness but a compassion that recognised their need of refreshing and leadership.

At this harvest-time may we be people of thankfulness and gratitude for the goodness of the Lord God to us in His provisions for us and His love that surrounds us. And

if we have experienced the goodness of the Lord, may we pray that He would give us eyes to see the harvest around us in society; the wearied and scattered, the anxious and ill, the stressed and hurting, the lost and confused, and His compassion to go out into the harvest fields and share and demonstrate the goodness and love of God among those who need Him.

"Father God, grant me your compassionate eyes to see those around me as you see

them.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant me your obedience and determination to go to those you show me.

Spirit of the living God, grant me your power and gifts that I may be able to demonstrate your kingdom love to those whom you are drawing to you.

Lord of the harvest, send out labourers into the harvest, and may I willing to be one of them. Amen."

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck

Vacant

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



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

Letter from the Revd Colin

As I write this in the middle of September, I am looking forward to starting my second year at Lisbellaw with Coolbuck. What a strange first year it was! At the beginning, our church was closed and we had 'drive-in church' in the hall car park. I had never had to deal with services where the wind kept blowing the pages of my prayer book over. Then, fortunately, in the early autumn, we were able to meet back in the church whilst being very careful to socially distance and take all the necessary precautions. Hopefully, the year ahead will slowly move toward a new normal.

Refreshed after a short break we are now looking forward to working with the confirmation candidates as they prepare for their confirmation service, which will probably be in November. Also, I am looking forward to the Harvest celebrations - Coolbuck on the weekend of 26th September and in Lisbellaw on 8th and 10th October.

As the pandemic continues, I would like to ask all of our parishioners to direct their prayers to seek God's help in dealing with all the issues involved. I would also like to ask your prayer support for the confirmation

candidates as they take this important step in their Christian lives. Your prayers for those in our parish who are suffering from any sickness at present, particularly those with cancer, would also be greatly appreciated. We remember the family of Phillip Irwin whose funeral took place and ask that God will provide comfort for them. On the positive side we have two baptism services in the near future. It is a delight to share in the welcome of two new children into our parish in this way. I pray that the Lord will bless you all this month.

Revd Colin

Sunday School and The Bridge

Although at the time of writing it is unlikely that Sunday School and The Bridge will re-commence before November, the 'Come Learn' resources have been ordered and will be distributed to families, with the help of the Sunday School teachers and Bridge Leaders as soon as possible, in the hope that parents will encourage the children

and young people to use and enjoy them at home in the meantime.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes, taken by the Revd Colin in church each Sunday morning at 10.00, have now begun for the cohort of our young people who are now in year 11 (or 12) at school. Please remember Eva, Katie, Leah, Lucy, Zara, Callum, Jay, James and Luke in your prayers as they prepare to publicly confirm, later this year, the promises made for them by their parents at baptism.

Cancer Fund for Children

It was lovely to see the Parish Centre being open and used again on the afternoon of Saturday 11th September as a stopover for Rory Best who, with his team, was walking 180 miles from Co. Down to Co. Mayo in support of The Cancer Fund for Children. It was great to see the local team in action too, especially Donella Meade from the village whose family, 12 years ago, had experienced at first hand the



The Confirmation class.



Greeting rugby legend, Rory Best as he stopped at Lisbellaw Parish Centre on his charity walk.





Marking Rory Best's Miles2Mayo charity walk when he stopped off at Lisbellaw Parish Centre.



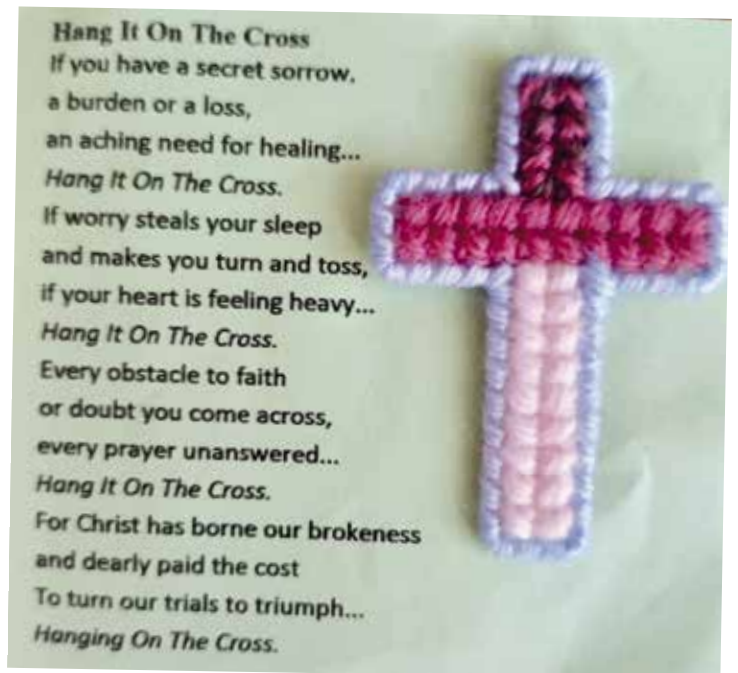
support offered by the wonderful charity and who is now a volunteer herself. There was good support from the village and from parishioners and hence a good photo opportunity as well ! At the time of writing Rory had raised an amazing £317,990 towards his target of £500,000.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union members received gifts during September, of lovely crosses, made specially for them by a parishioner. The words of the poem are unbelievably appropriate for strange and difficult days.

Diocesan Pastoral Assistant

Congratulations and every blessing to Lisbellaw parishioner, Wendy Kerr who at a lovely service in St Macartin's Cathedral in Enniskillen on September 16th was commissioned, as one of four Diocesan Pastoral Assistants by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis.



The cross with a verse given to MU members.



Flowers at the funeral of Philip Irwin.

Death

With sadness we record the death on Sunday 12th September 2021 of Philip Loftus Irwin, son of Phyllis and the late Loftus of Snowhill Road, Lisbellaw. To his mother, Phyllis, brothers Peter, John and Douglas and their families we extend our deepest sympathy.

After a funeral service in the church, Phillip was buried in Tattygare Cemetery.

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



Wendy Kerr with Bishop Ian Ellis.

Prayer

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

you too all those known to us who are seriously ill. Bring relief to them we pray, as they undergo treatment or palliative care and in their weakness, pain and suffering may they and their loved ones know the courage, 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 October

Sunday 3rd

10.30 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday 6th

8.00 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 10th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 17th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 24th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 31st

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Baptism:

Wednesday 25th August

Sophia Farrell, 36 Carnwood, Lisnaskea.

Daughter to Richard and Gillian.

Congratulations to you both on your new arrival.

Burial:

■ Wednesday 25th August

Margaret Elizabeth Brady, Eaglemount,
Castlebalfour, Lisnaskea.

■ Friday 10th September

David Griffith Lunny, 12 Lackaboy Park,
Tempo Road, Enniskillen.

Sincere condolences to both families on their sad loss.

Illness

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who is ill at this time and also those recovering from sickness or surgery.

As the winter months approach

we trust everyone will stay safe and continue to abide by any Covid restrictions there may be.

We recommend that masks still be worn during our services and that sanitiser be used when entering and exiting church.

Organist

It is lovely to hear our organ being played again each Sunday and we are very grateful to the ladies who are helping out with this in the absence of a permanent organist. Our search continues!!

Harvest Thanksgiving:

As these notes are being prepared we are once again looking forward to our Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations which you can see are being held on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.

This is to allow sufficient time between services so a deep clean of the church won't be necessary.

This year we are having a collection of non-perishable food items at both services and these will be passed on to "The Pantry". Your support will be much appreciated.

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal:

It is that time of year again when we begin to think about Christmas and operation Christmas Child. There will be some shoeboxes available in church so feel free to take one and please remember to include £5 to cover the cost of shipping etc. Your boxes need to be returned to church or the Parish Office by Sunday 7th November.

Who said that you were naked?

"And He said,
"Who told you that you were naked?" "
(Genesis 3:11)
"Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin,
and clothed them."
(Genesis 3:21)

Where did the "tunics of skin" come from?

The Lord God MUST have
Killed an animal to
Provide a "tunic of skin"
As clothing...
As a covering...
For Adam and Eve

But why is this important...?

Adam and Eve SINNED
Payment had to be made
For THAT sin

An animal died
Blood was shed
Forgiveness was achieved
And Adam and Eve
Were restored...
At least partially...

I say partially
As an animal CANNOT
Be a PERFECT sacrifice
For a HUMAN...

ONLY Jesus could do that
Which He did at Calvary

"When Jesus saw their faith,
He said to the paralytic,
"Son, your sins are forgiven you." "
(Mark 2:5)

All of this is a bit of a LONG
Explanation and introduction
Into Mark chapter 2...

For the Jews...
In fact, for everybody...
ONLY God can forgive SINS...

The Jews had and were

Sacrificing animals
For the forgiveness of SINS

And NOT just at Passover
With a pure, unblemished
LAMB...

Animals were being
Sacrificed all the time
For the sins of the people

So when Jesus said:
"Son, your sins are forgiven you."
(Mark 2:5)
Some of the Jews reasoned
That Jesus was speaking
Blasphemy...

This MERE man was claiming
To be God...

For us, at times
We struggle with this
As we KNOW Jesus to BE God
We need to have an understanding
Of the Jewish practices
To see how and why they
Reacted to Jesus
In the way that they did...

Practices that were given
To them by God...

But as I started...
In the Garden of Eden
God killed an animal
To provide forgiveness
For Adam and Eve's sin

An animal for man's sin

NOW Jesus is declaring
Forgiveness of sin
For He knew why He had come
A Man for a man...
Or rather, the Son of Man
For ALL men...

Just as Adam and Eve HAD to
Receive the "tunics of skin"
From God, to cover their nakedness

So too do we HAVE to
Receive Jesus, the Son of Man
As the payment for OUR sin

In the story
Jesus said:
"I say to you, arise,
take up your bed,
and go to your house."
(Mark 2:11)

"Immediately he arose,
took up the bed,
and went out in the
presence of them all"
(Mark 2:12)

The sick man...
The paralytic...
By his OWN free will...
And by his OWN effort...
Made a decision...

To TRUST Jesus...
That he WAS healed...
And that he WAS forgiven...

And AROSE...

WILL YOU...?



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Archdeacon Brian Harper and members of the Armstrong family at the baptism service.

Harvest

Our Harvest celebrations are fewer than usual but more than last year! We will have a Friday night thanksgiving in church on October 8th at 8pm. Our guest preacher will be the “new kid on the block,” Joan Nelson. Joan, from Killadeas Parish, has completed her training as a Lay Reader and was licensed on 16th September so this will be her first visit to our church as a guest preacher.

On the morning of Sunday October 10th, we will have a 9.30am service in church followed by the very popular drive-in at 11am at Ferney Park. We won't be restricted to remaining in our cars so hopefully we can either sit out or stand beside the cars and sing with enthusiasm.

There will be no Sunday evening service. The annual Harvest thanksgiving offering will be used to assist in our “Pandemic Recovery”, specifically to encourage our Sunday School and other children's and



The marriage of Crawford Quinn and Emma Quinn on a beach in Australia.



Activities Week for Ballinamallard Methodist and Magheracross Parish Churches.

youth activities and to provide improved online facilities, such as live streaming of church services.

Mothers' Union

Our Mothers' Union members are planning to resume their meetings. The first event will be a celebration of Holy Communion on October 7th at 8pm in the church. All the usual guidelines will apply. This will be

an important event as the group hasn't met since February 2020.

The Mothers' Union is open to all who share an interest in family life, young or not so young. Despite the name, you don't have to be married or a mother and you don't even have to be a woman! The group, which is one of the largest in the Clogher Diocese, meets monthly with a variety of guest speakers on relevant subjects, both spiritual,

practical and social. New members are always welcome.

Other Groups

Many of our groups are currently examining the current level of the coronavirus in the community and cautiously considering when they can safely re-open. Further details will be available on Facebook as they become available.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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Autumn is the season that John Keats, an English Romantic poet (1795-1821), referred as the; "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness", It is the time of year when we witness the turning of leaves, cooling temperatures and darkening nights. Autumn is the season when many churches come before the Lord with thankful hearts for his never-failing provisions in everything by celebrating in harvest thanksgiving services. We can actually trace this act of thankfulness to the Lord back to a command by the Lord given through Moses to the 'Children of Israel just before they entered in the 'Promised Land'.

(Deuteronomy 8:7-10)

"For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; 8 a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; 9 a land where bread will not be scarce, and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron, and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you"

Here, Moses, is delivering his final message to the people of Israel, he is reminding the people that he had led through the desert for 40 years, that when they enter the Promised Land. A good land, with brooks, streams, deep springs



gushing out into the valleys and hills, a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce, and you will lack nothing; *"When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you"* (Deuteronomy 8:10)

However the history behind the celebration of the Harvest Thanksgiving in churches as we know them today is much more recent. It all began in 1843, when the Revd Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service for the harvest at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Those wonderful Victorian hymns that we still use such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" helped popularise his idea of harvest festival, over the years that followed the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce has become the 'Harvest Thanksgiving Service' that so many of us enjoy annually in our churches today. Just like the 'Children of Israel, we too have received the promise of entering into a 'Good Land'. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, all people have the chance to enter the Kingdom of

Heaven. It too is a good land, a land with "brooks, streams...., deep springs gushing out into the valleys... a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce, and you will lack nothing"

Unfortunately this is a land that many of us often flee from, as we flee in fear from ourselves, and from the problems of the world around us. However a belief and acceptance of the 'Risen Jesus' can and will give us the confidence that is so badly needed in the dark world of today, we will need flee no longer from anything. We will know ourselves to be forgiven, we will know ourselves to be his beloved children, who will one day enter into His rest and spend eternity with him.

Illness

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

Confirmation (2021)

Our confirmation classes continue each Wednesday evening in Maguiresbridge

parish church at 8pm, followed by short time of reflection before Morning Prayer, each Sunday morning in both parish churches.

Bishop Ellis has agreed to confirm all candidates (that have been prepared) in Christ Church Maguiresbridge on Thursday, 11th November at 7.30pm.

Safety

Unfortunately the (Covid-19) pandemic is still very much with us, and 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.

To Autumn

(John Keats:1795-1821)

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;

Conspiring with him how to load and bless

With fruit the vines that round the thatch-
eaves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-
trees,

And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel
shells

With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never
cease,

For summer has o'er-brimm'd their
clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?

Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may
find

Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,

Drowsed with the fume of poppies, while
thy hook

Spares the next swath and all its twined
flowers:

And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost

keep

Steady thy laden head across a brook;

Or by a cider-press, with patient look,

Thou watchest the last oozings, hours by
hours.

Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where
are they?

Think not of them, thou hast thy music
too,—

While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying
day,

And touch the stubble-plains with rosy
hue;

Then in a wailful choir the small gnats
mourn

Among the river shallows, borne aloft

Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;

And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly
bourn;

Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble
soft

The redbreast whistles from a garden-
croft,

And gathering swallows twitter in the
skies.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

10th October

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

12:15pm Ballinode Harvest Service

17th October

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

12:15pm Kilmore Harvest Service

24th October

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

12:15pm Ballinode

31st October

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

7th November

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

12:15pm Kilmore

Exam Results

We congratulate Chloe Henderson on
results in the Leaving Certificate and wish
her well as she furthers her studies at
Queens University Belfast.

The Junior Certificate exam is done on
continuous assessment and we wish all
students well as they proceed to the next
phase of their education.

COVID 19

There is a cautious optimism with the

government's publication of "reframing
the challenge" which details the next
stages of the easing of restrictions. 22nd
October is a key date when we should
be able to see many of the restrictions on
worship and meetings and organisations
eased. We look forward to being able to
sing as congregations once more and to
be able to have more people in church as
social distancing is lessened. We also look
forward to our organisations being able
to meet. We have completed work to the
church hall that has taken away the stage to
create a better (and bigger) storage space



and it will be good to restart groups from both the church and the wider community.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

This year again our Harvest Thanksgivings took place as part of our usual Sunday services. We used some material from www.engageworship.org

For Kilmore on 19th September we took the theme of a Harvest of Hands and Hope.

For St Patrick's on 26th September we took the theme of Growing Gratitude and Generosity.

For Ballinode on 10th October we took the theme of Creation, Contentment and Care.

Illness

Your prayers are requested for those who are ill or recovering, the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

Confirmation

We are hoping to get started with confirmation preparation, having had to delay this since the start of the pandemic. Confirmation is open to all those in second year and above and we held a short service and introduction to the preparation on 21st September. Please keep the candidates in your prayers as the classes and preparations begin in the coming weeks.

Easter Vestries

With the easing of restrictions after 22nd September we hope to have held these meetings in early October.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Hilary Murphy and Charles Kaastra and Jenifer Ebbs and Brandon James who were married in September. We wish them every happiness

and God's richest blessing in their future together.

Charity Registration Information Evening

It was good to see people from all the parishes in the county in St Patrick's church for this information evening. Government changes to charities law mean that our parishes (as charities) have to comply and show they are complying with the Charities Governance Code. For Select Vestries this is all very new to us and can look a bit daunting. We are grateful to the Diocese for organising the information evening to tell us about the process and the help and support that is in place from the Diocese to help us do this. We want to thank Ashley and Michael from the Diocesan Office and Janet from the RCB in Dublin for all their work, support and provision of future help in what we will have to do.

Rossorry

Vacant

Dean Kenneth Hall is in charge

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Mrs Sue Hogg & Mrs Joan Nelson

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

PARISH 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

PARISH HALL- reopens !

The following extract from a letter from the Archbishop has provided guidance on how we may try to normalise Church activities following a layoff of nearly 18 months.

“Although some restrictions have now moved from being mandatory under law to strongly recommended in government guidance those safeguards are still there for a reason. The majority of activities in the life of our Parishes may now resume with the permission of the Rector and Select Vestry and with appropriate mitigations in place and risk assessments performed. A cautious and slow return to normal might be the best way to describe it. There is absolutely no rush to get everything up and running again within days. Our journey through the pandemic has taken nearly a year and a half so far so it will take time for us to slowly rebuild and get our parishes up and running again.”

In response to this the Select Vestry has approved the reopening of the Hall with appropriate safeguards in place.

- Comprehensive Risk Assessments have been prepared and actioned.
- Parish organisations and users have been appraised of the preparations and the duties that they will require to undertake to keep all safe.
- The Hall has been thoroughly cleaned and sanitised for use in line with the Risk Assessments (with thanks to Leslie, Lorraine and Joy).

So far a number of the organisations have indicated that they will resume activities (subject to all requirements of the Risk Assessments and current PHA safety requirements).

- Sunday School—from 19th September.
- Rossorry Bowling Club—from 20th September.
- Rossorry Scouts—from end of September—date TBC.
- Pilates Class—date TBC—subject to finding an instructor.
- Mother & Baby exercise class—date TBC.
- Rossorry Wednesday Club—date to be delayed for a couple of months.

Other organisations and users are not yet ready to resume and that is fine and in keeping with the



Archbishop's advice.

Leaders will be in touch with their groups with details, as necessary.

We will continue to update this subject in the Weekly News Sheet., as required.

Harvest Worship

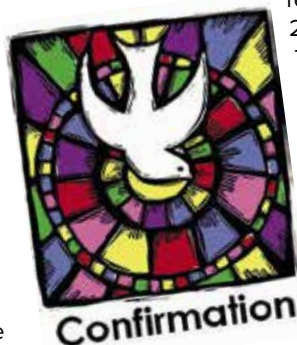
The date for this year's Harvest Worship will be the first weekend in October. Unless there is a big change in the restrictions imposed by Covid, our Harvest Weekend will be restricted to one Service, only, at 10 am on Sunday 3rd October 2021.



We hope to have Revd. W.E. Mc Girr, 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 a 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.

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. 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.

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Email: - rossorryoffice@btinternet.com

Arrangments 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 October 2021

In Church and online.

Sunday 3rd October

10.00am – Holy Communion and Harvest Thanksgiving.

Sunday 10th October

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Sunday 17th October

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Sunday 24th October

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Wednesday 27th October

Confirmation with Bishop of Clogher – Right. Revd. Dr. Ian Ellis (Candidates and families only)

Sunday 31st October

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)



The wedding of Jonathan Bell and Ashley Moss.

and a link to the recording of the Service.

Parish Register

BAPTISMS

IRVINE, Myla Rose, infant daughter of Lisa and Thomas, who was Christened in Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 5th September 2021 by the Very Revd. K.R.J. Hall of St. Macartin's Cathedral, who is looking after Pastoral matters during the Vacancy.

May she grow in the faith in which he has

been baptized.

Marriage

MOSS / BELL The marriage of Ashley Moss and Jonathan Bell took place at Rossorry Parish Church on Friday 27th August 2021. Celebrant was the Very Revd. Sam Wright, Dean of Lisburn Cathedral. Heartiest congratulations and best wishes from the Parishioners of Rossorry.

May God bless their life together.

Contact Us...

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Quiz Sheet

Thank you to Miss Mary Elliott for once again compiling the annual quiz sheet for Clabby Parish, the proceeds going to Missionary Societies which the Church supports. Thanks to those who sold the sheets, Select Vestry, parishioners and others and those who gave donations as a result £640 was raised. Thank you to Mrs. Vera McConnell and Mrs. Beatrice Smyton who helped with distribution and Mary, Beatrice and Vera for providing the prizes.

Congratulations to the winners:-

1, Miss. Scarlett Newell

2, Mr. George Latimer

Clabby Parish Auction

The Select Vestry are organising and planning to run once again the Annual Parish Auction for church funds on Saturday 6th November at 1.30pm at the Church Hall and grounds. It will be run in accordance with Covid guidelines. A letter with regard to the event will be circulated to parishioners.

Harvest

We are now well into the season of Autumn. It reminds us of change again as we see the



evenings and nights descending fast, the drop in temperatures and leaves changing colour and falling off the trees. The work of harvesting crops is almost at an end. Harvest-time gives us the opportunity to stand back and reflect upon what has been achieved especially on the land and results of past two seasons.

But secondly it is a time to come together in God's house to give Him thanks for all His blessings to us.

Deuteronomy Chapter 8 v 10 "When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God".

The chapter warns against pride leading to forgetting God who provided our strength to do the work, the conditions for the growth of the crops. We can say my strength did it all and worship the gods of greed, materialism and wealth. "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me. But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth".

Harvest-time reminds us that God looks for a harvest in our lives. As the parable of the sower reminds us from Mark chapter 4 v 1- 20; God sows the seed of his word in our

lives and expects a harvest. Will it be a good Harvest this year? A genuine response with a good crop or fruit? The evidence is the fruit of the Spirit, of living by word and deed a Christ like life. Jesus said "By their fruits you shall know them". The evidence of our lives rooted in Christ and producing a fruitful Christian life is through the work of the Holy Spirit. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control". Finally harvest time reminds us of the great harvest of Souls that will take place one day on the return of Christ. So we need to respond to God's word in our lives and we need to live a life of service and obedience to Christ. Read Matthew chapter 25 v 14-27. So this harvest as we reflect and give thanks to God for his temporary material blessings to us, may we also reflect and thank God for his permanent eternal blessings to us in sending Christ to die for our sins on our behalf, that we have salvation from sin and security of eternal life through faith in Christ alone. Then challenge ourselves are we living for Jesus each day, ready for the great harvest when we shall give account of what we did with the gift of Christ and how we lived for Him.

Trory and Killadeas



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Harvest

Trory Harvest Services take a missional feel this year, looking at both mission on our doorstep, and mission in the wider world. Friday 8th October 7.30pm. A Traditional Harvest Service with speaker Mrs. Heather Williams, (completing her New Wine Evangelism course) followed by a 'harvest supper.'

Sunday 10th October 11.30am. A Family Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Guest speaker Mrs. Rebecca Parnell from the Leprosy Mission.

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 on 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 Classes

After a September sabbatical, confirmation class resume at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th October, but will now meet in the Ballycassidy Hall.

Looking Forward

There have already been questions about the dreaded C word for this winter. No, not Covid, but Christmas. Please skip reading this section if October is too early for you to be thinking about Advent and Christmas. Although every plan these days comes with the proviso it is subject to change last minute if the rules change, the intention this year is to celebrate Christmas in a very traditional way. Carols by candlelight, and all other services which everyone looks forward to in December are intended to be in church.

The purpose of the big outdoor events (Carols by Runway Lights and A Family Farmyard Nativity) last year was to allow for Christian Christmas events to happen no matter what, to create links with local communities, and help us to remember in the midst of everything that Christmas is a celebration of Christ's Nativity. This year, God willing, we will be able to do the same, with services and events but inside our buildings.

Communication and Pastoral Care

A lot of communication and pastoral care over the last 18 months has had to be via telephone and letters through necessity. But one of the failings in doing any pastoral care job remotely is although I (Revd. Mark) can communicate through letters, services, individual phone calls etc. this is often just in one direction, getting information out, and being there for those already on my radar. Getting information to come in the other way can be more difficult.

Those who Revd. Mark knows are in nursing homes, housebound, or in particular need receive handwritten letters or cards at the big church festivals (Harvest, Christmas, Easter) as well phone calls, the letters sent to the whole parish, and when circumstances allow, occasional in person visits.

If you know of anyone who should be receiving extra pastoral care, please can you let Revd. Mark know. Please note, this is a plea to make sure there are no gaps in list of those who need extra pastoral care, not a list of those who would merely like to see the rector.

From the Registers

Christian Burial – Robert Johnston, 15th September, St Michael's Parish Church Trory
Baptism – Callie Louise Bradshaw, 26th September, Priory Church Killadeas

Church Services

3rd October

10am Holy Communion, Priory Church Killadeas

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

8th October (Friday)

A Traditional Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St. Michael's, Trory. Guest Speaker: Mrs. Heather Williams.

10th October

10am Morning Prayer, Priory Church Killadeas

11.30am An All Age Harvest Thanksgiving Service with guest Speaker, Rebecca Parnell (The Leprosy Mission), St. Michael's, Trory

17th October

10am Morning Prayer with Carpark Cuppa, Priory Church Killadeas

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

24th October

10am All Age 'Teaching' Service of the Word, Priory Church Killadeas

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

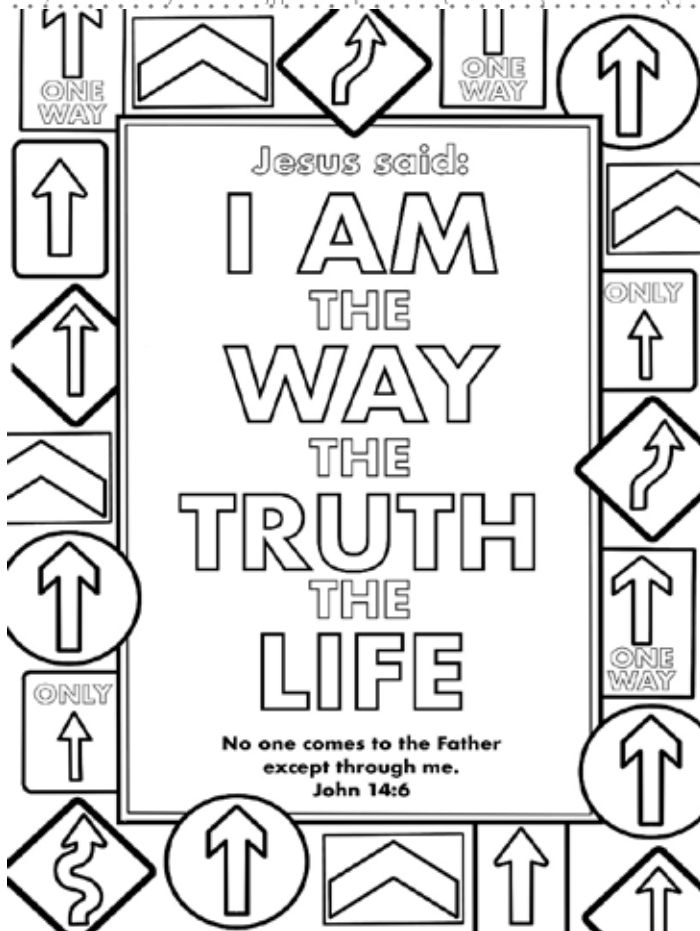
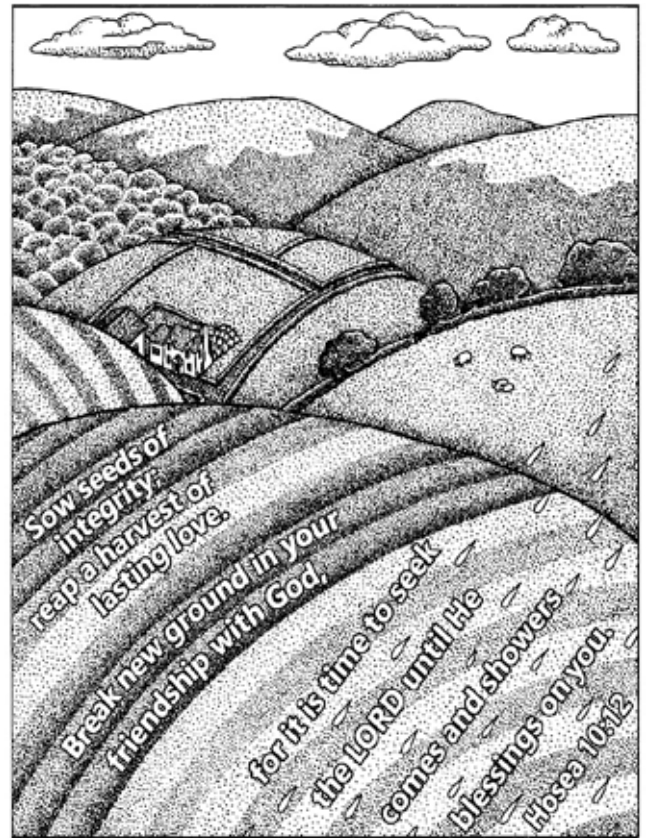
31st October

10am Morning Prayer, Priory Church Killadeas

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

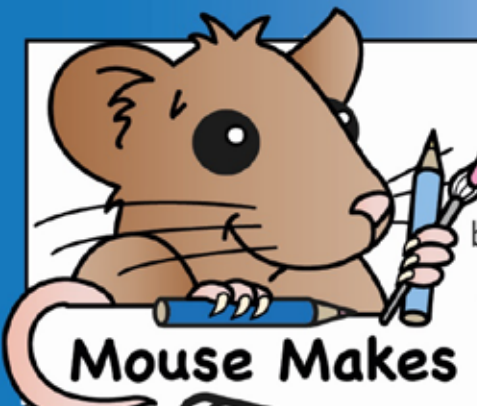


CHILDREN'S SECTION



October





Mouse Makes

"Come with me across the lake,"

Jesus said to his disciples, so they got into a boat and set out. While they were sailing Jesus slept.

A big storm *blew* across the lake and the boat began to fill with water. They were in **great** danger.

The disciples went to Jesus and woke him.

They said, "*Master, mater, we are going to drown!*"

Jesus got up and gave a command to the wind and the waves, "*Be still, be calm.*"

The wind stopped and the lake became calm.



Read the story
in Mark 4: 35-41

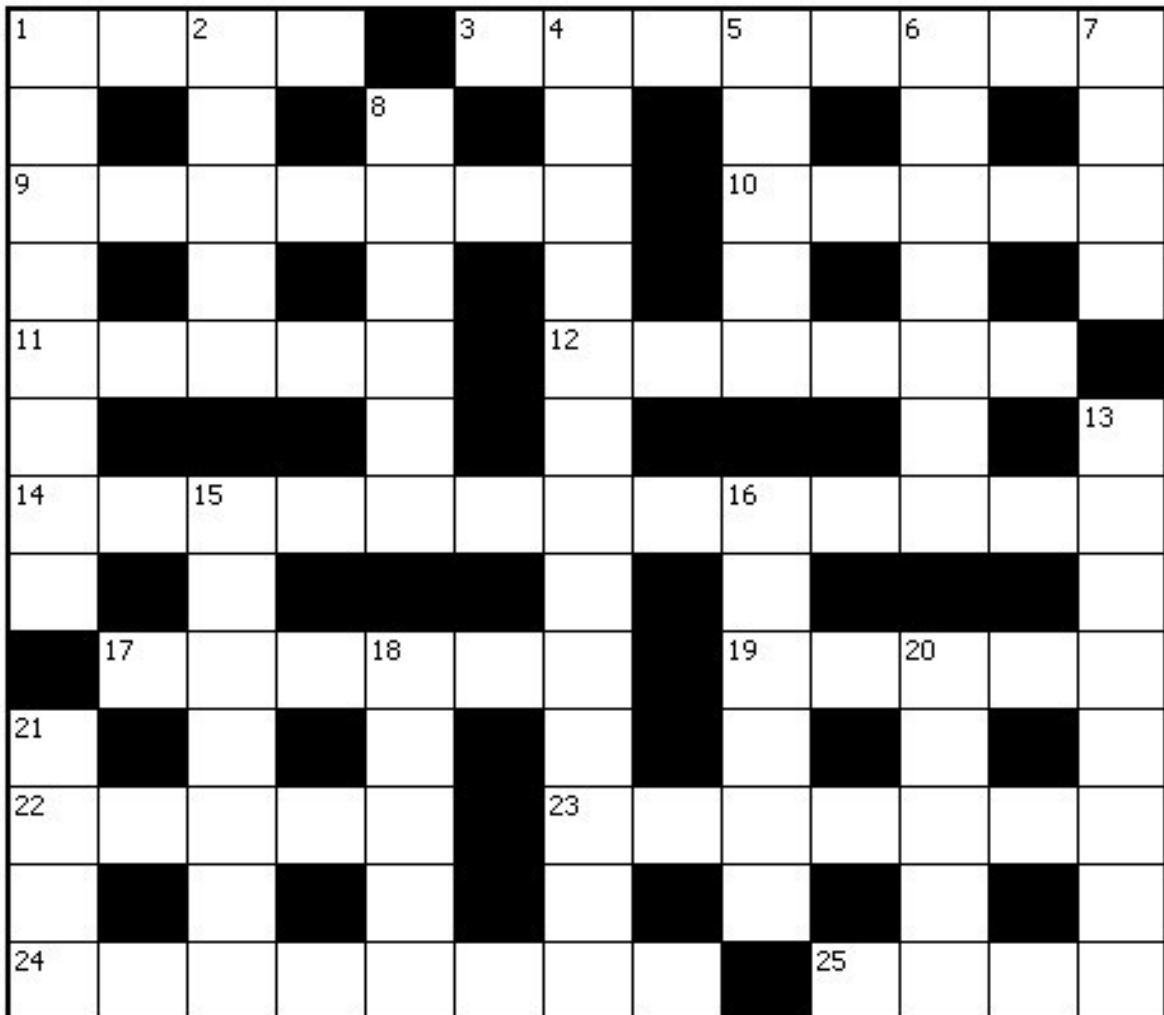


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PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of —, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

DOWN

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

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MOTHERS' UNION

COOKBOOK LAUNCHED

The Mothers' Union Cookbook, "Mums' Marvellous Meals", was launched at our Special Council meeting on 22nd June. Copies will be delivered to the Dioceses over the next couple of months.

The Cookbook contains recipes from members from all over Ireland and is divided into different sections - Starters, Main Courses, Desserts and Traditional Irish Recipes.

The Cookbook will go on sale for £5 or 5 Euros and all proceeds will go to the "Mums in May" Fund.



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DIOCESAN NEWS



At the Commissioning of Diocesan Pastoral Assistants were front (from left); Canon Paul Thompson, Warden of Readers; Archdeacon Isaac Hanna, who helped with training and Bishop Ian Ellis. Back row the new DPAs (from left), Wendy Kerr, Keith Browne, Viola Bryson and Pamela Hutchinson.

New Diocesan Reader and Diocesan Pastoral Assistants commissioned

A special Service of Holy Communion was held in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, on the occasion of the Admission and Licensing of a new Diocesan Reader and the Commissioning of four new Diocesan Pastoral Assistants.

The service on Thursday, 16th September 2021 was led by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis.

The new Diocesan Reader is Mrs Joan Nelson and the four new DPAs are Mrs Patricia Hutchinson, Mrs Viola Bryson, Mrs Wendy Kerr and Mr Keith Browne.

During the service the Warden of Lay Readers, Canon Paul Thompson presented the group to Bishop Ellis who vested the Diocesan Reader with the traditional blue scarf and presented each of the DPAs with the Badge of Office.

During the service, the hymns, "To God be the glory!" "The Lord's my Shepherd," "Lord, For the Years" and "I, the Lord of sea and sky" were sung, led by organist, Mrs Diane Simpson and the Cathedral Choir.

In his sermon, Bishop Ellis said that Diocesan Readers should help people see how faith touches their lives, to awaken their faith or move on in their faith.

Bishop Ellis thanked Archdeacon Isaac



Canon Paul Thompson and Bishop Ian Ellis with Mrs Joan Nelson, Diocesan Reader.

Hanna for leading training for the DPAs and explained their role was visiting people in their own homes, or in hospital or nursing homes, bringing comfort and the compassion of Jesus Christ. He said some parishioners needed some joy brought into their lives, others simply needed a prayer to sustain them.

He said many of these people might not be able to attend church but they as

commissioned DPAs can bring church to them, at the same time supporting the Rector of Rural Dean.

He said the greatest privilege of all was to share the presence of Jesus with others.

The new Diocesan Reader, Mrs Joan Nelson was brought up in the parish of Killadeas in a family where a strong Christian faith was nurtured. From an early age she was a regular attender of church and Sunday



Bishop Ian Ellis admitting and licensing Mrs Joan Nelson as Diocesan Reader.

School and a member of the choir. In her teens Joan became organist and has now served over 50 years in that role. She has also served as Sunday School teacher, Select Vestry member, Mothers' Union Branch Leader and is currently leader of the senior citizens' Tuesday Club. Since retiring from her teaching career she wanted to explore further opportunities to serve God and the church community and trained as a Parish Reader in 2010 and as a Diocesan Pastoral Assistant in 2013 - work which she finds to be very rewarding.

She continued; "I still felt that God was calling me to explore further so I applied for the two-year Diocesan Lay Reader course which I completed recently. This involved study through the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin; St John's College, Nottingham and Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. The course of study was enjoyable but challenging and

more especially when Covid regulations meant that lectures had to be on Zoom instead of meeting personally. I have made some very firm friends from other dioceses through the course and very much value their friendship. I wish to thank my family, my rectors and others through the years who encouraged and supported me and continue to do so. I look forward to assisting with services in Clogher Diocese in the years ahead.

Joan and her husband, Robert have three sons and five grandchildren.

The four Diocesan Pastoral Assistants are;

Patrician Hutchinson, who is married to David and they have four children - Ben, Barry, Ciara and Eimear. Originally from Co. Leitrim, she has worked in the Republic of Ireland's health service for a number of years.

She adds; "I had planned to change careers but was at a crossroads. I met my friend for a walk one evening in August 2019 and explained my dilemma and by chance we were meeting the next day to go to an art exhibition. She had spoken to her husband after our walk and he suggested I apply to become a DPA. And here I am! I really enjoyed the training and the open atmosphere for discussing the topics. I am very much looking forward to my new role and wherever God leads me."

Viola Bryson is originally from Germany but has lived in Northern Ireland for 21 years. Married to Revd Philip Bryson, and with four children, she said she was grateful to be able to finally be commissioned after a longer wait due to the pandemic and take up the role of pastoral assistant. She adds; "I have found the training very useful as well as relevant to the pastoral situations I may find myself in. I am looking forward to actually being physically present where needed and prayerfully bringing God's presence and comfort into situations."



Bishop Ian Ellis preaching.

Wendy Kerr is from Lisbellaw, married to Malcolm with a daughter Lauren and two sons, Stephen and Matthew. She was born in Germany and moved back to Enniskillen in 1982.

She said; "I am really looking forward to starting my role as a pastoral assistant. The training has been very good and so helpful and relevant to me in my Christian journey. I'm so looking forward to putting all my new skills into supporting the people in the community."

Keith Browne is from Cootehill, Co Cavan. Married to Christina, they have a child, Nathan. He trained and was commissioned as a Diocesan Reader in 2010 and since then he has conducted worship in many Parishes throughout the Diocese.

"I have found this an enjoyable experience, but also a most responsible and serious calling. I now begin a new chapter in my ministry. I very much look forward to meeting with people who maybe are going through a difficult time and are in need of God's touch in their lives. I'd like to thank Roy Crowe for encouraging me in becoming a DPA, Canon Paul Thompson for his patience, encouragement and hard work throughout our training, Archdeacon Isaac for the brilliant course that he led - God has surely gifted Isaac with many great skills. I really enjoyed meeting him and listening to his many life experiences. Finally thank you to my Lord and my saviour Jesus Christ, who has called me to his service."



The four DPAs are presented to Bishop Ian Ellis.



Attending the unveiling of the Ely memorial were (from left); Elizabeth McClelland, Churchwarden; Elmarie Swanepoel, Programme Manager of the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership; the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis; Richard Harkness, Churchwarden and Revd Stephanie Woods, in charge of the parish of Inishmacsaint.

Memorial marks contribution by Ely family to historic church

A memorial has been unveiled in memory of the Ely family who contributed so much to St. Ninnidh's Parish Church, Inishmacsaint in Clogher Diocese over many generations. The memorial was unveiled and dedicated by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis at Sunday service during the European Heritage Open Weekend. Among the visitors attending the service was Ms Elmarie Swanepoel, Programme Manager of the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership, who along with the National Lottery Heritage Fund, gave their support and funding to the project. The Project Graveyard Committee used the support and funding for graveyard scrub removal, historical research and the erection of the Ely memorial stone. The unveiling ceremony was part of an extensive heritage weekend when the church and grounds were opened to visitors. The owners of the former old Benmore Rectory close by, Jason and Claire Palmer, opened their grounds for visitors where they received refreshments prepared by members of the parish. During the weekend, the Fermanagh Genealogy Group attended. Bishop Ellis who led the 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, referred to heritage. He said: "Heritage speaks to us of the full range of our inherited traditions, it includes

our monuments, our other objects and our culture. It includes our contemporary activities too and the meanings and behaviours we draw from them. It is much more than just the preserving and exhibiting, restoring and displaying a whole collection of all things. Heritage is about gathering up from the past, reflecting, learning, and preserving all the key values and inheritance we have and passing them on to a generation still to come. "As people of faith on a day such as today, as we look back and look around us with a heightened sense of awareness of people of faith who have worshipped here – we give thanks to God that we are in the words of our reading – 'surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.'" The present church in Inishmacsaint Parish was built in 1831 and contains many ornate and historic artefacts including a 6th Century font brought from Inishmacsaint Island still in use today and the first full size, autonomous window undertaken by the world-famous glass artist, Wilhelmina Geddes.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

October 2021

- Wednesday 6th October – **Clogher Diocese Volunteer Safeguard Training in Colebrooke Parish Hall** at 7.30pm for Clogher Rural Deanery.
- Saturday 9th October – **Clogher Diocese Volunteer Safeguard Training** to be conducted online at 9.30am with the link sent out to those registered to attend.
- Sunday 10th October – **Climate Sunday** in Donagh Group of Parishes when the Sunday School children will present a video.
- Friday 15th October – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for submissions for the November edition. Send to; editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Sunday 17th October – **Climate Sunday** will be marked in Dromore Parish during Family Service at 11am with Revd Andrew Quill. God's care for Creation' (Luke 12:22-27).
- Tuesday 19th October – **Clogher Diocesan Council meeting** at 2.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall.
- Sunday 24th October – **Climate Sunday** in Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh churches as part of a UK and Ireland wide initiative. 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.

November 2021

- Saturday 6th November – **Devenish Parish Sale and Auction** in the Reade Hall, Monea at 2pm.
- Saturday 6th November – **Clabby Parish Auction** for church funds at 1.30pm at the Church Hall and grounds. It will be run in accordance with Covid guidelines. A letter with regard to the event will be circulated to parishioners.
- 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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All shoeboxes should be delivered to Drumkeeran Hall for Irene Boyd by Saturday 20th November.

If you would like further information on this project please contact:

Mrs Irene Boyd at 028 6863 1009





Janet Maxwell, RCB, outlining the charities governance structure.



Speaking at the event were (from left); Chancellor Ian Berry, Bishop Ian Ellis, Ashley Brown, Diocesan Accountant and Janet Maxwell, RCB.

Republic of Ireland Parishes represented at Charities Governance Code Information Event

There was a good turnout of Republic of Ireland parish representatives at the Charities Governance Code Information Evening organised by Clogher Diocese which was held in St Patrick's Church of Ireland in Monaghan on Wednesday 15th September.

The speakers included Ashley Brown, Diocesan Accountant; Michael Skuce, in charge of Safeguarding and GDPR in Clogher Diocese, and Janet Maxwell from the Representative Church Body who facilitated the answering of questions at the conclusion of the evening.

The meeting began with a short act of worship and prayers by Chancellor Ian Berry, followed by the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd Ian Ellis who welcomed all to the event and thanked everyone for attending.

Ashley Brown used a PowerPoint presentation to explain to parishes what the Charities Governance Code was about and gave details of the six principles which charities (parishes) have to adhere to.

Michael Skuce, Safeguarding and GDPR officer in Clogher Diocese, referred to the GDPR policy which parishes should have in place and emphasised different parts of the policy and how it should be implemented. The Charities Governance Code could be summed up as follows:

Good governance involves putting in place systems and processes to ensure that charities achieve their charitable objectives with integrity and is managed in an effective, efficient, accountable and transparent way. This may all seem a bit daunting, but a step-by-step approach has been developed to lead Select Vestries through the six

core areas of governance identified in the Governance Code.

From the parish's point of view, the first thing Select Vestries will be asked to do, is to adopt some key policies that underpin the CRA's Governance Code. These policies have been drafted by Church House, Dublin and can be used in all our parishes. The Diocesan Office will circulate copies of these policies to Select Vestries in the Republic of Ireland and they will need to be proposed, seconded and adopted by the Select Vestry, and kept in the folder supplied, together with other governance documents.

Attendance at the information evening was a great first step on the road to compliance and parishes will be contacted by the Diocesan Office on a regular basis with the next steps they need to take along this path.

During the evening, some parish representatives expressed concerns about the volume of regulation being required of small charities. This is a valid concern and the Bishop expressed the view that not only compliance issues, but the whole question of resourcing parishes in rebuilding after the Covid pandemic, is an important issue that needs to be addressed on a church-wide basis.

Mrs Maxwell encouraged Select Vestries to engage with the process, which has been simplified as much as possible, so that parishes will be guided through the process, with the support of the Diocesan Office and Church House, Dublin.

The Diocese would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Select Vestries and parish personnel for all the work they do for the parishes.



Parish representatives from Clogher Diocese in the Republic of Ireland who attended the meeting.

Homelessness continues to be a huge problem

The problems of homelessness has been highlighted by the Simon Community in Northern Ireland, which is appealing for help from churches across the country. They say the individuals, young people and families they support are all homeless.

A spokesperson stated: "The demand for our services continues to grow as the financial impact of covid begins to be felt. Yet, many of our residents are capable and ready to live independently again. Simon Community's HOME Team help find our residents homes and help them maintain their tenancies by making sure they have the support they need.

Melissa Mallon is part of the team: "Homelessness in Northern Ireland is a massive problem. Our overall aim is to get tenants to live independently again, in their own home, either social housing or private rental. We hold regular housing clinics with our residents to discuss their housing requirements and areas of choice."

"Sadly, many of our clients arrive at our hostels with little or nothing, which means when they are ready to move on, they still have very little. "At Simon Community we provide 'Move On' packs of essential items to help get that family or individual the best start in their new home. The packs contain new bedding, towels, household essentials like chopping boards, tin openers, toilet roll, toilet brush holder and cleaning products and, where not already supplied, we can also help with larger items needed for the home such as white goods or a microwave.

"Can your Church help give someone a new start? You may contact us at anytime 028 9023 2882, email us via info@simoncommunity.org or write to us at the following address; 4th Floor Arthur Place, 24-26 Arthur Street, Belfast, BT1 4GF.

Homelessness Awareness Week in Northern Ireland is being held from 6-13 December.



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.



New General Secretary for Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) has announced the appointment of Dr Nicola Brady as its next General Secretary.

Nicola will join CTBI at the beginning of 2022 following her period of service as General Secretary of the Irish Council of Churches.

In her response, Nicola said, 'I am grateful for this opportunity to help guide and support the work of CTBI at a critical time, in collaboration with colleagues across Britain and Ireland. It is important that we continue to build on the close working relationships that have really shown their worth as our member churches responded to the multi-layered challenges of Covid-19. The vision for reconciliation and renewal that is at the heart of our ecumenical structures has much to offer a society that is struggling with multiple threats to social cohesion, both local and global. The pandemic experience to date has demonstrated the resilience of our faith as a force for good in society and the hope-filled leadership that churches can bring when they work together for the common good.'



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Archbishop John McDowell knocks on the door of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, with his crozier before the Service of Enthronement.



Dean Shane Forster greets Archbishop John at the door of the Cathedral.

Enthronement service takes place for Most Revd John McDowell

The Most Revd John McDowell was enthroned as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland on Tuesday, 14th September 2021 at St Patrick's Cathedral, on the Hill of Armagh. Archbishop McDowell was elected to the office by the House of Bishops on 11th March 2020, having previously served as Bishop of Clogher since 2011. He took up his position on 28th April 2020.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Service of Enthronement for the new Archbishop unfortunately did not take place in 2020 and with the necessary restrictions earlier this year, plans for the service were put on hold.

In his sermon, Archbishop McDowell reflected on the Cross of Jesus and the true meaning of sacrifice. He remarked: "Any human relationship or political or social arrangement which does not allow the sacrifice of reciprocal self-giving room to flourish will ultimately crumble, because it is founded on falsehood. On a reef of sand. And that is so because sacrifice is at the heart of the nature of God, who made us in his image."

The Archbishop was welcomed to the Cathedral by the Very Revd Shane Forster, Dean of Armagh. The Bible readings during the service were by the Venerable Elizabeth Cairns, Archdeacon of Ardboe, and the

Revd Dr Heather Morris, General Secretary of the Methodist Church in Ireland. Music was provided by the Choir of the Cathedral and the Revd Dr Peter Thompson, Assistant Organist.

The service was livestreamed at www.armagh.anglican.org and it is hoped that a much larger event, a liturgical welcome, for the Archbishop will be possible on a future date.

The full text of Archbishop McDowell's sermon from the service is provided below: May all the words that I say to you be spoken in the name of the Cross of Christ, our shame and our glory. Amen.

A Service of Enthronement usually marks the beginning of a Bishop's ministry in his new Diocese, and in the case of the diocese of Armagh, as the Primate of All Ireland, in the Anglican obedience. That is manifestly not the case today, as I have been loitering in these precincts, persecuting clergy and parishes in this diocese, and trying my best not to wreck the RCB and the Standing Committee for nearly eighteen months now. So, instead I thought I would say a word or two about (what is nowadays called) "the day that's in it". Holy Cross Day. The Cross. Not only the enduring sign of Christianity, but also its enduring substance. And I do so in the knowledge that the Cross may not be a benign or reassuring symbol to everyone,

and also in the presence of an abbot whose house is under the patronage of the Holy Cross.

Holy Cross Day is not a red letter day in the Kalendar of the Church of Ireland. It commemorates the dedication in 335, of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, which was built over the supposed site of the crucifixion and the tomb of Jesus.

I don't know about you, but it feels a bit odd to me to commemorate the Cross on its own, out of the context of Holy Week, and that full narrative of salvation history.

In Holy Week our focus is on the tragedy of the Cross and the heartrending events of his last hours, when Our Lord was "extra-judicially executed on the majority recommendation of a corrupt committee of very religious people". The emphasis of Holy Cross Day is a little different.

In early Christian art Jesus reigns from the Cross; only from the medieval period has he been shown suffering on it. And a fixation with that suffering can become morbid, as I think it comes very close to doing in many modern films and treatments of the life and death of Jesus. It cannot be without significance that those who witnessed the Cross of Jesus, and who have left us a witness of it in the New Testament, are very reticent about the gruesome details.

And there is no evidence in the Gospels to

support Nietzsche's notion that Christianity finds value in suffering in itself. As far as I can tell Jesus never once advised the diseased and troubled who flocked round him to reconcile themselves to their suffering. In fact he regards their sufferings as the work of Satan, and he releases them from it and heals them.

So, let us remember that it is the Cross of Jesus that we venerate today, not some generalised symbol. His life is consummated, not contradicted in the nature of his death.

The Cross of Jesus is unique in this sense. It is the only time in history when a sacrifice was also an atonement. When the sacrifice of the life offered was congruent with the reward it received. It is no longer the purity of doves and calves being offered (who are innocent only in the sense that moral concepts have no bearing on them). It is the offering of the blameless just on whose head a poisonous political aggression is now visited.

As for us, we plan our little heroisms and the Father is pleased to see them hung on the Cross of his Son, who he bowed to the ground, and to reward us far beyond the depth of our sacrifices.

So, following the imagery of the reading from Numbers and Jesus' interpretation of it in the Gospel passage, the Cross of Jesus is something we turn to for life. Sacrifice in the Christian sense of mutual self-giving, concerns the flourishing of the self not its extinction. It involves a formidable release of energy and a turbulent journey from death to life.

In the foundational and continuing sacrament of baptism we are signed with the sign of the Cross; the sign of sacrifice. It is the sign with which we go out headfirst into the world. And we do so because the



Clergy processing into the Cathedral for the service.

inner structure of love and of all fruitful relationships is sacrificial. We give ourselves to the beloved (whoever that may be) in order to possess ourselves more deeply. Like baptism, sacrifice as mutual self-giving is not a single event; it is a passage that is never completed, that must always be resumed and prolonged. For once the word liminal is the correct one here. Sacrifice is the threshold situation that pervades all of life, that becomes the experience of our entire existence. No doubt that is what St Paul means when he talks about us dying every minute and what Jesus means when he refers to his death as his baptism. All that we do, all of our human acts, have the quality of deathliness about them, as for good or ill they cannot be undone. And when I say "all our acts" I mean not only our religious or personal acts, but also our social, economic and political acts. Christ rules over the whole of life from the Cross. So, are our acts, acts of deathliness leading to life or are they more like the acts of the

unequaled ego, deepening into the gloom of annihilation?

Sacrifice is not as it has been so often caricatured – some form of self-mutilation. In a relationship it is not the submission of a woman to a capricious tyrant of a husband or of a poor person to an unjust social system. Any human relationship or political or social arrangement which does not allow the sacrifice of reciprocal self-giving room to flourish will ultimately crumble, because it is founded on falsehood. On a reef of sand.

And that is so because sacrifice is at the heart of the nature of God, who made us in his image. Sometimes we express this politely (even decorously) such as in the Athanasian Creed, when we say of the Persons of the Trinity, that "none is afore or after other". Sometimes with St Paul much, much more radically, as in Philippians when he points to a sacrifice at the heart of God, (taken before the worlds were made,) not to consider equality with God as something

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The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin, presents the Metropolitan Cross to Archbishop John McDowell.



Dean Shane Forster installs Archbishop John McDowell at his throne in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.

to be taken advantage of, but taking the form of a servant...”

And as St John points out in the Gospel reading, the servant not only came, but “...must be lifted up”. Must. Because God is what he is, the lifting up of His Son is inevitable, and glorious. The source of life.

The Cross interprets ourselves and the world to us. In a personal sense Jesus calls us to bear it with him, but to bear it as sons and daughters of the resurrection; in the mutuality of sacrifice. In the Church it is always present in the continuing sacrament of our initiation and is a standing rebuke throughout our lives to what are often the egotisms of our discipleship. In the political and social senses the faith of the Cross brings a disruptive energy to the spurious stability

of any civilisation which claims to be just, but is merely complacent, yet also recognises the signs of the life of the Spirit and the Cross of Jesus wherever they are encountered. Clung to by millions of dying men and women; the hope of millions more who live in violence and oppression; the Cross is the sign and agent of all human emancipation. So, in finishing, if I could add a word or two to the Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, who in the passion of your Son made an instrument of death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the Cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; yet seek never to be a cause of suffering in others, also for his sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

World Mental Health Day

This year's World Mental Health Day will take place on Sunday, 10th October. On this date last year, the Church of Ireland launched a major three-year all-island mental health promotion programme. Among the many effects of Covid-19 has been an increased awareness of the importance of promoting and supporting positive mental health, an issue that affects people in every part of the community. Entitled 'Mental Health Promotion across the Church of Ireland and Wider Community', the project aims to transform the understanding of, attitudes towards, and responses to mental health within the Church of Ireland and the wider community.

Back to Church with Children's Ministry



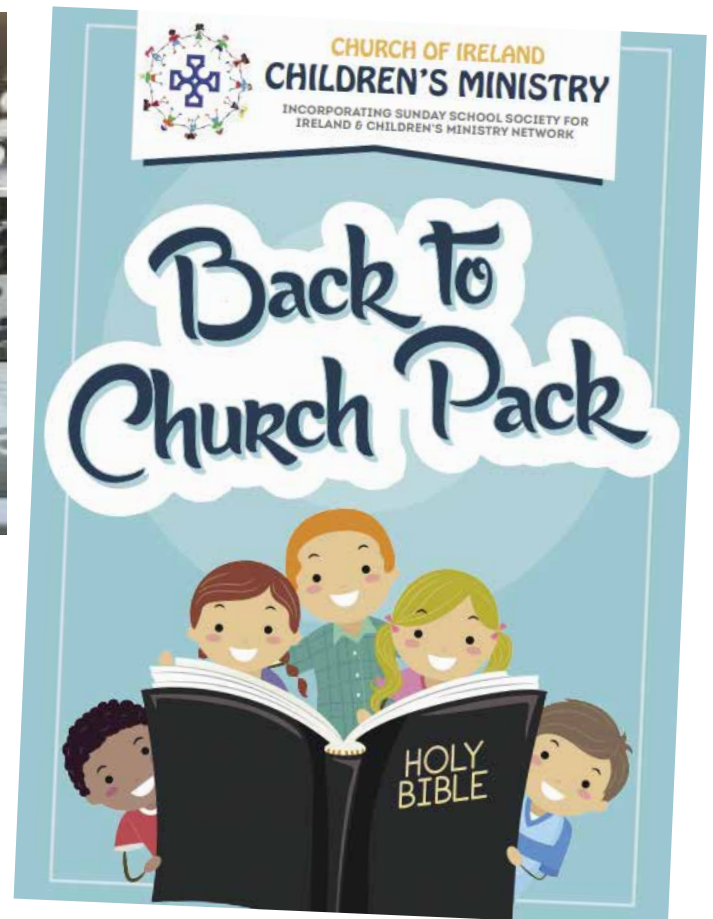
Every parish across the Church of Ireland has a fresh opportunity to welcome children and families back into their activities as this new school year begins.

The Children's Ministry Network has shared Back to Church packs which provide practical resources for supporting the return of families to church buildings, including postcards, top tips for welcome teams, sample backpack blessing tags, and photocopiable Together@Home sheets to aid with planning and to engage with children through worship services in parishes where a Sunday school or club is not yet up and running.

Over 40 Muddy Church Trails have also been sent out through the network's diocesan representatives, to encourage people to get outside and wonder afresh about the majesty of God's Creation.

The 'Great Big Muddy World' resource comes with trails, wondering sheets and activity pages. This is an ideal way for you to invite local families to come along and have fun and fellowship even if your parish doesn't have a children's ministry at present. You never know what a kind word of welcome can begin!

To receive both resources, contact your diocesan representative or download and print the materials that will work best in your setting from the following links:



Back to Church packs

www.cm.ireland.anglican.org/back-to-church-pack

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To check out the latest resources from the network, as the year develops, check in at www.cm.ireland.anglican.org or follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/churchofirelandchildrensministry

CHURCH LEADERS INVITE PRAYERFUL SUPPORT FOR SERVICE OF REFLECTION AND HOPE

In a joint statement, the Church Leaders have invited 'prayerful support' for their Service of Reflection and Hope, which takes place at St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh on 21st October 2021.

The Church Leaders said; "Towards the end of 2020, after prayerful reflection and dialogue, we made a decision as the Church Leaders Group to undertake a collective programme of engagement with the 1921 centenaries.

"As Church Leaders we have been saddened by the polarised public commentary around our Service of Reflection and Hope. The tone of the public debate has shone a light on the societal wounds we wish to reflect on in this service. We wish primarily to gather in prayer for healing of relationships.

"We of course understand that not everyone will feel able to participate with us in this service, but for those who do, particularly in our local churches across this island, we wish to clarify in this statement the context and original vision for the service and invite people to join with us in prayer and reflection."

Speaking about the context for the service, the Church Leaders continued; "We acknowledged that what for some is a cause for celebration in the centenary of the formation of Northern Ireland, will be for others the centenary of a key moment in the partition of the island, evoking feelings of loss and separation. We shared that: For us, as Church Leaders, the centenary opens up opportunities for greater understanding of each other, for further healing and reconciliation between our communities. This centenary also provides the opportunity for us to reflect together on the failings of relationships and use of violence across the whole island which have marred our past.



"We re-state once again that the service is an initiative of the Church Leaders' Group and Church Leaders have been wholly responsible for its planning, organisation and design. As we stated in March, it does not form part of any other programme of events. "As we prayerfully prepare for what will be a Christian act of worship we invite as many people as possible to join us in prayer on the day of the service and we hope that it will be a positive and honest contribution, through faith, to peace and healing in this land." This statement has been issued on behalf of the Church Leaders Group which comprises the Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic Archbishops of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Rev John McDowell and the Most Rev Eamon Martin respectively; the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Rt Rev Dr David Bruce; the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Rev Dr Sahr Yambasu and the President of the Irish Council of Churches, the Very Rev Dr Ivan Patterson.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

Anglican Communion Secretary General to step down in August 2022

The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, the Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon (73), will retire at the end of August 2022 following completion of his seven-year term.

As Bishop of Kaduna, the Most Revd Dr. Josiah Idowu hosted a visit in 2010 of Archbishop Michael Jackson, in his role then as Bishop of Clogher. The Diocese helped with funding projects in the Diocese of Kaduna. His formal notice of retirement was given to the Anglican Communion Standing Committee during a meeting last week. The Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council, former Archbishop of Hong Kong, the Most Revd Paul Kwong, said: "I would like to express my gratitude to Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon for being an outstanding Secretary General of the Anglican Communion. His fruitful ministry is marked by his commitment to making himself available always to connect or reconnect people and trying to bring them together in the Communion.

"He has been good to maintain positive and



productive relationships and to engender cooperation among people with complex, diverse and sensitive relationships and persuasions."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, said he was deeply grateful to Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon for his leadership in the Anglican Communion as Secretary General of the Anglican Consultative Council.

Archbishop Josiah said: "When I was appointed to this post, I said that my prayer to God is very simple, that I would be able to be a bridge builder; to create the culture of respect for differences, a culture of

accepting people as human beings and loving them for who they are in Christ. If within the Communion, we have this understanding, we can live together with our differences."

Prior to his appointment as Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, Archbishop Idowu-Fearon served the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) as Bishop of Kaduna and Archbishop of the Province of Kaduna. Before that he was Bishop of Sokoto; Warden of St Francis of Assisi Theological College in Wusasa and Provost of St Michael's Cathedral in Kaduna. Before ordination, he attended Nigeria's military school before leaving the Army to train for the priesthood. After his studies in Nigeria, he went to the UK. There he attended St John's College, Durham University, where he studied Theology. He then went to Birmingham University earning a Master's in Islamic Studies and Muslim-Christian Relations. It was then, he says, that he realised the Lord was calling him to be a bridge-builder.

NEWS FOR VESTRIES

Parishes are reminded of the following deadlines:

■ Sunday 31st October 2021 – Deadline for NI parishes to complete annual monitoring returns and submit relevant accompanying documents online to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (CCNI).

■ Sunday 31st October 2021– Deadline for ROI parishes who are currently registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority (CRA) to complete returns and submit relevant accompanying documents online to the CRA.

Updating trustee details with CCNI / CRA

Can all members of Select Vestries please note (and also remind your relevant Parish Personnel) that it is the responsibility of trustees to keep all information up to date with the CCNI (and for those parishes currently registered with the CRA) including any changes to trustees, contact details etc.

In order to change any details, the parish contact with the CCNI / CRA will need to log on to the CCNI / CRA website (with the log on details which they were given when first registered as a charity).

YOUNG PEOPLE SOUGHT FOR NEW LEADERSHIP APPRENTICE SCHEME

If you are aged 16-25 years, would you like to make a positive impact in your community and have the passion and enthusiasm to become a future leader?

Fermanagh Trust has announced they are recruiting for their 2021-22

Cohort of Fermanagh Grant-Maker Apprentices.

Their aim is to invest in leadership skills of young people in the Fermanagh area, to enable young people aged 16-25 to make a positive impact on causes they care about, develop skills and knowledge to become active and empowered future leaders and influencers.

At weekly meetings apprentices will work with others to gain the knowledge and

skills required for identifying issues or concerns in their community, researching, negotiating priorities and ultimately working as a team to make a positive and meaningful contribution.

As a result of participating apprentices will develop a wide variety of skills and experience which will increase confidence, improve employability and have the opportunity to become an active member of an existing Community Board.

The programme will commence in November 2021 and end in April 2022, meeting weekly in Fermanagh House, Enniskillen / online.

The closing date for those who would like to join the programme (either via a nominating organisation application or self referral application): 12pm Monday 11th October 2021.

For more information Tel: 028 66 320 210 or email; sonya@fermanaghtrust.org



GRANT-MAKER APPRENTICE PROGRAMME
Fermanagh Trust

Are you aged 16-25 in Fermanagh and want to make a difference in your community? Do you enjoy working as part of a team? Do you have the passion and enthusiasm to become a future leader?

Grant making charity the Fermanagh Trust is inviting young people to participate in a programme of personal skills and development.

Apprentices will work with others to gain the knowledge and skills required for identifying issues or concerns in their community, researching, negotiating priorities and ultimately working as a team to make a positive and meaningful contribution, awarding grants to local projects.

The programme will commence November 2021 and end in April 2022, meeting weekly in Fermanagh House, Enniskillen. Closing date for those who would like to join the programme 12pm Monday 11th October 2021.

"It's been really good to have the opportunity to work with others my age to try and help the area. Something I don't see a lot of opportunity to do for young people"
Emma, Grant Maker Apprentice 2020

For more information visit www.fermanaghtrust.org

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Opportunity for appointment of Children and Families Officer

The Board for Ministry with Children and Families is seeking to appoint a Children and Families Development Officer on a three-year fixed term contract.

Some of the main duties include implementing the three-year strategy and assisting dioceses to develop their own plans for ministry with children and families, provide training, identifying resources and developing effective communications. The postholder can also be a source of advice for clergy, staff and volunteers.

exists to equip, resource and advocate for the increased welcome, enhanced inclusion and full participation of children and their families in the whole life of the Church. Our vision is that every Church of Ireland parish, no matter how big or small, is equipped to provide vibrant and engaging ministry with children and families.

See the Church of Ireland website for details to complete the application which has to be sent to the email; recruit@rcbdub.org by 4.00pm on Friday 8th October 2021.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS *from page 54*

ACROSS: 1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist; 14 Baalah of Judah; 17 Edward; 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25 Eton.

DOWN: 1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA.



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