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Front Cover

Front Cover – Putting the final touches to one of the Advent scenes for show windows are Deborah Hanlon and Heather Kirkpatrick from Fivemiletown Parish. See full story and photos on Page 66.

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COULD YOU BE A MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPION?



The MindMatters COI team has thanked everyone for their support with the Church of Ireland Mental Health Promotion project.

Over 1,200 lay members and 50% of the clergy responded to the survey. The results of the research will be available in December on their website.

The next phase of the project will focus on improving mental health literacy and Bishop Pat Storey has put a call out to all clergy and lay members of the Church of Ireland seeking mental health champions. Is this something you might consider doing yourself?

Is this something you could share with your congregations, friends and other Church of Ireland members?

Depending on your time, this role can range from encouraging positive conversations about mental health to applying for funding for local mental health initiatives to creating links with mental health organisations in your Diocese. There will also be a wide variety of training on offer. For more information please visit the website; at <https://mindmatters.ireland.anglican.org>.

A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



A Message from the Bishop

CHRISTMAS PEACE

A highlight for many people over the Christmas season is attending or watching a Carol Service. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge on Christmas Eve is a favourite enjoyed by millions of television viewers. The night-time setting with choir boys singing in the glow of candlelight interspersed with beautiful readings is very evocative.

One of my favourite Christmas hymns often used at a Carol service is "*It came upon a midnight clear*" – this is its first verse:

*It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth good will to all
from heaven's all-gracious King!';
the world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.*

It is based upon Luke 2:14 and is a poetic rendering of the message of the angels to the shepherds on that first Christmas. It is particularly moving when sung at a night service as it captures the awe of the heavenly host

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Carols from King's College, Cambridge.

proclaiming the message of peace brought to world by the birth of Jesus.

It was written as a poem in 1849 by Edmund Sears, a pastor of the Unitarian Church in Massachusetts, USA. It seems it was composed during a period of personal sadness, and with news of revolution in Europe and the United States' war with Mexico in mind. Sears portrayed a world full of woes not paying attention to the message of the angels - 'and warring humankind hears not, the words of peace they bring'. It is remarkable for its focus not just on Bethlehem, but on his own time, and on the contemporary issue of war and peace.

The hymn also has a message for our own time when there seems to be so much discord and conflict across the world; its third verse finishes with the prayerful plea, which we could echo this Christmas – 'O hush the noise



New Year's Eve fireworks in London.

of human strife and hear the angels sing'.

As we move into an unknown, uncertain, and unpredictable New Year, the gift that we all most need is that of inner peace or serenity. Jesus spoke of this to his disciples 'my peace I give onto you, not as the word gives give onto you'. The divine gift is quite different from anything the world can offer. In a time of insecurity, having a still centre in the depths of our being remains the strongest element in our effort to cope with the stresses and strains that will surely face us in the coming year.

Despite what we see happening in the world – cruelty, the pandemic, suffering of the innocent, violence, and abuse, we believe that God is working out his purpose and he offers us afresh his gift of peace. The miracle persists - many who place their hope in the Word made flesh have discovered the miracles of wholeness, reconciliation, and inner change. The message of Christmas speaks of the hope of a return to a right relationship with God, loving relationships with others, with our inner-self and the earth. Serenity is to be discovered in Christ Jesus- the gift of God's peace.

Do make time this in this Christmas season to join with others at a church service either in person or on-line, and in heart and mind travel once again to Bethlehem and 'hear the angels sing' the message of Christ's peace.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year,

*Yours in Christ's service
+Ian Clogher*

PARISH NOTES

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Services

Sunday 5th December

Drumsnatt 9.30am Holy Communion

Clogh 10.45am Holy Communion

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Holy Communion

Sunday 12th December

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th December

Aghadrumsee 10.45am Seven Lessons &
Carols

Drumsnatt 4.00pm Carol Service

Christmas Day

Aghadrumsee 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th December

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Sunday 2nd January

Drumsnatt 9.30am Holy Communion



Preparing for the Shoebox Appeal.

Clogh 10.45am Holy Communion

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Holy Communion

Sunday 9th January

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

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Sunday 16th January

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd January

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

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Shoebox Appeal

A letter from organiser Andrea Nelson:

We were delighted with the fantastic response to our Christmas Shoe Box Appeal this year, especially after missing physically building of these boxes in 2020 due to Covid 19. It was a great success thanks to

the generosity and enthusiasm from our parishioners and children of Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt Parishes. Many congratulations to Aghadrumsee Primary School for coming on board for the very first time, with a brilliant result of 43 boxes and for allowing the children attending,





Clogh Church in snow.



St. Mark's Church, Aghadrumsee during snow.

from the local area and local churches to come together safely and participate in the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. A massive Thank-you to Principal Miss Julie Cummings and all the teaching staff for supporting the Appeal, to the parents and brilliant pupils for their generosity, involvement and beautiful boxes given. A huge Thank-you also to the Church ladies and Mothers' Union members who spent great time knitting some fabulous pieces, including multi-coloured hats, scarfs, pencil cases, teddies and more which will be much loved by the children receiving them. It was difficult for some parishioners to get out and about as usual due to Covid 19, and health reasons etc but who gave generously through donations to

allow build a box, we are very grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thank-you to you all. The churches and school received Certificates in recognition of their participation with the Appeal. These boxes were received on 8th of November by Ms Amy Anderson, from Drop Inn Ministries, working in partnership with Team Hope at the Shoe Box Appeal Sorting HQ in Armagh. A total number of 92 shoe boxes were gratefully received, which will provide 92 children living in poverty across the world with a cherished present this Christmas, and reminding them of God's Love.

Andrea Nelson
Secretary, Clogh Church

Confirmation

We are planning to have a Confirmation service in May next year, with classes starting in Clogh Hall from 7th January and continuing every other Friday from 7pm to 8pm. Anyone who is interested should contact Captain Hamilton. Candidates must have at least had a full year at secondary School (year 9), must attend the classes and be regular church attenders.

Sympathy

We were saddened to learn of the death of Walter Gillespie, a faithful member of Clogh Bowling Club. His funeral service took place in Clogh church on 15 November and we extend our sympathy to his family circle.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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SERVICES

DECEMBER

- 5** 10.45am Colebrooke - Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen - Holy Communion
- 12** 10.45am Colebrooke - MP on Sunday
7.00pm Cooneen - Carol Service
- 19** 11.00am Cooneen - MP on Sunday
7.00pm Colebrooke - Carol Service
- 24** 11.30pm Cooneen - Holy Communion
- 25** 10.00am Colebrooke - Christmas Family Communion

JANUARY

- 2** 10.45am Colebrooke - Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen - Holy Communion
- 9** 10.45am Colebrooke - MP
12.15pm Cooneen - MP
- 16** 10.45am Colebrooke - MP
12.15pm Cooneen - MP
- 23** 10.45am Colebrooke - MP
12.15pm Cooneen - MP
- 30** 10.45am Colebrooke - MP
12.15pm Cooneen - MP

Remembrance Service

Unfortunately, along with everyone else in the country, we were unable to hold our usual Service of Remembrance in

Colebrooke this year. In place of the normal parade, a small service was held at each of the memorials on the traditional parade route, from Brookeborough to Fivemiletown. At Colebrooke a wreath was laid at the UDR memorial in the church grounds before the beginning of the Service of Remembrance, during which three wreaths were laid inside at our memorial.

Parish Organisations

Due to the continuing high rate of infection in the Covid-19 pandemic, our parish organisations are not meeting face to face at present. When things return to normal, they will operate as follows:-

GFS – Girls Friendly Society

The branch meets on 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

The Scouts meet on Tuesday from 7pm-



Attending the Coffee Morning.

8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and continues to 9.15pm 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

The Bowling Club meet in the Parish Hall on Thursday at 7.45pm.

New members are very welcome, whether new to the sport, or an absolute beginner. If you do not have your own bowls, but would

like to have a try, come along, spend some time with us, and see if you catch the bug.

Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union

Mrs Irene Boyd, Branch leader, welcomed senior members of the two parishes to a 'Coffee Morning' in Colebrooke Parish Hall on 3 November. Refreshments were

served by Mothers' Union members including a Food Box supplied by H & H Bakery, Fivemiletown, containing a scone, jam, butter, bun and tray bakes. Everyone had an opportunity to view a display of newspaper articles and handcraft work which had belonged to the late Betty Foster, a faithful parishioner and supporter of Mothers' Union, who had died earlier in 2021 aged 96. The items included a letter from Princess Anne to Betty, thanking her for the beautiful hand knitted cardigan which she had received for her first child, Zara. Betty had sent it in response to a competition in a woman's magazine. Betty had knitted items for Mothers' Union, her family, the Shoebox appeal and many other causes over her lifetime and had won

numerous prizes for her handiwork at the local shows. Jean and Gillian, relations of Betty, came from County Antrim to attend the coffee morning.

Myrtle Allen had brought the Enterprise Stall, where cards and gifts were available for purchase.

Mrs Davina Coulter, from The Oak Healthy Living Centre, Lisnaskea, spoke about 'Preparing for Winter' and gave everyone a tote bag with leaflets and slippers.

To finish the morning, Lynda Lindsay sang a selection of well-known hymns and everyone joined in the praise.

The Mothers' Union had received grant funding through the F & O District Council, South West Age Partnership. The seniors





Myrtle Allen with the MU Enterprise Stall at the Coffee Morning and some of the exhibition material.



received a 'Goody Bag' from MU with a hat for each member, a letter explaining the funding and a copy of the UCB Bible Reading notes for the next three months. The Mothers' Union branch funds were also used for the event.

Mothers' Union members then delivered the food boxes and gift bags to the seniors who were unable to attend the event and many expressions of thanks were received on the doorsteps and by phone calls later. All protocols and regulations were adhered

to and a relaxing and informative morning was enjoyed by all. The Mothers' Union members are reminded of the next meeting in December when 'A Christmas Event' is planned (details to follow).

Aghavea



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Funerals

1 November 2021, Cedric Graydon, Boyhill Road, Maguiresbridge
3 November 2021, Robert (Bertie) Boles, Gardners Cross Road, Maguiresbridge

Baptism

21 November, Noah Michael George Wheelhouse, son of Michael and Sarah, Fivemiletown

Looking Back, looking forward

Another year over - and we are still in the midst of our Covid pandemic. Times have changed, perhaps permanently so, but the one constant we have is our faith.

As we approach Christmas and New Year, we tend to think of Jesus as the baby human whose birth we celebrate on Christmas Day but is vital to remember that we serve an eternal God, our Messiah. Do not be fooled - Jesus was never anything other than God, he wasn't BORN TO BE God, he already WAS God, and will always continually BE God.

As we read about his birth at Christmas, remember that He was the same God who promised his disciples that he would be with us to the end of time. Like the shepherd protecting his flock, Jesus promises to bring us through the danger to be with Him. We don't know what next year will bring - even as I write, our Executive are debating what actions it needs to take to curb the spiralling infections - but one thing we can be sure of is that our Great Shepherd will enter the New Year with us. As Rector, I thank you for your support and fellowship throughout everything that the world has brought against us and promise that I will continue to pray for you all in the coming year.

Condolences

We continue to pray for all those who have been bereaved at this time of year. We especially pray for the families who have been recently bereaved.

Cedric Graydon shared a strong interest in motorcycles, and I enjoyed our conversations with him regarding the motorbikes of our youth, as well as those of our present. Despite being in his 80s, he still rode bikes! While he never married, we continue to pray for his family and loved ones.

Bertie Boles was a very regular worshipper with Aghavea - he and Brenda were always at every service before Covid 19 started. He loved the drive-in church, never missing a single service and he had served as a churchwarden and Select Vestry member. He died after a very short illness and will be missed by Brenda, his daughters and grandchildren.

Upcoming Services

- **28th November**, 11am, Advent Sunday, Advent Carols and Readings
- **5th December**, 11am, Holy Communion Service, Advent 2
- **12th December**, 11am, Morning Prayer, Advent 3, Young People's "Nativity"
- **19th December**, 11am, Christmas Readings and Carols
- **24th December**, 11pm, Christmas Holy Communion, Watch-night service
- **25th December**, 10am, Christmas Day Family Service
- **26th December**, 11am, St Stephen's Day

Morning Prayer, ONLINE ONLY

■ **31st December**, 11pm, New Year Celebration

■ **2nd January**, 11am, New Year Holy Communion

■ **6th January**, Thursday 7.30pm, Epiphany Holy Communion

■ **9th January**, 11am, Morning Prayer, First Sunday after Epiphany, Baptism of Christ

■ **16th January**, 11am, Family Service, Second Sunday after Epiphany

■ **23rd January**, 11am, Morning Prayer, Third Sunday after Epiphany

■ **30th January**, 11am, Morning Prayer, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

■ **2nd February**, Wednesday 8pm, Candlemas, Presentation of Christ in the Temple

All our services are streamed live on Facebook at our church page Aghavea Parish, and in-person as long as we are allowed to! If we are not allowed to meet in-person, we hope to be allowed to return to Drive-in Church - and we hope you can continue to fellowship with us at all times.

November Highlights

It was a very special occasion having Trevor and Emily Watson with us in November. Trevor partners with our parish in his work in Gothenburg, Sweden, in his missionary work for Crosslinks. Emily, his daughter is currently studying in Belfast. He updated us regarding his work and challenged us through the words of Romans 12:1 - "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." We discussed how we have built our relationship and ways in which we can



Rev. Johnny McLoughlin with Trevor and Emily Watson, mission partners.

actually work together in the future - keep watching our notes for updates! Remembrance Day, 14th November, marked our yearly remembrance of the death of all those who gave their lives in the pursuit of peace and justice.

That evening, we held a Service of Light, a very recently published service by the Liturgical Advisory Committee. It offered our congregation to remember all those who had died during the past 20 months and their families being unable to have a traditional funeral service. It was very moving for all those who participated, and we will definitely hold the same service in the next year.

Mothers' Union

Aghavea Mothers' Union held their first service together in person in almost two years, and it was an opportunity to catch up and plan for the future. We have decided to recommence our fellowship in the new year, with our first service in January being a Flower Decoration demonstration by Jean Parsons. We have also taken a brave step in moving our meeting to Wednesday afternoon, to allow our ladies to travel more safely in the winter months. Our first meeting in the new year will be on Wednesday, 12 January at 2pm, and all are welcome to join us.

Covid Responses

We are still dealing with the Global Pandemic, which has touched all our lives in our local parishes. While our Sunday School has not restarted, we still welcome children to all our services, and hope that they continue to feel comfortable in our midst.

FWO Envelopes

Whilst it always feels awkward mentioning money - unfortunately goodwill cannot pay bills!! Our Treasurer, Albert McClelland, has asked that everyone send in their Freewill Offering envelopes as soon as possible to the end of the year. Our new envelopes for 2022 will be available from the beginning of December 2021; if you don't have them by the middle of the month, please feel free to contact any of the church wardens or vestry people. On behalf of the Select Vestry, I pass on our sincere thanks for your continued support throughout these difficult times!

May God bless you always.



Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Visit of Bishop Ian Ellis to Clontibret

We were delighted to welcome our Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian Ellis, and his wife, Heather, to St. Colman's church, Clontibret, on Sunday 7th November, for the dedication of the gates to the car park in memory of Jim Graham, and the new church doors and silver collection plates in memory of Kenny Graham. In 2010, Jim and his brother, Robert, gave the church the land for the car park (prior to this there was very limited parking and, if there was a special service, cars had to park on the roadside which was dangerous). Jim had farmed on the family farm all his life together with his brother, Robert. Both men were highly respected in the community as their homestead is adjacent to the roadside. Due to ill health, Jim moved into Mullinahinch Nursing home where he passed away peacefully in 2019. Jim and Robert's brother, George, a well-known butcher in Enniskillen, passed away in 2006 as a result of a traffic accident. Kenny, Jim's cousin, also lived in Gallagher and was a member of St. Colman's church serving on the Select Vestry, as churchwarden and, until his death, as parochial nominator. Kenny worked tirelessly for the church and the community, including securing funds for the development of the car park. In 1967, Kenny founded Clontibret Pipe Band which is still active. He was predeceased by his brother, John, in 2002, and is survived by his younger brother, Walter. Kenny passed away in Cavan Hospice following a short illness in July 2019. The new West doors of the church were donated by the Graham family in his memory. In addition, two silver collection plates were donated to the Glory of God in memory of Kenny by his wife, Elizabeth. Other items gifted included a Galway crystal cut glass baptismal bowl from Noel



Attending the dedication were **Andrea and Lexie Johnston, Yvonne and Victor Donaldson, Jennifer and Isaac Leathem, Peter and Cathy Dundas, Elizabeth Graham, Ann, Stephen and Robert Graham with Bishop Ian Ellis and his wife, Heather.**

and Andrea Johnston, a porch carpet from Victor and Yvonne Donaldson and the upgrade of the audio system by the Leathem family.

Holy Baptism

It was a great joy to welcome four new members into our Christian community during October and November:

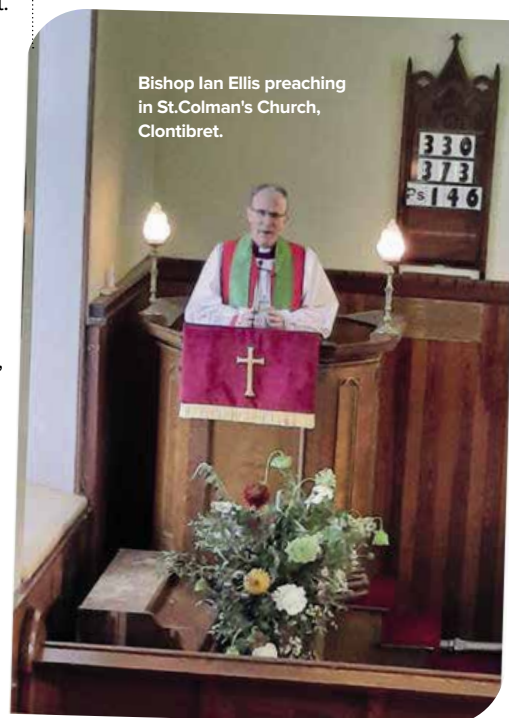
- Anna Bridget Johns, daughter of Darryl and Kate, was baptised on Sunday 24th October in St. Colman's Church, Clontibret.
- Mildred (Tilly) Agnes Steele, daughter of Robert and Aishling, was baptised on Sunday 24th October in Christ Church, Ballybay.
- Jacob George Lees, son of Ian and Gemma, and Evan Philip Bradley, son of Shane and Claire, were baptised on Sunday 14th November in St. Colman's Church, Clontibret. Jacob is a parishioner of Ballybay parish, while his cousin, Evan, lives in Washington in the United States. We congratulate the parents of Anna, Tilly, Jacob and Evan, and pray that the Lord may always guide and protect them as they care for their children.

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations to Samantha Johns and Raymond McGuigan who were married on Saturday 6th November in St. Colman's Church, Clontibret. May God, who brought them together, bless their marriage, enrich their lives and deepen their love throughout the years.

Family Service for Remembrance

A Family Service for Remembrance Sunday was held in St. Colman's Church, Clontibret, on Sunday 14th November. The church was beautifully decorated by members of St. Colman's Sunday School. Children from all three churches in the group read prayers and readings during the service and learnt about Remembrance Sunday. We thank them, and the Sunday School



Bishop Ian Ellis preaching
in St. Colman's Church,
Clontibret.



Artwork by children of St. Colman's Sunday School for Remembrance Sunday.



teachers, for all their hard work.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to David, Margaret, Vanessa, Christopher and Zöe Flack, of Muckno Parish, following the death of David's father, Billy, in Spain on Friday 29th October. May he, and all who have died, rest in peace and rise in glory. We also extend our condolences to Victor Donaldson and family on the death of Victor's cousin, Maud Hanthorne, and to Jennifer Leatham and family on the death of Jennifer's cousin, Thomas Walter Gillespie, and trust that they will know God's comfort at this difficult time.

Advent

This Advent we give you our thanks,

O God our Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, whose coming was proclaimed by prophets of old and who was born for us in lowliness and poverty at Bethlehem. As we make ready once again to celebrate his birth, we ask you to fill our hearts with joy and peace. Help us, in all the busyness of these days, to find time to think of what Christmas really means: of your love for the world, of the coming of the promised Redeemer, of the wonder of the Word made flesh. Enable us to welcome Christ as our Saviour, so that when he comes again in his glory

and majesty he may find in us a people prepared for himself. **Amen.**

Email

If you have an email address and would like to receive emails relating to our group of parishes, please speak to the Rector.

Prayers

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

Please also remember all those who have been diagnosed with the Covid-19 virus, those in our community who are fearful or isolated, all frontline staff, those who have become unemployed as a result of the current crisis and all who have been affected in any way.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh



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Services

Wednesday 1st December

Midweek Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Sunday 5th December

Morning Prayer St Finbarr's 10.30am
Morning Prayer Magheracloone 12noon

Wednesday 8th December

Midweek Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Sunday 12th December

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am
Holy Communion Magheracloone 12noon
Carol Service Ardragh 7.00pm

Wednesday 15th December

Midweek Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Sunday 19th December

Carol Service with Nativity St Finbarr's 10.30am

Carol Service Magheracloone 7.00pm

Wednesday 22nd December

NO Midweek Holy Communion St Finbarr's

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December

Holy Communion Ardragh 7.00pm
Holy Communion Magheracloone 11.00pm

Christmas Day Saturday 25th December

Family Service with Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Sunday 26th December

United Service in St Finbarr's 10.30am

Wednesday 29th December

NO Holy Communion Service

Sunday 2nd January

Service of the Word St Finbarr's 10.30 am
Service of The Word Magheracloone 12noon

Wednesday 5th January

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Sunday 9th January

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am
Holy Communion Magheracloone 12noon
Morning Prayer Ardragh 1.15pm

Wednesday 12th January

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Sunday 16th January

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 9.00am
 'Arise and Shine' St Finbarr's 10.30am
 Service of the Word Magheracloune
 12noon

Wednesday 19th January

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Sunday 23rd January

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Holy Communion Magheracloune 12noon

Holy Communion Ardragh 1.15pm

Wednesday 26th January

Holy Communion St Finbarr's

Sunday 30th January

United Service Magheracloune 11.30am

Grand Christmas Draw

St Finbarr's are holding a fundraising Grand Christmas Draw to raise parish funds. The draw will take place on Monday 20th December. Tickets are priced at €10 with a top prize of €300 along with a number of other great prizes. Thank you to all local businesses who have donated prizes. Parishioners are encouraged to sell tickets to friends and family as we seek to redress some of the financial loss caused by the pandemic.

Christmas Nativity

Our Sunday School Nativity, with a little help from friends, will take place on Sunday 19th December in St Finbarr's at the 10.30am service. With some restrictions still in place the Nativity will once again be recorded in advance and shown on the screen. We really look forward to our children bringing us the Christmas story.

Carrick Chatter Magazine

Look out for the Christmas edition of our Church Magazine "Carrick Chatter" which will be available in December. The



Confirmation group present collection of coats to Help Our Homeless Charity.

magazine is full of information about what's been happening in our parish over the last six months and everything that's happening over Christmas. The magazine is a wonderful tool for letting others know what's happening in our Group of Churches so once you've read it why not pass it on to a friend!

Hats for the Homelss

This Christmas at our three Carol Services across our Group of Parishes we will once again be collecting hats, scarves and gloves for those who are homeless in which we will donate to local charity Help Our Homeless. As Christmas approaches, we take the opportunity to give something back, so during our services parishioners and visitors are invited to bring forward a gift to bring a little comfort to the many who will sleep on our streets this winter.

Eccumenical Community Carol Service

Unfortunately, due to ongoing restrictions, The Carrickmacross Annual Ecumenical Community Carol Service will not take place in person again this year. Following on from the success of last year's online service our friends in St Joseph's are undertaking the recording of this year's service with input from our parishioners. The service will be available online in mid-December.

Youth Group Christmas Night

Our Youth Group Christmas Special

will take place in the Parish Room on Wednesday 15th December at 7pm. The night will be filled with crazy Christmas games and challenges along with a special Christmas message. Youth Group is open to all young people aged 12 plus.

Jewels Women's Group

Following the return of our women's group 'Jewels' in November with a service marking the Mothers' Union 16 days of Activism Against Gender Violence followed by a meal in the Shirley Arms Hotel we look forward to a night of Christmas Art with our very own Michelle in the Parish Room on Thursday 9th December. For further information please contact Caroline Merrin.

St Finbarr's Cookery Book

There are still copies of our fundraising Recipe Book "From Parish to Plate" available to buy for a special price €5, these would make great stocking fillers or Christmas presents. The cookbook was the brainchild of Emma Merrin who along with Helen Sweetnam compiled a book full of recipes donated to us by parishioners and friends. The book has been beautifully illustrated by Linda Merrin and contains a wide range of recipes savory and sweet for the whole year round. Mixed in with the recipes are a number of little funny stories and prayers written by Rosaleen Coleman and others.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin

Vacant

Rural Dean, Revd John Woods
is in charge

For urgent pastoral calls, please contact
Dean Kenneth Hall

Dates for noting...

Sunday 19th December

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols in both
Parishes (morning service times)

Christmas Eve 24th December

Service of Holy Communion in Mullaghduin
Church at 11.30 pm

Christmas Day 25th December

Service of Holy Communion – Mullaghduin
Church – 9.30 am

Cleenish Church – 11.00 am

Sunday 26th December

Morning Prayer in both Parishes

Harvest Thanksgiving in Cleenish Parish

On Sunday 17th October, Mrs Ellen
Stevenson, Diocesan Reader, led the Service
for Harvest Thanksgiving with Miss Rowena
Sheridan giving a Children's Address on
the meaning of Harvest. The organist, Mrs
Joan Brownlee and the Choir led the singing
of the Harvest hymns and concluded the
service with the choir singing a blessing
– "May God's blessing surround you each
day".

The Church was decorated by some of the
ladies of the Parish.

Cleenish and Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Meetings resumed in September and have
continued monthly on the third Tuesday of
each month. It has been an opportunity for



The Church was decorated by some of the ladies of the Parish.



members to ease out of covid restrictions
and gradually gain confidence in returning
to a new normality. The branch was well
represented at Autumn Council on 27th
October held in the Cathedral Hall where
our president Irene Boyd announced the
theme heading for 2022 "Transformation
Now"

Members represented the branch at a
service held on 27th November in St
Macartin's Cathedral to mark the 16 days
of activism against gender-based violence.
Donations to Women's Aid were handed
over at the service.

Members continue to be active in local
knitting projects distributed to the local
hospital and Nursing Homes throughout the
Diocese. Indoor members remain in our
prayers throughout this difficult time. The
Branch leader looks forward to visiting them
again as covid restrictions reduce.

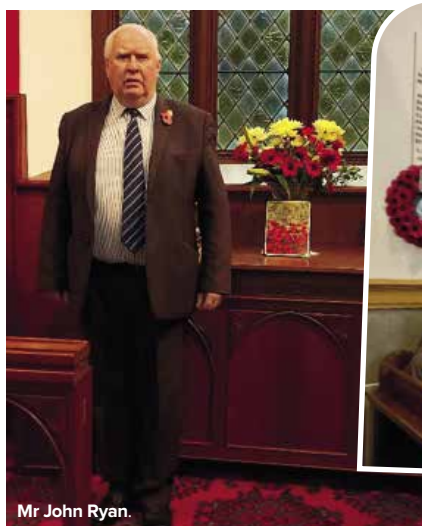
The annual giving at Harvest Services from
Mothers' Union and the church community
was once again very generous and much
appreciated by John Shades, Pastor of the
Lakes Vineyard Church which is the base

for the Fermanagh Foodbank in Enniskillen
and is a member of the Trussell Trust. The
foodbank currently operates a walk-in
service Monday, Wednesday and Friday
from 10am to 12 noon and are also opened
as pop-up outlets in Newtownbutler and
Irvinestown.

In addition, men's toiletries were donated
by Mothers' Union members as they are
currently in short supply and often asked for
by the (70+) referral agencies registered with
the food bank. All Supplies are weighed on
entry and leaving the foodbank. Recipients
must meet the criteria set to receive supplies
which is currently issued for a maximum of
six episodes in six months. Christmas food
hampers are issued on request from the
referral agencies. Further information can
be found at (www.trusselltrust.org)

Remembrance Day Services

Mr Karl Saunders, Diocesan Reader,
conducted the Act of Remembrance in both
Churches with Mr Robert Watterson, Parish
Reader assisting in Mullaghduin Church.
In Mullaghduin, Mr John Ryan recited the



Mr John Ryan.



Mr Karl Saunders with Mr Dessi Smith, Mr Leslie Nixon and
Miss Ava Connolly.



A poignant decoration for Remembrance Day by Mrs Caroline Little, Mullaghdund Church.

Exhortation "We shall not grow old....". Mrs Elizabeth Hazlett, Organist and the choir led the singing of hymns.

In Cleenish Church, wreaths of poppies were laid by Mr Dessi Smith, (retired UDR), Mr Leslie Nixon, People's Churchwarden and Miss Ava Connolly, representing Brownie Guides. Mr Karl Saunders recited the Exhortation "We shall not grow old...." along with the names of those killed in action during the two World Wars. The Bible readings were by Mr George Thornton and Mr Leslie Nixon. The Organist Mrs Joan Brownlee and the choir led the singing of hymns.

Christian Burial Mullaghdund Parish Church

28th October 2021- Kathleen June Corr, Moybrone Road, Letterbreen (Burial of ashes)

Bellanaleck Community Group

There was a smaller attendance than usual



One of the approach roads to Bellanaleck.

at the monthly meeting of the Group on Wednesday 27th October, due to some members having other commitments.

An extension to the speed limit along the Enniskillen Road by introducing a buffer limit of 40mph was discussed, but this has since been refused by DfI roads.

Other matters discussed were the extension of the footpath at the lower end of Waterhen Lane, and maybe the introduction of speed humps. Members remarked about how the hanging baskets and other flowers had survived the autumn period, which was partly due to the special care given to them during the hot summer period.

It is with regret the Annual Childrens' Christmas Party cannot take place this year, due to covid restrictions.

The next monthly meeting on Wednesday 26th January, at 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 Mullaghdund, 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

As I write these notes in mid-November the last of nature's beautiful multi-coloured display of leaves are fluttering to the ground. Over the last weeks they have glowed and danced in the breeze, different shapes sizes and colours culminated to form a spectacle no human hand could recreate. When you gaze up to see what has replaced them, the often twisted brown branches seem a very poor substitute indeed, yet within these very dull lifeless looking limbs there is life, and life in all it's fullness. Just because we can't see it as yet for it's true potential, these branches are simply taking a rest before the cycle is visible to us once more.

Perhaps in this strange pandemic time there is an encouragement for us as we gaze up at what we so often term as 'bare branches.' Over the last months and even as we



prepare for Christmas, a lot of things which generally bring colour and joy to our lives have either been limited or not possible at all, and for some of us life may well seem a little like those bare branches. But take heart, we have hope, this is why CHRIST is the heart of CHRISTMAS! Over 2000 years ago Jesus was born into a dark world and the light and life which He brought has never been put out, John Chapter 10:10 reminds us that Jesus came that WE might have life, and have it to the full. So, the next time you are missing seeing the things that normally bring that little bit of joy and colour into your life, remember the branches – there is always hope. Most importantly of all remember when things seem dark, remember the light and life and hope that Jesus still (if we ask Him) can bring into and transform even the darkest of situations. Jesus IS the light of the world!

Back to Church Family Service and Barbecue for the Cathedral

On Sunday 19th September we welcomed back many of our families to church in the Cathedral. Our family service was followed by a barbecue (see photos right) with bouncy castles for our little ones – though I believe some of our ‘mature’ members also had a wee go when they thought no one was looking! The day of church family and fellowship was topped off with the arrival of our very own ice-cream van, a treat everyone enjoyed. Many thanks for all those who came along and the members of the Select Vestry who worked and served to ensure everyone had a lovely time.



St Mary's Errigal Portclare



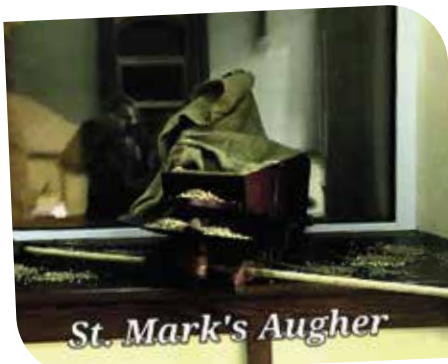
St Mary's Errigal Portclare



St. Mark's Augher.



St Mary's Errigal Portclare



St. Mark's Augher



St. Mark's Augher.

A 'Blue Christmas' Service in the Cathedral

On Wednesday 15th December at 7.30pm there will be a 'Blue Christmas' service in Clogher Cathedral. The Christmas season is not always a happy time for some folks, or indeed at best it can often be a time of many mixed emotions.

The Advent and Christmas seasons can remind us of loved ones or relationships we have lost or indeed are not as we would wish. The sights and smells of the weeks approaching Christmas, rather than bring joy and delight, can bring sadness and grief. A "Blue Christmas" service is a gentle contemplative service for those who are carrying pain, loss or simply sadness during the season of celebration. It provides an opportunity to address the sadness, the pain of loss, and even the anger that can accompany the season. Readings and prayers focus on the "light in the darkness," the hope of our faith, not a hope that removes the suffering, but a hope that enables us to acknowledge our true feelings and walk through the dark days without fear towards better ones.

Everyone is welcome, put the date in your diary or if you are unsure Revd. Olie will be happy to have a chat.

Carols Services

Sunday 12th

Errigal Portclare 10am

Sunday 19th

Augher 10am

Newtownsaville 11.30am

Clogher Cathedral 7pm (no morning service)

Christmas Eve/Day & Boxing Day

Christmas Eve

Errigal Portclare 8pm Holy Communion

Newtownsaville 9.30pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day

Augher 9.30am Holy Communion

Clogher Cathedral - 11.00am Holy Communion

Boxing Day

Clogher Cathedral 10am Morning Prayer

Christmas Shoe box Appeal

Very well done and thank you to all who put together Shoeboxes for this year's appeal. From across our four parishes, we donated a wonderful total of 66 boxes – This means 66 children who



wouldn't have otherwise received a present this Christmas will now receive one as a result of your thoughtful generosity. A very special thank you to Mrs Sharon Fannin who was our co-ordinator. "The King will reply, 'Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me!' Matthew 25:40

Confirmation

We had a wonderful evening at the Cathedral on Wednesday 3rd November with Bishop Ian as 19 young people from across our group of parishes publicly confirmed their Christian faith. Please as a church family keep all of these young people in your prayers. Unfortunately, two of our young people had to isolate on the morning of the Confirmation Service, however, we are grateful that arrangements could be made for them to join with a neighbouring parish on a slightly later date. Thanks to Mrs Joyce Stafford we have both group photos and individual photos of each candidate with our Bishop, if any of the families of our young people would like a copy emailed to them, please speak to the rector.



Adam and Jack following their Confirmation Service.

Remembrance Sunday

Across our parishes and indeed our nation Remembrance Sunday, although slightly muted due to Covid -19 there is the beginning of a sense of some normality. An Act of Remembrance was marked across our group of parishes and wreaths were laid in St. Mark's Newtownsaville, St. Mark's Augher and St. Macartan's Cathedral in gratitude and remembrance for all those



Young people from the Clogher group of parishes presented for confirmation with the Rector and Bishop Ian Ellis and churchwardens.





Presbyterian Minister Revd. Edwin Frazer and Revd. Olivia Downey who conducted a service of remembrance at Clogher Cenotaph.

who gave their lives in WWI, WWII, and all conflicts since, not least the troubles in our own land. At 2.30pm the town of Clogher fell silent as traffic was paused and the parade arrived at the Cenotaph to remember those from the Augher / Clogher area who had paid the supreme sacrifice. Roughan Silver Band accompanied the service led by the Rector of the Cathedral Group of Parishes, Rev'd Olivia Downey and the local Presbyterian minister, Revd Edwin Frazer. Wreaths were laid on behalf of both the forces and civilian organisations and two-minutes silence was observed. Roughan Silver Band led the parade and many others from the community in singing the hymn 'O God our help in ages past.'

Mothers' Union

Clogher Cathedral Mothers' Union met in the Cathedral Hall in October for their first meeting since February 2020 due to covid restrictions. Branch leader Mrs Lynn Winslow welcomed everyone and read a short reflection. Members stood for a minute silence for all those who had been bereaved. During a short business meeting the minutes of the February 2020 meeting were read and adopted. Mrs Charleen Giles lead the prayers while Mrs Hilary Keys read a passage of scripture from the Gospel of Luke. Revd Olie playing her guitar led the group in singing 'Count your blessings.' The Revd Olie then introduced Revd Dr. Pat Mollan from the Churches Ministry of Healing who gave a very interesting talk about her life and how God had guided her through many stages to become an ordained minister and later to become the CEO of the Churches Ministry of Healing. Mrs Lynn Winslow thanked Revd Pat for her inspiring talk. Tea was served and the meeting ended with the Grace.



Heather and Alex on their Wedding Day.

Harvest Thanksgiving

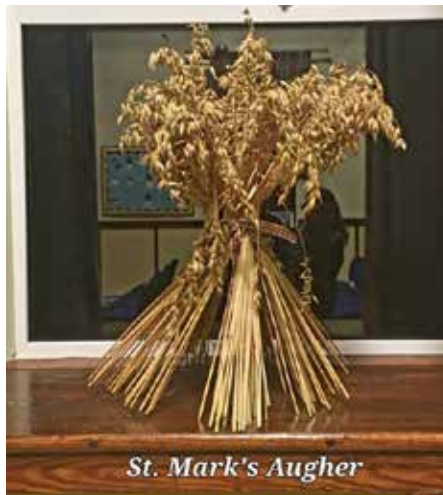
As was promised in last month's magazine we have some wonderful photos of the Harvest Thanksgiving services in St. Mark's Newtownsaville and St. Mary's Errigal Portclare, they are truly a joy. Thank you once a gain for all those who contributed and worked so hard to have all the churches looking so beautiful and a real testimony to God's goodness. Also, a huge thank you to all who contributed to our local food banks – two full carloads of food were delivered following the harvest services and were gratefully received.

Marriage

On Saturday 6th November in St. Macartan's Cathedral we had the joy of celebrating the marriage of Miss Heather Fannin and Mr Alex Gordon. We wish them both God's richest blessings as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Christian Baptism

Savannah Currens, infant daughter of Roslyn and Ben, 21st September 2021, St. Mark's Augher.



Christian Burial

- St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher, 21st September 2021, Thomas (Tommy) Kenneth Kerr.
- St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher, 8th October 2021, Mr Robert Moffett.



Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

5 December

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

12 December

Currin 10.00am: Carol Service
Killeevan 3.30pm: Carol & Gift Service

19 December

Clones 11.00am: United Clones / Newbliss
Carol Service

24 December

Currin 8.00pm: Joint Group Christmas Holy
Communion

25 December

Killeevan 10.00am: Joint Group Christmas
Family Service

26 December

Clones 11.00am: Joint Group Morning Prayer

2 January

Newbliss 11.00am: Joint Group Morning
Prayer

9 January

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

16 January

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

23 January

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

30 January

Killeevan 11.00am: Confirmation Service
(led by Bishop Ian)

Remembrance Sunday

In November each of our parishes marked Remembrance Sunday with the laying of a wreath and reading of the names of those parishioners who had died in war. As we kept silent and remembered them, we remembered our own share in what is wrong in the world – and we prayed for reconciliation and strength to work for a better, more peaceful future. We welcomed



Mr Kenneth Rutledge and Canon William Johnston as guest preachers to our services, and we extend our warmest thanks to them for joining us on this special day.

Baptisms

On Sunday 21 November we were delighted to baptise baby Leah Florence Ellen Boyle, daughter of Isobel and John, in Clones Church. We pray that the Lord will richly bless Leah and all her family as they journey onwards in faith.

Wedding Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to Melissa and Aodhan McAnespie, and we assure them of our prayers and best wishes as they begin married life together after their wedding in Killeevan Church on Saturday 27 November 2021.

Clones St. Tighernach's Christmas Fair

Clones Church Christmas Fair will not take place this year due to the current situation with Covid-19. However, we are taking orders for our ever-popular hand-crafted Christmas wreaths as well as our delicious home-baked Christmas cakes and puddings. If you would like to make an order, please contact Wilson Lendrum (047 51394).



Scotshouse Church.

Mothers' Union

The Killeevan Mothers' Union hopes to arrange a Christmas craft evening in December, but this is yet to be confirmed on account of concerns over the current rise in Covid-19 cases. The time and date of the meetings over the next few months will be announced in church.

HOPE Food Bank Collection

The Sunday School in Scotshouse will be collecting food for the Hope Food Bank in Monaghan on Sunday 12th December. Please come along to our service if you would like to donate on the day – and enjoy singing some Christmas carols with us as you do so.

Co. Monaghan Church of Ireland Children's Society A.G.M.

This meeting will DV be held in St. Patrick's Church Hall, Monaghan, on Monday 6th December at 3.00pm. The Chairman is the Bishop of Clogher, and Etta Crowe (Secretary) would like to invite all who are interested in the work of this society to attend.

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Services

DECEMBER

- 5th Holy Communion 11.30am
- 12th Family Service 11.30am
- 19th Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 19th Carol Service 7.00pm
- 25th Christmas Day, Family Communion 10.00am
- 26th Christmas Praise 11.30am
- 31st New Year's Eve Praise Service

JANUARY

- 2nd Holy Communion 11.30am
- 9th Family Service 11.30am
- 16th Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 23rd Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 30th Morning Prayer 11.30am

Baptism

31st October 2021

- Heidi May Woods, daughter of Mark and Stephanie.
- Eddie Darryl Abraham, son of Darryl and Gail.

Christian Burial

- 10th November 2021 - William Ernest (Ernie) Foster, Tirwinny Road, Lack.



Remembrance

The Service of Remembrance was a fitting tribute to the fallen in Two World Wars, subsequent wars, conflicts, and acts of aggression and terrorism since. We thank all those involved, readers, piper, IT, organist, and florist for the beautiful arrangements. For those who laid the wreaths, inside the church, the hall and at the graveside, and to the children for their poppy tribute.

"We looked for peace, but there was no good; And for the time of healing, and there was trouble." Jeremiah 14: 19b

Gift Day/Centennial of Northern Ireland Service

At the time of writing, preparations for the service on Sunday 28th November at 11.30am are almost complete. As we look back to 100 years of Northern Ireland, to



Photos from the Remembrance Day service and ceremony.



give thanks to God for His faithfulness and to celebrate all that was good, even as unrest, strife and acts of terrorism sought to diminish its existence, it is worth remembering. To keep in mind that every good and perfect gift comes from God and unless the Lord builds the house, we labour in vain who build it. Just as God has showered us with His blessings, we give back to Him in just measure.
"...giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ". Eph. 5: 20

Shoebbox Appeal

It was truly humbling to see the immense generosity of the varied contributions towards this annual appeal each year. From filling show boxes, to providing fillers, or donations towards postage, has not be found wanting. So, to everyone, thank you for all that you have given in whatever way it is much appreciate. Thanks, as well to the team of knitters who knit each year for this



worthy cause with your endless talent and ideas, colourful patterns we know will bring much joy. We place all our plans, hopes and fears with God, who knows the future and leave its fruition to His grace and love as we seek to

serve and follow Him on the path that leads to an eternal reward with Christ to all who know and love Him.
Please check weekly notices for other groups and organisations around dates for meetings etc.



Donations for the Shoebbox Appeal.

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Sunday pattern of worship

- 1st Sunday**
 10.15am Castle Archdale, Holy Communion
 11.30am Derryvullen North, Holy Communion
- 2nd Sunday**
 10.30am Derryvullen North, Informal Morning Prayer
 11.45am Castle Archdale, Informal Morning Prayer
- 3rd Sunday**
 10.15am Castle Archdale, Morning Prayer
 11.30am Derryvullen North, Morning Prayer
- 4th Sunday**
 10.15am Castle Archdale, Morning Prayer
 11.30am Derryvullen North, Morning Prayer
- 5th Sunday**
 10.15am Castle Archdale, Morning Prayer

11.30am Derryvullen North, Morning Prayer

Christmas Services

- At the time of preparing these notes it is anticipated that the following arrangements will be in place.
- Sunday 19th Dec**
 10.15am Carol Service, Castle Archdale
 11.30am Carol Service, Derryvullen North
 - Christmas Eve**
 9.00pm Holy Communion, Derryvullen North
 11.00pm Holy Communion, Castle Archdale
 - Christmas Morning**
 9.00am Holy Communion, Castle Archdale
 10.30am Holy Communion, Derryvullen North

Shopper's Service

The Shoppers' Services for the next two months will be held at 11.00am on Wednesday 8th December and Wednesday 12th January in the Derryvullen North Parish Centre. This is a short half hour service of Holy Communion and we are pleased to have Richard McGonigle accompany the praise on the guitar.



Christmas Fair

It will unfortunately not be possible to hold the Christmas Fair (Derryvullen North) in the parish hall as would usually have been the case. Instead the lovely craft items that have been made are available online at the following link [@rectorDVNandCA](#) or by contacting Laura McDowell or Edna Ferguson. The skilled group who make the Christmas Wreaths are also busy this year too and again these would usually have been a very popular feature of the Fair – to purchase one at £10 per wreath, you are asked to contact Violet Duncan or else the Rector via the Facebook Page and he will pass on the request to Violet. Then we also have a "visit" from Bertie Bloomer who is currently staying in Klass, Irvinestown. Thank you to Lorraine of Klass for hosting his stay. He has not had to travel too far as he was handmade locally! Bertie will be raffled as part of the (online) Derryvullen Christmas Craft Fair and to enter the raffle just call into Klass - the cost is £1 per ticket. Thank you to everyone involved in this online craft fair.

Remembrance Sunday

The preparations for the annual Remembrance Day observance began the preceding Saturday when the Rector met with members of the Army Cadet Force



Castle Archdale wreath-laying ceremony.



Major Shaun Pendry at Derryvullen North.

for a short Act of Remembrance and dedication followed by the Cadets placing Poppy Crosses at all the War Graves in the burial grounds at Derryvullen North Church, Castle Archdale Church, the Sacred Heart Church and the burial ground at the Town Clock.

On Saturday 13th a presentation of a very special Poppy was made to the Rector for safekeeping in Derryvullen North Church.

The Poppy was made by Mr Michael Isaacs from metal from a WW2 Catalina that crashed 30th December 1942 at Dunmullan. Sadly all four members of the air crew lost their lives in the crash and are buried in the War Graves section of Derryvullen North graveyard.

The crew were;

Flying Officer R M Adams (RCAF) aged 20
Flying Officer M J H Newman (RAF) aged 25.

Sergeant J S Orr (RAF) aged 21

Sergeant G W Lowther (RAAF) aged 25

Mr Isaacs presented one Poppy to the Church as this is where the graves are

located and another was presented to the Omagh Branch of the Royal British Legion. Our Poppy will be placed in one of the display cases in the Church and will be used on future Remembrance Sundays. Thank you Mike for this very special and poignant gift.

The services on Sunday 14th November in both Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North incorporated Acts of Remembrance;

- At St Patrick's Church Castle Archdale the wreath was placed on behalf of the Parish by Dessie McCubbin, the altar Poppy Arrangement was by Irene Armstrong, the organist was Gwenan Lyttle and the Reading was by Wendy Armstrong. The bugler for Reveille and the Last Post was James Cooke. The Rector read the Roll of Honour and he was assisted in leading the Service by Dr Margaret.

- At St Tighernach's Church, Derryvullen North, the musicians were Rachel Giles (keyboard) and David McDowell (guitar), a solo was sung by David McDowell and the



Standard bearers at Derryvullen North.



reading was by Paula Thompson.

- In the afternoon a Service of Remembrance was held in Derryvullen North Church with the members of the Royal British Legion and other ex-Service Associations. There was a parade of Irvinestown led by Drumharvey Pipe Band and wreaths were laid first at the Sacred Heart Church War Graves and then at the Cross of Sacrifice at Derryvullen North Church. The salute was received by the Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Fermanagh, Major Shaun Pendry who also laid the first wreath at the Cross of Sacrifice accompanied by Mr William Irvine, Branch Chairman of the RBL. Major Pendry also read the Scripture Lesson at the Church Service which followed. In the Church Roll of Honour was read by David Robinson, the wreath was laid by Jim Morton and a piped Lament was by



Jason Irvine. The Standards of the ex-Service Associations, Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade were received, the organist was Florence Barrett and the Choir sang an anthem for the occasion. The Service was led by the Rector, the intercessions were led by the Rev Gunther Andrich (Presbyterian Church) and the Sermon was by the Rev George Bowes (Methodist Church).

Parish Organisations

Boys Brigade

At the time of writing these notes the Enrolment Service is planned for Sunday 21st November and it is hoped that three Queens Awards will be made. There are also plans in place to resume regular BB sessions although some alterations to the usual programme will have to be made due to the numbers involved

Mothers' Union

The Branch members have arrangements in place to resume regular meetings and the opening Service is planned for Wednesday 24th November. The members also plan to be active in support of the Mothers' Union days of activism against gender-based violence.

Bowling Club

Arrangements are in place to restart the weekly Club evening from Tuesday 16th November and we look forward to meeting again for sport and chat. If anyone would like to try out bowling do come along.

Funerals

- 19th November - Arthur James JOHNSTON (Derryvullen North).
- 22nd November - William LITTLE (Derryvullen North).

Derryvullen South and Garvary

Vacant:

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

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

Services for December

Sunday, 5th December

10.30am Morning Prayer Garvary
12 Noon Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

Sunday 12th December

10.30am Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
12 Noon Morning Prayer Garvary

Sunday 19th December

10.30am Morning Prayer Garvary
12 Noon Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

7pm Holy Communion Garvary

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

No service Garvary.

Sunday 26 December Boxing Day

10.30am Derryvullen South
12 Noon Garvary

Garvary

Cash for Clobber

It is hoped to have another Clothes Collection before Easter.

100th Birthday Celebration

Centenarian, Lorna Edwards of Ballyreagh,

Tempo recently celebrated her magnificent milestone birthday with her sons, William and Thomas, and daughters, Carole, Valerie, and Margaret.

Congratulations to her from all her family and friends.

Prayers

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

Derryvullen South

Cards for Christmas and all seasons

You can support your Church by purchasing a pack of these beautiful, top quality greeting cards. There are eight cards per pack, each featuring a different design taken from the unique stained-glass windows in St. Tighernach's, Derryvullen South. They are blank inside for your



Lorna Edwards celebrating her 100th birthday with members of her family.

own message and are suitable for both Christmas and a variety of other occasions. Packs are now available in the Church porch or speak to a Churchwarden.



Old Dogs CAN learn new tricks!

Age-ility is a health and wellbeing programme with a difference. It is designed specifically to demonstrate the positive impact that learning some simple circus skills can have on health and wellbeing for people with disabilities and the elderly. The programme is being delivered by Streetwise Community Circus and continued throughout the pandemic via a weekly Zoom session. We are now once again meeting in the Derryvullen South Parish Hall on Monday mornings at 10.30 under instruction from a qualified instructor

who comes down from Belfast. These sessions are free and open to all adults aged 50 and over. All the equipment is provided and you can try your hand at juggling, plate spinning, hat tricks, diabolo, flower stick, and much, much, more. But, even more important than learning new skills, the aim is to reach out to those who may feel isolated in the community and to have a lot of fun and laughter. It certainly beats settling down to the housework on a Monday morning! If you are interested, please just come along and find out for yourself or book a place by contacting Nicholas Watts on 07715174057.

Scottish Country Dancing

Do you want to keep fit and enjoy social activity with friendly folk? Then why not try Scottish Country Dancing! Our Fermanagh Scottish Country Dancing Group has been going since 2004. We meet every Tuesday during term time from



A selection of Christmas cards featuring stained glass windows from St. Tighenach's Church, Derryvullen South.


8 – 10pm. in Derryvullen South Parish Hall. Post-covid, the only change is that there will be no refreshments provided. But we will be stopping for a break and a chat - so bring with you your refreshment of choice. Hand sanitiser will be available. Wearing of a mask will be optional but we will be asking you to tick a box confirming that you have been double vaccinated.

You do not need a partner to join in. Feel free to come on your own or with friends. You will be made very welcome. Light flat shoes are about the only prerequisite – for your own safety and comfort! Why not give it a try? The first two lessons are free. If you need any further information, please contact Rosemary or Nicholas on 66 385766 or email rosemary.watts@btinternet.com

Christmas greetings

Best wishes to all our parishioners for a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

Devenish & Boho



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December Services

- Sunday 5th**
10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church
11.30am, Confirmation Service. Devenish Parish Church
- Sunday 12th**
10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church
- Sunday 19th**
10.00 am Family Service, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Family Service, Devenish Parish Church,
- Friday 24th**
8.30pm Christmas Eve Service, Devenish Parish Church

Saturday 25th

- 9.30am Christmas Day Service, Boho Parish Church
- 11.00am Christmas Day Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 26th

- 10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
- 11,30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Services for January 2022

Sunday 2nd

- 10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church
- 11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 9th

- 10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church



Wreathlayers David Scott, Gerry McDermott, James Kells and Gladys Latimer.

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 16th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 23rd

10.00 am Family Service, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Family/, Devenish Parish Church,

Sunday 30th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

Remembrance Day Services

The services in both Devenish and Boho were conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka. Prayers were led by Norma Ferguson and the organist was Gill Spence. The names of those who fell during two

World Wars and associated with Devenish Parish were read by David Eames, the RUCGC names were read by Ann McCormac, and the UDR CGC names were read by Wesley Scott. Wreaths were laid by David Scott (Parish), Gerry McDermott (RUCGC), James Kells (UDRCGC), and Gladys Latimer (Girl Guides). Andrew Gordon played the Last Post and the Reveille. Stuart Brooker said the Exhortation and The Kohima Epitaph.

Devenish Parish Sale and Auction

This was held on Saturday 6th November and raised a total of £3637.71. Thank you to the auctioneer, Wesley Scott, the stall holders for all their hard work, everyone that gave produce, gifts and donations and everybody who attended. This was an outstanding effort as the Parish was restricted in the number of stalls due to Covid.



Remembrance readers Stuart Brooker, David Eames, Revd Sampson Ajuka. Ann McCormac and Wesley Scott.



David Scott presenting a cheque to Norma Ferguson of Chest Heart and Stroke Association.

Thank You

David Scott wishes to thank everyone who donated to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association on the occasion of his birthday. A total of £555 has been raised.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh

Chancellor Ian Berry is in charge.

Services and pastoral cover provided by Revd. Margaret Pringle

Services for December

Sunday 5th (Advent Sunday)

Donagh 10.30am (H.C.)

Tyholland 12.00 (H.C.)

Sunday 12th:

Donagh 10.30am (Lessons & Carols)

Errigal Truagh 12.00 (H.C.)

Sunday 19th:

Donagh 10.30am (Nativity Play)

Tyholland 12.00 (M.P.)

Friday 24th (Christmas Eve) Joint service

Tyholland 9pm (H.C.)

Saturday 25th (Christmas Day) Joint service

Donagh 11am (H.C)

Sunday 26th (Boxing Day) Joint service

Donagh 10.30am (M.P.)

Mothers' Union

Our Mother's Union Branch would like to thank everyone for their support for Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal by filling a shoebox or by donation.

We know this will be greatly appreciated by the children in Ethiopia. The boxes were blessed by Reverend Margaret Pringle.



Grant

The Select Vestry members wish to thank Solas and Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board for their grant of €1,576 towards the purchase of a new laptop computer and projector for use by our adult and youth groups including the Donagh Community Choir. Honorary Secretary, Diane Wright Kendrick said "This new, up to date, equipment will help us enhance and develop our digital technology skills, present our completed projects more professionally and enable us to promote our learning courses/events using technology.

We are also purchasing new notice boards which will allow us to display all policies and procedures such as Safeguarding Trust/Data Protection/Health & Safety etc. in our new education room."

These funds were administered by Solas through CMETB 's "Mitigating Against Disadvantage Fund "which provided funding under three headings - Digital Technologies, Learner Assistance Fund and Covid Recovery.

Choir

Whilst singing is still restricted during Sunday morning worship the Donagh Community Choir has resumed choir practice in a reduced and cautious manner. Choir Leader Mrs Ethne McCord and Covid-19 Compliance Officer, Miss Helen Irwin, along with two other choir members have completed a Sing Ireland e-learning module entitled 'Return to Singing Safely'. Safety measures include no congregating on arrival or departure, standing two metres apart, wearing visors when singing and limiting practice to 50 minutes.

Illness

Let us in prayerful remembrance pray for all those who have been unwell at home or in hospital.

Bereavement

We offer our deepest sympathy to our parish reader, Mrs Marina Waller, on the death of her aunt Mrs Hazel McHugh.

Advent

By the time you get this double edition of the magazine we will have started the Church's New Year. Christmas will be upon us.

For some Christmas will be out for an 'hour or two' from what has become their home. For others in nursing homes it will be just Christmas cards, plum pudding and balloons to make it a little different and others perhaps in a hospital ward. What a year 2021 has been for everyone

both young and old due to the pandemic and also a greater realisation of climate change. Both have brought untold suffering and death to many people. As we enter the season of Advent, it is a special time of the year in the build up to Christmas. Advent is a time when we prepare ourselves for Christ's coming in three senses. First his coming to Palestine some 2,000 years ago. Secondly his coming in glory to judge the living and the dead and also his coming into each of our lives as individuals through faith. Each of these 'Advents' is important and especially the coming of Christ at the end of time.

It will be a very different Christmas this year as people approach it with all kinds of mixed feelings and emotions. If we have learned nothing else, it is that man is not in control. That life, health, food and shelter are very precious and that we are not only to be responsible for our own well-being but also the lives of others .

This Christmas more than any other makes us more aware and gives us the opportunity to treat Christmas in a less commercial way and to look inwardly into our hearts in a spiritual way and really celebrate the birth of Christ. ' You shall call his name Jesus for he will save his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21) Good news over the past months have been in short supply, but the good news of Christmas is that we celebrate the life changing event for each individual as well as the world.

Can I invite you to come along and



celebrate Christ's birth at church. If you haven't already, you can receive your free christmas gift for yourself... Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Christmas Prayer

Heavenly father, we pray that amid all the joys and festivities of the season we may never forget what Christmas really means, that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son who was born to be our Saviour. Accept our thanksgiving and fill us with the Spirit of charity and goodwill that we may show our gratitude in generous service to those who need our help for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



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The Three Trees

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when **the first tree** said, "Someday I hope to be a *treasure chest*. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty. Then **the second tree** said, "Someday I will be a *mighty ship*. I will take kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull." Finally, **the third tree** said, "I want to grow to be *the tallest tree and straightest tree* in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me." After a few years of hoping that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to **the first tree** he said, "This looks like a strong tree. I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter." This made the first tree happy because he thought the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At **the second tree**, a woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree, I should be able to sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he thought he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship. When the woodsmen came upon **the third tree** the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down, his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from my tree so I'll take this one and cut it down. When **the first tree** arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed-box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had dreamed.

The **second tree** was cut and made into a



A talk on beekeeping in progress.

small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship had come to an end. The **third tree** was cut into pieces and left alone in the dark.

The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and it knew that it had *held the greatest treasure of all time*. Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and he stood and said, "peace" and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree *knew that it had carried the King of kings in its boat*.

Finally, someone came and got the **third tree**. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they stopped, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realise that this *was as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it*.

Jesus was the one who made the difference – making each of the trees special. As we approach Christmas let us remember what it is all about. He is the reason for the season. He was laid in a manger, sailed in a boat, died on a cross and now he wants to live in each one of us.

Sunday School and Family Services

Once a fortnight children will go straight to Sunday School in the Church Hall, while everyone else meets in the Church for our normal Services, which continue to be

streamed live on Facebook from 10.50am with the Service starting at 11am. These Services will normally be around 45 minutes in length. In the weeks in between we will have Family Services, which will be around 35-40 minutes in length. 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).

5th December

11.00am – Family Service, '*When I was in need*', Phil 4:14-20

(The Service will include a short update on Fields of Life)

12th December

11.00am – Morning Service, '*Guarding your heart and your mind*', Phil 4:6-7

(Children go directly to the hall for Sunday School)

19th December

11.00am – *Nativity Carol Service* (Matthew 2:1-12)

7.30pm – *Carol Service*

24th December

10.30am – Holy Communion, '*Grace and Truth*', (John 1:1-4, 15-18)

25th December

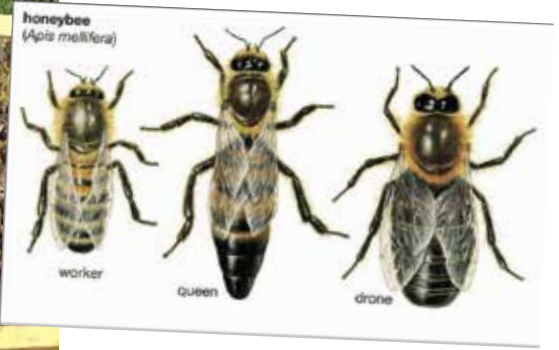
10.30am – Holy Communion, '*Spread the word!*', (Luke 2:8-20)

26th December

11.00am – Family Service, '*Being led by the Lord*', Matt 2:13-15, 19-21

Nativity Carol Service

Join us for the Nativity Carol Service at 11am on Sunday 19th December, to be reminded of the greatest story ever, so that as we celebrate the coming of Jesus into our world, 'his story' may be the greatest and most influential part of our 'history'. We are hoping to have a treat lined up for everyone after the Nativity Carol Service. We'll give you more details about this nearer the time on our Facebook Page.



‘Bee-friendly’

On Wednesday 20th October the Mothers’ Union hosted a fascinating and fun evening (open to everyone). Joe Farrell spoke to us about his interest in beekeeping, of which he is the third generation in his family to be involved in this vital hobby. As well as describing how to keep bees, he wowed us about this amazing creature that we often take for granted, teaching us about how they tell each other where to find the pollen, how they use their wings to reduce the moisture levels in the pollen and so much

more. Here are some other interesting facts about bees:

- Bees are they only insect in the world that produce food for man.
- They have to fly around 55 000 miles to produce one pound of honey.
- It will take 12 bees their lifetime to make one teaspoon of honey.
- One third of our diet relies on the honeybee – it pollinates flower, fruit and vegetables.

The bee is in fact vital to our life on this planet.

Keeping up to date

There are several ways that you can keep up to date with everything that is going on in the parish:

- Like our page ‘Holy Trinity Dromore’ on Facebook
- Watch our Live Streamed Services <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitydromore/live/>
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWj585CXlqOq6W6h7_2AiYg/
- Watch uploaded Services on YouTube on a smart TV, uploaded usually on Sunday afternoon (All-age Service).
- 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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I have to begin by making a confession and that is that I almost forgot to prepare my notes this month. I am writing these words on deadline day so if I get anything wrong or forget something that is the reason. Yesterday was Remembrance Sunday and that is a day that has great significance for us all. Last year I shared some information about one of the people who

we remember every year in the group and I will do so again this year.

I want to think about Lieutenant Morris who was a member of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, attached to the 1st Worcestershire Regiment who was killed in action along with four of his men in May 1951 in a country called Malaya.

William Oswald (John) Morris was born in Tubrid parish (his father was the rector) and he was baptised there before being educated at both Carrickmacross Grammar School and the Royal School Armagh.

The reason that he is remembered in Tubrid is that one of his comrades made it his mission to place a memorial in the place of their birth and it seems that this took a bit of work and research but in 2001 it was discovered that John was born in the parish and on Remembrance Sunday 2006 his memorial was dedicated by the late Dean Tom Moore.

I want to share some words that are on a scroll which accompanies a Memorial Plaque which was made to commemorate John Morris and which is in Castleblayney Church which is in County Monaghan. It says, *He whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that*

was dear to them, endured hardship, faced danger and finally passed on of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice giving up their own lives that others may live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name is not forgotten.

I say that to suggest that we should strive to ensure that his name and all the names that we remember at that time of year are not forgotten.

It is hard to believe that that another year is drawing to a close yet that is the case and I hope that we do so with hope in our hearts because if we do not have hope we have nothing.

Life continues to be challenging for all of us and we should not allow that to concern us as our hope is found in Christ alone.

I want to use words that I used last year which are these, *while we live in difficult and challenging times and while we may wonder why this year has been as it has and indeed continues to unfold I want to suggest that we continue to trust God and to believe that he is in control.*

I would suggest that these words are still applicable today and that means that it is important that we continue to trust God to bring us through these times and to bring



Members of the Women Together group attending a cookery demonstration given by Joy Graham, Garrison.



us safely home.
I know that when you read these words Christmas will still be a while away but I would like to wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Diary

Sunday 5 December 2021

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 12 December 2021

Carol Service with Baptism 10.00
Muckross,

Sunday School Service with Baptism 11.30
Tubrid

Sunday 19 December 2021

Carol Service 10.00 Templecarne,
Carol Service 11.30 Tubrid
Christmas Eve Holy Communion Tubrid
11.00pm

Christmas Day Holy Communion Muckross
10.00am

Sunday 26 December 2021

Group Service Templecarne 11.00am

Sunday 2 January 2022

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,

Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 9 January 2022

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckross, Holy
Communion 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 16 January 2022

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid,

Sunday 23 January 2022

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckross, Morning
Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 30 January 2022

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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

Chancellor Ian Berry is in charge.

Dartrey and Rockcorry

Thanks

As we approach the end of another year we are again mindful of all who have helped to keep the parish running in so many different capacities during 2021. We are also exceptionally grateful to so many of you who have continued to subscribe to parish funds during these unprecedented times.

Christmas

Dartrey Carol Service will take place on Sunday, 19th December, at 3pm. Details of all other services during the festive season will be circulated to all parishioners. We hope that you will be able to join us for what the season of Christmas is all about - the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

Covid 19

As we partially emerge from another year of restrictions due to Covid 19 we are looking forward to a return to a more normal routine in the year ahead and less restrictions regarding church worship and church activities. None of us have been unaffected by this plague and we pray for those affected by bereavement, loneliness, illness, unemployment and financial hardship. Every blessing to one and all.

Rockcorry School

We celebrated Science week in Rockcorry N.S. The Junior room completed science webinars learning about the science of sweets and about the giraffes of Fota Island. The Senior room learned about motion and started creating pictures to make cartoons as well as using apps from the iPads to create cartoons. We are also completing a STEM project on lego land yachts from packs we received from Monaghan Library.

Remembrance Service

Remembrance Service was held in Dartrey Church on Sunday 14th November. It was on a smaller scale than usual due to Covid-19. The Service was conducted by Walter Pringle who gave an inspiring address and Leslie Soden played the Piper's Lament while Audrey Doogan was the organist. Collection was for the Poppy Appeal. Thanks to all who helped in any way.

Aughnamullen

Our best wishes to Adrian Forde, Latton, son of Alice Forde on his forthcoming marriage to Rhiannon Leake in Melbourne Australia. We extend good wishes to them both.

Our Annual Carol service will be held on Sunday 12th December at 3pm.
Sunday 26th December – Service of Holy Communion at 9.45 am

Aghabog

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been unwell and wish them best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Baptism – October 31st - Charlie Teddy William Ryan, infant son of Denise Burns and David Ryan. (See photo below)

Carol service – Our annual Carol service will be held on Sunday 19th December at 9.45 am.

Christmas Day – Service of Holy Communion at 9.30 am.



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Services in December

Thursday 2nd December

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 5th December: The Second Sunday of Advent

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 9th December

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 12th December: The Third Sunday of Advent

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 16th December

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 19th December: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – The Carol Service

Thursday 23rd December

NO SERVICE

Friday 24th December: Christmas Eve

11.00am - Holy Communion

9.00pm – Holy Communion

Saturday 25th December: Christmas Day

9.00am - Holy Communion

10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 26th December: The First Sunday of Christmas

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 30 December

NO SERVICE

Services in January

Sunday 2nd January: The Second Sunday of Christmas

9.00am - Holy Communion



The newly felted and lathed south lower roof.

11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 6th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 9th January: The First Sunday after the Epiphany

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 13th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 16th January: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 20th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd January: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 27th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 30th January: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Holy Baptism

28th November - Abigail Stacey Beattie

Christian Burial

2nd November - Eunice Mary Surphlis, Meadow View Care Home, formerly 4 Crest Road, Enniskillen.

4th November - Margaret (Meta) Lewers, 12A Killyvilly, Enniskillen.

Cathedral Restoration

Work progresses steadily with the restoration. The high roof is complete. Work is also complete on the lower roof on the south side. The work had to be progressed in stages. First of all the roof was stripped of slates and these had to be carefully lowered to the



The rafters on the north side of roof showed signs of decay, especially those end pieces in contact with the wall.



The completed lead sump with the outflow pipe. Note the small diameter overflow pipe which will give prior warning of any build-up of debris in the sumps.

ground and then transported for storage.

The old lathes and felt were then removed. Decayed timber was replaced and then new felt and lathes were fitted. The next stage was the replacement of the copper tapered gutter between the lower roof and the wall supporting the high roof. The copper gutter between the south facing roof surface and the parapet was also replaced using lead. In order to cope with the possibility of increasing intensity of rainfall, the new lead gutters were laid so that there would be three outfalls rather than two, as previously. This involved the fabrication of lead sumps in the gutters from which the rainwater is discharged through the roof space to the downpipes on the outside wall of the cathedral.

Previously, rainwater was discharged from the internal gutter by way of an open channel through the roof space to the outside and this provided easy access for jackdaws. The use of a pipe, rather than an open channel, should prevent access for these birds.

The North Roof

Work is well advanced on the lower roof to the north side. The rafters, where they were in contact with the north wall, had decayed and required replacement. The intention was that the lower roofs would be re-slatted with the best of the salvage slates taken from all the roofs. However, it has been found that there are not enough good quality slates to cover both low-level roofs. Therefore, a substantial number of new slates will be required to enable the re-roofing to be completed to a high standard.

Work on the east window has been completed. The weather damaged stonework has been repaired, the stained glass has been cleaned and new secondary glazing has been fitted. When secondary glazing was being fitted on the south face of the cathedral, it was discovered that some of the stonework was loose. The central stone mullion of this window was secured in position.

Organ Restoration

On December 12th, 1923, a new Conacher organ was dedicated in the Cathedral, replacing the old John Smith organ in the west gallery, of which the case remains in situ. The Conacher Organ is a three-manual and pedal instrument originally built by Peter Conacher & Co., Huddersfield. It was rebuilt in 1991 by Abbey Organs, Belfast, and restored following smoke damage in 1998 by the Irish Organ Company, Antrim. In 2018 a Vox Angelica 8 rank, in memory of the late Angel Nawn, was installed on the Swell division by Wells-Kennedy Partnership, Lisburn. Currently the organ specification comprises



A restored and freshly painted high level window. Plaster work on the high-level windows required repair, due to age and weather damage.

of nine speaking stops on the Pedal division, eight on the Great, 11 on the Swell, and five on the Choir division. A total of 33 speaking stops utilizing approximately 1,279 pipes.

The Select Vestry recently sought to engage the services of a suitable organ builder to undertake work to the organ, seeking tenders from several organ builders across the UK and the Republic of Ireland. The contract, totaling £21,400, was awarded to the Pipe Organ Preservation Company, Belfast, and work commenced at the beginning of October and is due to complete in February. There are eight components to the work being undertaken:

Solid state – Supply and installation of a new processor-based switching system to replace the existing diode system which is outdated and intermittently presents maintenance problems. The new system will enable much more flexibility in terms of any specification changes to the organ and result

in significantly less electric cabling within the workings of the organ.

Wind System – The existing feeder bellows which have been out of use for several decades and are leaking air will be collapsed to a closed position and securely sealed against any future leakage. The existing blowing plant will be repositioned, and a new smaller box made to house the blower to improve access for maintenance. A wind silencer box and non-return valve will be supplied and fitted to reduce wind turbulence and the existing guillotine main control valve will be replaced with a roller blind, both contributing to a reduced level of background noise from the organ wind system.

Great Trumpet – The existing Great Trumpet pipes will be removed from the Great soundboard and placed on a new chest in addition to being made available independently on each of the Great, Choir and Pedal divisions with additional stop keys to match.

Great Mixture – The Great Mixture 22.26.29 will be recast with additional pipes supplied and moved to the vacated Trumpet slide on the Great soundboard. The existing Mixture chests which were added to the organ in 1991 are now infested with woodworm will be removed.

Great Double Dulciana – The Double Dulciana 16ft, an original stop on the organ when first installed was removed in 1991. 43 pipes from tenor F#19 will be supplied and fitted to the original Double Dulciana slide (presently vacant) on the main soundboard, 18 bass notes bottom C1 - tenor F18 will be derived from Pedal pipes.

Pedal Harmonic 32ft – A second harmonic 32ft stop on the Pedal will be derived from the Bourdon rank.

Pedal Trombone – A Pedal Trombone 16ft will be installed, this will involve the supply and installation of 12 pipes on a new electro-pneumatic windchest as an extension to the Great Trumpet.



The organ in St. Macartin's Cathedral.





Display pipes – The display pipes will be painted gold to match the organ pipes on the old John Smith Organ in the west gallery, and to complement the new colour scheme planned for the Cathedral following completion of the re-roofing. These measures will increase the number of speaking stops on the organ from 33 to 38 and add an additional 67 pipes to the organ. A further stop may be added to the organ funds permitting, a Zimbelstern (meaning "Cymbal Star" in German), which is an organ stop consisting of a wooden wheel on which several small bells are mounted. When engaged, the wheel rotates, producing a continuous tinkling sound. It was common in northern Europe, Germany in particular, throughout the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries.

400th Anniversary

The year 2022 will mark a very significant event in the history of St Macartin's Cathedral. It will be the 400th anniversary of the appointment of the Rev James Slacke as its first rector in 1622. It is therefore important that this very significant milestone in the history of this Plantation church is marked appropriately. When William Cole was granted land by King James I to build the town of Enniskillen, in 1612, one of the requirements was to build a church. As well as providing a church it was also necessary for Cole to introduce the Protestant religion which, in practice, meant the Reformed Catholic faith or Anglicanism. The cathedral we know today, formerly St Anne's Church, is that church which dates from the 1620s. Part of the tower and other structures exist from that time. The Reformed Catholic faith stipulated by King James is what we now know as the Church of Ireland. The special anniversary in 2022 will be celebrated in many ways in the cathedral – all centred on the worship of Almighty God.

Anniversary Events

A number of events were planned for our anniversary year, but nothing can be announced or actioned on at present for two reasons. The first is that the repainting



Photos from the Mothers' Union meeting.

of the interior of the Cathedral may now not take place until February 2022, during which time the Cathedral will have to be closed. Services will be held in the Cathedral Hall during this period of closure. The second reason is that no one knows what restrictions will be in place in 2022. Events may have to be planned and announced at short notice.

The Cathedral

The present cathedral is a credit to past generations for the fine building which we love. It is now the responsibility of the present generation to ensure that it is passed on in good condition so that its future is safeguarded. Furthermore, the cathedral will need to be looking at its very best for the celebrations in 2022.

Mothers' Union

The November meeting was held on Monday 8th in the Enniskillen Room with a good attendance. Our Guest speaker was Mr David Bolton who spoke on trauma and dealing with the aftermath. He stressed the importance of seeking help regardless of time lapse. It was an interesting and moving talk. Jenifer, branch leader, closed the meeting with a reading and the Mothers' Union prayer. Our next meeting is a service of a Holy Communion and AGM on 10th January 2022. We wish all our members a happy and peaceful Christmas.



Messy Church @ Enniskillen Cathedral

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.

In October, our theme was 'A Thankful Harvest' and we had lots of fun making handprint wreaths, scarecrow shakers, kindness plates and bird feeders. In November we celebrated all things 'Frozen' to remind us that God made us all unique and to use the gifts He gave us. We are thrilled to say that December's Messy Church is in person on Thursday 16th December from 4-6pm in the Cathedral Hall. Families will be required to pre-book, but spaces will be limited so don't leave it until the last minute! All details for how to get involved will be posted to our social media pages. Don't forget to send in your registration forms to join in the fun! There is no Messy Church in January so our next session will be in February 2022. We hope everyone has a lovely Christmas!

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.

Sunday Lights + Café sessions will remain online via our Google Drive until the new year. 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. Keep an eye out on our Facebook and Instagram for January dates and arrangements. We can't wait to see you all again in the New Year!

Xplore and Confirmation @ Enniskillen Cathedral

Our youth group, Xplore usually meet 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.

This year's confirmation candidates are beginning preparation for their big step forward in their Christian journey in 2022. They will meet as a class for the first time on Monday 6th December and then again before Christmas on Monday 13th from 6.30 – 7.30 pm in the Upper Room of the Cathedral Hall (which is above the Main Hall). If you are in Years 9, 10 or above it is not too late to register for Confirmation – just get a form from the Cathedral Office or speak to the Dean. In the New Year, classes start back on Monday 10th January.

The Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to all who took part and supported the Mothers' Union in the Shoe Box Appeal. Almost 100 shoeboxes have been sent off from our Parish to destitute children in Eastern Europe. These simple

items/toys will transform the lives of many and probably the only Christmas present they will receive.

The Season of Advent

Advent is a time of impatient waiting, of holding our breath for what's waiting for us just around the corner. We're making preparations to celebrate Christmas Day, of course, but most importantly, Christians spend this time preparing and waiting for Christ to be born again into the world which so desperately waits for Him. We're not the first people who have longed for a different world – all through history people have waited, just as eagerly, for peace, hope, joy and love.

Season Greetings

The Cathedral Clergy, Parish Reader, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant, Verger and Parish Secretary extend to all parishioners and readers good wishes for a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. May the power, and the peace, and the presence of Christ fill your life and your home now and in the year ahead!

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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

This Advent and Christmas

...we are thinking about Discipleship. Jesus helps us when He teaches about being grafted into Him, in the same way a branch is joined to a tree. He speaks about Abiding in Him, and as we do He will bring about a change in us, or produce a fruit in the same way a Vine will through its branches.

A very helpful little book of reflections on these words in St John has been written by Warren Wiersbe. We plan to follow the themes for five Sundays starting in November:

21 Nov The Secret of Living is Fruit-bearing
28 Nov The Secret of Fruit-bearing is Abiding

5 Dec The Secret of Abiding is Obeying
12 Dec The Secret of Obeying is Loving
19 Dec The Secret of Loving is Knowing

Get ready for Advent

Abide book is available to us for 98p!

Get a copy from porch in either Church and leave monies with parish office.
Jesus said, 'Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.' St John 15:4

What can you buy for 98 pence?

Apparently you can buy a disposable camera, three tumblers, or 100 Tetley's tea bags at Poundland. Or better still, a Cadbury's Dairy Milk!

This Advent we're planning to read this GREAT little book of reflections of Jesus teaching about remaining or Abiding in Him as the Vine.

Based on St John's Gospel, Warren Wiersbe has written five chapters, such as the Secret of Obeying/Loving/Knowing. It's an easy read but challenging in its living. God willing, it will form the teaching in Church for five Sundays from Sunday 14th November, through to Nativity Sunday.

Available to us for just 98p, so for every £1 paid I have a bag of shiny two pence pieces for your change. Value indeed. Order through the parish office.



Advent Windows

We are trialling a project for next year.

During Advent we would like to place four window displays in our town, based on the Nativity Story. This might help us see if a larger town project would be possible in 2022. Inspired by the High Town Advent Windows Project, in Luton:





Christmas at St John's and Kiltermon

Sunday 19 December

9.30am Kiltermon

11am St John's

6pm Sunday School

Nativity Christingle - Pre-book only for Sunday School households

Christmas Eve

8pm Carols by Candlelight

Holy Communion

Music from Parish Musicians

Christmas Day

9am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion and Kids' Talk

St Stephen's Day Sunday 26 December

11am Holy Communion St John's

Sunday 2 January

11am Morning Prayer St John's

Marriage Preparation and Counselling

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 Mrs Stewart have hosted marriage

preparation course 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.



'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 Raymond Magee.

My name is Raymond Magee, I am married to Michele (of Knit, Pray, Love), we live near Tempo with our chocolate Labrador, Alan. We have two children; Lauren who lives

in Newry with her husband Chris and our granddaughter Zara and Tim who lives and works in Hong Kong.

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

We moved to Tempo just over five years ago and having visited a few churches we came to St. John's one Sunday and immediately felt at home with the warm welcome, the family atmosphere and believed that was where we belonged.

What do you enjoy about parish life?

I enjoy the Sunday worship, being part of the Men's Group and the fellowship from all of the parish activities such as coffee mornings and being able to give something back through the 'Bless the town' in early December when we have given bags of potatoes out in the town. It's also always good to see so many children involved in Sunday School where they are building a foundation for their faith on life's journey and reminds me of being grateful to my parents for bringing me to Sunday School and church as a child.

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

For me it is Psalm 118 verse 24 "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it" because every



day is a blessing to be thankful for, especially Mondays when so many people grumble but it's the start of a new week of opportunities!

What motivates you to be at worship on Sundays?

I enjoy the hymns, the praise songs and the opportunity to learn about God's word. I have poor discipline when it comes to reading regularly and I always learn something new from the readings and the sermons that I can take away.

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

This has to be "All things bright and beautiful" because it says it all about God's creation that I love to enjoy whilst walking Alan, in our garden, playing golf (badly) and on holiday when I am always amazed about what He has created for us. It also reminds me to be thankful for all that He provides for us.

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

Enjoy every day to the full with gratitude and kindness, be positive in everything you do.

When the tough days come trust God, pray, ask for help to get you through and it will come, though sometimes we may have to be patient. I believe that God has a plan for us all and He will support us in that plan since He is always with us.

Books, Leaflets and Reading

Book Review

Joy Loane, the manager of Real Life bookshop in Enniskillen was invited to choose a book she enjoyed and send us a review. She chose 'OUT OF THE BLACK SHADOWS'

Stephen Lungu was seven when his mother ran away, leaving him, and his younger brother and sister, in the care of a reluctant aunt. By 11 Stephen too had run away, preferring life on the streets. To survive, he slept under bridges and scavenged food from dustbins. Stephen became a member of the Black Shadows, an urban gang which ran a programme of theft and tuggery. An evangelist was speaking at a tent meeting where Stephen and other gang members had carried in firebombs. As the preacher shared the gospel, Stephen listened intently and forgot about fire-bombing the event. Compelled by the message, he made his way to the front, so he could get near the man who could help him find Jesus.



After speaking with him Stephen cried out to God for forgiveness. The following morning Stephen heard a voice in his head saying 'I will send you to nations that you do not know.' When a missionary took Stephen under his wing he had the task of civilising Stephen, teaching him to read and write, putting him through Bible school and helping his faith in God grow and mature. His first post was with the Dorothea Mission and after 19 years he then joined African Enterprise. Stephen has often been referred to as "the Billy Graham of Africa."



Real Life is owned by the Irish Evangelistic Band, a mission founded in 1936, with a heart to share the gospel with people in the South of Ireland. As Ephesians 3v8 says 'To preach the unsearchable riches of Christ'. The shop seeks to serve local Christians and Churches and be a place those searching for God can find help. In this challenging economic climate, when more shopping is being done online, we ask for Christians to support us by enquiring about and purchasing books and Bibles in Real Life – Think before you click!

SASRA is the Soldiers and Airmen's Scripture Readers Association

This year we are encouraged that the Archbishop Of Armagh has contributed one of the daily devotional readings in this new booklet of readings. There is a morning and evening reading for each day

across two weeks of Remembrance tide. We are able to link with the Royal British Legion in making these available to those on parade to St John's on Remembrance Sunday, and to the congregation at St John's and Kiltermon.

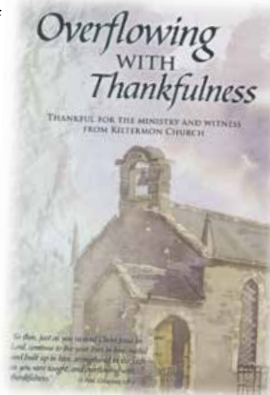


The Parish was represented at the Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Stone at the Royal British Legion Hall, before the Parade made its way to Evening Prayer at St John's. An Act of Remembrance was held during the Morning service at Kiltermon on Sunday 20 November.

Copies Still Available

There are copies 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.



Girls Friendly Society

The girls have been working away at home with their packs, the packs included Bible Study on the Lord's Prayer, a Craft, Badge Work and sometimes a little cookery! On Saturday, 13th November we went to Fardross Forest, and we were fortunate that we had a nice morning for our adventure. The girls did a scavenger hunt around the

forest and some even got paddling in the water! It was great to see the girls enjoying being together and having a great time looking for items of their list and learning about nature as they went along. We finished of the morning with some Hot Dogs and Juice, and some of the parents availed of the offer of a Hot Dog and a latte

or cappuccino. The girls received another pack to take home with them to keep them busy for the next few weeks.

On Remembrance Sunday, it was a privilege to take part once again in the Act of Remembrance at the Royal British Legion, where Megan Adams laid the wreath on behalf of our branch, and of course the girls were delighted to get parading around the town. Unfortunately, the girls were unable to attend the church service due to Covid restrictions

but hopefully next year things will have improved, and we will all be able to attend the service.

We hope to have another day out on the 4th December – details to be confirmed later. This will be our last pack/meeting before Christmas. *Pearl Smyton*

Mothers' Union

After a long break due to the pandemic and following a committee meeting we plan to re-open Mothers' Union with a meeting in



GFS members taking part in activities.





Kiltermon on 8th December.

During the break, Branch Leader Hilary Kenny made a surprise visit to each member with a little gift bag with a treat, tea bag and a poem, the thought being we should make a cup of tea, read the poem and take time to reflect on it. We appreciate Hilary's endeavour to keep in contact with members.

Several members attended the drive-in concert to launch the cd/dvd "Time for Hope" organised by the Trustee Board of Mothers' Union in the Clogher Diocese. The CD/DVD encourages members to rebuild hope as you listen to familiar hymns and prayers spoken. We in Fivemiletown are very proud to have one of our young Mothers' Union members feature in this cd/dvd. Mrs. Heather Kirkpatrick was interviewed by Diocesan President, Mrs. Irene Boyd. Heather tells us what it means to be a member and promotes Mothers' Union in a very enthusiastic and positive manner.

Members also enjoyed another Diocesan event with a walk through Colebrooke Estate with members being able to enjoy sunshine and fellowship.

Two members celebrated 50th Wedding Anniversaries during the break -Phyllis and Cecil Johnston on 24th July and Hilary and David Kenny on 23rd October. Both couples were visited and presented with a gift to mark this special occasion.

Bible Words of Encouragement

Guest writer Rev'd John Rutter, formerly Rector of Glenavy.

*'Colossians 4:2 - 15
The Fellowship of the Gospel*

Many years ago there was a Christian magazine for young people called JAM, which stood for *Jesus And Me*. It was a catchy title, back then, which helped teens see that Christian Faith is a personal thing, and an adventure.

That magazine was great in its day.

If you have been thinking and studying what *Discipleship* means, over recent months with your rector and others, your



focus too will have been on your personal response to Jesus Christ. David Watson's book *Discipleship* is all about living for God in every aspect of life, from our private thoughts, (which only the Lord knows), to public behaviour or lifestyle, including the choices we make in spending our money or in relationships.

So that covers everything, does it?! Not quite. The passage I have chosen brings another dimension to *Discipleship*. It comes at the end of Paul's letter to the church in Colosse, a town in what today is Turkey. His closing words read like a flurry of notes about people he knew, involved in spreading the Gospel. It reads like a ... well, like a letter! If you have not yet read the passage, please do so before you read on: Colossians chap.4, verses 2 to 15.

Now that you have read it, I imagine you are struck, as I am, by the number of people Paul mentions before he finishes the letter. He writes about fellow workers, fellow-servants in the Lord (verse 7), dear brothers, fellow-prisoners, and dear friends. For him, Christian faith was lived in fellowship with others; he was not a solitary type who kept himself to himself as if he thought he was too special to be spending time with others! By character I am a bit of a loner. As a child, I mostly played on my own, and as a young adult I moved around a lot. But the Lord lovingly led me to meet Pauline when I had reached 40! She became my wife and helps me correct or at least moderate this fault!

My point is, I need to make a deliberate effort to mix with others, even church folk. Yes, getting to know someone can be an act of Christian discipleship! For anyone like me, this is something we need to ask the Holy Spirit for help with. Of course, the Spirit will help if we ask.

God did not intend Christians to walk alone through life. We are to value fellow worshippers as our brothers or sisters in Christ. I wonder if you go to church on Sunday expecting to talk to others, to take another little step into friendship with someone? Rather than natural friendship, I mean the mutual support that comes from knowing our common faith in Jesus as Lord, and our focus in life.

The first thing, then, that I pick up from this piece of the epistle of Paul is that the true disciple makes an effort to know others in their local church. It's an aspect of maturing in faith. My second lesson is about prayer. Paul urged the congregation to pray, and added

a request for prayer for himself. You might expect him to have asked for prayer for release from prison.

But no. Instead, he asks that they pray that he will be able to explain the gospel clearly (verse 4).

He believed prayers for the spread of the Gospel and wisdom in passing it on are pleasing to God because that is God's express will. So He will answer such prayer. Then there is Epaphras as an example of caring prayer (verse 12):

'he is always wrestling in prayer for you...'
v.12 ;

Notice what he prayed for: for their growth to maturity as Christian disciples. He and Paul had heard that false teachers were bothering the congregation. They were adding extra religious practices that seemed good to the immature Christians of this new church. So Paul is glad that his deputy, Epaphras, prayed for growing maturity in their understanding.

What would you ask other church members to pray for you? My guess is you would first want prayer for your health. But what about *'prayer for standing firm in the true faith, mature and fully assured'*? (verse 12) : in other words, not prayer about being well in body, but prayer to be spiritually well.

Thirdly, Paul saw others in church not as simply fellow-members, but as fellow-workers for God, brought together by God. We are not in church simply because our parents and grandparents were before us. Real Christian faith is not about continuing a family habit. Disciples see themselves as fellow workers with each other, offering our talents to God for His use. Put another way, we are agents of God's Kingdom in a mostly godless world all around us. We need to support each other to keep faithful to our King.

Lastly, Paul shows us a wider horizon than our own. We all tend to be parochial in the sense of thinking only of our own small corner. That may be our community, or our church and parish. How often do you pray even for the wider Church of Ireland, let alone other churches in our land or in other countries? We will not be mature disciples if we think only of our local church.

So, Paul's words teach me:

- to take steps to grow closer to some of those I gather with at church;
- to pray for my fellow Christians, not just for their health, but for their growth in grace and in knowing and doing God's will for their lives.
- to be ready for action, be it prayer, compassionate service, evangelistic outreach. As agents of God, training is never over. Join in with what your rector initiates; be a crew member, not a passenger!
- to find out about the work of God

in mission and relief and development in some part (not all) of His rebel world. The disciple sees the bigger picture. Christian faith definitely is not just jam — Jesus And Me!



At the start of this letter, you will see Paul praising the church folk at Colosse. Wouldn't it be great if the Lord said of us what Paul writes of them? *'we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the believers — faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven ...'* chap.1 verse 4'

Prayer

Breathe is a quieter time in parish life. On the first Sunday evening, eight months of the year, between 12 and 16 people pause for about an hour and gather around the scriptures. Supported by music and prayer, we pray and reflect on God's Word, asking what God saying to us through it, for this day. Join us from 7pm on Sunday 7th November, in the Parish Hall.

Midweek Prayer, Intercession and Prayer For Healing

...takes place many times each month. A group of eight people receive the requests for prayer each week, and are committed to praying at least each Wednesday. And each second month we gather with others for a service of Holy Communion, when all the names prayed for since we last met, are prayed for again. Leave a name for prayer with the office, or with Precentor Hanlon, or William Morrow. And join us from 8.15pm on Wednesday 17th November, at St John's.



The Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer

Quiet Day

The Diocese joined 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 were based on Words of God from the scripture e.g. 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' Exodus 33:14, and 'My joy will be in you,' and 'your joy will be complete.' St John 15 and 16. They were a great source of encouragement to those present.



15 members of the parish and diocese, with three apologies, gathered for the morning quiet. Thank you to William and Cora Morrow, Michele Magee and Deborah Hanlon and Muriel who provided the eats or helped set up and clear away.

It was great to have Bishop Ian with us, along with members of the Fellowship Of Contemplative Prayer, including Canon Raymond Fox, and secretary Nuala Dudley from north Donegal. We appreciate their willingness to travel in order to pray with us here.

Fellowship, Mission and Outreach

The first of four Encouragement Evenings for Women started on Thursday 14th October, in Kiltermon Church, with special guest speaker Frances Boyd. This is following on from Catherine Campbell's word to us in July, when she spoke of Encouragement as a major need at this time. Frances is our guest on two evenings, and next year God willing, another is planned each for Claire Holmes and Catherine Campbell. Twenty five women gathered in October, and we continue praying for this work to progress well: 8pm Thursday 18th November

Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry reopened its new season on Tuesday 19th October, meeting for the first time in Kiltermon Church, since it was extended and refurbished this Spring. Karl Saunders was the guest speaker, and this is following his very inspiring sermon in September, on answering God's call. This coincided with the day we were asked to focus on God's call to ministry and watched one of the new video presentations the Church has produced; it's very worth seeing — check the Church Of Ireland website. Karl plans to be with us for part two, speaking in November about prayer. Thank you to Andy and Christ for the work they do in gathering us in this way.

Special invitation to Diocese and Friends

New Winter Series of Bible Study Evenings with Claire Holmes, SAMS God willing, 8pm Tuesdays 7 Dec, 18 Jan and 22 Feb Sometimes, having waited ages for a bus, three come along at once. For us in Fivemiletown, this Autumn and Winter have been a little like that. Having waited for new ministry

opportunities, we have entered into partnership with three different groups as a way to encourage others in Christian life.

One evening is planned this Autumn with the Clogher Diocesan Board of RE, as we welcome Jill Hamilton to deliver an online evening of ideas and resources for teaching the Bible to children. Another is a Quiet Day for parish and diocese, linking with the Fellowship Of Contemplative Prayer, and its Witness for the day, Canon David Ferry.

The third is a series of three Bible studies across the Winter delivered by Claire Holmes, in partnership with SAMS. We hope to encourage others from the South-West Of Northern Ireland and beyond, to rekindle their interest in the mission's aims. Many from this area have either been on short term mission placements or have grown up in parishes which have had a SAMS interest. Linking with SAMS allows us to benefit from great Bible teaching, but also share the stories of mission-partners and learn about the work overseas. It's a win-win for the parish here and hopefully for SAMS too. Together the household is strengthened and perhaps our vision for God's work today is widened.

You would be really welcome to click in to the evenings planned for 8pm on 7 December, 18 January and 22 February: link on request from SAMS or fivemiletownparish2@gmail.com. Must go ... another bus is arriving. Note from Precentor Hanlon to Buena Vista Magazine, for SAMS.

Operation Rescue An Update from Kate Doherty

I really appreciate this opportunity to update the Fivemiletown Parish family on Operation Rescue, the project which is so dear to my heart, and to make you aware of the tremendously difficult circumstances in which they find themselves at present. I do so, thankful for your financial and prayer support in the past and asking that you would make the matters in this article a matter of urgent prayer.

Just a reminder - Operation Rescue [ORE] is a Christian project providing day care facilities and support for over 700 children and their families in three centres in Tigray in northern Ethiopia.

Back in November 2020, a bitter civil war erupted between the Ethiopian Federal government based in Addis Ababa and the regional Tigray government. Fighting was intense and for weeks we had no



communication with the project and had to rely on intermittent news reports which were never very detailed as media sources were banned. Contact was resumed just before Christmas, and we were so thankful to God to know that all in the three project centres -children and staff - were safe although it was clear that it had been a very traumatic time with thousands killed in the fighting and hundreds of thousands of people displaced from their homes. There have been terrible atrocities with many men, young and old, summarily executed and countless women raped by soldiers, some of whom came from Eritrea, just north of Tigray, historically a bitter enemy of the province and now an ally of the Federal Government. All this was happening as Ethiopia coped with Covid -19 and the ravages of hordes of locusts which attacked crops. During the following months Operation Rescue staff were involved in many activities despite the constraints upon them:

- Getting food to the children in the project and their families in Mekele, Adwa and Adigrat as well as giving them money for clothes and shoes. This had to be done by visiting individual homes as schools and centres like ORE were closed.
- Reaching out to some of the tens of thousands of displaced people, forced to leave their homes due to the fighting. ORE has provided food supplements to little ones under five as well as pregnant and new mothers and given food support to over 1000 in the three areas,
- Operating an Accelerated Learning Project for children in countryside areas as children in Tigray have not been to school for nearly two years.
- Providing water filters for the centres where the displaced people are camping so that they have fresh water.
- Providing counselling and support to many hundreds of women and girls who have been the victims of gender-based violence. At the end of June 2021, Tigray forces pushed the Federal forces out and moved to attack other tribal groups south and east of Tigray. At that point there was a breakdown in communications and for a

long time there was no electricity and an erratic water supply in Mekelle where the main ORE centre is based. Since then, the humanitarian situation has worsened month on month, and it is estimated that famine is now a reality with

humanitarian aid unable to get through in anything like the quantities needed. The United Nations has stated that it is as if Tigray is under siege with the Federal Government using starvation as a weapon of war. Just last month seven senior UN officials were expelled by the Ethiopian government, accused of meddling and exaggerating the numbers in Tigray facing famine. Electricity and water supplies have returned but banks are closed, and telecommunications are blocked most of the time.

I have managed to send and receive a few brief WhatsApp messages from Getachew, manager of ORE who has visited Fivemiletown parish on two occasions. He has assured us that God's hand of protection is upon the project and all children, families and staff are safe. However, we know that the Federal Government has begun airstrikes on Mekelle, inflicting inevitable civilian casualties and traumatising the population who do not know where the next attack will be. Getachew has reported to me how one airstrike killed innocent civilians, including children, with their bodies mutilated by the bombs. Getachew is a man of deep faith and is clear that only God's intervention in this situation can make a difference. He is so thankful for our prayers and so I conclude by mentioning some of the matters about which you could pray as this is without doubt the best way we can show our love and support for them, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

- For God's intervention in this conflict to bring the fighting to an end, drawing warring groups together to realise the impact of the fighting on their people and make peace in a way that recognises their different aspirations.
- For humanitarian aid, in terms of food and medical supplies, to reach those in desperate need, especially those living in famine conditions.
- For banks to reopen so that individuals and organisations like ORE can get money to buy food and other essentials.
- For the restoration of telecommunications to keep people in touch with families and aid agencies. For the return of pupils to school and children to the ORE centres.
- For Covid infection levels to be kept under control.
- In thankfulness, we ask for God's continuing protection of the children and their families and all the staff at ORE and provision for their daily needs.
- For Getachew and others in leadership in ORE to be given Spirit filled wisdom, discernment, and sound judgment as they make difficult decisions about resources and other issues of concern.
- For God to continue to be at work in all

aspects of this tragic situation, His will being done in the lives of all His people.

As we look to God in this tragic situation, I thank you for your much valued care and support.

Kate Doherty, Chair of Trustees Operation Rescue UK & Ireland

Reopening of Parish Halls and Ppt Training Evenings

The Rector and Select Vestry organised and delivered three evenings to help with the parish administration. One in mid-October was for the 10 strong ppt team. It has been great the six young adults are willing to help with this work, as well as four others who have been carrying the work over many years. We really appreciate all that you do for us in this. And thank you to Jonathan from J. McFarland Cabling and Aerials, who provided the training evening.

Thank you also to all of the senior leadership who gathered on one of two evenings to discuss how the planned guidance for using the parish halls would work for their ministry or group. And to those who helped throughout September in cleaning, clearing and sorting the Parish Halls for reopening. Also, during October, the inspections have been made for Fire safety, the entertainment licence and the associated electrical checks.

Parish Office

Per square foot, the Parish Office must be the busiest and most productive space in the whole parish. We greatly appreciate all that Judith does for us as Office Administrator; from Halls bookings, to sending emails to a wide range of people receiving pastoral care, or preparing for Marriage of Holy Baptism. Service sheets are printed there, as is a wide range of photocopying for Sunday School, ministries and groups. The office is also a hub for the many bookings which come from Friends and members of the diocese who attend our events, both on-line and in-person, and it also the first point of contact for all of the Graveyard and Archive enquiries which are made to the parish. Thank you for all that you do for us.

Marriage Preparation Course

A Christian Guidelines Marriage Preparation Course is being held on Saturday, 12 March 2022 and is open to all parishes in the Diocese.

The venue is Kiltermon Church, Belfast Road, Fivemiletown and the course will run from 9.30am to 4pm with participants bringing their own packed lunches.

The cost is £70 per couple and bookings must be made directly with Christian Guidelines; Tel. 02891 468846 or email: admin@cguidelines.org.uk



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Emmanuel -God is With Us!

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Emmanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)

The season of advent anticipates the coming of Christ from three different perspectives. Messiah coming into history, Messiah coming into our hearts and lives; and it alerts for His second coming as the King. Advent has past, present and future in itself. Every year during this time we get busy preparing for the holidays. Many complain about the busyness of Christmas. There is so much to do: presents to make or choose, food to prepare, and so many functions to attend. "Christmas is just one big headache," a person said. The purpose of advent season is to prepare ourselves and others to welcome the Christ child into our homes and into our lives.

As 2021 draws to a close, it is truly wonderful to remember that whatever has happened in our lives and in the life of our nation and indeed throughout our troubled world during this year, that we are soon to celebrate once again the greatest story in human history - the story of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. We all know of course about Christmas; we could probably recite the whole story by heart! Is it possible, then, for us to recapture the sense of wonder, excitement and awe experienced by those who witnessed these extraordinary events? At the heart of the story of Jesus' birth is a profound mystery: that the One who spoke the universe into existence became fully human. Emmanuel, God with us, one of the most beautiful names of Jesus first used by Isaiah the prophet, is a name that reveals something about God's very nature and being. The God we believe and trust in and worship, is willing to share our joys and



Mrs Eileen Hall lays the wreath at the act of Remembrance in Drummully Parish Church.

sorrows. In Jesus he comes not only into his creation, but into the hearts of all who are willing to turn to him and believe in his love. So this Christmas as the Carol, "O Come All Ye Faithful" says "O come, let us adore Him Christ the Lord!"

Services in December

Sunday, 5th December 2021– The Second Sunday of Advent

9am: Drummully Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

12 noon: Galloon Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, 12th December 2021 – The Third Sunday of Advent

10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

3pm: Drummully Parish Church a Service of Lessons and Carols.



Chelsey with her wonderfully written poem for Family Service.



Mr George Little laying the wreath at Sallaghy Parish Church.

Sunday, 19th December 2021 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: A Service of Lessons and Carols Family Service

12 noon: Galloon Parish Church: A Service of Lessons and Carols with the Nativity Play.

Friday 24th December 2021 – Christmas Eve

9pm: Sallaghy Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Saturday 25th December 2021 – Christmas Day

10.30am: Galloon Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion. Children are invited to bring a toy with them.

Sunday, 26th December 2021 –The First Sunday of Christmas

10.30am: Drummully Parish Church: (A Group service). Come along and sing your favourite carol.

Services in January 2022

Sunday 2nd January 2022 - The Second Sunday of Christmas

10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: A



Zoe admires one of the beautiful poppy displays arranged by William Little.

Celebration of Holy Communion (Group Service)

Sunday 9th January 2022 - The First Sunday After the Epiphany

Time to be confirmed: Drummully Parish Church: Confirmation Service

Sunday 16th January 2022 - The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Family Service

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Family Service

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Family Service

Sunday 22nd January 2022 - The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th January 2022 - The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

10.30 Galloon Parish Church - Group Service

Remembrance Sunday

An Act of Remembrance was held in Sallaghy and Drummully on 7th November. In Galloon a smaller congregation than usual gathered (due to the COVID-19 restrictions) on Remembrance Sunday as Revd. Lorraine led the service giving thanks for all those who had across the ages been examples of courage and stood up to fight against injustices. Revd. Lorraine was delighted to invite Mr Charles Crawford to preach. Charles delivered an excellent sermon reminding us of the God of the Bible who is a person, eternal and never-changing. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the parish, PSNI and UDR. It was good to have some girls come in their guiding and brownie uniforms. Thanks also to Mr William Little who produced some historical poppy arrangements.

Mothers' Union

Sallaghy Mothers' Union were delighted to meet in the Parish Hall at the end of October after a long break due to Covid 19 restrictions. Sitting socially distanced the ladies were just glad to be able to meet again face-to-face. We held a minute of silence to remember



The baptism for the McMenamin family.

two members who had passed away: Mrs Tish Gardiner and Mrs Margaret Faulkner.

Galloon and Drummully branch of the Mothers' Union are to start back on Saturday 22nd January with an afternoon meeting at 2pm.

From the Registers

BURIAL

Mrs Helen Mary Bradshaw on Wednesday 10th November 2021 in Sallaghy Parish Church. Our sympathy and prayers are with all who have been recently bereaved. We offer our sympathy to Robin on the passing of his dear wife, Helen.

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

Christmas Blessings

To all Diocesan magazine readers, from all at Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully: May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, the worship of the wisemen, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmastide and in 2022.

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.



Attending Kiltyclogher harvest.

Church Services

Sunday 05/12/21

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 12/12/21

Slavin Group Family Nativity service at 11.30am

Sunday 19/12/21

Rev M Desborough Kiltyclogher Carol Service @ 7pm

Friday 24/12/21

Rev M Desborough Christmas Eve with HC in Belleek at 8pm

Saturday 25/12/21

Rev M Desborough Christmas Day HC & FS Garrison @ 9.30am

Sunday 26/12/21

Rev M Desborough Group Service Belleek @ 11.30am



Revd Nigel Kirkpatrick and some members of the All Nations Ministries during their visit to the parishes.

**Normal rota resumes for January 2022
Sunday January 2/1/22**

Garrison @ 10am & Slavin @ 11.30am, both HC

Kiltyclogher Harvest

Kiltyclogher Harvest was held on Sunday 10th October. The church was beautifully decorated and the service was led by Revd. Maureen Desborough. The reading was read by Mark Andrews. Audrey Ovens and Robbie Johnston sang, 'Bringing in the Sheaves' and 'Bountiful Harvest'; they were accompanied by Joy Graham who was the organist.

Visit to Belleek by Rev. Nigel Kirkpatrick and All Nations Ministry

We welcomed Rev. Nigel Kirkpatrick and a group from 'All Nations Ministry' to Belleek on Wednesday 27th October. All Nations Ministries is a Christian organisation which works with refugees and asylum seekers, who have come to Northern Ireland. They seek to provide welcome and support to help settle these people in what is to them a strange land. All of the young people who visited Belleek are from countries where there is war, civil conflict or terrorism, and they all had a very arduous journey to escape

their country and find safety. Living mainly in inner city Belfast, this was their first opportunity to get out of the city and see some of our beautiful country. Firstly, they went to the viewpoint at Lough Navar. Then it was on to the Wark Hall in Belleek for lunch. After lunch, it was down to Belleek Pottery, who had very kindly given them a complimentary tour. Then it was on to Johnston's farm, where Robert and his son Ethan, gave them a tour and spoke about their work. Cattle farming is a big thing in South Sudan and Eritrea and the young people were fascinated to see how it is done here. Thank you to Robert and Ethan for taking time out of their busy schedule to accommodate us. Then it was back to Belfast, tired, but having had such an enjoyable day with the great people of Belleek! A quote from the All Nations Ministry Facebook page, just about sums up the feelings about the day: "A wonderful expression of God's people showing genuine hospitality." A big thank you to Betty and Robert Johnston for setting up the Wark Hall and to Sharon Simms (Kirkpatrick), her daughter, Isabella, and Doreen Earls for organising and providing such a delicious lunch at very short notice, for the visitors from South Sudan, Eritrea, Syria, Kuwait, and Uganda.



Remembrance Sunday

Revd Maureen conducted the service in Belleek church and incorporated a short Act of Remembrance. Garrison church welcomed Canon Johnston who conducted the service and a number of members of the Regimental Association. Richard McClure and Dot Barlow read the lessons. Kevin Barlow laid the poppy wreath in memory of Private Thomas Carson who lost his life in WW1. Richard McClure, accompanied by Mr Wesley Scott laid the wreath in memory of Private Johnny Fletcher. Mr Paul Barton played a piper's lament and Mr Alan Gault read the names of the fallen. Robert Johnston and Audrey Ovens sang a duet entitled "Precious Lord". Audrey read a very apt poem entitled "On Poppy hill"

The retiring collection was donated to the Earl Haig fund.

Mothers' Union

On Tuesday 19th October the MU ladies had their first socially distanced get together in the Wark Hall, Belleek. Mrs Mary Reid, wife of Revd Douglas (retired Methodist minister) was our speaker. She gave a wonderful talk on her interesting



Sunday School Commencement

Sunday schools have decided they will now begin with a Welcome to Sunday school on 16th January 2022.

Holy Matrimony

Cherith Graham and Edward Smith were married in Garrison Parish Church on Saturday 16th October 2021. They appreciated the presence of the former Rector Revd Ngozi Njoku who returned to conduct the marriage service during the vacancy. God's richest blessing to the happy couple who have made their home in London.

life and work around the UK before retiring to Belleek. The ladies are hoping to have a get together and a Christmas meal in the Wark Hall Belleek on Tuesday 7th December.

Thanks during vacancy

Thanks to Canon Alan for his continued supervision and pastoral care during our vacancy. Thanks especially to Revd Maureen Desborough who has taken most of the services in our group and others who have also helped. We pray for God's guidance to our church and Diocesan nominators as we seek to appoint a new Rector in the coming weeks.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone from our group of parishes who have been unwell in hospital or at home in recent weeks. We especially remember and pray for Mrs Eileen Kirkpatrick who is currently in hospital.



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.



Enjoying the wedding of Cherith Graham and Edward Smith.

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Sunday School

Sunday School has now started and the presence of the children has brought a real buzz to the church. We give our sincere thanks to the enthusiasm, skill and commitment of our Superintendent Rachel Elliott, teachers Rosalind Saunderson and Dale Gunn and helper Emma Kettles – see photograph.

Mothers' Union

The first meeting of Mothers' Union under the new leadership of Robena Elliott will take place on Friday, 3rd December 2021 at 6.30pm at the old Benmore Rectory. Like the catering for the heritage open weekend, it will take place under the rather superb barbecue house. The topic will be Christmas Wreaths. Foam rings will be provided at a cost price of £3.50 and some foliage will be available but do bring your



Members of the GFS meeting again.

own as well if possible. Refreshments will be available and the fire will be lit. BUT PLEASE WRAP UP WARM! Maybe bring a hot water bottle! The early birds get a seat by the open fire. The MU is so grateful to Clare and Jason Palmer, Jessie and Zac for their continuing warm welcome to the church.

Gift Day and Harvest Envelopes

Many thanks to those who have given so generously.

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

Many thanks as usual to Laura and Eddie Rogers who facilitate this yearly collection.

Samaritan's Purse

Many thanks to Eileen Cutler who facilitates this amazing ministry to children in need.

GFS

GFS has started up again! This is a wonderful ministry to the girls in our parish and community. We are so grateful to all the leaders who guide our girls into Godly womanhood.

Christingle Service on Sunday, 12th December at 11.30am.

Bring an orange for each person.

Children's Christmas Service

This will take place on Sunday, 19th December at 11.30am.

Carols by Candlelight on Sunday, 19th December at 7.00pm

This will be in the church as usual with the



GFS members at their outside meeting.

choir taking part – a welcome back after lockdown. Following the service in the church, Clare and Jason Palmer have invited us to enjoy seasonal refreshments at the old rectory. Those who are able can leave their cars in the church carpark and stroll up the winding avenue guided by candlelit. Up at the rectory, Church Hill band will lead a selection of seasonal music. All are welcome! Those unable to walk can drive their cars up to the rectory. The elderly and unwell get to sit closest to the fire! Wrap up well and bring blankets and hot water bottles.

Christmas Eve (Friday, 24th December)

Holy Communion at 11pm.

Christmas Day (Saturday, 25th December)



Holy Communion at 10.30am.

First Sunday of Christmas, 26th December

Service of the Word for Christmas at 11.30am.

Burial Register

■ 31st October 2021 - Olive Jane Beatty, Erne Terrace, Derrygonnelly.

■ 2nd November 2021 - Catherine (Katie) Byers, Dromore, Derrygonnelly.

■ 20th November 2021 - Mabel Florence Ferguson, Glenlevan Road, Derrygonnelly.

condolences to the family and friends of the late Olive Beatty, the late Katie Byers and the late Mabel Ferguson.



Pantomime

Due to the ongoing ramifications and uncertainty of Covid 19, the parish pantomime has now been postponed again! See you CHRISTMAS 2022 for the best panto ever!

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Is it time for a New-Norm Christmas?

Journeying through Advent and Christmas can awaken within many of us distant rose-tinted memories of Decembers past. The snow was deeper, lay longer, looked whiter, it was colder and yet by the fireside never felt so warm and welcoming. Many, but I am aware, not all, think of Advent and



A snowy scene with the spire of Christ Church Parish, Trillick in the foreground.



A snowy scene with the spire of Kilskeery Parish Church in the foreground.

Christmas with warm fuzzy feelings. The famous evangelist D. L. Moody once stated that "Christmas was a son away from home." For Moody, Christmas was about separation, leaving family behind, it was about leaving home-comforts behind for a make-do horse-trough-come cot; it was about stepping into hurt and pain; it was about darkness and not light; it was about reaching out with love even if that outstretched hand, at that first Christmas could only grasp the little finger on his mother's hand. The revolution had begun.

What would the landscape of our world look like today if Jesus had never been born? Did he really make that much of a difference? Would anyone really expect our world to be different today if Jesus had never have lived? Certainly, and for starters, there would never have been a Christmas to celebrate, nor a church building to celebrate in, or carols to celebrate with...and that is just the beginning. For over two billion Christians who follow the teachings and example of Jesus today, life would be really different without him in their lives. Some might tell stories of feeling lost in life but discovering a time when they found Jesus and in so doing found themselves. Others might speak of finding themselves in a corner or dark place in life, whether through heartache, illness, addiction, bereavement, depression, failure and many others things, and discovering that there was a real person called Jesus who reached out and connected with their hearts hurts and needs and showed them that faith in him established a solid foundation to build their broken lives upon, with hope and love and even joy. I wonder if it is time to think bigger and wider about Christmas. Is it too much about me and my wants and my comfort and my happiness and my Christmas list in my house? Could it or should it be more in the same vain as that first Christmas when "God so loved the world that he gave his Son"? Should Christmas be more about God's people, his hands and his feet and his voice and his body, being sent into dark uncomfortable places to demonstrate love in action and not just through money licked into a charitable envelope? Maybe it's time to take off pressed suits and dresses and fashion and put on the work clothes and go into the world – during Advent and Christmas – and be Jesus to those who need him most.

Curry Night

At the end of October, the parish of Christ Church, Trillick organised a socially distanced Curry Night for parishioners and invited guests. Strictly speaking, there were other things on the menu too, from Shepherd's Pie,



Parishioners enjoying their curry night.

sausages and chips and apple pie with ice-cream, accompanied by the usual tea, coffee and a biscuit or three. Towards the end of the evening after excellent food, fantastic service and good conversation we enjoyed a bit of a quiz. Many thanks go to the team who put it all together behind the scenes and made it run so smoothly on the night!

Senior Citizen's Group

It has been a blessing to have our Senior Citizen's Group up and going on Tuesday afternoons. As restrictions ease and we all get more accustomed to how best we can manage the restrictions in place, meeting together is becoming something we are more comfortable doing. The Senior Citizen's Group is good for mental health and social isolation, a great place to chat and get a hot cup of tea or coffee and reconnect with those friends that you may not have been able to catch up with for quite a while. We look forward to it going from strength to strength once again.

Shoe Box Appeal

We know that it is more blessed to give than to receive and so it is a great blessing to be able to participate in the Shoe Box Appeal each year. A big thank you to all who so generously took a shoe box and returned it filled and on time and although we may never know the details of who received it nor how it was received we have filled a box with gifts and love and we pray that all who

are presented with our gifts will be richly blessed by God through them.

Weekly times and dates

- Sundays** - Christ Church Parish, Trillick at 10:30am; Kilskeery Parish Church at 11:45am
- Mondays** - Girls' Brigade at 6:30 – 8:00pm in Kilskeery Youth Hall
- Tuesdays** - Senior Citizen's Group at 2:00pm in Kilskeery Youth Hall
- Wednesdays** - Fellowship Group at 8:00pm (alternating between parishes)
- Thursdays** - Prayer Meeting at 9:00am (alternating between parishes)

December diary dates

- Thursday 2nd** - A Service of Confirmation at 8:00pm in Kilskeery Parish Church
- Sunday 5th** - Family Advent Communion Service in Trillick & Kilskeery
- Wednesday 8th** - Carols by Candlelight in Christ Church, Trillick
- Saturday 11th** - Messy Christmas Family Party at 3:30pm in Kilskeery Youth Hall - Switching on of the Kilskeery Christmas Lights at 5:30pm
- Sunday 12th** - Advent Carol Service in Christ Church, Trillick at 10:30am
- Monday 13th** - Mother's Union Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 15th** - Carols by Candlelight at 8:00pm in Kilskeery Parish Church
- Saturday 18th** - Christmas Movie Night at 7:30pm in Kilskeery Youth Hall
- Sunday 19th** - Advent Carol Service in Kilskeery Parish Church at 11:45am
- Friday 24th** - Christmas Eve Communion Service at 11:15pm in Christ Church, Trillick
- Saturday 25th** - Christmas Day Communion Services in Christ Church, Trillick at 9:00am & Kilskeery Parish Church at 10:30am
- Sunday 26th** - Boxing Day Christmas Service.



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.**

Services for Christmas

19th December: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11.00am: Lisbellaw: Children's Christmas Service

7.00pm: Lisbellaw: Carol Service

24th December: Christmas Eve

11.00pm: Coolbuck (Derryclavin): First Communion of Christmas

25th December: Christmas Day

10.30am: Lisbellaw: Holy Communion

26th December: The First Sunday of Christmas

11.00am: Lisbellaw: Morning Prayer

From the Revd Colin

The season of Advent has arrived, a season when we eagerly look forward to what is to come and prepare ourselves for it. Normally, the coming of Christ at Christmas is our only focus. This Advent there are some other good things to look forward to that I would like to mention.

Firstly, it was my privilege to announce on Sunday 14th November that a new rector has been appointed for Lisbellaw with Coolbuck. He is the Revd William Jeffrey



Attending the Remembrance Sunday service.

and he will be coming to Lisbellaw with his wife Alison. No date for his institution has been set but we would hope that he will be able to take up post early in 2022.

I have enjoyed my period of providing cover in Lisbellaw but the parish is a large one and a full-time rector is necessary to support it. It was always the plan that my stay would only be temporary but I wish to record that it has been a pleasure to work with the team over this past period. Thank you all for your help. This last year has been full with a mixture of events and it has been good to return to in-church worship on a weekly basis. There were also baptisms, a wedding and sadly a number of funerals. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who were bereaved. We pray you will be comforted. The other good thing is that on the 18th of November, nine candidates will be confirmed in the church and we look forward to these new church members taking up their places in our congregation. Sadly, one candidate has been prevented by the Covid-19 virus from attending and we pray for her and her family while

they recover. I hope to be able to make arrangements for this candidate to be confirmed as soon as is practical.

Then, of course there will be Christmas. At the time of writing, we are hoping to hold a Children's Carol Service in the church on December 19th, and a Service of Holy Communion on Christmas morning. We also hope to have a Holy Communion service for the Coolbuck folk during the week before Christmas - probably in the Derryclavin Orange Hall. As we build up to the festive season Olive and I extend to all of the parishioners our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Revd. Colin

Baptisms

There were two baptisms during October. On the afternoon of Sunday 24th October, Euan Keys, baby son of Gary and Victoria and younger brother of Reuben and Garvin was baptised by the Revd Colin in Coolbuck.

A week later, on the afternoon of Sunday 31st October, Isla Elizabeth Irvine, baby



Baptism for the Keys family in Coolbuck conducted by Revd Colin Brownsmith.



The Irvine family at the baptism service with Revd Colin Brownsmith.



A Remembrance floral arrangement.

daughter of Mark and Donna was also baptised - in Lisbellaw Parish Church by the Revd. Colin. We wish both young families every happiness and continued blessings in the years ahead.

Confirmation

At the time of writing it is hoped that on Thursday evening, 18th November a Service of Confirmation for nine of our young people will be conducted in church by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd. Dr Ian Ellis, assisted by the Revd. Colin Brownsmith. Please continue to remember in your prayers, Eva, Leah, Lucy, Zara, Callum, Jay, James, Luke and Mark as they will have



John Orr.

publicly confirmed the promises made for them by their parents at their baptism. May each one of them know the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. At the time of writing it is hoped that Confirmation Preparation Classes for the young people in Year 10 will begin next year.

Remembrance Sunday

Once again there was just one service in Lisbellaw on Remembrance Sunday. Unfortunately the children and young people were not yet able to join us, but we were delighted that a small number of veterans were present, and able to take part. Warmest thanks to all who were involved - to the Revd Colin and Lynda as always, to David Walker, John and Thomas Orr and Alan Moutray from the Lisbellaw Veterans' Group and to Grace who played

the Last Post and Reveille. Finally, thanks to Ronnie who enabled the service to be successfully relayed to the Parish Centre, where a number of parishioners had gathered.

New Rector

The parishioners of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck were delighted to learn at the end of the Remembrance Sunday Service that a new rector had been appointed, following a meeting of the Board of Nomination. All being well, the Revd. William Jeffrey, currently curate in St. Mark's Parish Church in Ballymacash, Lisburn will be instituted early in 2022. We look forward eagerly to the beginning of new chapter in the life and work of the parish. We thank sincerely the Revd Colin Brownsmith for his ministry during the vacancy and wish him and his wife Olive, God's richest blessing in the years ahead.



The new Rector appointed, Revd William Jeffrey.

Lisnaskea



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Services for December

Wednesday 1st
8:00pm Confirmation
Sunday 5th
10:30am Holy Communion
7:30pm Confirmation
Sunday 12th
10:30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 19th
10:30am Carol Service
Friday 24th
8:00pm Holy Communion
Archdale Centre
Saturday 25th
10:00am Holy Communion
Trinity Hall
Sunday 26th
10:30am Morning Prayer

January
Sunday 2nd
10:30am Holy Communion
Sunday 9th

10:30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 16th
10:30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 23rd
10:30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 30th
10:30am Morning Prayer

At present the service on Christmas Eve is planned for meeting in the Archdale Centre and the Christmas Day service is planned for meeting in the Trinity Hall.

How do you picture things?

Picture things...?
Now what do I mean?
How do you see things...?
How do you dream...?
How do you use your imagination...?
As I was lying in bed this morning
I started to think about this...
I pictured myself...
I saw myself...

I imagined myself...

At the church, in Lisnaskea
Holy Trinity Church, Lisnaskea. The Church
of Ireland, church to be exact...

And as you leave the church through the
main gates (Assuming, of course, that you
are in a car) you must drive straight ahead.
You cannot turn right, as that is a one-way
street and so is not an option.

As you drive straight ahead you come to a
Y - junction. Turn right which leads into Main
Street or turn left towards Derrylin.

If you do turn left towards Derrylin you have
the option to almost immediately turn right
which also leads to the Main Street, at a
small roundabout.

If you are now at this roundabout you have
three options:

One - turn right, up the Main Street, back in
the direction of the church

Two - turn left and down the Main Street
towards the end of the town or

Three - perform a U-turn and head back
towards Derrylin

As I choose option Two, I head past the
Christian Bookshop which is on my left and
then a side-road on my right which leads
up a hill to the Doctors' surgery and on for
about half a mile to another roundabout.

Here I have another three options:

One - turn left towards Maguiresbridge

Two - turn right towards Brookeborough

Or three - make a U-turn and head back up
the Main Street

EVERYONE...

Has been on a journey with me, even if you



do NOT live in Lisnaskea.

Some may even have turned to Google
Maps just to CHECK my description...

But for those who have followed with me on
my journey...

You HAVE been able to SEE where I have
GONE...

And yet as I said earlier...

"As I was lying in bed, this morning"

All of the above took place in my mind...

In my imagination...

"Then He taught them many things by
parables, and said to them in His teaching:"

(Mark 4:2)

Jesus spoke and taught by parables...

And a "parable" is a story, a picture which
involves you using your imagination

We ALL do this and use this

You may think that you don't but YOU DO...

We ALL do...

Some people may want to dismiss this as
being "childish" but THIS is how we ALL
think

So as you listen to Jesus or as you READ

His parables, ALLOW your imagination to

"take you there"...

See YOURSELF in the story Jesus is telling...

And PICTURE yourself there

And LET the Bible SPEAK to you...

Magheracross



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Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday in Ballinamallard
was a quiet and solemn occasion. The
Royal British Legion personnel attended
the Methodist Church and were also
represented in the Parish Church. Victor

McKenzie led the Act of Remembrance and
David Fyffe played the Last Post. Wreaths
were laid by Kenny Fisher (Scouts), Rita
Stewart (GFS), Julie Heatherington (People's
Churchwarden) and Victor McKenzie (British
Legion). Wreaths were also received from
the Orange Lodge, the Methodist Church
and Girls' Brigade.

Confirmation

On November 21st, at a special evening
service, Bishop Ian confirmed 17 candidates.
These were Kyle Cadden, Reece Clarke,
Charlie Clendenning, Maria Elliott,
William Graham, Anna Johnston, George
Kernaghan, Andrew Kerr, Jacob McBrien,
Dylan McCleery, Max McCormick, Lucy
Patton, Ben Robinson, Lucy Robinson, Dylan
Seaney, Holly Wallace, and Andrew Wray.

Christmas and New Year

Christmas has now appeared suddenly on
our agenda. It is our intention to hold three
services over the Christmas weekend.
On Christmas Eve we will celebrate Holy
Communion at 11.15pm and then again on

Christmas morning at 8.30am and 10am.
There will also be the usual two services on
Boxing Day at 9.30am and 11am.
On January 1st, the New Year will be
welcomed with the usual Sunday services.

Family Service

Sunday School has yet to re-commence
but we are dedicating the 11am service
on December 12th as a Family Service for
parents and children. This will be repeated
on 9th January with guest preacher, Alistair
McFarland.

*We wish a very peaceful and safe
Christmas to all our fellow worshippers
across the diocese.*



Magheraculmoney



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Harvest

We had a wonderful weekend of harvest celebrations and thank everyone involved in decorating the church (please see photographs). On Friday 15th, Revd Andrew Quill joined us and we celebrated a lively service for Harvest. Bishop Ian Ellis led the Sunday Harvest Service on 17th October 2021. He reflected on the human trait of dissatisfaction and how the only way to fulfil that void is through Jesus (the 'bread of life').

Sunday

Worship Gathering: 11.00am
Children's Church (age 4+) to P7 up to and including 12th December 2021 (returns 9th January 2022).

Monday

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Ranger Guides at The Fountain Centre (dates/times as per leaders).

Wednesday

Wednesday Prayer - 10.00 - 11.00am at The Fountain Centre.
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at The Fountain



Centre (see 1st Magheraculmoney Scouts Facebook page for dates and times).

Christmas Day Dinner

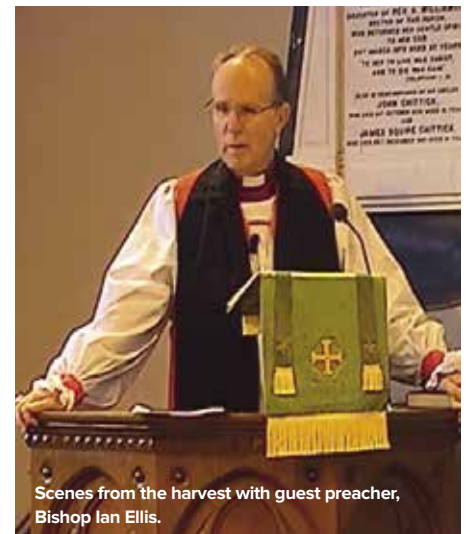
We invite you to join us at 12.00 Noon for Christmas Day Dinner when we will be enjoying all the full trimmings of Christmas dinner, guitar and singing entertainment with non-alcoholic mulled wine.

If you (or anyone you know) may wish to join us, please contact Violet O'Riordan 028 6863 2477 or 07871 754 695 or Glenn Johnston on 07921 399 874 BEFORE FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2021 to book. (Covid regulations will be in place.) If you wish to have Christmas dinner delivered (Ederney, Kesh, Lack and Pettigo areas), please contact Alan Crawford 07968 189 563 BEFORE FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2021 to book. This will be DELIVERED ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

There is no charge for either of the above.

Christmas Services

Updates on Ardess Parish Church Facebook page.



Scenes from the harvest with guest preacher, Bishop Ian Ellis.



Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



Services and pastoral cover by:
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The Season of Advent

Sunday 28th November will be the first Sunday of the church's new year. It is also the beginning of the four-week season of Advent that brings us into Christmas. Advent/Christmas is a season of anticipation, of hope, and of remembering God made flesh in Jesus Christ. As it was last year the coronavirus pandemic is still very much with us, and we all still face uncertainty going forward into the new year of (2022)

As we prepare to celebrate the 'certainty' of the coming to earth of our Lord and Saviour, as a baby born in a stable at Bethlehem, and anticipate his second return to earth as judge of all mankind is there a more fitting opportunity for all of us to contemplate our own mortality? The Advent season is about hope. Jesus Christ is that hope! He is the Word made flesh, and we look forward to, and prepare ourselves for, his coming again in glory. In these uncertain times we have every reason to rejoice in the certain hope that one day we will meet him face to face when he comes to judge the living and the dead. As we go forward into 2022, where so much is unknown, let us cling to the hope that is found in our 'Risen Christ' and is a hope above all other.

"Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the



Bishop Ian Ellis and Revd Abraham Storey with the confirmation candidates.

last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever". (Advent Collect p241 BCP)

Worship during December (2021)

Sunday 5th December

Holy Communion, Christchurch Parish Church Maguiresbridge at 10.30am.

Sunday 12th December

Holy Communion, St. Michael's Parish Church Derrybrusk at 12.00 noon.

Sunday 19th December

Family Service in both churches with Sunday School children taking part in Lessons and Carols.

Thursday 23rd December

Joint Holy Communion for senior parishioners (who wish to attend) in Parish Hall Maguiresbridge at 2.30pm.

December 24th (Christmas Eve)

Holy Communion Maguiresbridge at 9.30pm.

December 24th (Christmas Eve)

Holy Communion Derrybrusk at 11.30pm.
Christmas Day Holy Communion Maguiresbridge at 9.30am.
Christmas Day Holy Communion

Derrybrusk at 10.45am.

Sunday 26th December (St. Stephen's day)

Joint Service Christchurch Parish Church Maguiresbridge at 10.30am.

(All those who prefer Christmas

Communion at home, please contact the churchwardens of both Parish Churches as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made for home visits).

We return to normal church times on Sunday 2nd January 2022.

Confirmation

We enjoyed a wonderful and meaningful time of worship on Thursday evening 11th November, when Bishop Ellis confirmed 11 young people who choose to make a further commitment to the Christian journey that began with their baptism.

Christian Burial

Cecil John Chartres who passed away on 3 November was buried in St Michael's Churchyard, Derrybrusk, 6 November 2021.

New Rector

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Revd Lindsey Farrell as our new rector for Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk parishes, along with her husband Keith and their three children Grace, Emily, and Harry.

Message of Christmas

The select vestries of both parishes and I, wish everyone a Christ-filled Christmas, and a blessed new year, we also thank all of you for your encouragement and support in what has been another difficult and strange year for all of us. May the love of God surround you, the light of Christ go before you, and the Holy Spirit guide you, along with those whom you love, in 2022. *Yours in Christ. Abraham.*



Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

12th December

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

12.15pm Ballinode

19th December

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

12.15pm Kilmore Harvest Service

Christmas Day

9am Ballinode Traditional Holy Communion

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

All Age Communion

26th December

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

2nd January

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

12.15pm Kilmore

9th January

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

12.15pm Ballinode

16th January

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

12.15pm Kilmore Harvest Service

23rd January

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

12.15pm Ballinode

30th January

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

Christian Services Arrangement

Even as I type these notes there is the potential for COVID restrictions to increase with news that the Cabinet are meeting tomorrow to consider what needs to be done as cases increase.

The restrictions do make it hard to plan and to organise what we might have hoped to be able to do in Advent and Christmas. This is all the more frustrating as what restrictions apply do seem to vary between the church denominations. So the service arrangements above are subject to some change but these will be announced in church and on our Facebook page.

Drive-in carol service

Last year we came together with churches

in the town for a drive-in Carol Service and we are planning to do the same this year. It will take place on the night of 12th December. At the minute we are still finalising the venue and time.

In the days leading up to the service (8th-10th December) the Faith Mission Gospel Truck will be at the retail park, beside the cinema on the Clones Road between 10am and 5.30pm.

You can find more information about the truck here <https://faithmission.org/gospeltruck/>

Death of Former Rector

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Revd Bertram Livingston, who was Rector of our Group of Parishes from 1979 to 1985.

We extend prayerful sympathy to his wife Mary and daughters Sandra, Helen, Gail and the wider Family circle.

Monaghan Collegiate School Prizeday

This was held in St. Patrick's Church on Friday 22nd October and the guest speaker was Bishop Ian Ellis.

We congratulate all those who received prizes or awards for academic achievements particularly those from our Group of Parishes. Due to Covid restrictions numbers were limited and refreshments could not be served.

Illness

Prayer is requested for all those from our group who are ill at home or in hospital and those in residential care and their families.

Confirmation Classes

These continue each Tuesday at 6.45pm. We are working our way through the "I believe" course from the Church of Ireland Youth Department. Please remember the candidates in prayer.

Bible Study

Bible study continues on Wednesday at 8pm. It is available on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stpatsmonaghan, please feel free to join us.

St Patricks Hall

The Hall has received a much-needed coat of paint. The floor needs to be sanded and revarnished and tenders are currently being obtained for this. We express grateful thanks to our community Employment scheme supervisor Mr Kevin Clarke and the participants for a job well done. We would like also express our appreciation to Mrs Elizabeth Murphy for coordinating the work.

Parish Finances

In order to facilitate the preparation of the parish accounts, the Treasurer would appreciate if all donations for the following Weekly Envelopes/Plate collection could be in as soon as possible.

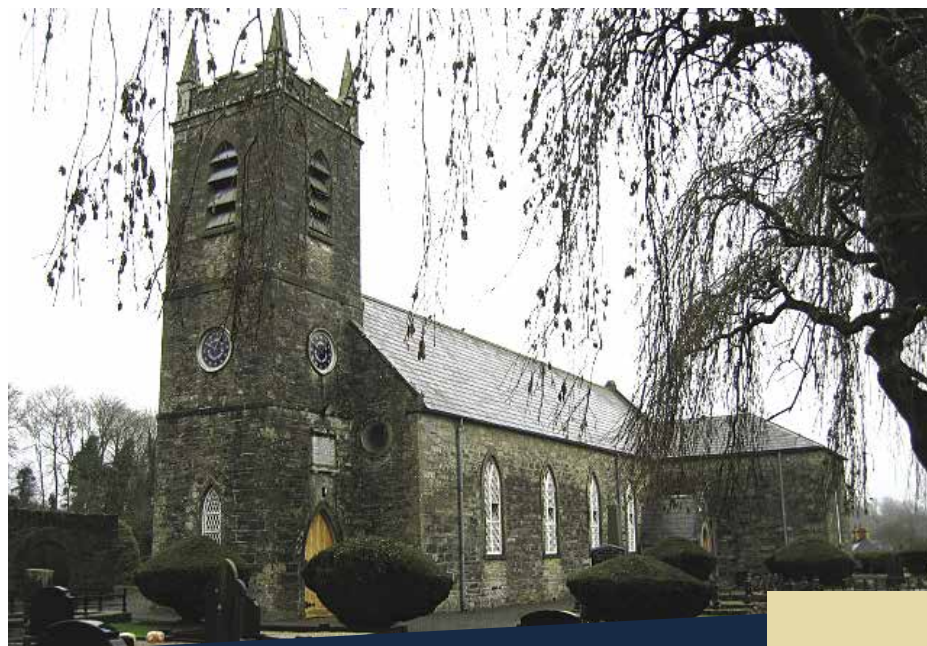
- Easter offering
- Co Monaghan Church of Ireland Childrens' society
- Harvest Appeal
- Autumn Sale
- Irish Poppy appeal
- Bishops Appeal

Department of Employment and Social Protection Community Employment Scheme

The end of another year is fast approaching and we express grateful thanks to our Supervisors Ms Elaine Gunn O'Connor and Mr Kevin Clarke and all the participants for work carried out at various locations during the year.

Christmas Greetings

We wish all members of our Group of Parishes and the wider Community a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and New year.



Rossorry

Vacant

Dean Kenneth Hall is in charge

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Mrs Sue Hogg & Mrs Joan Nelson

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

Parish Development Project

Good news! After a prolonged planning process involving the Heritage Service, agreement has been reached and Full Planning Permission for the Stables development has now been granted. Permission for the development of The Parish Hall was granted a few months ago.

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 & 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 caving group sharing a meal in the hall.

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."

The Advice was updated on 18th October by the Archbishop's Office and Bishop Ellis wrote –

"Dear Colleagues, Please find attached the latest COVID-19 restrictions update from the Archbishop's office for parishes in NI. There is a good deal of information here that Rectors and Select Vestries will have to consider and reflect upon carefully before making decisions. It is a move in a positive direction, however it is what might be described as a cautious and steady approach"

In response to this the Select Vestry has approved the reopening of the Hall with appropriate safeguards in place and will continue to review arrangements within the Church (retaining the 2 metre Social Distancing for the present).

- 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.
- Mother & Baby exercise class started in November.
- Rossorry Wednesday Club—date to be delayed for a couple of months.
- Pilates Class began on Fri. 15th October – 11am to 12 noon.

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.

Confirmation

Confirmation for the candidates who were under instruction when the classes were interrupted by Covid regulations took place on Wednesday 27th October 2021 at 7pm.

The five Candidates, were ably prepared by Mrs Carol Livingstone (Sunday School Superintendent), accompanied by family groups and the Service of Confirmation was celebrated with a Service of Holy Communion by The Bishop of Clogher, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian Ellis.

This was a proud day for our young people, Adam, Annabelle, Ellen, Toby and Tristan and we wish them well in their Christian journey through life.





Above left, some cave formations and above right, cavers training.



Another visit from ‘the Cavers’

Ulster Speleological Society and Caving Club – USSCC have been visitors to Rossorry for a couple of years now, staying in our Parish Hall and joining us for worship. Like everyone else they were affected by Covid restrictions last year, but now that things are improving, they joined us again at the end of October 2021 and will be back at the end of November.



They are a happy bunch, and we love to see them visiting.

If this is a sport you might be interested in you can find out more at the link below and contact them.

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=942055099719889&id=100017462235699&sfnsn=scwspmo

Samaritan’s Purse Shoeboxes

The Samaritan’s Purse shoeboxes were collected and donated to send off to children all round the world who can expect nothing at Christmas, apart from the gift of a shoebox, “full of treasure”, from a kind Christian like yourselves.

Gifts were dedicated at the Service of Morning Prayer in Church on Sunday 21th November 2021 (Mission Sunday) taken by Mrs Mr Walter Pringle.

Remembrance Sunday

Our Service of Remembrance took place in Church on Sunday 14th November 2021. Mr. Kenneth Rutledge (Diocesan Reader) led the Service, with our Parish Readers, Mrs. Sarah Maguire and Mr. Nick Hambly, who read the names of the Fallen and assisted in the Service.

Wreaths were laid by Mr William Faulkner (UDR Assoc.), Mr Ivan Bleakley (The Parish),



Mrs Avril Armstrong (Rossorry Guides) and Mr Garry Clarke (Rossorry Scouts).

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



Revd John Woods, Rural Dean and Bishop Ian Ellis with the Confirmation candidates.



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.

Please note that the Parish Financial Year ends on the 31st December 2021 – so it is important that you catch up on any missed envelopes by the year end.

Again, many thanks to all those who have sent in envelopes and who have gone out of their way to make sure they kept up to date

The Parish Office

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

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

Email: - rossorryoffice@btinternet.com

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 December 2021

In Church and online

Sunday 5th December

10.00am – Holy Communion.

Sunday 12th December

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Sunday 19th December

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Friday 24th December

10.00pm – Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Saturday 25th December

10.00am – Christmas Day Holy Communion

Sunday 26th December

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Services for January 2022

Sunday 2nd January

10.00am – Holy Communion.

Sunday 9th January

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Sunday 16th January

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Sunday 23rd January

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Sunday 30th January

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

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

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

Parish Register

BAPTISMS

■ HASSARD, Theo William, infant son of Richard and Janette, who was Christened at Rossorry Church on Saturday 16th October 2021, by the Very Revd. Kenneth Hall, Dean of Clogher, who is looking after Pastoral matters during the Vacancy.

■ BUCHANAN, Sebastian Cody James, baby son of David and Cairiona, who was Christened at Rossorry Church on Sunday 17th October 2021, by the Very Revd. Kenneth Hall, Dean of Clogher, who is looking after Pastoral matters during the Vacancy.

May they grow in the faith in which they have been baptized.

BEREAVEMENTS

■ BONHAM, Diane (nee Marston), beloved wife of the late Ronald (Ron), who passed away on 31st October 2021 at Millcroft Nursing Home and formerly of Derrylin. Subject to Covid restrictions, a service took place at 11.00am on Wednesday 3rd

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

■ BRACKEN, Cain Moffat, (still born) on 29th October 2021 at South West Acute Hospital, infant son of Andrew and Tara. Subject to Covid restrictions, a service of interment took place at 12.30pm on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at Rossorry Parish Church Churchyard. Dean Hall officiated.

■ RICHARDSON, William Forster, of Loughshore Road, Enniskillen, beloved husband of Lorna, who passed away at South West Acute Hospital on Thursday 4th November after an illness. Subject to Covid restrictions, a service took place at 2.00pm on Saturday 6th November 2021 at Rossorry Parish Church followed by interment at

Rossorry Parish Churchyard. Dean Hall officiated.

■ FIVEY, Elizabeth Margaret Anona (nee Boylan), beloved wife of Gerry, (suddenly) at the South West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen on Friday 5th November 2021, late of Windmill Road, Enniskillen. Subject to Covid restrictions, a service took place at 1.00pm on Monday 8th November 2021 at Rossorry Parish Church followed by interment at Rossorry Parish Churchyard. Dean Hall officiated.

■ STUART, Phyllis Eveline, (nee Bradshaw), peacefully at Millcroft Nursing Home, on November 9th 2021, formerly of Glendale, Mullylogan, Enniskillen, beloved wife of the late Basil. Subject to Covid restrictions, a service took place at 12.00 noon on Friday

12th November 2021 at Rossorry Parish Church followed by interment at Rossorry Parish Churchyard, in the family plot. Dean Hall officiated.

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

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Baptisms

17/10/21 Isaac Simon Samuel Prescott, son of Simon and Louise Prescott Camgart Road, Clabby.

31/10/21 Sam Jackson Hunter son David and Jill Hunter Tullyreagh Road, Tempo.

Clabby Fundraising

Thank you to those who organised the Family Fun Walk on 6th November and to those who helped as marshals at the event and finally those who attended and took part on the day. The total was £370 towards Church Funds.

Clabby Tractor Run

This takes place on Saturday, 11th December. Registration from 9am departing at 10am. Proceeds towards Church Funds. For any further details contact Mr. Jim Monteith 0288921167 or mobile no. 07751803660. All tractors vintage or modern welcome.

Christmas Services

Carol Services Sunday 19th December at the usual morning services times.

Christmas Eve Tempo 10.30pm.

Christmas Day Clabby 10.30am. Children with Santa toys welcome.

Loose collections at all these services towards the work of Bishops Appeal Fund.

General Vestry Register

The register will be open during the month of January to those who are aged 18 years and over and have paid at least £50 in the previous year and are eligible to sign the necessary forms to become members of the General Vestry. This enables people to vote should it be necessary at the Annual General Vestry meeting. Also it is the only means by which a person can serve on the Select Vestry.

Mothers' Union

It is planned to hold a branch meeting on Tuesday 11th January at 8pm in Tempo Church Hall. It will be a service of Holy Communion.

Tempo Table Quiz

It is planned to hold this event on Thursday 10th February at 8pm in Tempo Church Hall. This will be held in accordance with the Covid rules at the time. Everyone welcome.

Confirmation 2022

Confirmation Classes have already commenced for the young people we hope to be able to present at a Confirmation Service in Clabby Parish Church on Thursday 17th February at 7.30pm. Please pray for the following young people that they understand what confirmation means and with their lips and lives that trust in Christ sincerely and with true faith alone seek the follow, love, obey and serve Him all

their lives: Arianna, Beth, Eden, Leah, Mollie, Naomi, Sophie R, Sophie McD, Joseph, Reece and Sam.

Remembrance Services

In Clabby there was a good turn-out of our Scout Group. The Scout Group took part in the Service; The Squirrel Leader Mrs. Leanne Beavers-McAdam and Scout Ewan Stronge read the Scripture passages. Layla Rea and Katie Ellison saying Poems on Remembrance themes.

Prayers were read by Freya Ellis, Jacob Ellison and Scott Little. Thanks to Mrs. Ann Bloomfield for providing a recording of the Last Post and Reveille as the usual person was not available. Thank you to Sarah Armstrong and Nikki Livingstone for looking after playing the recording. Thanks to Ryan Crawford for playing the organ.

Our special thanks to the Scout Group for making a Poppy Display in the welcome of the Church. This is received a lot of favourable comments.

Tempo

Thanks to Mollie White for reading the scripture passage and to Mia White for reading a Remembrance poem, also to Sarah Armstrong for playing the recording of the Last Post and the Reveille. Thank you to Carole Graham for playing the organ. Thank you to all who laid all the wreaths in each Church.

New

As we journey through the darker days and long nights of winter we are all looking forward to the brighter days in the new year. A new year speaks to us all of new opportunities, new experiences maybe even new desires and new year resolutions. The Bible speaks about this word new, but in the context of our relationship with God

and Christ and God's new eternal Kingdom one day. The prophet Ezekiel speaking God's message to the people of Israel, promising their return says "I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them: I will remove from them their heart of stone and give a heart of flesh" (11:19) Their hearts will have total love and loyalty to God. They will no longer have hard cold hearts towards God, but soft warm hearts. This will be done by a new spirit, the Holy Spirit living in their lives.

Again Ezekiel says to a restored, renewed Israel "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh". The emphasis is on the word new. God does the work of making the Nation new on their repentance, restoration, return and renewal.

The reference is to the work of the Holy Spirit. This work is his work in the life of the individual.

Paul describes the Christian as being someone who is made new in Christ and the sinful having passed away. "Therefore is anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come, the old has gone, the new is here". In the Book of Revelation John's vision of Heaven and Earth is full of the theme new. In Chapter 21 we read "Then I saw a new earth, for the first Heaven and the first Heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy city, the new Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven from God (21: 1-2)

This is a great majestic picture of the end of time when as the voice of God said "I am making all things new". It looks forward to a new restored, perfect world on the return of Christ. A time when as Paul says in



Clabby Parish Church - Scout Remembrance Display.

Romans 8 : 19 "For creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed, in verse 21 he says creation looks forward to its liberation "from bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the Children of God".

John describes God's new Kingdom as a place where "there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away (Rev 21:4)

The whole gospel is found in these passages Christ has come, died and rose again. By his finished work on the cross we who respond to the convicting work of the Holy Spirit and repent and confess of our

sins are forgiven in Christ. We become a new person, receive a new nature (Christ's) in our lives. Our hard, cold, divided hearts are made new soft, warm and undivided in Christ.

Advent reminds us of both the first and second coming of Christ and in the words of Hebrews (9:28) 'Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many, and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him".

A simple message be ready for Christ's return to be sure now you are a new creation in Christ.

Trory and Killadeas



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Confirmation

Congratulations to the 10 young people from our parishes who were confirmed on Wednesday 10th November by Bishop Ferran Glenfield. Thanks also go to Bishop Ferran for graciously agreeing to stand in at the last minute, and Bishop Ian for arranging his cover.

Advent and Christmas

After being 'out of building' for so much of last winter, as far as is possible, this year we hope to have a 'traditional Christmas' with midweek services, nativity plays and carols all back inside our buildings.

There are a few changes to the usual timetable of services during December. Please check the dates below, or the announcement sheets in Church to make

sure you are at the right place at the right time, especially the closer to Christmas we get.

There is an additional service on Sunday 5th December in Trory at 6pm. This is an Advent carol service, which is also the switch-on event for the Trory village Christmas Lights. This will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Please feel free to join us as we hear readings and hymns which tell of the journey from darkness to the light, culminating with a reminder of that light in our village and in our lives with the Christmas lights, and church star.

Advent midweek services this year will be every Wednesday in Advent at 7pm and will be both in person at St Michael's Trory, and live streamed on the parish Facebook page.

The theme for this year is 'characters of the nativity.'

Although all services are being held in Trory, these services are for parishioners of both Trory and Killadeas. St. Michael's just happened to have the signal to be able to live stream the services. Although being live streamed, we are most 'Church' when we are the gathered body of Christ. Please try and attend these services in person if you can.

Nativity

There will be a 'full congregation nativity' in both parishes on 12th December.

For this, everyone in church will be playing a character, and everyone from nine days old to 99 years old is asked to get involved before and during the service. If you are comfortable doing so, please come dressed in a costume representing one of the nativity characters. Be as inventive as you like.

Don't worry, the rector has not lost hold of his senses. You only join in as much as you want. There is no necessity to dress up, but even if you would like to be part of the fun in an understated way, perhaps wear a woollen jumper and be a sheep for the morning, or wear leather shoes and be a cow in the stable, or wear a sparkly necklace or top, and be the guiding star. The choice is up to you.

Sunday School and Young People

Huge thanks go out yet again to Mandelle, Melissa and Andrea for continuing to put packs together for children to use in church and at home. A new pack will be ready for December, matching with the readings and sermon in Church.

There is a Sunday School Christmas treat organised. Watch out for communications from your Sunday School teacher if this applies to you.

Home communions

We hope to be able to do Home Communions again this year. If you know of anyone who normally receives Communion at home for Christmas and Easter, please let



Bishop Ferran Glenfield and Revd Mark Gallagher with the Confirmation candidates.

Revd. Mark know asap.

Bible study group

In the new year, we hope to start a bible study group on Wednesday evenings. Please check announcement sheets in church for details nearer the time.

From the registers

Burial of ashes

Priory Church, Killadeas - Ruth Bailey, Saturday 13th November.

Holy Matrimony

Priory Church, Killadeas - Nicola Roycroft and Duncan McVitie, Friday 26th November.

Services in December

Wednesday 1st December

7pm, Advent Midweek Service, Trory and Facebook

Sunday 5th December

10am Holy Communion, Priory Church, Killadeas

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

6pm Advent Carol Service and Switch on of Trory Village Lights, followed by a mince pie and mulled wine

Wednesday 8th December

7pm, Advent Midweek Service, Trory and Facebook

Sunday 12th December

10am A Full Congregation Nativity, Priory

Church, Killadeas

11.30am, A Full Congregation Nativity, St. Michael's, Trory

Wednesday 15th December

7pm, Advent Midweek Service, Trory and Facebook

Sunday 19th December

11.30am Carol Service, St. Michael's, Trory Sunday 19th December 4.30pm Carols

by Candlelight, Priory Church, Killadeas, followed by a mince pie and mulled wine

Wednesday 22nd December

7pm, Advent Midweek Service, Trory and Facebook

Friday 24th December

11.30pm First Holy Communion of Christmas, Priory Church, Killadeas

Saturday 25th December

10am An All Age Christmas Celebration, St Michael's, Trory

Sunday 26th December

10am A united group service in Priory Church, Killadeas

Services in January

Sunday 2nd

10am Holy Communion, Priory Church, Killadeas

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

Sunday 9th

10am Morning Prayer, Priory Church, Killadeas

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

Sunday 16th

10am Morning Prayer, Priory Church, Killadeas

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

Sunday 23rd

10am Service of the Word, Priory Church, Killadeas

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

Sunday 30th

10am Morning Prayer, Priory Church, Killadeas

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



CHILDREN'S SECTION



December





Mouse Makes

Colour the tree then colour in one star each day until Christmas. Leave the large star at the top of the tree to colour in on Christmas day!

What's on the Christmas Tree?



A STAR
shows the way
to Jesus
Read
Matthew 2:1-12



ANGELS
bring messages from God

Read about
Gabriel's message in
Luke 1:26-38

Read the
shepherd's story in
Luke 1:26-38

**LIGHTS
AND CANDLES**
remind us that Jesus
lights our way to God
Read *Luke 2:29-32*



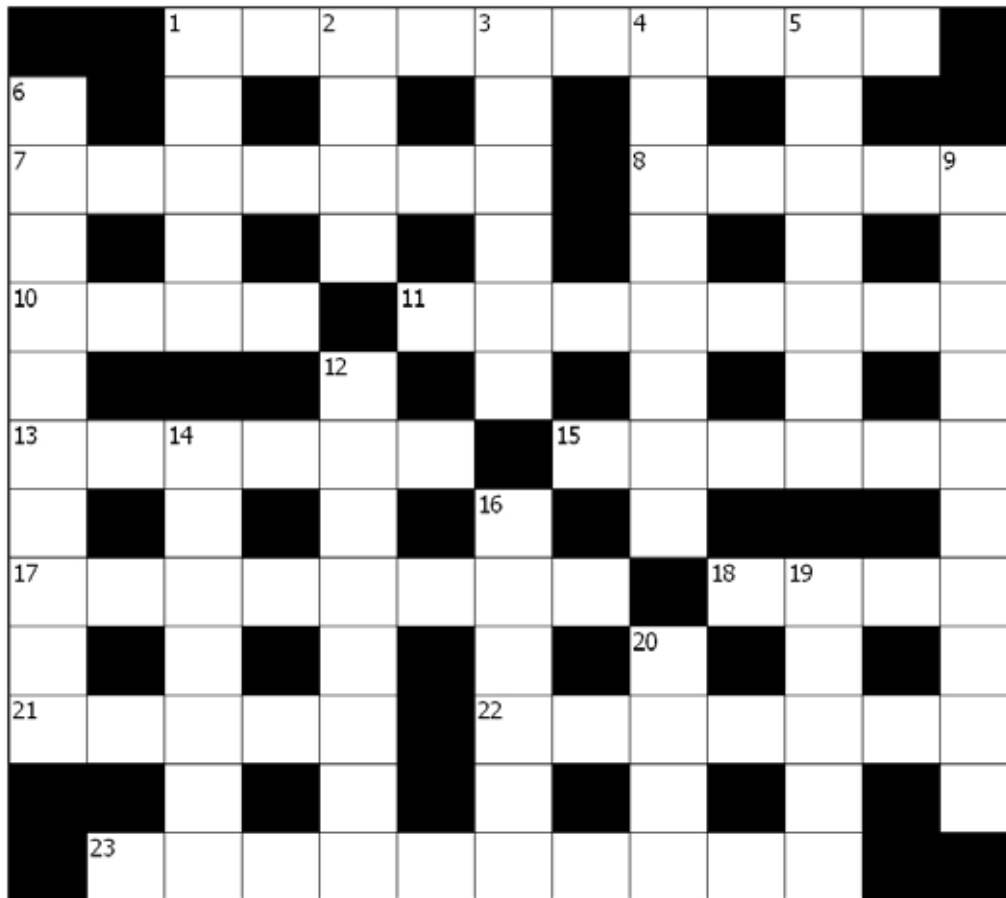
PRESENTS
remind us of God's
special gift to us ... **JESUS!**



"For God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life." *John 3:16*

Presents at Christmas
under the tree,
A red Christmas stocking
waiting for me,
But what really is Christmas,
What is it about?
Just look and the Bible
and you will find out!
It's about **JESUS**
- the best present of all,
JESUS our **Saviour**,
God's gift to us all!

PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
- 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14-15) (7)
- 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
- 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith ____ (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone 'unclean' (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
- 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

DOWN

- 1 '____ and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 'The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ____ as a lion' (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19-20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 'Offer your bodies as living _____, holy and pleasing to God' (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
- 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
- 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
- 20 'You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ____ his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21) (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 71

MOTHERS' UNION



MEMBERS MEET FACE TO FACE AT AUTUMN COUNCIL

The members of Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Council met on 27 October in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, face to face for the first time since October 2019.

Branch Leaders, secretaries and treasurers from each branch are invited to meet with Trustees twice yearly to receive an update on the work of Mothers' Union. During the pandemic, the members had been kept informed regularly by newsletters.

There was excitement expressed as members could speak directly to each other. Due to restrictions on numbers in the hall the Council held two sessions, with an interval between when sanitising was carried out. Twenty one branches were represented and a total of 47 people attended.

The president, Irene Boyd, welcomed everyone to each session and after a reading and prayers by Revd Charles Eames, she gave a short report on the ongoing work of MU in the diocese.

Lettie Coulter read a report on behalf of Barbara Clarke, Faith and Policy coordinator.

The main emphasis was to highlight the campaign of action against Gender Based Violence. The diocese were organising two services on Saturday 27 November, in Enniskillen Cathedral and in St Patrick's Church in Monaghan, both from 12.30pm to 1.15pm. Items for use in Women's refuges may be donated at the services.

The Enterprise stall was available to purchase cards and gifts.

Literature for each branch was distributed; copies of 'Mums Marvellous Meals' cookery book, £5 and €5, the second 'Connected' magazine and the enterprise



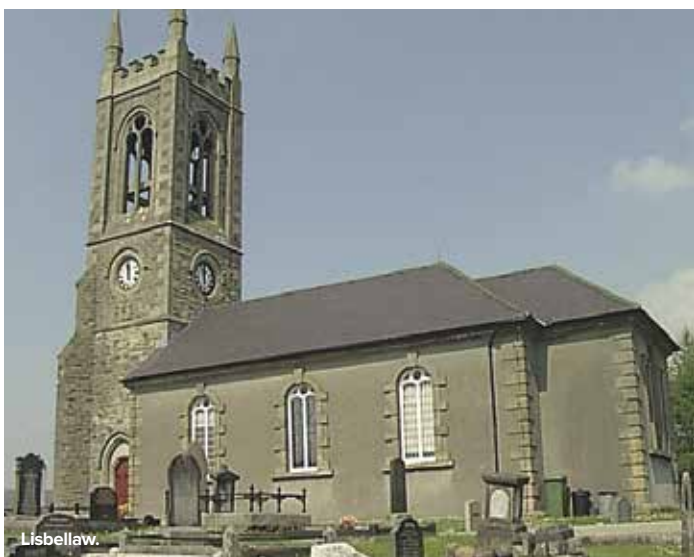
MU members meeting at the Autumn Council in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.



catalogue for orders. The Trustees were also asked to distribute copies of '16 Days of Action Prayer Diaries' to clergy from every church denomination in the diocese, to politicians, councillors and

charity organisers. The aim is to inform more people about the issues facing women and men in relation to Gender Based Violence. The campaign report and pictures will feature in the next magazine.

DIOCESAN NEWS



New Rector appointed to parish of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck

A new Rector has been appointed to the parish of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck in Clogher Diocese.

The Revd William Jeffrey, who has been serving as Curate Assistant in St. Mark's Church in the Parish of Ballymacash, in the Diocese of Connor since 2018, was announced as the new incumbent following a meeting of the Board of Nomination. The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, welcoming Revd Jeffrey to the Diocese said; "I am very pleased with the appointment of Rev William Jeffrey to the parish of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck and wish him and his wife Alison well in their move to the west. He comes to us from the busy urban parish of St Mark's, Ballymacash in the Diocese of Connor where his love of liturgy and pastoral care have been much appreciated by his parishioners.

"His engaging personality, skills and wide interests will soon be recognised and appreciated by his new parishioners," Bishop Ellis said.

Looking forward to his appointment, Revd Jeffrey stated: "I am delighted, humbled and thoroughly looking forward to being in the Diocese of Clogher and serving the people as Rector of the Parish of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck."

Revd Jeffrey's home parish is St George's, High Street, Belfast, in the Diocese of Connor and prior to his current position in Ballymacash, he served his Deacon



Internship year in St Andrew's Church, Killaney and St Ignatius' Church, Carryduff in the Diocese of Down and Dromore.

Revd Jeffrey's training for ordination included a Master of Theology degree through Trinity College, Dublin and the

Church of Ireland Theological Institute where he was awarded the Weir Prize. He also holds a Professional Certificate in Ministry awarded by the University of Chester.

Prior to ordination, he was a Civil Servant (Deputy Principal) in a 32-year career within the Northern Ireland Civil Service. During this time, he became a graduate of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) and later a Chartered Member of CIPD and holder of the CIPD Certificate in Training Practice.

Revd Jeffrey is particularly interested in the part which music plays in worship and encouraging optimum use of the Book of Common Prayer in services and in the daily personal devotions of parishioners. He has a heart for pastoral care and community outreach and a desire for people to have a committed relationship with the living Christ throughout their lives, encouraging all to use their gifts and talents in building up the Body of Christ and in furthering God's Kingdom.

He is married to Alison and they have three grown up sons, Paul who is married to Amy, Matthew and Callum.

Revd Jeffrey has family links with Clogher Diocese. His late maternal grandmother was from Co. Fermanagh and he still has close relatives living in the Diocese.

Details of the date of the Service of Institution will be announced in due course.

New Rector of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk parishes returns to her native Clogher Diocese

A new Rector has been appointed to the parishes of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk in Clogher Diocese following a meeting of the Board of Nomination.

The new Rector is Revd Lindsey Farrell, who grew up in the Diocese and also spent part of her training here.

The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis has welcomed Revd Farrell back to Clogher Diocese, having worked with her when he was Rector of Rossorry and she served there as Deacon Intern. He said; "I am delighted to welcome Revd Lindsey Farrell back to her home diocese and look forward to her joining the clergy team here in Clogher. Lindsey, her husband Keith and their family are very familiar with this area, and she brings much experience of rural ministry from her present position as Bishop's Curate in the Inver group parishes in Raphoe Diocese.

"Her warm nature, administrative skills and pastoral ministry will be much welcomed by the parishioners of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk," Bishop Ellis added.

Revd Farrell is currently serving as Bishop's Curate in the Inver Group of Parishes in South Donegal, part of the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe.

She said: "I have been here for over three years and have very much enjoyed my time here. The parishioners and the wider community have welcomed us with open arms and have always been very encouraging. I have enjoyed working alongside the clergy of Derry and Raphoe and under Bishop Forster, who has been very supportive.

"However, I feel that God is calling me to new things, and I am therefore very much looking forward to beginning the next phase of ministry with the grouped parishes of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk. This will be a return to the Diocese of Clogher as I was ordained in St. Marcartan's Cathedral Clogher, and served as Deacon Intern under Canon Ian Ellis, now Bishop of Clogher, when he was Rector of Rossorry.

"We are very much looking forward to getting to know the parishioners of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk, forming new



Revd Lindsey Farrell.

friendships and making this area our new home," she said.

Revd Farrell is married to Keith and they have three children; Grace (16), Emily (14) and Harry (12).

A date for the Service of Institution will be announced in due course.



Christ Church, Maguiresbridge.



St. Michael's, Derrybrusk.

Rebuilding and revitalising faith needed says Bishop in first Presidential address to Clogher Diocesan Synod

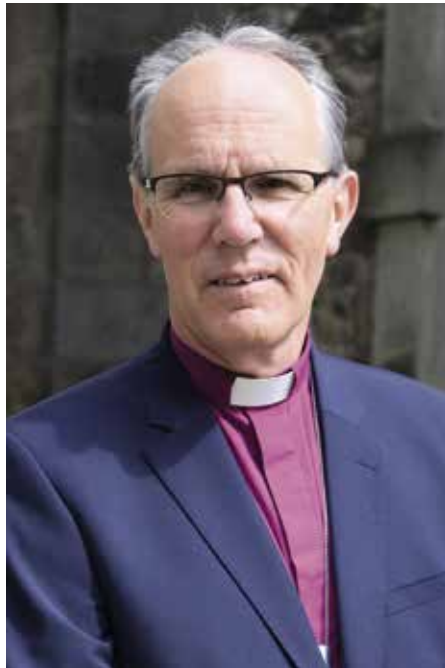
The Clogher Diocesan Synod took place by Zoom on Thursday, 25th November.

The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, in his first Presidential Address referred to the strength of faith of parishes and looked to rebuilding of the church as we emerge from the Covid pandemic. The following is his address;

Members of Synod it is my pleasure to welcome you to this meeting of the Diocesan Synod of Clogher in what is my first to preside as your Bishop. I said at my election that I found this a very great honour to be chosen to serve and a very great privilege to be your bishop and chief shepherd. I trust I shall be worthy of the trust which has been placed in me. It is just over a year since my election and with the pandemic restrictions as you know my consecration had to be delayed until just after Easter earlier this year. That service had only a limited number of people able to attend which I was very sorry about; however, the Dean is planning two enthronement services in the New Year in both St Macartan's Cathedral in Clogher and in St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen. Hopefully a larger number can attend these services and we can make them joyful diocesan occasions.

One of the things which has struck me since joining Clogher diocese is the strong awareness of identity and feeling of belonging to the Church of Ireland. I have also found this to be a happy diocese which although traditional in nature is not stuck in the past. We are faithful to the prayer book and value the sacramental basis of our worship, yet we are a people who enjoy flexibility in our services and appreciate a blend of the best of the old and new approaches to music and hymn singing. We need to build on that sense of belonging and extend our welcome to new people and allow them to see what the Anglican church has to offer to the world.

One aspect of life in these western counties which has fascinated me is a deep sense of spirituality within people even those who do not attend church. People respond warmly to the beauty and majesty of the creation in the beautiful landscape and environment we are surrounded by. This is a point of contact for the church and a place to start to



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RIGHT REVD DR. IAN ELLIS

help people move from that sense of awe and wonder to discover the creator of this world who placed us here and who sustains our life.

I think it is part of our rich inheritance of Celtic Christianity and the lasting influence of saints of old who brought the faith to these parts. Many visitors to our churches comment on the beauty of our buildings and the sense of peace and tranquillity they invoke. There are opportunities here to help people move on to discover by word

and loving service that our churches point to the lord of the Church Jesus Christ who we follow and commit our lives to.

I have also sensed a strong connection between the churches and community relations are generally very good. We enjoy worshipping together in one another's churches and supporting one another within the community. This aspect of being together for harvests, special services and fundraising and other cultural events is something the pandemic has greatly affected and is a great loss.

Principally our goal as a church is to help people find meaning and purpose in life – that is a search which we can help people with particularly as many reflect on what the pandemic has done to their lives. It has disrupted assumptions and norms and given time to think out what the priorities in their lives really are. Certainly the pandemic has caused many to consider their mortality, and to question truth and fulfilment in life. We as those who believe in God have opportunities to have good conversations with seekers and to show how discovering Christ can enable us to find life in all its fullness even in the midst of great confusion and suffering.

I have not long begun my address and already I have mentioned the pandemic – which has shaped the course and nature of our lives over the past 18 months. It has been quite simply the most destructive and frightening global event in recent times and its effects will unfortunately be with us for some time to come. Many people have suffered because of this virus – personally through ill-health and in family life there have been many deaths. Our social lives have been put on hold and our parish lives have been greatly diminished. It has for many people been a most isolating existence and taken a toll on mental health and a sense of well-being – for others economically it has been a time of loss. Some have lost their livelihood and others have had to learn to work from home. Children have had their schooling disrupted in the past two years and students have had their experience of university life impoverished.

I want to thank our clergy and Select Vestries for their work in keeping parish life

going and applying the Covid restrictions to keep everyone safe. As we now emerge from this period when everything has been paused – we are rather like a patient able to recover from covid, but we must begin to take gentle yet determined steps to rediscover parish life. One of the things we did well in the pandemic was to learn how to use the internet and develop online presences for our worship. These have been great at keeping parishioners connected to their church and have also attracted a notable number of new people following our services. The task ahead is to turn those followers into worshippers in church.

I rather think that we have found many people have changed their church habits – some have rather liked the flexibility of tuning into worship just whenever it suited. Our youth and children's work has been impacted too and as we try to re-energise our groups we may find that leaders have also changed their habits – and have found that not having to come out to the Hall on a mid-week evening was a welcome change. We could well discover that some leaders may wish to retire from volunteering, and we will have to grow new leadership and re-establish youth and adult groups again. It points to a long-term recovery.

I think that families will respond as confidence increases in the reducing infection levels and as schools get into regular rhythms of education once more. Parents and children will soon want to come out again and enjoy what the parish has to offer – however it will be up to us to make that offer attractive and help people feel secure. We shall have to go out into the highways and bye ways and invite people back. This will require renewed effort by our clergy with the support of lay leadership in our parishes particularly as we restore our children's and young people's work.

Just like all families church families have been affected financially. I know that many parishes find themselves short of funds – parish incomes have been reduced due to the inability to fund raise and because fewer people now seem confident to return to church our collections have been impacted too. The Diocesan Council has been acutely aware of the financial pressure parishes have been under and that is why last year the Diocesan Council decided to request Synod to give each parish church a rebate of £2000 or euro equivalent. I know this was welcomed particularly by the smaller parishes in the Republic of Ireland who were not able to avail of government Covid recovery grants.

This year because of prudent balancing of our books the diocese can do this again but with a reduced amount – and we will hear more about this later in the motion from Diocesan Council under item 11. It is less because the diocese too has had to make difficult financial decisions with a reduced income. Could I ask that members of Diocesan Synod make this known to their vestries – because as it is a rebate on your parish assessment it may go unnoticed.

Over the past year as I have reflected on the priorities for the diocese, I am acutely aware of our fundamental need for rebuilding and revitalising faith – not all is due to the pandemic, but the pandemic has magnified some of our challenges. We have a large number of vacant parishes at present, the most recent caused by the retirement of Canon Geoff Bridle. Geoff has retired from the parishes of Cleenish and Mullaghduin after an incumbency of 22 years. We thank Canon Geoff for his long ministry in this diocese and wish himself and Rosita good health and much happiness in their retirement in Co Down.

These vacancies create quite a gap in clergy personnel. Thankfully we are making that situation a little better as we recently announced the appointment of two new clergy. We welcome two new appointments of rectors - Rev William Jeffrey to the parish of Lisbellaw and the Rev Lindsey Farrell to the parishes of

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk. We also welcome to the diocese Rev Chris West as Curate Assistant to Enniskillen Cathedral Parish. So gradually we are building up our capacity once more – God willing in the New Year we will be able to call other boards of nomination and seek to fill the remaining vacancies.

The work of keeping vacant parishes going is a task undertaken by our Rural Deans – Rev Canon Ian Berry, Rev Canon Alan Irwin, Rev John Woods, Rev Johnny McLoughlin and Rev Lorraine Capper. I am grateful for Rev Johnny and Rev Lorraine for taking on these roles recently and we are very much in debt to Rev John Woods who is looking after two rural deaneries at present. I would also like to pay a tribute to our Dean, the Very Revd Kenny Hall who is providing pastoral care for my former parish of Rossorry and also Cleenish and Mullaghduin parishes. These clergy are helping to hold our pastoral ministry together in these challenging times and we really do appreciate their dedicated ministry among us. In September last we commissioned four Diocesan Pastoral Assistants – Patricia Hutchinson, Viola Bryson, Wendy Kerr and Keith Browne and also a Diocesan Reader – Joan Nelson who will make a most welcome addition to the ministry in parishes across the diocese.

I think we will need to rebuild confidence in our call to serve Christ in the Church of Ireland. If our parishes are like a patient recovering from Covid we need lots of encouragement with dedicated and regular pastoral care of our people to be applied. This is of course one of the strengths of the Church of Ireland. As we move forward and parish worship becomes less restricted, we will need to re-

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establish a sense of family again and to rediscover what it is to be an in-person worshipper and the richness of belonging to one another.

It is interesting that across the various denominations that Sunday worship numbers have not returned to pre-covid levels. There are a few factors I think are conditioning people's response – one is fear – some of our vulnerable parishioners who would regularly have come along are still afraid of picking up the virus. It will take some time for confidence to return but hopefully as more are vaccinated and have received their booster those fears will subside.

The second factor I think is the change in patterns of life brought about by the lockdown experience. Many families have become more closed-in on themselves because of lockdowns and have perhaps lost that sense of belonging to a bigger church family or part of wider society. Some have developed new interests or have just become greater TV addicts – we are told that the subscriptions to Netflix and the like have soared in the past year!

Returning to my metaphor of parish life being like a recovering patient - we must assure the patient that things will in God's time improve and that better times are ahead. Maybe not the same as before but just as significant. There is certainly work ahead for us all in restoring church life to its fullness again.

Some things have already changed at Diocesan level. Over the summer our hard-working diocesan secretary Glenn Moore had a long spell of ill-health. Thankfully he has made a great recovery and we are just delighted to have him back with us once more. Glenn is on a phased return to his work, and we shall have to be very careful not to overload him. Glenn has an unbelievable knowledge of this diocese and an enormous capacity for working hard. I



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RIGHT REVD DR. IAN ELLIS

have really missed his presence guiding me in my first few months and look forward to having this great resource by my side as I find my way into my episcopal ministry in the diocese. I must also thank other staff who have kept the administration of the diocese going over the past few months – sincere thanks to Ashley, Michael, Brian, Henry and Sabrina for taking on extra work to help us through this period. At the end of the summer, we have said farewell to our former Youth Officer Jonny Phenix. Jonny has been part of the diocesan team for just over 10 years and recently has completed his time with us as Youth Officer. Both Jonny and his wife Janet have supported youth work in many of our parishes and shared their distinctive skills and faithful ministry over those years. We are most appreciative for Jonny's work among us as a diocese beginning with the Wells Project and then his ongoing support and encouragement to the work of the

Diocesan Youth Council. We have been much blessed by his ministry to Clogher Diocese.

We wish both Jonny and Janet every blessing for the future.

Earlier this year Rev Canon Maurice Armstrong resigned not only as Rural Dean of Clogher but also as Executive Chairman and Honorary Secretary of the Ministry of Healing Committee. We thank Canon Maurice most sincerely for his faithful and dedicated service of many years in this ministry among us. I am pleased to say that Rev John McClenaghan has agreed to take on this role leading the Ministry of Healing Committee and we look forward to them re-establishing their work among us in the coming year.

Very gradually rebuilding is taking place; it will need all our best efforts to reconnect with parishioners, revitalise our ministry and begin new rhythms of parish and diocesan life.

Hopefully next year we will be able to meet in person for our Synod – we really do miss being together for the friendship and chat and for those other intangible features of being together. However, this is how things are at present and we must make the most of the technology available to us. For now, let us move on with our business and use this Zoom facility to enable us to conduct our business tonight as we meet in this time-honoured Anglican way as a Diocesan Synod of the Church of Ireland.

Thank you for your welcome to me as your bishop – I ask for your patience as I continue to learn the role and to get to know you all. Finally, I would like to thank Heather for her support as we have made this challenging move from our happy parish life in Rossorry to a new phase of ministry and home life in Fivemiletown. Let us all together move forward in faith and trust in the goodness of God to lead us.

Election results at Diocesan Synod

■ Clogher Diocesan Board of Education - Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong, Revd Chancellor Ian Berry, Revd Lorraine Capper, Revd Canon Paul Thompson, Mrs Florence Brunt MBE, Miss Irene Knox, Mr Henry Robinson.

■ General Synod Board of Education - Revd Canon Paul Thompson, Miss Irene Knox.

■ Representative Church Body - Revd Canon Paul Thompson.

PARISHES TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL HELP FROM DIOCESE

Every parish in Clogher Diocese will receive a financial allocation of £1000 or Euro equivalent authorised by the Diocesan Council as a way of financially assisting them during the continuing pandemic.

Last year the Diocese allocated £2000 to each parish. At Clogher Diocesan Synod, Mrs Joy Graham from the Council's Sustentation Committee proposed the figure of £1000 which will be deducted from 2022 assessments for each parish. It was seconded by Miss Irene Knox and passed by Synod members.



Mrs Joy Graham.

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE EXAMINED BY BOARD OF SOCIAL THEOLOGY IN ACTION



Revd Charles Eames.

Two online presentations on mental health by Conor McCafferty were hosted by Clogher Diocesan Board for Social Theology in Action during the past year. The Board also facilitated an online Bereavement Care Awareness Course in June presented by Care for the Family. Revd Charlie Eames, proposing the report said he hopes to offer mental health First Aid training sessions from a Christian perspective in early 2022 for parish grouping in rural deaneries.



Mrs Joyce Clingan.

Online training for Sunday School teachers

The Board of Religious Education has had to temporarily suspend the Bishop's Medal and Archdeacon Ruddell Prize competitions due to the pandemic. However on a positive note, Miss Joyce Clingan, Chairman, reported that Sunday School teacher training was further advanced with an online training event hosted by Fivemiletown parish online on 24 November and led by Jill Hamilton, former Children's Ministry Officer in Connor Diocese. The CDBRE continues to supply a variety of activities on puzzle pages for both children and adults in the diocesan magazine each month.

Mission work curtailed

The Covid restrictions has greatly affected work of the Board of Missions but Secretary, Canon Paul Thompson told Synod they looked forward to receiving applications from people in the Diocese once again. The Board distributed liturgical resource material to parishes for Diocesan Mission Sunday (Christ the King).



Canon Paul Thompson.

GLEBES COMMITTEE CONTINUES WORK UNDER RESTRICTIONS

The report of the Glebes Committee was proposed by Secretary, Robert Forde, who outlined changes during 2020. These included Canon M Armstrong resigning as Rural Dean of Clogher, a position he held for many years. He was thanked for his years of dedicated service to the committee. However the Committee welcomed Bishop Ian Ellis and our two new Rural Deans, Revd J McLoughlin (Rural Dean of Clogher) and Revd L Capper (Rural Dean of Clones). Due to Covid-19 restrictions, inspections of churches and glebes have been greatly restricted during the past year although routine request have been dealt with. The Diocesan Architect has however continued to carry out all vacancy inspections and has recently recommended Quinquennial Inspections in Monaghan Rural Deanery. Mr Forde asked parishes to continue routine maintenance of parishes such as cleaning gutters and drains to avoid damp issues and major repairs in the future.



Mr Robert Forde.



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Tributes paid to Youth Officer

The work of Clogher Diocesan Youth Council continues, despite youth ministry being adversely affected by the pandemic, reported Revd Philip Bryson.

He reported to the Diocesan Synod that they were in need of regrouping to try to navigate out of the difficulties of the past 18 months. He reported that the Youth Council will be offering grants to youth ministries across the diocese to enable the funding of running costs and programme delivery. Special attention will be given to ministries that will be seeking to reconnect young people with the church. Revd Bryson paid tribute to Mr. Jonny Phenix, who has completed his role as Diocesan Youth

Officer for the past 10 years.

The Youth Council said Jonny had “contributed significantly to the life of the diocese in more ways than most will ever know, in that role.

“He brought considerable experience and wisdom, extensive contacts, a broad perspective of youth ministry but perhaps most importantly a strong faith in Jesus Christ and a genuine heart for prayer. His input and influence in the role of DYO will be missed in the Diocese, and also further afield, and we wish both Jonny and Janet the Lord’s richest blessings as they navigate the days ahead; may they be days of blessing and the goodness of the Lord.”



Revd Philip Bryson.

Advent outreach in town centre

A parish is bringing the Advent message to shoppers this year by depicting Nativity scenes in selected shop windows.

Fivemiletown Parish is trialling five window scenes this year with a view to a bigger community project in 2022 when there will be a scene for each day of Advent.

Rector Precentor Kyle Hanlon said the idea has been modelled by a successful project a High Town near Luton.

Towards the end of November, parish volunteers with creative and artistic talents were putting the final touches to preparing this year’s smaller project by making cardboard cut-outs and painting them as well as putting them together in a window display.

One of the scenes will be in conjunction with Murley Silver Band

and using brass instruments in the display, another will be placed in a local butcher’s, a knitted nativity set made by the Parish’s Knit Pray Love group will be placed in the window of a local wool shop, and the parish will also utilise the empty spaces in two vacant barber shops.

A further display will be set up in the porch of St. John’s Hall.

Precentor Hanlon acknowledged the support of not only parishioners but the people of Fivemiletown and especially those businesses offering window space.



Norma Kerr and Heather Kirkpatrick painting Christmas candles used in the Advent scenes.



Helping with the preparations for the Advent scenes are front (from left); young people from the parish, Charlotte and Hannah and back row (from left); Heather Kirkpatrick, Norma Kerr, Elliott Hanlon, Precentor Kyle Hanlon and Deborah Hanlon.

Responding to the Cost of Living Crisis

Rising inflation, especially in the areas of food, transport, electricity and gas, and reductions in state benefits are causing increasing financial and emotional pressure for families and individuals living across the island of Ireland. To assist with the Church of Ireland's pastoral response to this crisis, the Church and Society Commission has prepared the following list of sources of support and is asking parishes to take a proactive approach by:

- encouraging anyone to ask for help when they sense that they are in need;
- being more aware of neighbours who may be struggling with finances;
- knowledge of and supporting local foodbanks;
- an awareness of the impact of these pressures on family relationships.

Many diocesan orphan societies exist for the benefit and welfare of vulnerable children and their families in financial need. Information on how to apply for assistance from local societies can be obtained from diocesan offices.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul – www.svp.ie – has a presence in all counties and the Salvation Army operates churches and centres in Dublin and major towns across Northern Ireland – a listing with contact details is available at www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ireland

Protestant Aid, operating in the Republic of Ireland, treats all genuine calls for help equally. Its primary activities include grants to alleviate poverty or distress; annuities for the elderly; allowances for heating/



energy costs; school expenses; second-level education grants; and third-level loans. Contact details: www.protestantaid.org / 01 668 4298.

Christians Against Poverty's helpline, for anyone struggling with debt in Northern Ireland, is 0800 328 0006 and a postcode search is available at www.capuk.org. The Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) provides a similar free and confidential service in the Republic – debt advisors can be contacted on 0818 07 2000 or a call-back requested by emailing helpline@mabs.ie or texting by WhatsApp on 086 035 3141.

All of these organisations provide assistance to anyone in need regardless of religious or social background. Grants or benefits may also be available from local authorities and social welfare officers. Examples of support have included funding for slow cooker schemes and Warm

at Home packs. Diocesan Mothers' Unions have successfully applied for government funding on a cross-community basis to meet social need.

Key contacts for support and advice from public services

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Department of Social Protection

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0818 800024

All other helplines are listed at www.gov.ie/dspphonenumbers

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Visit the consumer hub:

www.ccpc.ie/consumers

Commission for Regulation of Utilities

1800 404 404

Energy and water advice at:

www.cru.ie/customer-care

NORTHERN IRELAND

Department for Communities

Make the Call – to check if you are missing out on any benefits, services and support to which you are entitled: 0800 232 1271

Consumer Council

0800 121 6022

www.consumerCouncil.org.uk

Utility Regulator

028 9031 1575

Energy and water advice at: www.uregni.gov.uk

Primate calls for vaccine justice for developing countries

The Most Rev John McDowell, the Church of Ireland's Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland, has made a donation to Christian Aid Ireland in thanks for his double dose of the coronavirus vaccine. The Archbishop's 'gratitude donation' will help the international aid agency as it supports vulnerable people in low-income countries where very few people have received even one dose of a coronavirus vaccine. Christian Aid is also campaigning for people in developing countries to receive their jobs.

Fewer than 5% of people in low-income countries have received at least one vaccine dose, an injustice that Christian Aid says will cost lives and make the emergence of dangerous new variants more likely. The Archbishop, added his voice to the charity's campaign for 'vaccine justice'. He

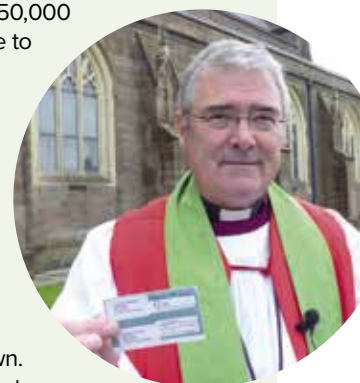
said: "I wanted to express how grateful I am to have had the vaccine so quickly and also to urge those who are in decision-making positions to consider how best to share our good fortune with those in other countries who desperately need vaccination."

Christian Aid is calling on the UK and Irish Governments to support a temporary suspension of intellectual property rights for coronavirus vaccines. This would allow more companies to produce and supply more doses, overcoming the current barriers in sharing expertise which are holding back the roll-out of Covid vaccinations.

The agency has responded to the global coronavirus pandemic in 27 countries also coping with extreme poverty. As well as raising awareness of how to keep safe from coronavirus, Christian Aid has handed out

soap to around 250,000 vulnerable people to help prevent the virus spreading as well as giving food packages to nearly 60,000 people struggling to feed their families after losing work following lockdown.

To give a donation to help Christian Aid protect the most vulnerable while the vaccine remains out of the reach of most people, please visit www.caid.ie/vaccine or you can make a telephone donation on 028 9064 8133 (Belfast) or 01 496 7040 (Dublin).



Archbishop of Armagh Preaches at the Centenary Commemoration of the Ulster Tower, Thiepval

The Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, delivered the address at the Commemoration Service for the 100th Anniversary of the Ulster Memorial Tower, held at Thiepval, on the Somme this morning, 19th November.

The service was organised by the Somme Association and included a call to worship by the Revd Dr Sahr Yambasu, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, and a reading from John chapter 15 by the Rt Revd Dr David Bruce, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Music was provided by the Bugles, Pipes and Drums and the Band of the Royal Irish Regiment and the Band of 2 Brigade, of the Irish Defence Forces.

Archbishop McDowell's address is provided in full below:

"If I could first thank the organisers of this service, the Somme Association, for affording me the privilege of giving the address at this historic and poignant occasion.

"The Great War was unique in the history of warfare for a number of reasons. It was the first war that involved mass mobilisation of the civilian population. As a result it was the first war to suffer mass casualties. But perhaps most relevant to what we are doing here today, it was the first war that was followed by mass public remembrance.

"Until 1919 public memorials to a war or a great victory usually took the form of an equestrian statue of a famous general. You can see such statues in many cities across Europe still. But the scale of casualties, in what the General Service Medal calls 'The Great War for Civilisation 1914-1919', was so vast that there was an instinct that such memorials would simply no longer do.

"At first there was a plaster and lath cenotaph (a cenotaph is an empty tomb) was erected in Whitehall, in 1919. It seems the government's intention was that it would be removed following, what was in effect, the first Armistice Day ceremony. But it soon became clear that the nation expected that the memory of the fallen should not be so soon forgotten in the public sphere, just as it would not be forgotten in the homes of the millions of war dead. So the great imperial architect, Edward Lutyens, was commissioned to design the elegant and simple memorial which still stands in Whitehall.

"And memorials began to appear in other places. Near to where I grew up, a housing estate was built specifically for demobbed soldiers. The streets were given names like Bapaume, Albert, and of course Somme Drive. And in the middle of that little estate off the Cregagh Road in Belfast, stands a



The Rt Revd Dr David Bruce, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; the Revd Dr Sahr Yambasu, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland and the Rt Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, at the service to mark the centenary of the Ulster Memorial Tower, Thiepval.

stone memorial cross. The cross of Jesus Christ; the place where God went deeper into human suffering than even war and disease could go; and rose on the third day with a kingdom in his hand.

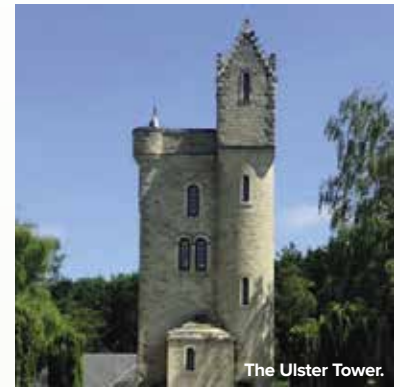
"And of course this memorial here in Thiepval, the first to be built on the Western Front, witnessed to the bravery of soldiers from the nine counties of the historic Province of Ulster, who gave their lives in that hellish war, and is specifically associated in the minds of so many with the 36th Ulster Division, and their bravery in the long drawn out ordeal which history knows as the Battle of the Somme.

"Of course, mass remembrance means individual remembering, whether in great monuments such as we have at The Menin Gate covered in the names of the fallen, or on those little tablets which hang on the walls of so many churches and public buildings throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland. When millions perish, it is easy to dwell on the scale of the loss (which is truly mind numbing) and to forget that each was an individual life; a human being who God loves with an everlasting love.

"Individual lives. There were three brothers who lived in the town of Banbridge. They worked in the linen industry where the pay was poor and the working conditions were worse. So, one day in 1912 they walked from Banbridge to Lisburn and enlisted as regular soldiers in the Royal Irish Rifles. Even the peacetime army was more interesting than life in a quiet rural Irish town.

"They learned to take pride in their regiment, with its distinctive speedy march. As country boys they were already excellent marksmen, and had that raw, bony strength found in so many who help out with farm work. The brothers played hockey and football, first for the regiment, then for the Corps, then for the Army.

"And at the outbreak of war in the summer of 1914 they sailed with the British Expeditionary Force to France. All their lives they were proud to have been Old Contemptibles. All three were wounded at the retreat from



The Ulster Tower.

Mons, but not so seriously that they couldn't go on to fight here on the Somme and at the Third Battle of Passchendaele in Ypres.

"Just before he left hospital in Ireland to rejoin his regiment in 1916 one of the brothers, Jimmy, was given a gift of a Book of Common Prayer by his girlfriend. Written on the inside were the words, "Hoping God may spare you and bring you home again". And here is the little New Testament which that young woman gave to my grandfather, a private soldier of the Royal Irish Rifles.

"The Great War was the end of faith for many. Those who had grown up in an easy peace and a superior culture. Those who were confident in the onward march of civilisation, because they had never had their self-confidence tested; who did not know the wickedness that men were capable of. In the century before the war the Churches had domesticated God and harnessed him to their purposes. He had become their asset and their patron, rather than their Judge and their Redeemer.

"And suddenly in the great cataclysm of total war and in the horrors of the battlefield, the high seemed low, and nations halted in their stride; and the brief candle was out; and what was man that he is to be accounted of? "The Great War was so tragic because of the genial optimism of so many of the young men who entered it with high hopes of saving Christian civilisation. It is a wonder that anyone who witnessed it survived in good mental, never mind physical, health. And each of them, whether they fell in battle or simply survived, deserves to be remembered, because they had to face into a holocaust which the world had never before experienced.

"Hoping God may spare you, and bring you home again". So, today we hallow the memory of each one of them; not only for the courage of their actions, but for the greatness of their souls.

"And now unto Him, the only true God, immortal invisible, be ascribed all might, majesty, dominion and power, as is most justly due. Amen".

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTIAN AID IRELAND'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Adut demonstrates how she used to collect water from the river before the Christian Aid funded borehole brought clean water to her village. Credit: Christian Aid/Silvano Yokwe



Adut with her three children Maria (6), Simon (4) and Charles (1) in Biet village, Northern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan. With the new borehole, Adut can give her children clean water to drink. Credit: Christian Aid/Silvano Yokwe

Climate chaos in South Sudan

For a long time, 27-year-old Adut Mariu had no choice but to give her children water that she knew wasn't safe.

"We were in desperate need," Adut said.

"To look after my children, they had to drink the dirty river water."

People were frequently ill from drinking the water but the river closest to the village of Biet in the north-west of South Sudan was the community's only water source.

To make matters worse, Adut is also on the frontline of the climate crisis. South Sudan suffers with drought and flooding and many areas have been badly hit for three years in a row. Locust swarms have also devastated crops.

The river near Adut's village dries up during periods of drought, forcing people to walk long distances in search of water. And it floods during the rainy season, polluting fragile water sources, killing crops and destroying homes.

But with support from Christian Aid, a new borehole was sunk in Adut's village, bringing clean water for her children to drink, whatever the weather.

"The water from the hand pump is very good. It's free from disease. We drink it with peace of mind."

It means no more upset tummies from drinking dirty water.

Thanks to this borehole, Adut's family was safe the last time the river flooded.

"In the autumn it flooded but we were not going to the river. We drank the clean water," Adut said proudly.

The borehole is life-changing but clean water is in short supply across the region and the borehole is being used by three times

more people than it should be.

Your gifts this Christmas could help to build more boreholes, provide seeds and farming tools, and give mums the chance to set up small businesses to earn a cash income. With clean water, nutritious food and ways to earn money, mums like Adut won't face such impossible choices.

Life for Adut has been tough, but so is she. She's lived through displacement, conflict, loss and now the climate crisis. But she is still full of hope for her children's futures.

We all do what we can for the children in our lives, especially at Christmas. To find out more and to donate, please visit caid.ie/ Christmas or you can make a telephone donation by calling 028 9064 8133 (Belfast) or 01 496 7040 (Dublin).

Please stand with mums this Christmas and help the next generation grow.

- £48/€56 could provide a hygiene kit (jerry cans, water purification tablets, hand soap, detergent, nappies, sanitary items) for eight families displaced by floods, giving them dignity and clean drinking water.
- £100/€117 could provide food such as lentils, grains, cooking oil and salt for a family of five for four months.
- £300/€351 could support three women's groups to start up tea stalls and bread-making businesses, so they can earn extra income for their families.

New curate arrives at Cathedral



At the licensing of Revd Chris West were (front from left); Dean Kenneth Hall; Bishop Ian Ellis and Revd Chris West. Back row (from left); Linda Kingston, Churchwarden; Andy McCabe, Verger; Revd John McClenaghan, Registrar and Audrey Williamson, Churchwarden.

The licensing of Revd Chris West, the new Curate Assistant of St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen took place in a short service conducted by the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, assisted by the Registrar, Revd John McClenaghan and Dean Kenneth Hall.

Revd West preached at his first service on Advent Sunday.

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ACROSS: 1, Tabernacle. 7, Absalom. 8, Incas. 10, Roes. 11, Captured. 13, Fright. 15, Cavell. 17, Cyclonic. 18, Herb. 21, Sonar. 22, Amazing. 23, Settlement.

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Large groups can be accommodated with dining room set up to have a maximum of six people per table to comply with socially distancing guidelines. Saddlers is available every day for private and group lunches as well as evening meals.

FULL CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU AVAILABLE

SUNDAY LUNCH served from 12.30pm to 4pm with choice of starters, main course and desserts.

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