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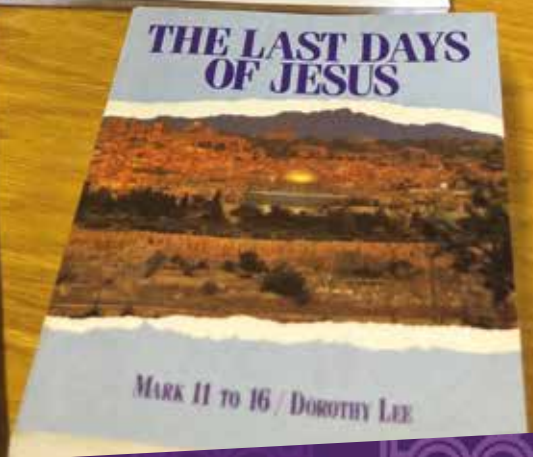
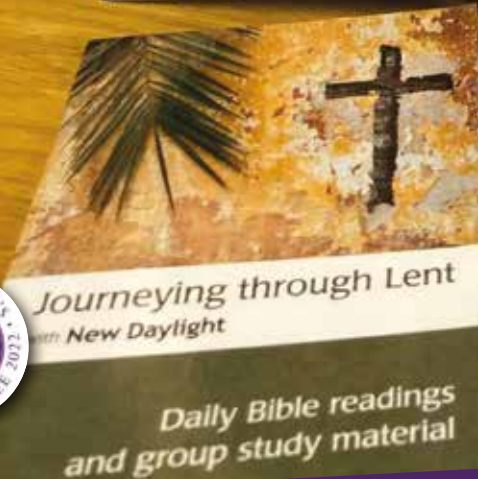
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Patrick

St Patrick's Day is marked annually in Ireland and around the world on 17th March. For the Church of Ireland, this day first and foremost celebrates St Patrick's mission in bringing the Gospel to our island. The Church of Ireland traces its history back to St Patrick's arrival (around 432 AD) and the early Celtic Church.



Collects for St Patrick's Day

Almighty God, in your providence you chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of your word: Grant that walking in that light we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



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Holy Spirit to refresh your life. I would like to suggest that we could decide to make some positive choices in this season to develop some good habits to help clear the view.

Habit 1: Look inside your heart: If we examine our inner lives, we will find things which should not be there, and we need God's help to remove them – what we know as forgiveness. We could also find things which have been neglected too – perhaps discovering a vocation or a calling to a new task. Make a habit of looking closely inside your heart.

Habit 2: Pray: Prayer is wide-ranging; there are many approaches to prayer and many types of prayer. Think for a moment about how you shop – it can be for necessity, for pleasure, alone or with others, it can be for big things or little things. It can be from a list or just when we need it. Prayer is as varied as the way we shop. We can use short arrow prayers, long prayers, familiar prayers from the Prayer Book, praying with others or alone, with words or just being still in God's presence. Make prayer a habit this Lent, vary it or try some new ways to stay close to God.



'Pray then in this way, Our Father...' Matthew 6:9

Habit 3: Fast: Traditionally Lent is a time of giving something up, following even in a small way Jesus's example of fasting in the wilderness for 40 days and nights (Matthew 4:1-11). It's about a denial of self. We could resolve to take more exercise or give something up which dominates our lives; and there are lots of

such things – screens, social media, or another temptation. Or how about giving something away? – a donation to a charity or giving some time to a project you really believe in. We could also spend more time praying for people and situations close to our hearts.

Habit 4: Read for your soul's profit:

This could be the scriptures or a book of spiritual devotion. How about tackling a small book of the Bible in a bite-sized study? There are also lots of books published each Lent designed to help nurture our devotion and relationship with God. Spend time each day reflecting on what you read, follow up on ideas, or perhaps keep a journal of your journey through Lent.



Mending fences in our relationships

Habit 5: Repair fences: We constantly need to maintain our relationships with others. It can be very difficult to say sorry to someone whom we may have upset; but seeking peace and reconciliation is a core part of being a Christian. It may be too difficult to tackle big problems but try focussing on small ones. This may be the time to try to make amends and repair those fences between ourselves and others.

Clearing the layers

Our aim in developing good habits of living through Lent, is to help clear away the layers which get in the way of living close to God and at ease with others and the world around us. As our vision improves, we can begin to see ourselves afresh and enjoy the landscape of our lives and see afresh in the cross and resurrection of Jesus the steady radiance of his God's love and find his healing and well-being.

I pray that you will find Lent a holy time of spiritual refreshment and in the exercise of habits such as these discover ways of clearing away those layers of inner dust and debris to give you clarity in your faith and a fresh perspective.

*Yours in Christ's service
+ Ian Clogher*

A Message from the Bishop

LENT – SEEING MORE CLEARLY

During the first lockdown of the pandemic many people found that they began to see things around them much more clearly than before. In daytime walks we discovered nature afresh in all its beauty and birdsong seemed very much louder. At night the stars and planets appeared brighter and sharper too.



Reflecting on this, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, wrote this; *'there are times when it's as if a whole layer of mess and mist and drifting fumes is cleared away and we see things in their proper outlines.'*

'Layers removed' is a good image for what Lent and Passiontide is about. It's a period when we let some cleansing wind blow through our lives so that the landscape of our spirits stands out more clearly. This is a season for seeing ourselves more clearly and seeing with fresh clarity the profound story of our Saviour's journey from the wilderness to Jerusalem and crucifixion and resurrection. Lent is a time for looking internally at our resistance to change and our hopes for new beginnings.

Perhaps you can find ways of journeying through this special time which allow the

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Sunday 6th March

Drumsnatt 9.30am Holy Communion
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Sunday 13th March

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

Sunday School

After being unable to have our Sunday School operating for almost two years due to Covid restrictions, we are delighted have cautiously resumed lessons in both Aghadrumsee and Clogh. Once again a sincere thank you to the teachers who have had to adjust to a new way of working in accordance with Covid protocols.

Clogh Bowling Club

This meets each Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Hall. In a recent tournament among the Club's members, congratulations were extended to the winner, Robert Egerton pictured with Gemma Nelson, runner up in a tense final.

Ash Wednesday

Parish Group Service to mark the beginning of Lent on Wednesday 2nd March at 7.30pm in Clogh Church.



Congratulations to the winner, Robert Egerton pictured with Gemma Nelson, runner up in a tense final in a recent club tournament.

Clogh Mother's Union

This will be meeting on Tuesday 15th March at 8.00pm in the hall. The guest speaker will be Mrs Margaret Mallen, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, HSE Cavan.

Sympathy

We wish to express our sympathy to the Williamson family on the death of Georgina's Stepfather. And to the Archer family on the death of Sean's Mother.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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- 6 10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion
- 9 8.00pm Colebrooke Wednesday Lent Service
- 13 10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer
- 16 8.00pm Colebrooke Wednesday Lent Service
- 20 10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer
- 23 8.00pm Colebrooke Wednesday Lent Service
- 27 10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

The above timings are provisional to normal worship in church being resumed. Recordings of our services are available

each week by Facebook and the parish website at these addresses:
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www.colebrookeparish.org/online-services

Lent Services

Our midweek Lenten services begin on Ash Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 8pm in Colebrooke with the Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Service. The midweek services throughout Lent continue on Wednesday evenings in Colebrooke at 8.00pm, to which everyone is welcome.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Christian Burial

On Sunday 13th February 2022, in St Ronan's, Colebrooke, a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Mary Dunn was held. Our prayers and condolences are with John, Jonathan, Melanie, Charlene, Richard and Steven and their families. Owing to the Covid restrictions that were in



place, the congregation did not reflect the esteem in which Mary was held by both the church members, and the wider community.

Parish Organisations

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

GFS – Girls Friendly Society

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

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Scouts meet every Tuesday from 7pm-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 each 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.

Mothers' Union

The branch leader welcomed members and friends to the first meeting of the year under the theme 'Transformation – Now.' After observing a minute's silence in memory of Mary Dunn and a prayer by the leader, the Bible reading was by Violet and prayers were led by Emma.

Noreen Little, Action and Outreach



Members of the Mothers' Union at their recent meeting at Colebrooke.

coordinator in the Clogher Diocese led the programme of Knit and Knatter and encouraged the members to knit baby hats or teddies for children, which would then be supplied to the local South-West Acute Hospital. Noreen regularly delivers bags full of knitting and sewing to the hospital. Some members struggled with casting on and then keeping the knitting even but others flew along. However the chat was good and laughter was shared. Noreen also shared some benefits of knitting and similar craft activities which help to improve both physical and mental health. It is hoped that some new knitters will be encouraged to add to the supplies for the hospitals so some transformation should happen.

It was with great sadness that the death of Mary Dunn was recorded. Her funeral took place to Colebrooke Parish Church on 13 February 2022.

Mary grew up in Fivemiletown and met her husband John at a 'Record Hop' in Fivemiletown High School. They lived for many years at the Dunn Family farm and brought up their five children there. They

have been blessed with nine grandchildren.

Mary joined Colebrooke Mothers' Union in 1973 and served as secretary during her 48 years of membership. Her secretarial skills were used in other voluntary work and employment in Brookeborough Development Association and Brookeborough Primary School.

Mary's bright smile and happy laugh brought joy and pleasure to those who knew her. She also had great talent as an actor participating in many funny sketches over the years.

The members wish to express sincere and deep sympathy to John, Jonathan, Melanie, Charlene, Richard and Steven, their families and the wider family circle as well as the local school community which have lost a true friend and confidant.

The next meeting on 16 March is during Lent, so Geraldine Beattie plans to come to the church service and share her experiences of the mission trip to Uganda with 'Fields of Life' charity.

Come and bring others.

Aghavea



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From the Registers

Baptism

■ 20th December 2021, Juliette Sarah Alcorn, daughter of Richard and Electra, Paris.

Death

■ 17th December 2021, William "Billy" Greenaway, Lisnaskea.

■ 23rd January 2022, Janet McWhirter Cowan, Magheraberry.

■ 2nd February 2022, Muriel Elliott, Maguiresbridge.

Consolation

As a parish we extend our sincere condolences and sympathies to all those who have been bereaved recently, and extend our prayers to all those who remember loved ones' anniversaries at this time of year.

Lent

Traditionally, Lent is a time in which we consider our spiritual walk with God. The idea of giving things up was intended to concentrate our focus upon God and away from physical gratification. While many may give up chocolate, sugars, alcohol - all great ideas - or some others may take on extra tasks such as reading our Bibles, prayer, generous deeds - again, all great ideas - we need to remember the proper meaning of Lent!

Sisters and brothers, Lent is not the time to suddenly turn on the switch for altruism, repentance, forgiveness, prayer, piety,



reflection, humility and love. Rather it is a reminder that the switch should always be on!!

The real meaning of Lent has been lost to dieting and self-help, so let's use the period to examine our spiritual lives and determine to live for Christ!

Services throughout March

Wednesday 2nd March

730pm, Ash Wednesday service
Isaiah 58: 1-12; Psalm 51: 1-18; 2 Corinthians 5: 20b - 6:10; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

Sunday 6th March - First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16;
Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13

Sun 13th March - Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1; Luke 13: 31-35

Sun 20th March - Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55: 1-9; Psalm 63: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

Sun 27th March - Fourth Sunday in Lent, Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 1: 20-28; Psalm 127: 1-4; Colossians 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 33-35

Throughout each week in Lent, we will have a midweek service to mark this period of preparation as we approach Holy Week and Easter. Our Wednesday night services will be both in-church and online, starting each week at 7.30pm.

All our services will be streamed online via our Facebook page at Aghavea Parish.

We welcome all visitors, and consider newcomers as friends we just haven't met yet!

We are currently organising our Holy Week services and are looking forward to working with the Methodist and Elim churches during that week. Further details will be published both locally and in next month's magazine notes.

Sunday School

As Rector, I take personal responsibility that our Sunday School has taken so long to restart - I have been aware of the health and wellbeing of our teachers and children. Well, great news! It seems that our precautions and caution has paid off, and it's time to get back to work.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda McClelland, who has decided to retire from her role as Sunday School Superintendent. After quite a number of years, she has more than fulfilled her commitment to the church's young people! We offer her our sincere congratulations, and our thanks for all the work she has undertaken. I know she will keep in touch with the children in their future!

As we consider restarting fortnightly on 13th March, we are looking for volunteers to

help out with our Sunday School - to work alongside our returning teachers and impart your faith and joy to the young members of our church. This would be on a rota basis, we don't expect you to commit to every week - we're church, not slave-drivers - but without some extra help, we will struggle to maintain the Sunday School.

If you would like to help out, please contact either the churchwardens or the rector as soon as possible.

MU and the Women's World Day of Prayer

In February, our MU enjoyed High Tea, hosted by Nuala and Zara. There were about two million calories per serving, fantastic fellowship, and lots of fun was had by all! Thank you for the lovely afternoon! Our Mothers' Union will be hosting the annual Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 4th March in Aghavea Church. We will celebrate women in ministry around the world, as well as praying for all those in need. We are delighted that Revd Daphne Hannah from Brookeborough Methodist Church will be the preacher that evening, with contributions from our ladies. Please pray for the service and plan to support women around the world.

Our Mothers' Union are looking forward to a visit from representatives of the Air Ambulance, to inform us about the magnificent work they carry out all over the province.

Annual Easter Vestry

As a parish, we would like to pass on our sincere thanks to the Select Vestry who have worked so well together to keep the parish going throughout the past 12 months. In the face of the Covid pandemic, they have been responsible for the safe conduct of our worship and the assured handling of the parish's finances - and all of which have been done fantastically!

As we look ahead, our next Annual Easter Vestry is planned for 8.15pm on Wednesday 6th April, following our midweek service that evening.

Covid Restrictions

With the relaxing of some restrictions in society and in church, we will still be cautious over the coming weeks in our services. We will be very clear each week, and we will be prepared to rein in our response if we feel it necessary. However, we will be praying that we can continue to improve as we move toward Easter and look forward to something like the 'normal' that we used to enjoy!

As rector, I would like to encourage optimism, but certainly tinged with an air of caution both in our church and social lives.

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Ballybay Parochial Hall

Over the past few months there has been marvellous work carried out to Christ Church Hall and it's amazing to see the results. Unfortunately, over the past few years our hall had got in bad repair and was crying out for some TLC. With its closure due to Covid-19 regulations, it became damp and a lot of plaster came away from the walls and we also found ourselves with a collapsed ceiling in the bathroom. The funding which we received from 'Allchurches Trust' and 'Monaghan Local Enhancement programme 2021' was greatly appreciated and was put to good use in assisting us to get the much-needed renovations underway. Thanks to Paul Mehaffy and his team we had the walls that needed work doing to them dry lined and re-plastered and the bathroom ceiling repaired and, may I add, just before all that torrential rain we had after Christmas! It was amazing how quickly the hall began taking shape. 'Bredin Electrical' was very busy replacing all our ceiling lights with energy efficient LED lights - just as well Arlene isn't afraid of heights! Our next project was to have the whole interior of our hall painted which now looks dashing - Shane did wonders! Beautiful papyrus paint colour on the top with dreamy truffle paint colour underneath, which really compliments each other - a great choice indeed by all the parishioners - and many thanks to Kevin in 'Quinn's' for being so helpful. Our list just really keeps growing! Thanks to Neil O'Sullivan we decided to revamp our kitchen presses and have gone with a grey look with lovely stainless steel handles, all modernised. We have decided to replace all the curtains with stylish grey fire retardant blinds from 'MC Blinds'. Last, but not least, our floor is going to get a facelift as well thanks to 'Rutledge Wood Floors'. Many thanks to all who have worked hard over these past few months



Ballybay Parish Hall.

from organising bank loans, seeing who we'll get to carry out the work, running from A to B, overseeing everything and mostly for being there when we needed something doing at the drop of a hat - many hands really do make light work.

Tanya Pratt

Holy Matrimony

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to the wedding of Hillary Gray (daughter of Lucas and Elizabeth of Ballybay) and Gerardo Gozain Colina who are due to be married in Christ Church, Ballybay, on Saturday 19th February. We pray that God will richly bless them in their life together.

Also, congratulations to Wesley Adair (son of John and Niamh, Castleblaney) who married Sinéad McVeigh on 4th December 2021. They had planned an Irish wedding, but due to Covid restrictions they were married in Melbourne, Australia, where they met eight years ago.

May God, who brought them together, bless their marriage, enrich their lives and deepen their love throughout the years.

Open Day at Clontibret N.S.

An 'Open Day' for new pupils and their parents was held at Clontibret National School on Thursday 10th February. Anyone



Clontibret National School.



Wesley Adair and his wife Sinéad.

wishing to enrol their child for the 2022/23 academic year should contact the school for an application form. The closing date for receipt of applications is 25th March.

Select Vestry News

Each Select Vestry met at the end of January in order to revise the General Vestry register. The registered members of each parish, along with the Rector, constitute the General Vestry, which meets annually to hear the Rector's report and to elect churchwardens, glebewardens, and members of the Select Vestry for the forthcoming year.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Joey Sanderson, a parishioner of Christ Church, Ballybay, following the passing of his wife, Maureen, on Sunday 30th January in Cavan Hospital. Her funeral took place on Tuesday 1st February in St. Patrick's church, Ballybay, and was attended by the Rector and a number of parishioners from Christ Church. May Maureen, and all who have died, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lent 2022

By tradition Lent is a time of giving up and

doing without, a season for us to reflect and take stock of our lives. It originated in the early days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter when the faithful rededicated themselves, and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the 40 days of Lent we, as Christians, are invited to imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for 40 days.

Let's try to use Lent 2022 to be better people – let's use it as a time of reflection in order to help us discover the will of God.

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.

In addition, please give thanks for family, friends and all in our community who have recovered from the Covid-19 virus or other serious illness.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh



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SERVICES

Wednesday 2nd March

Ash Wednesday Service St Finbarr's
8.00pm

Sunday 6th March

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

Wednesday 9th March

Lenten Soup and Worship St Finbarr's
12.45pm

Sunday 13th March

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

Wednesday 16th March

Lenten Soup and Worship St Finbarr's
12.45pm

Thursday 17th March

St Patrick's Day Muddy Church Walk,
Lough Fea Estate 10.30am

Sunday 20th March

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 9.00am
Arise and Shine St Finbarr's 10.30am



Barry Jay Hughes who headlines the St Patrick's Concert.

Service of the Word Magheracloone
12noon

Wednesday 23rd March

Lenten Soup and Worship St Finbarr's
12.45pm

Sunday 27th March

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

Wednesday 30th March

Lenten Soup and Worship St Finbarr's
12.45pm

Ash Wednesday Service

We meet together in St Finbarr's on Wednesday 2nd March at 8.00pm for a special service to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of lent. This will be a time of thoughtful reflection as together we begin the journey of lent towards Holy Week and the victory of Easter Sunday.

Lent 2022

During Lent we will be holding a weekly Soup and Worship Service in St Finbarr's at 12.45pm (this will be in place of our normal midweek Holy Communion). Each week a different member of our church family will share what faith means to them. The services will last around 30 minutes and are a wonderful opportunity to invite along family or friends.

There will be a donation basket each week with donations going to Bishop's Appeal. Our Lenten Bible studies this year will be based on the study "Come and See" by David Adam. The study seeks to help us improve our vision, the way we look at world, each other and God. The Lent Study will be online only each Tuesday evening starting on Tuesday 8th March on our Facebook Page.

St Patrick's Community Celebration Concert

On Wednesday 16th March we are delighted to be hosting a community concert in St Finbarr's. The lead act on the evening will be talented local singer/song writer Barry Jay Hughes with special guest, Harper Gráinne Duffy. The concert will be an evening of traditional and folk music to celebrate the reopening of the live entertainment sector in our community. Doors at 7.30pm with Show beginning at 8pm. Tickets costing €15 or €7 for children under 12 are now available.

St Patrick's Day Muddy Church Walk

We are really excited to be holding a St Patrick's Day Muddy Church Walk on Thursday 17th March (St Patrick's Day). The walk will take place in Lough Fea Estate and cars should enter via the main entrance on the Kingscourt Road then park as directed along the avenue. The walk will begin at 10.30am and will be a wonderful way to celebrate the faith of St Patrick and connect with God through the beauty of nature and creation. The walk is primarily aimed at young families but all are welcome to join us. We thank the Shirley family for the use of Lough Fea.

'Lighthouse' Painting Draw

Congratulations to Helen Sweetnam who was the winner of the beautiful 'Lighthouse' painting which Michelle McHugh so generously raffled to raise funds for St Finbarr's. In total over €1500 was raised for parish funds thanks to both the talent and generosity of Michelle. Thank you to all who bought tickets.



Helen collecting the 'Lighthouse' painting from Michelle.



Children from Cabra Central School created St Brigid crosses in assembly.

Pop-Up Shop

Following on from the hugely successful Pop-Up Shop in 2020 St Finbarr's will be hosting a similar fund-raising event running from 9th to 12th March in Carrickmacross Shopping Centre on Main Street.

Parishioners and friends are encouraged to gather up items to sell in the shop ranging from small furniture to clothes and toys.

As well as seeking items to sell we will be looking for volunteers to sell the goods while the shop is open. For further details please speak to Doreen Monahan.

Sunday School

Sunday School meets in St Finbarr's on the first, second and fourth Sundays of the month. All children of National School age are very welcome as the children learn



Connal with one of the Sunday School Valentines hearts.

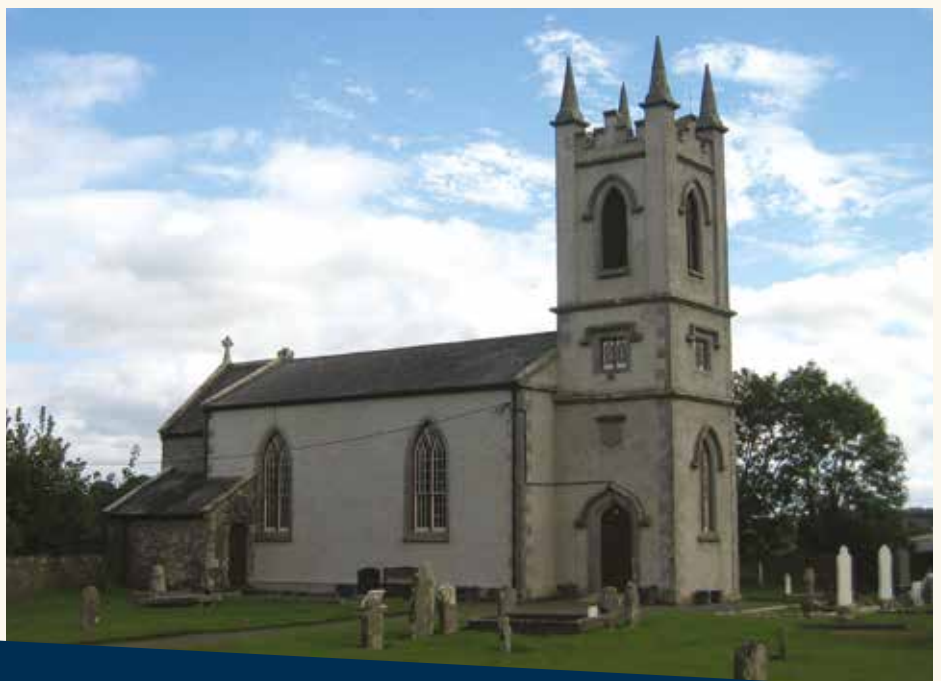
about the same Bible passage we are focusing on in the church service that day. For Valentine's Day the children made little hearts with the words "Jesus loves you" to give to all parishioners in church.

Youth Group

Youth Group will re-commence on Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm. Youth Group is open to all young people aged 12-17 and is a mixture of games, chat and a Bible talk.

Prayer Meetings

Our monthly time of prayer will take place in the Rectory on Monday 7th March at 8pm. Prayer is the cornerstone of our Group of Parishes so we would encourage people to come along and join us in praying for our church, our community, the wider world, the sick and ourselves.



Cleenish & Mullaghduin



Vacant

**Diocesan Curate
The Revd
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Will be conducting all services, providing pastoral care and chairing meetings of the Vestry during the vacancy.

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WELCOME...

The parishioners of both Parishes welcomed Revd Alison Irvine, Diocesan Curate, to her first service of Holy Communion in both churches, on Sunday 13th February. Revd Irvine will be in charge of both Cleenish and Mullaghduin during the vacancy.

In her address she introduced herself as follows:

Hello everyone. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those who do not already know me. I am very happy to be serving God among the people of these parishes. After several years studying and working in the Republic of Ireland I am grateful to be back living in Fermanagh. I have also lived in England and Scotland and have worked in many various jobs. I may have grown up in Enniskillen, but the farming way of life also had an influence. I was a member of a Young Farmers' Club and even though I favoured the public speaking, debating and quiz competitions over the stock judging; but I gave it a good go.

A sense of a duty to help and serve others as well as a desire for social justice have always been important to me. These are necessary requisites for my previous career in the trades' union movement as well as that of an ordained Minister. So, the change from one career to another is not as strange as some might think. I have always adhered to the old adage: "Don't stand around with one arm as long as the other – do something useful!" Being helpful and useful has always made me happy.

This was first nurtured as a Brownie and then a Girl Guide and by volunteering with local charities. No matter where I have lived, I always took an active role in parish life through singing in the choir, as a member of Select Vestry, and also through Youth Ministry. However, after a number of years of self-doubt and ignoring God, I finally opened my ears to what He was calling me to do. It has been a long and



Presentation to Canon Wm Johnston and Mrs Johnston in Mullaghduin by Desmond Coalter, Peoples' Churchwarden; Heather Carson, Rector's Churchwarden and Robert Watterson, Parish Reader.

sometimes very difficult journey to get to this stage. The decision to go forward for ordination meant returning to full time study and giving up my well-paid job, financial security and independence which work had given me for over 20 years. But with the support of my family and friends, and with the Grace of God, I have endeavoured to rise to this challenge to the best of my ability.

Mindful of Paul's words of encouragement when he wrote to the Philippians (3:12-16) I am filled with trepidation and excitement as I enter this new position and look forward to the new challenges and opportunities God has presented before me. "Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained."

I look forward to getting to know you as we worship and pray together, and as I provide for your spiritual guidance and wellbeing.

God bless. Rev Alison.

Thank You To...

On Sunday 6th February the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne was marked in both Churches with a special Collect and a Litany of Prayer and Thanksgiving. The Services were conducted by Canon Johnston. Everyone attending was given a bookmark and a pamphlet, courtesy of County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge. As this was Canon Johnston's final Services in Cleenish and Mullaghduin, a small presentation was made by Robert Watterson, Mullaghduin who thanked him for his service to the Parish during the

current vacancy and the Churchwardens presented him with a small gift. Mrs Johnston was also presented with a bouquet of flowers. In Cleenish, the Rector's Churchwarden, Rosemary Forde, presented him with a small gift, thanking him for his faithfulness and diligence to the Parish and for his meaningful message in his sermons. Mrs Johnston was presented with a pot plant called the "Peace Lily".

Mothers' Union

As we settle back into some form of normality, members are looking forward to sharing face to face in our Church Halls. On 15th March we will have our Opening Service conducted by Revd Alison Irvine and this will be followed by our AGM. We are delighted to welcome Revd Alison to our Parish and look forward to her Ministry with us.

As 2022 is the start of a new Triennium we look forward to the future with fresh vision and our Theme "TRANSFORMATION – NOW". With the amazing resilience, responsiveness and adaptability shown by members throughout the pandemic, now is the time to:

- Transform ourselves, personally and spiritually, to live out our faith
- Transform the Churches and communities we work with to reflect Christ's kingdom and
- Transform Mothers' Union to be relevant for 21st century life.

Parent & Toddler's Group

The leaders of the Parent & Toddler's Group met recently and are making plans to re-open after Easter.

As is the case with any organisation which requires volunteers, the Group is making an appeal for volunteers to assist each week, one morning for approximately

two hours. If interested in supporting the Group, please contact Joan at 028 66 348314.

Sympathy

We express sympathy to the family circle of the late Dorothy Humphreys, who died on 15th January.

Christian Burial MULLAGHDUN PARISH CHURCH

18th January 2022
Sarah Dorothy Humphreys, Derryleck, Letterbreen, aged 82 years.

Bellanaleck Community Group

There was a good attendance at the Group meeting on Wednesday 26 January. At the commencement of the meeting, due to the absence of chairman George Thornton, vice chairman Ray Melanaphy welcomed all in attendance.

Alterations have recently been made to the signage at the slipway off Waterhen Lane, with the erection of two warning signs, one on each side of the entrance, which should make the path to the river more clearly defined (see photo).

The Group considered a report by George Cathcart expressing their warm appreciation for his dedicated and enthusiastic work in the Community



The warning signs at the new slipway.

Garden since its inauguration, which had enabled an outstanding biodiverse to be created that is much enjoyed by residents and visitors. In connection with his penultimate paragraph of his report, George informed that the Group consider the existing natural habitat for hedgehogs is sufficient.

Also in the Garden there are a number of bat and bird boxes, which children could be tasked to locate, and to give an interest where the subjects are present both day and evening time.

Next meeting; Wednesday 23 March, contact Owen Wilson (Sec) 66349602 or Sharon Elliott on Facebook.

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From the Rector's Desk 'Tougher than we look'

I love the Psalms! If Psalm 23 is the only Psalm you are familiar with then you really are missing a treasure trove full of some of the most wonderful verses in the bible – in my opinion. The Psalms are wonderfully full of raw emotion which spans from

desperation to elation and everything in between.

During our first little flurry of snow this year I was struck once more with amazement and delight as I discovered how well my first little snowdrops had fared. Snowdrops always strike me as such delicate fragile little flowers. Yet there they were in all their glory, seemingly unharmed despite the icy-sleety lace blanket which now surrounded them. Then again, I really shouldn't have been too surprised at the resilience of my little friends. These after all are often our first little floral visitors emerging from the shadows of winter as our days begin to brighten. They bring with them hope of better to come, instilling in those who take the time to linger in their presence just that small spark of inner warmth.

Snowdrops are indeed 'tougher than they look,' and so are we! Psalm 43 is a prayer which speaks of the gulf between despair and praise. Verse 2 **"For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me?"** The psalmist is battling, life is difficult and bleak, yet he lifts his voice to the living God. As the psalm progresses,



the psalmist seeks God's light and truth that he may be led out of his despair – and it works!

The Psalm concludes with the gulf between despair and praise honestly addressed and hope emerges:

"Why are downcast, O my soul, and why

are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God."

Our mighty loving Father God is sovereign and when you call to Him and put your trust in Him, then nothing in heaven or earth can separate you from His love. Your circumstances may well feel like winter, you may even feel the darkness of the earth or the inhospitable elements surrounding you, but remember – these things are transitory, they too will pass and brighter days will come, just as my little snowdrops, with Almighty God as your strength **you are tougher than you think!**

Rev. Olie



Sunday School!

We are so pleased to announce that Sunday will have reopened once again during Sunday morning worship!

Detail as follows:

St. Macartan's Cathedral Sunday 27th February at 11.30am (in the Cathedral).

St. Mark's Agher Sunday 27th February at 10am (in the church hall).

St. Mark's Newtownsaville Sunday 27th February at 11.30am (church hall and church transept)

St. Mary's Errigal Portclare – To be confirmed.

An Exciting Project!

Are you planning an outing for your group or organisation?

St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher may well be able to help you!!!!!!

On 26th June this year, St. Macartan's Cathedral will be unveiling a wonderful project which members of the parish have been working on for over a year. It will be well worth seeing and after the official unveiling the project will remain in the Cathedral for a little while. So why don't you arrange with us for your group or organisation to call in and see us. Our beautiful Diocesan historical Cathedral sits right on the side of the main A4 and it would be lovely to welcome individuals and groups to come and visit our Cathedral and see our special project. Please contact the rector if you would like more details.

Wednesday Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday 1st March

8pm - St. Mark's Newtownsaville

Wednesday 9th March

8pm - St. Mary's Errigal Portclare

Wednesday 16th March

8pm - St. Macartan's Cathedral

Wednesday 23rd March

8pm - St. Mark's Agher

Wednesday 30th March

8pm - St. Mark's Newtownsaville

Wednesday 6th April

8pm - St. Mary's Errigal Portclare

Holy Week

Wednesday 13th April

8pm - St. Mark's Newtownsaville

Maundy Thursday 14th April

8pm - St. Mark's Agher

Good Friday 15th April

8pm - St. Macartan's Cathedral

Knit, Stitch & Natter

Knit, Stitch & Natter returns to normal dates and time, meeting every second and fourth Thursday of each month in the Cathedral Hall at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union is also returning to normal dates and times meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, during Lent the meeting will follow the Lenten Service.

Prayer Requests

Our prayer team are faithfully continuing to pray and intercede for all who have requested prayer. Please feel free to drop



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

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

Christian Baptism

Willow Louise Jordan, infant daughter of Andrew and Sarah, Sunday 21st November 2021, St. Mark's Newtownsaville



Andrew and Sarah Jordan at the baptism of Willow with Revd Olie Downey.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

6 March

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

13 March

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

20 March

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

27 March

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer –
Mothering Sunday
Killeevan 11.30am: Morning Prayer –
Mothering Sunday

3 April

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

Confirmation

– and what our candidates did with their 'Favour Fivers'

On Sunday, 30 January, Bishop Ian Ellis came to Clones Church for the first time in his new role to confirm five young people in our Group: Kellie Irwin, Jason Jordan, Adam Keating, Ross Keating, Ethan Rusk. It was a truly memorable service. The church looked absolutely beautiful, with brass gleaming and a lovely array of floral arrangements. It was simply a pleasure to see, and our thanks go to all those who worked hard in so many ways to prepare the church before the service.

Above all, though, there was a joyful atmosphere of worship amongst the large congregation as we joined with Clones organist, May Leech and our joint choir in singing out well-loved hymns 'with gusto' for the first time in many months, listened to a thoughtful sermon from Bishop Ian (who used the Rector's car keys as his main 'prop'), and prayed



Bishop Ian Ellis and Rector, Revd Roy Taylor with the confirmation candidates.

for our confirmation candidates as they embarked on the next stage in their journey of faith.

At the end of the service the Rector gave to each of the newly-confirmed youngsters a 5-Euro note, which he called a 'favour fiver'. This was because it was not for the youngsters to spend on themselves, but rather money that they should use to help them be 'a light in the world' and to bring some extra little joy into the life of someone else.

Each of the youngsters used their fiver in different ways.

Ross used his money to buy a 'be buddies, not bullies' sticker, so supporting the anti-bullying campaign that began after the tragic suicide of Cavan lad, Eden Heaslip.

Adam made a donation to the Hope Food Bank in Monaghan, so helping to provide food and support to those in need in our local community.

Ethan spent his money on paints and markers for his little brother and sister in order to help make them happy and busy. Jason made a donation to his parish church in Currin, keenly aware that churches need the support of all parishioners if they are not just to survive but to thrive.

Last but not least, Kellie made a donation to a cancer charity. All in all, a wide-ranging and productive use of the 'favour fivers'!

Mothers' Union

Given the current easing of Covid-19 restrictions, Linda Keating hopes to arrange a meeting of the Killeevan MU in March. She will announce further details in church in due course.



Adam who made a donation the Hope Food Bank.

Colaghty



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March

2ndAsh Wednesday 8.00pm

6thHoly Communion 11.30am

13thFamily Service 11.30am

20thMorning Prayer 11.30am

27thMorning Prayer 11.30am

April

3rdHoly Communion 11.30am

10thFamily service 11.30am

14thMaundy Thursday 8.00pm

15thGood Friday 8.00pm

17thEaster Sunday 11.30am

24thMorning Prayer 11.30am

Christian Baptism

■ 23rd January 2022 - Alvie Andrew Woods, son of Trevor and Gillian

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1: 9

God's assurance to Joshua as he took



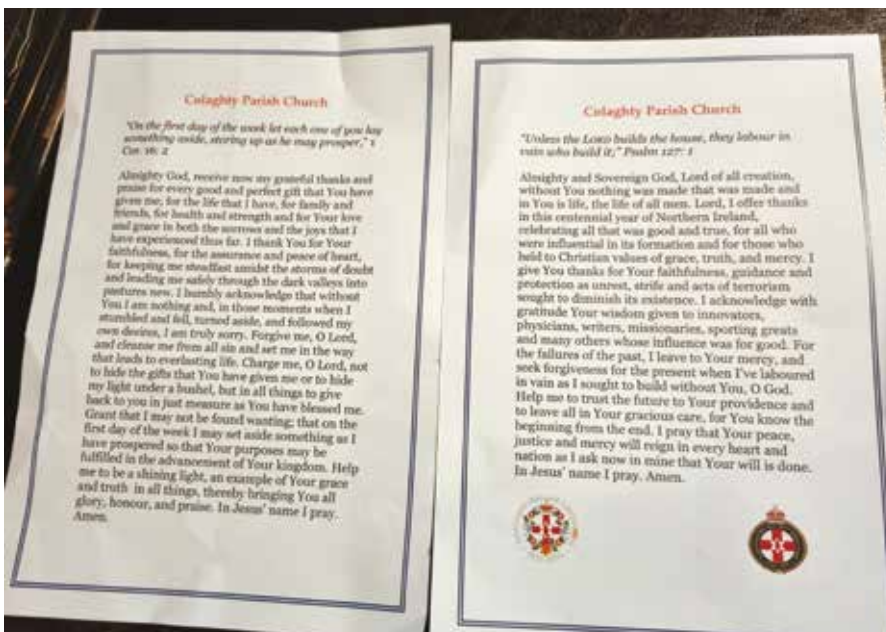
The Revd Alan Irwin receiving an information leaflet and bookmark on the first Sunday of February which marked Her Majesty, The Queen's 70th anniversary of the Accession to the Throne.

over the leadership from Moses and was about to lead the Children of Israel into the Promised Land. That he need not fear, but to be strong and courageous, not to wallow in despair for God would be with him wherever he went. As restrictions around COVID – 19 might begin to lift with more clarity and decisiveness, it may seem that the "journey out of COVID" is as scary as the "journey with COVID". However, those words God spoke to Joshua, are words spoken to us all, not to be fearful, for God drives out all fear. Not to be disheartened, but to look to the future with hope, a hope that does not disappoint, to hope in Christ our light and life. Now is not the time to be faint of heart or allow weakness to deny us moving forward. Now is the time to remain

strong and of a good courage as we step out in faith with Christ the Risen Lord, in the full assurance He holds the future.

Queen's Accession

On Sunday, 6th February, we paid tribute to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, on the 70th anniversary of her Accession to the Throne on the sudden death of her father King George VI. The very fitting tribute acknowledge her faith and civic duty very much at the heart of her life as she fulfilled the vows made at her coronation. This event was complimented by an information leaflet and a special Bookmark for the occasion courtesy of County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge presented to everyone in attendance on that Sunday.



Celebrating the Northern Ireland Centenary.





Rev'd Alan Irwin receiving a donation of trees from members of Tubrid Loyal Orange Lodge No. 200 to plant as part of the Northern Ireland Centennial Year. Photos above show other parishes in North Fermanagh, Drumkeeran and Derryvullen North also receiving trees.

Bowling Club

Colaghty Bowling Club have recommenced play again on Thursday nights at 8.00pm with mitigations in place as per the current guidance at the time of writing. If anyone is interested in playing bowls, come along and try it out, you never know, you might just be a gem waiting to be discovered.

Passion for life UK 2022

Carrying on from our mission week in 2019, the parish are joining with other churches, and those in Fermanagh in promoting and equipping for mission. There are a number of sessions planned for February and March which will assist you along with the opportunity of watching some online videos on the 'Passion for Life' website. It is anticipated that we will hold an outreach event in the metropolitan city of Lack on Tuesday 5th April 2022. Further information will be given nearer the time. Please pray for the missional outreach across this county and beyond. As scripture calls us to "Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples." 1 Chron. 16: 24

Farm, Fellowship & Faith

The next meeting of 'Farm, Fellowship & Faith' will take place on Tuesday 29th March 2022 at 8.00pm in the parish hall. The speaker is Martin Peters, who is a paramedic with the Northern Ireland Ambulance service. Please plan to come along, all are welcome.

Easter General Vestry

This has been arranged for Wednesday 6th April at 8.00pm in the parish hall when the accounts for 2021 will be presented and the election of the select vestry will take place. All parishioners are welcome to attend, but only those who are registered as general vestry persons can vote. Please plan to come along and pray for all who have leadership roles within the church family.

Looking forward – Dates for the diary

- Saturday 7th May - Parish Auction
- Sunday 4th June 2022, DV - Platinum service celebrating Her Majesty's reign.

Updates on the resumption of church groups and other activities will be noted on the weekly notices in church and posted on the parish Facebook when appropriate.

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Sunday Worship

13th March (Informal Morning Prayer)

10.30am Derryvullen North
11.45am Castle Archdale

There will be a Guest Speaker from CMS (Church Missionary Society) at each of these Services

20th March (Morning Prayer)

10.15am Castle Archdale
11.30am Derryvullen North

27th March (Morning Prayer)

10.15am Castle Archdale
11.30am Derryvullen North + Junior Sunday School and crèche

3rd April (Holy Communion)

10.15am Castle Archdale
11.30am Derryvullen North + Senior Sunday School

Lenten Services

These will be held each Wednesday 7.30pm in Derryvullen North and will take as the theme: Our Book of Common Prayer - a Scriptural Treasury. The Prayer Book is a wonderful resource to help us explore the Scriptures and to grow in faith and there is perhaps a lot in it that we can sometimes overlook.

- 2nd March Ash Wednesday, "Prayer, praise and Scripture" The daily office
- 9th March, "Spiritual nourishment for the Journey" Holy Communion
- 16th March, "Consecrating the turning points of life" The Occasional Offices part 1
- 23rd March, "Ministry to the sick" The Occasional Offices part 2
- 30th March, "Telling the story of Salvation" The Collects and Church Year
- 6th April, "Messengers, watchers and stewards of the Lord" The Ordinal

Holy Week in our Parishes

- 10th April: Palm Sunday. 10.30am



Planning underway for the World Day of Prayer hosted by Derryvullen North Parish Church.

Derryvullen North and 11.45am Castle Archdale

- 13th April: Wednesday (Derryvullen North 7.30pm) In the city - tension builds
- 14th April: Maundy Thursday. (Castle Archdale 7.30pm) Time out - the Upper Room
- 15th: Good Friday. (Derryvullen North 7.30pm) The hill of Golgotha - the Cross
- 17th April: Easter Day Holy Communion 10.15am Castle Archdale and 11.30am Derryvullen North

Online information

You can find photographs, videos and other parish news on Facebook at @

rectorDVNandCA

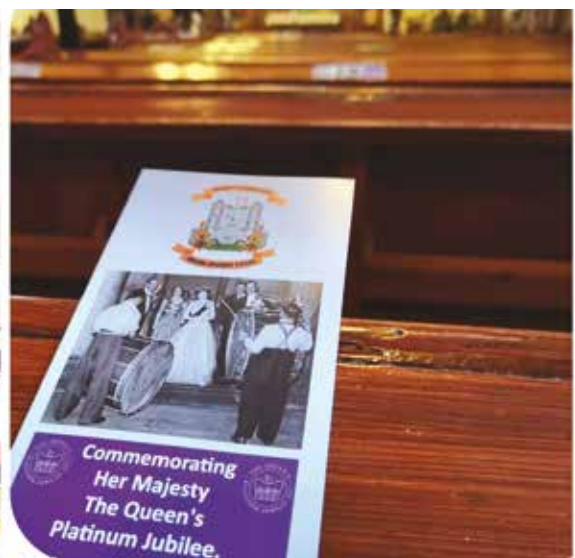
If you do not have Facebook you can still see all the material on our parishes' section of the Diocesan website which you can find at <https://clogher.anglican.org/Parishes/>

Shoppers' Service

This will be held in Derryvullen North Parish Centre, 11.00am Wednesday 9th March

Accession Day (6th February) in our Parishes

At each of the Services held on this day we marked the 70th anniversary of the Accession to the Throne of HM Queen Elizabeth. The specially written Collect of



the Church of Ireland was used. There was also a special Jubilee commemorative and information leaflet along with a bookmark for each worshipper, a very kind gift from the County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge and a project of the County Fermanagh Grand Master, Mervyn Byers. The Rector has written to Mervyn to express our thanks for this gesture. There are included here some photographs from St Patrick's and St Tighernach's on that day. Accession Day is quite distinct from the Coronation which will be celebrated later in the year.

Women's World Day of Prayer

By the time you read this... Women's World Day of Prayer will be hosted this year by Derryvullen North on Friday 4th March at 7.30pm. The local organising Committee for the Women's World Day of Prayer met to plan the Service on Saturday 5th February. For the Service, women from other churches were invited to join with the Derryvullen North Choir to form a combined choir for the occasion. The committee is drawn from women from the local churches - Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist and Church of Ireland and the Service is hosted by each Church in turn. Carol Clarke, from Derryvullen North, is the coordinator of the group and is also the representative from the Church of Ireland. The planning meeting was chaired by Dr Margaret. Here is a link to the history of the event <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/about-us/our-history/>



Taking part in the service to mark Her Majesty, The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Mothers' Union

At the time of writing these notes, the members have planned to meet on Wednesday 23rd February in the

Derryvullen North Parish Centre. This will include a bring your own flask supper along with wrapped snacks. There will be a report on this in the next magazine

Organisations and Groups

While this year has been unusual and it has not been easy to resume activities again it has been wonderful to see the dedication of leaders and the enjoyment of those who participated in our groups this season – Bowling Club, Boys' Brigade, Mothers' Union, Choir, Sunday School, Walking Group and also the Girls' Brigade which is based in the Presbyterian Church.

From the registers

Christian burial

- Kathleen Jeavons, 15th January 2022 (Castle Archdale)
- Noreen Mabel Spratt, 9th February (Derryvullen North)

*Merciful Father,
hear our prayers and comfort us,
renew our trust in your Son, whom you
raised from the dead,
strengthen our faith
that all who have died in the love of Christ
will share in his resurrection;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen (Book of Common Prayer 2004)*



THE BOYS' BRIGADE
> the adventure begins here



Irvinestown BB Company

Juniors. Mon 7-8pm
Anchors. Thurs 6.30 to 7.30pm
Company. Thurs 8-9pm

Derryvullen South and Garvary

Vacant:

The Revd John Woods, Acting Rural Dean is in charge and is providing emergency pastoral cover along with Dean Raymond Ferguson.

Services for March

Sunday, 6th March

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

Sunday, 13th March

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

Sunday, 20th March

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

Sunday, 27th March

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South



12 Noon Morning Prayer, Garvary Garvary

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to William and Valerie Edwards following the death of their mother, Mrs Lorna Edwards, Ballyreagh on 8th February 2022. Sym-

pathy is also extended to the wider family circle. Mrs Edwards had celebrated her 100th birthday last October.

Prayers

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

Devenish & Boho



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Services for March 2022

Sunday 6th March

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

Sunday 13th March

10.00am. Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am. Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 20th March

10.00am. Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am. Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 27th March

10.00am. Mothering Sunday/Family Service, Boho Parish Church
11.30am. Mothering Sunday/Family Service, Devenish Parish Church

Burial

18th January 2022 - William Norman Dundas, 37 Boho Road, Cleens Old, Springfield, Enniskillen. Following a service in Enniskillen Independent Methodist Church, Norman was buried in Devenish Parish Graveyard. We extend our sympathy to Norman's wife Nancy, his sons Paul and Ian, daughter Helen, sister Estelle and the wider family circle.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to our former Rector, Canon James Carson on death of his father, Jimmy.

Services

Lenten Services will continue each Wednesday night at 8.00pm, alternating

between Devenish and Boho churches.

World Day of Prayer Service

Friday 4th March in Devenish Parish Church at 8pm. Preacher will be Revd Maureen Desborough.

Sunday School

We are delighted that our Sunday School resumed again on the 6th February. We thank our existing teachers, Norma, Kay and Dorothy for returning and we welcome our new teachers, Hannah Connolly and Mandy Haskins assisted by her daughter Kathryn.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union Members were delighted to meet again on Tuesday 18th January in the Reade Hall, Monea. After welcoming those who were present, Georgina, our Branch Leader, read a passage of scripture and led us in prayer. A business meeting followed. Georgina thanked those who had contributed to the Mums in May Appeal Fund and donated items to Womens Aid. These items were brought to the 16 Days of Activism Service in St. Macartin's Cathedral on Saturday 27th November for



Flower arrangements by Austin Strong for the Queen's Platinum anniversary in Boho Parish Church.

distribution to Womens Aid. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th April at 8 pm and we

look forward to a good attendance. Our deepest sympathy goes to Carole Whittaker, our MU secretary on the

passing of her dear mother. Mrs Edwards had a wonderful long life having reached 100 years in October past.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh

Chancellor Ian Berry is in charge.

Services and pastoral cover provided by Revd. Margaret Pringle

I came across this picture (right) which made me smile and hope it makes you smile too, but mothers don't blame me if you don't get your breakfast in bed! We will have more freedom this year to celebrate Mother's Day on 27th March. On Mother's Day we also remember and thank God for dads, adoptive parents, foster parents, grandmothers, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters who care for children and others.

I'm sure most mothers have thought from time to time about an adequate description of their role as a 'mother'. Recently I came across some humorous as well as soul searching facets about mothers and motherhood while reading some thoughts by Brian D'Arcy. The following story will in some way help to clarify the role of motherhood. A full-time housewife had to go to a government department to apply for a licence. She was asked if she had a job and when she snapped that she was a mother, the girl in the office replied, 'We don't list 'mother' as an occupation, 'housewife' covers it. It too left an

indelible imprint on the woman's self-confidence. So the next time, she was in the same office when she was asked what her occupation was, she answered, 'I am a research associate in the field of Child Development and human relations. The clerk wrote her rather pompous title into the official questionnaire. When she had it written she asked, 'Might I just ask what you do in your field?' The woman replied, I have a continuing programme of research in the laboratory and in the field. I am working for my Masters (the whole family) and already have four credits (all daughters). Of course the job is one of the most demanding in humanities and I often work 14 hours a day. But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are in satisfaction rather than just money. The woman continued, 'There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's voice. She completed the form and personally ushered me to the door. As I drove into my driveway buoyed by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by three of my lab assistants - aged 13, seven and three. And upstairs I could hear my next experimental model (six months old) in the child development programme testing out a new vocal pattern. 'I felt triumphant because in the official records I am now someone more distinguished and indispensable to society than anyone else. 'I am a mother'

Mother's Day Special: It is called 'Mother, I remember'. This was written by a middle aged nun who is talking about her ailing mother. This is part of what she wrote: 'When I



enter the room and the loudness of the TV shocks my senses and irritation surges through me, I remember those times Mother, when I was a teenager and you gracefully put up with my radio and stereo at full volume.

When it hurts me to see you fumble to open the milk carton with your arthritic fingers, I remember those same fingers patiently untying a knot in my shoelace. When I see your eyes growing dim with age, I remember how those eyes would twinkle with delight at my smallest accomplishments.

When you talk on and on about things and people who are no longer a part of my life, I remember your patience when I would ask you endless questions and you gently responded to each. When you walk so slowly that I grow impatient, I remember the walks we took around the neighbourhood when you would adjust your steps to my small feet. When my heart skips a beat as you stumble and I quickly reach out to help you, I remember how you walked by my

side, ready to catch me while I learned to ride my bicycle.

When you jump to conclusions and it drives me mad, I remember how gently you dealt with my growing pains when I was an adolescent.
And when you seem a million miles away, lost in your own little world, I remember best of all, when I would snuggle close to you and feel your reassuring arm around me.'

From Mother to Child

I gave you life,
but I cannot live it for you.
I can give you directions,
but I cannot force you to follow them

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I can take you to church each Sunday,
but I cannot make you believe.
I can give you love,
but I cannot make you take it.

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I can teach you to share,
but I cannot make you unselfish.
I can teach you respect,
but I cannot force you to be honourable.

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I can advise you about friends,
But cannot choose them for you.
I can advise you about sex,
But I cannot keep you pure.

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I can tell you about alcohol and drugs,
but I cannot say 'no' for you.
I can teach you about kindness,
but I cannot force you to be courteous.

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I can pray for you,
but I cannot make you walk with God.
I can tell you how to live,
but I cannot give you eternal life.
I can love you with unconditional love
All of my life
And I always will.

Services for March

Friday 4th

Donagh 8pm - (World Day of Prayer Service)

Sunday 6th

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

Sunday 13th

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

Sunday 20th

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

Sunday 27th

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

Bereavement

Our sincere sympathy to Mr Stephen Roberts on the recent death of his mother, Mrs Betty Roberts and also to Mrs Joan Singleton on the death of her cousin, Mrs Kitty Evans.

Prayer for the bereaved

Grant, O Lord to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have the strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation

of eternal life with those they love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Donagh Group Sunday School Room and New Toilet Extension

The gallery conversion is now ready for the recommencement of the Donagh Group Sunday School on Sunday 20th February, D.V. We are extremely grateful to The Priorities Fund and to the All Churches Trust for their Growing Lives Grant towards this project. We also wish to thank Tyholland parishioners who along with Diocesan Board of Education, donated the net proceeds of sale of Tyholland School to this inviting space which will benefit all children from throughout the Group of Parishes. The wheelchair accessible toilet is now also complete and we wish to thank The Marshall Beresford Fund and Monaghan District Council Community Enhancement Programme for their grant aid towards this very welcome facility. St Salvador's Church is part of the Glaslough Audio Trail and attracts many visitors each year to Glaslough. It also hosts a number of weddings in conjunction with Castle Leslie and the Select Vestry members appreciate the Council's investment of E5,000 in the provision of much needed toilet facilities.



The gallery conversion.



The new Sunday School room.





The exterior of the toilet extension.

This project was complicated and took a long time to reach fruition. Most of all we thank God who has provided for us, not only the finance through grant aid, but by galvanizing and sustaining the body of people who saw this project through.

Date for your diary

Please keep free Sunday, 9th October when Bishop Ian Ellis will dedicate the building works in Donagh Parish Church (D.V.) at their annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 3pm.



The new toilet facilities.

Community Choir

The community choir continues to practice every Monday night in Salvator's at 8pm under the leadership of Mrs Ethne McCord.

We are presently practising for the World Day of Prayer which is to be held in Donagh Parish Church this year. New members are always welcome. It is with sadness that the choir performed its first act of mission this year singing at the funeral of the late Mrs Margaret McAdam, wife of our steadfast choir

member, Peadar. We give thanks for Margaret's life and uphold Peadar in our prayers at this sad time of earthly parting.

Parish Choir

We are grateful that the parish choir has been able to return to the choir stalls (still observing certain safety measures) after a long period of sitting socially distanced in the body of the church.

Junior choir practice will recommence as soon as possible.

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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

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 small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship had come to an end.

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

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



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 enter into Lent, let us live everyday for Jesus, seeking to be true disciples as he defines it in Luke 9:23 (The Message):

Then he told them what they could expect for themselves: "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat—I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self."

Services

6th March

11.00am – Morning Service, (Ken Dobbin, Kindfund)

(Children go directly to the hall for Sunday School)

13th March

11.00am – Family Service, 'Our Community', Phil 3:17-4:1

20th March

11.00am – HC 2, 'What Jesus expects of us', Luke 13:1-9

(Children go directly to the hall for Sunday School)

27th March

11.00am – Family Service, 'Unless the Lord...', Psalm 127:1-4



Kindfund

Standing in the hot 35 C, mid-day sun a short distance from the main Great North Highway in Northern Kenya, I stared at the little white coffin that held the remains of baby Francis. It was Saturday. Was it last Sunday 6th Feb 2022 when Gillian and I had arrived at Ngaremara from cold wintry Fermanagh?

What had gone wrong? Ken and Esther (Manager) had only brought baby Francis and his young mother, another Esther just 17 years, to us in October. Esther weaned the baby and returned to her education. The staff had carefully looked after him and since he had fallen ill, they had been taking him to the local clinic and to the hospital 20 kms away. Staff and children at our homes had been praying for him. In Kindfund the prayer team who cover all requests from Kenya also prayed. I recalled the words of David 2 Samuel 12:22. 'Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.' As my eyes grew moist, they moved around the group of mourners gathered to put Francis to rest. Here is our Kenyan family given birth by Ken and me when we travelled to Kenya in February 2004.

I recall the words in my heart at the time when considering the request for help from a pastor, while holiday working with another charity in Kenya. 'If you say no to this request, you are saying no to me.' Ken had just retired from the bank and would be 60 later that year. I was almost 57. We were both fit and well, our three sons had left the nest and we had a heart to serve the Lord giving him the last, but hopefully best years of our lives. Now 18 years later supported by a Board of trustees and over 200 people at home and further afield, and joined five years ago by Gillian from Ballinamallard, Kindfund manages four projects involving

over 200 children and almost 60 staff in remote Northern Kenya. These are the poorest pastoralist tribal people in Kenya. Today we continue to seek God's direction as he brings daily challenges and we ask, 'What will you have us to do?' Standing to one side at the gathering is Ambrose, he visited NI as a young teenager in 2014, now Groundsman at Ngaremara. Beside him a few of our teenage boys who attend secondary school, they had just hand dug the little grave. There also is heavily pregnant Martha, and Esther, now managing the home but who came to us as teenage primary school leavers 12 years ago. How well, supported by Gillian, they had organised the funeral arrangements. Standing over a little is yet another Esther, a young mother herself who stays at night with our babies, Doreen one of our housemothers who stayed in the hospital nursing Francis 24 hours a day during his last week: Damaris, another Housemother but previously one of our first children standing beside Rosemum, another of our first children but now a qualified Early Years teacher. Other teachers and staff are standing surrounded by our pre-primary and primary 1 and 2 children. They stand quietly. Leading the service is William, a local pastor we have known from those early years supported by John the Anglican rector from Isiolo, our local town 12 miles away. He had hosted all our Ngaremara children and some staff to sleep on the floor of his church two years ago when we had to temporarily abandon our home for two nights due to disturbances in the area. He is accompanied by Janet, a retired Housemother from his parish who remains a good friend. In the centre are Esther, the mother, and her mother the grandmother of Francis

comforted by those around them. As the service draws to a close the teenagers carefully fill in the grave and everyone present including the children each go forward and carefully place a stone on top of the soil building a small mound. We all stand quietly with our remembrances of Francis.

I walk slowly back to the home 500 yards away thanking God for building his family, the church, at its best comforting and consoling us in our trouble.

Pamela

(Ken and Pamela live at Manoo, Kesh. Ken is a Diocesan Reader and Pamela nee Moore (Davis) has family in the parish and in North Fermanagh. They attend Ardess Parish Church and Gillian Stevenson, Ballinamallard, originally Tubrid is a member of FCF in Enniskillen.)

The loose collection at all our services over the period of Lent will be going to the Kindfund. Ken Dobbin will be speaking about Kindfund at our service on 6th March at 11am.

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).

GFS and CLB

GFS and CLB is back to face-to-face activities once a fortnight (after a longer break over Christmas due to the new variant). This month they will meet on Monday 14th and 28th March, 6.45pm – 7.45pm, in the hall.

Keeping up to date

There are several ways that you can keep

up to date with everything that is going on in the parish:

- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
- Watch our Live Streamed Services <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitydromore/live/>
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwj585CXIqOq6W6h7_2AiYg/
- Watch uploaded Services on YouTube on a smart TV, uploaded usually on Sunday afternoon (All-age Service).
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore.
- Get a recording of the service on CD or DVD every week

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As I write these words we are progressing through February and looking forward to the Season of Lent. Life seems to be passing at an ever increasing rate despite the ongoing difficulties that we are all facing which never ceases to amaze me. I want to make a suggestion which I may have made before which is that we need to enjoy the moment.

I remember hearing a former Archbishop of Canterbury (George Carey) speak at our clerical conference a few years ago and he told us about the first time he met the Queen as Archbishop.

He shared the thought that as he left that meeting his initial thoughts went toward his next engagement before he stopped and said – enjoy the moment, I have just met the Queen.

While few if any of us will have the conversations with the Queen that Lord Carey had we can learn from what he said

to the clergy of the diocese that day. Enjoy the moment.

On Sunday past (6 February) we marked the accession of our Queen 70 years ago and we were delighted to hand out the bookmarks and leaflets supplied by the County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge to mark this occasion.

We look forward to celebrating Queen Elizabeth's 70 years as our sovereign over the weeks and months that lie ahead and hope that these celebrations will bring us together in a way that is much needed at this time.

On Wednesday 2 March the Season of Lent will begin and I hope that we will use this season as it is intended.

I want to share some information about Lent that I found online. I am sure that some of this will be familiar to you but I hope that it makes you think about the Season we will begin on 2 March.

Lent is a significant season in the year for Christians – a time of solemnity and self-reflection where they confess their failings and resolve to live a Godlier life based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Traditionally it was a time of fasting from certain foods whereas nowadays people might give up a luxury food – such as sweets or chocolate. They may also give up an activity such as using social media or drinking alcohol.

The idea of fasting around the time of Easter goes back to the days of the early Church. For some years after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Christians fasted from all food and drink between Good Friday and Easter Sunday – marking the time period between his death and the discovery that his tomb was empty. Lent, as we now know it, has its origins about 900 years after Jesus. There was international agreement that there should be a season of prayer and seeking forgiveness lasting 40 days – plus Sundays – leading up to Easter Sunday. The significance of the time period was that immediately before he began his years of travelling and teaching, Jesus spent forty days in the desert reflecting on the future of his life.

Traditionally the day before Lent begins is a time for feasting and celebration.

All the luxury foods that won't be eaten during Lent are consumed. Given that those foods include eggs, milk and fat – ingredients for pancake batter – it is clear why it became traditional to make pancakes.

In the UK, the day is known as Shrove Tuesday – the word 'shrove' is derived from 'shrive' meaning to forgive.

The last week of Lent is Holy Week, which commemorates the final days before Jesus' execution on a cross. It begins with Palm Sunday which marks the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. It was a day of triumph when crowds of followers and supporters waved palm branches and laid them on the ground in front of him. Later in Holy Week, as Lent draws to an end, some Christians mark significant days in the Christian year: Maundy Thursday, when Jesus ate his last meal with his followers and was then arrested; and Good Friday, when Jesus was put on trial and executed. Lent ends with Easter Sunday – the day Christians celebrate Jesus rising from the dead.

I hope that these words will encourage you to view Lent as the penitential season that it is and encourages you to use this season as it should be used for us as followers of Jesus Christ.

Services

Wednesday 2 March 2022

Ash Wednesday Service, Templecarne 8pm

Sunday 6 March 2022

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 13 March 2022

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckcross, Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 20 March 2022

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid,

Sunday 27 March 2022

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckcross, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 3 April 2022

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 10 April 2022

Palm Sunday 10.00 Muckcross, 11.30 Tubrid Thursday 14 April 2022 Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Muckcross 8pm

Friday 15 April 2022

Good Friday Tubrid 8pm

Sunday 17 April 2022

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid,

Sunday 24 April 2022

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckcross, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

Pastoral Cover:

Mr Walter Pringle, assisted by Canon Charles McCollum.

Revd Lorraine Capper is in charge.

Aughnamullen

We wish anyone who is unwell in the parish a speedy recovery.

Aghabog

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Nigel and Alison Norris on the birth of their baby daughter, a sister for Alanna.

Prayers

We remember in our prayers those



who have been bereaved in our parish recently, and best wishes to those who have been unwell a speedy recovery.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes have begun in the parish hall and please remember the candidates in your prayers as they

prepare for this event to be held in the group in May.

Date for the Diary

Forthcoming event – A walking treasure hunt and barbecue is planned for Saturday 14th May to be held at Druminan. Further details at a later date.

Dartrey and Rockcorry

Baptisms

Isabelle, infant daughter of Graham and Fiona Carleton was baptised in Dartrey church on Sunday 26th December, by Revd Margaret Pringle. We warmly welcome Isabelle into the family of the church.

Sadie, infant daughter of Warren and Deborah Clarke, was baptised in Dartrey Church on Sunday, 23rd January by Revd Margaret Pringle. We warmly welcome Sadie into the family of the church.

Select Vestry

The Vestry met recently and updated the list of registered Vestry members. Revd Lorraine Capper chaired the meeting.

Sunday School

The relaxation of Covid restrictions gives the green light to go ahead with the re-opening of the Sunday School. We are

indebted to Tommy Wilkin for all the work that he does on behalf of the children. Unfortunately, Chrissie Brown who has been helping out for many years is no longer in a position to continue in that role. We wish her well and thank her for all that she did for the Sunday School. We welcome on board the new helpers.

Confirmation

Preparation classes with Revd Margaret Pringle are currently being held weekly in Aghabog Hall. Alastair and Joel Wilkin from Rockcorry Parish are among the seven candidates being prepared for Confirmation on Sunday, 1 May. Please keep all the candidates in your prayers.

Personal

Moving out of the Pandemic should help us to re-focus our thoughts and energy on parish life once again. We have been through two years of the most challenging

of times, which for many have been more challenging than any other in their lives. We had a whole new set of worries to deal with, along with all the usual ones. Illness and bereavement are always very much in our thoughts and prayers. However with a discernible stretch on the evenings and signs of Spring all around we can look forward to better days ahead.

God bless. Keep safe.

Rockcorry National School Enrolment for September 2022

Parents interested in enrolling their child in our school for Sept '22 are invited to contact the Principal, Mrs Julie Coalter, by email to: rockcorrins@gmail.com or on the school telephone number Tel: 04297 42554. We would love to arrange for you to come in to visit the school, have a look around and meet the staff.

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MARCH SERVICES

Ash Wednesday 2nd March

7.30pm – Penitential Service with Holy Communion

Thursday 3rd March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 6th March – The First Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 9th March

7.30pm – 8.00pm – Compline

Thursday 10th March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 13th March – The Second Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Wednesday 16th March

7.30pm – 8.00pm – Compline

Thursday 17th March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 20th March – The Third Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 23rd March

7.30pm – 8.00pm – Compline

Thursday 24th March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 27th March – The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer (Family Service)

Wednesday 30th March

7.30pm – 8.00pm – Compline

Thursday 31st March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Christian Burial

■ 12th February - Baby Jai McClintock, 69 Derrychara Drive, Enniskillen.

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked





The repairs and redecoration of the interior of the Cathedral underway.

by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession.

The extra mid-week services during Lent afford us all an opportunity to come together for worship and reflection. Don't let these opportunities pass you by and slip away unnoticed and make no impact on you and your journey of faith.

Redecorating the Cathedral

Now that the outside work on the roof and stonework has been completed work is underway with the internal redecoration. The cathedral is a very high building and reaching all the surfaces that require painting presents a considerable challenge. Extensive scaffolding has been erected inside the building which now permits access to all the surfaces. The fitting of the scaffolding was a lengthy process involving the erection of a lot of structural steel work and planking. This has now been completed which enables access to all the surfaces. The scaffolding also provides safe working conditions for the painters and others involved.

The painting is now well underway. Before any painting could take place, careful examination of the surfaces had to be carried out and remedial action taken. In the ceiling there were many hair cracks which could not be seen from floor level. These have been carefully filled before the sealer coat of paint was applied.



During the period when the scaffolding was being erected the structure of the cathedral building cooled down. Then when the painters started work there was a considerable condensation problem. This has been overcome by heating the building and by the use of dehumidifiers which has resulted in a big improvement in the conditions for painting. Other preparatory work necessary before painting could commence was the repair of damaged plaster work resulting from the ingress of water from the old roof and gutters. Careful stripping of these surfaces is necessary before new plaster is applied. Time is then required to allow this to dry out prior to painting. Overall the redecoration project appears to be progressing well. The main contractor for the project is Harold Graham who has responsibility for the scaffolding, preparation and repair work. Responsibility for the painting rests with Mr Richard Ross and his team.

Costs

The tenders for the redecoration project turned out to be double the parish's budget figure. Furthermore, the cost of plasterwork repairs which were not obvious when the work was tendered for will increase costs further. Consequently, any contributions to be made by parishioners towards this work will be very much appreciated.

Book Launch

The latest in the series of selected dissertations emerging from Master's students at the Church of Ireland Theological College (CITL) was officially launched on Wednesday 16th February. Our Curate Assistant, Rev Chris, is the author of the latest title in the series of Braemor Studies, "Eucharist and Embodiment: An Invitation to Constructive Theological Thinking," and the Dean introduced and launched his work on the night.

In the book, Rev Chris argues that taking part in our eucharistic liturgy is an example of “body memory” – something we can do without necessarily being able to explain in how we can do so (typing, swimming, and cooking provide other examples); he suggests that the knowledge associated with participating in the Eucharist is often found in our bodies. Take, for example, the communicant who suffers from dementia. The communicant might be fairly unaware of their surroundings, yet – in an act of “body memory” – extend their hands to receive.

The Braemor series is published with support and assistance from the Church of Ireland’s Literature Committee and the Representative Church Body Library, Dublin. Rev Chris’s book, along with other titles in the series, is available to purchase from the Church’s online bookstore (<https://store.ireland.anglican.org>) for £5.00. Copies are also available in the Cathedral Office.

Messy Church

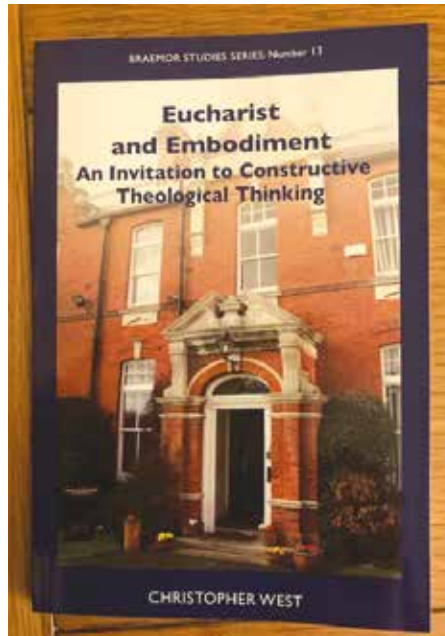
March’s Messy Church Messy Church will take place on Thursday 17th via our closed Facebook group. It’s never too late to get involved – simply fill out a registration form and search for “Messy Church Enniskillen @ Home” on Facebook to join the fun!

Sunday Lights and Café

Sunday Lights and Café allows our children to spend time together learning about the Bible, listening to stories about Jesus, 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.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we have been unable to meet together for over two years; but sessions have been posted on our Google Drive. Given the recent changes in restrictions, we are now attempting to regroup again, and we would ask for your support.

In-person meetings start up again on Sunday 6th March, for the six weeks prior to Easter. We then break until the end of September. (We usually close from Easter – end of September every year.) Included in those six weeks are two Family Services, and we look forward to welcoming all members of your families to them. The first Family Service is on Sunday 27th March (The Fourth Sunday in Lent: Mothering Sunday) at the usual time of 11.00am, and the second Family Service will be held on Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday). We meet at the Cathedral Hall on Palm Sunday at 10.30am, as we begin our



The book written by Revd Chris.

procession to commemorate Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem.

Confirmation

Our young people continue to prepare for Confirmation in Spring, and we thank them for engaging so thoughtfully with the classes, as well as their families for their continued support. Classes are held on Monday evenings, from 6.30-7.30pm, in the Upper Room.

So far, the candidates have been exploring who God is, how we might get to know him (through worship, prayer, Bible reading), and who we are (what makes the Church, the origins of the Church of Ireland, and our connections with the rest of the Anglican Communion).



Dorothy with her flowers won at the Mothers’ Union meeting on Valentine’s Day.

As we move into March, we will start thinking about the Sacraments and Confirmation in more detail, including practicalities associated with the Service itself. Bishop Ian has kindly agreed to hold the Confirmation Service on Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm. The last few sessions together are especially important, and we really need full attendance (if possible).

Mothers’ Union

Our February meeting was held on Monday 14th in the Enniskeen Room with a good attendance. Branch Leader Jenifer opened the meeting with a warm welcome and introduced the Curate, Revd Chris West who was guest speaker. Revd Chris began with a reading and prayers. The title of his talk was “Love Bade Me Welcome,” very appropriate for Valentines Day! He spoke about his life’s journey using an electronic presentation, which was both interesting and humorous. The meeting closed with the Mothers’ Union Prayer and the distribution of chocolate hearts. The lucky winner of a bouquet of flowers was Dorothy Benson. Visitors’ Night will be held on Monday 14th March. Kenny Fisher will give a talk on the work of the Fisher Foundation followed by a performance of the Silver Tones Choir, of which Kenny is a member. All are very welcome to this meeting which begins at 7.30pm in the Main Hall, Cathedral Hall. Supper will be served.

Prayer

Gracious God, may our vision be clear, our commitment strong and our faith constant, and so may your light shine through us, to the glory of your name. Amen.



MU members at their meeting.

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'Tales From A Country Parish'

The book I wish I had written. It's a print of the daily blog a vicar in England sent out to his parishes from the first lockdown in 2020. Although interest in the daily update spiralled internationally, the writing is homely and local. And although its Christian content is played down in some of the publishing blurb, it is very dedicated to the scriptures. It's a witty and very winsome mix of rural reflection, everyday life encounters with the parish, bigger world reflection, and Bible quotations.

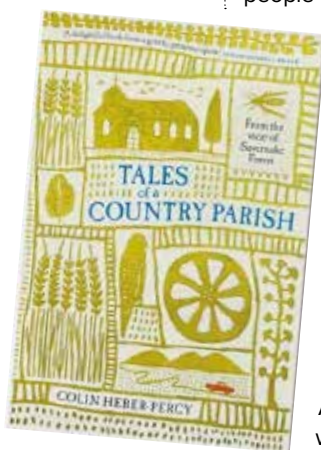
I haven't been able to put it down since it arrived by post.

Here's the opening:

*'TWO BUTTERFLIES
are fluttering against
the east window. Apart
from me, they're the
only living things in the
place.*

*The stained glass, its
boiled sweet yellows,
reds and blues, must
look like freedom to
the butterflies, and
my closing hands
a trap. But with the
butterflies caged in my
cupped palms, I walk down the aisle of All
Saints' to the west door, and outside to the
churchyard I open my hands to the Spring
sunshine.*

It's Friday 20th March 2020.



The butterflies twist and flicker up into the blue.

They're like a prayer, and I haven't said a word.

This is the last time I'll set foot in church for months.

When I do return, everything will have changed: the world, these parishes, me.'



Perhaps it's something of a mirror reflecting our own experiences during recent years, that has drawn me in. The same might be said for a recent radio broadcast on BBC Ulster, when there was a great discussion about the terms Ulster-Scots, Irish, and Ulster-British. The discussion was intelligent, and respectful. But the piece that drew my attention was the comments by the host, about the Church Of Ireland. I cannot ever remember hearing a cultural discussion on the BBC about us. The remarks were unsurprisingly in the context of Ulster-Scots and Presbyterian, and then about the so named 'Ulster-English', and the links to the Church Of Ireland. Although many of us would disagree with the inaccurate view expressed that the Church Of England became the Church Of Ireland, noting instead that we date ourselves back to Patrick, none the less, it was refreshing to hear something positive said about us as people who have been born and bred in this place, however we might understand our lineage and our religious culture.

It is heartening to see something of our values and experience in written or audio form too; perhaps it is in our make up as a people to simply just get on with getting on, but in these two recent examples there is something reflected back about who we are, and the values which we hold. A pleasant change indeed. Tales From A Country Parish would be a great read during Lent.

Other suggestions from us for Lent are a lovely series of Daily Reflections from Helen Clarke, entitled



'How Lovely On The Mountains.' Available to us for £3. They are very readable bite-sized daily reflections, with some written by her daughter Lynda, and others by her husband, Bishop Ken.

Or another book idea you might consider is **The Little Book Of Lent**, which draws on wide range of Christians from across the Church; each piece is thought provoking, and helpful. Each day ends with a prayer. Something here from those who are part of our own tradition, and brothers and sisters from other parts of the Church.



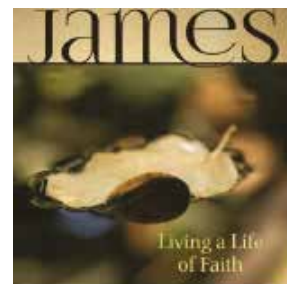
Going For Growth

During 2021 the focus for the teaching on Sundays was Discipleship. This year we hope to think about and experience Growth. A wise someone wrote that as gardeners we only strive to create the ideal conditions whereby growth might happen. But we don't do the growing. How true this is in Christian life. St Paul wrote about this to the Christian in Corinth, saying, '*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.*

So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 1 Corinthians 3

Who Is James?

In February we began a new Sunday morning teaching series from the letter of St James. We did introductions first, thinking about the writer of this letter, and its place in the



New Testament. We followed the writing of Alec Motyer, a son of the Church of Ireland, born in Dublin, and later a Principal at one of the Church Of England ministry training colleges; who resolved that this James, was the brother of Jesus. And thought a little about who the letter was sent to, and what it might mean to us today. I was amazed to have three conversations after Church about this introduction and return to the view we thought about for this year, that 'God gives the growth.' You might like to read Alec Motyer's commentary, published by Intervarsity Press IVP, or Warren Wiersbe's great commentary with the subtitle 'Growing

Up In Christ.' Both available from Real Life in Enniskillen, or Oasis Christian Bookshop in Lisnaskea. A good place for us to begin this year.



This two years past we have been greatly enriched as a parish by the friends and connections in faith we have in so many places. One of these is a connection with the author Catherine

Campbell, who is happy to come to Fivemiletown in October, to speak at a Parish Brunch. By then hopefully, her new book entitled **'God Isn't Finished With You Yet,'** will be published; the third attempt to do so during lock down. Catherine was very encouraged by the amount of prayer and planning that went into her last connection with us in June 2021; so too this season we must pray for God to work through this time. **Parish Brunch with Catherine Campbell on Saturday 23 October, God willing.**

You may not have heard of Evelyn Underhill. Evelyn was a convert to the Church Of England in the 1920s, and over two decades became a very influential Spiritual Director through that Church. We have been able to get a copy of her own book of prayers, and another about her life. What a treasure these discoveries have been. We used some of Evelyn's prayers at Breathe in early January, and they are included here for you.



**'Coming into His silence
Let us confess to God in quiet
Our sins, failings, rebellions, mistakes,
And ask for forgiveness, strength and
grace to reorder our lives according to His
will.' Amen.**

**'Let us place ourselves in the hands of
God and ask that He show us the path in
which we should go.' Amen**

As we read the Gospel accounts of Jesus:
**'Enter the picture which the words paint,
and humbly kneel within it. There let His**



**overshadowing love teach you.
The Spirit of Christ speak to you.
Open your eyes and look at Him and hear
what He says ...
resolve to act on the light you have
received.'**

Evelyn Underhill's Prayer Book

Between 1924 and 1938, Evelyn Underhill compiled two personal prayer books for use when conducting spiritual retreats at Pleshey (the retreat house for the diocese of Chelmsford). The prayers were carefully selected and include quotes from a variety of theologians and writers in Christian spirituality, as well as her own very rich, metaphorical and theologically deep prayers. These collections are now available for the first time.



Ministry Of Healing

The Ministry Of Healing have very kindly agreed to host us in Belfast at their lovely premises called '162', for a Quiet Day, in May. We have visited Pat and Rab Mollen's home on the shores of Strangford lough, with its picturesque setting looking out across the water, and the collection of seabirds, waders, and Konik ponies on the nearby RSPB Nature Reserve. The invitation will be to anyone in the parish, and my hope is that the intercessors and those who connect with Breathe and the Parish Quiet Days, might find this to be a good opportunity.



The day will include Holy Communion, two reflective talks by Rev'd Pat, and time for yourself. The building is set with a well stocked garden, space for praying, reading, or hand crafts; however you might like to use your time. Details to follow.

Parish Prayer Ministry

Thirteen people intercede each Wednesday for those who are sick. If you or a loved one would like to be prayed for, please add your Christian Name

only to the Prayer Ministry Card or contact William Morrow (Prayer Ministry Secretary). Names retained for two months.

Breathe

Breathe is a quieter time in the parish's worshipping life. Meeting from 7pm on the first Sunday across eight months of the year, Breathe is a time set aside to gather around a piece of scripture, to pray and reflect supported by music and silence. Usually, I arrive at 6pm to set the chairs, organise the cups for the tea and coffee, set out paperwork, and settle into the evening. In January, I bolted from a warm seat by the fire at 6.55pm, to hurriedly gather a basket of items to bring to the evening. Arriving late at the hall I discovered the members had themselves set the Hall, and hot drinks were underway. It made for a good but busy evening. Whereas in February there were only seven members there. But, even on this quieter evening, there was good conversation, and input from each, showing a sense of great awareness of what God is doing in each of our lives. Two very differing evenings, and both positive for those present.



We're Connected!

Connect Youth Group had not met in person at all since March 2020. So we were really pleased that plans set down in Meetings from November and January came to fruition in early February. 16 young people and 7 leaders met for the opening evening, with others sending apologies. The event was by booking only through Event-Brite, which added something to the preparation for the evening. The theme was from St James, 'Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.' We thought about how near we felt to God each day, and what is God's commitment to us, even when we are unaware of His presence. A well prepared quiz gathered the leaders and young people in teams, and the various rounds were greatly contested. Hot dogs and juice was served, and everyone went home with a tube of mini-eggs sporting the Bible verse.



The next Connect is planned for Friday 4th March, with a day away at Share on St George's Day, 23rd April.

Thank you to the Select Vestry for the funding support they regularly contribute to Youth Ministry.

Cash For Clobber has reopened

Any unwanted fabric items (no shoes, duvets, belts etc.) may be bagged and left inside the Parish Hall. Monies raised towards resources Children's Ministry in Conception, Paraguay.



Palm Sunday

9.30am Service at Kiltermon
11am Sunday School Service Guest Speaker: Alastair McFarland, Scripture Union: pre-booking please
7pm Main Sunday Service, St John's



8pm Monday: Prayers in Kiltermon
8pm Tuesday: Service in Kiltermon
8pm Wednesday: Fellowship Evening hosted by Aughtentaine Presbyterian.
8pm Maundy Thursday: Holy Communion in St John's: Celebrant Rev'd Clodagh Yambasu

10.30am Good Friday Kids' Brunch with Jumping Clay Pre-booking please
8pm Service in St John's

Easter Day Holy Communion
9.30am Kiltermon 11am St John's

Date for Annual Easter General Vestry
12.30pm Sunday 24 April

All other ministries and organisations are asked not to meet during Holy Week, but leaders invited to attend the Church service on their usual evening.

Third Sunday Fellowship Evenings

We're looking ahead this year to a new series of 4 fellowship evenings, to

encourage growth in parish life and in our Christian faith. Join us from for evenings with Bible encouragement, worship and prayer. Our guest speakers include Frances Boyd (finishing her great series on Ruth) and Revds. John Rutter and Patrick Bamber, speaking about Christian growth.

First evening 7pm on Sunday 20th March, Parish Hall

Collect For Mission

Almighty God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: Help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Girls Friendly Society

We are continuing with our packs at present, but we do hope to return to the hall on Wednesday, 2nd March (6.30pm – 8.00pm).



We have had a few outdoor meetings with the girls since last September

- Nature Trail around Blessingbourne
- Scavenger Hunt around Fardross Forest
- Christmas Craft with Jumping Clay in the outdoor area of the British Legion

We were very fortunate with the weather on our days out, mostly dry, sometimes a little damp and cold but no matter what the weather was like, the girl's enthusiasm for GFS never wavered and as leaders it was great to meet up with the girls and join in the fellowship, the friendship, and the fun of GFS.

We are going to continue to include a few more outdoor activities before the end of the May.

The Branch has sponsored Nafissata Teonsa since she was four years old, during last year she turned 18, became a young adult and we are no longer able to sponsor her. During the 14 years we have supported Nafissata, she has been able to attend school and this has helped to build a solid foundation for her future. We have enjoyed receiving letters from her social worker letting us know her achievements at school and her life at home. We believe that the branch over the years as also benefited in sponsoring Nafissata – we have had several discussions in the hall with the girls on the differences between how they live and how she lives. It has made the girls think about how much they have and how little others have.

Plan International have asked us to consider sponsoring another girl and we have agreed to to sponsor– Mary Bartuah, she will be eight years old in May and from

Liberia. Mary lives with her sister, Abigail, who is only 18yrs. Their parents moved away and left the girls on their own. Hopefully, we will be able to organise a card for her birthday along with some photos to introduce ourselves when we get back into the hall.



Mary Bartuah

If you are interested in letting your daughter come along and join in the fellowship, friendship and fun of GFS, please contact any of the leaders or you can leave a message with Judith in the church office.



Mothers' Union

The February meeting, attended by 27 members was held in Kiltermon Church. Precentor Hanlon opened the meeting and asked if a new secretary could be appointed at the end of the meeting.

Branch Leader Hilary Kenny welcomed those present, and a new member, Mrs Sheelagh Wilson, and Mrs Heather Ellis, who will succeed Mrs Irene Boyd as M.U. Diocesan President.

Following the opening hymn accompanied by Margaret Cowan, the Bible reading was brought by Evelyn Irwin and the prayers led by the Leader Hilary Kenny.

Betty Warrington then showed us a delightful range of garments which she had knitted and crocheted both for personal use and for charity.

Thelma Atwell then demonstrated her flower arranging talent with a table arrangement using foliage and fresh flowers.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Elvina Funston who presented Betty and Thelma with a small gift.

Following supper, a short business meeting took place. The Annual Secretary and Treasurer reports were then presented by Emily Kells and Elvina Funston.

A frame with a M.U. Enrolment Certificate belonging to the late Mrs Vera Maguire dated 1964 was shown to the members.

Mrs Maguire was the grandmother of one of our members Heather Kirkpatrick who now treasures this certificate.

Precentor Hanlon asked for a nomination for a new secretary and Evelyn Irwin was appointed by the members. The meeting closed with The Grace with the next meeting planned for May.

Cuttings from the Annual Report

Healing Ministry

Secretary William Morrow

Peace, Comfort and Healing can be found in many Bible verses.

In Jeremiah ch 17 v 14 we hear the cry "Heal me Lord and I will be healed" and in Jeremiah ch 30 v 17 we hear God say "I will restore your health, I will heal your wounds". James ch 5 v 13 tells us "a prayer offered in faith makes a sick person well. God cares about our whole being, body, soul and spirit. Whether we are in need of physical, emotional or spiritual healing he knows and he cares, let us pray in God's will that complete healing is ours.



Over the past year during covid 19, lockdown caused many to be distressed and worried. Prayer is very powerful, let us continue to pray for a better and healthy year. Over the past year a small group of people continued to pray every Wednesday in their own homes for those that requested prayer.

Hopefully this year we will be able to return to the short service of Holy Communion and Prayers held on the third Wednesday of alternative months at 8.15pm. This service is open to everyone and all will be made welcome in God's house. A prayer request can be found at the end of each pew, fill in the Christian name only and give to Precentor Hanlon, William Morrow or place in the collection box.

Continue in this work with the love and grace of our Heavenly Father.

Prayer for the sick Heavenly Father, We lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears and surround them with your peace. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

'Knit, Pray, Love

'Knit, Pray, Love is a prayer and charity knitting group that normally meets on the last Wednesday of each month from 10.30am to 12 noon in Coffee House 95 in Fivemiletown. However, since the global Coronavirus pandemic spread and safety measures were introduced to Northern Ireland in March 2020 we have

not physically met together as a group. In the safety and comfort of our own homes we have been together in spirit and love, working as one on the same projects. Keeping in contact by phone, text messages, emails and Zoom!

With the rhythm of our stitches we pray. We pray for the person who will receive a handmade item, their family and those involved in their care.

Continuing to give thanks for the gift of our hands. So thankful for the benefits of knitting, not only physically and mentally, but also psychologically and spiritually. We continue to miss the social benefits of getting together, something none of us will ever take for granted again.

This year the ladies of Knit Pray Love have been contemplating and praying using the words of the Apostle Paul from his letter to the Romans in chapter 15 and verse 13,

May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE as you TRUST in Him so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit.

These words have given each one of us great comfort. No matter what challenges we have faced and continue to face, each day God gives us HOPE and, in all circumstances, we have and can experience JOY and PEACE.

In Spring we focused on: **Sharing JOY with CHILDREN** by knitting soft toys. 'Arnie The Caterpillar' was a very popular choice with his multi-coloured body and his ability to get tied up in knots! Lots of fun and JOY for little ones. A colourful group of caterpillar toys were given to Mamie for the children of Mums & Tots Together. We also donated hats, scarves and teddies to children in Malawi through Hearts of Hope, UK. These items were given to the children as part of their gifts for Christmas. Emmy shared some wonderful photos and it was lovely to see the excitement and JOY on the children's faces! Blankets, hats and toys were sent to children in Syria through Hand in Hand for Aid and Development.

A very special blanket was given to a local family for a baby's Christening. In April several ladies enjoyed the 'God in All Things' arts and crafts event online with makers from various parts of Northern Ireland. We were able to share with others



the ministry of Knit Pray Love.

In Summer we focused on: **Sharing JOY with our FAMILIES** by hand stitching with much love and prayers special gifts for family members here in Northern Ireland and as far away as Australia! From baby items to bed sized blankets. Each received with much love, gratitude and JOY!

Summer Outdoor Groups

As the weather improved and restrictions eased, we were given permission to meet outdoors in small socially distanced groups over the summer. There was so much excitement and JOY!

SHOUT WITH JOY

before the Lord, O earth!

Obey Him gladly; come before Him, singing with JOY. Psalm 100:1-2

Most of the Knit Pray Love ladies were able to attend one of these little groups. Each one of us enjoyed fellowship, thankfulness and JOY! We felt truly blessed. We celebrated our third birthday in June. Each lady received a handmade Knit Pray Love birthday card and a little birthday gift of a pretty floral lanyard with the words of our Bible verse for this year.

May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE Romans 15:13.

In July a number of the Knit Pray Love ladies 'attended' the Women's Fellowship Evening with Catherine Campbell whose talk was based on her book 'Broken Works Best'. A very powerful and moving evening reminding us that God is with us in our desert places, that He loves us and that He keeps His promises to us.

In Autumn and Winter we focused on:

Sharing JOY with THOSE IN NEED by knitting and crocheting adult hats for those who are homeless. We donated hats to the UK Hand Knitting Association 'Hats for the Homeless' Appeal. More than 8000 hats were received this year and have been distributed to those in need throughout the UK.

We also started a completely new project for us, 'The Big Knit' supporting Age UK. Hand stitching tiny pompom hats that will keep Innocent Smoothie bottles cozy next year! For each bottle sold 25p will be donated to Age UK. Helping the elderly in need.

This year our handmade Christmas cards each contained a little sparkly hand crocheted snowflake made with much love and prayer.

Thank You for the Seasons Project

This year we also began the Thank You for the Seasons Project. A floral display for the new extension at Kiltermon Church, using handknit and crocheted flowers and foliage, measuring 2 ft x 4 ft approximately, a seasonal tapestry of 3-D flowers. A request for hand stitched flowers and foliage was

extended to everyone in the parish. We are very thankful to have received many beautiful hand stitched floral elements for this project but a lot more are still needed. If you would like to help, please get in touch. Thank you to the Knit Pray Love ladies: Ann Gleeson, Audrey Bothwell, Beatrice Funston, Betty Warrington, Claire Millar, Cora Morrow, Evelyn Fitzgerald, Frances Thom, Margaret Cowan, Phyllis Clarke and Thelma Atwell, thank you for your faithful service throughout this year. And thank you to Precentor Hanlon, Betty and Margaret, for your continued help, advice and encouragement. If you know someone who would like a handmade item to help give them comfort at any time, please leave your contact details with Judith in the church office and

we will get in touch with you and try to help in any way we can. God Bless.

'She finds wool and flax and busily spins it...She sews ... and generously gives to any in needy.'

Proverbs 31 v 13, 19, 20.

Good News!

A parish reader of our Quarterly Magazine got in touch recently to say how encouraged they were to read about the visiting to new mums. Hilary Kenny visits new mums bringing a gift funded by Mother's Union and offers to pray. It's a great link to parish life, ahead of Baptism. The same reader has kindly offered to supply the gift in the form of a hand knitted baby blanket and hat, beautifully wrapped with ribbon. Great news and thank you.



Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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The readers at Sallaghy Church: Michael, Jennifer and Cameron.

Seek Jesus this Lent

"I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord God. "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick." Ezekiel 34:15-16

Whatever you are facing in your life, you don't have to run around trying to meet all your needs. You just need to seek Jesus Himself. When you have the person of Jesus, you have all the benefits that come with the person.

Here is one particular aspect of the Lord that I want to draw your attention to. Throughout the Bible, we see pictures or personifications of God, such as Him being our fortress, our stronghold, and our tower. One of the most frequently used pictures is of God as our Shepherd. And many times we see the imagery of the

shepherd and sheep used in the context of healing. For instance, read the scripture above from Ezekiel. The Shepherd is the One who looks for the lost sheep, finds it, and lays it on His shoulder, rejoicing. Our part as sheep is to simply consent to be loved by Him, let Him carry us on His shoulders, and rest in His strength. So, this Lent let us seek the person of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. He cares for and about you.

Services in March 2022

Wednesday 2nd March

8.00pm A Service of Reflection for Ash Wednesday.

Sunday 6th March 2022 - The First Sunday in Lent

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

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

12.00 noon: GalloonParish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 13th March 2022 - The Second Sunday in Lent

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th March 2022 - The Third Sunday in Lent

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: GalloonParish Church: Morning Prayer



Matthew reads the lesson at the family service.



The intercessions at Sallaghy Church were led by Robert, Grace and Heather.

Sunday 27th March 2022 - The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church: Family Service

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Family Service

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Family Service

Family Service

We are gradually starting to involve our children and young people to participate in our Family Service. In Galloon Matthew read the Gospel reading for the day. Kayla, Zoe and Harri led us in our prayers. Well done to them all- they did a fabulous job!

Easter Vestry Dates

■ Drummully: Wednesday 23rd March at 8pm in the Church

■ Galloon: Wednesday 6th April at 8pm in the Sunday School Room

■ Sallaghy: Wednesday 20th April at 8pm in the Church Hall

If you wish to be considered to hold office in the select vestry and are unable to attend the meeting please advise either the Rector or Secretary BEFORE the meeting.

Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Her Accession to the Throne

On the 6th February 1952, seventy years ago it was announced that King George VI had passed away in his sleep. This was to be a life-changing moment for his eldest daughter, Princess Elizabeth who accessed to the throne from that moment and so her reign began amidst her own personal grief at the loss of her beloved father. Six months before her coronation, the Queen asked the nation and Commonwealth to pray "that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I will be making and that I may faithfully serve him and you all the days of my life." In Drummully, Sallaghy and Galloon, Revd

Lorraine preached on the life of service, commitment and devotion of our Queen and how her faith has shone as an amazing light to us all. For the Queen, public duty comes before personal choice and even before personal preferences. Prayers were offered giving thanks for her long reign, for her self-giving and for example of faith.

Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are with all who have been recently bereaved. We offer our sympathy to the Allen family (on the passing of Anne's mother, Hazel); the Morrison family (on the passing of Alison's mother, Pat); to the Johnston family (on the passing of Tommy) and to the Stephens family (on the passing of Trevor).

"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

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.

Services

Ash Wednesday 2 March

- service of EP in Garrison Church at 8pm

Sunday 6th March

- Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 13th March

- Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 20th March

- Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both MP

Sunday 27th March

- Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both MP

Sunday 3rd April

- Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both HC

Mothers' Union

A Service of Holy Communion and Enrolment of new members was held in Belleek Church on 19th January.

The Branch Leader of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher Mothers' Union Branch, Dot Barlow, admitted two new members, Revd. Maureen Desborough and Gwen Taylor during the service.

The Communion service was led by Revd. Maureen who gave a very appropriate address about the importance of the women who Jesus encountered during his earthly life.

We look forward to our February meeting



From left, Gwen Taylor, Dot Barlow (Branch Leader), Rev. Maureen Desborough.



At the group service were (from left); Revd. Maureen Desborough, Adrian Elliot (Churchwarden); Dot Barlow, Stephen Irwin and Joy Graham.

when Revd. Maureen will lead a Cookery Evening in the Wark Hall on Tuesday 15th February.

Group Service

Sunday 30th January was a Group Service held in Garrison Church and led by Revd. Maureen. The Theme was, 'The Presentation of our Lord'. The readings were read by Stephen Irwin and Dot Barlow. Joy Graham was the organist and the Hymns were, 'Bind us together', 'As the deer pants for the water', 'Love divine, all loves excelling', and 'Blessed Assurance'.

Edith Kirkpatrick

We wish Mrs. Edith Kirkpatrick, a member of Belleek Parish, many happy returns as she celebrated her 88th birthday on 3rd February with her family. Edith attends worship on the Sundays when Belleek have a service and rarely misses.

Holy Baptism

Revd Maureen conducted the baptism of little Brooke Hazel Brock in Garrison Church on Sunday 13th February. Brooke is the baby daughter of Ian and Arlene and baby sister to Brody, Blake and Bailey. Congratulations to her parents and godparents for bringing her to Holy Baptism and may God protect her with his love as she grows up.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone our group of parishes who have been unwell in hospital or at home in recent weeks.



Some of the members of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Killyclogher Branch of Mothers' Union who attended the Enrolment Service for two new members.



Edith Kirkpatrick with Donna and James Pye, Revd. Maureen Desborough and Mrs. Sadie Moore (organist).

Thanks in Vacancy

We continue to extend our thanks to the rural Dean, Canon Alan Irwin for conducting Vestry meetings in each of the Parishes and keeping everything on order. Thanks also to all who provide cover during our vacancy, especially Revd Maureen Desborough for her dedication in taking a lot of our church services and for her input to MU meetings and services also.

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 and 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.



At the Brock family baptism are Revd Maureen, Ian and Arlene Brock with their three sons and godparents and baby Brooke.

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Pantomime

The parish pantomime will be put on at Christmas 2022. Please look out for details.

Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

On 6th February the parish celebrated 70 years since the accession of Queen Elizabeth on 6th February 1952. Members of Churchill District LOL distributed bookmarks and leaflets to mark the occasion.

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the late Heather Elliott formerly of Brughas; Brian Donaldson, formerly of Drumbo, Belfast; Norman Read, formerly of Maguiresbridge and Aiden Miller, formerly of Derrygonnelly.



Sunday School children enjoy making valentine hearts for Valentine's Day.

Burial Register

26th January 2022 - Heather Joan Elliott, Bowara Road, Brughas, Enniskillen.

Social media

The parish website has been redundant for years and it has been taken over by another group with no connections to the church. The vestry are in the process of taking it down. Please do not use any of the contact details on it. Leeann keeps Facebook updated so use this for information. Thank you.



Sunday School children enjoy making badges to welcome in 2022.



David Bailey and Mark Byers distribute bookmarks and leaflets to celebrate the platinum anniversary of Queen Elizabeth.



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The Scriptures and the Power of God

Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God." (Matthew 22:29)

The Bible is an important book, that is without doubt. But does your life, especially if you are a Christian, especially if you are a

member of a church, especially if you are in a position of representing Jesus in any way, does your life reflect, that to you, the bible is important? Do you give time to reading it, memorizing it, studying it, praying over it, worshipping with it, and sharing it with others? Do you know the Scriptures and the power of God? Although distressed and confused, it must have been amazing to have walked that Emmaus road, with those disciples, as Jesus, "... beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, ... explained to them what

was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself" (Luke 24:27) The Scriptures are that place that contains such beautiful revelation and precious golden nuggets of Father God's persistent and faithful love for people, ultimately and most clearly demonstrated through the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. As we sit down to read its golden pages may it rise up, perhaps as a prayer or desire within us, that Jesus, through His

Spirit, would come and walk its pages with us and explain afresh what was said in all of these Scriptures about Him and Father God's love rescue mission for us. In Acts 18: 28, we read that the apostle Paul, "... vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah." The Christian should be a person who is on a journey to get to know the Scriptures, knowing that within their contents is information that is useful in proving that Jesus is the Messiah,



as well as leading a person to faith to a saving faith. "Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures." (Acts 18:24) Is a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures really something to be pursued or will my "one verse a day" daily readings not just do? If we are thinking of something that will "just do" then we probably know that our hearts need to reach for more. It is important to know the Scriptures because the life of Jesus was lived, clearly according to the Scriptures. "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures..." (1 Corinthians 15:3, 4) Galatians 3:8, tells us that, "Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." 1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching." 2 Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness..." James 2:8, "If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right." We are bombarded by information from TV, radio, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, online news, blogs, vlogs, texts, phone calls, advertising posters on gable ends, and so much more, most of which we don't give a second thought as to the appropriateness of the content we're viewing and reading. In comparison how much time and how much content from the Scriptures do we intentionally give access to our minds and our hearts? The bible itself reinforces the belief, again and again, that not only are the Scriptures important, but knowing them and being familiar with them is important too. Could it be that the Christian church finds itself being challenged by the ebb and flow of cultural change and its relationship

to it because it is not as familiar with the Scriptures or the power of God as it thinks it is; and could it be that a deeper, more committed, faithful, prayerful, spirit-led engagement with the Scriptures be a strengthening, God-honouring, valuing of this wonderful resource that many have died to pass on, and that many continue to die to own?



Messy Church

February's Messy Church was organised around the theme of Love to coincide with St. Valentine's Day. There were lots of crafts, music, videos, food, fun, friends and of course a story about God's love for us.

Senior Citizens Group

The Senior Citizen Group continues to meet on Tuesday afternoons and provides a much needed and appreciated opportunity for people to meet and chat and enjoy a cup of something together. After long months of isolation and separation it is great that restrictions now allow for this gathering and fellowship to happen each week.



Mother's Union

The Mother's Union met in January and the guest speaker was Viola Bryson who gave a thoroughly enjoyable presentation on life growing up in Germany. After the presentation and a question and answer session it was felt that a trip to Germany was now in order.

Girls' Brigade

The Girls' Brigade continue to meet on Monday evenings battling the rise and fall of attendance due to covid cases. Programmes and badgework continue with much enthusiasm and numbers continue to be strong.

Midweek Fellowship Group

The Mid-week Fellowship Group have been looking at the Bible (shock, horror) over the last number of weeks, and especially thinking about how we use the bible, as well as understand it. It is a great opportunity to meet up mid-week for fellowship and to learn together in a more relaxed atmosphere than what a Sunday morning can offer. On Wednesday 9th of March we will be starting a new five-week Lent course that will guide our thinking on our journey to Easter.

Prayer Meeting

As someone has once said, "NO PRAYER – NO BLESSING! LITTLE PRAYER – LITTLE BLESSING! MUCH PRAYER – MUCH BLESSING!" It is great to meet Thursday morning by Thursday morning to pray for our friends and neighbours, our churches and communities, and our nation and the world – believing that God is listening and will bring blessing to all that we pray for. We are also praying that God will add to the current faithful group of pray-ers and encourage more to see that without prayer – we are without God.

Weekly Times

- Sunday Services: Christ Church, Trillick - 10:30am and Kilskeery – 11:45am
- Girl's Brigade – Mondays at 6:30 – 8:00pm
- Senior Citizen's Group – Tuesdays at 2:00pm
- Midweek Fellowship Group – Wednesdays at 8:00pm
- Prayer Meeting – Thursdays at 9:00am
- Bowling Club – Fridays at 7:30pm



Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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I write these notes having just completed my first two full weeks as Rector of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck and have so much to be thankful and grateful to Almighty God for - in leading my wife, Alison and me to Lisbellaw and to the Diocese of Clogher. Everyone has been so kind and generous in warmly welcoming us to the community, and for that we are most appreciative. It is quite amazing really how at home we already feel in such a short space of time. We can't thank the good folk of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck enough for the lovely Christian welcome. Of course, it has helped greatly to have close family in the area and Diocese, and I would want to thank them and in particular my Aunt Betty. I should like to extend thanks and good wishes to the Revd Colin Brownsmith for his ministry in the Parish during the vacancy and trust that he and his wife, Olive enjoy a time of refreshment, before continuing their ministry within the Diocese.

Looking Ahead

It is very heartening in these early days to be looking forward DV to three upcoming



Presentations were made to Revd Colin and his wife Olive on 23rd January - their last Sunday in Lisbellaw.

baptisms and two marriages in the Parish. It has also been so encouraging to see all the generations represented at Sunday worship in Lisbellaw and in Coolbuck.

The babies, young children, young people - Nursery, Primary and Secondary school age - being supported by parents, grandparents, older parishioners and



Bishop Ian and Revd Lynne (Preacher) with Revd William and members of his family at his Institution Service on 27th January.



Revd William's first Sunday in Lisbellaw on 30th January.



Revd William with his wife Alison.

guardians is terrific to see - as they represent the future of the Church and gladden our hearts by their presence. We truly look and feel like the Body of Christ when all the generations gather and regularly worship together - upholding one another.

Services

Wednesday 2nd March

Ash Wednesday Service, Lisbellaw at 8.00pm

Sunday 6th March

Holy Communion, Lisbellaw at 11.00am

Wednesday 9th March

Mid-Week Lenten Service, Lisbellaw at 8.00pm

Sunday 13th March

Morning Prayer, Lisbellaw at 11.00am

Wednesday 16th March

Mid-Week Lenten Service, Lisbellaw at 8pm

Sunday 20th March

Service of the Word, Lisbellaw at 11.00am

Wednesday 23rd March

Mid-Week Lenten Service, Lisbellaw at 8.00pm



Revd William's first Sunday with the Coolbuck congregation in Derryclavin Hall on 30th January.

Sunday 27th March

Morning Prayer, Lisbellaw at 11.00am
Evening Prayer, Coolbuck - Service in Derryclavin Hall at 3.00pm

Wednesday 30th March

Mid-Week Lenten Service, Lisbellaw at 8.00pm

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SERVICES FOR MARCH

ASH WEDNESDAY 2nd

8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 6th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY 13th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 20th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

MOTHERING SUNDAY 27th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

The Lord is my shepherd

If we're honest, we all have some measure of wrong believing in our lives. Just ask yourself, "Have I often felt anxious, worried, or fearful that the worst would happen to me and my loved ones?" These negative, exhausting emotions are merely indicators of what we truly believe about ourselves, our lives, and God.

When we are fearful and worried all the time, we are living as if we don't believe that we have a strong and able Shepherd who is tenderhearted toward us, who leads us to good places, who protects us and lovingly watches over us. So if worrying or being fearful seems to be the natural way that you view life, then what you need to do is to keep hearing and learning about how much God loves you, and how precious you are to Him.

That is why the way out of constant worrying is not a matter of just thinking positively. It's birthed out of knowing you have a personal and intimate relationship with a loving Saviour who watches over your needs and tends to you as a loving Shepherd. The more strongly you believe that He is taking care of you, the more it will change the way you think and feel. Then you will be less likely to fall victim to unhealthy emotions and behaviours. Today, if you need freedom from a bad situation, see Jesus who is your good Shepherd, leading you out of it by His Word that brings life and light. The psalmist says

it this way: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps. 119:105).

The Lord wants to throw a beam of light on your path today. Whatever you are struggling with presently, no matter how huge your challenges may appear to be, when you start believing the right way, things are going to start turning around for your good!

Organist

It seems a very long time now since our services have been what we call "normal" with lots of singing and children taking part etc. but hopefully things are improving and maybe in the not too distant future all of this will return. Back in 2020 just before lockdown we were in search of an organist who would be willing to work with our choir as well as playing at our Sunday services. This search goes on and we would be delighted if anyone interested in the position could contact the Rector, Parish Office or Diocesan Office.



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Covid regulations

At the time of writing, our covid restrictions in church have changed very little. Masks, social distancing, fogging etc continue to be part of our normal practice. However, everything is kept under review as we wait for further guidance. A very recent change has been the reintroduction of wine at communion. This has been made possible by borrowing vessels from Ballinamallard Methodist Church. The one chalice remains central to the celebration and the wine is then carefully transferred to the small glasses before distribution. This has been a greatly appreciated temporary move in accordance with the most recent guidelines. Although Sunday School has not yet resumed, we have now introduced a

regular 11am monthly family service. In February, the service was led by the joint Methodist/Parish Youth and Children's worker, Naomi Armstrong. The special St Valentine's guest was Oboe, one of the rectory dogs, who faithfully demonstrated lots of love! The prayers were led by Dylan Beatty and Flynn Jennings, the reading was delivered by Raymond Armstrong and Sophie and Jodie Baxter assisted Naomi at the front. Packets of Love Hearts were gratefully received by the largest attendance this year. The next family service will be on March 13th.

Pre-recorded Morning Prayer continues to be published each weekend on the Magheracross Facebook page. We hope to change this to a live broadcast later in the year.

Lent

March will see the start of Lent and this will be marked by a weekly Wednesday evening service and brief sermon at 8pm.

Mothers' Union

Magheracross Mothers' Union met in the Archdale Hall on Thursday 3rd February for their first meeting of 2022. Norma Scott, Branch Leader opened the meeting, Joan Quinn played the piano and members sang a hymn. Helen Reeve read a passage from the Bible and Heather Harper lead the prayers. Our speaker for the evening, Mrs Eva Baxter, was then introduced and gave a very interesting and detailed talk on the life of Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union. Eva had spent a lot of time researching



Oboe, guest at the Valentine family service.

Mary Sumners' busy life story and brought it to life with such detail. Mothers' Union fees were collected and members were reminded to bring their Missionary Money to the next meeting on 3rd March when Rhoda Farrelly will give a flower arranging demonstration. It is also planned to have a bring and buy sale during the meeting.

Magheraculmoney



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During the Rector's absence, Revd Abraham Storey is providing service and pastoral cover and the Rural Dean, Canon Alan Irwin, is in charge.

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People's Churchwarden, Bob McCurry, Kenneth Bratton, Ashley Knox, Revd Abraham Storey, Gary Wilson and Rector's Churchwarden, Sydney Liggett.

Queen's Jubilee

Souvenir booklet and leaflets to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne were kindly presented by Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge to Ardess Parish Church at-tendees on 6th February 2022. These were given out to churches across the county to commemo-rate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. Pictured are the Churchwardens, Revd Abraham Storey and members of the Grand Orange Lodge.

Sunday

Worship Gathering: 11.00am (weekly)
Children's Church (age 4+) to P7 (weekly off 20th March, 17th and 24th April)

Monday

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

Tuesday

Friends in the Afternoon 8th March 2022 - 2.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre

Wednesday

Wednesday Prayer - 10.00 - 11.00am at Ardess Parish Centre (weekly)
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at The Fountain Centre (see 1st Magheraculmoney Scouts Facebook page for dates and times).



Thursday

Confirmation Classes (Year 13+, age 13/14 and over) - 7.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre (weekly, off 17th March, 14th and 21st April)
Mothers' Union 17th March 2022 - Stew Night and Ardess Parish Centre.

Friday

Day of Prayer and Worship Hour (once a

month, date to be advised).

Baptism

- 20th January 2022 - Lola Elizabeth Simpson, daughter of Alan and Lorraine Simpson, Ederney.
- 30th January 2022 - Arthur James Ellis, son of Jordan Ellis and Anita Doonan, Kesh.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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Song of Songs 2:11-13

'See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance'. Dare we hope that Spring has come?! Our faith reminds us that hope carries us



through all the challenges we face. After another difficult year, we long for the Spring, and we are already enjoying the benefits of plants and flowers bursting into colour. As I write this, we are also working towards the re-opening of our



Sunday-school and our other indoor activities. The pandemic has taught us the importance of coming together and supporting one another as the people of God, and so we look to brighter times, Summer plans and a re-awakening of



activity within the parish – watch this space!

Some dates for your diary:

■ Our Lenten Series – ‘Why Lent?’

2nd March 2022

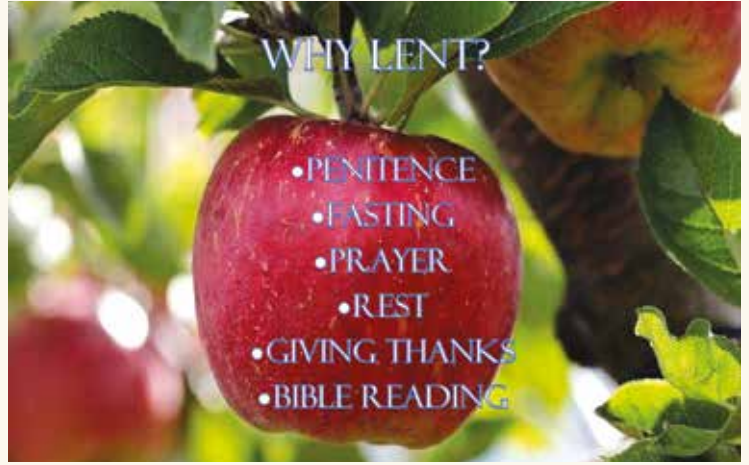
Ash Wednesday - Maguiresbridge 7.30pm - Penitence

9th March 2022

Lent 2 - Derrybrusk 7.30pm - Fasting

16th March 2022

Lent 3 - Maguiresbridge 7.30pm - Prayer



23rd March 2022

Lent 4- Derrybrusk 7.30pm - Rest

30th March 2022

Lent 5 - Maguiresbridge 7.30pm - Giving Thanks

6th April 2022

Lent 6 - Derrybrusk 7.30pm - Bible Reading

■ Friday 13th May 2022 – Mother’s Union Area Service at 8pm in Maguiresbridge.

■ 2nd – 5th June 2022 – Platinum

Jubilee all-age celebrations!

Bereavements

■ 3rd February 2022 - Mr Norman Read, funeral in Derrybrusk.

■ 7th February 2022 - Mr Barton Boyd, funeral in Maguiresbridge.

■ 8th February 2022 - Mr Ivan Henry, funeral in Maguiresbridge.

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

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

6th March

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

13th March

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

20th March

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

27th March

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

5th April

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

Easing of restrictions

This was very welcome news announced by An Taoiseach at the end of January. We were able to start singing again, something we had missed greatly over the past two years.

The Select Vestries have been looking at how we move our way out of restrictions. We are very conscious of the caution that people still feel and so we are making changes gradually. Initially we have started singing, stopped contact tracing and taken away social distancing measures in church.

Lent and Holy Week

Having been online for Bible Studies we are switching to being both onsite and online for midweek Lenten services. These will be on Wednesday evenings at 8pm starting on Ash Wednesday (2nd March).

We are planning to come together with the other churches in the town for our Holy Week Services.

After two years of having to do this online only we look forward to being able to meet together in person. We will have more

details of this for the next magazine.

Condolences

We express our prayerful condolences to Sharon Graham and family on the death of her brother-in-law.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes have continued as we meet in person and socially distant. By the time of publication, the service will have happened and hopefully we’ll have some photographs for the next magazine. Please to keep those who have been confirmed in your prayers as they continue on their journey of faith.

Presentation

During our service on Sunday 13th February, we surprised our assistant treasurer, Elizabeth Murphy with a presentation. This was to thank her for all her work and dedication and to mark 50 years since she agreed to take on the role.

Parish hall and organisations

With the easing of restrictions, organisations can meet again. The Select Vestry have worked out a short risk assessment for organisations to use. At present the Bowling Club is meeting on Monday mornings and Thursday nights and the Mothers’ Union will be restarting on Tuesday 1st March.

Tempo and Clabby



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Funerals

■ 4 February 2022 - Winifred (Winnie) Boyd, Churchview Tempo. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Winnie's daughter, Irene, brothers Jim and Billy and all the family. Winnie died peacefully after a brief illness. She was a regular Church attender until Covid restrictions. She enjoyed helping with the Parish Church auction and helping with funeral teas.

■ 10 February 2022 - John Livingstone, Nelson Park, Fivemiletown.

■ 11 February 2022 - Lorna Ethel Audrey Edwards, Largy Road, Ballyreagh, Tempo.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to all the bereaved families.

Tempo Parish Church

Car boot sale and coffee morning and cake sale on Saturday 2nd April 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Proceeds towards Church funds.

Lent Services 22

Ash Wednesday 7-30 p.m. on 2nd March - Tempo.

The services will alternate with Clabby. Clabby 9th, 23rd March, 6th April. Tempo 16th and 30th March.

Moving Forward

As we move forward out of the pandemic as restrictions ease and soon become non-existent, we call this the new norm, things are different from prior to the Covid - 19 pandemic. Yet some things return to or are the same as before the events of 2020-2022.

One of those is the unchanging faithful love, mercy, goodness, blessings and provision of God. One of the lessons that the pandemic should have taught us, is that we can never take anything for granted. We lost a lot during it, most temporary, but some percentage, loss of health and loved one due to the virus.

But the word of God is enduring, his promises remain forever. Pandemic or not Christ is meant to be at the centre of our lives, our priority should be living for him. Our focus should be him living to bring honour and glory to him in our daily lives not just on Sunday's. Our focus should be pressing forward,

aiming for the goal of Heaven one day, like the athlete running the race.

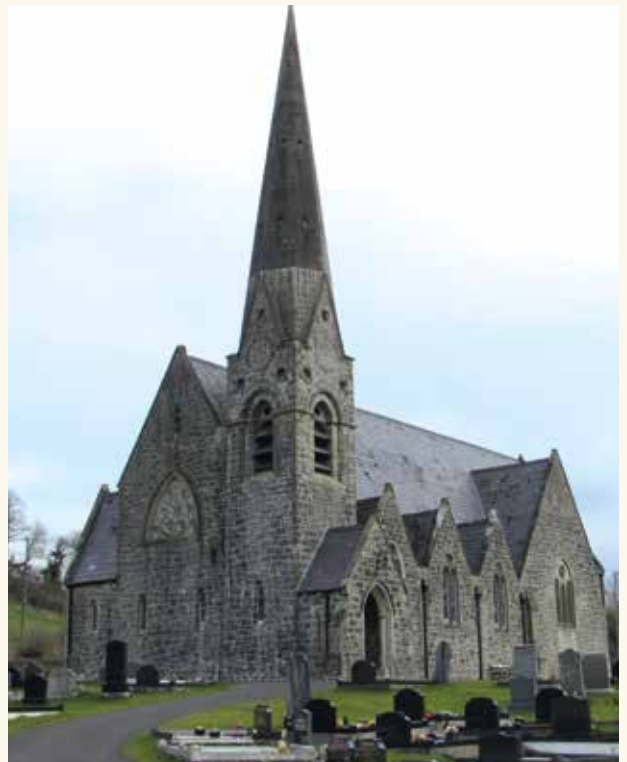
Paul expresses it this way in Philippians Chapter 3

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so somehow to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do; forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Christ is to be the centre of our lives as our only Saviour and Lord. Then aim by enduring, persevering at running the race of the Christian life and faith. Our aim to reach Heaven, not any earthly aim, goal or reward. As we move forward, press on we do so with Christ.

"I can do everything through him who gives me strength"
Philippians Chapter 4 v 13.

We can do this individually through time spent in God's word, prayer private and corporate worship.



Trory and Killadeas



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Revd Mark Gallagher

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Pancakes at The Rectory

On Shrove Tuesday the rectory turned into a pancake producing factory for the day. We started with a breakfast drive through, for those on their way to work or school picked up freshly made pancakes and toppings to take away from the front door. Lunch was a pancake picnic. Finally evening after dinner pancakes were served in the various rooms on the ground floor of the rectory.

Huge thanks are due to each and every volunteer on the day, and in the behind-the-scenes crew who brought it together from both churches. Thanks also to everyone who turned up to eat pancakes and made it a success.

Ash Wednesday and Lent Midweek Services

As has become our custom when in building, our Lent midweek services will be at 7pm in St Michael's, Trory in person and streamed on Facebook Live. These will begin with our Ash Wednesday service on 2nd March and will continue every Wednesday in Lent. Please remember these services are in St. Michael's due to signal for streaming but are of course for members of both congregations to attend, as well as any visitors who would like to join us. The theme of our lent services this year is 'lessons from the church mouse.'

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union intends to start meeting again in person starting Monday 14th March at 2pm in Priory Church, Killadeas. Please note the change of time. This first meeting of the year will be a short service of Holy Communion with Revd. Mark.

Women's World Day of Prayer

St. Michael's Trory are delighted to be hosting the Women's World Day of Prayer



The Holy Strollers Walking Club on their first outing.

this year for our area. The service will be on Friday 4th March at 7pm and all are welcome. We look forward to welcoming many new faces to Trory.

St. Patrick's Day

We will mark St. Patrick's Day (Thursday 17th March) at 7pm in Priory Church, Killadeas, with a short service of Holy Communion, followed by 'Irish Canapes'... Please do come along to commemorate the real reason for the day and stay on because you're intrigued to see how you can serve an ulster fry on a cocktail stick!!!

Men's Day at The Rectory

Saturday 19th March. Details will be given out in church nearer the time. Save the date.

Children and Youth

While our Sunday Schools are still not meeting in person, could parents please make an extra effort to bring children out either to the 4th Sunday All Age Service, or to the 3rd Sunday service each month which concludes with our Carpark Cuppa which the children really enjoy. Of course children are welcome at all services, and our Sunday School teachers work very hard putting together individual, personalised packs each month for the children which link to the readings and sermon for each Sunday of that month to help them engage with each service. We love to see our young people worshipping with us as part of the family of God, so if you can, please bring your young people to church.

The Holy Strollers Walking Club

The group meets at Enniskillen library on Mondays at 7pm. A photo of our inaugural group is attached to this month's notes. If you would be interested in joining, please contact Revd. Mark or Hazel Allen.

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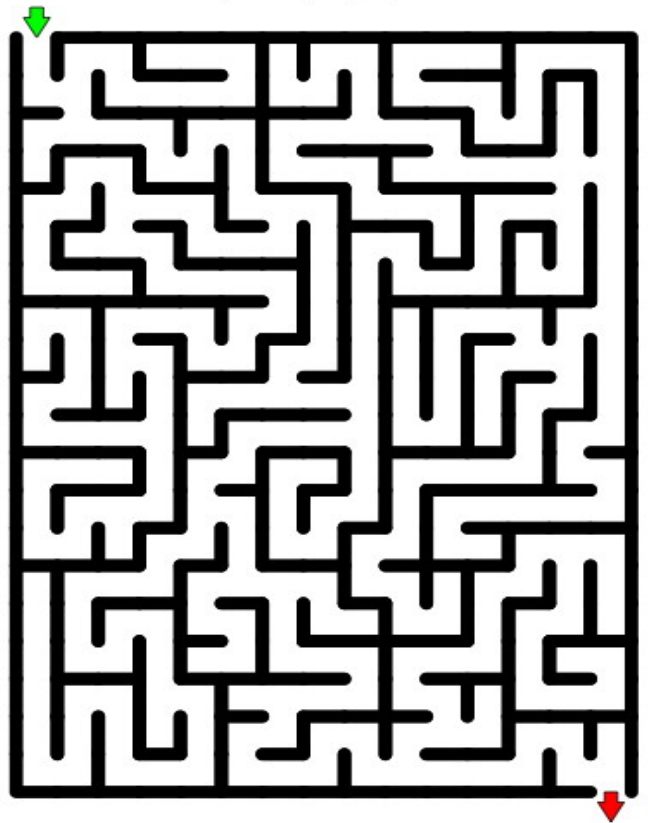
As always, please follow our Facebook page @troryandkilladeas for all up to date announcements and details.

Dates For Your Diary

- 1st March - Pancakes at the rectory (all day)
- 2nd March - 7pm Ash Wednesday Service in St. Michael's Trory, and Facebook Live
- 4th March - 7pm Women's World Day of Prayer in St. Michael's Trory
- 6th March Lent 1; 10am Holy Communion, Priory Church Killadeas
11.30am Holy Communion, St. Michael's Trory
- 9th March - 7pm Lent Midweek Service in St. Michael's Trory, and Facebook Live
- 13th March Lent 2;
10am Morning Prayer in Priory Church Killadeas
11.30am Morning Prayer in St. Michael's Trory
- 14th March - 2pm MU Service of Holy Communion, Priory Church Killadeas
- 16th March - 7pm Lent Midweek Service in St. Michael's Trory, and Facebook Live
- 17th March - 7pm Holy Communion for St. Patrick's Day followed by 'Irish Canapes' in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 19th March - Men's day at the rectory (all day)
- 20th March Lent 3;
10am Morning Prayer in Priory Church Killadeas with Carpark Cuppa
11.30am Morning Prayer in St. Michael's Trory with Carpark Cuppa
- 23rd March - 7pm Lent Midweek Service in St. Michael's Trory, and Facebook Live
- 27th March Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday);
10am All Age Service of the Word, Priory Church Killadeas
11.30am All Age Service of the Word, St. Michael's Trory
- 30th March - 7pm Lent Midweek Service in St. Michael's Trory, and Facebook Live.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

LENT
2022





Mouse Makes

GOOD FRUIT OR BAD FRUIT?

Jesus said:

"No good tree does not produce bad fruit,
nor does a bad tree produce good fruit. Each
tree is known by its own fruit..."

...Good people bring good things out of the good
they stored in their hearts. But evil people bring evil
things out of the evil they stored in their hearts.
People speak the things that are in their hearts."

- Luke 6: 43-45

During LENT ask God to help you through His Holy Spirit to turn your hate to **love**, your impatience to **patience** and your unkindness to **kindness**, so we can be like a good tree that grows good fruit.



READ
Luke
6: 27-45

How did Jesus
say we should
treat others?

Look up
Luke 6:31

S P E A K A E S D
B R O F R U I T E
L A F G I V E O H
E Y O O H E A R T
S P R O D U C E R
S A G D A B H D E
B R I N G O W N E
A E V I L O V E V
D R E P E N T E K

Do

_____ to everyone
who asks you
Luke 6:30

_____ to those that
hate you
Luke 6:27

_____ for those who
are cruel to you
Luke 6:28

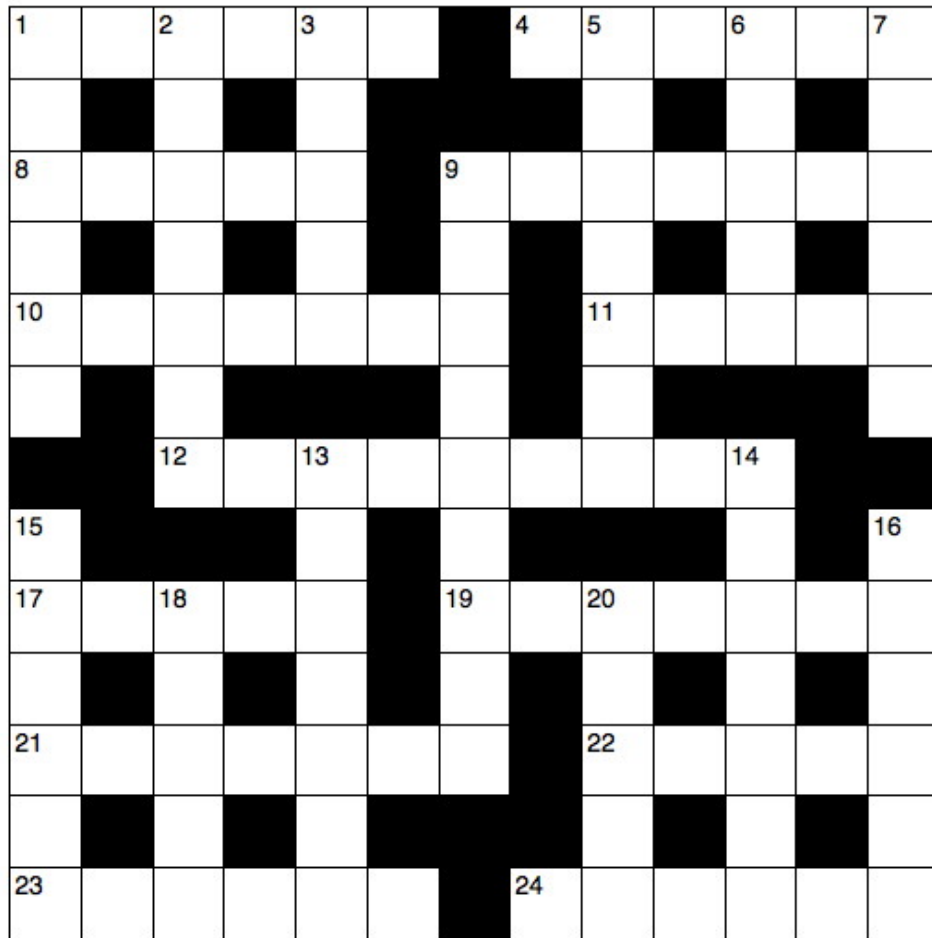
_____ those who
curse you
Luke 6:28

_____ and you will be
forgiven
Luke 6:37

Find these words from **Luke 6** in the word search above.

GOOD • BAD • FRUIT • TREE • HEART • EVIL • EACH • OWN • STORED
PRODUCE • BRING • SPEAK • REPENT • FORGIVE • LOVE • BLESS • PRAY • GIVE

PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 "They — — ,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt!” (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 ‘A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies’ (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 ‘Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature’ (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 ‘As you can see, he has done nothing to — death’ (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 ‘All the people — — one man, saying, “None of us will go home”’ (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham’s side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

DOWN

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 ‘In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea’ (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 ‘But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!’ (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 ‘Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ’ (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 ‘For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings’ (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob’s well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul’s first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)
- 23 ‘God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end’ (Daniel 5:26) (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 63

MOTHERS' UNION

Incoming President looking forward to new challenge

The incoming President of the Mothers' Union in Clogher Diocese, Mrs. Heather Ellis, an active figure in the community, takes up office in June.

"Due to the coronavirus pandemic, these past years have been very different for Mothers' Union members," admits Heather, who succeeds outgoing President Irene Boyd.

Heather, wife of Bishop Ian Ellis, former Rector of Rossorry Parish Church, near Enniskillen, has three children; Mark, Timothy and Naomi, and three grandchildren, Aidan, Justin and Phoebe. A native of Armagh, she was raised on a farm on the edge of Markethill in the Parishes of Loughgilly and Clare. She studied Geography at Queen's University Belfast and following her graduation with a PGCE, she taught Geography in Carolan Grammar School, Belfast.

Although Fermanagh has been her home for the past seven years, Heather has lived in many parts of Northern Ireland.

"Ian taught physics in Antrim Grammar School and following our marriage we set up home there while I changed career to Human Resources beginning in the Braid Valley Hospital and later as a manager in the Royal Group of Hospitals, Belfast," recalls Heather.

She explains: "In my 39-year career in Health and Social Care I have been employed in Northern, Eastern and Southern HSC Trusts. I am now employed as an Associate Consultant of the HSC Leadership Centre, Belfast."

Heather recalls that in 1986 they moved to live in Lisburn whilst Ian undertook his training in the Church of Ireland Theological College in Dublin.

She recalls: "After ordination, Ian was appointed Curate Assistant in St Mark's Armagh, and I was back at home again in County Armagh with my young family reconnecting with old childhood friends and working at this time in Craigavon Area Hospital and St Luke's Hospital in Armagh. We moved to Loughgall and Grange parishes in 1991 and settled into parish life for 11 years."

Afterwards, they lived in Portadown when Ian was appointed as NI Education Secretary for the Church of Ireland and the children were educated in Armagh Royal School and Portadown College, "growing



Mrs Heather Ellis.

up in the country" as she had.

Heather continued: "In 2015, we left Portadown to move to County Fermanagh when Ian was appointed Rector of Rossorry Parish. I have loved revisiting my growing-up years in the farming community and we have been able to use our love of the countryside in parish videos helping us to once again reconnect with nature and the land."

A busy figure locally, she is a member of Fermanagh Choral Society and was Branch Leader of Rossorry Mothers' Union.

Rotary International is a keen interest for her and she was President of the Rotary Club of Enniskillen in 2020/2021.

"I have been involved in Rotary for 12 years now having been introduced as a Rotarian into the Portadown Rotary Club by my good friend Ernest Lawson who was a former District Governor," explained Heather.

She pointed out: "I enjoy the fact that Mothers' Union and Rotary involve me in the service of my community in different ways from church and I remain keen to continue to raise their profiles. We are two different communities of people who share common values and personal integrity as well as having a desire to bring change and develop our service to others in Co Fermanagh, Ireland and worldwide."

In September 2019 along with colleagues from Enniskillen Rotary, Heather travelled to Kenya to visit a Rotary project in Rombo, Kajiado province.

She commented: "This experience had a profound effect upon me, and all those who travelled. We saw a number of Rotary projects working at first-hand, and it cemented my vision for worldwide projects and the outreach Mothers' Union too has in Africa."

Heather went on to pay tribute to the support Mothers' Union has given to its many members across the Diocese during these COVID times.

She pointed out that many clubs are "probably still currently meeting by ZOOM and in person as well and keeping in touch by telephone with members who are self-isolating and still uncomfortable, finding it difficult to get back to normal."

She concluded: "Bishop Ian and I look forward to your continued support as we move to the next stage of our ministry in the Diocese."

As outgoing Diocesan President, Irene Boyd and some of the Trustees step down this year we take the opportunity to acknowledge all the work they have done during challenging times in the life of our organisation in Clogher Diocese.

Comforting Bears /Helping Paws

The Mothers' Union in the Diocese received the following thank you.

"Just wish to message the group to express thanks for a beautifully knitted bear my little daughter received whilst attending SWAH today.

"Such a gorgeous bear and an even more beautiful thought! Thank you so very much."



DIOCESAN NEWS

New rector for Garrison Group of Parishes appointed by Bishop of Clogher

The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis has appointed Revd Rebecca Guildea as Rector of the Garrison Group of parishes.

Bishop Ellis said; "I am very pleased that Revd Rebecca Guildea has accepted my invitation to be the incumbent of the parishes of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek, and Kiltyclogher. She is highly qualified with many talents and has gained much experience, particularly in working with young families, in her current position as curate in Greystones parish. I am sure that her engaging and warm personality will be quickly recognised and appreciated by her new parishioners and the wider community.

"Revd Rebecca is moving from one of the Church of Ireland's most easterly parishes to the most westerly parish group in our diocese. We warmly welcome her and husband Brendan with their three children and pray that they will be blessed by God and enjoy parish life in this most beautiful part of Ireland."

Revd Rebecca said she is looking forward to working in Clogher Diocese.

"I am thrilled, as are my family, that we have been offered this opportunity to serve in the Garrison group of parishes. We were particularly impressed by the vision this parish union had for outreach



Revd Rebecca Guildea.

within their community, and I am looking forward to working with them to achieve this vision. We are excited about what the future has in store for us together."

Revd Rebecca was born in Oxford and studied theology at King's College in London. She said that following a sense of call to ordained ministry, and selection,

she completed the MTh programme at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. She was ordained deacon in 2016 and served her deacon intern year at Zion church, Rathgar in the Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough. She was ordained priest/presbyter in 2017 and has been serving her curacy at St. Patrick's Church, Greystones, also in the Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough.

Revd Rebecca has a special interest in young people and family ministry. She explained that during her time at St. Patrick's, she felt a particular call to spearhead outreach among young people and families. She has also been involved in setting up an ecumenical youth ministry, she has led children's camps and youth camps, as well as the Parenting course and the Alpha course. Revd Rebecca is busy with family life. She and her husband, Brendan have three children; Noah (9), Isaac (2) and Moses (4 months) but when she gets the chance for hobbies, enjoys running, hill walking, cooking and interior design.

The Garrison Group of Parishes is situated in West Fermanagh with Kiltyclogher Church located in Co. Leitrim.

Revd Rebecca's institution will take place on Thursday, 7th April at 7.30pm in Garrison Church..

Diocesan Curate begins work in Clogher Diocese

Revd Alison Irvine and Revd John McClenaghan (Diocesan Registrar) along with Bishop Ian Ellis as she made her declarations and received her licence at the See House. Revd Alison began her ministry as a Diocesan Curate from Tuesday, 8th February serving in some vacant parishes in the Diocese. She has been initially allocated to the parishes of Cleenish and Mullaghdund and also providing pastoral cover in Rossorry parish. Bishop Ellis said; "We wish her God's blessing on her ministry in the Diocese."



DATES FOR THE DIARY

March 2022

- Tuesday 1st March – **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day** at Trory and Killadeas Rectory where pancakes will be served all day with proceeds going to charity. Begin with a Breakfast drive-through from 7.30am-9pm with no pre booking needed, followed by a pancake picnic lunch from 12.30pm to 2pm on the rectory lawn and in the evening with pancake desserts after dinner served in the Rectory when bookings must be made with the Rector, Revd Mark Gallagher.
- Wednesday 2nd March – **Ash Wednesday Services** in churches across the Diocese. Check with your parish for details.
- Wednesday 9th - Saturday 12th March 2022 – **Pop-Up Shop** organised by St. Finbarr's Church, Carrickmacross as a fund-raising event in Carrickmacross Shopping Centre on Main Street. Parishioners and friends are encouraged to gather up items to sell in the shop ranging from small furniture to clothes and toys. As well as seeking items to sell we will be looking for volunteers to sell the goods while the shop is open.
- Wednesday 16th March – **St. Patrick's Community Celebration Concert** in St. Finbarr's Church, Carrickmacross starting at 8pm with doors open from 7.30pm. The lead act will be talented local singer/ songwriter Barry Jay Hughes with special guest, Harper Gr inne Duffy. The concert will be an evening of traditional and folk music to celebrate the reopening of the live entertainment sector in our community. Tickets costing ?15 or ?7 for children under 12 are now available.
- Thursday 17th March – **St. Patrick's Day Muddy Church Walk** organised by the parishes of Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh in Lough Fea Estate at 10.30am.
- Thursday 17th March – **St. Patrick's Day in Priory Church, Killadeas** at 7pm with a short service of Holy Communion, followed by Irish Canapes.'
- Saturday 19th March – **Men's Day** at The Rectory, Trory and Killadeas Parish. Details nearer the time.
- Tuesday 29th March – **Farm, Fellowship and Faith meeting** in Colaghty Parish Hall, Lack at 8pm when the speaker is Martin Peters, a paramedic with the Northern Ireland Ambulance service. All are welcome.

April 2022

- Saturday 2nd April – **Car Boot Sale, Coffee Morning and Cake Sale** organised by Tempo Parish Church from 10am to 12 noon. Proceeds towards Church funds.
- Tuesday 5th April – **Passion for life UK 2022** - the parish of Colaghty, Lack, will be joining with other churches, and those in Fermanagh in promoting and equipping for mission. An outreach event in Lack takes place on Tuesday 5th April 2022. Further information will be given nearer the time.

May 2022

- Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th May 2022 – **General Synod for 2022** takes place in Assembly Buildings, Belfast.
- Saturday 7th May – **Colaghty Parish Auction** at the Parish Hall, Lack.
- Saturday 14th May – **A walking treasure hunt and barbecue**

hosted by the Ematrix Group at Druminan. Further details at a later date.

June 2022

- Thursday 2nd June – **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving** in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 8pm followed by a beacon lighting ceremony in the grounds of the Cathedral.
- Sunday 5th June – **A Platinum Jubilee Service** in Colaghty Parish Church to celebrate Her Majesty, The Queen's reign. More details to follow.
- Sunday 26th June – **St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher** hosts an exciting project which has involved members of the parish for the past year. Groups and organisations are invited to make a visit to the Cathedral after this date.

October 2022

- Sunday 9th October – **Dedication of new building works** in St Salvator's Church, Donagh, at 3pm during the annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service attended by Bishop Ian Ellis.
- Sunday 23rd October – **Fivemiletown Parish Brunch** with Catherine Campbell, author of 'God Isn't Finished With You Yet.' More details to follow.



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Church of Ireland appoints new Children and Families Development Officer

The Church of Ireland has appointed Ms Rachael Murphy (pictured right) as its Children and Families Development Officer.

Ms Murphy has worked in the youth and children's sector for the past 27 years; in this role, which is a three-year appointment, she will be responsible for raising the profile of children and families ministry, training, supporting and developing resources.

Welcoming her appointment, Bishop George Davison remarked: "On behalf of the Church of Ireland Board for Ministry with Children and Families, I'm delighted to welcome Rachael Murphy to the role of Development Officer. Her warm personality and wealth of experience will be great assets as we seek to develop the work of this new Board to resource and support the Church in its ministry with children and families."

Rachael says: "I am both humbled and excited by the appointment in equal measure, as it brings together my love for children's ministry and my passion to see families equipped and empowered. "The past two years in particular have seen our families and children's ministry come under great strain; it has required



the Church to look for new and innovative ways to engage. As the saying goes 'necessity is the mother of invention' and there have been some fantastic ideas and programmes that have come forward during this time, so it is exciting now to see how the Church can further develop this vital ministry for God's glory. "There are so many amazing, dedicated and talented people who have been working tirelessly for God through this period and long before, reaching out to

children and their families. It is my hope to raise the profile of this amazing ministry, to highlight the huge impact it has on church life and to support those who have given, and continue to give, so much of their time, skills and energy across the island of Ireland."

Find out more about Children and Families Ministry at www.ireland.anglican.org/CFM or on social media channels; Facebook at @churchofirelandchildrensministry and Instagram @coficfm

Church of Ireland Survey on Ethnic Diversity, Inclusion, and Racial Justice

A new survey seeks to gather the views of members of the Church of Ireland on ethnic diversity, inclusion and racial justice. The initiative of the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd John McDowell, follows discussions with members and clergy and those serving in lay ministry from a wide range of ethnic backgrounds on the progress made within the Church on drawing on our rich diversity.

At the Church of Ireland's most recent General Synod in September 2021, the Archbishop said: "It was a little troubling to hear about how we had not drawn anything like deeply enough on the rich diversity of backgrounds in our Church. The meeting had also helped me to understand how difficult it can be to be a person of colour on this island and even,

at times, in our Church."

The research now being carried out has been designed in collaboration with the group of ethnically diverse clergy and lay readers who have now met on a further occasion, and will, along with other strands, examine and make recommendations on how the Church of Ireland can become truly a place of welcome for those from every ethnic background, both lay and clergy. The research is led by Dr Lucy Michael of the Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough. The Archbishop said: "Already in their discussions the group have also highlighted the positive experience of giving and receiving, but there is much we will need to do if we are to be the place which not only includes, but also celebrates, the God-given difference of

the Catholic Church which we stand on our hind legs and proclaim ourselves to be in the words of the ancient Creeds, Sunday by Sunday."

The Archbishop will publish and share the findings of the research and recommendations ahead of General Synod 2022.

All lay and clerical members of the Church are invited to give their views in this survey, which can be accessed by clicking on the following link; Ethnic Diversity, Inclusion and Racial Justice in the Church of Ireland - Church of Ireland - A Member of the Anglican Communion

Queries about the survey may be directed to enquiries@lucymichael.ie

Archbishops thank congregations for adjusting to church life during Covid-19

The Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd John McDowell, and the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, have issued the following message of thanks and encouragement to all members of the Church of Ireland following the announcements of the easing of Covid-19 restrictions: We write with great thankfulness to God and heartfelt gratitude to you, as we on this island begin to adjust to the lifting of public health restrictions on many aspects of our lives. The speed with which this has happened has taken many of us by surprise, and it will no doubt take some time for each of us to adjust, not only our social arrangements, but also our mental outlook in the months ahead.

Of all the seasons of the year Spring comes most gradually; the anticipation we see in snowdrops, then in cyclamen and daffodils. Then we notice the greater intensity and variety of birdsong at dawn and the vibrant loveliness of cherry blossom against still grey skies. Finally there comes the full opening up of leaves on the trees as the annual rebirth of nature arrives in its full form.

This may be how it happens for us in terms of our greater participation in social and parish life, as we feel this renewed sense of optimism grow into the confidence that we are at a new point in our lives at which we can live with Covid-19, without imperilling our health services or putting vulnerable people in harm's way.

In our genuine sense of relief and perhaps enthusiasm to "get going again," we need also to remember those for whom the past two years have been much more than an inconvenience or a nuisance. There are families who have lost loved ones in the most chilling of circumstances; all who have worked in the health services and in the care sector, often putting the welfare of others before their own well-being, along with those who have maintained education and other essential services at all levels. People who are utterly exhausted by the experience of worry, loneliness and stress over two long years cannot be left behind. Children and young people who have missed out on experiences which simply will not come round again need to be nurtured and encouraged.

We wish to thank all who have worked so hard in parishes up and down this island, both in maintaining the worship and witness of the Church and in serving their communities, often in partnership with other organisations. We also thank all who have worked and prayed and persevered. We have passed through a uniquely difficult time which has placed great demands on practical discipleship. And it has been for all of us a time when nothing could be taken for granted. Now we are emerging into the light.

Risk assessments will continue to be a feature of parish life, and each of us, clergy and lay people, will need to make many



judgements about exactly how and at what pace we move into our greater freedoms. At the same time there is a new sense of hope. There is an appropriateness in making this cautious journey through Lent and into Easter. Not in the sense of forty days of long faces, followed by an exhausted smile. Instead in a spirit of quiet preparation for the fullness of the resurrection light of Easter; God's final and irrevocable act is that he has not let the world slip from his grasp but has rescued and redeemed it in his Son.

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Church of Ireland Information about the easing of restrictions in Northern Ireland

The Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd John McDowell, has written to parishes about the way forward with the easing of restrictions in Northern Ireland.

With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions announced today, there are some new updates which will affect the way we do things within our Church buildings, and the arrangements for acts of worship, parish meetings and organisations.

Despite the easing of the restrictions, we should remain mindful that the transmission rate is still high and therefore we have to continue to do everything we can to keep everyone in our parishes and wider community safe. We also need to be mindful that many of those who have regularly attended services in our church buildings throughout the pandemic have found reassurance and comfort in the mitigations that have been in place, so to instantly remove all mitigations would leave those same people feeling vulnerable and exposed. As we look to a brighter future, with more freedom and fewer restrictions, we need to move forward cautiously and with a measure of restraint in the early stages in order to bring everybody with us as we return to some level of normality.

The following guidance notes are simply to provide some help and assistance to clergy, Select Vestry members and parishioners as together we all try to navigate our way forward. Many of the decisions about practical arrangements will have to be made at parish level based on local knowledge, context, and the current situation at any given time.

Covid symptoms - Anyone who has (or think they might have) any of the symptoms of Covid-19, or are just generally feeling unwell, should be encouraged not to come to services or other meetings to avoid the risk of spreading the virus to others.



Hand sanitisers should continue to be available at the entrance to buildings and used by everyone entering and leaving the premises.

Ventilation remains a significant mitigation against the spread of this airborne virus. Windows and doors should be open where possible to allow good airflow.

Contact Tracing is no longer required.

Social Distancing is no longer a requirement but some spacing is still encouraged in church buildings when people are seated together with others who they are not in regular contact with, particularly in the early stages of the easing of restrictions. Clergy and Select Vestries may want to reflect on what is right and appropriate in their own local situation. Some will choose to maintain social distancing for the time being. Others, where there is significant pressure for space, may wish to revert to more 'normal' seating patterns.

Face coverings - It is strongly recommended that they continue to be worn, for the time being, when people are in close contact with others inside. When entering and moving around inside a building and particularly during congregational singing, face coverings should be worn. Face coverings may be removed when people are seated and not singing but that is a matter of personal preference. This guidance

applies to services and meetings.

Pastoral visitation is possible for clergy and lay visitors to visit in both care homes and hospitals, subject to the local situation and current regulations as stipulated on each site. Clergy are advised to contact hospitals and care homes in advance of visiting to confirm local arrangements. Visits to parishioners in their own homes is also possible subject to a sensitive awareness that not everyone will be comfortable with others visiting in their home just yet. It may be useful to ring ahead to arrange visits rather than to be in the difficult or embarrassing position of being refused entrance.

Sunday Schools and Parish organisations can meet in Church premises provided that some thought is given to careful management of groups and their planned activities. The wearing of face coverings should be encouraged when individuals are moving around inside a building but may be removed when seated.

General

With the current trajectory, and if there are no new variants or major increases in the spread or seriousness of the symptoms of the virus, then it is hoped that by Easter we should all be facing a much better situation as we move on into the summer months and beyond.

It has been a very difficult two-year period but the hard work, careful observance of the restrictions and general care for the well-being of the whole community has enabled us to reach this point in what has been one of the most difficult global situations in recent history. As we start into the work of renewing, re-energising and rebuilding the life of the Church we give thanks to God for his presence with us in the midst of the storm.

HSE Covid-19 update in Republic of Ireland

WINTER PRESSURE ON OUR HEALTH SERVICE

A range of factors including the impact of winter and the high numbers in hospital and attending Emergency Departments (ED) are leading to a very high demand on both hospital and community services.

Our hospitals are seeing record attendance levels, with over 27,900 attending Emergency Departments this week alone, and almost 7,000 people admitted to hospital in the last week (an increase of 23.8% on the same week last year). We have seen an average of 333 people on trolleys each day this week, a 203% increase on the same week last year.

COVID-19 is continuing to have an impact on services, as we continue to manage and care for patients with COVID-19, with 595 patients in acute settings yesterday morning. Currently, there are 601 COVID-19 reported outbreaks across all community settings, with 51% of all nursing homes in outbreak.

In line with the HSE Winter Plan, a number of measures are being taken to manage this period of high demand.

The HSE is asking members of the public to consider all care options before attending hospital EDs, as acute and community services face a period of unprecedented pressure. There are a range of care pathways available to patients who do not need emergency care including Pharmacists, GP, GP Out of Hours Services and Minor Injury Units. Within EDs, patients will be prioritised based on their clinical need.

COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 – 11 YEARS

Clinical trials show this vaccine is highly effective at preventing COVID-19 in children. Though serious illness from COVID-19 is rare in this age group, they are even less likely to become seriously ill with COVID-19 if they are vaccinated.

The HSE has dedicated information for parents on [hse.ie](https://www.hse.ie), which outlines the benefits and risks of the vaccine.

COVID-19 BOOSTER

(4th) dose for people who are immunocompromised (have a weak immune system)

People who have a weak immune system, also called immunocompromised, can now get a booster (4th) dose. People in this group were offered an additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccine last year, and can now get a booster dose if it has been three months since their additional dose. If they had the Pfizer, AstraZeneca or Moderna vaccine, this booster will be their fourth vaccine dose. See below for information on how to get your booster dose.

TREATMENT FOR PEOPLE AT THE HIGHEST RISK FROM COVID-19

A new medicine is available to treat people with COVID-19 (coronavirus) who are at the highest risk of becoming seriously ill. Sotrovimab is also known by the brand name Xevudy. It is the first type of COVID-19 medicine available in Ireland. You'll be told by your doctor or consultant if this medicine is for you. Other COVID-19 medicines are expected to become available soon.

COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER

People aged 16 and older can get their COVID-19 vaccine booster dose now. This includes people who have a weak immune system. To book an appointment or find a clinic near you, visit [hse.ie](https://www.hse.ie).

You need to wait at least three months (90 days) after your



vaccine course before you can get a booster dose. If you have had COVID-19 since you were vaccinated you should get your booster dose at least three months after your positive result. Please bring photo ID that shows your date of birth to your appointment or walk-in clinic.

VACCINATION CLINICS

We continue to operate clinics for dose one and dose two vaccinations (for people aged 12 years and over), and booster vaccine clinics. You can check @HSELive on Twitter for daily updates.

All of our vaccination centres are offering online booking for booster appointments, which can be booked up to five days in advance.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE HSE FOR NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING GRANTS

This funding is distributed by the HSE each year to community-based groups and voluntary organisations under the Respite Care Grant Scheme and the National Lottery Grant Scheme.

Groups and organisations involved in the provision of Health and Personal Social Services can apply for once-off funding of between €500 and €10,000 for suitable projects.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Wednesday 23rd March 2022. Applicants will be advised as to the outcome of their application by 8th July 2022.

FREE FLU VACCINE FOR ALL AT-RISK GROUPS

It's flu season and while anyone can catch the flu, some people are more at risk of catching the flu, getting seriously ill or needing hospital treatment. The HSE encourages all at-risk groups to make an appointment with their GP or Pharmacist for their free flu vaccine. People at risk include those aged 50 or over, children aged two to 17, people with certain long term conditions, pregnant women and healthcare workers. It's the best way to be protected from the flu

GET EXPERT ADVICE AT MYCHILD.IE

A promotional campaign for MyChild.ie is on-air highlighting this free online pregnancy and child health resource for parents and parents-to-be. Get expert advice for every step of pregnancy, baby and toddler health.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrated in most westerly diocese

Enniskillen will be the most westerly community in the United Kingdom participating in The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons and its associated activities on Thursday, 2nd June.

The Dean of Clogher the Very Rev. Kenneth Hall, has invited the County Fermanagh Section, Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association, Northern Ireland Branch to be part of the cross-community Service of Thanksgiving and Beacon Lighting at St. Macartin's Cathedral, which will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee during its quadricentennial year

Proceedings will begin at 2pm with an official proclamation by Toastmaster, Gary

Wilson at The Diamond, Enniskillen. Over 100 pipers and musicians from more than a dozen pipe bands will play 'Diu Regnare', their collective and personal tribute to Her Majesty the Queen at 9.35pm that evening in advance of the Beacons being lit at 9.45pm.

This is a unique tune, specially written for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons



by 2020 Glenfiddich Champion piper Stuart Liddell, Pipe Major of the World's leading pipe band, Inveraray and District. The Bugle Call 'Majesty' will be played two minutes before the lighting of the Beacon in the grounds of the Cathedral, overlooking the town. The unique Bugle Call has been especially written by Bugler Sjt A.W. Carlisle, Hillsborough Fort Guard, Northern Ireland and will be played at many other Beacon locations throughout the UK just before the Beacons are lit that evening too.

After the beacon is lit, to the sound of skyrocketing and bells pealing, the Cathedral Choir will sing the 'Song for the Commonwealth'. The massed bands will parade from Church Street to Enniskillen Castle, which will be bathed in purple lighting by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to commemorate the special occasion.

The Rotary Club of Enniskillen will host the lighting of a beacon on the Castle walls. Twelve more beacons along the shore of Lough Erne will be lit by young folk who have been an inspiration to others within their community. Local Army and RAF Air Cadets will light a beacon on Topped Mountain, overlooking Enniskillen accompanied by a Cadet Piper and Bugler.

Two beams of light will be projected into the night sky above the Castle, the 'crossing of lights' poignantly symbolising the Queen's historic visit to St Macartin's Church of Ireland Cathedral in 2012 for a service of thanksgiving to mark her Diamond Jubilee. Queen Elizabeth II was the first English Monarch to visit St Macartin's Cathedral, which was built almost 400 years earlier under the reign of King James 1. Following that service, the Queen crossed the street to St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church to greet cross-community representatives. Her Majesty's first visit to County Fermanagh was as a young Princess on the 20th of March 1946.

Viscount Brookeborough KG, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Fermanagh said: "People throughout the Commonwealth and further afield will celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and reflect on what her reign has meant to them. We, in Co Fermanagh, especially remember Her Majesty's visit in 2012 when she walked across the street from St Macartin's Church of Ireland Cathedral to St Michael's Roman Catholic Church and also her triumphant State Visit to The Republic of Ireland during the previous year. These two events have brought our divided communities closer together more than anything else that has taken place in the last 100 years. This Platinum celebration will be another important milestone for the cross community relations in our country and are delighted to be lighting Beacons as part of it, bringing people together at one moment in time, celebrating this historic milestone in The Queen's life and in her reign too."



Some of the pipe band representatives who will be taking part in the tribute to Her Majesty, The Queen during the Platinum Jubilee weekend.



Viscount Brookeborough KG, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Fermanagh lighting a beacon for a previous royal anniversary.



The view over Torbay which inspired Revd Henry Francis Lyte to write the words of "Abide with Me."



The busy harbour at Lower Brixham today.

Walking in the footsteps of hymnwriter in the place he was inspired to write 'Abide with me'

■ Report and photographs by
Brian Donaldson

Celebrated hymnwriter, Henry Francis Lyte, is well known in Enniskillen and beyond, having been a student at Portora Royal School and having worshipped in St. Macartin's Cathedral.

But most of his ordained ministry in the Anglican church was spent at All Saints Church, Lower Brixham, in South Devon where he was the first Rector. He wrote the words of his universally acclaimed hymn, "Abide With Me" while looking across the waters of Torbay as the evening sun set. I recently walked in the footsteps of Henry Francis Lyte in Devon when I visited Lower Brixham and the grounds of his former vicarage, now the Berry Head Hotel where he rested regularly and got inspiration for his writings.

Henry Francis Lyte was born in 1793 in Scotland and when his family moved to Ireland as his father was garrisoned there, he was educated at Portora Royal School and became a scholar of Trinity College Dublin. He trained for the Anglican church and was ordained in 1815 at the age of 21, serving firstly in a parish in Wexford.

The Revd Henry Francis Lyte moved to the south-west of England, with the area of south Devon known as the English Riviera. After moving around several small churches, he was appointed the first Vicar of All Saints Church, Church Street, Lower Brixham in 1824. Before this, local people would have attended St. Mary's Church in Higher Brixham a mile further inland.

All Saints Church was built to serve the fishermen and their families involved in the growing fishing industry. The original church on the present site of which Revd Henry Francis Lyte was Vicar, was a rather plain



Brian Donaldson, Editor of Clogher Diocesan Magazine with Peter Thorp, Churchwarden and Revd Stephen Yates, Team Rector at All Saints Church, Lower Brixham Devon, where Revd Henry Francis Lyte was the first Vicar.

building and replaced near the end of the 19th Century by the All Saints Church which exists today.

The 'new' church was dedicated in 1907 and known as the Lyte Memorial Church. Today, All Saints Church is one of four in the Brixham Mission Community, alongside Churston, Galmpton and Kingswear where Revd Stephen Yates is Team Rector.

I met Revd Stephen and his Churchwarden,

Peter Thorp at the church where they kindly showed me around its wonderful interior with one feature particularly interesting, the Lyte Chapel.

When you look around this area of the South Devon coast, it is particularly apt that Revd Henry Francis Lyte spent his formative years close to the waters of Lough Erne. Revd Lyte was loved and respected in the fishing community for his work and his

sermons attracted huge congregations. He preached from the pulpit in his original church but which has been retained in the current All Saints Church. Also in the present church is the small black font from Revd Lyte's time as Vicar and in the Chapel there is the Bible he gave to his daughter on her marriage.

The Bible story in St. Luke Chapter 24 from which the hymn, "Abide With Me" gets its opening line, is depicted in the central picture on the reredos behind the main altar. The line from the verse states; "Abide with me, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent."

The tower of All Saints has particular significance. It has a carillon of bells which are programmed to play his hymns; "When at thy footstool Lord, we bend" at 8am; "Praise, my soul, the Kind of Heaven" at noon and "Abide with me" at 8pm daily.

All Saints Church also contains St. Peter's Chapel, featuring many treasures of the former St. Peter's Church near the harbour where fishermen worshipped.

All Saints Church's connection with the sea and fishermen continue. Each year a week is dedicated to promoting the Festival of the Sea, celebrating its heritage and today's fishing industry by having colourful displays with fishing nets and the flags of trawlers hanging from the roof, model boats and paintings.

Revd Lyte was acknowledged as having a major influence on young people and founded the Sunday School in Brixham, the first in the Torbay area. Unlike a normal church Sunday School, it was for the entire town and the 70 teachers he enlisted included those from nonconformist organisations as well as his own church members. It soon attracted 700 followers. He was popular too with fishermen who took him onto their boats when docked at harbour. Revd Lyte would present each skipper with a bible and before boats went out to sea, he would preach a special sermon for them.

The Vicarage for Revd Lyte and his family was Berry Head House, a building completed as a military hospital in 1809 but which became vacant in later years. The house and grounds has open views across Torbay.

Among his many writings, is his book of metrical psalms, "Spirit of the Psalms" which was published in 1834 while he was in Brixham. In it, he translates psalms into poems and hymns which can be more easily understood and sung by



The Lyte Chapel in All Saints Church.

congregations. For example, his hymn, "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven," is a version of the Psalm 103.

The Churchwarden at All Saints Church, Peter Thorp led me to Berry Head Hotel once the vicarage where Revd Lyte lived for his 23 years in charge of the church.

On the outside wall is a blue plaque erected by Torbay Civic Society with the inscription, "Berry Head House, the home of Revd Henry Francis Lyte, Vicar of All Saints, Brixham who wrote 'Abide with me,' here on 4th September 1847."

Inside, close to the bar and reception, there is a photo of Revd Lyte and a framed print of the words of his hymn 'Abide with me,' and

the story of how he wrote the words in the grounds of the building.

The splendid views over Torbay from the hotel grounds are there for all to see. It was late afternoon when I was there and the sun was setting behind low clouds. I immediately thought of the words of his great hymn, "Abide with me, fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide."

Revd Henry Francis Lyte wrote the words of 'Abide with me' during the summer of 1847 as his health deteriorated with tuberculosis. He preached his farewell sermon on 5th September after which he travelled to the south of France for better weather. He died in November that year in Nice and is buried in an English cemetery there. 'Abide with me' was sung at his memorial service in All Saints Church.



All Saints Church.



Book Reviews

Curate sees his dissertation published into book

The Revd Chris West, Curate Assistant at St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, has seen his dissertation published in a new book.

The book, "Eucharist and Embodiment: An invitation to constructive theological thinking" was launched at the Church of Ireland's Theological Institute in Dublin by the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall.

In his remarks, Dean Hall firstly referred to Revd Chris's appointment to assist him at St. Macartin's Cathedral.

"I am very pleased to have the Revd Chris West as my colleague in the Cathedral Parish of Enniskillen. In a very short space of time, our pastoral and priestly ministries have blended so well that we are forming a strong base to put St Macartin's at the heart of the community, strengthening commitment, outreach, worship, and Christian Love.

"His learning and experience firstly in the medical sphere and then in theological sphere have no doubt also blended together to give him the knowledge and insight to produce such magnificent, inspiring, and challenging reading!

"Chris's study of the Eucharist as embodied experience is energised by three convictions, which he hopes also form the core of his priestly ministry. The first is that risks must be taken in crossing boundaries in the search for an integrated whole, while being careful not to compromise the integrity and uniqueness of each contribution.

"This can be viewed in a couple of directions in his study, most obviously in the crossing of boundaries between the disciplines of sacramental theology, science, and philosophy.

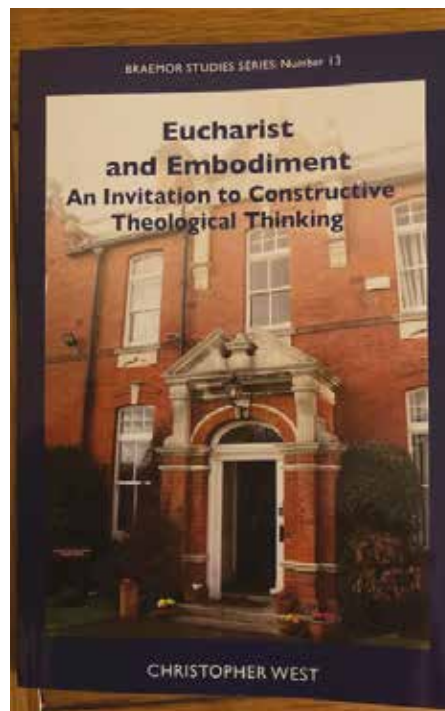
"Rooted in the ecumenical traditions of the Church and informed by insights emerging from the medical sciences and continental philosophy, Chris' study aims to provide an imaginative approach to our embodied reception of the Eucharist. Discussions about the sciences usually lie well beyond the interests of historically minded theologians and liturgists; and scientists are often not careful with historical details.

"Chris is careful to set his study within the context of all that has gone before.

"The second is that the margins are the site of God's presence in the world today;



Attending the launch of the book by Revd Chris West are (from left); Revd Canon Dr Maurice Elliott, of the Theological Institute, Dublin; Archbishop Michael Jackson, Revd Chris West; Dean Kenneth Hall and Dr Bridget Nichols.



they are God's way of refreshing the Church's "centre".

"Chris takes to heart the fact that "the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone". Jesus is the excluded one; and if the building that is

our theological discussions is going to have a corner stone, it ought to be made up of those who are often excluded from our conversations.

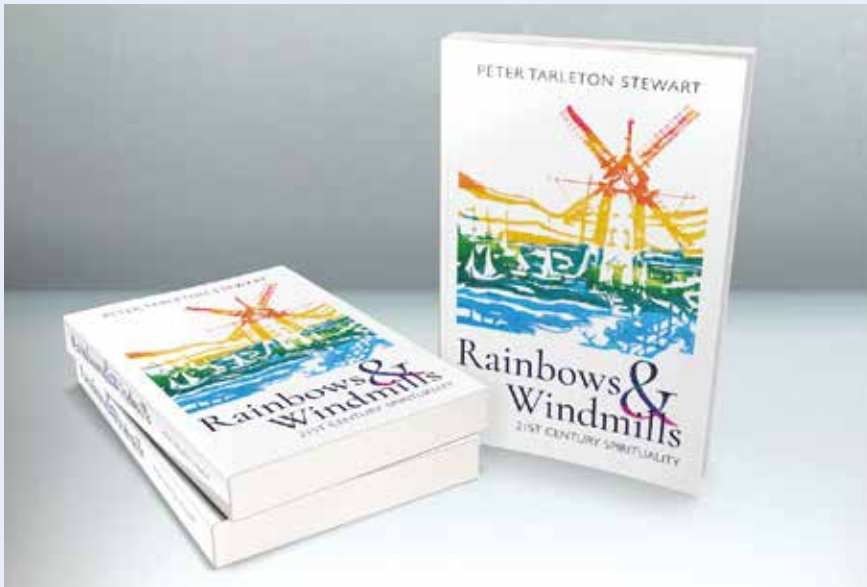
"Chris' study reinserts bodies – and, in particular, the bodies of those who have been side-lined – back into the centre of our conversations about sacramental worship.

"The third, simply put, is that experience should courageously and self-consciously shape, critique, and inform all of our conversations; they should emerge from – and be shaped by – the Church's sacramental practices, as the Eucharist makes the Church.

"Chris has given a real gift to all of us and deserves the greatest thanks.

"I hope you enjoy reading it and seeing for yourself God working out His plan of salvation in the life of Chris to build his Kingdom.

"By the guidance of Almighty God may Chris continue to be at the heart of the community, strengthening commitment, outreach, worship, and Christian Love to all even those who are often sided lined from our conversations and missing out on sacramental worship," said Dean Hall. The book has been published as part of the Braemor Study Series.



Rainbows and Windmills written by a son of the rectory

The first book to be written by Revd Peter Tarleton, a retired Church of Ireland minister, looks at his childhood experiences and influences while growing up in the rectories of Dromore and Devenish parishes in Clogher Diocese, as well as his observations on spirituality and religions around the world.

Revd Peter's father was Revd Denis Tarleton who died in 1998, who after his education in Armagh and Trinity College Dublin served as Rector of Dromore between 1951-59 followed by Rector of Devenish and Boho from 1959 until 1963 when he retired.

The book, "Rainbows and Windmills" extends to 12 chapters over 162 pages and, according to Revd Mike Dixon, writing in his preface, says Revd Peter accepts the reality of a person-centred spirituality.

"He builds on it as a real and crucial grown-up element in human experience. He does not set spirituality over against faith or religion, but rather embraces personal spirituality and illustrates its reality, employing his own journey through life, a journey that draws on his rich and deep encounters and experiences."

Revd Peter in his book, describes some of his own experiences and views as a Church of Ireland Rector and chaplain. He has acted as a chaplain in schools, prisons, hospitals and a university. He also has worked as a parish clergyman in Cork, Dublin, Cootehill, Killeslin and Portlaise, retiring in 2020 after 47 years



Revd Peter Tarleton.

as an Anglican priest. While growing up in rectories in Clogher Diocese, he spent four years at Portora Royal School.

He says he has always been actively interested in politics, recognising how it often serves the interests of the few to the exclusion of the most vulnerable. As a Christian he sees the world as a place in which to be actively involved. He has called on the church to be bold in its service to humanity, and respectful in its care of the Earth.

"Rainbows and Windmills" is published by Columba Books, Dublin in March.

Duty Bound records history of 'B' Specials in Fermanagh

Duty Bound is a new book published next month (April) by David Keys, a parishioner of Colaghty Parish Church, Lack.

The book is the culmination of many years of research and compilation by David on the history of the County Fermanagh B Specials from 1920 to 1970. The full name of the force was the Ulster Special Constabulary.

The 245-page book in full colour contains 300 photographs many of historical early members of the special police in Fermanagh.

All the sub districts of the USC are mentioned with information of the leadership in each district. The county commanders are all listed as are many of those who held high rank.

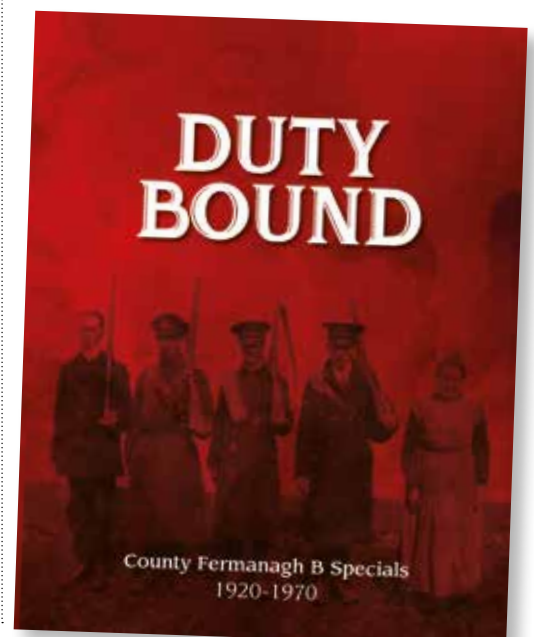
An interesting section is on the recollections recorded by one of the Adjutants, Captain Charles Palmer during his service with Fermanagh USC.

Another section deals with the former members of Fermanagh USC after it was stood down and who joined the new Ulster Defence Regiment and the Police Reserve some of whom became victims of terrorism.

The background to the need for a reserve police force in 1920 is mentioned and there are descriptions of the terrorism situation that prevailed in the neighbouring counties at that time using newspaper reports.

All the special police casualties in the county during 1920 to 1922 are all listed and the details of their deaths including the shooting at Clones railway station in February 1922.

The book will be launched at an event in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen on Friday, 8th April.



Joan's BEM is for work with pre-school children

A member of Christ Church Trillick, Mrs Joan McCauley, has been awarded the BEM in the Queen's New Year Honours for her work with pre-school education.

Joan is a playgroup assistant at the Peter Pan Community Playgroup in Trillick. She is also a member of the church choir and Kilskeery and Trillick Mothers' Union. She was a Sunday School teacher.

Joan said she was very excited and overwhelmed when she received news that she had been awarded a BEM. She added: "It has come as a big shock to me; the family are all delighted."

Joan, originally from Lurgan, lives in Main Street, Trillick, close to the playgroup where she works each weekday morning.

She has served 27 years as a Playgroup Assistant working with those aged three to four and enjoys her work immensely. She says she has seen those little children grow up in the community.

Joan praised all of those she has worked alongside over the years, at both a staff and committee level for Peter Pan Playgroup. She also praised the many parents for their fundraising which has helped to keep the organisation running.

"The highlight is seeing children who have just left home come to playgroup, and seeing them grow in confidence over the year, and watching them progress."

She is married to John and has a son, Christopher and two daughters, Aisling and Gillian as well as a grandson, Adam (4).

She is now looking forward to visits to Hillsborough Castle and Buckingham Palace.



Joan McCauley who received the BEM.

CARBON LITERACY FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS

Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, an environmental charity in Northern Ireland, has announced a new, no-cost training programme for community leaders and community groups.

This training, funded by the Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs, aims to raise knowledge, awareness and confidence about Climate Change issues and supports community members with accessible ways to take action to reduce the impacts of Climate Change.

The training is called Carbon Literacy for Community Leaders and is delivered in three, short modules with a mix of self-study and online meetings; in total approximately eight to 10 hours of learning.

The training covers the following topics:

- Climate Change science
- Global and local impacts of Climate Change

- Climate justice and equity
- Climate policy – global and local
- Carbon Footprints
- Solutions and the way ahead – ways to get involved as an individual and a community
- Carbon Pledge – a commitment to take action

The Carbon Literacy Project (CLP) is a globally unique organisation – there is nothing else quite like it anywhere. It was recognised as such by the United Nations in Paris, where it was awarded as a TAP100, one of 100 worldwide Transformative Action Programs.

A spokesperson stated; "The design of the training works on the assumption that peer-peer learning has the greatest impact on behaviour change. We aim, therefore, to train leaders in Carbon Literacy and then provide materials they can use to train their students, or groups.

"On completion of your training you will

not only be certified in Carbon Literacy but you will have the knowledge and confidence to take your students, youth or community groups through a similar Carbon Smart programme.

We provide you with all the materials and the support you need. We ask that, once you are trained, you deliver Carbon Literacy training to your group within three to six months, depending on your sector."

If you are interested and would like to discuss the course further, or find out more, get in contact by emailing Scott Howes at scott.howes@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org.

SAVE THE DATES

■ **World Water Day** – Tuesday 22 March 2022 with the theme "Groundwater – Making the Invisible Visible."

■ **Earth Day** – Friday 22 April 2022 with the theme "Investing In Our Planet."



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Leading theologians discuss climate and nature emergency

The Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland, Most Revd John McDowell, is one of the speakers at the Irish Churches Creation Care Conference which will explore the theology and mission response to the climate and nature emergency.

The one-day conference takes place on Friday, 8 April at the Dromantine Centre, Newry from 10am until 4pm.

The speakers include;

• Rev Dr Chris Wright, Theologian; Prof Katharine Hayhoe, Distinguished Climate Scientist; Dr Ruth Valerio, Director of Global Advocacy and Influencing at Tearfund; Rev Bob Kikuyu, Global Advisor for Theology and Church Partnerships, Christian Aid; Archbishop John McDowell, Church of Ireland Primate of All Ireland; Rev Dr David Bruce, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; Rev Dr Sahr Yambasu, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland; Bishop Martin Hayes, Laudato Si' coordinating bishop for the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference; Hannah Malcolm, Anglican ordinand and Radio 4 Thought for the Day contributor; Justin Kilcullen

The event can be booked through Eventbrite accessed through the Church of Ireland website at the following link; Irish Churches Creation Care Conference - Church of Ireland - A Member of the Anglican Communion

CROSSWORD ANSWERS *from page 48*

ACROSS: 1, Awaken. 4, Quench. 8, Hit me. 9, Sadness. 10, Semitic. 11, Ridge. 12, Testimony. 17, Psalm. 19, Indulge. 21, Deserve. 22, Ariel. 23, Rose as. 24, Beggar.

DOWN: 1, Aghast. 2, Attempt. 3, Eject. 5, Undergo. 6, No end. 7, Hasten. 9, Sacrifice. 13, Samaria. 14, Yelling. 15, Spider. 16, Dealer. 18, Asses. 20, Drake.

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