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Donagh Old Churchyard near Glaslough where the Ecumenical Service for Pentecost is taking place on Sunday, 5th June at 3pm with Bishop Ian Ellis and Bishop Larry Duffy taking part.

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A Message from the Bishop

Platinum Jubilee

Many parishes and community groups are planning services and events to celebrate a most significant landmark in the life of the nation – the Platinum Jubilee of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Seventy years is an outstanding record of steadfast duty and service to her subjects, and she has imbued her Royal duties in those years with her customary grace and dedication. It is indeed fitting for us to sound a sincere and strong note of thanksgiving to God for the gift he has given to the nation in the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth.

Reopening of St Macartin's Cathedral

St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen was recently reopened after extensive repairs to its roof and renovation and redecoration of its interior. The service to mark this re-opening was a wonderful occasion of thanksgiving and dedication and brought to fulfilment the vision of the Dean and Select Vestry to see a renewed Cathedral fit for the next chapter of its life as a parish and Diocesan Cathedral. I offer my heartiest congratulations to all responsible for this very significant work of restoration and enhancement.

During my address I reflected on why we need Cathedrals and what purpose they serve for our diocese and contribute towards spiritual life. This is a summary of what I shared:

St Macartin's is not only a Cathedral in Clogher Diocese, but also the parish church of Enniskillen. As such it is a place of worship and a house of prayer for the people of this town and surrounding area. For the first 300

years of the church's existence, it was known as St Anne's Parish Church Enniskillen, before it was enhanced and raised to the status of Cathedral in 1923.

Cathedrals came to be understood as the 'mother church of the diocese' to which the other parish churches looked to as their epicentre. We are blessed in Clogher with two cathedrals – in Clogher and Enniskillen with Clogher being the historic cathedral of the diocese with its link with the early Celtic church and St Macartin, a friend of Patrick.

They are called cathedrals from the Greek word *Cathedra* – meaning 'chair' – the place where the bishop has a special chair or throne. In our Anglican understanding a cathedral represents a place where the diocese finds its focus and where its members come together with the bishop to worship at important times such as at Synods, consecrations, ordinations, and special diocesan celebrations.

Cathedrals have however other important roles in a diocese and local community.

1. Cathedrals are a symbol of the presence of God in the midst of us – the fine steeple of St Macartin's stands clearly above the other buildings of the town and helps point citizens towards God and heaven. Cathedrals as buildings in the public space are symbolic of the how society in this land has historically been shaped by the Christian faith.

All church buildings help us in our daily lives, to find a portion of God's almighty strength to meet our spiritual needs. We need a place of prayer where in quietness we can offer our worship, hear, and tune in to God's word, find forgiveness and receive his sacraments.

2. Cathedrals are almost always places of exceptional beauty – they represent the very best of the creative gifts of skilled craft and workmanship. This Cathedral has a marvellous sense of majesty and evokes awe and wonder - being inside lifts the spirit by



its architectural design, decoration and stained-glass windows.

Cathedrals are also known for carefully prepared liturgical worship and with glorious organ and choral music the praise of God's people is led. St Macartin's renovated military chapel too causes us to reflect on regiments of the past, formed from men of the district who responded with love for their town and country and offered their lives in time of war.

Human spirituality you see, responds to these beautiful qualities with awe and wonder. We are inspired and challenged by the words of faith read and preached; music and song touch our inner spirit and reach parts of our being that rational thought fails to. Beautiful things lift our minds to the beauty of heaven and the glory and holiness of God. There is a lovely quotation from a French monk Suger in the 11th century which expresses this:

'thus, when out of my delight in the beauty of the house of God – the loveliness of the many coloured gems called me away from external cares; and worthy meditation has induced me to reflect, transferring that which is material to that which is immaterial.'

This Cathedral, representing the presence of God in the community, has been lifting hearts and souls for centuries and please God it will continue to offer these gifts through its ministry to enable the household of God to worship him for years to come.

'...you are citizens with the saints, and also members of the household of God.' Ephesians 2:19

*Yours in Christ's service
+ Ian Clogher*

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Sunday 5th June

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

Sunday 12th June

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

Sunday 19th June

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45am Children's Day
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm All Age Service

Sunday 26th June

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

Following our recent meetings, the Select Vestry for 2022 / 2023 in each Parish are as follows:

Aghadrumsee

Rector's Churchwarden: Alan Madill
People's Churchwarden: Kenneth McCauley
Rector's Glebewarden: James Elliott



People's Churchwarden: Edwin Keenan
Select Vestry: Brian Annon, Leslie Annon, Andrew Elliott, Sarah Elliott, Wesley Elliott, David Johnston (Treasurer), Moira Johnston (Secretary), Cheryl Madill, Matthew Moran and Myrtle McCauley

Clogh

Rector's Churchwarden: Gordon Wiggins
People's Churchwarden: Harry Blakely
Rector's Glebewarden: Gordon McCoy
People's Glebewarden: John Egerton.
Select Vestry: Ronald Egerton, Walter Egerton, William Forster, Florence Graham, Amanda Kilfedder, Andrea Nelson (Secretary), George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, William Nelson, Eric Nicholl and Andrea Wiggins (Treasurer).

Drumsnatt

Rector's Churchwarden: Yvonne Martin (Treasurer).
People's Churchwarden: Richard Moore.
Rector's Glebewarden: Irwin Martin.
People's Glebewarden: Norma Martin (Secretary).
Select Vestry: David Graham, James Graham, Roberta Graham, Elizabeth Haire, Nigel Martin, Stephen Martin, Ian Moore, Joanne Moore, Lynda Moore, Robert Moore and Joan Sterrit.

This year three people stepped down from their roles, Florence Egerton as Treasurer of Clogh Parish, Brian Pryce as Gift Aid Secretary and Cheryl Madill as Sexton both of Aghadrumsee Parish. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each of them for their dedication over the years. We are delighted to welcome Andrea Wiggins as Clogh Treasurer and Sarah and James Elliott as Sexton of Aghadrumsee.

Confirmation

At the time of writing we look forward to having our Confirmation Service and welcoming Bishop Ellis to our group for the first time. We hope to have photographs and more details for the next edition but would ask that you continue to remember the eight young people in prayer at this important time in their lives.

Family Services

Family services will take place in Aghadrumsee and Clogh on Sunday 19th June. Once again, we express our sincere thanks to all the teachers in the Group who have worked hard to get our Sunday Schools up and running again after almost two years of covid restrictions.



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5th June

10.30am Colebrooke Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Service

12th June

10.30am Colebrooke Sunday School Closing and Queen's Jubilee Celebration Barbecue

19th June

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer
11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

26th June

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer
11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

FROM THE REGISTERS

Christian Burial

On Wednesday 27th April 2022, at St Ronan's, Colebrooke, a service of thanksgiving for the life of Albert Hogg was held. A dearly loved son of the late Cecil and Ellie, a much-loved brother of



Mothers' Union members enjoying their meal.



Matthew, Mabel, Jennifer, Winston and John. Our prayers and condolences are with all Albert's family in the days and months ahead. Thank you to Revd J McLoughlin for his pastoral care and conducting the service.

Mullaghfad Service and Colebrooke Friends' Service

These services have been postponed to a later date.

Organisations

Due to the continuing Covid19 pandemic, our parish organisations have not been meeting. When things return to normal, they will operate as follows:-

GFS

Girls Friendly Society every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and upwards.

The Closing Service this year will be held on Monday 13th May 2019.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Group meet every Tuesday from 7pm-9.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-14 years. The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 - 8 years)

Cubs (8 - 11 years)

Scouts (11 - 14 years)

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meets on Thursday evenings at Colebrooke Parish Hall.

Although the season has now ended, new members of all ages are welcome to join in the new bowling season beginning in September.

Mothers' Union

The members and friends met for a meal at Clogher Courthouse at the end of April. Thirty two people enjoyed the food, fellowship and fun during the evening.



Barbara led a quiz about nursery rhymes. The tasty three course meal was served by Len and Joyce and their staff who lead the 'Hope 4U' charity in Clogher. Len outlined the progress that has been made in the past two years and everyone had an opportunity to view the new premises. The branch leader finished the evening with a few thoughts on the theme 'transformation' using the picture of a butterfly and the verse from 2 Corinthians 5 v 17, 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new.' The 'Hope 4 U café' is open on Thursday and Friday each week for light snacks. The adjacent building, formerly a licensed bar, was purchased by the charity, through generous donations. Over the past two years, despite restrictions, funding was



donated, and the building was tastefully and beautifully renovated into a place for Christian outreach in the town and area. A children's 'Good News Club' has met weekly and a counselling service is available, but must be booked. The building

has also been used for occasional 'Hope 4 Retirement' events as well as 'Hope 4 Children' Mums and Tots each week. The Mothers' Union Indoor Members are invited to a 'Jubilee Tea Party' in the See House, Fivemiletown, in June.

Aghavea



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Baptism

6th April 2022 - Oliver Rupert Fleming, son of Wendy and Russell, Fivemiletown.

Marriage

22nd April 2022 - Ian and Janice Sheridan, Lisnaskea.

Mothers' Union

Our Mothers' Union have had a brilliant start to the year, enjoying both visitors and meetings, meals and teas! Our recent meeting was a lovely meal together in Tempo. We look forward to a break over the summer, with our meetings resuming in September.

Craft Fair

Last year we had our first outdoor Craft Fair - due to the coronavirus - and it turned out to be the wettest weekend in the whole year! We had the best weekend of fun ever! We are having another Craft Fair with something for everyone - come along and join us on Saturday 25th June, starting at 1.30pm until it's over!



Valerie and Ian Richardson from Iowa, USA researching their family links at Aghavea Parish Church.

Sunday School

Our Sunday School have been meeting fortnightly, and we are looking forward to our first Annual Prizegiving on 19th June. We have been blessed with their contributions to our family services and look forward to their continued presence over the summer.

Memorial Service

Family and friends met together on 12th May to hold a memorial service for Amanda McManus on the first anniversary of her sudden death. Our prayers and thoughts continue to be with her husband Frainc, her girls Katie and Charlotte, her parents

Kenneth and Linda, and her wider family and friends.

Visitors from USA

We were delighted to welcome Valerie and Ian Richardson who were visiting from Des Moines, Iowa in the Midwest of the United States. They had been researching Valerie's family tree, with Rusk, Johnstone and Jordan families, all of whom had emigrated from the Aghavea parish to the Midwest in the 1840s. They travelled together, farmed beside each other, and eventually inter-married - and it was a pleasure to have their great-great-great granddaughter with us almost 200 years later! We were able to



Ian and Janice Sheridan following their wedding.



The memorial service for Amanda McManus.

bring Valerie to her relations' graves and show them records from our archives.

Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee

On Sunday 5th June 2022, Aghavea parish will be celebrating the Queen's 70th Anniversary. We will have a special service of thanksgiving and celebration and will be enjoying a cup of tea and biscuits afterwards.

You are invited to join us to mark this very special day!

Services in June

- 5th June**
Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Celebration
- 12th June**
Holy Communion
- 19th June**
Sunday School Prizegiving Family Service

19th June

7pm, Wholeness and Healing Service

26th June

Morning Prayer

All our services are open to all, and no one ever leaves as a stranger! We also stream our services online via Facebook at Aghavea Parish. We also update most of our information on our webpage aghavea.blogspot.com

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Confirmation 2022

We welcomed our bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian Ellis, to St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblaney, on Sunday 1st May to administer Confirmation. Our candidates this year were Leah Dickson, Zöe Dickson, Adam Dixon, Callum Donaldson, Thomas



The confirmation candidates with Bishop Ian Ellis and the Rector, Revd Elaine Dunne.

Donaldson, Vicky Donaldson, Zöe Donaldson, Lewis Duffy, Alex Gray, Ella Grimes, Katie Jenkins, Alfie Lawson-Smith, Oliver Lawson-Smith, Charlie Lowey, Luke Lowey, Andrew Moffett-Comiskey, Lucy Moorehead, Jessica Swift, Alicia Tate and

Ashley Tate.

It was lovely to see so many parishioners at the Confirmation Service to support our young people as they took an important step on their faith journey - please continue to keep them in your prayers. Also, many

thanks to those parishioners who assisted at the Confirmation Service and ensured that everything ran smoothly – your help was greatly appreciated.

The newly confirmed were presented with their Confirmation Certificates and a gift during the Family Service in St. Colman's Church, Clontibret, at 11.15 a.m. on Sunday 8th May.

Mothers' Union

Members attended the Annual Area Service in Killeevan on Friday 6th May. The Ballybay Group banner was carried by Mrs. Christine Dickson. Rev. Roy Taylor conducted the service. The Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian Ellis was the speaker. Following the service, guests were entertained to a tea party. A most enjoyable event and we send our thanks and best wishes to all. It was wonderful to be able to meet up and chat with our MU colleagues.

On Monday 9th May, members and friends visited the Mansion House, Dublin, where they had a reception with the Lord Mayor. This was a memorable event for us all, especially Mrs. Elizabeth Graham of Clontibret Parish as her niece, Councillor Alison Gilliland, a native of Ballybay, is currently Lord Mayor. After the visit we had some free time for shopping. A memorable day enjoyed by all. *Jennifer Leathem*

Monthly Coffee Morning

The second of our monthly coffee mornings was held on Tuesday 10th May in Ballybay Parish Hall. It was lovely to welcome parishioners from our group of parishes, as well as local people from Ballybay, to our recently renovated hall. Coffee mornings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month in the hall from 11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. The next coffee morning will be held on Tuesday 14th June. Come along and bring your friends – all welcome!

Sympathy

We extend our sincere condolences to David Johns, Clontibret, and his extended family, following the passing of his uncle, Alexander, in England on Tuesday 26th April. We also extend our condolences to Christine Dickson, Clontibet, following the passing of her cousin, Cyril Campbell, of Ballynure, Co. Antrim, on Thursday 5th May. May Alexander, Cyril, and all who have died, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Easter Vestry meetings

The 2022 Easter Vestry meeting for Clontibret Parish was held on Wednesday 20th April. The following appointments/elections were made at same:
Incumbent's Churchwarden: Eric Dickson
Incumbent's Glebewarden: Mark Leathem



The Mothers' Union members on their outing to Dublin.

People's Churchwarden: Allan Tate
People's Glebewarden: Nigel Lowey

Members of the Select Vestry:

Christine Dickson
Kenneth Dickson
Alison Donaldson
Yvonne Donaldson
John Duffy
Sandra Geary
Elizabeth Graham
David Johns
George Jordan
Isaac Leathem
Jennifer Leathem
Adam Tate

The 2022 Easter Vestry meeting for Muckno Parish was held on Monday 25th April. The following appointments/elections were made at same:
Incumbent's Churchwarden: John Montgomery
Incumbent's Glebewarden: Rachel Collie
People's Churchwarden: Nathan Cross
People's Glebewarden: Janet Hill

Members of the Select Vestry:

John Adair
David Flack
Margaret Flack
Audrey Hill
Harriet Hill
Martha O'Connor
Shirley Rusk

At a subsequent meeting of the Select Vestry, Audrey Hill was elected as secretary and Janet Hill was elected as treasurer. Special thanks to John Adair who, after over 20 years as Rector's Churchwarden, has stepped down from the position –

however, he is still a member of the Select Vestry. Thanks also to John Montgomery (previously the People's Churchwarden for 20+ years) who has agreed to be Rector's Churchwarden for the next year and to Nathan Cross who has agreed to be People's Churchwarden.

The 2022 Easter Vestry meeting for Ballybay Parish was held on Tuesday 26th April. The following appointments/elections were made at same:

Incumbent's Churchwarden: Lucas Gray
People's Churchwarden: Stanley Moffett
People's Glebewarden: Elizabeth Gray

Members of the Select Vestry:

Joseph Crawford
Julie Crawford
Gary Dixon



Elizabeth Graham with her niece, Councillor Alison Gilliland, Lord Mayor of Dublin.

Anne Gray
 Jean Lancaster
 Elaine McKenna
 Astrid Moffett
 Tanya Pratt
 Rev. James Stevenson

At a subsequent meeting of the Select Vestry, Tanya Pratt was elected as secretary and Joseph Crawford was elected as treasurer.

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.



The Lord Mayor of Dublin with MU members at the Mansion House.

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SERVICES

At the time of going to print a schedule of services during the vacancy had not been confirmed.

Sunday 5th June

St Finbarr's 10.30am
 Magheracloone 12noon

Sunday 12th June

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

Sunday 19th June

Sunday School Prizegiving St Finbarr's
 10.30am
 Magheracloone 12noon



Young people at the farewell service for Revd. Colin McConaghie.

Sunday 26th June

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

Farewell to Revd Colin and Janice

On Sunday evening, 15th May, the Group of Parishes came together in St Finbarr's church for a farewell service for Revd Colin and a celebration of his and Janice's time in the parishes over the last five years. Unfortunately, Janice was unable to be with us due to a family bereavement and her and her family were remembered in our prayers.

The church was filled with parishioners from the three churches, representatives of our neighbouring churches and friends from the community.

In his final sermon Revd Colin using the words of our lectionary reading from John 13 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." to remind all gathered of the churches call to be a loving and welcoming community to all. He paid tribute to how the parishes had served the community during his time particularly in their support of the local foodbank and encouraged them to continue to get their hands dirty being prepared to metaphorically get on their knees to wash the feet of one another and those in the community.

During the service representatives of the three parishes read lessons and led the prayers. Local singer and friend of Revd



A selection of photographs from Revd. Colin's farewell service.



Colin and the parish, Barry Jay Hughes sang "Be thou My Vision." There was great singing from the congregation as Revd Colin chose three of his favourite songs; 'Ten Thousand Reasons', "Jesus, all for Jesus" and "my Lighthouse." Following the service there were a number of speeches. Firstly Monsignor Shane McCaughey spoke on behalf of the local churches and the wider community. Monsignor Shane thanked Revd Colin for his friendship and support especially over Covid and praised the inspiring way Revd Colin reached out to the local community even during lockdowns. The three parishes then each had words of thanks. Westley Breaden spoke on behalf of St Patrick's Ardragh, Caroline Merrin from St Finbarr's, Carrickmacross and Margaret Babington from St Molua's, Magheracloone. Each one spoke glowingly of the contribution Revd Colin, and Janice, had made to the parishes thanking him for his pastoral care, his preaching, the many parish events and his friendship. Following the speeches each parish made a presentation to Revd Colin for both himself and Janice. Before Revd Colin spoke he showed a video of photographs from his time in the parishes. Addressing those gathered and those watching from home Revd Colin began by thanking the local community

and churches for such a warm welcome to the area and for all their support of both him and the Church of Ireland. Colin then spoke of his daughters and parents' support and how they were made to feel so welcome when they visited Carrickmacross. Echoing words from his institution speech he reminded Ava (and Madison and Siena) that he loved them to

the moon and back. Revd Colin then thanked Janice for her support and her dedication to the parishes over the past five years. While Janice was not one to be seen up front she was always working away in the background. In her absence Revd Colin thanked the parish for how Janice was made welcome and how much she enjoyed being a part of



Revd Colin McConaghie with some of those who spoke.

their community.

Finally Revd Colin spoke of the three parishes. He reminded them of words in his first sermon that a church family would forgive a Rector almost anything if they knew that their Rector loved them. He said he hoped they knew how much he loved them and what a privilege it had been for him to be with them in good times and hard times. While excited for what would lie ahead in Castleknock Revd Colin said that he hadn't realised how difficult leaving would be and that Carrickmacross would always be a special place for both him and Janice.

Revd Colin left the church to the sound of applause before everyone headed to the Jackson Hall for a delicious supper provided by the parishioners.

The Group of Parishes would like to wish Revd Colin and Janice God's richest blessing for the future as the move to Castleknock.

Mission Sunday

On Sunday 8th May, Jenny Williams from

our mission partner Habitat for Humanity Ireland joined us for a special Mission Sunday. Jenny shared with us the mission of Habitat both locally and worldwide. We heard stories of how Habitat were helping those affected by the war in Ukraine and floods in Malawi, where a group from the parishes had travelled in 2019. Jenny also spoke to us about the new Habitat ReStore in Drogheda, the first to open in the Republic of Ireland.

The parishes look forward to continuing our links with Habitat for Humanity. A special collection across the three services raised almost €500 to support Habitat's mission.

Cabra Central School

Revd Colin held his final assembly in Cabra Central School in May on the theme of being thankful. As well as sharing the story of the 10 lepers Revd Colin thanked the children and staff for being so welcoming and enthusiastic in taking part in assemblies during his time with them. Revd Colin also thanked the Board

of Management for their dedication to the school. Head Teacher, Mrs Janine O'Neill, commented "We have enjoyed many wonderful assemblies, Christmas, Easter and graduation services with Revd McConaghie. His natural ability to connect with young people has been a joy to observe.

We wish you every success and happiness in your new parish Revd McConaghie!"

Revd Colin was presented with a gift of flowers and card from the children and a gift from the staff and Board of Management.

Sunday School

One of the highlights as we emerged from the pandemic was to see our Sunday School back meeting in person in St Finbarr's. We thank the wonderful teachers and especially our brilliant children for making Sunday School a fun place to learn about Jesus. The Sunday School prize giving will take place during the service on Sunday 19th June in St Finbarr's.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Serving the Lord

At last life is finally getting back to some semblance of normality especially with parish life. With the easing of restrictions our church services, meetings and events are getting back to what we are all more familiar with. Things we took for granted that have been forbidden since the outbreak of Covid-19 are slowly but surely coming back into our lives. As we go forward, we must learn to live with the reality that this disease is not going away and yet our lives must go on. So, I am glad to say that we were able to celebrate Easter in full within both our parishes. On Easter Sunday it was wonderful to have the opportunity of offering the common cup to any and all who wished to

partake in the blood of Christ during the Easter Day sacrament of Holy Communion. The regular and much missed Dawn Service was once again held at the Cleenish Centre. And the kids had a great day of fun and games on Easter Tuesday at Mullaghduin Hall organised by the Mothers' Union. None of this would have got up and going again if it were not for all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes within our parishes and church organisations.

The annual Easter Vestries were held in person, and this gave me the opportunity to thank all office bearers and members of the Select Vestry who have worked so diligently over the last 12 months through the difficult times of vacancy and pandemic. When I took up my position in February, I stepped into two well run parishes. This is down to all those who generously give of their time in service to God, many of whom are not part of the Select Vestry. So, I would like to thank everyone who gives of their time, talents and skills for the glory of God and without whom our church life would be greatly diminished.

Worship without music and singing is not the same. As someone who had not sung nor heard an organ play as part of my Sunday service for two years I appreciate and thank the two organists who contribute so much every week to our time together with God, with their choice of hymns and their playing. And thanks also to the choir members who

help lead our praise and worship in song. To have others help lead and contribute to weekly worship is a blessing and I thank the Parish Readers and all those who have read lessons during the services for me. Thanks is also given to everyone who keep the churches and grounds so clean, neat and tidy. The floral displays for Easter in the churches and hall were beautiful, thank you. To everyone who contributes and helps compile the notes for the Diocesan Magazine, and looks after the Facebook Page and website, thank you. We were blessed with the presence of Bishop Ellis on Sunday 8th May in Cleenish Church on the occasion of the Confirmation of Sarah Elliott and Grace Hicks. Thanks is extended to the Sunday School Superintendent for the work done in preparation for their confirmation. And to all who teach and help with Sunday School and the nurturing and education of our youngest members, thank you.

To everyone who in anyway contributes to the life and workings of Parish life, I am sure to have missed someone out, thank you. Your help is invaluable and gratefully received. Each of us should use whatever gifts we have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms (1 Peter 4:10). When we work together and serve the Lord with our lives, we can discover a new joy in living. This joy comes from seeing God use us for his purposes, and from realizing that our lives really matter. Such service is not burdensome, but joyful, because it is a



Young people making Easter crafts



response to God's grace and love. May our service be an offering of gratitude to God, gratitude and celebration. Amen.

Revd Alison

General Easter Vestry Meetings

The General Easter Vestry for Cleenish Parish was held on Tuesday 3rd May in the Parish Hall. Revd Alison Irvine presided, and the following appointments were made:

Rector's Churchwarden: Mrs R Forde;
 People's Churchwarden: Mr L Nixon;
 Rector's Glebewarden: Mr O Clements;
 People's Glebewarden: Mr B Hoey. Select Vestry: Messrs D Smyth, O Wilson, I Crawford, N Keys, E Keys, C Brownlee, C Smyth, T Kingston; Mrs L Coulter, Miss R Sheridan. Mrs J Dowson was appointed as Secretary with Mrs A Graham as Assistant Secretary. Mr R

Forde was appointed as Treasurer with Mr O Clements as Assistant Secretary.

Mothers' Union

We had a very enjoyable and successful Easter Celebration Day with the children of Mullaghduin and Cleenish in Mullaghduin Parish Hall. They enjoyed a challenging outside Treasure Hunt followed by lots of Crafts, Games and Refreshments. There will not be any more Branch meetings until September, but we look forward to attending Parish and Diocesan events planned for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Confirmation Service - Cleenish Parish

Cleenish Parish welcomed the Bishop of Clogher on his first visit to the Parish to confirm two candidates – Grace Hicks and Sarah Elliott on Sunday 8th May. Revd Alison welcomed their parents, godparents and friends to the service. The candidates were prepared for confirmation by the Sunday School Superintendent/Parish Reader, Miss Rowena Sheridan.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

By the time of the publication of the June 2022 edition of the Diocesan Magazine, Cleenish and Mullaghduin Parishes will have celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a Garden Party at the Rectory grounds. Photographs and notes on the event will be in the July 2022 edition.

Bereavement

SYMPATHY: We express sympathy with the Keys family – Robert, Gerald and Edwin on the passing of their brother George (Philippines); also, with Mrs Florence Willis on the passing of her brother Thomas (Derrylin), also with Mr Jim Nixon on the passing of his sister Mary (Scotland) and with the Dowson family on the passing of Mark's mother (Wales).

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

Cleenish Centre, Bellanaleck

A group of parishioners and friends celebrated the Risen Christ early on Easter morning at the Cleenish Centre. The service was led by Pastor Samuel Aiken, following which breakfast was served in the Devenish Room in the Centre. The Directors of the Centre are delighted to resume the annual Easter Dawn services.

On Sunday 27th March, a group of young people from the Diocese of Derry & Raphoe joined the parishioners of Cleenish for Morning Service. The



The confirmation candidates with Bishop Ian Ellis and Revd Alison Irvine and Miss Rowena Sheridan.



Young people who stayed at the Cleenish Centre.

group spent a residential weekend in the Cleenish Centre and had a most enjoyable time.

For more information about the Cleenish Centre, visit the website at www.cleenishcentre.com

Bellanaleck Community Group

The Group did not hold a meeting during April, however the minutes from the May meeting will be published in the next edition. In the meantime, the Secretary is responding to any queries or emails the

Group are receiving. Most urgent at time of writing is the litter bins are not being emptied along the Loughshore Path, and this matter has already been raised with the relevant Council officials. Also, the area between the path and the river had its vegetation topped last autumn to bring on fresh growth for the numbers of butterflies and moths this season. As the numbers of walkers using the Community Garden has significantly increased, the public are requested not to interfere with the bird boxes as young

chicks will be hatching out from nests in the boxes.

It is also worth noting, there is an increased volume of vehicles using the main road through the Village during this Summer season, therefore it is imperative to be alert when travelling along this road due to vehicle speeds.

The next meeting of the Group will be held on Wednesday 27th July. For information about the Group, contact Owen Wilson (Sec) 66349602 or Sharon Elliott on Facebook.

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From the Rector's Desk

'Relationship or Dispensing Machine'

Are we really grateful - or is it lip service? In the book of Exodus Chapter 17 the children of Israel are at it again. They had been set free from slavery in Egypt in a rather dramatic way, they had crossed the Red Sea in an even more dramatic way and then when they grumble of being hungry God literally drops food out of the sky! You would think by this time that they would have worked out that God had got



this, that He was going to provide for them what they needed. Yet in verses 1 and 2 we read '*... there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarrelled with Moses and said "Give us water to drink."*' Moses was fed up with them, he went to the Lord in despair as he felt the people were so enraged that they may take his life.

If you are honest, can you see yourself in this story?

The children of Israel once again despite all that had been done for them and given to them, at the first sight of a problem they

throw their toys out of the pram. Again, it was all about them, they had lost sight of who the Lord God Almighty is and instead reduce Him to a heavenly dispensing machine.

Where was their relationship with their God?

Didn't they know His character? Surely amnesia hadn't set in so soon?

The reality was that God was right there with them walking with them every step, and He knew their every need, yet His people seemed determined to test God and grumble and quarrel at every opportunity.

Are we any better? If things are not going to 'our' plan, how do we react? Do we come before God and thank Him for His faithfulness towards us and leave the situation in His hands? Knowing He loves us and only wants the best for us and as a result we come away from that time with Him aware of His peace despite the storm we are in. Or do we hit the grumble and quarrel button just like the children of Israel, accusing God of not being there with us and not caring for us? It's all about relationship – not a dispensing machine!

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in times of trouble." Psalm 46

Sunday School!

We are so pleased to be able to have our children take part once again in morning



worship for Children's Sunday. During this service the children will receive gifts from the parish to encourage them as they mark the end of their Sunday School year. Detail as follows:

- St. Mark's Augher Sunday 19th June.
- St. Macartan's Cathedral Sunday 19th June.
- St. Mark's Newtownsaville Sunday 26th June.

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 the 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.



Mother's Day St. Mark's Augher.



Mother's Day St. Mark's Newtownsaville.

An Evening of Praise & Worship

On 26th June at 7pm in St. Macartan's Cathedral to unveil our exciting project we will gather for an evening of Praise & Worship. Some friends will be joining us so why don't you put the date in your diary and come along, you will be very welcome.

Knit, Stitch & Natter

At the beginning of the Ukraine conflict our Knit, Stitch & Natter Group once again responded very quickly to offer help to those in need sending 30 handknit toiletry bags complete with toiletries on one of the aid lorries – well done ladies. Knit, Stitch & Natter meeting on Thursday 9th & 23rd of June in the Cathedral Hall at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.



Mothers' Union

The member of Clogher Cathedral Mothers' Union gathered for their annual service of Holy Communion in the Cathedral on 7th March. Rev. Olie took the service and spoke on the Mothers' Union theme for 2022 'Transformation Now.'

Mothers' Union will meet on 22nd June at 8pm in the Cathedral Hall.

Prayer Course

Last Autumn the Rector ran a three night 'Prayer Course' for anyone in the group of parishes who would like to strengthen their prayer muscles. It was a very beneficial time with 20 parishioners from across the group attending. Revd. Olie had the joy of welcoming Revd. Dr. Pat Mollan along to the evenings, Revd. Olie and Revd. Pat shared the teaching and a further 'top-up' evening was held on 22nd February. Thank you to everyone for the wonderful positive feedback.

Mother's Day

On a beautiful sunny Mother's Day the Sunday School children of St. Mark's Augher and St. Mark's Newtownsaville presented all the female members of the congregations with little gifts that they had made, each little gift contained a book marker or a card with an encouraging verse of scripture – well done boys and girls, and also a huge 'thank you' to all the Sunday school teachers who worked so hard behind the scenes with only a couple of weeks to prepare.



Isobel and Rev. Olie

Pastoral Assistant

Within our group of four parishes we are very blessed to have the skills of Miss Isobel Steward as our Pastoral Assistant. Isobel has been working alongside the Rector for the last four years visiting and keeping in touch with parishioners of our group who are housebound or in nursing homes, her work has been an invaluable asset to the ministry of these parishes. Since the onset of the pandemic Isobel has been unable to visit as she normally would, however, undeterred she diligently continued to keep in contact with parishioners in her own time by phone. On Sunday 3rd April during morning service in St. Mark's Newtownsaville the Rector was very pleased to present Isobel with a gift from the parishioners of St. Macartan's Cathedral, St. Mark's Augher and St. Mark's Newtownsaville to show their appreciation for her continued ministry.

Graveyard Map now Displayed

St. Mark's Augher updated graveyard map along with the parish's graveyard rules and



Little Katie with her parents Stephen and Paul with Rev. Olie and Parish Reader Alan Lavelle.



Little Holly with her parents Helen and Alan with Rev. Olie.



a little history are now safely encased and mounted on the wall of the Church Hall so it may be clearly viewed. Our thanks to the parish secretary Mr Norman McFarland for his diligent work in redrawing the map, and Mr Clive Montgomery, Rector's Glebe Warden for erecting the board.

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

- Katie Bell Crawford, infant daughter of Stephen and Paula, Sunday 24th May 2022, St. Mark's Newtownsaville.
- Holly Lindsey Millar, infant daughter of Helen and Alan, Sunday 1st May 2022, St. Mary's Errigal Portclare.

Christian Burial

St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher, 17th April 2022, Mrs Joan Potter.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

5 June

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion – Pentecost

Newbliss 11.30am: Holy Communion – Pentecost

12 June

Currin 10.00am: Holy Communion

Killeevan 11.30am: Holy Communion

19 June

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer

Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer

26 June

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer

Killeevan 11.30am: Morning Prayer

3 July

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion

Newbliss 11.30am: Holy Communion

Sunday School

Since their return after the enforced Covid-19 break, our Sunday School teachers and children have been extremely active as they have enjoyed their classes again and taken a regular part in our services. We will mark the end of the Sunday School year at the end of June with our customary prize giving services – details of which will be posted on our Group WhatsApp forum and announced in each church as appropriate.

Mothers' Union

Local branches of the Mothers' Union held their Annual Area Service in Killeevan Church on Friday 6 May at 8.00pm. The service was well attended by over 60 MU members from across a wide age spectrum, and the atmosphere was simply uplifting.

Photographs from the MU Area Service.



Maud Agnew decorated the church beautifully with flowers that reflected the traditional MU blue; May Leech played the organ with considerable skill as the congregation sang out traditional hymns with great joy; Bishop Ian preached a sermon that was both entertaining and

challenging on the theme of 'Transformation Now'; and we were delighted to welcome as special guests the current Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union, Mrs Irene Boyd, as well as the incoming Diocesan President, Mrs Heather Ellis. The service was followed by a delicious



tea, which was prepared by the members of our own Killeevan Branch of the Mothers' Union and splendidly laid out on tables at which guests were seated in a hall that was full to capacity. Many thanks – and hats off – to Killeevan MU Branch President Linda Keating and her magnificent team of MU members who helped her in so many ways to make the whole event truly memorable for all who attended.

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17th Morning Prayer 10.30am
24th Morning Prayer 10.30am
31st Morning Prayer 10.30am
Note: All morning services during July and August will commence at the earlier time of 10.30am.

Christian Burials

- 20th April 2022 - Sylvia Emily Kilfedder, Ballinamallard.
- 24th April 2022 - Robert James (Bobby) Ewing, Lisnarick.

Some verses from Psalm 146: 3 – 7 might be apt at this time after an election. "Do not put your trust in prince, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish. Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps truth forever, who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners." Pray for the day when every knee will bow and every tongue will confess, Jesus Christ is Lord.

Services

JUNE

- 5th** Platinum Jubilee service 11.30am
- 12th** Family service 11.30am
- 19th** Confirmation service 11.30am
- 19th** Orange anniversary service 7.00pm
- 26th** Morning Prayer 11.30am

JULY

- 3rd** Holy Communion 10.30am
- 10th** Family Service 10.30am

Parish Auction

The parish auction attracted a large crowd from far and near, on what was a beautiful warm sunny day, in which God had blessed us on this occasion. A variety of items were on offer which garnered at times strong bidding between bidders along with the delightful and tasty traybakes, jams, and pavlova on the cake stall. Tea, soup, and burgers were available throughout the day and proved a very welcome interlude. Our sincere thanks to all who contributed to the auction, give items, pledges, cakes, jams, made donations, and the buyers. To all who helped with the prep beforehand, erecting posters, were there to receive auction items, labelling lots, scribes, and tellers, and to Derek the auctioneer on the day. Thanks to all who did the clear up afterwards and left the hall ready for Sunday school the next morning. A generous amount was raised for parish funds.

Praise Service

We were truly blessed to have Yvonne Black and her son, Kyle with us on 8th May to share with us her testimony, and of her experiences, one of which was the



The parish auction in full swing in Colaghty Parish Hall.



Yvonne Black with Canon Alan Irwin.

murder of her husband David, who was a prison officer. It was a humbling, and at times heart wrenching as she shared aspects of her life and of her journey with God, with the key emphasis on get better, not bitter. The worship was led by Marcus and Anne, choosing hymns which linked in well with all that Yvonne shared. The Sunday school leaders provided light refreshments after the service for all in attendance. The Free-will offering at the service was in aid of Project Rwanda as a number of victims impacted by terrorism are planning to travel there later in the summer to learn from how they have dealt with the aftermath of the genocide in that country.

USC

A number of parishioners, some of whom were former members of the Ulster Special Constabulary attended the service in Drumkeeran Parish Church for the unveiling of a plaque to those who served in the Tubrid sub-district platoon.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As you read these notes, there will be many activities planned to mark the



Attending the Praise Service.

Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, some of which many of us will have attended. On this Sunday, 5th June 2022 in our service of thanksgiving, we will give thanks to God for Her Majesty, her long life, faith, and devotion to service, to God and her subjects. Let us be encouraged, challenged, and spurred on in our faith and service to the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ and in reaching out to others. "But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves." Luke 22: 26

Confirmation service

Sunday 19th June 2022 11.30am will be a service of Confirmation when six young people will be confirmed by Bishop Ian as we welcome him back to the parish on this occasion. Please pray for Aimee, Sienna, Jason, Adam, Isaac, and Joshua as they prepare for confirmation, and all that they now seek to undertake for themselves. Praying that God's word would be the light that illuminates their lives and each step taken is with Christ as the Holy Spirit leads them into all truth.



Bands processing to the USC Service.

Looking forward – Dates for the diary

Saturday 23rd July 2022 - R&D's Sizzlers from 7 - 9pm

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

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Sunday Services

12th June

10.30am Derryvullen North (informal Morning Prayer)

11.45am Castle Archdale (informal MP followed by Jubilee tree planting and picnic)

19th June

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Children's Day Service & Jubilee Event)

26th June

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

3rd July

10.15am Castle Archdale (Holy Communion)

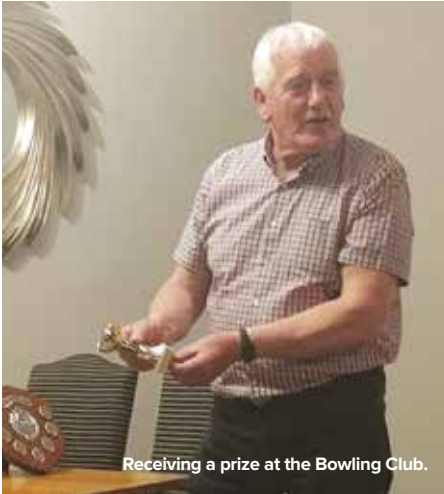
11.30am Derryvullen North (Holy Communion)

Shoppers' Service

This will be held in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown on Wednesday 15th June at 11.00am. This is a midweek informal gathering for Holy Communion. The praise will be led by Richard McGonigle on guitar. Just to look ahead, this service will not be held in July and August but will resume in September

Jubilee Celebrations

At the time of the preparation of these notes several events are being arranged within our parishes. At the Services of Holy Communion on 5th June there will be a Special Jubilee orders of service in each of our parishes. Then at Castle Archdale Church on Sunday 12th there will be a Tree Planting ceremony followed by a parish picnic in the church grounds and a Jubilee



Receiving a prize at the Bowling Club.

Bowling Club

The Club held their AGM, chaired by the Rector, on Tuesday 5th April in the Parish Hall, Derryvullen North and we reflected on a successful re-start to bowling. Over the period of restriction several members, very sadly, had passed away and some others were no longer able to join in the sport but over the months since we recommenced the sport we were very pleased to welcome several new members. On the average club night about 20 would be present. The following were elected as office bearers in the Club

- Captain: N Hunter
- Vice Captain: L Finlayson
- Treasurer: P Carleton
- Assistant Treasurer: D Irvine
- Secretary: B Gray

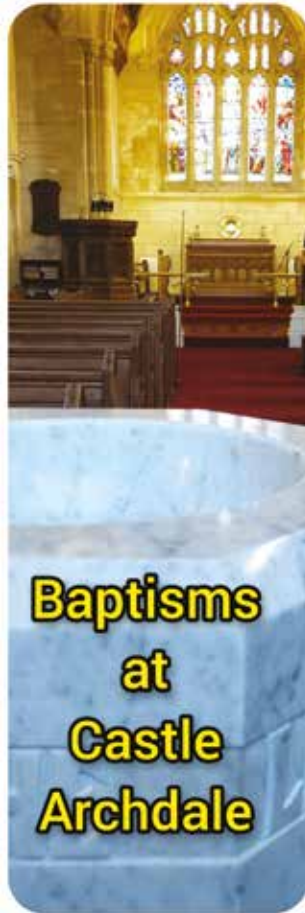
There was also an enjoyable time of tea and a light supper to round off the evening. The results of the club competitions were as follows:

- Singles Winner: A Hunter
- Runner up: A Atcheson
- Pairs Winners: P Carleton B Gray
- Runners up: I Robinson, A Marshall,
- Touchers Winner: B Gray
- Runner up: A Atcheson
- Most promising players, D Hunter and A Marshall.

The Club members and friends then brought the year to a sociable close with a very enjoyable dinner at the Tullanna on the Green, Lisnarick on Friday 6th May. Captain Noel Hunter announced each of the winners of the competitions and the cups/shields were presented by Lorraine Thompson.

Defibrillator Training

A total of 22 people attended the first aid and defibrillator training held in Derryvullen North Parish Hall this evening and here are a few photos from the session. It was delivered by Mr David Watson who shared his knowledge in a manner that kept us all interested and engaged. We



are very grateful to him. There are several defibrillators in the Irvinestown/Lisnarick area, including the one to the side of Derryvullen North Hall. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the training session.

Confirmation

The Bishop has kindly agreed to administer the Rite of Confirmation for Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale on Sunday 25th September 2022. The Service, along with the First Communion of the candidates, will take place in St Tighernach's Church, Derryvullen North at 11.00am. This is for young people who are currently in Year 9 or 10 at school. Please contact the Rector for a registration form and for details of the preparation sessions.

From the registers

HOLY BAPTISM

- Jagger Stevenson, Sunday 8th May 2022 (Castle Archdale)
- Katie Rose Holden, Sunday 8th May 2022 (Castle Archdale)

Father, we thank you that Jagger and Katie have now been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and have become your own children by adoption, and members of your Church. Grant that they may grow in the faith in which they have been baptized; Grant that they themselves may confess it when they come to be confirmed; Grant that they may bear witness to it by a life of service to others; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (From the Book of Common Prayer)



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 June

Sunday, 5 June

10.30am - Morning Prayer Garvary

12 Noon – Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

Sunday, 12 June

10.30am – Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12 Noon – Morning Prayer Garvary

Sunday, 19 June

10.30am – Morning Prayer Garvary

12 Noon – Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

Sunday, 26 June

10.30am – Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 Noon – Morning Prayer, Garvary Garvary

Baptism

8th May 2022 – Noah Eddie Graeme Wilson.



The baptism of Noah Eddy Graeme Wilson took place surrounded by his family and conducted by Dean Raymond Ferguson.

Christian Burial

8th April 2022 – Ivy Norma June Edwards, Coa, Ballinamallard.

Cash for Clobber

Cash for Clobber will be collected on Tuesday, 21 June 2022 at Garvary Church Hall.

Prayers

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

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Services for June

Sunday 5th

10.00 am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 12th

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 19th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Sunday School and Family Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 26th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Burial

7th May 2022 - Renee Cathcart, Cullen, Monea.

The funeral service was held in Devenish Parish church, followed by the burial in the adjoining graveyard. Renee was a regular attender at worship in Devenish Parish Church and will be deeply missed by the parishioners. We offer our deepest sympathy to Renee's sons Alan and Mark,

her daughters in law Fiona and Claire and the wider Family Circle.

General Easter Vestries

Boho Parish

Rector's Churchwarden; Innes Redmond, Peoples Churchwarden; David Little. Rectors' Glebewarden; Trevor Irwin, People's Glebewarden; Eileen Little. Select Vestry; Hilary Redmond (Honorary Secretary), Enid Redmond (Honorary Treasurer) Denzil Cluff, Austin Stronge, Emily Graham, Melanie Irwin, Nigel Little, Danny Redmond, Marian Saunderson, Jean Smyth and Trevor Smyth.

Devenish Parish

Rector's Churchwarden; David Ferguson, People's Churchwarden; Kenneth Ferguson. Rector's Glebewarden; James Kells, People's Glebewarden; Gerry McDermott. Select Vestry; David Scott (Honorary Secretary), Stuart Brooker (Honorary Treasurer), Albert Connor (Gift Aid Secretary), Raymond Bell, Nigel Daley,



Easter decorations



Colin Ferguson, Norma Ferguson, Alan Gault, Ken McKeown, Brian Reilly, Wesley Scott, Eric Whittaker, (Graveyard Treasurer).

Mothers' Union

Seven members attended the Area

Service in Kiltyclogher Parish Church on Friday 13th May. Gladys Latimer carried the MU banner and Pearl Bell, Branch Leader, presented our donation to the Worldwide Fund. We would like to extend our thanks to all those who prepared and took part in the

lovely service, led by the Revd. Rebecca Guildea, and to the ladies who served a delicious supper in Cashel Community Centre. After all the restrictions it was a special treat to sit at a table and enjoy a chat over a lovely cup of tea.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh

Chancellor **Ian Berry** is in charge.

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

Services

Sunday 5th

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

Sunday 12th

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

Sunday 19th

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

Sunday 26th

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

Easter Sunday

Christ is Risen!

Thank you to Reverend Margaret Pringle for taking our joint Easter Sunday Service which was held in Donagh at 10am. Thanks also to the senior choir members who sang "In the tomb so cold", the Junior Choir members who sang "Celebrate" and those who decorated the church so beautifully (Please see photos).



Easter Vestries

Thank you to Chancellor Ian Berry for taking both Easter Vestries on Thursday 28th April.

Mothers' Union

Members held their annual outing in April. They enjoyed a meal in the City Hotel in Armagh before attending the "The Sound

of Music" in the Market House Theatre. Members also attended the Area Service in Killeevan Church on 6th May when the preacher was our Bishop, Dr Ian Ellis.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jessica Coulter on gaining a Distinction in her Grade 1 Piano Exam.

Grant

St Salvator's Development Committee has

been awarded E1,000 from Monaghan County Council Local Community Development Committee. Mrs Diane Wright Kendrick, honorary secretary, commented: "We wish to thank Monaghan LCDC for this grant which was issued under Community Activities Fund (Round 2). It will be used towards running costs such as insurance, electricity and heating in both the church and the parish hall which both accommodate community activities."

Dates for your diary

Sunday 5th June: Diocesan Open air Ecumenical Pentecost Service in Donagh Old Graveyard at 3PM

Thursday 16th June: Service of Introduction for Reverend Tim Irvine at 7.30pm in Donagh Parish Church.

Sunday 2nd July: Children's Day
Sunday, 9th October: Bishop Ian Ellis will dedicate the building works in Donagh Parish Church (D.V.) at the annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 3pm.

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Some faith quotes from Queen Elizabeth II

"To many of us our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example." (Christmas message, 2000)

"Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general, important though they are, but a Saviour, with the power to forgive... It is my prayer that on this Christmas day we might all find room in our lives for the message of the angels and for the love of God through Christ our Lord." (Christmas message, 2011)

"This is the time of year when we remember that God sent his only son 'to serve, not to be served'. He restored love and service to the centre of our lives in



MU meeting members enjoyed fellowship and making planters with Eveline Smith.

the person of Jesus Christ. It is my prayer this Christmas Day that his example and teaching will continue to bring people together to give the best of themselves in the service of others. The carol, 'In the Bleak Midwinter', ends by asking a question of all of us who know the Christmas story, of how God gave himself to us in humble service: 'What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part'. The carol gives the answer: 'Yet what I can I give him – give my heart!' (Christmas message, 2012)

Over her 70 years on the throne, Queen Elizabeth II has not been afraid to speak about her faith, particularly during her Christmas messages. In a book published by the Bible Society, HOPE and LICC for her 90th birthday, she made this comment: "I have been – and remain – very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for his steadfast love. I have indeed seen his faithfulness."

As we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, looking back on her life of service, let us remember the source of her strength and to whom she gives the glory. As she has been led by Christ's words and example, let us seek to 'know Christ and to make him known' (Philippians 3:10; Ephesians 6:19).

SERVICES

5th June

11.00am – Family Service and Platinum Jubilee Celebrations,
'I can't do it on my own.' Exodus 33:12-16
(followed by Parish Lunch in the Hall)

12th June

11.00am – Morning Service and MU Celebration, 'Christian - Equality', Acts 2:16-21
(Children go straight to the hall for Sunday School)

19th June

11.00am – Children's Service and Prize-giving,
'The Lord's Prayer', Luke 11:1-4, 9-10
8.00pm – Praise and Ministry Service

26th June

11.00am – Family Service, 'Christian – Healing', Acts 5:12-16

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 45-50 minutes in length. In the weeks in between we will have Family Services, which will be around 35-40 minutes in length. The Crèche Room will also have



Attending the Mothers' Union's 60th anniversary service.

the service on the screen (for parents with young children if you feel that they are unsettled in the Church). Over the summer holidays (when there won't be any Sunday School) we will have All-age Services and will again try to keep these to less than 40 minutes. Tea and coffee is available at the back of the church after the service and prayer ministry will also be offered at the front of the church after the service.

Mothers' Union

Holy Trinity Church, Dromore Mothers' Union began just over 61 years ago, but unfortunately, we have not been able to celebrate the 60th Anniversary until now (due to Covid-19). So, on Sunday 12th June

we will be celebrating this milestone as a Church family together with our Mothers' Union members. Over the past 61 years the Mothers' Union have served in many different ways within the parish and we are so grateful for their contribution and pray God's blessing on them for a bright future. Some of our members attended a MU Diocesan Service in Maguiresbridge on Friday 13th May. At their last MU meeting members enjoyed fellowship and making planters with Eveline Smith (see photos below).

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.



Making summer planters.



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I want to begin with some words of scripture that remind us that we have hope. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. Romans 8.24-25 I want to commend these words to you and suggest that when life is difficult we need to remember the reason for our hope – Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. We also need to be patient as God is patient and trust in him for all things. As I write these words I am looking forward to our Service of Confirmation on Sunday 15 May when 12 of our young people will be confirmed by Right Revd Ian our bishop. As I finished these words it

was the afternoon of that day. I pray that this day will be a meaningful one for the candidates and for their families and that it will mark the beginning of a lifetime serving God. I also pray that the candidates and their families will continue to attend church on a regular basis. I hope that they heard what our bishop had to say in that we are called to follow on, to follow up and to follow through. If they do then they will inherit the greatest gift of all – salvation. On Sunday 8 May we unveiled the plaque commemorating those who served in the Ulster Special Constabulary in the Tubrid Sub-District and also to commemorate Worshipful Brother Canon Walter A Stack M.A, D.M who was the first to join the B

Special's in County Fermanagh.

It was a delight to welcome everyone who came along that day and we were blessed by the presence of the Silvertones who sang for us and also by our preacher the Revd Canon Dr William Johnston who is a former member of the USC. Mrs Sylvia Noble wife of the late Sergeant Albert Johnston Noble unveiled the plaque. USCA members accompanied by the Omagh Historical Platoon led by Tubrid Pipe Band paraded from the Orange Hall to the church and then returned to the Orange Hall for refreshments after the service.

I hope to have some photographs of the unveiling for next month's magazine but I have included some information that I received about the Stack family and a picture of the plaque.

The Stack family was associated with Tubrid Parish from 1823. Edward Stack was the Chaplain of the Vaughan school until 1857, he lived in the Chaplain house beside the school and had three sons there during this time.

His son Charles Maurice Stack held the position of Bishop of Clogher from 1886-1903. Bishop Stack was a strong evangelical and church man and strongly opposed the revision of the prayer book. He strongly supported the Spanish reform movement which made him unpopular with some High Churchmen. In his early years he was a missionary in Spain and was arrested and jailed for preaching the gospel. When he was released from prison, he was skin and bones and near death.

During his time as Bishop, he presented a new pulpit in Clogher Cathedral, the inscription on the pulpit reads "To the Glory of God and in love for the Diocese, the gift of the Rt. Reverend Charles



The USC plaque.



The Bishop of Clogher with Revd Charles Eames and the confirmation candidates.

Maurice Stack 1886-1903" He dedicated the chancel window in Tubrid Parish Church in memory of his father and mother.

The bishop died in Ardess rectory on 9 January 1914 and his coffin was transported by train from Kesh to Omagh. He was buried in Cappagh Parish Churchyard. His wife died on 2 January 1915. Three of his sons followed him into the ministry, the fourth was a Major in the British army.

A carved oak pulpit and prayer desk were dedicated to his memory by many friends in Tubrid church. His family dedicated two windows and the font in Tubrid church and an East window in Colaghty Church. The Revd Walter Stack was born to Bishop Charles Stack on 28 March 1869 in Lack rectory. The Revd Walter qualified as a medical doctor but due to health reasons he was unable to continue in this career and instead went into the ministry. He was a curate in Tubrid from 1892- 1895 and Rector from 1895-1921. He always intended to spend his entire ministry in Tubrid Parish but due to his wife's ill health they had to leave as the school ground beside the house was too noisy. He was a loyal subject, and he was the first to join the B Specials in Fermanagh in November 1920 and was later District Commander. He was a lifelong member of Tubrid Orange Lodge and was District Master for many years.

We are also looking forward to celebrating the Platinum Jubilee on 5 June with a special service in Tubrid on Sunday 5 June to mark that occasion.

Women Together

Our meeting in May was a flower arranging demonstration by Mrs Oonagh Atchison which was enjoyed by all who

attended.

We look forward to the outing and end of season meal on Saturday 18 June (further details will be circulated).

I want to end by repeating sentiments that I expressed last month.

I have always said that I fully understand that everyone has their own opinions, ideas and thoughts as we continue to emerge from the pandemic.

There are still some who have not made the step of returning to church and we miss you. While restrictions have been eased we continue to exercise common sense which is needed at all times. I am not aware of any outbreaks of Covid being caused by attendance at our churches.

If there is something in particular that is causing you to hesitate about attending church which we can do something about please let me know.

It would be great to have you back.

Diary

Sunday 5 June 2022

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, Service to mark Platinum Jubilee 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 12 June 2022

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckcross, Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 12 June 2022

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Sunday 19 June 2022

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid,

Sunday 26 June 2022

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckcross, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 3 July 2022

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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

Revd Lorraine Capper is in charge.

Dartrey/Rockcorry Confirmation

Aghabog Church provided a lovely setting for Confirmation 2022 on Sunday, 1st May. The Church was filled to overflowing with relatives, friends and relatives who had come to support the candidates on their special day. A warm welcome was extended to Bishop Ellis on this his first visit to our group of parishes. Refreshments were served in the parish hall following the service. Our grateful thanks to all who helped in any way to make the day memorable for the candidates. We wish every blessing to Alastair and Joel Wilkin from Rockcorry and all the other candidates as they continue on their Christian journey as full members of the church.

Ukraine

We had Brexit. We had the virus.(it's still around). Now we have the terrible war in Ukraine. At the time of writing 60 million people have been forced to leave their country. It is beyond our comprehension to understand the torment and torture being visited on so many. They need all our prayers and support. Our prayers, too, are always appreciated by those among us who are unwell. God bless. Keep safe.

Rockcorry School

Huge Congratulations to James B from 6th class who came first place in the Ulster Table Tennis U12 Championship. Also a huge well done to Jeffrey S, James F and Ruby W. Jeffrey came second place in the U10 Championship and James F came third place in the consolation round. What a great achievement for them all.

All the boys and girls are enjoying taking part in the Food Dudes programme this term. This is a healthy eating programme encouraging young people to try eating fruit and vegetables.

Aughnamullen

Our congratulations to Tristian Mc Murray and Aoife on the birth of a baby boy,



The confirmation candidates with Bishop Ian Ellis, Mr. Walter Pringle and the Revd Margaret Pringle.

Shay, also to Alice Forde on the birth of a granddaughter.

Our prayers and thoughts with those who have been in hospital recently especially remembering a grandchild of Alice Forde out in Australia.

The Choral Concert held in Christ Church Aughnamullen and organised by Latton Social Services and Development C.I.G as part of the Billy Fox Memorial Park Project was a very enjoyable event with delightful singers. Our thanks to all who organised the event and to the ladies of our parish who provided refreshments at the Schoolhouse after the event.

Aghabog Confirmation

Our confirmation service for the group held in Aghabog Church on 1st May was very well attended. We were delighted to welcome Bishop, Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis to confirm the seven young people in our group, Megan, Jack, Ewan, Joel, Alistair, Zoe and Jasmine. Our thanks to the Revd Margaret Pringle in preparing these candidates for confirmation as they embark on the next stage in their life. Revd



Flowers being presented to Revd Margaret Pringle by one of the confirmation candidates.

Margaret was presented with a boutique of flowers on behalf of the candidates and parents. Our thanks to all who helped to clean the church and to those who set up the hall for the service and to those who brought food and helped to serve the tea afterwards.

Best Wishes to all who have been unwell recently.

Drum

Condolences

We record the deaths of two of our parishioners, Norman Patterson and Charlie Adams, with sadness and offer our deepest sympathies to all their families and friends.

Confirmation

We offer our congratulations to the candidates from our parish, as well as all the other candidates, on their recent confirmation in Aghabog church.

Drum/Ematris Mothers' Union

After an absence of over two years, we had a Service of Holy Communion and fellowship followed by a lovely afternoon tea. We thank the Rockcorry members for



Aghabog bowls winners and runners-up.



Mrs Iris Egerton with flowers to celebrate her 90th birthday from the Drum/Ematris Mothers' Union members.

hosting this service and sincere thanks to Revd Margaret Pringle for conducting this special and meaningful service. Thanks

also to Miss Audrey Doogan for playing the organ.

During lockdown last year, our most senior member, Mrs Iris Egerton, celebrated a very special birthday; 90 years young! Mrs Maureen Howe presented Iris with a bouquet of flowers of behalf of all our members to mark such a special occasion. Several of our members attended the area service hosted by Killeevan members on 6 May. The service was greatly enjoyed by all as was the delicious supper afterwards along with all the fellowship and fun. We were delighted that Bishop Ian was in attendance as the guest speaker. We also had the opportunity to meet the incoming MU Clogher Diocesan president Mrs Heather Ellis. We wish to acknowledge all the hard work, guidance and support given to us over the last six years by the outgoing president Mrs Irene Boyd. It was wonderful to catch up with so many members from other branches and be able to have



Andrew and Revd Lorraine after vestry meeting

handshakes and hugs again after being apart for so long due to Covid restrictions.

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The Bishop of Clogher with clergy from the Cathedral, Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, Churchwardens and Verger at the reopening service of the Cathedral.

June 2022 Services

Thursday 2nd June

11.00am – Holy Communion
8.30pm – A Service of Thanksgiving for the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen

Sunday 5th June: The Day of Pentecost - Whitsunday

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Morning Prayer with Celebratory Parade

Thursday 9th June

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 12th June: Trinity Sunday

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 16th June

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 19th June: The First Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd June

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 26th June: The Second Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Morning Prayer

Thursday 30th June

11.00am – Holy Communion



The two new Churchwardens, Nathan Clyde and Alana Williamson with Dean Kenneth Hall and Revd Chris West, Curate.



Some of the confirmation group with the Bishop, Dean, Curate and Parish Reader.

Holy Baptism

- 8th May - Lily Margaret Ross

Marriage

- 11th May - Teri Amanda Vance and Glen Christopher McWilliams.
- 14th May - Rachel-Anne Louise Elliott and Richard Ivan Morrison.

Christian Burial

- 25th April - William Percival (Percy) Bruce, 58 Rahall Road, Irvinestown.
- 3rd May - Cecil Norman Rankin, Castle Irvine Road, Irvinestown.
- 12th May - Eric George Johnston, West Bridge House, Enniskillen.

New Churchwardens

The Dean and the Revd Chris West pictured with the new Churchwardens, Mr Nathan Clyde (Rector's) and Miss Alana Williamson (People's) on the first day of taking up their role. Nathan at the age of 22 years holds the record of becoming the youngest churchwarden in the 400

years history of the parish.

Cathedral Official Reopening

After several months of extensive restoration work – including the replacement of the Cathedral roof, complete internal redecoration, the refurbishment of the organ, and work in the grounds – a special service of Choral Evensong was held to celebrate the reopening of St Macartin's Cathedral on Sunday 15th May. Parishioners and members of the wider community gathered for the service, as the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Rev Dr Ian Ellis, reopened the Cathedral.

The Dean introduced the service and expressed his thanks on behalf of the people and clergy of the Cathedral to the Project Management Team, including Mr Sam Morrow (Honorary Secretary), Mrs Hope Kerr (Honorary Treasurer), and the Cathedral's two Glebewardens, Mr George Irvine and Mr Noel Johnston. He thanked all those who gave of their help

and time over the project, those who contributed towards the costs incurred, and those who presented gifts to be dedicated at the service. He noted that the Parish is deeply indebted to Mr Chris McCollum, Mr Marius Blake, Mr Harold Graham and his team, RossScott and their team of skilled painters, and Mr Alastair McCartney.

At the beginning of the service, the Bishop, clergy, and Churchwardens gathered at the West door of the Cathedral, as Mr Nathan Clyde, the Rector's Churchwarden asked the Bishop to reopen the Cathedral. The Bishop did so in God's Name, and prayed for its work and witness. The Cathedral clergy were accompanied in the procession by the Revd Canon Desmond Kingston and the Most Revd Mgr Peter O'Reilly.

The service was sung by the Cathedral choir, along with special guests. The choir was directed by Dr David Baxter and accompanied on the newly refurbished organ by the Cathedral's Director of Music and Organist, Mr Glenn Moore.

The Lessons were read by Mr Sam Morrow and Mr Scott Elliott (the Parish Reader). The sermon was preached by the Bishop. The Occasional Prayers were led by the Curate Assistant. Miss Alanna Williamson, the Peoples' Churchwarden asked the Bishop to dedicate a number of gifts to the glory of God.

Refreshments in the Cathedral Hall brought the evening to a delightful close, as parishioners and members of the wider community enjoyed fellowship.

Messy Church

Our Messy Church programme has come to an end for this year. We held a Messy Summer Fun Day in Forthill Park on Thursday 19th May.

We wish all our families a very happy summer and look forward to seeing



Some of the confirmation group with the Bishop and clergy.



Bishop Ian Ellis with Mrs Adele Moore following the reopening service.

you all again for more Messy fun in the Autumn.

Confirmation

Confirmation candidates were: Darcy Balfour, Daniel Boyd, Rebecca Breen, Raymond Carson Lindsay, Matthew Clarke, Katie Clendinning, Rebecca Doherty, Jordan Fawcett, Sarah Fleming, Jake Irwin, Bobby Jones, Mia Lyons-Elliott, Aaron Malone, Luke Martin, Cole McCabe, George McCusker, Samuel Morrison, Emily Murray, Jack Palmer, Felix Rowland, Ben Shaw, Carlos Thompson, Brett Whitton and Abbey Wilson.

It was a highlight of the parish year to see 24 of our young people confirmed on 27th April by the Bishop. We are so proud of our newly confirmed young people and we look forward to seeing you continue to develop and find your place in God's family.

Xplore

Xplore is our post-confirmation youth group. Members (accompanied by the Dean, The Curate, Revd Chris West and Verger, Andrew McCabe) went on an outing to Prison Island (an activity centre in Belfast) on Saturday 7th May where great fun was had by all.

Mothers' Union

We had a great attendance at our May's MU outing to the Killyhevlin. The Dean



Mothers' Union members at their latest meetings.



Confirmation Group Outing 2022.

opened our meeting with Grace. Our meal was superb and afterwards Claire, one of our members, and her daughter Marie, entertained us with some very competitive games! A great night was enjoyed by all, with plenty of fun, chat and laughter. Members who attended the Area Service on Friday 13th May in Kiltyclogher. We wish all our members a very relaxing Summer, enjoying time with family and friends. Our next meeting is on 12th September at 7.30pm

Bowling Club

Bowls will recommence in September 2022. Evening Bowls will begin on Wednesday 14 September at 7.30pm and Morning Bowls will begin on Wednesday 21 September at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome for fun and friendship.

Quadricentennial Cathedral Prayer

Almighty God, you have made us members of Christ and of his Church here in this Cathedral Parish of Enniskillen. We thank you for 400 years of rich heritage handed down to us from former generations, and we pray that we can hand that on to the generations to come. May we as congregation reach upwards to your throne in worship and adoration; inwards to one another in understanding and fellowship; and outwards to the world in evangelism and social compassion. Make this Cathedral Parish like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden, so that men and women may find Christ as the light of the world, and his Church as the family of the redeemed, and eternal life as the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Whither thou goest,
I will go...
RUTH 1:16

Worship on Sundays

9.30am Worship at Kiltermon Church 11am

Worship at St John's Church

7pm Breathe Quiet Prayer and Worship:

Parish Hall, 1st Sun

7pm 3rd Sunday Fellowship Evenings Parish

Hall: Mar, May, Sept, Nov.

7pm Evening Prayer as announced

Sunday School during term time: on-line and
in-person as announced

11am Wednesday Prayers at home

SUMMER SUNDAYS

During July and August we gather for one
service on Sundays from 10.30am in St
John's

The Bishops' Appeal Ukraine

This has committed £8,300/€10,000

from its emergency funds to assist with
the humanitarian response to the crisis in
Ukraine. Bishops' Appeal is partnering with
Habitat for Humanity Ireland and Christian
Aid, and encouraging parishes across the
island to contribute to this response. In
Lent monetary donations marked 'Bishops
Appeal' may be left w/ parish.

Prayers for exams

*The Church of Ireland Board of Education
wishes to encourage you in your prayers
for Sunday's services and over the next few
weeks to remember all those undertaking
exams and those invigilating and marking
them.*

For all those taking exams:

Father God,

We thank you that our names are written on
the palm of your hand,

Not in the way we write things on our hands
so as not to forget.

But because OUR name is constantly on
your mind,

Because you KNOW us by name,

Because you CALL us by name

Because our name is PRECIOUS to you.

Today dear Lord we lift to you all those who
are preparing for exams.

Bring peace to their bodies,

Quieten the beats of their racing hearts,

Allow clarity to reign in their minds.

May they rest and rejoice knowing

YOU are speaking their name,

YOU created them and know their inmost
being,

YOU have a plan for their lives.

God of peace surround them

God of power go before them

God of love hold and sustain them. Amen

Dear Lord of body, mind and soul.

We think today of those about to take
school and university exams and we ask
you to give them your peace. We think
also of those who invigilate and mark the
exams, may you give them wisdom and
compassion.

Be with the teachers, parents, family, and
care givers as they support the young
people both through the exams and
with the results. May they show love and
understanding and give them insight in
guiding the young people forward with their
lives.

Amen

For young people to help them as they prepare and take exams:

Jesus,

Keep reminding me of the bigger picture
over the next few weeks,

Keep me in your hands when all other
hands disappear,

For I am convinced that neither entry

requirements nor exam results, anticipation
nor doubts, neither success nor failure, nor
any expectations, neither last minute fears
nor anxieties, nor anything else in life, will
be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Please, don't let me forget it! Amen.

Growth + Fellowship

In 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 any 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

3rd Sunday Fellowship Evenings on 18 September in Aghavea and on 20 November in St John's

What a great evening
of fellowship and
encouragement
we shared in May
with parishioners
and musicians from
Aghavea Parish.

Frances Boyd was
the guest speaker on
Ruth Chapter 4. It was

great to see a great turn out of
the parish, especially those who had been
students at Fivemiletown College, when
Frances taught RE there. She was detailed
and challenging and brought words of
appreciation and encouragement about
the work ongoing here. There was a great
music groups formed with cello, violin,
acoustic guitar, bass guitar, piano, drums
and vocals. Thank you Janet, Rosie, Patrick,
Johnny, Naomi, and David. The return
fixture in Aghavea is planned for 7pm on
Sunday 18th September, when the preacher
is Revd Patrick Bamber, Sligo. Do come
along.

The Ministry Of Healing

Thy very kindly hosted us in Belfast at their
lovely premises called '162', for a Quiet Day,
on Monday 9th May.





Attending the Fellowship Evening.

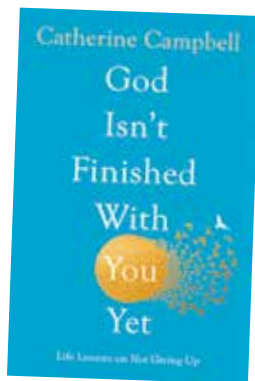


A group attending the Quiet Day at Pat and Rab Mollen's home.

We have previously 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 was to anyone in the parish, and the intercessors and those who connect with Breathe and the Parish Quiet Days made up a group of 10 who travelled from the parish. The day included Holy Communion, two reflections by Revd Pat, and time for oneself. The building in Belfast set with a well-stocked garden, included space for praying, reading, or hand crafts and all attending expressed their appreciation for the day.

Autumn Brunch with Catherine Campbell

Last Spring 84 women took a copy of Catherine Campbell's book, *Broken Works Best*. In July, 48 clicked on-line to hear her speak. And in January we fitted in a late evening zoom call with Catherine, 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 2021; so too this season we must pray for God to work during this time.

Do join us in prayer and reading for this special event. New book details to follow in September.

Meanwhile you might consider reading one of her other titles, including: *Journey With Me*, *When We Can't God Can*, *Broken Works Best*, *God Knows Your Name*. Brunch with Catherine Campbell from 10.30am on Saturday 23 October, God willing.

Looking After Your Soul

Here is an Article Catherine has written for the parish's next Quarterly, 'Living Stones,' to be published in June:

Warm greetings from Co Antrim to you dear friends in beautiful Co Tyrone. I have happy memories of my visit to a ladies' breakfast with you in St John's a number of years ago, and then more recently to the more unusual meeting via Zoom last year. We certainly did learn a lot of new things during those 'lockdown' days. However, it's wonderful to be meeting face-to-face again, albeit with care.

I want to thank you for turning up – electronically – on what turned out to be a special evening, as we looked at the theme of how God turns our pain into gain using my book *Broken Works Best*. And a very sincere thank you to those who prepared for the meeting by purchasing, and reading, the book in preparation for our time together. I do hope it has been a blessing in your lives.

I find it particularly apt to continue with the theme especially as you, as a congregation, are considering this year what the Bible has to say about Spiritual Growth. Spring has turned into summer and nature itself is the great example all around us of what growth is all about. As rural folk you understand this subject better than I do. For many, your livelihood depends on it. Unfortunately, if nature is left to its own devices, it does not always produce what is best.

So it goes with our souls. I'm not a great gardener. Gardens only become beautiful to look at if you are prepared to put the work in. I think God has a sense of humour, because not only do I have my own garden to look after, but these days my elderly mother's garden is also on my to-do-list. And she notices every weed, every shrub that needs trimmed, and every plant that needs deadheaded! I have to

admit though that time in the garden is not wasted... the end result is worth the effort. And if we are going to see the pain in our lives turned into gain – and experience beauty once more – then we have to look after our souls. It's not easy, but oh my, it's worth it!

We need to...

- **Weed often.** The Bible speaks of a weed – “the root of bitterness” (Hebrews 12:15) – that can cause havoc in our lives. It can choke our spiritual growth; destroy our Christian witness; sap us of our strength, and even blot out the sun of God's comfort at the very time we need it most. I've discovered that hurting hearts provide fertile ground for this destructive weed. We can feel so justified... life can be unfair; illness cruel; and sometimes people unkind. That's why we need to weed often. Pluck out that bitter word or angry thought before it takes over. I've found that using Psalm 139:23-24 is a great trowel for dealing early with this particular 'weed'.

- **Plant what is good.** One sure way of reducing the weeds is to fill up the space in your borders with healthy plants. And what do healthy plants need to flourish? Good soil. Positive thinking alone is not enough to stop the weeds from growing in our souls. “you will keep him in perfect peace,” the prophet Isaiah says (26:3), “whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.” Our minds need to stay focused on Jesus, which nurtures the trust that ultimately results in God's peace. Let's not fall into the trap of negative thinking. Instead use Philippians 4:8 to plant what is good.

- **Cultivate prayer.** Throughout Scripture God constantly encourages us to come to Him, especially when life is painful and dark. “Cast your burden on the Lord and He will sustain you,” we read in Psalm 55:22. However, prayer is not always answered immediately. That's why Jesus reminds us, “that men always ought to pray, and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1). The word always is key here. Cultivating is all about working at producing something. It's a continuous

process. Thankfully when we don't know what or how to pray "the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us..." (Romans 8:26).

• **Forgive.** Oh, this is a big one! Too big for a short article. However, we often look at forgiveness as letting someone get away with wrongdoing. But God's Word only speaks of forgiveness in the context of repentance (1 John 1:9). However, when we forgive another, it is we who are being set free. Let's enjoy the freedom forgiveness gives... to us!

I look forward to joining with you in person in October, when I hope to explore the subject of my latest book 'God Isn't Finished With You Yet.' Until then, Keep trusting, and keep growing. Catherine Campbell, Author and Speaker

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.

The day away planned for the Share Centre on St George's Day, 23rd April was well attended and very successful. 13 young people and 8 leaders gathered at Share, although not all present braved the waters of Lough Erne. Alastair McFarland from Scripture Union spoke with a challenge about Jesus and the disciples on Lake Galilee, which was very fitting for the occasion. CONNECT meet twice each month, and a water evening and barbecue is planned for early July to bring the season to a close. Thank you to the leaders who contribute so much to this Youth Ministry.

Church Lads Brigade's Successful Year

When we held our leaders meeting in September 2021 we all had the same objective to get CLB up and running face to face as soon as possible. After consultation with Precentor Hanlon, select vestry, CLB headquarters and many prayers for guidance we got the go ahead to open in October.

We were always very aware of the changing guidelines and ongoing form filling! The parents were excellent using the preregistration app, drop off and pickup as planned and maintaining safe distance in the car park. Thank you to parents throughout all our nights, no one was sick. With God's love and guidance we felt safe and protected and able to continue his ministry.



We had a marvellous year all groups completed their scripture badge Martin's Me and God, Y team silver discovery badge led by Christine with six months bible stories, crafts and games. All groups completed keep fit (initially contact sports not allowed) which then branched out to football when the guidelines changed.

We had many guests, Johnny with spiders, snakes and reptiles, Sandra with baby chicks, Linda with baby goats and coaching skills from Garnett, Dylan and Chris.

We joined in the Remembrance Day parade but again due to COVID the boys were unable to attend the Church service. The following Tuesday we watched Colin Tinsley DVD when he visited FMT RBL followed by poppy making crafts. We had our famous pancake night and we are always amazed at how many pancakes the boys can eat! Craft nights included Christmas, Mother's Day and Easter with all these nights incorporating Gods message with stories and prayers.

After our Easter break we had a great night going on a "find the painted stone" treasure hunt at the Round Lake which concluded with a picnic. On our final night Claire organised a trip to Happy Dayz which included play and food. Just as we started our very first night in October we invited all parents back again to join us on our final night which included tea/coffee and an amazing Jubilee cake made by Lorraine's Larder. This was also our prize giving with all boys receiving badges, certificates and Lego sets. Nathan the Scripture cup, Harvey and Jacob the Martins Scripture cup, special attendance throughout zoom, shield to Matthew and Lewis. One leader received 10 year medal and two leaders 20 year medals. Everyone received a special platinum jubilee badge which we will wear on our left arm for one year.

Finally a big thank you to all the leaders for their ongoing support and dedication throughout what has been a difficult and uncertain time, also thanks to Steven and Precentor Hanlon. Thanks to all parents and a special thanks to all the boys for brilliant attendance throughout the past eight months!

Our core aim throughout all that we do at CLB is to continue to help them to love and understand God's teachings.

Grant in thy mercy that every member past and present may prove steadfast in his fight against evil and true in his allegiance to God. **Sandra**

Marriage Preparation and Counselling

with Christian Guidelines NI

For many years, the parish and diocese has

benefitted from the support and training of the Christian Guideines organisation, based in County Down. Ian and Mrs Stewart have hosted marriage preparation course here for more than 12 years, with most couples preparing for marriage through the parish attending their course here or in Fintona.

God willing, they will be with us again in March 2022, for a one-day course based at Kiltermon Church. Available to the parish, diocese and other local churches. Booking directly with Christian Guidelines NI.

Holy Baptism

Holy Baptism returned to its usual place on Sundays from Easter, to allow the congregation is able to be present. Baptisms were temporarily moved to Wednesdays as a consideration during the Covid-19 restrictions.

Hospital Visiting

Pastoral visiting to hospitals is now permitted in most situations, with some planning ahead.

If you or a family member are in hospital and would like a pastoral phone call, please contact

the Rector. The Chaplaincy system is still not operating in all hospitals, and information is therefore not being sent on to parishes.

Midweek Intercession and Prayer for Healing

This takes place many times each month. A group of 13 people receive the requests for prayer each week and are committed to praying at least each Wednesday.

And each second month we gather with others for a service of

Holy Communion when all the names prayed for since we last met are prayed for again.

Leave a name for prayer with the office or with Precentor Hanlon or William Morrow.

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. Join us next from 7pm on Sunday 5 June, Parish Hall.

Precentor Hanlon

Thank You!

A large amount of grocery items have been gifted by the Sunday School families and





parishioners to the appeal during Lent. These items will go to the Enniskillen Food Bank, hosted by the Enniskillen Vineyard Church. The project was linked With Mums and Tots and Sunday School.



Previously Loved Shop this Summer

Our previous Previously Loved shops have been well received: from School Uniform giveaways, baby clothes, toys and equipment, and the Big Potato Drop. This year there are plans to have a pop-up shop in July for previously loved school uniforms.

Collection bins will be left in Spar, Co-op and Day To Day shops in town to collect uniforms from Fivemiletown Nursery and Primary, St Mary's Primary and Fivemiletown College from 30 June for two weeks. The shop will open in the parish Hall from 10am -12noon and 7-8pm on Wednesday 27th July, hosted by mums and tots. All are welcome to come and take away what they need.

Scripture Inspired Cards

Packs of these lovely cards are available from Beverley Weir or the parish office. Priced at £7.50 for 6, each

pack has six different watercolour illustrations. These cards were gifted to the parish and will realise £1000 profit when the last packs are sold. All monies raised are for the project at Kiltermon.

Copies Are Still Available of the lovely commemorative booklet we produced for the re-opening of Kiltermon Church in June. These are free from the parish office. The booklet contains lovely photographs of Kiltermon.



Mothers' Union Jubilee Event

Our May meeting attended by 23 members was held in the Parish Hall. Branch Leader welcomed those present, and a new member Zena McQuigg. Following the opening hymn accompanied by Betty Warrington, a reading was brought by Arlene Wright. Our theme for the evening was the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Our speaker Mrs Florence Brunt told us about receiving the MBE at Windsor Castle for Services to the education and the community in west of Northern Ireland. Florence was presented with her insignia by Princess Anne accompanied by her daughter Angela. Florence brought the outfit she wore and shared with us slides and photos from the special day. Vote of thanks was proposed by Barbara Kingston. After a short business meeting, members viewed a Memorabilia Table displaying lovely pieces from 1952. Presenter Hanlon said the Grace followed by supper. Branch Leader closed the meeting with Grace, and next meeting will be in September continuing with our theme Transformation now. *Evelyn.*



to God for his steadfast love. I have indeed seen his faithfulness."

"It is true that the world has had to confront moments of darkness this year,

but the Gospel of John contains a verse of great hope, often read at Christmas carol services:

'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... Despite being displaced and persecuted throughout his short life, Christ's unchanging message was not one of revenge or violence but simply that we should love one another.'

Christmas message, 2015

"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life.

A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people, of whatever faith or none." Christmas message, 2014

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

Evelyn Underhill

School Assemblies

These have continued since September, in Fivemiletown Primary School. A rota is shared by ourselves, Revd Clodagh Yambasu and Revd David Curran.

This term we have been thinking about people in the Old Testament, and as we approached Easter, we thought about the followers of Jesus. Do pray for the local school, for the work of the Scripture Union Schools' Worker, Alastair McFarland, and the demands which the recent pandemic continues to place on families and the whole school community.

Special parish events to mark the Platinum Jubilee

The Parish are planning to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a special service, parish barbecue and tree planting on Sunday June 5th June.

Join us for the 11am service in St John's when we plan to give thanks to God for the 70 years in which Queen Elizabeth 11 has served the nation and Commonwealth. We hope to reflect on her faith in God, and the inspiration it gives her.

Here are some of the things which The Queen has said about her Christian faith

"I have been – and remain – very grateful to you for your prayers and



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An Inspirational Lady, Queen Elizabeth II

'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding' (Proverbs 9.10).

Even when our now Queen Elizabeth was a Princess she wisely asks that God would give her wisdom. Princess Elizabeth, 21st April 1947 says, "When I spoke to you last... I asked you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation - to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making... I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me."

Only a few months ago, at the beginning of the global Climate Summit in Glasgow, The Queen reflected on what makes leaders wise. This is what she said: 'For more than 70 years, I have been lucky to meet and to know many of the world's leaders. And I have perhaps come to understand a little about what makes them special. It has sometimes been observed that what leaders do for their people today is government and politics. But what they do for tomorrow, that is statesmanship' (Message to the World's Leaders gathered at COP26, 2021). Wise leaders think of, and actively work for, a better future for the world. The actions of wise leaders are for tomorrow, for generations yet unborn. This, I think, is what the writer of the book of Proverbs means when it consistently places truth, justice and wisdom first, and honours and riches second. Wise leadership, on the



Ladies from Sallaghy Mothers' Union attend the area service in Killeevan Church and enjoy a welcome cup of tea!(Branch leader: Beulah Whittendale; Noreen Little, Vera Fiddis, Maureen Faulkner.

other hand, is for tomorrow; working to make our world a better one, based on values that are lasting.

For people of faith, like The Queen, this has meant working to foster a sense of faith in the future. Soon after her Silver Jubilee, she gave expression to that ideal: 'The context of the lives of the next generation is being set, here and now, not so much by the legacy of science or wealth or political structure that we shall leave behind us, but by the example of our attitudes and behaviour to one another and by trying to show unselfish, loving and creative concern for those less fortunate than ourselves' (Christmas Broadcast, 1978). Having just become a grandmother, she herself committed to taking on the challenge of passing on the gift of faith-filled living to future generations: 'Christians have the compelling example of the life and teaching of Christ and, for myself, I would like nothing more than that my grandchildren should hold dear his ideals which have helped and inspired so many previous generations', she said then. Her Majesty the Queen, from the start of her reign acknowledged the importance of her personal Christian faith. On her Coronation Day, 2 June 1953 'For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life', The Queen said in a message to mark the first Christmas of this millennium in 2000. During her long reign, which we celebrate today, these values have been apparent in her leadership as Queen and as head of the Commonwealth of Nations. Queen Elizabeth speaks openly about her deep Christian faith. For her 'the teachings of Christ have served as my inner light' (Christmas Broadcast, 2020), providing guidance and strength. Just as she reflected how she has drawn 'great



Ladies from Drummully (Petula Stephens and Hazel Robinson) attend the Mothers' Union area Service in Killeevan.

comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example'. By her own witness to the transforming power of Christ in her life, The Queen has been an extraordinary ambassador of the Gospel message, the good news. 'I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God...I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel.' — Queen Elizabeth, 2002 (p.6 in *The Servant Queen*, by Mark Greene & Catherine Butcher, 'Love your Neighbour').

Services in June

Sunday 5th June 2021 - The Day of Pentecost -Whit Sunday

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

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 12th June 2021 - Trinity Sunday

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th June 2021 - The First Sunday After Easter

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

Sunday 26th June 2021 - The Second Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

Galloon Parish Auction

I huge thank you to all who helped with the Galloon Parish Auction. Nothing just happens! A lot of work went on behind the scenes: advertising, washing exhibits, presenting them carefully in lots, numbering lots and producing a listing of all items. Then on the day, welcoming people, clerking, auctioning items, holding up items for all to view and of course making a cup of tea! Then on the Monday there was a great tidy-up and cleaning of the church-hall. To date we have raised just over £3000. Congratulations one and all a great team effort.

Mothers' Union

Ladies from Drummully and Sallaghy were delighted to join with members from the diocese at the Mothers' Union Area Service in Killeevan on Friday 6th May. Ladies were very pleased to be able to see each other again face-to-face. Great chat was had at a most welcome cup of tea.

Royal Black Preceptory Area Service

Rev Lorraine welcomed Lisnaskea District 2 to an Area Service held in Sallaghy Parish Church on Sunday 15th May 2022. She dedicated a new bannerette at this service which was very well attended.

From the Registers

Burials: Galloon

■ 30th April 2022: The burial of Mrs Isobel Bell, Bournemouth and Lisbellaw.

■ 5th May 2022: Thomas William (Willie) Faulkner, Belfast.



The tea ladies: Primrose, Sonia, Laura, Florence and Pearl.

We express our sympathies to the Hutchinson family on the passing of Isobel; to the Faulkner family on the passing of Willie; to Mabel Clingan on the passing of her brother, Ivor; to Sandra Crawford on the passing of her brother, Raymond and to all who have been recently bereaved.

"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

Marriages

Sallaghy Parish Church: Wednesday 11th May 2022 Teri Vance and Glen McWilliams. Congratulations and every blessing on your future lives together.

Drummully Parish Coffee Morning and Car-boot Sale

Why not come along for a lovely morning coffee at Drummully Parish Church on



Bert Robinson having a little chat with the auctioneer, William Little.



Catherine Little viewing the lots with auctioneer William Little following behind.

Saturday 11th June and enjoy a browse around the car-boot sale. Gates for stall holders open at 8am. Proceeds in aid of Drummully Parish Church.



A new rake for Irwin and Jennifer!



Bidding cards at the ready for Galloon Parish Auction: William Allen(seated), Ivan Mcalister, Bert Robinson and William Heaslip

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Church Services Diary

Sunday 12th June

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 19th June

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, MP and Family Service

Sunday 26th June

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both MP

Sunday 3rd July

Garrison 10am, HC Slavin 3pm, Parade Service

Sunday 10th July

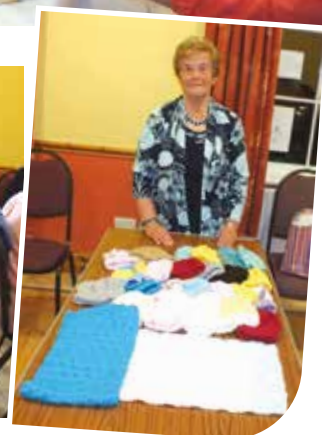
Belleek 11.30am, HC. Garrison 3pm, Parade Service

Parish Visiting

Should you, or anyone you know like a visit, please contact Revd. Rebecca on 07549909544



Mothers' Union members at their meal.



Easter Vestry Meetings

These meetings took place in all four churches where the office-bearers and Vestry members will remain the same for the year ahead to provide continuity for our Rector as she finds her feet and gets to know everyone. Thanks to Canon Irwin, Rural Dean for chairing these meetings.

From Revd. Rebecca

As the sun breaks through the Fermanagh clouds and the flowers bloom in the rectory garden, I think of all the encouraging signs of life that we're seeing across our parish. It's been such

a blessing to meet weekly with members of our parish to pray for the growth of our church and for God's favour upon the wider community in which we live. It's been wonderful to have our house filled with lively, boisterous, enthusiastic young people every Thursday for youth group. New things are stirring, good things are in store.

It's also been a privilege to have the time to visit with so many of you, to be welcomed into your homes, to meet your families, to hear your story. This is the backbone of parish life – community and fellowship.

I heard the phrase recently – addicted to



Rev Rebecca's first Service in Slavin with Elizabeth Ovens (Treasurer), Florence Earls (Secretary) and Tom Ovens (Churchwarden)



Marina Hassard and Audrey Ovens who sang, 'O Praise the Name' on Easter Sunday in Slavin.



Some of the Slavin congregation on Easter Sunday.



Mrs. Edith Kirkpatrick with her daughter Averil, home on holiday from Australia, her daughter Sharon and her son and daughter on holiday from England.

chaos. It's the feeling that we need to fill every minute, that we can't sit still, that we must do 'more' all the time. It drives the heartrate up and leaves a mess in its wake. It's sometimes manifested in what people call now 'FOMO', fear of missing out. It looks like productivity but actually it can be destructivity, if that's a word! Nothing is finished, nothing is done well. The temptation in a new parish is to fall into this kind of crazy whirlwind, to be the most dynamic rector ever, but the danger is that one only builds a house of cards, and the slightest storm will bring the whole thing tumbling down. Again and again, I feel God bring me back to this verse from Psalm 127: *Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city,*

the guards stand watch in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— for he grants sleep to those he loves. In the stillness, the voice of Jesus encourages me to step back, to step away, to breathe, to sit with him. I hope this may be an encouragement for you that you can do the same. **God bless, Revd. Rebecca**

Weekly Diary

Wednesdays - Parish Prayer, 9:30am Belleek Church.
Thursdays - Youth Group, 6pm, at the Rectory, for kids aged 8-13.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday 27th April was the Mothers' Union Service and Meal. Revd Rebecca led the service in Kiltyclogher Church. The Bible readings were read by Dot Barlow and Revd. Maureen Desborough. The organist was Joy Graham. Afterwards a lovely meal was served by the members in Garrison Church Hall. Mrs Lily Graham presented a wonderful display of her little knitted hats and blankets. These will be brought to SWAH hospital for use there.

MU Area Service

For the first time in our group, we as a branch, hosted the MU area service for our district on Friday 13th May in Kiltyclogher Parish Church. We were excited to welcome visiting MU members to our service led by our Rector, Revd



Photographs from the open afternoon at the Rectory.





Enjoying the open afternoon in the Rectory on Easter Sunday.



Rebecca and the guest speaker was Mrs Irene Boyd, the outgoing MU President. A full report with photos will be in next month's magazine.

Easter Sunday in Slavin

Revd. Rebecca welcomed everyone to the special Easter Sunday Service in Slavin Church, her first service in the church.

Marina Hassard and Audrey Ovens sang: 'O Praise the Name.'

The Church was beautifully decorated.

Tree planting to mark Jubilee

On Sunday 5th June, a Chestnut tree will be planted at Slavin by Mrs. Vivienne Ferguson, author of the 'Slavin Poetry

Book'. The planting of the tree is to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Gospel Concert

Keep free Friday 16th September for a special evening in Slavin with a Gospel Concert; the Strule String Band will take part in this event.

Easter Sunday at the Rectory

Thank you to Revd. Rebecca and Brendan for opening up their home on Easter Sunday. Delicious cake and tea was enjoyed by the adults. The children had a great time outdoors on the Bouncy Castle and hunting for lots of eggs. Thank you to all who brought home made cakes and served tea. We were so

blessed with the weather and thank God for answering Revd. Rebecca's prayers!

Mens' Day Trip

It was the turn of the men in our parishes to have a day out. Thanks to the Rector's husband, Brendan for the inspiration.

He and Jonathan Graham organised a bus trip to Balmoral show on Saturday 14th May which was really enjoyed by the men who went along. They enjoyed



Some of the men with William Allingham at his stall in Balmoral.



Stanley Allingham during the sheep shearing.



Some of the men from the parishes on arrival at Balmoral Show.

cheering along Stanley Allingham in the national sheep-shearing event and visited the many stalls including William Allingham's Quadcrate display. A most enjoyable, sunny day finished with dinner in Saddler's Restaurant.

Family Services

Following the family service in Garrison on the third Sunday in each month there will be a cup of tea in Garrison Church

Hall. Give Revd Rebecca a shout if you are happy to help. It is just great to have some normality again and some fellowship over a cup of tea after the service. Please join us.

Prayers

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

Keep up to date

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org. The web manager is Jenna Earls.

Photos & articles etc. for the website to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls at Social Networking: Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.

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GFS

The GFS had the most wonderful service of commitment and renewal of promises in May. Many of the girls took part – some reading, some leading the prayers and all of them singing and praying the Lord's Prayer in Makaton. Well done and congratulations to you and your leaders for an amazing year of achievement through the challenges of Covid-19.

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the late Alice Gibbons, formerly of Ballinamallard and London.

Platinum Jubilee

Derrygonnelly Orange Hall are hosting a



The GFS meeting at the Church.

tea party on Saturday, 4th June from 2pm to 5pm to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. Come along dressed in 1950s style for an afternoon of celebration and fun. There will be a bouncy castle for the children.

Pantomime

'The Wayward Son' pantomime will take place in Derrygonnelly Orange hall on 17th, 18th and 19th November 2022 featuring local talent! This will be a 'not to be missed' night out. Information on tickets to follow!



Congratulations to the new Mr and Mrs Latimer recently married in Inishmacsaint Church.



Kilskeery and Trillick



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Seventy years and counting

What an amazing achievement to have reached such a notable landmark of being on the throne for seventy years. As will be the case for many of us, we can not remember a time when Queen Elizabeth II has not been on the throne and our queen. It's a long time for someone to always have been there. Queen Elizabeth's long reign has given for many, a real sense of stability, continuity, and consistency to public and national identity and a focal personality for national celebrations at key historical and annual markers. What has also been of great encouragement and for those who take note, is her Christian faith and the opportunities she takes to share it with the nation at such times as her Christmas day message. In her first Christmas broadcast in 1952, Queen Elizabeth II is recorded to have said, "Pray for me . . . that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life." In our day, such requests for prayer from people in public office would be most welcomed as an expression of the recognition of a higher authority to be answerable to. During the queen's coronation, in a service with deep Christian symbolism, she received an orb,

sceptre, crown and ring, each with a cross on them to symbolise the rule of Jesus Christ over and above the rule of all others. Along with these items the queen also received most publicly, of course, a large Bible as "the most valuable thing that this world affords." We might be forgiven for concluding that a reign beginning with such foundations and sincere symbolism would be destined to be long and blessed. But of course, there is no shelter in foundations, rather they are to be built upon and form the basis of the structure which follows. The Queen hasn't hidden her Christian faith in her role as monarch and has clearly stated that, "For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life." Following the teachings of Jesus surely reminds us of that parable of the wise and foolish builders where the listeners are encouraged to build their lives upon these very same teachings of Jesus; the teachings that will provide shelter when the storms of life come and when the blessings of good things need to be appreciated in the shade. As we celebrate the long reign of Queen Elizabeth II, we give thanks for that long reign and pray that her initial prayer request for wisdom and strength in faithful service would keep on being answered. May we also pause to recognise and give thanks for a Queen of faith who's stated intentions were always to follow God in faithful service. No matter what our political or national or religious standpoints may be, may we yet recognise integrity, character, godliness, faithfulness, dependable service and a relationship with Jesus and give thanks that such a person has sat upon the throne for so long and pray that those who govern us in whatever role may be a little more influenced by her example.

Messy Kids

Messy Kids this month was around the theme of animals and some of our thoughts were in the direction of Daniel in the lion's den and Noah and the ark. It was great to see families come out to Kilskeery Youth Hall and enjoy making masks and animals and colouring in.

Mothers' Union

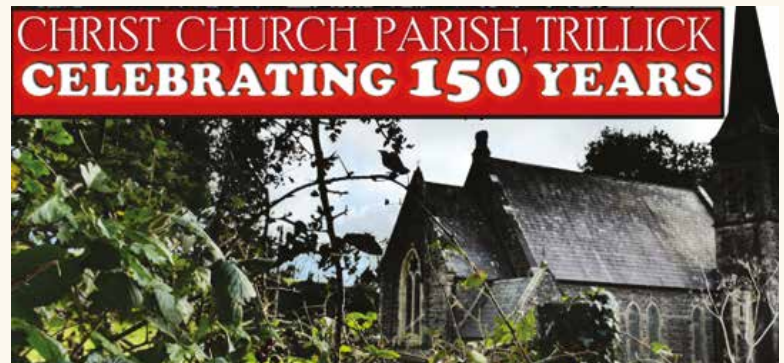
Kilskeery and Trillick Mothers' Union attended the Area Service in Maguiresbridge in May and thoroughly enjoyed an inspiring message and the opportunity to share in some refreshments afterwards – something that was much appreciated after so long without this fellowship possibility.

The beginnings of Christ Church Parish, Trillick

The history of the Parish Church, Trillick, commences in the year 1856, with a will made by the late Henry Archdale Esq. on the 22nd May, of that same year, in which he bequeathed and directed that the sum of £2,500 should be applied to endow and assist in building a Church at Trillick. Henry Archdale died in November 1856 and his nephew Captain Mervyn Archdale who was always generous to the Church, built the Parish Church at Trillick, in accordance with his uncle's will. It was licensed for divine worship by the Right Rev. Marcus Gervais Beresford, Primate of all Ireland and Lord Bishop of Clogher on December 9th 1872, and was consecrated to the Glory of God on April 6th 1873, by the then Primate who was also Lord Bishop of Clogher. The first incumbent of the Parish was the Rev. Owen Handcock Phipps, M.A., who first appears in Parish records on December 8th 1872, his name signed in the Kilskeery Preacher's book on what was the 2nd Sunday of Advent.

Weekly Times

- Sunday Services: Christ Church, Trillick - 10:30am & Kilskeery – 11:45am
- Senior Citizen's Group: Tuesdays at 2:00 – 3:00pm
- Confirmation Class: Wednesdays at 6:30 – 7:30pm
- Midweek Fellowship Group: Wednesdays at 8:00 – 9:00pm
- Prayer Meeting: Thursdays at 9:00am
- Bowling Club: Fridays at 8:00pm
- Youth Group: Alternate Sundays at 5:30 – 7:00pm



Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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A most significant milestone and high point for the parish was reached on 8th May when our Sunday School and The Bridge recommenced for the first time in over two years. This has given us all a huge lift and much thanks must go to our faithful Sunday School and Bridge teachers.

Other milestones reached as we emerge from the pandemic are the increase to two services per month at Coolbuck, and the reintroduction of the early morning Holy Communion (at 9.45 am) on the third Sunday of the month. We envisage that two services per month in Coolbuck (at 3.00 pm) will continue until the end of August, with the hope of a return to every Sunday afternoon from September, but this will be confirmed in due course. Attendances at church have continued to be encouraging and thanks go out to parishioners and the parents of our children and young people for their faithfulness. We have much to give thanks and praise to Almighty God for his steadfastness towards us.

Warmest congratulations are extended to Mrs Kathleen Sloan, a Lisbellaw parishioner, who celebrated her 100th birthday on 21st April.

A further two joyous occasions in the



The Sunday School and Bridge are back.



parish saw the Holy Baptisms of baby Tom and baby William during May.

The parish was also saddened however by the passing of Mrs Isobel Bell from Bournemouth and Lisbellaw, and Mrs Alicia Hunter who had a long connection with our Coolbuck family stretching over 55 years. We extend our love, thoughts and prayers to the families of Isobel and Alicia.

My sincere thanks go out to those parishioners in Lisbellaw with Coolbuck who supported our CMSI mission box Lenten appeal. I had the great pleasure of returning 37 mission boxes to the CMSI Belfast office and this Lenten initiative realised the sum of £500 which will go towards supporting the mission work of the society.

Looking Ahead

The parish is planning to hold a Platinum Party to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee at the Parish Centre on the afternoon of Saturday 11th June 2022. Please look out for further details.



Mrs Kathleen Sloan who celebrated her 100th birthday.



Revd William brings the Lenten boxes to CMSI in Belfast.



Young people at work.

Baptisms at Lisbellaw.



Services

Sunday 5th June

Holy Communion at Lisbellaw Parish at 11.00am

Holy Communion at Coolbuck at 3.00 pm

Sunday 12th June

Morning Prayer at Lisbellaw Parish at 11.00am

Evening Prayer at Coolbuck at 3.00 pm

Sunday 19th June

Holy Communion at Lisbellaw Parish at 9.45 am

Service of the Word / Family Service at Lisbellaw Parish at 11.00 am

Sunday 26th June

Morning Prayer at Lisbellaw Parish at 11.00am

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Services for June 2022

SUNDAY 5th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY 12th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Kenneth Rutledge

SUNDAY 19th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Kenneth Rutledge

SUNDAY 26th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Kenneth Rutledge

Collection for our sponsored children

Burial

■ Friday 22nd April - Crawford McIvor,
Newtownards (Burial of Ashes)

■ Wednesday 4th May - Ruby Agnew,
Kingstown, Lisnaskea.

Our sympathies and prayers are with the
Agnew family circle at this sad time
and everyone recently bereaved.

Godly Living

How are you supposed to live godly?

We, after all, are human and not gods!

"bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness
is profitable for all things"

(1Timothy 4:8)

The Bible clearly states here in 1Timothy
that we are meant to live godly.

It is rather funny, I think, that the comparison
being made by Paul, is between exercise
and godliness. I say this since the world,
quite often, is obsessed with exercise and
pressure is always being put on people to
"be in shape". The media paints a picture
of "what" the perfect shape is and you can
feel the pressure to "get into shape" and
"conform".

Indeed, just as I say that word: "conform", I
am reminded of another verse:

"do not be conformed to this world, but be
transformed by the renewing of your mind,
that you may prove what is that good and
acceptable and perfect will of God."



(Romans 12:2)

Now am I saying that there is no need to
exercise. Certainly not! But we do need to
get things into perspective. The emphasis
from God's point of view is that we are to
live godly (1Timothy 4) and we do this by
renewing our minds and being transformed
(Romans 12:2). The result of taking God's
view is that we get to find out what His good
and perfect will is for our lives. Now surely
this is something that we all want, isn't it?
Added to that, it should come as a big relief
that God's way involves our minds and not
our bodies. It has to do with the way that we
THINK, not with the SHAPE that we are in.
The truth of the matter is that when we



Young people playing games.

focus on being godly, so many other things fall into place. Our whole demeanour changes. Our sense of peace and well-being tend to level out. We are less and less challenged with the "ups and downs" in our lives. Not that they stop happening but we are less affected by them since we are living godly. And, of course, we will find ourselves wanting to get out into God's creation more and more, as "bodily exercise profits a little". When our focus changes, everything changes. Living by the standards of the world can be so stressful. God's way is love and joy and peace. I know which way I want to follow...how about you?

Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Saturday a number of our Sunday School children came together for an afternoon of fun and games. The weather held up and everyone had an enjoyable time. A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the organisation of this.



Car Boot Sale

It is hoped to have a Car Boot sale on Saturday 11th June at Trinity Hall. Gates will open from 9.00.a.m. and refreshments will be available throughout the morning. Cars £10. Please come along for a browse or fill your boot and get rid of some of that clutter!

Parish Walk

This has been arranged for Saturday 18th June and we hope many people will



come along and join in. It will begin at 2.00 p.m. at Trinity Hall and will return to there where refreshments will be served - £10 per person or £20 for a family.

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Football winners

Congratulations to Maguiresbridge Parish for their victory in the boys' section of the inaugural Ballinamallard Churches' Perpetual Youth Football Tournament. Congratulations also to Ballinamallard Youth themselves for winning the girls' section.

Barnabas Cup

Whilst on the football theme, the Barnabas Cup will take place again this month after a break since 2019. Since then, the trophy has been on display in Castlederg Parish but hopefully we'll get it back a little closer to home this year. The tournament will take place on Thursday evening June 23rd at 6:30pm. All churches of all



The Ballinamallard Youth Girls Team receiving the cup from Naomi Armstrong.



Ballinamallard Churches Youth Boys, runners up.



Maguiresbridge youth boys – winners of Ballinamallard Churches Youth Boys Cup

denominations are welcome to enter a team of 7 plus subs and players must be 16+. There will be two league round robins running simultaneously on Fisher Park 3G facility followed by a knock-out for the runners up and winners of each group. For further information, see the Barnabas Cup Facebook page or contact (by text or WhatsApp message only) 07989743545. We are grateful to Fisher Park for their assistance in organizing both these tournaments.

Jubilee

Over the Jubilee weekend, there are numerous events taking place around the area. The Ballinamallard churches (Methodist and Church of Ireland) will be holding one united service on Sunday June 5th at 11am in the Severfield carpark. This will be followed by a barbecue provided by the scouts and Mothers' Union.

Streaming

We have begun our experiment with streaming our church services and hopefully we will iron out any technical issues before too long! The 11am service should be available live on our Facebook

page over the summer for those who are unable to attend church. However, an important part of worship is fellowship with one another so it is always best if you can be physically present even if you are still in your pyjamas!



Ballinamallard Youth Girls Team, Winners Of Ballinamallard Churches Youth Girls Cup

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

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Celebrating Mrs Ethel Stewart's 100th birthday are (from left); Rural Dean, Canon Alan Irwin; Mrs Ethel Stewart, Bishop Ian Ellis and Revd Abraham Storey.

Mrs Ethel Stewart's 100th Birthday

Bishop Ian Ellis called with Mrs Ethel Stewart on the day of her 100th birthday, bringing her birthday greetings on this special occasion and passing on those of the Revd Francis who wasn't able to be present.

The Bishop was joined by the Rural Dean, Canon Alan Irwin and Revd Abraham Storey who is currently taking services and providing additional pastoral cover, both extending birthday greetings.

Ethel was visited by members of the Mothers Union and representatives of the parish family along with family, friends, and neighbours and of course received the all important birthday card from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

SUNDAY

Worship Gathering: 11.00am (weekly)
Children's Church 11.00am (weekly) (last date 26th June)
Church BBQ after Church Sunday 26th June
Confirmation 11.00am Sunday 12th June

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Friends in the Afternoon 1.15pm 8th June 2022 at Tullana on the Green

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Confirmation Class 7.00pm 9th June at Ardess Parish Centre (Confirmation on Sunday 12th June)

WEDDING

14th April 2022 - Nigel Beacom, Kesh,
23rd April 2022 - Tamsin Martin, Kesh,
and Wren Fernandes, India.



Rector's Churchwarden Sydney Liggett, Mrs Ethel Stewart and People's Churchwarden, Bob McCurry helping to celebrate Ethel's big birthday.

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'Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.'
Romans 12:2

This verse has been in my mind all week! As I write this I am preparing for the Mothers' Union Area service tonight. Their theme this year is 'Transformation – now!'. What a powerful theme! This world calls us to so many temptations and seeks increasingly to pull us away



MU banners at the Area Service in Maguiresbridge.

from God's path. Whether it is the now familiar routine of working on Sundays, or attending the increasingly common children's sports events on Sunday, or many other examples of exceptions that have now become the norm, as followers of Christ, we need to understand the difference between conforming and transforming. To conform means to comply with the rules and standards of this world. Now that is not to say that we throw caution to the wind and no

longer keep the rules set down by law. It is rather to say that although those laws are in place, we choose to follow them with the teaching and instruction of Christ in mind as we do so. As His followers, we choose to adhere to His rules and standards, and we apply those as the measure to which everything else should be subject to. And although rules and regulations can be daunting, when we abide by the teaching of Christ, we are instead empowered by the freedom



Attending the MU Area Service in Maguire's Bridge.

He gives us and the peace and joy that this brings to our hearts. There is deep comfort to be found in knowing that because our identity lies in Christ, we do not need to worry about the expectations of this world, all that is good and true is found in Him. When we are transformed by Christ, we then reflect the power and peace of His teaching for others to see, and this creates an opportunity for them to experience His freedom too. As I write these notes, preparations are underway for our weekend of Jubilee events in celebration and thanksgiving for our sovereign Queen Elizabeth's steadfast reign of 70 years. Our Queen has embraced the teaching of Christ which calls for us not to conform to the pattern of the world, but to instead be transformed by the renewing of our mind in Christ. Throughout her reign, Queen Elizabeth has reflected the love of Christ in all that she has done, and she has embodied His teaching in the good work that she has done to build up the faith and hope of the nation and the commonwealth. We look forward to celebrating her steadfast devotion to God, and her faithful service to His people as we come together for a number of events over the Jubilee weekend. When we step away from the constraints and criticism of this fallen world, and choose the transforming power of Christ, we open up

infinite possibilities to build up ourselves and those around us in his love.

Scripture Union Activity

The Rector is working alongside Mr Alistair McFarland, the Scripture Union E3 worker for Fermanagh and Fivemiletown, to help deliver the 'It's Your Move' course for Year 7 pupils in Maguire's Bridge Primary School. This course teaches the young people about the changes that lie ahead as they prepare to move on to post primary education, whilst reminding them that they are truly valued in God's eyes, and that He is the one constant who will never change.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes continue on Friday nights for our nine young people. We continue to keep them in prayer as the classes near completion. Our service of Confirmation will be held on Sunday 11th September 2022.

Mothers' Union

As I write these notes the Area Service has just taken place in Maguire's Bridge. We welcomed branches from across the deanery and diocese, and the Diocesan Chaplain Revd. Charles Eames, and also Rev. Johnny McLoughlin. It was a wonderful evening of worship and fellowship, and it was great to be able

to hold such a service to mark the work of Mothers' Union in such a positive way. We also enjoyed refreshments after the service, a very welcome return to being able to take time and encourage one another. Sincere thanks to all who helped with the service, and with the refreshments – a thoroughly enjoyable evening!

Junior Church Football Tournament

On a wet Thursday evening our coaches and young people made their way to Fisher Park to compete in the Junior Church Football Tournament. Although there were not many Church groups in



Footballers who took part in the youth tournament.

attendance, our young people had great fun. Our boys' team were hugely successful, bringing the winning trophy back to Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk! Our girls team were worthy runners up and played very well, despite the rain! Sincere thanks to Naomi Armstrong for organising this event, and to all who helped and supported in any way. Thanks also to our great coaches, Alan and Rodney, to our young people, and to their families for supporting the event. A great night!

Jubilee Events

We are planning a number of events over the Jubilee weekend and are very much looking forward to coming together to celebrate and give thanks for our sovereign Queen Elizabeth as she marks this significant milestone in her reign. Please follow our Facebook page for more details. Thank you to all who are helping in the preparation for these events.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

5th June Day of Pentecost

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

12:15pm Kilmore

12th June Trinity Sunday

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

12:15pm Ballinode

19th June First Sunday after Trinity

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

12:15pm Kilmore

26th June Second Sunday after Trinity

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

3pm Friendship Service in Ballinode -
Preacher Revd. Simon Genoe

Easter Vestries

St Patrick's Easter Vestry was held on Monday 26th April with the following being elected.

Rector's Churchwarden - Mr G Graham
People's Churchwarden - Mr R Lalor

Rector's Glebewarden - Mr B Wedlock
People's Glebewarden - Mr D Shirley
Select Vestry: Mr S Genoe, Mr A Hall, Ms L Hardy, Mrs P Shirley, Mr C Treacy, Mrs M Treacy, Ms F Wedlock, Mrs H Workman
Secretary: Mrs F Crawford
Treasurer: Mrs V Gilmour
Asst Treasurer: Mrs E Murphy

Kilmore's Easter Vestry was held on Tuesday 27th April with the following being elected.

Rector's Churchwarden - Mr. R. McBride
People's Churchwarden - Mr. R. Brown
Select Vestry: Mrs. R Brown, Mrs I Brown, Mr H Flack, Mrs R Kemp, Mr J Brown, Mr R Anderson, Mr W Anderson, Mr G Anderson, Mrs L McBride, Mrs G Anderson.

The secretary and treasurer will be appointed when a quorum of the select vestry are able to meet.

Ballinode's Easter Vestry was held on Wednesday 28th April with the following being elected.

Rector's Churchwarden Mr H Mollan
People's Churchwarden Mr T Carson
Select Vestry Mrs M Hamilton, Mrs H Wilkinson, Mrs D McClean, Mrs R McMahan, Mrs A Reynolds, Ms L McClean
Secretary Mrs H Stirrat
Treasurer Mr R Wilkinson

Sunday school and End of Year Service

We were thrilled to restart our creche and Sunday School on Sunday 1st May. It has been good to get back into the routine of having Sunday School as part of our worship and we plan to have an end of year service on Sunday 19th June.

Mothers' Union Area Service

took place in Killeevan Parish Church on Friday 6th May with a number of members attending.



Illness

Please remember in prayer all those from our group who are ill in hospital or recovering the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

State Exams

These will be well underway by the time this magazine is published. We wish all those who are doing their Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate written exams well and pray that they will have time and clarity to study and the ability to call to mind all they have learned as they sit their exams.

Ladies Group

The Ladies' Group held their AGM on Tuesday to elect a committee and start to make plans for the September and the upcoming year.

The officers for 2022/2023 are:

Chairperson Elizabeth Murphy

Secretary Flo Crawford

Treasurer Lila Hardy

Friendship Service Ballinode

As we come out of the pandemic we are planning to hold this service on Sunday 26th June at 3pm and we're delighted that our guest preacher will be one of our former parishioners, Revd. Simon Genoe, Rector of Magheralin and Dollingstown.

Rossorry

Vacant

Rev'd John Wood, Acting Rural Dean is in charge.

Rev'd Colin Brownsmith is taking services during the vacancy.

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Rev'd Alison Irvine, Diocesan Curate will be providing pastoral cover in the parish

Remember all who face exams at this time.

We pray Luke 2:52 over the children and believe that even as *“Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men (Luke 2:52)”*, God will increase His wisdom, stature and favour over them.

Father, we commit our children into Your hands. As they prepare for their exams, we pray that the wisdom of God will come upon their lives. As they prepare for the upcoming exams, may they be able to focus and understand the work presented to them. On the day of the exams, You will bless them with wisdom to understand the questions and to apply what they have learned throughout the paper. Most of all, we pray for Your peace to come upon them, and that they will learn to lean upon You, and to cast their worries into Your hands. Father, we pray let Your will be done in their lives. Amen!

Easter General Vestry

The Easter General Vestry was held on Tuesday -3rd day of MAY 2022 at 8.00 pm, in Rossorry Church for the purpose of electing Churchwardens, Glebewardens and Select Vestry members, for the current year, and further to transact such business as is within their cognizance, connected with the management and sustentation of the Parish.

Churchwardens, Glebewardens and the Select Vestry were appointed as below:-
Rector's Churchwarden – Mr. Gary Johnston; Peoples' Churchwarden – Joy Coalter.

Rector's Glebewarden – Mr. Robert Wilson; Peoples' Glebewarden – Mrs Lorraine Simpson.

Select Vestry – George Armstrong, Brian Donaldson, George Elliott, Albert Armstrong, Kenneth Brownlee, Nigel Irvine, Catherine Irwin, Ian Kells, David Purdy, Gerry O'Callaghan, Dorothy Wilson and Adrian Lucy.



Rossorry Easter Tree

This year we were once again able to erect and decorate our Easter Tree in Church, kindly organised and managed by Rossorry Mother's Union. Their theme for this year was 'Transformation now' and we were able to see the Easter Tree transformed with your verses, prayers or dedications. Parishioners were able to pick up a label in church or at the parish office, add their information to it and return to the parish office or Church for inclusion on the Tree.

£145 was raised and will go towards the Bishops Appeal Ukraine Appeal.

Ukraine Appeal

Donations from the Parish currently stand at £3200 and is a magnificent response to the terrible plight of the people of Ukraine. The funds have been forwarded to the Bishops' Appeal office in Dublin for immediate use in alleviating some of the pain and misery of the families and children.

Update on the Parish Vacancy

As you will probably be aware, now, the Vacancy was advertised at the end of February for a new Rector at Rossorry. We eagerly await the outcome of their deliberations, which are ongoing and confidential and pray for wisdom and clarity in their work to find a new Rector for Rossorry.

Parish Development Project

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

Parish Hall was granted a few months ago. Now that life is a little easier and hopefully, with a new Rector, the project can go ahead later in the year.

How is the Parish keeping its work going?

The current emergency has changed the way we work- indeed the way we must work- in spite of this, we are managing to keep the work of the Parish moving, as best we can. Below are details of the various methods we have devised to provide some level of services and pastoral support to you, the parishioners.

Return to in Church Worship

As you probably know, by now, the Church is open again, subject to the rules on social distancing and wearing of masks (which are now advisory). As we have returned to open seating, the Church will, once again hold about 240 people, safely, within these rules.

As confidence grows, numbers at Church are rising slowly and we look forward to getting most, if not all of our Parishioners back in the near future.

There is one Sunday service each week at 10am, in Church.

As we have returned to "normal" – the services will no longer be recorded.

PARISH HALL

(now open and ready for use)

Parish Hall and Organisations.

In response to this the changing situation, the Select Vestry has approved the reopening of the Hall with appropriate safeguards in place and will continue to review arrangements within the Church.

- Comprehensive Risk Assessments have been prepared and actioned.



Rossorry Scouts enjoying the activities at Claddagh Glen.

• Parish Organisations and Users have been appraised of the preparations and the duties that they will require to undertake to keep all safe.

• The Hall has been thoroughly cleaned and sanitised for use in line with the Risk Assessments (with thanks to Leslie, Lorraine and Joy).

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

■ Sunday School—from 19th September.

■ Rossorry Bowling Club—from 20th September.

■ Rossorry Scouts—from end of September.

■ Mother and Baby exercise class started in November.

■ Rossorry Wednesday Club—date to be delayed for a couple of months.

■ Pilates Class began in October.

■ Clubbercise Ladies Exercise Class began on 17th February.

Other Organisations and users are not yet ready to resume and that is fine and in keeping with the Archbishop's advice. Leaders will be in touch with their groups with details, as necessary.

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

Parish Organisations

Mothers' Union

Members and friends enjoyed a lovely meal in Tully Mill Restaurant, Florencecourt in May. It was a great evening of food and fellowship.

Scout Camp at Claddagh Glen

Rossorry Scouts went off on a Camp to Claddagh Glen on Saturday and Sunday 14th/ 15th May, last.

As you can see they had a ball, learning to work and live together, independent yet part of a team, learning skills that will help shape their future.



They had a blast! and many thanks to their leaders for their hard work.

Rossorry Beavers

Following a very successful registration evening on Tuesday 3rd May it is wonderful to report that the Rossorry Beaver Troop is up and running and at full strength. Many thanks to Alan and Sarah for taking the initiative and getting things off the ground.

If you want to get in touch ring Alan on 07867 502 563

Parish Website

(rossorryparish.com)

The website is still up and running and will contain the Rossorry Weekly News.

Rossorry Weekly News

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



Parish Self-Help Volunteer Group

Our plans to set up a self-help group of volunteers to keep in touch with the elderly and house bound, maybe help with groceries or medication etc. have been curtailed by the change in 'lockdown' regulations. However, a good number of volunteers came forward wishing to help – so we have been able to consult with the elderly/ housebound and each volunteer has been allocated a few Parishioners who they keep in touch with, by telephone, in a befriending service.

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

Freewill Offerings

FREEWILL GIVING

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

envelopes and other donations. If you are not ready yet to come to Church - send your envelopes (now on Green envelopes for 2022)— with a friend, post them to the Office or drop them through the letterbox at the Office. If these don't work for you—please ring Gerry at the office (02866 329889) and another arrangement can be made.

Throughout the period of the Pandemic, the Parish continued to have ongoing costs and your contribution is vital in sustaining its work and ministry. If you wish, you may set up a Standing Order with your Bank or Building Society to deal with this matter. If you have online banking, you can do this without even visiting your Bank. Contact the Office for details.

The Parish Office

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

Visits are ok -but be careful -but I will be delighted to chat on the 'phone, take emails or a note or envelopes through the door or in the post, etc—if there is anything I can do to help.

Tel:- 02866 329889

Email: - rossorryoffice@btinternet.com

Arrangments for the Parish during the Vacancy

The following arrangements will be in place for Pastoral Cover and the running of the Parish;

• The Rural Dean (Rev. John Woods –who can be contacted at 02882 840863),

will be in charge of the Parish during the vacancy.

• PASTORAL COVER (Weddings, Christenings and Funerals) - from 8th February, the Revd Alison Irvine, Diocesan Curate, (Mob. 07977595266) or email: revalisonirvine@gmail.com) will be providing pastoral cover in the parish, with the Revd Colin Brownsmith, OLM. From 13th March, Revd. Colin will be conducting all services in the parish, and the Revd John Woods, Acting Rural Dean, will continue to chair meetings of the Vestry. The Parish Office will continue to operate for advice or assistance (02866 329889) and for receiving Freewill Envelopes etc.

Services for June 2022

In Church

Sunday 5th June

10.00am – Holy Communion.

Sunday 12th June

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Sunday 19th June

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Sunday 26th June

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

- Rev. Colin Brownsmith and Diocesan Readers will deliver Services
- Pastoral Care (Christenings, Funerals and Weddings) will be conducted by Rev. Colin Brownsmith (and Rev. Alison Irvine, when Rev. Brownsmith is not available)
- Text of the services- you will find on our website, (rossorryparish.com)

Parish Register

MARRIAGE

21st April 2022 – Betty Frazer and Kenny



Kenny Fisher and his wife, Betty following their wedding with Rachael Fyffe and Catherine Irwin who provided the music.

Fisher were married in Rossorry Parish Church.

The Celebrant was Bishop Ian Ellis assisted by Archdeacon Brian Harper of Magheracross Parish.

Every blessing on the couple for their future together.

Contact Us...

Website: rossorryparish.com

Facebook: Rossorry Parish Church

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

E-mail at rossorryoffice@btinternet.com

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Tempo and Clabby



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Funeral

Howard Mitchell Black, Clabby Road, Tempo.

Our prayers and sympathy to his wife Margaret, daughter Michelle, sons Steven, Gordon, daughter-in-law Wendy, grandchildren Chloe and Kyle and all the family circle.

Baptism

15 May 2022 - Joel William Thomas Symton, Son of Mark and Hannah Smyton, Glengesh Road, Imeroo, Tempo.

Praying God's blessing on Joel and his parents Mark and Hannah that he grows up and come have his own personal faith in Jesus Christ.

Announcement

Upon considered and further prayerful reflection, I have decided not to proceed with becoming Rector Of Derryvullen South and Garvary in addition with being Rector of Tempo and Clabby. This has nothing to do with my health, age or feeling unable

to meet the fresh challenge in my ministry that this appointment offered but for other reasons. The Bishop of Clogher has accepted my decision and wished me every blessing as I continue my ministry in Tempo and Clabby. From now on we must together face the challenges of rebuilding God's work, Church and Kingdom in the days ahead, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. My good wishes and prayers to the Parishes of Derryvullen South and Garvary as together with the Diocese and under God's guidance they seek to find a way forward.

Clabby Parish Fun Day

As part of the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Clabby are planning to hold a family fun day in the grounds of the Church hall on Saturday 25th June 2-5 pm. There will be a variety of activities on offer, Everyone welcome.

LONG LIVE THE QUEEN

This year we are in the midst of celebrating an historic event, the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. No British monarch has ever achieved such a milestone, nor will ever any of her successors. Each time we sing the National Anthem

“God Save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long may she reign over us,
God save the Queen!
The choicest gifts in store,
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign!
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen!

How true this prayer has been fulfilled and it's sentiments been carried out by the Queen. But there is a far more glorious and perfect King that we can focus on. Jesus the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Jesus is the eternal King, he has always been there before the earth was created and will remain its ruler long after this world has passed away and a new Heaven and a new earth have come into existence. Psalm 93 says The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty, the Lord is robed in majesty and is armed with strength. The world is timely established it cannot be moved. Your throne was established long ago, you are from all eternity'. Revelations 21 “The new heaven and new earth. Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them They will be his people, and God himself will be with them



and be their God”. Jesus is the exalted King whom we all one day acknowledge. Philippians “Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father”.

On the Queen's Diamond Jubilee a book was published on her years as Queen entitled “The Servant Queen and the King she serves.” In that book her words at 21 years old; “I declare before you all that my whole life it to be short or long shall be devoted to your service. God help me to make good my now, and God bless all of you who are willing to share it”. William Shawcross says “Two things stand out, the Queen's constant sense of duty and her devotion to God. Of this she speaks humbly but openly, especially in her Christmas broadcasts”.



It finished with the words in 2002 “I know how much I rely on my faith to guide me, through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that a day brings, and to put my trust in God. I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian Gospel”. “It is my prayer that on this Christmas Day we might find room in our lives for the message of the angels and for the love of God through Christ our Lord.” As the Queen devoted her life to Christ, so we are called to come and trust in him as Saviour, follow him as Lord and give our total loyalty, allegiance and service as our King for the rest of our lives. “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise.”

Trory and Killadeas



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Easter General Vestries

It was highlighted at both Trory and Killadeas General Vestries how as individual parish churches Trory and Killadeas are strong and stable, but when we work together, as we did on all big events during the last two years, we thrive, not just survive. There is a tangible vibrancy currently in both parishes, so it was decided that for the coming year, as well as trialling new forms of worship on Sunday evenings, we will run monthly events, some in Trory, some in Killadeas and some at the rectory. Both parishes are committed to seeing their home parish, as well as their neighbour thrive, and we are excited to see what God has in store for us all over the coming years.

Chamber Choir West Concert at Priory

The first of these monthly events was a superb sell out concert by Chamber Choir West in Priory on the evening of Sunday 8th May. Huge thanks to CCW founder, conductor and musical director, Dr. David Baxter as well as the singers. The tremendous effort put in on all sides was definitely worth it. Proceeds from the concert were split between Chamber Choir West, and Priory Church, Killadeas. Some photos of the evening have been included.

Trory Big Jubilee Weekend

The weekend of Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June will be a busy one in Trory, as it



Photos from the Chamber Choir West Concert.



takes centre stage for the monthly event. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend has a lot of events on locally and nationally, and we are encouraging all parishioners to take part in these and enjoy them, and then on the following weekend to carve out some time, to enjoy some fun, fellowship and fundraising on our doorstep. Whether you are a Trory and Killadeas parishioner, a friend of the parishes, or even just someone who reads our notes and is interested in what we are doing, please try to make it to as many of the sections as possible.

Community Sponsored Walk

We begin on Saturday afternoon with a community sponsored walk around Riversdale from 3-5pm. To accommodate all levels and abilities, there is no designated

route, or amount of miles to be covered. If you are fit to do a dander for 15 minutes to and from the parked car, come along and do that, or equally if you have the energy to run enough laps of Riversdale to complete a half marathon in two hours, come along and do that. Whatever your ability, this is designed to accommodate all. The community part of it is paramount.

Sponsorship forms were sent out to all households along with the annual report book. Spare copies of the sponsorship form are available from Revd. Mark. As an added incentive to collect sponsorship, for every £25 you collect, you get a free beef burger or hot dog at the barbecue.

BBQ and Bounce at the Rectory

From 5.30pm (or when the community sponsored walk finishes) we move to the rectory, where there will be a barbecue, bouncy castles, inflatable obstacle courses, giant lawn games, and general craic. If you have taken part in the Riversdale walk, you'll be in need of sustenance, but even if you weren't at the walk, come along and join in the fun.

Trory annual LOL service

Continuing in our big weekend, we are delighted to welcome Trory LOL as our special guests at Morning Prayer on Sunday 12th. This service will also be the main service for Trory Parish marking the Platinum

Jubilee of Her Majesty's accession to the throne.

Our First Youth Service in Ballycassidy Hall

We round off our Big Jubilee Weekend with our first Youth Service in Ballycassidy Hall at 8pm. This will be informal, and a space for our young people to take some parts of the service, to encourage them to grow and mature in their faith. Come along to support them, and see and hear more.

Ballycassidy Hall Renovation

Sponsorship from the walk around Riversdale, and profits from the barbecue are going towards renovations on the Ballycassidy Hall, and this marks our first big fundraiser for this project.

For those who would like to donate to the cause by online means, we have set up a Stewardship Giving Page (like justgiving.org,





but run by Christian Charity for churches) and the web address is www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/Trory

The Ballycassidy Hall is central to our geography, and as such it is an essential amenity for the local community. Although we are rural congregations, spread over the population centres of Trory, Ballycassidy, Larragh, Killadeas, plus many houses in the other townlands within the boundary of the parishes, we have a very large population density for a rural area without a 'central' population hub (e.g. a traditional village structure.) By Revd. Mark's calculations there are around 1000 houses within the boundary of the parishes (the equivalent of a medium to large village) and having a fit for modern purpose hall to serve, reach out to, and meet the needs of the local community is essential.

There are already various classes, groups and outreach ideas in the pipeline, but we need a fully fit for purpose building before we can get these off the ground.

Trory Sunday School

By the time of publication, we are delighted that Trory Sunday School is now up and running again after a two-year Covid break. Families who were in Trory Sunday School previously as well as new families who have enquired about it restarting have

been contacted as far as possible. If you have not yet heard anything, please let Revd. Mark or Mandelle know, and we'll get information to you ASAP. All newcomers are always welcome, and parents are more than welcome to stay with children for the duration of their first week of Sunday School. Marking 44 years of faithful service

On Sunday 15th May we had an opportunity to say a proper thank you to Mrs. Greta Beacom who served as treasurer in Priory Church, Killadeas for 44 years. Although she retired during the pandemic, this was the first opportune moment for a proper marking of over four decades of hard work, and for the parish to say a heartfelt thank you. Special Services in June

We are delighted to be in a position this year to open our doors again for Morning Prayer with special invite to Trory LOL and Killadeas LOL, details in the dates for your diary section.

Please also note, as advertised in last month's magazine, the inaugural Youth Service in Ballycassidy Hall on the second Sunday of the month and Choral Evensong in Priory on the fourth Sunday in the month, both at 8pm. As there are a lot of families who do sports on Sunday mornings, and during the Summer months many people like to have days away, the timings of these services are specifically to accommodate the

modern timetable. If you genuinely desire to come to church, and these are real reasons for not being able to attend the morning services, please make a special effort to attend the evening services.

Finally, on Sunday 19th June we are delighted to welcome Revd. Judy Howard, as guest speaker in St Michael's, Trory. Revd. Judy is the daughter of Dr. Denis Burkitt, one of the most famous and influential sons of Trory Parish.

Dates for your diary

Please take note of these dates, as there are a lot of special services and events happening this month.

Sunday 5th June (Pentecost)

- 10am Priory Church, Killadeas, Holy Communion
- 11.30am St Michael's, Trory, Holy Communion

Trory Big Jubilee Weekend

Saturday 11th June

- 3-5pm Sponsored community walk around Riversdale
- 5.30pm Barbecue and Bounce at the Rectory
- Sunday 12th June (Trinity Sunday)
- 10am Priory Church, Killadeas, Morning Prayer
- 11.30am St Michael's, Trory, Morning Prayer with special invite to Trory LOL
- 8pm Youth Service in Ballycassidy Hall.

Sunday 19th June (Second Sunday of Trinity)

- 10am Priory Church, Killadeas, Morning Prayer with Carpark Cuppa
- 11.30am St Michael's, Trory, Morning Prayer with Carpark Cuppa. Special Guest preacher, Revd. Judy Howard (nee Burkitt)

Sunday 26th June (Third Sunday of Trinity)

- 10am Priory Church, Killadeas, Morning Prayer with special invite to Killadeas LOL,
- 11.30am St Michael's, Trory. Children's Sunday, with Sunday School Prizes.
- 8pm Priory Church, Killadeas, Choral Evensong.



Evelyn Cruwys presenting a plant to Greta Beacom.



The Rector handing over a gift to Greta Beacom.

MOTHERS' UNION



Maguiresbridge hosts over 100 members

Maguiresbridge Mothers' Union hosted an area service on 13th May 2022 in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge. Over 100 Mothers' Union members attended the service, which was conducted by the Revd Lindsey Farrell, assisted by Joe McApline, Parish Reader. Following the welcome, Mothers' Union branch members presented their banners. The first reading was 2 Corinthians 3: 7, 8, 15-18 and was read by Mrs Dorothy Armstrong, Mothers' Union member. Mrs Sandra Kettle, Mothers' Union Branch Leader, Maguiresbridge, read Luke 19:1-10. The missionary money was received during the hymn 'Be thou vision, O Lord of my heart'.



Revd Lindsey Farrell spoke on the Mothers' Union theme 'Transformation Now' and referred to the Story of Zacchaeus and how he was transformed beyond recognition. Revd Lindsey Farrell also referred to Romans 12:2 'Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what is that good, pleasing, and perfect will of God'. It is time to shake

things up and transform ourselves and our communities.

Thanks are due to Mona Moore, organist and to the Mothers' Union members of Maguiresbridge who provided wonderful refreshments in the church hall afterwards. Mrs Diane Simpson thanked Maguiresbridge Mothers' Union for the warm welcome, an inspiring service and making the evening so successful.

Kiltyclogher hosts area service



The Area Service for Cleenish and Mullaghdu, Derryvullen North & Castlarchdale, Devenish & Boho, Enniskillen Cathedral, Inishmacsaint, Magheracross, Rossorry and Trory & Killadeas was hosted by Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher Branch in Kiltyclogher Church.

The service was led by their newly instituted Rector, Revd. Rebecca Guildea. Liane Armstrong carried the Diocesan Banner. Prayers were led by Gwen Taylor, Liesel Zink and Florence Earls. The lessons were read by Doreen Earls and Dot Barlow, Branch Leader. The address was by Mrs. Irene Boyd, Outgoing Diocesan President. Irene gave a challenging address to the Mothers' Union members and thanked



Area service at Killeevan

The Mothers' Union Area Service for the southern part of Clogher Diocese was held in St. Laebhan's Parish Church, Killeevan on 6th May 2022.

The service began with the branches presenting their banners. The Clogher Diocesan banner was carried by Myrtle Allen and Sandra Moore carried Killeevan's banner. Revd Roy Taylor welcomed everyone to the service and led the praise and worship.

The readings were read by the Incoming Diocesan President, Heather Ellis and Mothers' Union branch member, Christine Rusk. The Bishop of Clogher, The Rt Revd Dr. Ian Ellis spoke on the Mothers' Union theme 'Transformation Now'. He referred to St Paul's writing to the Christians in Rome 'Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what is good, pleasing, and perfect will of God' Romans 12:2. It is particularly pertinent at this time of moving forward in



our organisation and he encouraged us to transform to new ways to share the will of God.

Prayers were read by Gladys Keating, Heather Hall, Cynthia Cleary and Barbara Clarke. Contributions to Missionary Overseas Fund were presented by Mothers' Union branches. Hymns included 'Lead us heavenly Father lead us', 'How deep the Fathers' love for us', 'Be thou my vision' and 'To God be the glory.'

Thanks are due to May Leech, organist,



Maud Agnew for the beautiful floral arrangements and Maureen Howe for printing the order of service.

The evening concluded with delicious refreshments in the church hall. Linda Keating thanked everyone for making the evening so successful. Irene Boyd, outgoing president, thanked Linda Keating and Killeevan Mothers' Union branch for a wonderful evening of praise, thanksgiving and fellowship together.



them for all that they were doing, and how communication had been kept up during the pandemic. Irene spoke on the Mothers' Union theme for this year, 'Transformation' using the change of the butterfly from egg, to caterpillar to something completely different, as an example. The organist was Joy Graham.

Irene presented long service certificates to Lily Graham (54 years), Sally Carson (51 years), Sadie Acheson (46 years), Elizabeth Ovens (36 years), Florence Earls (30 years),



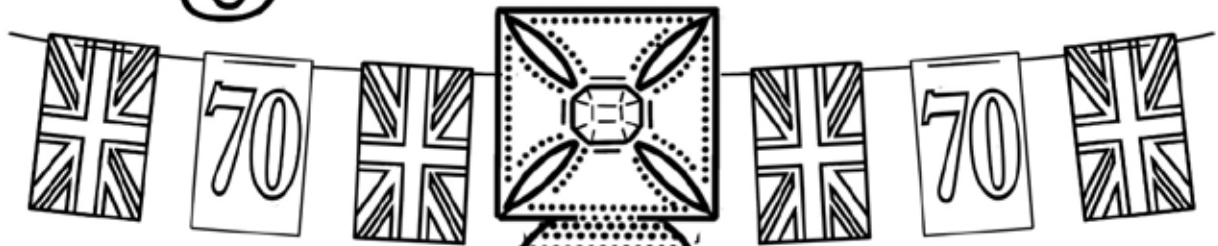
Doreen Earls (30 years), May Somerville (30 years), Joy Graham (28 years), Edith Kirkpatrick (25 years), Eileen Kirkpatrick (25 years), Pauline Carson (21 years), Phemia Gregg (14 years), and Dot Barlow (12 years). Tea was served in Cashel Community Centre and Irene thanked all who had helped to make the evening a success. She also reminded members of upcoming events. Dot Barlow thanked everyone for coming and Irene for coming to give the address.



CHILDREN'S SECTION

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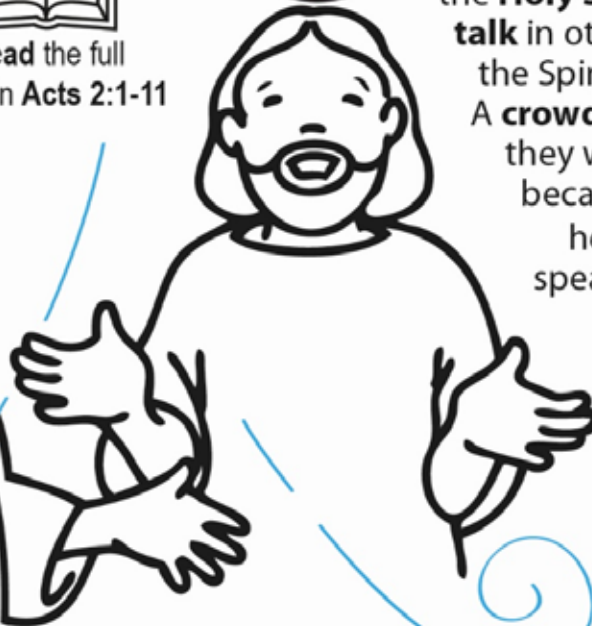




Mouse Makes



Read the full story in Acts 2:1-11



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It was the **festival** of **Pentecost**, **fifty days** since **Passover** and **Jews** from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to **celebrate**.

The **Apostles** and other believers were all **together** in one place when they heard a **sound** like a strong **wind** and **saw** what looked like **tongues** of **fire** which spread out and **touched each** person.

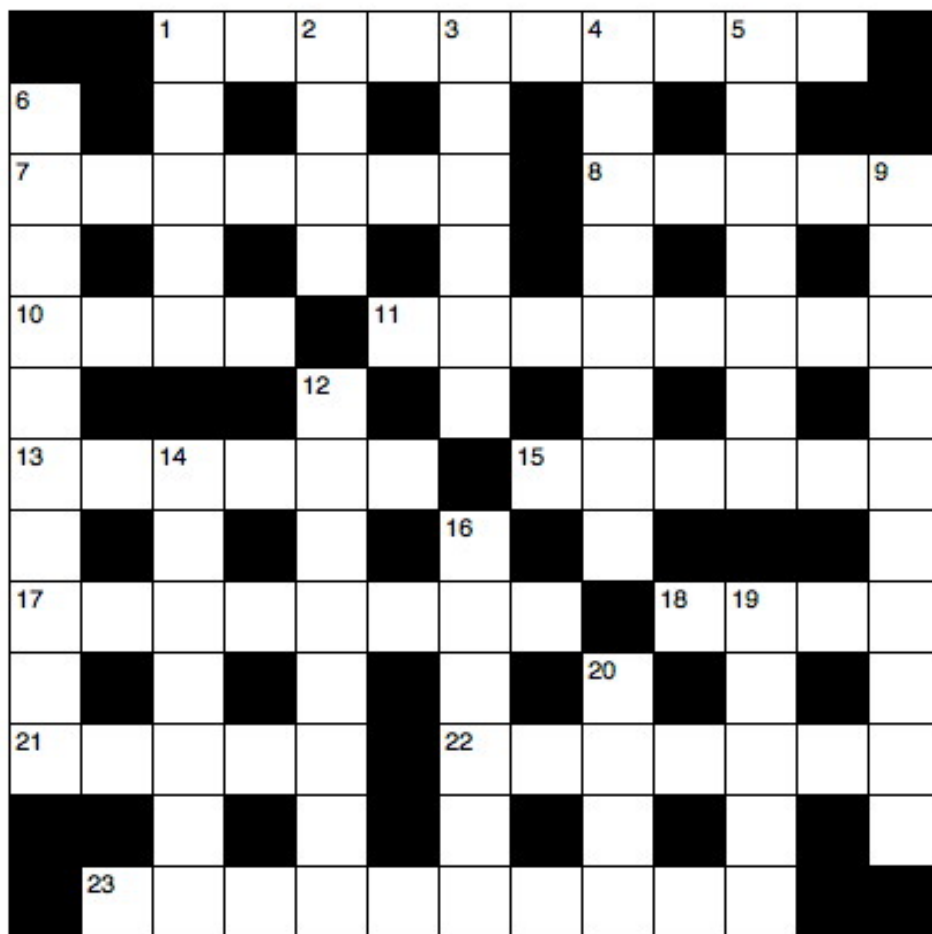
All of them were **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to **talk** in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their **own**

language about the great things **God** had done. About 3,000 people **heard**, **believed** and were **baptised** that day!

All the words in bold type in the story are in the word search, can you find them?

PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (4)
- 11 Fraud (2 Corinthians 6:8) (8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force;they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25) (4)
- 21 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.) (7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans 13:4) (10)

DOWN

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10)
- 12 Put in jail (Acts 22:19) (8)
- 14 Aceturn (anag.) (7)
- 16 Discharge (Acts 21:3) (6)
- 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!' (Revelation 19:7) (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 67

DIOCESAN NEWS

Ecumenical Service for Pentecost takes place at Donagh Old Graveyard

The Ecumenical Service for Pentecost Sunday will take place this year at Donagh Old Graveyard situated on a drumlin at Donagh, close to the village of Glaslough in County Monaghan.

The Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher, the Most Revd Larry Duffy, will lead the service which begins at 3pm on Sunday, 5th June. Bishop Ian Ellis will give the address at this service, as well as being the preacher at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Sunday morning.

Also taking part will be Revd Margaret Pringle, who is looking after services in the Church of Ireland Donagh Group and Fr. Hubert Martin from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Glennan between Emyvale and Glaslough from where transport will be laid on by minibus to Donagh Old Graveyard. The shuttle bus will begin operating from 2.15pm. During the service, two young people from Beech Hill College and Monaghan Collegiate will be giving their thoughts on Pentecost. The praise will be led by Donagh Community Choir trained by Mrs Ethne McCord and accompanied by Mr Gerard Toal. Afterwards, refreshments will be provided in the Church of Ireland Parish Hall in Glaslough.

Since 2000, the Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland bishops of Clogher have come together, along with members of their respective Church communities to mark together the Day of Pentecost or

Pentecost Sunday, as it also known. The Day of Pentecost marks the end of the fifty-day season of Easter. Moreover, it marks the descent of the Holy Spirit in the upper room and the beginning of apostolic preaching, thus marking a defining moment in the origin of the Christian Church.

Christian associations with the feast begin with Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-45.

Each year, a site of historic significance in relation to the origins of the Christian church in different parts of the diocese is chosen to host this Ecumenical Service. The venue for this year's outdoor Pentecost service, Donagh Old Graveyard, is settled on a hillside close to Glaslough village, and is considered to be one of the oldest ecclesiastical sites in the country and is on a pilgrimage route associated with St Patrick.

Within this protected graveyard there are the ruins of a medieval church which remained in use until 1690, a beautiful stone cross known as the Donagh Cross or the McKenna Cross (described by various experts as being 10th – 12th century), two cross-bases, two 17th century grave-slabs and a cross-shaped headstone dated 1666 as well as numerous examples of headstones with intricate evocative folk art inscribed upon them.



The McKenna Cross or Donagh Cross.

Exhibition charts Queen's 70-year reign

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is being celebrated across the country over the weekend of 2-5 June with some events continuing for days afterwards.

One special event is the community exhibition, "Our Coronation Story" taking place at Enniskillen Castle from 2nd – 12 June with free admission. The exhibition showcases unique garments from those who attended the Coronation Ceremony, souvenirs and memories from local people including the dress, coat and hat worn by Her Majesty when she visited Enniskillen in 2012 for the Diamond Jubilee.

To facilitate entry, online booking can be made at www.enniskillen-castle.co.uk

Today (Sunday, 5th June), a number of events are being held including a Platinum Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving and Civic Parade at St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen hosted by the Royal British Legion's Enniskillen Branch at 11am.

This will be followed by The Big Jubilee Lunch at Enniskillen Castle when people are asked to bring their picnics and enjoy a family day out with silver bands, the Erne Highland Dancers, entertainment and food vendors from 11am to 5pm. Everyone is welcome.

These followed other events over the weekend. These included the lighting of the beacons at St Macartin's Cathedral and Enniskillen Museum following a Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration on Thursday evening. On Saturday, 4th June Enniskillen Royal Grammar School hosted a Family Fun Day and Armed Forces Display and a "Beating Retreat" at Wellington Place Car Park and Enniskillen Castle. There were also afternoon tea parties in parishes around the diocese.



St. Macartin's Cathedral Clogher

An Evening of Praise & Worship

Sunday 26th June 7pm

"if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."
Luke 19:40

Everyone Welcome

DESCENDANTS OF FORMER BISHOP VISIT CLOGHER CATHEDRAL

Four descendants of a former Bishop of Clogher from the early 19th Century have visited the Clogher Valley and have taken a tour of St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher. The visitors are related to the late Bishop John Porter who was Bishop between 1797 and 1819.

Mrs Ann Taylor and her three children Robbie, Shana and Tom travelled from Wales to visit relatives in Tipperary and Donegal but came specially to Clogher to visit the home of Anne's grandmother, Guinevere Porter. Guinevere was the second daughter of Thomas and Mary Porter of Clogher Park, the former bishop's palace and now St Macartan's Nursing Home. Thomas Porter was a great grandson of John Porter who was Bishop of Clogher between 1797 and 1819.

Jack Johnston, a parishioner of Clogher Cathedral and local historian explains;

When the See of Clogher was united with Armagh in 1850 the palace at Clogher was sold by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. It was bought by the bishop's son, Canon John Grey Porter, then the rector of Kilskeery. Canon Grey Porter then gave the house and demesne of 366 acres to his daughter Elizabeth Phoebe when she married the rising barrister John Ellison Macartney.

It remained their home for most of the next 50 years though Mr Ellison Macartney, who was an MP for County Tyrone, spent much time on the continent, where he often wintered in Siena. Mr Macartney took a great interest in the affairs of Clogher parish and was churchwarden for many years as well as a parochial nominator. Mrs Macartney, who died in 1902 left Clogher Park to her son Thomas, in order to inherit took his mother's name.

Thomas Stewart Porter ran the farm at Clogher and was one of the founders of the Clogher Valley Show in 1904. It was Mr Porter who was the driving force in having the town's war memorial erected in 1922.



Mrs Ann Taylor with (from left); her children Thomas, Shana and Robbie at Clogher Courthouse.

His elder son, Captain Alan Grey Porter, was killed in the closing weeks of the Great War. The palace or Clogher Park was sold about this time and the family moved to live in Dublin. Mr Porter died in 1946 and his wife passed away in 1951.

It was of course through the generosity of the Porter family that the See of Clogher was revived in 1886. Canon Grey Porter and his family members subscribed half of the £25,000 then required to re-endow the diocese. The senior line of the family lived at Belleisle until the property was sold by Miss Lavinia Baird.

The Taylors who live in Portmadoc and Bristol were keen to retrace their family history and view the memorials, the portrait by Lawrence and the stained glass window in the Cathedral. They also visited St. Macartan's Nursing home to view the painted ceiling where the faces of the six Porter children are displayed as cherubs in a painting by H S Rogerson. (Ann's



Sir Thomas Lawrence's portrait of Bishop Porter.

grandmother, Guinevere was one of the cherub's faces). Before leaving they visited Clogher Presbyterian Church. Guinevere was married to Lieutenant Eric Maitland Shaw in 1918.

PARISH GROUPING NOT GOING AHEAD

Upon considered reflection, the Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong has decided not to become Rector of Derryvullen South and Garvary in addition to his current parishes and will therefore remain as Rector of Tempo and Clabby.

Canon Armstrong sends the parishes of Derryvullen South and Garvary his best wishes for the future.

The Bishop of Clogher has accepted Canon Armstrong's decision and wishes him every blessing as he continues his

ministry in Tempo and Clabby parishes and assures the parishes of Derryvullen South and Garvary that every effort will be made to address their longer-term ministry provision at the earliest opportunity.

Prizewinning photo submitted by Kiltyclogher parishioner

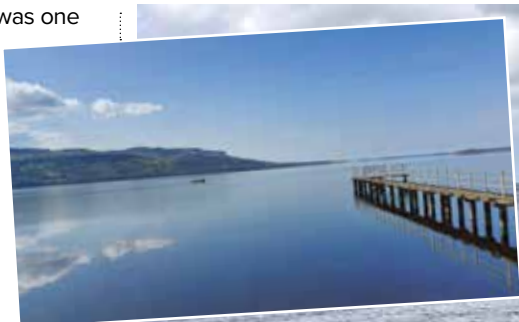
A parishioner in Clogher Diocese was one of the prizewinners in this year's Church of Ireland's photography competition organised by the Central Communication Board. The theme of this year's competition was "New Beginnings."

Mrs Pauline Carson, a member of Kiltyclogher Parish, part of the Garrison Group, submitted a beautiful panoramic photograph of Lough Melvin take from the Garrison shoreline looking across the border to the Leitrim hills and it was placed third.

Pauline remarked that it was unusual to find the water so calm and the timing was perfect. The serenity of the water caught the eye of the judge for the competition who remarked; 'Another lovely reminder of this beautiful part of the world we're blessed to call home.'

The winners were announced at a special reception during the 2022 General Synod, in the Assembly Buildings, Belfast where they received voucher cards.

The winning photo was a colourful view inside Down Cathedral, Downpatrick, by Jeff Marshall and second was Ian Gordon's



Mrs Pauline Carson from Kiltyclogher Parish with her prizewinning photo at the location where she took it.



photograph of a rainbow at his home parish church, in Saintfield, Co. Down.

The competition was sponsored by Ecclesiastical Insurance and prizes were presented by Bishop Pat Storey, Chair of the Central Communications Board.

Bishop Storey remarked: "We're grateful to

everyone who took part in this competition for seeking out signs of new beginnings as we emerge into brighter times. The quality of the photos submitted is a reflection of the creativity which exists across our Church and which helps us to communicate stories of hope and faith around our island."

Prayer Spaces in Schools

7:30pm Thursday 9th June 2022

St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen



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Prayer spaces work best when done in partnership with local churches and organisations who deliver them as a service to the school. There are many ways they can be used, in many different spaces within or around the school: from a break time and lunch time drop in; to being used as part of the curriculum through a lesson; or delivered in a local church space. The Prayer Spaces in Schools team have a depth of knowledge and expertise to equip you to run really good prayer spaces locally, in whatever context you may have.

To find out more, come along to the Cathedral Halls on Thursday 9th June where Emma Thompson from Prayer Spaces in Schools N.I. will be answering the questions:

- What is a Prayer Space?
- How do you run a Prayer Space?

She will bring along some prayer resources and tell stories from her own experience of setting up and facilitating school prayer spaces. The evening is suitable for teachers, Sunday school and youth leaders, and anyone with an interest in prayer and Christian youth and children's work.

For more information: visit <https://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/>
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Church of Ireland launches Clergy Assistance Programme

The Church of Ireland has announced a Clergy Assistance Programme to help to improve mental health among leaders in ordained ministry.

It will be provided by Health Assured, the UK and Ireland's largest independent provider of programmes of this type, as part of the Church's mental health promotion project, MindMatters COI.

The programme was launched at the General Synod by Bishop Pat Storey, who chairs the initiative, at the 2022 General Synod meeting in Belfast.

Bishop Storey remarked: "For those who lead and pastor us, it is vital that there are enough resources to keep them healthy and well. It is to this end that the MindMatters project launches its Clergy Assistance Programme for church leaders, focussing on good mental health and well-being. It is hoped that, in response to the MindMatters survey, clergy will feel more adequately supported.

"As with many professions, clergy too have felt isolated and powerless throughout the pandemic and many feel that their very *raison d'être* was removed. The Clergy Assistance Programme seeks to give clergy a place and a space to explore their own well-being and is intended to supplement and not to usurp the pastoral care of a diocesan bishop. We hope that this will be a successful contribution to better support and care for those who watch over us."

This service will be available free-of-charge to all Church of Ireland clergy for three years thanks to generous financial support from the Benefact Trust (previously known as Allchurches Trust). Key features will include:

- * telephone helplines available 24 hours a day and seven days a week offering practical information and emotional support;
- * a medical information helpline available on weekdays, between 9am and 5pm;
- * up to six face-to-face counselling sessions,



Bishop Pat Storey launching the new programme.

per issue, per member of the clergy, including with applied cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) techniques;

- * up to six structured telephone counselling sessions, per issue, for a member of the clergy, or their spouse, and dependents (aged between 16-24 and in full-time education);
- * crisis management and critical incident support;
- * an online health and wellbeing portal at www.healthassured.ie; and a monthly well-being newsletter.

The Clergy Assistance Programme has been put together in response to surveys of Church of Ireland clergy and lay members in May-June 2021, which were commissioned by the Church to document understandings of and attitudes towards mental health. In responses to the clergy survey, 28% of clergy disagreed (and 18% strongly disagreed) with the statement that the Church of Ireland provided them with good support for their own mental health; by comparison, 20% agreed and 1% strongly agreed.

MindMatters COI is a three-year project

to raise awareness of and respond to the mental health needs of communities across our island and was launched in October 2020.

Dioceses and parishes are currently being invited to submit applications for seed funding for local mental health promotion initiatives to address one of the following four themes emerging from the project's research:

- * Stigma: there is a significant level of stigma in relation to mental health issues;
- * Connections: connections play an important role in positive mental health;
- * Supporting clergy to support others: clergy may benefit from additional training to support parishioners experiencing mental health issues and can feel unsupported in relation to their own mental health; and
- * Faith as a support for mental health: as faith and prayer are important to the mental health of members of the Church.

Mental health training is being rolled out to clergy and pastoral carers, free-of-charge and delivered online by Action Mental Health. The training lasts no longer than two hours and provides the participants with a broad overview of mental health, identifies the most common mental health conditions, teaches the participants how to sustain good mental health and emotional well-being, and provides them with relevant resources available in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

The Church is also seeking to recruit mental health champions/advocates as part of the project, who will help promote positive mental health in the Church of Ireland and in communities across the island of Ireland. The plan is to match champions' skills, interests and time availability to the countless opportunities that exist to promote positive mental health in the Church of Ireland and the wider community. Anyone can be a mental health champion, whether they have personal or professional experience in the area of mental health or not.

If you have a query or would like to express your interest in training or becoming a mental health champion, please email the project team at mhp@rcbdub.org or fill out the contact form on the home page of its website: <https://mindmatters.ireland.anglican.org>

Bishops' Appeal: 50th anniversary video

A video to mark the 50th anniversary of the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal for World Aid and Development was presented at the 2022 General Synod in Belfast. This includes contributions from those involved in organising the work of Bishops' Appeal and agencies which have benefitted from its support over many years.



Canon Paul Thompson, Castle Archdale and Irvinestown with Revd Mark Gallagher, Troy and Killadeas attending General Synod.



Clogher Diocesan representatives included (from left); Revd Chris West, Dean Kenneth Hall, Mr Robert Forde, Mr Michael Skuce and Mr Henry Robinson.

Rural parishes are backbone of the church: Archbishop

The Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd John McDowell, gave his Presidential address to the Church of Ireland's 2022 General Synod in Belfast.

The General Synod this year met in the Assembly Buildings, Belfast over three days concluding on Friday, 6 May.

In the course of his address, Archbishop McDowell remarked that the Church did its best when faced with the unique circumstances of Covid-19 and thanked everyone who has "worked so hard to get us to where we are now" two years on from the early days of the pandemic. Archbishop McDowell also called for civic society to "encourage and struggle for the common good in partnership with those who govern" following the "atomisation of public space", a trend related to how social media has developed in recent years; He also affirmed that "the backbone of the Church of Ireland throughout this island is the rural parish" and that the Church has a role in working with people in rural communities as we respond to the challenges of climate change.

He reported on the initial findings of the ethnic diversity, inclusion and racial justice research project which he had announced at the previous General Synod in September 2021, and the need to help people find a place at home in the Church in a world of migration. Archbishop McDowell also spoke on the "distinctive contribution to reconciliation" which members of the Church make as disciples of Jesus Christ, including through engaging with other agencies and groups in society, encouraging people "who seek to bring wholeness to lives that are very damaged and usually overlooked" and having an environment in which self-examination of our influences can take place.

He commented: "We should be clear in everything that we say publicly and privately that we are contributing to the discussion and achievement of a reconciled society as Jesus' disciples."

The Archbishop added that the Christian experience of reconciliation is not transactional saying; "It is not a case of me bringing my change of heart to God, which he then is almost obliged to reward

by forgiveness and reconciliation. It is the presence of Jesus that creates my change of heart and I am his debtor for my repentance as for everything else in those

transforming experiences and encounters."

His address concluded with an appeal to Patriarch Kirill, the leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, to help to bring the war in Ukraine to a just end, and the Archbishop led the members of General Synod in a prayer for peace in solidarity with the government and the people of Ukraine.

The Archbishop's full address is on the Clogher Diocesan website; The Diocese of Clogher (anglican.org)



Archbishop Michael Jackson and Archbishop John McDowell.

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Archbishop John McDowell speaking at General Synod in the Assembly Buildings, Belfast.

Clogher Diocesan representatives involved in debates at General Synod

There was plenty of debate at the General Synod during the second and third days on various topics.

A motion on the housing crisis was proposed by the Church and Society Commission.

Proposing the motion, Neville Armstrong, Clogher Diocese, called for General Synod to recognise that helping people affected by the housing crisis must be considered an essential part of the Church's mission and ministry. The motion asked the RCB and Standing Committee to work with parishes and dioceses to identify ways in which the Church can directly help those in need and can assist the relevant authorities in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to respond to this crisis.

Neville Armstrong said: "On this small island of ours the promise of dignity and contentment remains a distant dream for many. The perfect storm that has been Brexit, pandemic and now the threat of global warfare all conspire to cut off young families, single mothers, people living on the economic margins from the opportunity to live in safety and comfort. We dream of building enduring sustainable communities through social



Mr. Glenn Moore proposing the report of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue.

housing but every year our targets are never met and the gap between demand and supply grows ever wider".

He said that society needed to commit to increasing the development of new sheltered and supported accommodation that can help the vulnerable and reduce pressure on social services and health

care. This would mean approaching new ideas and new ways of doing things. He said that people of faith could play a part in recognising how having sustainable, affordable housing could help build urban and rural communities in a balanced and progressive way. He said that we needed to find ways to protect

those most in need and demonstrate the importance of social cohesion and strong communities.

The Revd Colin McConaghie (Clogher) commended the motion. He said that this was a national crisis and not just a problem for big cities. He suggested working with Habitat for Humanity Ireland who are experts in this field.

Canon Trevor Sargent (Cashel, Ferns and Ossory) said this was an opportunity to lobby the government of Ireland, 50 years after the Kenny report on homelessness and housing. Subsequent governments failed to enact recommendations of the report on speculation due to challenges in the courts under Article 43 of the Constitution. He said it needed to be challenged and it needed the strong voice of lobbyists and the Church to see that the Kenny Report be implemented. The motion was passed by Synod.

The Working Group on Pioneer Ministry brought forward proposals for pioneer ministry at General Synod.

The motion aimed to reach more people outside the Church in a way that complements existing ministry within the Church of Ireland.

Proposing the Motion, Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, the Right Revd Ferran Glenfield presented the report of the Pioneer Ministry Working Group. He outlined the key proposals which include:

- Establishing a National Leadership structure for Pioneer Ministry
- Engaging with dioceses to promote and prepare pioneer posts
- Partnership with Church Army to deliver training for pioneer ministers.
- Dedicating financial resources from the RCB and dioceses to train and deploy paid pioneer ministers.

He said that Pioneer ministry was not a replacement for pastoral ministry in its current forms but that traditional and new models of church should complement each other offering choice. The report recommendations build on a range of church plants and outreach initiatives already in place in the Church of Ireland, he explained. The proposals draw heavily on the experience of Pioneer Ministry in other Anglican churches in these islands and beyond.

He said that the report had been endorsed by the House of Bishops, the Standing Committee and the Executive Committee of the RCB. It is planned to establish the National Leadership Structure, largely through secondment, by this autumn. Any legislation required



Chancellor Ian Berry proposing the report of the Standing Committee.

for Pioneer Ministry in relation to the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, would come before Standing Committee and General Synod in 2023. The Bishop stated adding that details of the financial resources required for the training and deployment of paid pioneer ministers were being worked through and would be in place when needed. The first pioneer ministers would start training and deployment in 2024. Over the next decade up to 30 paid pioneer ministers and projects will be in operation, he stated.

The report of the Board of Education was presented at General Synod continued to work in Northern Ireland with other

churches to ensure that education was shaped by the core values of the Christian faith at a time when these were under increasing societal scrutiny. The board also contributed to parish projects working with local schools, he said adding that it would open access to this fund before the end of June.

The Board further funds the Church of Ireland Lecture at Queens University through the HUB Chaplaincy Centre, he said. This year's lecture is available on the HUB website. <https://thehubbelfast.org/>

The board recognised the professionalism and dedication of all involved in schools who worked in the context of the continuing pandemic and thanked governors, school leaders, teachers, ancillary staff and parents for the support they had given to children and young people at a time when schools had faced unprecedented challenges, he said.

Canon Kingston spoke about the work of the Education Authority. The Church of Ireland is represented on its board by the Revd Amanda Adams and Frances Boyd. He said that a major area of pressure in the Northern Ireland education system continued to be the provision of appropriate education for children and young people with special educational needs.

He said that Church representation on the Education Authority provided a particularly important input to decision making in the context of the Transferor's right to appoint governors



At General Synod were (from left); Miss Irene Knox, Mrs Heather Ellis and Mrs Ethne McCord.

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to Controlled schools. Over 1500 Governors were appointed to individual school Boards and played a pivotal role in the governance of these schools and provided an opportunity for the maintenance of a strong Christian ethos, he stated. He said that the board encouraged parishes to make all efforts to ensure that all Transferor seats were filled in this process and stressed that it was essential that the church used the opportunity to have individuals at the hub of school decision making and accountability.

Speaking to the report with reference to the Republic of Ireland, Joan Bruton (Meath and Kildare) said that parish primary schools in the republic played an enormous part in faith development. So she commended the teachers and Rectors who held imaginative services. She promoted the SEC schools which in general had a Christian ethos which provided an opportunity for teenagers to get together for worship which was relevant to them.

Speaking about the activities of the Board in Northern Ireland, Judith Cairns (Connor) said that there was a huge opportunity in 2023 to ensure that the right people were on the boards of Transferor Governors. She said there was an opportunity to protect and promote the Church's values. She urged members to think about finding the right people for these roles.

Bishop Ian Ellis (Clogher) paid tribute to Ken Fennelly and the secretary of the Board of Education NI, Peter Hamill, who he said was equally good at providing support. He addressed the issue of the emotional health and well-being of young people. He said there was not enough support for young people's well-being in schools. He said there were many children suffering with general mental health issues and anxieties who were waiting for months for support. He urged an increase of resources in this area.

The Report of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue was presented at General Synod.

Proposing the report Glenn Moore (Clogher) said that the commission provided the opportunity to engage with many other churches. He welcomed the appointment of the Bishop of Derry as president of the Irish Council of Churches.

He said the Covid presented a situation where face to face activities could not happen and observed that new



Mr. Neville Armstrong, Kesh proposing a motion on the housing crisis.

relationships and friendships needed to be developed in person. He looked forward to more interaction as the covid situation improved. He pointed out that interactions with churches beyond our own borders helped with reaching out to people coming to our country. He thanked all involved in the commission. Seconding the report, the Revd Katherine Poulton talked about the CCUD working groups. There are three active working groups focussing on Anglican and Ecumenical Affairs, European matters and Interfaith issues, she said. She highlighted the work of the Anglican Consultative Council and said the Church of Ireland had representatives

on a number of Anglican Networks. The Anglican and Ecumenical Affairs Working Group plans to continue linking with our network representatives to strengthen the links which are already established, she said.

The Interfaith Working Group advertised a competition run by the World Council of Churches on the future of Interreligious dialogue. One of the five winners of this competition was the Revd Christopher West, Curate Assistant in Enniskillen. The group has some interesting plans for the future, when Covid allows, and is exploring the idea of a conference or seminar on a pertinent issue, she stated. The European Affairs Working Group works closely with the Irish Council of Churches European Affairs Committee and the Conference of European Churches, keeping abreast of issues which may impact people and the group notes that members feel they need to consider their place in Europe and the key international relationships which will be needed for the future, she reported. Commenting on the report, Bishop Andrew Forster (Derry and Raphoe) spoke about the Irish Council of Churches and the Irish Interchurch Meeting. He said it was one of the highlights of his ministry to be involved in this organisation. He added that when people seek to grow in unity they become vessels of joy and engagement. He said that ecumenical engagement had been seen to be the enthusiasm of a few but it needed to be the passion of all in a secular world where God needed to be known.



Mr Peter Cheney, Church of Ireland Press Officer chatting with Mr. Walter Pringle, Clones, a Clogher Diocesan representative at General Synod.



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The prayers below are offered as a guide and include prayers for use in a church service or assembly and prayers that can be shared with young people for their personal use.

For all those taking exams:

Father God,

We thank you that our names are written on the palm of your hand,

Not in the way we write things on our hands so as not to forget.

But because OUR name is constantly on your mind,

Because you KNOW us by name,

Because you CALL us by name

Because our name is PRECIOUS to you.

Today dear Lord we lift to you all those who are preparing for exams.

Bring peace to their bodies,

Quieten the beats of their racing hearts,

Allow clarity to reign in their minds.

May they rest and rejoice knowing

YOU are speaking their name,

YOU created them and know their inmost being,

YOU have a plan for their lives.

God of peace surround them,

God of power go before them,

God of love hold and sustain them.

Amen.

Author: Rachael Murphy, Church of Ireland Children and Families' Officer

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ACROSS: 11, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

DOWN: 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give.

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