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Revd John McClenaghan, Rector of Mullaghfad Church with standard bearers and a representative of Fivemiletown Royal British Legion gathered for the Service of Remembrance traditionally held in October there. Full report and photographs in Page 72.

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**St. Matthew's Parish Church,
Keady**

Christmas TREE FESTIVAL

9th - 11th December

**Fri 9th Dec opening 6.30pm
8.00pm - Opening Service
Preacher: The Rt Revd Ken Clarke**

**Sat 10th Dec opening 11.00am
7.30pm - Community Carol Singing
with Tassagh Silver Band**

**Sun 11th Dec opening 11.00am
7.30pm - Closing Service
Preacher: The Most Revd John McDowell**

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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis's Presidential address to Clogher Diocesan Synod on Thursday, 29th September 2022

Members of synod, I am pleased to welcome you to our Diocesan Synod here in St Macartin's Halls. I am especially delighted that we can gather in person for the first time since 2019, and much better to see you face to face rather than through a Zoom call. This is my second occasion to preside over the diocesan synod as your bishop and I remain deeply honoured and privileged to do so.

My thanks today to the Dean for ordering the service of Holy Communion in the Cathedral and to pass on to the Select Vestry of the Cathedral parish our thanks for the use of the fine facilities of these Halls.

Earlier this month we were eventually able to hold the much-delayed Enthronement services in St Macartin's Clogher and St Macartin's Enniskillen. I am very grateful to the Dean for arranging these services and for Mr Glenn Moore for directing the music and servicing the administration of the occasions. I found the services to be very uplifting and it was encouraging to be able to have a good representation of our diocese worshipping together and witnessing the quaint traditions around placing your bishop into his seat or cathedra. I tried to say some things then which I hope clarified our vision and were helpful for us as a diocese as we move on from the pandemic.

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RE-BUILDING PARISH AND DIOCESAN LIFE

The key task before us as a diocese and the task of all churches is to rebuild our parish and diocesan life after the coronavirus pandemic. The initial stage of recovery from the pandemic has in many ways past – our churches are open, the health restrictions to worship are largely gone, the ropes and sticky tape are removed, and parishes are moving towards normal worship patterns and hopefully to more widely sharing in the common cup in Holy Communion.

I want firstly to thank the clergy who worked so imaginatively through the challenge of the pandemic and kept parish life going remotely – hopefully those dark and difficult days are behind us. We now move to the reconstruction phase. As I go around the parishes and chat to clergy, I get the feeling that recovery is patchy; some have seen a good return to Sunday attendance, but most have numbers which are still lower than before Covid. We had good safety reasons for holding back from offering our full programme of activities in parish life, but, now is the time to open the doors of our halls and all our organisations to restart and hopefully flourish again. Now is the time to make some noise to tell the community that churches are open, and that we want to welcome people in.

I see from the September magazine that many parishes are planning Back to Church services, starting school services, Ice cream services, fun nights, Sunday School barbeques, and special other events – these are great ideas, and I would encourage you all to be as creative as you can, to reach into our parish communities and help parishioners to reconnect with church life. This just won't happen by chance – it will take effort and the grace and leading of the Holy Spirit. But we are where we are by the grace of God.

As I look back on my first 18 months, and the work we have completed, I think the common thread has been



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rejuvenation. Last year we welcomed to our diocesan clergy team Rev William Jeffrey, Rev Lindsey Farrell and Rev Chris West. Since our last Diocesan Synod three other clergy have joined the diocese: Rev Rebecca Guildea, Rector of the Garrison Group of parishes; Rev Alison Irvine, Diocesan Curate in charge of Cleenish and Mullaghduin parishes and Rev Tim Irvine, Bishop's Curate to Glaslough and Tyholland with Errigle Truagh parishes. We do welcome you all and hope that your ministry will be blessed and that you find Clogher a warm and friendly diocese.

Looking ahead a little, I personally am looking forward the institution in Rossorry on 3rd November as we welcome the current Archdeacon of Tuam, Stephen McWhirter as my successor. I know the parishioners are much anticipating his arrival after such a long interregnum.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

Greatest challenge facing our society in coming months is the cost-of-living crisis. Increasing fuel bills and food and commodity costs will have a huge

impact on households and businesses. This is especially so for families who are on low incomes, single parents, those coping with disability and the elderly. Local businesses too will be placed under enormous strain to meet rising utility bills, with the potential for business closure and unemployment. Economists tell us that the stark reality is that most families are only two pay cheques away from being in debt.

In recent weeks our church leaders have called for action from our governments to address the financial losses many are going to face over this winter with crippling costs of living. It looks like the new UK Prime Minister and Chancellor are going to introduce some measures to help and begin to address these fears. The government of the Republic of Ireland has also made some announcements in this week's Budget to address cost of living pressures in its jurisdiction. However, there is a real sense of impending crisis in the minds of the vulnerable and needy families across these islands with many feeling they have lost control of their lives.

I made a couple of comments during my Enthronement address about this. There are many who will at this time need pastoral support or our healing ministry and the caring friendship of parishioners. But we must also engage in relevant ways with wider society and bring practical help where we can whether that is through a food bank or meals for the elderly or befriending services or whatever outreach we can offer. I know some of you are trying various approaches – but we are all going to be called on to apply our imagination and resources to bring help where we can and that will look different in each parish. If we fail, we will not only appear irrelevant and uncaring, we will also be ignoring the biblical injunctions to care for the poor and needy.

This is a key moment for the future of our church, we must reach out and **be relevant and welcoming**.

There has been for many years a very practical way the Diocese has been helping provide assistance to needy families through the **Clogher Diocesan Social Fund** – formerly the Fermanagh Protestant Orphans' society. Its primary purpose is to provide grants to families of Church of Ireland children who



Taking part in the Clogher Diocesan Synod were (from left); Mrs Rosemary Barton, Hon. Secretary of Diocesan Synod; Mr. Adrian Colmer K.C., Assessor; The Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall; The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis; Mr. Glenn Moore, Diocesan Secretary and the Archdeacon of Clogher, the Venerable Brian Harper.

have lost a parent, for the period of the children's education. It also can provide one-off hardship grants to other families. I would like to ask the clergy as you do your home visits and if you come across real need – and I think this can only increase - do contact the secretary to the fund, Mr Michael Skuce. If we can help we will respond quickly and confidentially. This fund over the years has been under-used and I would ask clergy to be keenly aware of need and make use of it.

Rising costs of living may eventually impact our Parish finances. Churches too will face increased energy costs and perhaps reduced parochial contributions. As a diocese during the pandemic, we were able to provide diocesan support grants for all parishes. The first year we gave £2000 per parish church, the next year £1000 and we are assessing this year if we can support parishes again although is likely to be much less than previous two covid grants. A motion later this evening will give more detail. However, the diocese will respond to parishes as generously as it can.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION FOREST

One of the delights of being a bishop is to travel around the parishes to conduct confirmations and I have conducted 40 confirmation services in the past 18 months!. It is very invigorating to be

with young people and a great honour to bring the rite of confirmation and witness their commitment to Christ and his church.

All of us a clergy challenged at times to connect with what young people are concerned about. One of the Lambeth conference calls was around the environment and sustainable development. We are called to live out our Anglican fifth mark of mission to strive to safeguard creation and sustain the life of the earth. I think young people really do identify with this and it is an area we can work together on.

An initiative from Lambeth is the idea of the *Communion Forest* – it is a practical way of responding to this call. We are invited to respond to it by enthusing people about helping with afforestation, providing habitats, protecting ecosystems and recognising the interconnectedness of all life on earth. I think most parishioners and young people especially will respond to this.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's idea is that as a symbol of spiritual growth, perhaps at confirmation and other key life and faith moments, young people might plant a sapling or do something together to protect a habitat, take part in an environment project – it will vary depending on your area and setting and may be more possible for some

than others. I would encourage clergy to give this some thought and leave the idea with you to develop. There is lots of inspiration on the website: *Anglican Communion Forest*.

OUR LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The death of our late majesty Queen Elizabeth has taken from us someone who was the constant in our national life for over 70 years. We have just come through the period of national mourning and witnessed so many beautiful and touching services of remembrance and tributes to her life. Her funeral service was one which was watched by millions of people and so impressive and deeply moving. There is no doubt that through it all that Christianity has been to the forefront and indeed the Anglican Church, with its dignified BCP liturgies has left a deep impression on many people. (Today, we mark once again our late Queen's passing and thank God for her wonderful gifts of faith and service.)

Familiar patterns in life constantly change. In diocesan life too people and personnel change. Today I wish to pay tribute to several people who have served this diocese with great distinction.

DEATH OF FORMER BISHOP BRIAN HANNON

In January of this year our much loved and fondly remembered Bishop Brian Hannon passed away. His very moving funeral service had a restricted attendance due to the pandemic however many thousands joined virtually on the Cathedral live stream. His good friend Archbishop Robin Eames gave the sermon at the service and other bishops from the Church of Ireland were present to present their own tributes. We were able to offer our thanksgiving to God for Brian's unique episcopal ministry in Clogher for over 10 years through some of the darkest days of the troubles in Fermanagh. We offer to his wife Maeve our continued prayers and good wishes.

In September we were saddened to hear of the death of former Synod member **Miss Helen Humphries**. Helen had in better health, given long and distinguished service to the diocese as a Synod and Council member and in her own parish of Magheracross. Helen had a particular interest in the Ministry of Healing Group in the diocese and



Bishop Ian Ellis speaking at the Diocesan Synod.

was a faithful member of its committee and a regular attender at its services. We mourn her passing and pray for her friends and family members.

We have also seen a change in one of the positions the Diocesan council nominate to.

Mr Sam Morrow has been a member of the Fermanagh Protestant Board for over 37 years and has been a diocesan council nominee first in Portora, where he served for many years as Secretary to the Board, then as Vice Chairman and for a period as Chairman of the Board. More recently he has continued as a member of the Board of Governors of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School serving during its first four years as Secretary to the Board. Sam has indicated to the Council that he wished to resign from this role. A resignation which we took with great regret yet with understanding and appreciation of his long service. Mr Michael Skuce has been appointed as a Council Nominee.

DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATION

This Diocesan Synod meeting affords us the opportunity to say thank you to the Diocesan Office staff and others who provide various services. To Mr Glenn Moore, our Diocesan Secretary, Mrs Ashley Brown, the Diocesan Accountant and Mrs Sabrina McCabe, Administration Assistant. During the summer we were very grateful to Mr Nathan Clyde who provided temporary office cover and administrative assistance to allow staff to have a holiday and make preparations for meetings of Council and this Synod.

Ashley is our very hard-working accountant who has kept our finances in good order and who has prepared the diocesan accounts before us today. Ashley has what I call a very forensic approach to finances and very little passes her notice. We are grateful to Ashley for her very careful and dedicated work for us.

Sabrina has in a part time capacity manned the office and has more importantly kept the Clergy Cover Rota going to ensure that in times of vacancy or sickness that parishes have someone to take a Sunday service.

May I at this point say how appreciative we are of the cover provided by Diocesan Readers and retired clergy in the diocese. We have a most willing and adaptable group of readers and retired clergy who take on service duty often at very short notice. Thank you from us all for this important contribution you make to parish and diocesan life.

Our thanks also to Mr Brian Donaldson, Diocesan Communication Officer for his work of ensuring good communications to the diocese and wider afield. His work on the Diocesan Magazine is demanding and the result is an outstanding publication 10 issues per year which I know is widely read and enjoyed.

Mr Michael Skuce provides the diocese with support for our compliance with Safeguarding Trust and GDPR. His energetic and well organised approach ensures we can have confidence that these important aspects of

ministry today are well resourced and supported.

I'm grateful also to Mr Henry Robinson for his assistance with the Diocesan Properties Initiative. Although the initial project is largely complete, Henry has been most helpful to parishes in identifying property assets and helping trustees comply with Charity Commission requirements.

Mr Robert Forde in his steady and highly effective manner keeps the wheels of the Glebes Committee turning and works with the Diocesan Architect and parish clergy to see that properties are inspected and kept in good condition.

Our diocesan website continues to be a good source of information and news and we are grateful to Mr David Daniel for his help in maintaining this important modern communication tool.

I briefly mentioned Mr Glenn Moore, but I wish to say on all our behalf a particular and sincere thank you to Glenn for his work for us in this diocese. Many of you will know that Glenn is still recovering from a serious illness and on a phased return to work. When Glenn was off ill, I quickly realised just how much we depend upon his knowledge and expertise. I am so glad to see him returning – yet may I just remind clergy Glenn is not fully back and has only limited hours to respond to queries and requests. In the meantime, we are



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working towards a recruitment process to provide further administrative assistance to Glenn.

I have spoken about restarting parish activities and I am very aware of the need to re start our diocesan sub committees – rebuilding at diocesan level too. There are several vacant positions which have arisen over the pandemic, and I hope to fill these soon.

Thank you all for your support to me; I have so enjoyed taking on this role and remain honoured and privileged

to be your bishop. I continue to learn this role which is a full mix of challenge and excitement and I look forward to getting to know you all better in the years ahead. Finally, I would like to thank Heather for her support to me in this new phase of ministry and in making our new home in Fivemiletown. Heather has recently taken on the role of Diocesan President of Mothers' Union following on from the very successful presidency of Mrs Irene Boyd and she looks forward to getting around the branches and leading the Mother's Union. One of the memories Heather and I have of Lambeth was discovering the strong link between MU and the work of parishes across the world particularly in Africa and India. The challenge is to help MU develop and grow in our changing context in Ireland.

These are very challenging times we live in. I find it helpful to reflect on something a retired bishop said to me on my election. He said *remember the building of the Kingdom of God does not just depend upon you – it is the work of God.* Let's all remember that - God calls us to join with him in labouring in this vineyard but ultimately it belongs to him and he alone holds the future of his church.

May we move forward together in prayer and faith asking for the Spirit of God to lead us.



Members of Synod listening to the presentations.

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh & Drumsnatt



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Services

Sunday 6th November

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

Sunday 13th November

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45am Service of Remembrance
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Service of Remembrance

Sunday 20th November

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer



Children at Clogh Harvest on Sunday Morning including some of the Sunday School who took part.

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th November

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

Harvest Thanksgiving

Once again thanks to all who helped out at the Harvest Services. Our churches were decorated marvellously. In Aghadrumsee, the Revd. Nick Jones from Drung was the visiting preacher on the Friday evening, with an All-Ages Service on Sunday morning led by Captain David assisted by Marina Elliott, Oliver Clarke and the children from

the Sunday School. The following Friday in Clogh, we had a wonderful word from Revd Canon Alan Irwin and superb singing from Aghadrumsee School children. At the All-Ages Service the Sunday School took part and Sophie Wiggins assisted Captain David with his talk.

On Sunday 16th October, Drumsnatt Parish welcomed our Bishop, Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis and Mrs Heather Ellis to the Harvest which concluded with an Act of Dedication for the newly resurfaced path and wall repairs. We sincerely thank Ms Gloria Moore who gave these gifts to the church in memory of her late parents. The guest soloist was Lynda Lindsay.



The gathering of the congregation at Drumsnatt for the Dedication of the Wall repair and path.



Pictured at the Drumsnatt Harvest and dedication Service with Bishop Ian are Captain David, Gloria Moore who donated the repair to the wall and path in memory of her mother and father, Herbie McChestney and the Churchwardens: Yvonne Martin and Richard Moore.



Bishop Ian dedicating the wall repair and path at Drumsnatt Harvest and Dedication Service.



Part of the congregation at the Harvest and Dedication Service at Drumsnatt.



Pictured at Clogh Friday night Harvest Service with Revd Canon Alan Irwin, organist Florence Graham and the Principal and teachers from Aghadrumsee Primary School.



The wedding of Louise Farrell and George Dunlop at St Mark's Aghadrumsee on Saturday 15th October.

Remembrance Day

Services of Remembrance will take place in Aghadrumsee and Clogh on Sunday 13th November, when we pause to reflect and remember those who paid the supreme sacrifice for our country.

Mothers' Union

David Phair will be the speaker at Clogh Mothers' Union on Monday 7th November

to talk about The Pantry in Lisnaskea and the developments happening there.

Clogh Bowling Club

The bowling club continue to meet each Wednesday evening at 8.00pm.

Marriage

Congratulations to Louise Farrell and George Dunlop who were married in

Aghadrumsee Church on Saturday 15th October.

Grand Variety Concert

The Grand Variety Concert takes place on Friday 18th November at 8.00pm in Aghadrumsee Orange Hall. Proceeds are jointly in aid of St Mark's Aghadrumsee and Aghadrumsee LOL 1325. Tickets £10 including supper are available from Captain David and Vestry members.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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SERVICES NOVEMBER

Sunday 6th November

9.30am Cooneen Holy Communion
11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion

Sunday 13th November

11.00am Colebrooke, Remembrance



The Rector with representatives of the Fivemiletown Branch, Royal British Legion and representatives of regimental associations.

Service. Time is approximate and dependant on the parade in Brookeborough.

Sunday 20th November

11.00am Colebrooke, Confirmation Service

Sunday 27th November

9.30am Cooneen, MP on Sunday
11.00am Colebrooke, MP on Sunday

DECEMBER

Sunday 4th December

9.30am Cooneen, Holy Communion
11.00am Colebrooke, Holy Communion

3.00pm Mullaghfad, Carol Service (weather permitting)

Sunday 11th December

11.00am Colebrooke, MP
7.00pm Cooneen, Carol Service

Sunday 18th December

9.30am Cooneen, MP
7.00pm Colebrooke, Carol Service

Harvest Thanksgivings

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday, 25th September in

Colebrooke and Sunday, 2nd October in Cooneen. Both churches were very well turned out for the occasions and very well attended for each service. Thank you to everyone who carefully prepared both churches for worship and provided excellent decorations of flowers and vegetables. Hopefully there has been space in the magazine for some of the photographs taken. A number of photos have been uploaded to our Facebook page.

Mullaghfad

We were able to hold our Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday, 16th October 2022, for the first time since 2019. The service was very well attended, with members of the Fivemiletown and Lisburn branches of the Royal British Legion, and friends, in attendance. A special thank you to everyone who prepared the church for worship, having been empty for the past three years. Dust, grit and spiders' webs, just some of the things to be dealt with.

Parish Auction

Our auction on Saturday, 8th October 2022, was a great success. Donations of items were plentiful, and those customers attending were very generous, especially one individual. Attendees were able to avail of refreshments in the form of hot dogs with tea or coffee, or a sit-down cuppa with scones and sweet things. Thank you to everyone involved in any way; those who set out the hall, then cleaned up afterwards, those who provided and served the refreshments, those who donated items, some of which were very expensive, and especially everyone who purchased the goods on offer. Almost £3,000 was raised. Thank you and well done everyone.

Parish Organisations

GFS – Girls Friendly Society

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

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Scouts have not resumed as yet, but when they do, they will meet on Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and continue to 9.15pm Scouts, 11 – 14 years.

The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

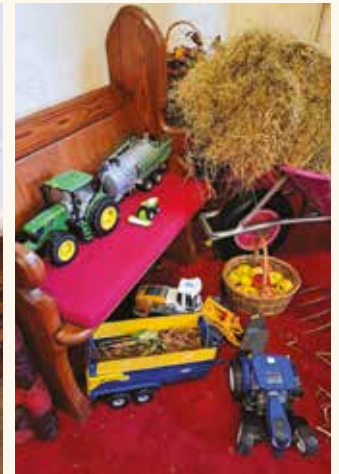
Beavers (6 – 8 years)

Cubs (8 – 11 years)

Scouts (11 – 14 years)

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meets in the Parish Hall



on Thursday at 7.45pm.

New members are very welcome, whether new to the sport, or an absolute beginner. If you do not have your own bowls, but would like to have a try, come along, spend some time with us, and see if you catch the bug.

Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union

Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union members welcomed friends from the parishes to watch a cookery demonstration and then sample the food afterward. The three savoury dishes cooked used nutritious, economical foods and simple one pot methods, with the oven required for the

pie. Noreen shared many amusing stories of cooking for her household as well as being a working mother. She encouraged everyone to plan ahead, shop wisely and not to waste any food but freeze it for another time. Barbara assisted in seeing all was correctly cooked.

The main dishes were shared out for everyone to sample and much appreciation and enjoyment was expressed by those tasting the food. The supper was finished off with apple or rhubarb tart, fresh cream with tea and coffee served by the MU members.

The next meeting in November is a 'Craft Night.'



Aghavea



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Burials

- 15th September - Florence (Florrie) Lowry, Lisnaskea.
- 29th September - William (Willie) Cooke, Brookeborough.
- 3rd October - Committal of Ashes of Elsie Hurst, Nottingham.

Baptisms

- 20th August - Jack William Sharpe, son of Derek and Vivienne Sharpe, Enniskillen.
- 27th August - Emily Kathryn Shaw, daughter of Stephen and Louise, Maguiresbridge.

Sympathies

Our sincere sympathies and condolences are extended to all those families who have been bereaved in recent months, both in our own parish and in others. We continue to remember in prayers those who continue to struggle with the loss of loved ones.

Confirmation

We had a wonderful morning service on Sunday 16th October when Bishop Ian officiated and confirmed six young people from our parish. It was a delight to be present when Matthew Armstrong, Maisie Little, Sam McElroy, Daniel and Matthew Woods and Tasha Graham confessed their faith and promised to take on the promises that had been made for them at their baptism and received Holy Communion from the Bishop. We continue to remember the six young adults in our prayers and encourage them to continue to feel part of our parish.



Bishop Ian Ellis and Revd Johnny McLoughlin with the confirmation candidates.

Cheque Presentation

We would like to thank the McManus family and the staff and students of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School for the donation of £10,000 towards purchasing a new organ for church in memory of Amanda McManus. Katie and Charlotte presented the cheque to the Rector and Bishop at the recent Confirmation service in memory of their late mother.

Mothers' Union

We have had a wonderful start to our new season of meetings, and recently welcomed representatives from our local food bank to remind us that the needs for the extra help will only increase as we continue in next months. Signs of increasing economic hardship are already present and the importance of our donations to the food bank will be more and more important. The members of the MU presented our harvest gifts of food and cleaning materials to the representatives on the evening and we continue to donate to our Pink Wheelbarrow campaign each week.

Girls' Friendly Society

After an enforced pause in our meetings due to Covid and safety, we were delighted to see the return of our GFS in October! We welcome all young girls and ladies to our meetings on a Wednesday evening - and new members will always be welcome to join us for evenings of fun activities and crafts.

Upcoming Events in November

- 2nd November - Bible Fellowship, 8pm in



Bishop Ian and Revd Johnny receiving a cheque from two young parishioners.

Parish Hall.

- 6th November - 11am, Holy Communion.
- 10th November - Sale of Work in Aghavea Parish Hall.
- 13th November - 11am, Remembrance in Brookeborough at the Cenotaph.
- 13th November - 11.30am, Service of Remembrance at Aghavea Parish Church.
- 13th November - 2.30pm, Service of Remembrance at Clogher Cathedral.
- 15th - 17th November - Clergy Conference in Dunfanaghy.
- 20th November - 11am, Family Service.
- 23rd November - 8pm, Select Vestry Meeting (Note change of date).
- 26th November - 10am - 2pm, Craft Fair and Car Boot Sale in Aghavea Parish Hall and car park.
- 27th November - Advent Sunday Service of Readings and Hymns.

Ongoing Situation

As Rural Dean, I am currently looking after the pastoral needs of the Clogher Group during Revd Olivia Downey's absence. However, my primary focus is still with our own parish - and if you are aware of anyone in need, please let me know. Again, we are not being informed if anyone is admitted to hospital and we regret if we are not able to visit anyone when they have been admitted. During the Clergy Conference, please continue to contact the Rectory if there is an emergency - Kim will pass on any information as required.



Mothers' Union members discussing donations to food banks.

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Harvest Festivals

A Harvest Festival was held in each of our parish churches during October at 3.30pm. On Sunday 2nd October, Very Rev. Gregory Dunstan, former Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, preached at the service in St. Maeldoid's, Church, Castleblaney. On Sunday 9th October Captain. David Hamilton, Church Army Evangelist in the Grouped Parishes of Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt, preached at the service in St. Colman's Church, Clontibret. On Sunday 16th October Revd. Dr. Gerard Clinton, Presbyterian Minister of First Ballybay, Second Ballybay, Rockcorry and Drumkeen Presbyterian congregations, preached at the service in Christ Church, Ballybay. In addition, a children's harvest festival was held in St. Maeldoid's church, Castleblaney, on Sunday 9th October. The children read prayers and readings during the service and brought forward items to represent the harvest. We thank them, and the Sunday School teachers, for all their hard work. It was a great joy to be able to gather together this year to give thanks to God our Father for the many blessings which he has bestowed on us. Many thanks to all those who helped to decorate the churches – they all looked beautiful! Thanks also to those who helped serve tea after each service and to those who helped in any other way. God our Father, we thank you that, once again, you have fulfilled your gracious promise that, while earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not fail. We bless you for the fruits of the earth which you have given for our use. Teach us that it is not by bread alone that we live and grant us evermore to feed on him who is the true bread from heaven, even Jesus Christ our Lord; to



Harvest Festival decorations in the parish churches.



whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Elizabeth (Lizzie) Faulkner, a long-time resident of the Camphill Community in Ballybay, who sadly passed away on Wednesday 28th September. Lizzie's funeral service took place on Sunday, 2nd October at 1.30pm. in Ballybay. May Lizzie, and all who have died, rest in peace and rise in glory.

New Presbyterian Minister

We extend our prayers and good wishes to Revd. David Hagan who was installed as Minister of First Castleblaney, Frankford and Corvalley Presbyterian churches on Friday 30th September. May the Lord richly bless his work.

Art Exhibition in Ballybay

Parishioners of Christ Church, Ballybay, were delighted to host an exhibition of paintings in their hall by local artists who are resident in St. Anne's Nursing Home. The exhibition was co-ordinated by Iontas Community Artist in Residence, Orlagh Meegan Gallagher. It centred around water and memory as she wanted the artists to reminisce about family holidays and days out by the sea, rivers and lakes. Residents of St. Anne's were able to attend the opening of the exhibition on 9th October and it was open to members of the public for the following two weeks.

Coffee Mornings in Ballybay

Forthcoming dates for our coffee mornings

in Ballybay Parish Hall on the second Tuesday of each month from 11am – 12.30pm. include Tuesday, 8th November and Tuesday, 13th December. Please feel free to come along and bring your friends. All welcome!

Youth Club

The next meeting of the Parish Youth Club will be held on Saturday 19th November from 7pm. – 8.15pm in Castleblaney. All children of primary school age are welcome.

"Team Hope" Shoe Box Appeal 2022

For a number of years, the Parish Hall in Castleblaney has been used to sort, fill and pack shoeboxes for "Team Hope", an



Members of the Lythgoe Family.

Irish, Christian international development organisation working to help children affected by poverty in Africa and Eastern Europe. This Christmas share a little joy and excitement with children who live in circumstances where they have little or nothing. Creating a shoe box is a personal thing. Every box is unique and part of the fun is choosing what goes into your gift. You can put your own shoebox together at home or you can put it together online. Anyone who requires further information can contact Janet Hill, south Monaghan co-ordinator, Church Street, Castleblayney.

Supporting Donna Geary

If you wish to support Clontibret parishioner Donna Geary's ongoing missionary work in Papua New Guinea, you can set up a recurring monthly donation or a one off donation through the following link (make sure to include the name "Donna Geary" in the additional comments box): <https://ywamships.org/donate/medical-ship/> You can also donate through PayPal using the following link: <https://www.paypal.me/donnageary1533> If you would prefer to donate in another way, please email Donna at donnainmissions@gmail.com

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.



A selection of paintings by residents of St. Anne's Nursing Home, Ballybay.

Clontibret

Death of Queen Elizabeth II

As a congregation we would wish to add our condolences to the wave of those expressed across the world on the death of Queen Elizabeth II. A wonderful lady who lived by Christian principles. Respected by all. We thank God for her long life and wisdom. Our Mothers' Union members acknowledged the death of their Patron at their September meeting.

Burial of Ashes

On Sunday 25th September 2022 we welcomed family and friends of the late Margaret (Greta) Lythgoe. Margaret Lythgoe (née Johnston) was born and reared in Artclinta, Clontibret, and moved to England in 1949 when she was 19 to train as a nurse. She lived her whole life in Lancashire, but

her heart never left Ireland. Following her death last year at the age of 90 she was cremated but wanted her ashes to be buried in the family grave. Her three sons David, Adrian and Robert, and their wives, travelled over to fulfil her wishes. The service was conducted by Chancellor Ian Berry (as the Rector was on holidays) and was attended by relatives, friends and members of the church congregation. All enjoyed an afternoon tea afterwards in the church hall. Margaret's final wish to return home to Ireland came to fruition and her family really appreciated the hospitality and consideration shown by members of the church in organising and facilitating them.

Jennifer Leathem

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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The Autumn season is well and truly with us – the changing colours of the trees, the sight of Whooper Swans flying south, households lighting fires in the evenings, and the drop in daily temperatures. In Ecclesiastes we read that there is a time for everything, and it happens at the time God chooses. (Ecclesiastes 3.1-15) Thanksgiving for our Harvest Services. Now that the Harvest Thanksgiving services are concluded for another year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Caroline Little in Mullaghduin and the volunteers in Cleenish who decorated our churches so beautifully for the services. It never ceases to amaze me the different styles and content that are exhibited year after year within our places of worship. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to the organists, Elizabeth Hazlett and Joan Brownlee, for their dedication

and patience leading the choirs. This year both choirs successfully led worshipers in praise with the singing of the Psalms as well as anthems and the usual Canticles. No mean feat for our small rural churches after many years when the tradition of singing Psalms had ceased. Thanks also to the youngest members of our church family and their leaders Caroline Watterson and Rowena Sheridan who all contributed so enthusiastically to our praise and worship. On behalf of everyone who has enjoyed the fruits of your talents and labours, and from me, thank you.

Revd Alison

Harvest Thanksgiving Services
Mullaghduin Harvest Services were held on Friday, 30th September and Sunday, morning 2nd October. The Services were



The Belfast Ukulele Jam in Cleenish Hall.



Decorations for harvest.



conducted by Revd Alison assisted by Robert Watterson. Elizabeth Hazlett and the Choir led the singing of favourite Harvest Hymns and the Canticles. They also sang Psalm 65 and the anthem “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” on Friday evening; and Psalm 103 and the anthem “The Seed of the Kingdom” on Sunday morning. Revd. Alison preached at both services and on Sunday morning the Sunday-School used the letters “H A R V E S T” to recite a poem and then to use some of the letters to form the word “SHARE” to emphasise that Harvest means sharing. The Church was tastefully decorated with seasonal arrangements of flowers, fruit, vegetables and foliage by Caroline Little.

Cleenish Harvest Services were held on Friday 14th October and Sunday morning 16th October. Cleenish parishioners welcomed the Revd Sean Hanily, Rathmicheal Parish, Dublin as the guest preacher on Friday evening. Revd Sean and Revd Alison were both students at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, Dublin. Cleenish choir, with organist Joan Brownlee, led the singing of the Canticles, Psalm 67 and Psalm 145 and well-known Harvest hymns with special anthems. Members of the Sunday School participated by reading prayers of intercession. The guest preacher was Miss Lesley Donaldson, Ministry Team Leader of Community, The Hub, Belfast

– a Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy at Queen’s University. Lesley and a group of students were staying at the Cleenish Centre, Bellanaleck for a residential weekend of Bible Study. Both parishes are busy with preparations for parish activities.

Concert

Cleenish Parish had a very successful and enjoyable evening with Belfast Ukulele Jam on Saturday 8th October. The band played a wide variety of music, from well-known musicals to popular music. There was much audience participation in singing along with the band members. The proceeds of this event were contributed to the Rectory Repair Fund. The parish is making plans for an Auction on Saturday 29th October at 2pm in the Parish Hall, Bellanaleck. A team of workers arrived at the Rectory recently to cut and block firewood for sale. This was an all-inclusive event – young and old, with one brave lady helping to block sticks.

Auction

Please remember Mullaghduon auction on Saturday 26th November at 1.00pm.

Wedding

We congratulate the former Rebecca Watterson and Andrew Shortt (pictured below) on the occasion of their marriage in Mullaghduon Parish Church on 17th September.





Presentations made to the Food Bank.

Mothers' Union

Members from Cleenish and Mullaghduin were delighted to their response for gifts of non-perishable goods for the Enniskillen Food Bank from parishioners at their Harvest Services. Mrs Alison



Humphreys from Letterbreen Methodist Church will share some of her craft skills at our November meeting in Mullaghduin. Members are reminded of the visit of our WWP to Enniskillen Cathedral on Sunday 6th November at 11.00am when Mrs Heather Ellis will be commissioned as our Diocesan President. On 17th November for our Christmas Outing, we will attend The Pantomime in Inishmacsaint.

Bellanaleck Community Group

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Bellanaleck Community Group on Wednesday evening 28th September where a number of issues were discussed including upkeep of the Community Garden, and the surface erosion along a portion of Waterhen Lane. It was also agreed to put forward the name of George Cathcart to the Fermanagh Rural Community Network Awards 2022 for his part in the voluntary upkeep and maintenance of

the Community Garden. On Wednesday afternoon 5th October the Chairman and a Representative from Bellanaleck Community Group had an onsite meeting with the Chairman and Project Manager from FODC at Bellanaleck Quay. The weather was very unpleasant with heavy showers and a cold wind. However, they had a look around the Quay area, and went for a walk around the Community Garden. Due to the unpleasant weather, there were few people about but understood the first-class facilities which also included the Multi Unit Games Area. The Group will not be holding a Childrens' Christmas Party this year due to lack of supporting volunteers. The next Group meeting is on Wednesday 23rd November. Should any assistance be required contact Owen Wilson (Secretary) Tel; 02866349602 or Sharon Elliott on Facebook.



Young people taking part in one of the services.



Ian Crawford helping with the firewood for the auction.

Clogher Cathedral Group



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Cathedral Bell tolled for Her Majesty

The members of St Macartan's Parish shared in the nation's sadness on hearing of the death of Queen Elizabeth. As a mark of respect, the bell was tolled the day after her passing and again on the day of her funeral.

Knitted Model Cathedral

The members of the Knit Stitch and Natter group are delighted with the response to their project. We have had visitors from as far away as Gloucestershire, Queensferry, Galway, Coleraine and Newtownards and everywhere in between. In general, the reaction has been, "Oh, the photographs don't do it justice!" The Cathedral has been open for visitors on four Saturdays since the unveiling and we hope to open again in the springtime. To those who have visited a big "thank you" and if you have not perhaps you will plan to call. The model is on view all the time and if you make contact with either Hilary 02885548885/07901768842

or Joyce 07835977904, we can arrange a viewing. All donations are to the upkeep of St. Macartan's Cathedral. *Hilary Keys.*

Mr W J Noble

Sympathy is extended to the Noble family on the death of Mr Walter James Noble of Carnahinney on 29th August. Walter, who was 96 is survived by his three sons; William, James and Ian and his daughter Heather McKeown. His funeral to the Cathedral burying ground on the following Wednesday was conducted by the Revd Johnny McLoughlin. British Legion members paid a tribute at the graveside.

Cathedral visitors

The Cathedral featured in the Heritage weekend historic walk through Clogher. Visitors assembled at St Patrick's Church and made their way up the town with stops at the Masonic Hall (the former Diocesan Schoolhouse), the War Memorial, the former Bridewell, the Protestant Hall, the



Decorations at the harvest services.



Rural Centre (formerly Bishop McNally's residence), the Courthouse, the Bishop's Palace (now St Macartan's Nursing Home) and the Cathedral.

The Cathedral was also visited by the members of Coagh and District Local History Group on Tuesday, 6th September and on 12th August by a group from churches in the Dungannon area.

Mrs Frances B Nolan MBE, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of County Tyrone, deputising for Mr Robert Scott was among the guests at the Enthronement Service in the Cathedral on Thursday 8th September (fully reported in the last issue of the magazine).

Jack Johnston.

National Churches Trust

Nina McNeary and a film crew from the National Churches Trust visited the Cathedral on Wednesday 21st September. The programme focused on the high crosses opposite the West door, the 7th century sundial cross in the porch, the Clogh Oir and the stained-glass windows by Catherine O'Brien and Alfred Child. They also used a drone in the graveyard and recorded shots of the hillfort as well as the site of the medieval cathedrals.

Clogher Cathedral Sunday School

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the

kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these". Matthew 19 verse 14.

On Sunday 18th September we were delighted to recommence Sunday School and welcome back everyone to Sunday School. It was great to see some new faces among the regular children and we look forward to getting to know them and reengaging with all the children after the upheaval of Covid.

Along with the excitement of welcoming all our children back we also extend a warm welcome to Leona Orr and Ruth Fannin who have joined the teaching team. Leona and Ruth have taken over the roles which were previously held by Joy Trimble and Sharon Fannin. Both Joy and Sharon retired from Sunday School in June 2022 after many years of serving the children of our parish. At our Children's Day service in June, they were presented with gifts as a token of the church's appreciation. Sunday School will continue to meet every Sunday during church (except for holiday times), and we welcome anyone who is Primary 1 and upwards to join us. *Jill Moffett.*

Mourne Rope Access

The louvres in the tower of the Cathedral were cleaned and repainted by a team from Mourne Rope Access on Monday and Tuesday, 26th and 27th September. The team used ropes and climbing gear to access the louvres on the four faces of the

tower. The spectacle brought traffic to a halt at times as motorists slowed down to watch the men suspended from the tower.

Harvest Services

A service was held on the evening of Friday 30th September. The Cathedral was beautifully decorated with the bounties of harvest. The Revd John McClenaghan took the service and special music was provided by the Silver Tones. Everyone was treated to a cup of tea and apple creams afterwards. Thanksgiving for the harvest continued at the Sunday service when there was a large attendance and the guest preacher was Canon Peter Wilson.

Augher

St Mark's Church, Augher held the first of their Harvest Thanksgiving Services on Friday 7th October. The Church was tastefully decorated with produce displaying God's bountiful gifts by the members of the Parish and the Sunday School.

Revd. Johnny McLoughlin, Rural Dean conducted the service and also preached an excellent sermon. The choir sang the Anthem "In The Garden".

At the close of the service everyone was invited for supper in the Carmichael Memorial Hall.

Revd. Denise Acheson conducted the service and preached a lovely sermon at the Second service on Sunday morning. The choir sang the Anthem "In The Garden", while Sophie Egerton accompanied the congregation for the Hymn "As the deer pants for the water" on her flute. Mrs Sylvia McClung was organist at both services.

Death

Sympathy is extended to the Robinson Family on the death of a beloved mother and grandmother, Cynthia who was buried in Augher cemetery on Sunday 2nd October.

Diary Date

4th December at 3.30pm - Fermanagh & East Tyrone RUC George Cross Association Carol Service in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher. Roughan Silver Band will be leading the carols. Everyone welcome.



A rope access specialist cleaning the louvres in the Cathedral.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

6 November

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion (with Act of Remembrance)

Newbliss 11.30am Holy Communion (with Act of Remembrance)

13 November

Currin 10.00am: Holy Communion (with Act of Remembrance)

Killeevan 11.30am: Holy Communion (with Act of Remembrance)

20 November

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer

Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer

27 November

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer

Killeevan 11.30am: Morning Prayer
(both services today led by Mr Keith Browne as the Rector is away)

4 December

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer

Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer
(both services today led by Mr Keith Browne as the Rector is away)

Remembrance Services

Please note that Sunday services in each church on 6th and 13th November will begin with a short act of remembrance as we remember past parishioners who have lost their lives in conflict.

Harvest Services

In October each of our parishes celebrated the Harvest Festival and gave thanks for the good year enjoyed by our farmers. On Sunday, 2 October, Clones and Newbliss combined together to celebrate harvest in Clones Church, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion by parishioners from both parishes. We welcomed Ms Audrey Doogan as our guest organist and Mr Keith Browne as our guest preacher – both of whom were inspiring as they gave



Scenes from the harvest services with the Rector and Canon Peter Wilson with members of Mullaghboy Accordion Band at the Scotshouse Service.

of their talents in their different ways. On Sunday, 9 October, Killeevan and Scotshouse also celebrated harvest in their own parish churches – each of which looked fabulous, having been decorated by members of the congregation from across the whole age range. At the morning service in Killeevan we were thrilled to have Sharon Lancashire as our guest organist, whilst at Scotshouse in the afternoon the Mullaghboy Accordion Band and our own resident organist (Audrey Doogan) played joyous music that lifted our souls in harvest thanksgiving before we enjoyed a fine tea. Canon Peter Wilson was the guest preacher at both services, and he preached a sermon that was surely both wise and challenging. Warm thanks go to our preachers, musicians, those who decorated our churches, the volunteers who organised refreshments, and to all who contributed in so many ways to making our harvest services so uplifting.

Our Group Forest Walk

On Saturday 8 October, Fred Madden led parishioners from across our entire Group on a fascinating forest walk through the Hilton Park Estate. On the way Fred talked about the history of the estate and its day-to-day management. He also pointed out a number of the many beautiful trees – including some huge oak trees, the timber



from several of which had been used to repair the roof at Windsor Castle after the fire in 1992. Our special thanks go to Fred for leading us on such a fascinating tour on a truly sunny afternoon, and we look forward to accepting his invitation to tour the house in due course.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 20th October at 8.00pm in Killeevan Church Hall. The guest speaker will be Noreen Little, who will talk about the MU Knitting Project. All warmly welcome.



The walk at Hilton Part Estate.



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Services

NOVEMBER

6th - Holy Communion 11.30am

13th - Remembrance Sunday 11.30am

20th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

27th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

DECEMBER

4th - Holy Communion 11.30am

11th - Family Service 11.30am

18th - Morning prayer 11.30am

18th - Carol Service 7.00pm

25th - Christmas family communion
10.30am

31st - New Year's Eve Worship service
9.00pm

Christian Baptism

18th September 2022 - Ayda Mae Beacom, daughter of Mark and Nicole, Kesh.

Remembrance

As you read these notes, remembrance will be the focus for many of us as we recall and pay homage to those who paid the supreme sacrifice in Two World Wars, subsequent wars, conflicts, and acts of terrorism. This year, the war in Ukraine, the focus on the news over the previous months, gives us a glimpse of the horrors



Young people taking part in the harvest service.

of war in the present. Whether or not that will cause us to action, to give no succour to the aggressor, and to pursue peaceful paths, lies with God who knows each one of us intimately. God who knows the condition of people's hearts in the world today, those who sow good and those who sow evil. The wickedness and depravity of man may appear to be winning, but good will prevail and evil will be no more. God will come and judge the nations, He will execute true justice, and mercy. Let us never forget the past, and the sacrifice given, but let us learn from it that we never repeat it in the present. *"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."*

Harvest

The harvest weekend was truly a joy, and a blessing to see the church filled with large attendances over all three services, as we give thanks for the fruits of creation, of which God has truly blessed us with. The beauty of the harvest decorations throughout the church impressed everyone, as they stepped through the doors. The artists' blank canvas, richly enhanced by the beauty and majesty of all God has created, through the array of colours of the flowers and vegetables on display. Our sincere thanks to all who helped with the decorating, and the

preparation. Those who decorated the windows to the floral arrangements at the front, your gifts have blessed us all. Our heartfelt thanks to our musicians over the weekend who led our worship, and to Glassmullagh Accordion Band, readers, the children who led the prayers, and the IT guru who ensures we have sound and picture. We thank the team of ladies who served the tea and apple squares, and all who helped with the clearing up of the hall. We were delighted to welcome Revd John Beacom on the Friday night with the rector preaching on Sunday. The key theme was praying for more labourers in the harvest field. *"Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.'" Matthew 9: 37 – 38*

Though the question is worth asking, of which there will be different answers. Has the mission of the church been directed or inhibited by secularist ideas? One for you to ponder and pray over that God might give you discernment and direction in how best you can respond to His call to service and remain steadfast to His word of truth.

Bowls

Autumn bowling is now up and running



Attending the harvest service.



The meeting
of Women's
Fellowship.

with the club entered into the Churches League again this year, with the first of those matches taking place. We wish them well in the competition and trust that it will be an opportunity to reconnect with fellow bowlers elsewhere. New members are always welcome.

Young @ Heart

Meetings have now resumed for the autumn season on the third Wednesday of each month at 10.30am, with fellowship and speakers on relevant subjects beneficial to the membership. New members will be made most welcome.

Women's Fellowship

The first of the autumn meetings was held with guest speaker Glen Miller who spoke on taking out aid to Ukraine. The gathering of aid is one thing, and sometimes many who do forget that someone has to take this on board, or the aid sits in a hall or a warehouse somewhere and goes nowhere. It was an interesting talk on how all this came into place, with the hand of God at work throughout. A good attendance of ladies was present for the first night and with some apologies recorded. Tea was served at the conclusion of the evening. The next meeting will be on Monday 7th November at 8.00pm. Please mark the date and plan to attend, you will be warmly welcomed.

Youth Activities

Both senior and junior groups have recommenced on a fortnightly basis for the moment with dates notified to attendees in advance. Please check with leaders and listen to announcements about each group for dates and times etc.

Updates

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 13th November

10.30am Derryvullen North - Informal Morning Prayer with Act of Remembrance
11.45am Castle Archdale - Informal Morning Prayer with Act of Remembrance
3.30pm Derryvullen North - Community Service of Remembrance preceded by Parade

Sunday 20th November

10.15am Castle Archdale - Morning Prayer
11.30am Derryvullen North - Morning Prayer with BB Enrolment and Holy Baptism

Sunday 27th November

10.15am Castle Archdale - Morning Prayer
11.30am Derryvullen North - Morning Prayer

Sunday 4th December

10.15am Castle Archdale - Holy Communion

11.30am Derryvullen North - Holy Communion

Castle Archdale Harvest Thanksgiving

Our thanks to Mrs Irene Armstrong and the team of decorators for putting in so much work and making the Church look so well. Thank you also to everyone for all the gifts that will be delivered to the Food Bank at the ARC Centre, Irvinestown. We celebrated with Holy Communion this morning with special contributions from the children of the Sunday School and also later with Evening Prayer. In the evening the guest preacher was the Revd Mark Gallagher (Trory and Killadeas), the special music was by Mr William Bride and Mr Don Swain (piano and flute respectively). Dr Margaret assisted in leading the Service and

members of the parish kindly provided and served a lovely Harvest Supper in the Church.

The Harvest Thanksgiving for Derryvullen North will be held (DV) on Sunday 16th October and a report will be included in the notes for the next edition of this magazine

Confirmation

On Sunday 25th September, Bishop Ian administered the Rite of Confirmation and celebrated Holy Communion for the great group of 15 candidates from Derryvullen North & Castle Archdale.

It was good to have some of the Children's Ministry leaders to present the candidates to Bishop Ian - Wendy Armstrong (Castle Archdale), Amanda Wood, Elaine Hetherington and Paula Thompson (Derryvullen North). All of the leaders have put so much work into teaching the young people in their time in Sunday School and so the contribution of those involved today helped make things even more special. The singing was led by Florence Barrett (organist) along with the choir and a Gradual Anthem was sung by Marion Faris, Iris Robinson, Carol Clarke and David McDowell. The first reading was read by Paula Moore and the Gospel was read by Dr Margaret, who also helped administer Holy Communion. It was good to have the support and guidance of Derryvullen North Churchwardens, Avril Stubbs and David Robinson, and also Castle Archdale Churchwarden, Derek Anderson, whose granddaughter was also one of the candidates. A collection was taken for the Bishop's Ministry Fund and this was collected by family members of some of the confirmation candidates.

The Service, attended by over 200 people, was held in St Tighernach's Church, Derryvullen North at 11.00am and to help facilitate this the usual Castle Archdale Service was held at the earlier



The Confirmation candidates.

time of 9.00am. Thank you to everyone involved.

Shoppers' Service

This will be held on Wednesday 9th November at 11.00am in Derryvullen North Parish Centre and will be a time for reflection, worship, fellowship and a cuppa with chat afterwards.

Bowling Club

The Club continues to meet each Tuesday in the Parish Hall, Irvinestown. We have a growing membership that includes people of all ages but we would love to see more come along and enjoy the sport and the friendship.

Boys' Brigade

It is great to see a total of almost 60 boys in the Company this year with each section thriving. The Junior Section had a great visit this week to the Irvinestown Fire Station. Everyone learnt a lot and enjoyed the evening. Thank you to the leaders for organising the trip and to the great group of Staff at the Fire Station for their welcome, giving so much to our visit and for all they do for the community

Women's Group

Following a recent meeting about re-launching the Women's Group in our parishes, the first meeting of this season will be held on Wednesday 16th November at 8.30pm in Derryvullen North Parish Centre. There will be more details announced soon about the plans for that evening. Thank you to those who have kindly agreed to take roles in the group



Boys' Brigade members at the Fire Station.



Don Swain playing the flute.



Rev'd Mark Gallagher and Dr. Margaret Knox.



Harvest decorations.

Mothers' Union

The Branch for Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale held the September meeting in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown on Wednesday 28th September. The Guest Speaker, Linda Johnston, was welcomed by Dr Margaret, and the opening devotions were led by Dr Margaret and Paula Moore.

Linda then gave an interesting talk on de-cluttering - encouraging members to talk about what makes us want to hold to things and strategies for getting rid of things. She explained how she works with a wide range of people to help them deal with a whole spectrum of de-cluttering needs.

Linda was thanked on behalf of the group by Sharon Duncan and supper, provided by Joan Kells and Avril Stubbs, was then served and the business meeting was held

Sunday Schools

It is great to have our Sunday Schools back and we thank all the leaders and junior leaders for all that they do and also for the great support of the parents

Craft Group

The newly formed Craft Group continues

to meet each Thursday evening 7.00 – 9.00pm in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown. If someone cannot be there for the whole time, that is not a problem. It is about being together, learning from each other, encouraging each other and having a time of friendship.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair (Derryvullen North) is back again this year on Saturday 26th November from 4.00pm after the cancellations of the lockdown period. We are very grateful to everyone who helps and supports this event and makes it so enjoyable.

Specifically: (1). There lots people making craft items for sale (2). We would like ask for others who would be willing to make a cake or other home baking (3). There will be a stall with sample Christmas Wreaths and taking orders for them. We will have a couple of evenings, 7.30pm on 7th and 8th December, then for people to gather in the Hall to make the wreaths together (4). If you have some suitable items for the bric-a-brac stall we would also love to have them (5). There will be teas/coffees (6). After making a special appearance down the main Street for turning on the lights, Santa will make his way to the Fair



Confirmation leaders who presented candidates to the Bishop.

and join with us.

After several years with no Fair we are pleased to be able to resume this community celebration.

From the registers:

CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

Cecil Humes, 22nd October 2022 (Derryvullen North)

"May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom. 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

Sunday, 6th November

10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday, 13th November, Remembrance Day

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Garvary

Sunday, 20th November

10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday, 27th November

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Garvary



The harvest services in Derryvullen South.

Derryvullen South

Marriage congratulations

Dr Catherine Graham, youngest daughter of William and Maud Graham married Dr Arthur Gallimore on 16th July 2022 in Derryvullen South Parish Church and the reception was at Crom Castle.

The parish wish God's richest blessing on Catherine and Arthur as they begin their married life together.

Garvary

Harvest Service

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service took



The marriage of Dr. Catherine Graham and Dr. Arthur Gallimore.

place on Sunday, 9th October when Dean Raymond Ferguson was the preacher at Morning Service and Revd Denise Acheson, preacher at the evening service. A welcome cup of tea was served following the evening service. The parish extends thanks to the ladies who provided this and to those who provided fruit, vegetables and flowers for the decorating of the church and to those who helped with the arrangements.

Thanks are also due to Gillian Forde for playing the music and training the choir for the services. A special thank you to Gillian's daughter, Zoe for playing her violin so beautifully before the start of both services.

Food Bank

We wish to say a sincere thank you to all those people who contributed food for the Food Bank in Lisnaskea. This was gratefully received by the Food Bank as at this time of year their stocks are running low.

Donation to car park

Garvary parish appreciates the donation of



The harvest services in Derryvullen South and Garvary Church.



a load of stones from Campbells of Tempo which were used to repair the Church Car Park.

Prayers

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

Derryvullen South and Garvary Mothers' Union

Derryvullen South and Garvary Mothers' Union started their Autumn Programme with a meal in Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen. The November meeting will be held in Garvary Hall on Monday 21st November at 8.00pm.



The Mothers' Union members enjoying their meal.



Food donated for Lisnaskea Pantry Food Bank by Garvary parishioners at recent Harvest Services.

Devenish & Boho



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Services for November

Sunday 6th November

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 13th November

10.00am Remembrance Day Service Boho Parish Church

11.30 am Remembrance Day Service Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 20th November

10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 27th November

10.00 am Family Service Boho Parish Church

11.30 am Family Service Devenish Parish Church

Burial

4th October 2022 - Hazel Scott, Gortmesson, Enniskillen. Following a service in Enniskillen Independent Methodist Church, Hazel was buried in Devenish Parish Graveyard. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Hazel's daughters, Jayne and Gillian, son Roger and the wider family circle.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

We wish to thank our Harvest preachers, Revd. Mark Gallagher and Mr. Karl Saunders in Boho and Revd. John Woods and Revd. Sampson Ajuka in Devenish. Thank you to everyone who brought gifts of flowers, vegetables and fruit and helped to decorate both churches. A special thank you to the three bee keeping families for decorating the bee window in Devenish. We also wish to thank the choirs and organists, the Ajuka Family in Boho and



Church Hill Silver Band playing during the Queen's Jubilee event.

Gill Spence in Devenish and everyone who helped in providing the tea in both parishes.

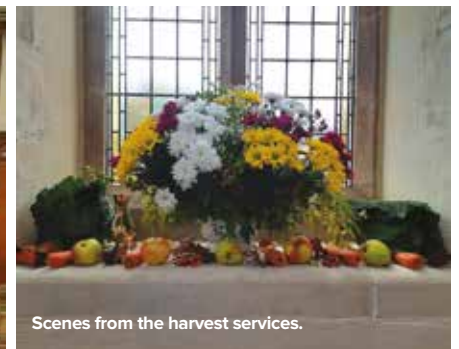
Devenish Parish Sale and Auction

The Sale and Auction this year will be held on Saturday 12th November at 2.00pm in the Reade Hall. This is our main fundraising event and gifts of vegetables, fruit, cakes, items for the work stall and auction would be welcome. It is hoped that the jelly and tea stalls will resume this year. We look forward to support from within the Parish and the wider community.

Mothers' Union Notes

Devenish & Boho MU met in the Reade Hall, Monea on Wednesday 12th October. Pearl Bell, Branch Leader, welcomed all those present and led us in prayer. A passage of scripture from 2nd Corinthians

Chapter 12 was read by Gladys Latimer. Pearl then introduced our speaker, Detective Constable Clodagh Dunlop. Clodagh thanked members for the opportunity to share her story when, at the age of 35, she suffered a brainstem stroke leaving her with locked-in syndrome. She was unable to communicate or move yet she was aware of everything that was going on around her. Through sheer determination and with the love and support of family and friends, Clodagh left hospital after seven months and although she was left with some disabilities returned to duty with the PSNI after just 18 months. Clodagh talked about her book 'Re-turn to Duty' which she wrote to help other people who were suffering the rare side effects of stroke and as a guide for their families. Clodagh concluded by saying that every day she thanks God for her recovery and "for my part, I will



Scenes from the harvest services.





Rev. Derek Kerr with memorabilia for the Jubilee event.



never give up. I will be the best that I can be – whatever that is!" Everyone agreed that Clodagh was indeed a remarkable young woman who had fought her way out of locked-in syndrome, and recovered, against all the odds. A vote of thanks was proposed by Carole Whittaker. Three members attended the Autumn Council Meeting in the Priory Church, Killadeas on Wednesday 5th October. Members were asked to note three forthcoming events in November: -
- Sunday 6th Commission of Diocesan

President, Heather, with Worldwide President, Sheran Harper in attendance in St. Macartin's Cathedral at 11am.
- Saturday 26th 16 Days Global Day of Action – Walk in Colebrooke Estate at 9.30 am.
- Monday 28th Inishmacsaint MU's Visitor's night in Derrygonnelly Orange Hall at 8 pm.

Devenish Queens Jubilee Celebrations

On Saturday 30th July we had a very

successful evening to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Canon Derek Kerr presented a great exhibition of royal memorabilia and gave two very interesting talks on the history of the Royal Family which concluded with a spiritual message. Churchill Silver Band played a number of musical selections. The Select Vestry wishes to thank Canon Derek Kerr, Church Hill Silver Band, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, all who helped in providing refreshments and everyone who attended.

Donacavey and Barr



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Mothers' Union

MU had a meeting in the rectory on Friday, 14th October. We shared communion together and talked about harvest. It was wonderful to meet together again after being apart for so long due to covid. The rector made tea with nibbles supplied by the leader of the MU Geraldine Beatty.

Bowls

Indoor Bowls meet every Thursday night at 8pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends and enjoy the gentle sport of bowls. Tea is served halfway through the evening. If you would like



to join us you would be most welcome. Contact the rector.

GFS

GFS meets every Thursday night at 6.45pm. Over 20 girls meet to work towards a variety of badges. The evening begins with a bible talk followed by games and crafts. We are indebted to a band of faithful and dedicated leaders led by Arlene White. If you are interested in joining contact the rector. Our annual enrolment service is due to take place on Sunday, 23rd October. Photographs to follow.

Harvest

Harvest services took place on 9th and 10th October and were very well attended. A huge word of thanks to all those who decorated the church led by Martha and Irene. The church was beautifully decorated with all sorts of fruit, vegetables and

flower arrangements. On Sunday morning the Sunday School took part with lovely songs and poems. Thanks to the choir and organist Ann Thompson who sang special pieces on Sunday night. Special guests on Sunday night were Violet and Paddy O'Rourke who blessed us richly with their special ministry in song.

Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Service will be held on Remembrance Sunday, 13th November at 10.00am in Barr and 11.30am in Donacavey.

Parish Dinner

The Parish Dinner will be held on Friday, 2nd December at 7pm in Donacavey hall.

Musical evening

A Musical Evening on Sunday, 4th December at 7.30pm in Donacavey church. All welcome. All proceeds to Marie Curie.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Services

Sunday 6th November (21st Sunday after Trinity)

10.30am Donagh (HC)

12 noon Tyholland (HC)

7pm Donagh (All Saints' Evensong)

Sunday 13th November (2nd Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday)

10.30am Donagh (MP & Act of Remembrance)

12noon Errigal Truagh (HC & Act of Remembrance)

Sunday 20th November (The Sunday next before Advent – Christ the King)

10.30am Donagh (MP)

12 noon Tyholland (MP)

Sunday 27th November (Advent Sunday)

10.30am Donagh (All age family Service of MP for use on Sunday)

12 noon Errigal Truagh (MP)

Tyholland Harvest

On Sunday 18th September we celebrated the first of our Harvest Thanksgivings in St Sillian's, Tyholland which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. Our own Mr Robert Wilson read the Old



Two pet owners from Castleblayney.



Freddie.



Max.



Revd Tim with animals at the service.

Testament Lesson. We were delighted to welcome so many of our friends and neighbours to our Harvest and to have Canon Paddy McGinn read the Gospel lesson for us. The Donagh Community Choir kicked off their Harvest tour of local churches at our Harvest Evensong singing the beautiful anthem by the Canadian Anglican musician Healey Willan "Sing to the Lord of the Harvest". The preacher was the Bishop's Curate, The Revd Tim Irvine who reminded us that scientific studies show that living thankful lives is good for our mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing. We heard of a visitor from Burundi, who while staying with Revd Tim's friends was so taken by a machine that would leave floors clean and free from dust that he dedicated his every spare moment to "hoovering" every inch of the Deanery. This visitor from Burundi, Amos, was

amazed at the plenty and bounty that his hosts had but could not understand why they didn't gather with their neighbours, friends and family each evening before bed to give thanks to God for every good thing that they had received that day...a salutary lesson to those of us who have so much, but take it so much for granted that we easily forget to recognise just how fortunate we are and how much we have thankful for, something that Harvest festivals remind us of as the dark nights of winter draw in. After the Service we had a beautiful Harvest Supper at the Tyholland Community Centre.

Blessing of the Animals

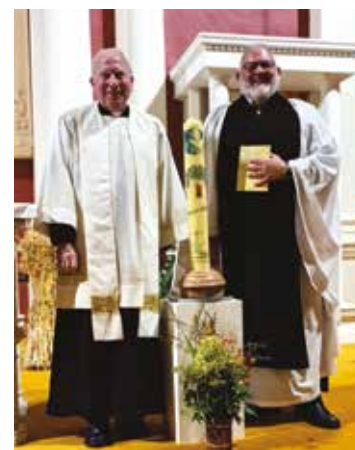
Having previously appeared on the front cover of this August journal, our pets ventured into St Salvator's, Glaslough for our Blessing of the Animals Service on



The Justice Candle at Tyholland.



The Climate Justice Candle in Errigal Truagh.



The Climate Justice Candle at St. Mary's Glennan.



Minister Heather Humphreys, Mr and Mrs Stephen Leighton, Revd Tim Irvine, Bishop Ian Ellis and Mrs Ellis, Revd Lorraine Capper and Councillor David Maxwell at the dedication of the new Sunday School room at St. Salvator's Church.

Sunday 25th September. The Service was led by Revd Tim with the assistance of our Sunday School children. The Junior choir taught us to sing the hymn "If I were a butterfly" (which is set to become a parish staple) and all our pets had a happy time in church with their owners. Revd Tim had the Critical Animal Incident Pack at the ready in case of doggie related water ingress, but there were no accidents and all present were (mostly) peaceful and well behaved, as were their pets.

St Mary's Glennan

We are blessed with the wonderful friends and neighbours we have in Donagh and we were delighted to join our friends Fr Hubert and his parishioners in St Mary's Glennan for an Ecumenical Harvest Thanksgiving on Friday 30th September. It was a wet and windy night outside, but St Mary's was full of people who were filled with joy and warmth at being able

to join together in thanks and praise for the riches of the Harvest. Revd Tim read the Gospel lesson. We were treated to a beautiful piece "The Weaver" by the Donagh Community Choir who were joined by members of our local Comhaltas group who had everyone's feet tapping. We had a presentation on our responsibility to care for the world that God has given us delivered by pupils from St Mary's NS and Fr Hubert picked up on this theme in his homily, making reference to the Ecumenical Eco Congregation whose Climate Justice Candle we have been taking around each of our churches this Harvest Season. Following the Service we had further chance to chat over a very welcome cup of tea.

Errigal Truagh

St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh must be one of the most lushly leafy situated churches in Ireland, surrounded as it is by the most

wonderful mature trees. The Singleton families did a wonderful job of preparing the church for the arrival of so many of our friends and neighbours who came to celebrate Harvest with us. Singing at our Harvest Evensong was again led by the inestimable Mrs Ethne McCord and Donagh Community Choir who sang the anthems "God is Love" by John W Peterson and "Sing to the Lord of Harvest". Pauline Polland (nee Woods), whose ancestors attended St Muadain's, read the Old Testament lesson and Fr John Flanagan read the Gospel lesson. Revd Tim was the preacher and he reminded us again of the importance of living our lives with gratitude and how doing so improves our mental, physical and spiritual well being, especially if, like him, we have a tendency to "worrywartism" and can identify with characters from popular culture like Charlie Brown from Charles M Schultz's long running Peanuts comic strip who confessed "My anxieties have anxieties". Revd Tim reminded us that Jesus advises us not to worry about things that we can't possibly control, and to recognise those things in our lives which are the signs of God's blessings in our lives and to cultivate a furrow of gratitude in our lives as gratitude can make us more resilient, less likely to despair and able to live life in all its fullness which is God's desire for each of us. A delicious Harvest Supper was enjoyed by everyone in the Blackwater community centre after the Service.

Harvest Thanksgiving and Service of Dedication

Harvest in St Salvator's, Glaslough was a particularly special occasion this year as we had Bishop Ian and Heather joining us for the Dedication of our Donagh Group Sunday School Room, our Cloakroom and the refurbished stairwell which was a gift from the Waller family in memory of the greatly missed Joe and Louie Waller. The church was beautifully decorated and the children from Billis NS had made beautiful Harvest Wreaths which decorated our sanctuary and walls. Mrs Marina Waller and her team of Sunday School teachers had been very busy producing the beautiful Harvest Craft Display for the Baptistry. The Children from the Junior Choir sang "Someone's brought a loaf of bread" while children from the Sunday



Harvest wreaths made by children.

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School presented various harvest gifts, "Harvest Time is here again" and "We can Plough and dig the land". The Old Testament Lesson was read by Mrs Marina Waller our Parish Reader and Sunday School Superintendent. Bishop Ian was our preacher and he spoke about how all that we do in St Salvator's is about nurturing little seeds, such as the mustard seed from the parable in the Gospel lesson, of how we nurture our own faith and the faith of our children and young people, remembering how great things grow from the smallest of seeds. The Donagh Community Choir, accompanied by Gerard Toal, led our Service of Evening Prayer for use on Sundays singing "We Praise the Lord Almighty" by Jay Althouse and finishing with the beautiful blessing "Go Now in Peace" by Don Besig.

Among the many friends and neighbours who joined us for our celebration, we were delighted to welcome Minister for Social Protection, Mrs Heather Humphreys, Councillor David Maxwell, our architect, Mr Stephen Leighton and his wife Jane, Mr Glenn Moore (representing the Priorities Fund) and his family. Another glorious supper was held in the Glaslough Community Centre following the Service during which Mrs Diane Wright-Kendrick thanked the Glaslough Development Association for the use of the hall and

encouraged all the young families to support the church. Mrs Ethne McCord acknowledged the generous support received in grant-aid towards the building and refurbishment works from The Benefact Trust Growing Lives Programme, the Church of Ireland Priorities Fund, Monaghan County Council – Community Enhancement Programme, Marshall Beresford Trust and a very significant donation from Tyholland parishioners. We are so blessed with musical talent in these parishes that it is easy to overlook those whose musical ministry is ever present, but a special mention must be made of Mr Kenneth Atkinson whose violin accompanies Mrs Ethne McCord before and after each Service week by week enhancing our worship.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union term began again on Wednesday 21st September with a celebration of The Holy Communion and Supper. Our branch of the MU are an extremely joyful bunch of ladies and are always looking for new members who enjoy a giggle, a cuppa and a fun night out. Heather Ellis will be visiting our MU, but more on that next month.

Girls' Brigade

We were delighted to have the Glaslough



The late Joe and Louie Waller.

Girls' Brigade open again after its hiatus during Covid. Mrs Margaret Dudgeon has done wonderful work with the girls of Glaslough for so many years and it is wonderful to have two new leaders joining her happy band and keeping this wonderful ministry with our children going. Thank you to all the parents who help out each week, the smiling faces on the faces of the youngest members all the way up to the group of older teenagers who will soon be able to become officers themselves is testament to just how much the ministry of our GB leaders is valued and enjoyed.

Choir

The final Harvest of the Donagh Community choir autumn tour takes place after this magazine's deadline, but we look forward to sharing the Harvest Celebration of our friends and neighbours at Glennan, Presbyterian Church.

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An Amazing God

The following took place in 1993 in Xinye County, Henan Province, China. The story sounds like something from the book of Acts.

"We were having an outdoor crusade in a sports stadium, and there were so many people coming that the streets were blocked," Brother Shi explained. "When the sheriff arrived, he was very angry. He



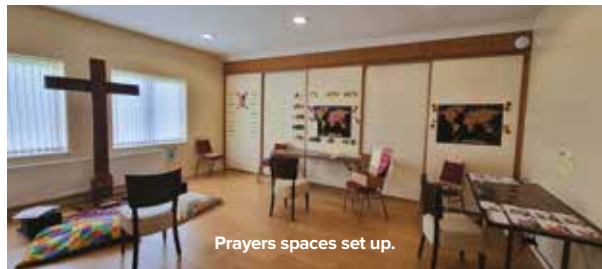
Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the MU branch; Front Row from left: Florence Jackson, Jean Davis (Founding Member). Second row from left; Alison Jackson, Hazel Barr, Frances Smyth (Founding Member), Peggy Mills, Eveline Smith. Third row from left; Geraldine Beattie (Vice-President Clogher MU), Anna Edgar, Christine Young, Tracey Keaney. Back Row from left: Sharon Deazley, Joanne Quill, Jennifer Vance, Revd Andrew Quill, Karen Crozier, Caroline McGuinness.

pointed at us, and he commanded his officers to arrest us. But suddenly his arm was stuck, and his feet could not move. He was like a statue!"

"His officers tried to put him in his car, but it was difficult because his arm was sticking out."

When they got the chief of police back

to the station they got doctors to look at him, but none of them could offer any explanation to what had happened or help him to move again. Finally one of the officers who had read the Bible said; "I think this is the same as what happened to the wicked King Jeroboam in 1 Kings; 'But the hand he stretched out toward the



man shriveled up, so that he could not pull it back.”
Then the officer said; “You need to get one of those evangelists to pray for you.” So the chief of police sent officers to bring the evangelists back to the police station, with the promise that nothing bad would happen to them.

“When we arrived there that afternoon, he was still paralyzed. He asked us to pray for him, and he told us: ‘I want to become a Christian. Please give me a Bible.’ When we prayed for him he was finally able to move his arm and his feet!”

Brother Shi smiled as he explained how the sheriff’s attempt to shut down the meeting in Xinye actually helped spread the gospel. “In one year, 15,000 were added to the church in that area,”

This amazing story reminds us of two things. Firstly, when we read stories in the Bible we should remember that God doesn’t change (‘Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.’ Hebrew 13:8). As we pray for the world in which we live and for the neighbourhood where God has placed us we should pray with real expectation. I particularly like what William Carey once said; “Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God.”

Secondly, there are many parts of the world where Christians undergo persecution for their faith—where the Gospel is shared with others despite that persecution. Paul says this in Ephesians 6:18-20;

*18*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

*19*Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, *20*for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

We need to stand with our brothers and sisters in prayer and as we do so, ask the Lord to give us boldness to proclaim the Good News, where we are, by the things that we say as well as by the life that we live.

MU 60th Anniversary Service

Holy Trinity Dromore Mothers’ Union 60th Anniversary Service took place on Sunday, 25th September in Holy Trinity Church Dromore. Revd Andrew led a Service of Holy Communion and shared in his address how the founder of Mothers’ Union, Mrs Mary Sumner, was encouraged by her husband Revd George Sumner to share what was on her heart and God would do the rest! He challenged people that we need to have Jesus’ heart for things and then allow him, by his Holy Spirit, to use us to be his hands, feet and voice.

Former branch leader for 20 years and one of the founding members Frances Smyth shared with us her memories. The Mothers’ Union branch was opened on 12th February 1961 by the late Revd Noel B Jackson and his wife Maureen. The first enrolling member was Mrs Maureen Jackson, the first branch secretary was Mrs Elaine Steele and the first Treasurer was Mrs Mina Watson. The enrolling service of all 29 members took place in St. Ernan’s Church, Donegal.

Today Mrs Jean Davis and Mrs Frances

Smyth are original founding members having served over 60 years as mothers Union members.

The Mothers’ Union met every third Wednesday of the month and held their meetings in Dromore old rectory, The old primary school, the Bethel Hall, the Orange Hall and recently in our own Church Hall. We attended Mothers’ Union Festival services in Clones, Monaghan and Enniskillen and it was a real treat to worship there with a thousand other members. That was an outing in those days! Our Mothers’ Union Programme starts in October with a Holy Communion service and then we have a varied programme of speakers and activities finishing with the area service and an annual Outing, which has included a trip to Newcastle Upon Tyne and Durham Cathedral (enjoying Holy Communion there) as well as flower festivals and places of interest. The Mothers’ Union have helped at many Church functions over the years including guest teas, funeral teas, barbecues. We’ve held ladies’ breakfasts and for almost 30 years we have held an annual Christmas dinner for senior citizens in the parish.

Mrs Geraldine Beattie, Vice-president of Clogher Diocese Mothers’ Union (Former President) brought greetings from Clogher Diocese and her own branch of Donacavey and Barr. She commented that the Dromore Mothers’ Union had been a backbone of the parish and congratulated them on 60 years of prayer and service they have given. She encouraged us that in order for Transformation to take place, we need to go back to Our Bible, to God and to prayer and God will transform our hearts. When our hearts are transformed, we cannot help but help our neighbour. Mrs Geraldine Beattie presented each of the Dromore Mothers’ Union members with certificates of long service, each received a picture of a tree incorporating the fingerprints and names of each current member. Our two founding members received a Belleek pottery limited edition Mothers’ Union brooch. Our longest serving members (length of service in brackets); Mrs Frances Smyth (60 years), Mrs Jean Davis (60 years), Mrs Florence Jackson (54 years) and Mrs Peggy Mills (50 years) were given bouquets of flowers in appreciation of their long service.

The church was beautifully decorated for this special celebration and a 60th Anniversary cake and a cup of tea were served after the service.

Prayer Spaces

Over the Harvest weekend (Friday 30th September – Sunday 2nd October) the

hall had prayer spaces setup to help people reflect on various aspects of Harvest, including thanksgiving as well as on the Bible Society and Barnabas Aid. The first prayer space focused on W.I.T.H. (Worship, I'm sorry, Thanks and Help) as a reminder that when we pray, we are spending time with God where we speak to him as well as listen. The second prayer was focused on the Bible Society and Barnabas Aid as well as providing a space for people to try a couple of different

devotionals (Bible in One Year and Lectio 365) and simply sit at the foot of a cross. Those who attended the prayer spaces over the weekend found it a powerful experience.

Keeping up to date

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

- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook

- Watch our Live Streamed Services <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitydromore/live/>
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwj585CXlqOq6W6h7_2AiYg/
- Watch uploaded Services on YouTube on a smart TV, uploaded usually on Sunday afternoon (All-age Service).
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore.
- Get a recording of the service on CD or DVD every week.

Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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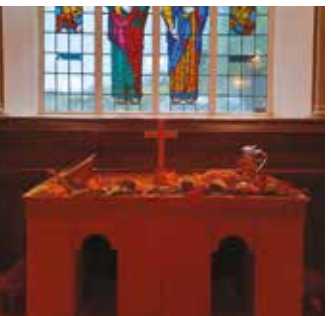
It is hard to believe that when you read these words we will be in the month of November and another year has almost passed. I don't know if it is part of the aging process but time seems to pass more quickly with every year.

As we begin our Harvest Services early in this part of the world they are completed in September and I shared some photos from the earlier services last month and I complete the set this month with pictures from Templecarne and Tubrid.

We are looking forward to the Season of Remembrance with all that means to us in various ways and as I have done for the last couple of years I hope to share some more details about those who we remember year by year in our churches. Later in November on Sunday 27th there will be a service to mark the 50th anniversary of the murder of Robert Keys. This service will be held in Tubrid.

I believe that it is vitally important that we mark anniversaries such as this so that the sacrifices of the past are not forgotten and the truth continues to be told about the cowardly acts that robbed families of a son, daughter, father, mother, wife or husband as so many families suffered over the years.

Of course we are also looking forward



to Christmas and I will think about that more next month but we trust that this will be a time when we come together as a church celebrating God's love and also celebrating the fact that we have come through some challenging times for us as a society and as a nation.

Over the Sundays in October I have been thinking about salvation in my sermons and I want to share a verse from Romans with you that I will think about in my sermon tomorrow (16 October), they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.

We should thank God today and every day for his love for each one of us that means that we know these words are true.

I have added the service times for November but would like to give some advance notice of the service arrangements for Christmas as they will be slightly different than usual.

Christmas Eve - Holy Communion in Templecarne at 8.00pm.

Christmas Day - Holy Communion in Tubrid at 10.00am.

These are both group services so please try and attend at least one of them (although there is nothing wrong with going to both).

Diary

Sunday 6 November 2022

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid.

Sunday 6 November 2022

Dernasesk 7pm, speaker Canon Alan Irwin.

Sunday 13 November 2022

Remembrance 10.00 Muckross,
Remembrance 11.30 Tubrid.

Sunday 20 November 2022

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer with Baptism 11.30 Tubrid.

Sunday 27 November 2022

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckross,
Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

Service and Pastoral Cover:
Revd Margaret Pringle NSM and Mr. Walter Pringle, DPA and Diocesan Reader.

Revd Tim Irvine is in charge.

Drum

A service of Reflection and thanksgiving for the life of Queen Elizabeth II was held on September 18th at 3pm. This service was hosted by Co Monaghan loyal orders at very short notice. The service was conducted by Mr Walter Pringle and Dean Raymond Ferguson gave a very fitting address on the life and faith of Queen Elizabeth. Many thanks to all who attended and especially to those who organised and advertised it in the days previous.

Vestry meeting

We were delighted to welcome Revd Tim Irvine to chair our meeting on 4th October. As well as being appointed Bishop's Curate in the Donagh group, Revd Tim also takes on the responsibilities of chairing meetings and assisting with administration in our group. We thank him for chairing a very successful and productive meeting with us in Drum and at the time of writing, looked forward to having him back as guest preacher at the Harvest on 23rd October.

A night of Carols is back!

On Friday 9th December at 8pm, we are delighted to welcome back Lisnaskea Silver Band to provide the music and guest choir Cantari, Donagh. Spread the word as all are most welcome to this festive night!



Lisnaskea Silver Band members play at the Aghabog harvest service.

Drum/Ematris Mothers' Union

Our first meeting was held on 28th September at 3pm in Aghabog Church Hall. We held a short service of prayers, bible reading and two hymns. The Queen was remembered for her loyal service and we acknowledged her being a patron of the Mothers' Union and gave thanks. A business meeting followed. Maureen Howe, our incoming branch leader was welcomed. We thanked Ema Middleton, our outgoing branch leader for her years of leadership. We welcomed a new member, Carole Carleton to our group. Following conclusion of our meeting, we enjoyed a lovely tea and fellowship. Thank you to Maureen Howe for all the work in preparing the service sheets and hymns and providing the music via her phone. We also wish to thank the ladies of Aghabog for hosting the meeting, the warm welcome and all the delicious tea-time treats. We plan to continue having our meetings in the afternoon to enable senior members to join us. Our next meeting is to be confirmed.

Rockcorry/Dartrey Harvest

Harvest Thanksgivings afford us an opportunity to give thanks to God and

the harvest of 2022 will be remembered as one of the better ones as optimum weather prevailed throughout the whole harvest season. In Dartrey Church we welcomed Revd. Kenneth Rutledge as our guest preacher. He was followed by Dean Raymond Ferguson in Rockcorry Church on Sunday, 3rd October. Both services were enhanced by special musical items. In Dartrey we enjoyed the participation of the Sunday School children while in Rockcorry, Jill Hollinger treated us to two lovely solo numbers. Both churches were beautifully decorated. Our grateful thanks to decorators, organists, special preachers and Mr. Walter Pringle.

Winter Sale

As life returns to normal following the Covid restrictions we look forward to the resumption of some annual Church activities. We are looking forward once again to the annual Winter Sale scheduled for Rockcorry School on Saturday 26th November from 11am until 2pm. It will follow the same format as previous years- cake stall variety stall, teas, sale of firewood and car wash. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Queen Elizabeth

A palpable sense of loss was felt



A Night of Carols
 Drum Parish Church
 Friday 9th December at 8pm
 With Lisnaskea Silver Band
 Guest choir: "Cantari Donagh"
 Festive refreshments served
 Everybody Welcome

throughout the world on Thursday, 8th September as news filtered through of the passing of our beloved Queen Elizabeth following an unparalleled seventy year reign. Much has been written about her contribution in terms of reconciliation and healing of relationships between Ireland and the United Kingdom. Her memorable State visit to the Republic of Ireland in 2011 and her speech at the State banquet will go down in history. Her affection for Ireland as a whole was clear to see. We indeed mourn her passing.

Personal

During the past few weeks much heartbreak and overwhelming grief has been visited upon many communities throughout the land. We particularly think of that small tightly - knit community of Creeslough in Co. Donegal whose lives have been torn asunder following a horrendous explosion resulting in the tragic death of ten of their loved ones. We hold them all in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult days and in the days, weeks and years ahead.

A number of our own parishioners have been unwell at home, in hospital and nursing homes. We remember them all in our prayers

Remembrance Service

The Annual Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service will (D.V.) take place on Sunday 13th November 2022 in Dartrey Parish Church at 3.00pm with assembly at 2.45pm at the church gates. Speaker is Revd. Margaret Pringle. The collection is in aid of the Poppy Appeal. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Doohat Hall. All Welcome.

Rockcorry School

In Rockcorry National School, we will be celebrating Maths Week 17th - 23rd October. The children in both rooms will be working hard on Maths Activities and the integration of Maths into our everyday lives. We are happy to say that we have a return to our Speech Tutor service. Children that would benefit from Speech and Language intervention can get it in the school once



A presentation is made to Alice Forde for her fundraising work in Aughnamullen Church.

per week for a very reasonable fee. It is a fantastic service and parents have always found the benefits of having the service in the school and not having to bring their children elsewhere.

We have a Fife Tutor who has started in the school on a weekly basis. Children from first class to sixth class have been really enjoying the lessons. The lessons are free of charge for the children, as the school has received a grant from The Ulster Scots Agency.

Aughnamullen Harvest

Our Harvest thanksgiving service was held on Sunday, 11th September at 3pm and despite the weather conditions was supported. Our thanks to Mr Walter Pringle for arranging and conducting the service, to our guest preacher the Revd. Arthur Minion for his address, also to Ethel Ritchie for providing the music, to those who provided gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables and to those who decorated the church and arranged the tea afterwards in the schoolhouse. During this a presentation was made to Alice Forde on her retirement from Latton Social Services and for all her work in fundraising for our church renovation. We send good wishes to Alice

as she hopes to visit her family in Australia in October.

Our thanks to Revd Tim Irvine for conducting our vestry meeting.

We continue to send our good wishes to all those who have been unwell recently.

Crossduff

A carol service will DV be held on Sunday 4th December at 3pm. Guest speaker is Bishop Ian Ellis accompanied by Ballybay Country Gospel Group. Tea is served afterwards in the stables. Everyone welcome.

Baptism

Oisin Reyburn Smith, son of James and Molly Reyburn Smith on Sunday, 9th October. The Service was conducted by Revd. Margaret Pringle.

Aghabog Harvest

Our annual Harvest thanksgiving service held on Sunday 9th October at 8pm was very well attended. Our thanks to Walter Pringle for conducting the service and to our guest speaker, Mr Karl Saunders. Special thanks to Lisnaskea Silver Band for providing the music during the service. Thanks to all those who provided flowers, fruit and vegetables and helped in decorating the church so tastefully and to those who tidied up the next day.

Beetle Drive

A beetle Drive will be held in Druminan Hall on Saturday, 5th November at 8pm and also in Drumate Hall on Saturday, 26th November at 8pm. As it has been three years since these events were able to be held due to Covid-19 do come along and enjoy a night of fun and fellowship with friends.

Annual Carol Service

Annual Carol service will be held in Aughnamullen church on Sunday 11th December at 3pm. Special music. All are welcome.



The Smith family at the baptism service in Crossduff Church.



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November Services

Thursday 3rd November

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 6th November: The Third Sunday before Advent

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion – Mothers' Union Service

7.00pm – Remembering Loved Ones

Thursday 10th November

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 13th November: The Second Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Day

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.30am – Morning Prayer (Remembrance Day Service)

Thursday 17th November

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 20th November: The Sunday before Advent (The Kingship of Christ)

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 24th November

11.00am – Holy Communion



Pictured at the Enthronement Service in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen are Mr Nathan Clyde (Rector's Churchwarden); Mr Andy McCabe (Dean's Verger); the Revd Chris West (Curate Assistant); the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis (Bishop of Clogher); the Very Revd Kenny Hall (Dean of Clogher); the Revd John McClenaghan (Diocesan Registrar); the Venerable Brian Harper (Archdeacon) and Miss Alanna Williamson (Peoples' Churchwarden).

Sunday 27th November: The First Sunday of Advent

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer - Family Service

Christian Marriage

■ 14th October - Matthew Ian Alexander Spiers and Rachel Anne Mairs

Christian Burial

■ 20th September - Alison Hadingham, 15 Dairies Road, Enniskillen.

■ 11th October - Barbara Jean Irvine, Lawnakilla Park, Enniskillen.

Welcome

We welcome the Revd Stephen McWhirter as the new Rector in our neighbouring parish of Rossorry and wish him, his wife, the Rev Jennifer and their family every happiness and blessing in their new surroundings.

Back to Church Sunday

On Sunday 25th September 2022, we were delighted to welcome the Very Revd Stephen Farrell, the Dean of Ossory, and Rector of Kilkenny Union of Parishes as special guest preacher at our Back to Church Sunday service. In his address, he spoke about the "alarm clocks" God sends into our lives to wake us up - the "alarm clocks" that alert us to play our part in the life and mission of the Church, which includes turning up to Sunday services, as well as the "alarm clocks" that remind us we need to give generously to support those in need.

Children and young people took part in the service. Many thanks are due to those who read lessons, lead the prayers, and collected the offertory. Following the service, everyone enjoyed free ice-cream, as well as the refreshments served in the Cathedral Hall. Registration for Sunday Lights and Café and Confirmation classes

took place immediately after the service. An enjoyable time was experienced by all!

The Enthronement of Bishop Ian Ellis

The Enthronement of our Bishop took place on Sunday 25th September, postponed from the earlier date of 11th September due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, during a celebration of the Holy Communion. We offer Bishop Ian our warm congratulations and best wishes.

Family Fun Day

Over one hundred people attended our Family Fun Day on Saturday 8th October. There was a bouncy castle, slide and lucky dip for the children. Gwyneth Blair was on hand for face painting and was kept busy! There were refreshments for everyone served by our own Verger/ Caretaker, Andy McCabe. Lot's of fun was had by all.



Revd Stephen Farrell.



The family fun day.



Harvest Services

The Cathedral was beautifully decorated for our Harvest Services on Sunday 9th October. A sincere thank you to all those who helped, in any way, with our harvest celebrations.

Visit of the MU Worldwide President and All Ireland MU President to Enniskillen

A unique event will take place in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Sunday, 6th November during Morning Service. It will mark the visits of the Mothers' Union Worldwide President, Mrs Sheran Harper and the All-Ireland President Mrs June Butler to our Diocese. The service will include the Commissioning of Mrs Heather Ellis as Clogher Diocesan President and of Mrs Debbie Davidson as Armagh Diocesan President.

Remembering Loved Ones

On Sunday 6th November 2022 at 7.00pm, we are holding a special service in which we will remember those whom we love but see no longer. The names of parishioners who have died since the Dean's institution on 28th September 2010 will automatically be included in the list of those remembered during that service. Should you wish to have a loved one included in this act of remembering or would prefer that your loved one is not remembered by name please email or phone the details to the Cathedral Office by Monday 31st October 2022. If you intend to be present at the service please

let us know how many will be attending.

Messy Church

Messy Church is open to all children of Primary School age or younger and their parents and guardians. Even if you aren't a member of the Cathedral, you are very welcome to join us at any of the sessions. A warm welcome awaits you! Participants must complete a registration form, which is available from the Cathedral Office. We are grateful to the Revd Mark Gallagher, the Rector of St Michael's Church, Trory, and Priory Church, Killadeas for launching our new programme on "The Five Marks of Mission" on 20th October 2022. For the first session, we considered the first mark, "Tell". The next session, which has as its theme "Teach", will take place on 17th November 2022 at the usual time of 4.00-6.00pm in the Cathedral Hall. Don't forget: "The Five Marks Challenge" has started! It's based on the idea of families challenging themselves to do some form of activity linked to the marks of mission, and it's open to any individual or family that would like to take part. Those who take part will receive prizes. The closing date for the Yellow Challenge (Tell) will be 17th November. To receive

your prizes, bring along evidence of your activities to that session or email it to fivemarks.messychurch@gmail.com. Examples of activities relating to the Yellow Challenge include: learning something new about the Christian faith; borrowing a library book on some part of the Christian story; or reading an unfamiliar Bible story with members of your family. Be as creative as you like in response to the theme - prizes will be awarded for the most creative response!

Parenting Wellness Group

The next meeting of the group, for parents and children is on Saturday 12th November at 2.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall. There will be Yoga, Mindfulness, Arts and Crafts with Zen Little Me. Please send a message to Linda Kingston on 07342045474 to confirm your attendance. She can also answer any questions or queries you may have. There will also be meetings on Saturday 19th November - Jumping Clay and 17th December - Arty Parties NI.

Sunday Lights and Café

Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-4, and Sunday Café welcomes children in P5-Year 8. We use interactive and creative forms of learning to help the children learn about the Christian faith (telling Bible stories, songs, discussion, games, and crafts). We are grateful to the leaders who make Sunday Lights and Café not only possible, but so enjoyable for our children! The children leave during the 11.00am service after the singing of a family hymn for their own activities and attend and take part in monthly Family Services. Each Sunday parents or guardians attend church with their children at 11.00am. The children will leave church at 11.20am for approximately 30/40 minutes. A parent or guardian needs to remain in church during this time.

Advent Sunday (27th November): Family Christingle Service

Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a





message of hope. Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the service. Christingles are oranges wrapped in red tape, decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on the top. Each part reminds us of an important part of the story. Want to find out more? Come along on 27th November at 11.00am to celebrate the beginning of the new church year with us!

Supper at Six

“Supper at Six” is a monthly meal in the Cathedral Hall, which is open for all. You are welcome to make an anonymous voluntary contribution but are under no obligation to do so. To book your place for the next meal on Thursday 24th November, please fill in the slip on the information flyer available in this Cathedral News and return it by 17th November. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The Pilgrim Course

Our Pilgrim Course that explores the Christian faith in greater depth through the creeds, which is inclusive and open to all, whether you are exploring the Christian faith for the first time or simply want to grow in your understanding of what you believe continues in the Cathedral Hall. Sessions are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, with the next sessions being held on 8th and 22nd November at 7.30pm. A warm welcome awaits you, and refreshments will be served at each session. We look forward to journeying with you.

Mothers' Union

The October meeting was held in the Eniskeen Room on Monday 12th with a large attendance. Revd Chris opened the meeting with a reading and prayer. Jenifer, Branch Leader gave a warm welcome and introduced the guest speakers, Ronnie McIntyre and Noel McAllister from a bee-keeping club. They gave a passionate talk



on the making of honey and the process leading up to it. They brought some of their own honey to taste and sell. It was a very interesting talk and encouraging to see a good turnout. A fabulous supper was served and the meeting closed with the Mothers' Union prayer.

The next meeting is on Monday November 14th at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Linda Johnston on “Decluttering “All are welcome.

A date for your diary - Sunday 6th November; The visit of Worldwide President, Mrs Sheran Harper to Enniskillen.

Tuesday Club

The first Tuesday Club after a long break was held on 27th September at 2.00pm. Holy communion was celebrated by the Dean assisted by Revd Chris. The Dean then gave a talk on all the arrangements for the coming year, the Quadricentennial Anniversary of St Macartin's Cathedral. This was followed by tea and biscuits. It is lovely to be back again in fellowship. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th October at 2.00pm when John Graham is the speaker. Our November get together is on Tuesday 29th when we will limber up with chair exercises. All seniors welcome!

Tuesday drop-in

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2.00 to 6.00pm, the Hilliard Room in the Cathedral Hall will be open, where people can chat, study, read the newspaper, knit, and drink tea and coffee, saving money by reducing energy usage in our homes. You are welcome to make use of the tea and coffee making facilities in the adjacent kitchen. On the last Tuesday of each month, the Tuesday Club will meet in the Hilliard Room at 2.00pm, and you would be welcome to join them.

Shoobox Appeal

Put some of your Christmas into a shoe box – and send it to a child in need! When



you start planning your Christmas this year, why not plan to share some of the joy and fun? For hundreds of thousands of desperately needy children, there will be no Christmas coming at all in 2022 – unless you send it to them in a shoe box. Our Mothers' Union supports this project each year, so let us all as a parish, support them in this very worthy cause. Operation Christmas Child is a project run by Samaritan's Purse International, a Christian relief and development charity. The shoe boxes are given unconditionally, regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs. So – how do you send Christmas to a child in a shoe box? It's easy! Simply take an empty shoe box, wrap it in gift paper (lid and box separately) and fill it with toys, educational supplies, hats and scarves and other items that will bring joy to a child's life. You also need to include £5.00 'Shipping' donation per shoebox, to cover UK transportation, overseas shipping, distribution and promotion, with any surplus going to the work of Samaritan's Purse. If you would like to contribute, there are boxes and leaflets full of ideas of what to buy – plus a label to stick on the front of your box available in the cathedral porch or contact any member of the Mothers' Union or the Churchwardens for more information. Please bring your wrapped and filled shoe box to church on or before Sunday 20th November. Since 1990, more than 198 million children in over 150 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child.

Prayer

May the joy of Christ shine in our eyes, the compassion of Christ reach out through our hands, the word of Christ fall from our tongues and the love of Christ flow from our hearts? Amen.

Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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Worship

9.30am - Morning Service at Kiltermon
11am - Morning Service at St John's
With Sunday School and Creche, each
fortnight
7pm - Breathe Quiet Prayer and Worship:
Parish Hall, first Sunday of the month.
7pm - 3rd Sunday Fellowship Evenings -
Next evening is Sunday 20th November
with Revd John Rutter in Aghavea Parish
11am - Wednesday Prayers at home.

Can Success Be Measured?

***"As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat, summer and winter,
day and night will never cease."***

At one level the parish enjoyed a very successful weekend for the Harvest Thanksgiving. Attendances were good with Kiltermon full on the Friday evening, and just shy of 100 were present on the Sunday evening. We had a full house on Sunday morning, with some seats in the aisle. Suppers were served on both evenings, and both preachers were congratulated for their words. Clearly a lot of hard work went into the weekend, from preparing sermons, food, music and flowers. May I again say thank you to everyone who worked for this Thanksgiving and allowed us to gather before the Lord in this way. We were pleased to have Revd Lindsey Farrell, Rector of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk preach in St John's. She is married to a son of the parish, Keith Farrell,



and we enjoy the fellowship of her parents-in-law Raymond and Violet, and many of the family circle.

Also, Canon Robinson spoke at Kiltermon giving a comprehensive overview of the place of Harvest in the Bible. God reassured Noah that 'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.' In appreciating the heartsome weekend past, we also notice that success is difficult to measure. God reassured with these words, after a time of chaos when the earth faced the judgement of the flood. God's blessing for the earth would be in the enduring movement of the seasons, which so many of us notice and appreciate. This Harvest has allowed us to appreciate visible success but also to notice that God's measure is not always the same as ours, and that His blessing is also seen in His enduring grace each season. God bless you as this Harvest leads into Remembrance tide. **Precentor Hanlon.**

Ladies' Autumn Brunch

At the time of writing, we are only days away from welcoming Christian author and speaker, Catherine Campbell. Catherine spoke in the parish approximately 14 years ago, and several ladies requested that we invite her to return. Meanwhile her new book is available now from the parish office, at a discounted price of £7.

'To maintain that sort of contact is a challenge from now until Jesus returns'

'Recently I came across these words about prayer as I prepared for a Sunday sermon. Michael Wilcock was writing in his Bible Speaks Today commentary about the Parable of the Persistent Widow. It has made me think a lot about an unexpected conversation I was part of after a Sunday service in September. A lovely family who worshipped with us some years ago before emigrating to Jersey, were visiting Northern Ireland and decided to join us for the morning service. Afterwards, the mum asked me what had been happening in St John's in the 10 years since they had

gone. I was slightly flummoxed for words. How do you summarise a decade? I found myself telling them that in the years since, as well as difficult times and the encouragements, above all I had learned to pray ... more/ better? I realised that the Intercession and Prayer for Healing, Breathe, the Quiet days, the link with the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer, Knit-Pray-Love, and the Spiritual Direction I offer have all emerged in these latter years. I'm think I prayed before, but in these later times all of these other pieces of prayer have emerged.

It is an encouragement sometimes to recount God's goodness to us and see how He will help us to maintain praying contact with Him, until we finally get home. It makes sense of another encouragement this week in a little book given to me by Raymond Fox (Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer) 'Dancing At The Still Point', by Gemma Simmonds. She writes of prayer that 'Prayer is not something we do for God, but something that God does for us,' and that 'we allow the song to be sung in us.' Perhaps if I have learned something of that in recent years, that has been time well spent.

Prayer Course

It is also a great encouragement that a Prayer Course has started. Based on the book by Pete Greig, it has been encouraging and challenging the 11 participants who gathered on the first evening. There were other apologies hoping to join us next time. It includes a 20-minute video discussion with Pete and Poppy Williams as they help us think about what we are doing as we pray. The discussion was good and there has been really positive feed-back. A paperback book of the course topics is available from the office for £10.

Kind regards, Precentor Hanlon.'

Mothers' Union hosts Cake Sale and Coffee Morning

This took place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 8th October. There was tea, coffee, cakes, jams and chat in abundance, and a great turn-out of people. Just shy of £1200 was realised for missions and branch work. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this. Mothers' Union opened on Wednesday 21st September when the speaker was Linda Johnston who spoke on free from clutter. It was a fun evening of conversation. Two new members were welcomed. On 8th October we organised a coffee morning





Members of Knit Pray Love group.

and cake sale. In November we make up hampers for community outreach. Mamie Alexander will speak at our December meeting on 'What Christmas means to me. New members welcome.'

Evelyn Irwin, Secretary

Parish Auction

At the time of writing the auction was being held on Saturday 15th October hosted by the members of the Select Vestry as a way of encouraging and supporting the parish. The auctioneer is to be Mr. Maurice Kirkpatrick and we express our appreciation to all who have contributed so far.

Prayer and Craft Group

KNIT PRAY LOVE

Summer Stitching
On The Road...

JUNE saw us cross the county into Fermanagh to celebrate our fourth birthday and also our first meeting together as a full group in over two years!

Filled with much excitement and JOY we gathered at The Croft Farm Shop where we received the warmest of welcomes and where we enjoyed delicious homemade scones, coffees and teas surrounded by beautiful countryside. Each lady so thankful to be here and acknowledging the challenges each one had faced and giving thanks that as we trust in our God of HOPE He gives us the HOPE, JOY and PEACE that we need. We enjoyed sharing our most colourful projects, a secret project revealed and new projects explained.

Donations of wool or crochet cotton would be greatly appreciated: leave in the basket in the hall.

A little birthday message

'Thank you for the work of your hands.

Thank you for your generous spirit.

Thank you for the love that you give.'

With a little coaster gift and a reminder that we are 'Rooted and grounded in LOVE'

Ephesians 3:17

A local PSNI officer joined us for a chat and gave us words of encouragement for all that we do.

In July we headed back to Fermanagh and enjoyed a time of creativity and fellowship in Michele's garden. After a stroll around the borders, an inspection of the potato pots and a greenhouse full of chillies and tomatoes, we settled to a new project. We were joined by Phyllis Clarke for her very first meeting with us in person and we were also joined by Precentor Hanlon. We enjoyed catching up over some tasty homemade treats and my garden was full of wonderful hand knit and crocheted colour.

Thank you, ladies, for my gift which was a lovely and unexpected surprise!

In August we were closer to home at The Round Lake in Fivemiletown. Another beautiful day. We were joined by Claire Millar for her first group meeting since February 2020 and Meghan the dog, who was so well behaved and seemed to enjoy the company. We focused on Strength that day; 'He gives STRENGTH to the weary and increases the power of the weak. those who HOPE in the Lord will renew their STRENGTH' Isaiah 40:29,31

A SCARF FOR LEWY

Lewy Body Dementia is a little-known type of dementia that is very different from Alzheimer's Disease and requires different support and treatment. It can be very challenging to live with and is often misdiagnosed. Lewy Body Dementia targets problem-solving and reasoning functions of the brain and hallucinations occur early on in the disease. To help raise awareness of Lewy Body Dementia we knit colourful scarves. Praying for those who are affected by this disease, the researchers, the medical and social care teams and of course the families who are living with Lewy Body

Dementia every day.

Each scarf will be joined to another and another and another until they are long enough to wrap around the Royal Albert Hall in London this October!

At the end of the project the scarves will be separated and given to homeless people and refugees.

'YARNDALE' WORLDWIDE CREATIVE PROJECT

Yarndale is an annual all things yarn exhibition which takes place in Skipton, Yorkshire near the end of September. This year they are raising funds for Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

For this project we knit and crocheted colourful 'Paperchains' made from double knitting yarn, each 10 loops long. As we stitched, we prayed for the crews, technical and support staff of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance service and Air Ambulance teams throughout the UK and here in Northern Ireland.

Our 'Paperchains' will be joined together with others to help decorate the exhibition hall. After the event they will be sold and the money raised will be given to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

BABY HATS - A colourful array of beautiful baby hats were knit with much love and prayer for the babies, their families and all of the staff involved in their care. Fifty hats were given to the Maternity Unit at the South-West Acute Hospital.

TWIDDLEMUFFS - We received several special requests for Twiddlemuffs over the summer and these have been given to those in need locally and to a nursing home in Nottinghamshire, England. We pray for each person, their families and all of the health and social care staff involved in their care.

'THE BIG KNIT' - For this project we made over sixty tiny bobble hats for Innocent Smoothie bottles. Twenty-five pence from the sale of each bottle will be donated to Age UK, a charity supporting older people throughout the United Kingdom.

PLATINUM JUBILEE FRIENDSHIP BLANKETS

We are currently working on two Platinum Jubilee Friendship Blankets, one hand knit, the other crocheted, in shades of purple, white and gold. They will be ready to gift this autumn.

'THANK YOU FOR THE SEASONS' FLORAL GIFT FOR KILTERMON - A multitude of wonderful bouquets have been lovingly hand stitched by the ladies of Knit Pray Love. From simple leaf shapes to complex floral elements. Each one will be pieced together this autumn to make a beautiful 3-D floral tapestry for parishioners and visitors to enjoy. Donations Gratefully

Received...

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and foliage elements that have been donated to us over the summer. They are truly wonderful. We will soon be arranging them as part of our floral canvas gift to Kiltermon Church.

Emmy from Hearts of Hope, UK sent us a wonderful mixed bag of yarns for use in our current projects. Included was a lovely card thanking us for supporting their Malawi Christmas Appeal last year and their Ukrainian Appeal earlier this year.

Thank you so very much for the monetary donations we received during the summer. We will use this money to purchase much needed yarn for a specific project this winter.

Thank you for thinking of us and for supporting the work of our hands.

If you have any special requests please do get in touch via Judith in the office, and we will do our best to help.

With the arrival of Autumn, we look forward to visiting the gardens at the Rectory at the very kind invitation of Precentor Hanlon at the end of September.

'Rooted and grounded in LOVE' Ephesians 3:17 *Love, Michele*

Shoe Box Appeal

This year Sunday School are supporting Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. Since 1990, more than 178 million children in more than 150 countries have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

We are requesting that our Sunday School children gather items to fill a shoe box which we will collate and send together from St John's Fivemiletown. Details on the type of items to include will be sent home with children at Sunday School.

If you as a member of our congregation would like to support the project by providing a shoebox please let us know as we are keen to show God's love to as many children as possible this Christmas. Alternatively, it would be greatly appreciated if you would like to support the project by providing a small financial donation for subsidising the boxes or postage. Please pray for the project, each shoebox and item gifted and for those preparing the boxes and the children who will receive them this Christmas. Please contact Yvonne Cunningham or Deborah Hanlon for more information.

Gordon Burrell on Mission Trip

'Dear Praying Friends, I hope to bring faith, courage, obedience and exuberance as I sort stuff at the Uighur church plant and as I visit some Uighur villages. I value prayer and your prayers as I make this trip.

Pray for my safety in all travel and connections and in my travel in Kazakhstan. Pray as we visit those who are church planting among the Uighurs.

There is much hopelessness in the villages with alcoholism and depression.

Pray for breakthroughs with signs and wonders, wisdom, prophecy healings, miracles and the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit - That the Uighurs will hunger and thirst for you, the living God in Jesus.

Pray for another Uighur church plant that I can encourage and sort my kit as I had to leave in a hurry.

Pray for safety as I hope to get into the mountains which rise to 16000 feet. (See picture.)

Blessings to you and that you will withhold me before the throne while I am away.'

Gordon is a brother of our parishioner, Mr. John Burrell, M. B. E.

Remembrancetide

God willing the Parish will host the Remembrance Day service in St John's at 3.30pm on Sunday 13th November. Revd David Curran and Revd Clodagh Yambassu will also take part. Precentor Hanlon will lead the Act of Remembrance at the Royal British Legion at 2.50pm, before the parade makes its way through the town to the Church.

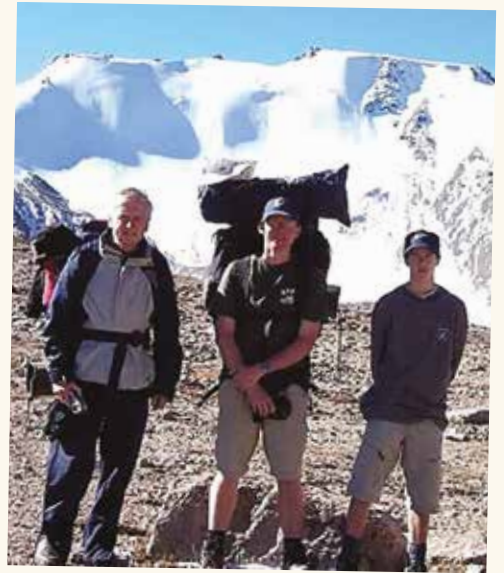
Advent and Christmas

Senior Adults' Christmas Lunch – 12noon
Wednesday 7th December
Connect and Senior Sunday School Trip to Mini Bowl – Friday, 9 December
Sunday School Party (Creche, Sparks and Juniors) 6.30pm on Saturday, 10 December
An All-Age Nativity – 11am on Sunday 18 December

Launch Of Parish Christmas Cards

This will be from 10.30am-12noon on Saturday 5th November in Kiltermon

Beverley Weir produced a great series of watercolour sketches for the card series when we renovated Kiltermon. This time, she is working on a new range for us in time for the festive season. Monies raised will be shared equally between a bursary for children and young people to learn about famous Anglican writers, poets and



hymn writers such as CS Lewis and the hymn writer Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, (author of All Things Bright And Beautiful, There Is a Green Hill Far Away and Once in Royal David's City,) and parish funds.

Mums and Tots

This meets on the second Monday of each month from 10am -11.30 am in the Parish Hall, a time for Mums and Carers and their little folk to have fun together. A morning with tea/coffee, juice, toast and freshly baked scones, loads of toys and the morning is brought to a close with interactive nursery rhymes. The purpose of Mums & Tots is to create a place for Mums to make new friends, share their stories, and encourage each other.

Mums & Tots hosted 'were going on a bear hunt' at the Round Lake Fivemiletown to finish off their year. Mums, dads, carers came along and joined in making binoculars with the kids, setting off finding the many bears hiding round the lake path, returning to the Lake house for tea/coffee scones, juice crisps for the tots, nursery rhymes and play time in the play park.

Mums & Tots Reopened from 10am –

11.30am on Monday 10 October at St John's Parish Hall with a themed morning, 'The Hungry Caterpillar' read by Beverly Weir. 23 children were present with 18 mums, grannies or carers. Thank you to all who took part.

Church Lads

The Church Lads' Brigade reopened on 4th October with a special games and food evening at the Round Lake. We will continue to meet alternate Tuesday evenings from 6:45-8pm. All boys from P1-P7, year 8 are very welcome and we look forward to



seeing both past boys and new members. We have devised a fantastic programme which includes Scripture, games, crafts, cookery, badge work, special visitors and of course food! We will still use preregistration via WhatsApp. Our Enrolment service is on 30th November with GFS. We are also in the process of organising a fundraiser on December 10th so please keep this date free. We have decided that the boys will not have to pay any fees this year. "Fight the good fight" - **Sandra McConnell**.

CONNECT

We are thankful that we were able to reopen in spring. While our structure had to change slightly with COVID restrictions our core elements remained centred around Gods word and teaching. We as leaders felt blessed to reengage with young people face to face. A series of nights were hosted in parish halls and we closed our season with a very successful water games night at the Rectory. We are looking forward to Connect reopening in October with several fun nights planned. God willing we hope to host a Parish Youth weekend at Castlewellan Castle in January 2023. Connect is open to all those from Year 8 and above. Your continued prayers for the group, the young people of our parish and community are appreciated.

Yvonne Cunningham

Sunday School

With refreshed enthusiasm, Sunday school reopened with a special service on 18th September in church. We were delighted to have Alistair McFarland from Scripture Union with us as speaker. We were greatly encouraged that 51 children registered on that first Sunday with 74 being registered on week two. This has increased to 86 children so far. We are overjoyed and warmly welcomed two new Sunday school teachers on board this year. We look forward to a New Year with our Sunday school family, sharing the Good News of Jesus our Lord.

Heather Kirkpatrick, Sunday School Co-ordinator

Men's Ministry Men's group

As the summer season finishes we look forward to getting back to meeting again in October. We plan to continue our teaching and discussions from the Everyman, a warrior series during October, November and December. As we think of our Christian lives are we in maintenance mode or mission mode. Are we focused on ourselves or reaching out to others? Do we ask ourselves what matters most in our lives?

Chris & Andy

The things of God are eternal yet so often



we look to what the world has to offer us instead of looking to God. In this autumn series we are thinking about these things and would love for you to join us for informal discussions and fellowship.

Prayer Ministry and Breathe

On Wednesday night 21st September the short service of Holy Communion and Prayer resumed again after the summer break. Twelve of us were present and we remembered before Almighty God his healing power for those who had requested prayer. Although the service of Holy Communion ceased over the summer the faithful group of those who pray every Wednesday continues.

The next service of Holy Communion and Prayer God Willing will be held on Wednesday 16th November at 8pm. A Prayer request card can be found in each pew. Please fill in the first name only and either give to Precentor Hanlon, William Morrow or place on the collection plate. Names remain on the list for three months and continue to be prayed for. Everyone is invited to attend the service and will be warmly welcomed. Please keep this ministry which is a very important part of our church in your prayers. **Report from the Prayer Ministry of Healing Secretary William Morrow.**

A Prayer for the sick

I'm coming to you today as your child, loving to hear from you and asking for your divine healing. There's so much I don't understand about life but I do know that with one touch, one word, you can make me whole. Please forgive me of my sins, cleanse me of my unrighteousness and begin your healing from the inside out. Amen

Thoughts on the Quiet Day

Canon Peter Wilson

The Quiet Day was held on Saturday 24 September at which nine members of the parish were present. It took place at the home of the Revd Pat and the Revd Professor Rab Mollan, Echo Sound, Killyleagh Road, Downpatrick, a most

beautiful situation right at the water's edge, with wonderful views of the lough and surrounding countryside. The Revd Pat introduced three sessions of meditation, with an invitation to shut out all intruding distractions, and meet the Lord in 'stillness and quietness.'

In stillness, the presence of the Lord is truly found, and his Power to Bless, Cleanse, and Renew can be received. These sessions were punctuated by times for reflection with uplifting scenes all around - lovely refreshments and a beautiful meal.

As one of those attending the 'Quiet day' from another parish remarked the experience was one where "heaven and earth come together, like as when the sky appears to touch the sea in the distant horizon."

Our host and hostess who work tirelessly for the church's Ministry of Healing made it a day to remember, and the atmosphere of quiet and worship was truly beneficial. William Morrow writes; On Saturday 24th September nine of us travelled to the shores of Strangford Lough situated in the most beautiful part of Co. Down. When we arrived we were welcomed by Rab and Pat Molan and were kindly provided with tea, coffee and treats. The day started with Pat giving us a talk on some verses of scripture, followed by silent prayer known as quiet time in God's presence. There was a time to relax before lunch in the most beautiful gardens. After having received a scrumptious lunch we returned to a talk on scripture and silent Prayer. The day was brought to a close with a time to talk over tea and coffee and more treats. A relaxed, peaceful and prayerful day was had by all. God willing our next quiet day will be held in St John's on a Saturday in November. The time is open to everyone so please come along.

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 Wm Morrow

Breathe

This meets 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 6th November in the Parish Hall.



A Quiet Morning

The Quiet Morning with the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer will meet from 9.45am – 1pm on Saturday 19th November, at St John's with witness: Nuala Dudley, Donegal. Join us for the quiet time of contemplation and fellowship later in the Autumn. Coffee and Lunch served. Book with Rector, parish office or Raymond Fox.

We continue to pray for

- Kate Doherty and Operation Rescue in Ethiopia
- Isabel and Anderson Sanchez working in Lima, Peru
- Stephen McElhinny and the work of SAMS
- The Leprosy Mission and parish link Sheila Burke: director, Joanne Briggs
- The Church's Ministry Of Healing and Revdd Dr Pat Mollen

Ronnie's Presentation

Ronnie Robertson, our Parish Sexton, travelled in late September to Hillsborough Royal, to be invested with the B.E.M (British Empire Medal). He was pleased to meet a son of the parish, Mr Iain Lendrum, and fellow parishioners Mr Austin and Mrs Renee Lendrum at the event. He was invested by the King's representative in County Tyrone, Mr Robert Scott, Lord Lieutenant.

House-keeping

A First Aid Course is being offered to the ministries of the parish during late November. The planned dates are the evenings of Thursday 10 November and

Thursday 24 November. This is being funded by the Select Vestry, and final dates and booking arrangements will follow.

MISSING!?

The chair trolley and several tables are missing from the Parish Halls. Could these be returned a.s.a.p. as their absence is causing a lot of inconvenience for other hall users. Items to borrow must be booked out through the parish office only.

The Pastoral Offices

HOLY BAPTISM

Harris William Miller, son of Elaine and Gavin Thomas - 12 June Kiltermon
Abbie Emily, daughter of Rebecca and Jonathan Potter 25 - September St John's
Annabelle Heather, daughter of Stephen and Heather Kirkpatrick - 16 October St John's

MARRIAGE

Zara Farrell and Kyle Douglas on 12 August
Rosie Shirtliff and Elliott Hanlon on 18 August
Nicole Little and Steven Read on 17 September

CHRISTIAN BURIAL OR COMMITTAL

Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Kidney – 1 April
Roland Noel Henry Primrose – 1 June
Florence Bell – 14 July
William Joseph Lyons – 16 August
Margaret (Renee) Ebbitt – 8 September
Herbert Robertson – 11 September
Violet Morrow – 12 September

Rota for Flowers in St John's

6 November	Mrs Thelma Atwell
13 November	Mrs Thelma Atwell
20 November	Mrs Barbara Kingston
27 November	Offers please
4 December	Mrs J Bennett



Mr Iain Lendrum and Mr Ronnie Robertson at Hillsborough Castle.

11 December	Christmas Flowers
18 December	Christmas Flowers
25 December	Christmas Flowers

Pastoral 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: 8952 1030 or email fivemiletownparish2@gmail.com

Hospital chaplaincy

Please note that the Chaplaincy system in the South-West Hospital is not functioning as one might hope: there are no referrals being made to the parish, and therefore we are unaware if you or your relative is in that hospital unless we are phoned/ emailed by you.

Parish Diary Dates

- Senior Adults' Christmas Lunch – 12 noon Wednesday 7th December
- Sunday School Christmas Party – Friday 9 December
- Connect and Seniors Party – Friday 9 December
- Parish Carols by Candlelight – 7pm Sunday 11 December, St John's
- Christmas Craft Fair, hosted by CLB – Saturday 10 December
- Sunday School Nativity Play - Sunday 18 December
- Parish Youth Weekend – end January 2023

Christmas Services:

9pm Christmas Eve - St John's
9am Christmas Day – Kiltermon
10.30am Christmas Day - St John's



The Lendrum family at Hillsborough Castle.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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What Are You Thankful For?

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

At this time of year when we remember with thankfulness those who have laid down their lives. We remember all those who gave their lives in conflicts past.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them."

No matter what you face in your life God will never leave you. Gratitude helps us focus on Christ Jesus the only one who is able to turn our problems around. So, let us take a moment to pause and thank God for all he has done in our lives. In the story of the feeding of the five thousand (see John 6:1-13), Jesus' attitude was one of thankfulness. He took a little boy's lunch of five loaves and two fish, gave thanks and had them distributed. He gave thanks for the little that was there and the little multiplied. Not only did the people eat as much as they wanted, there were twelve baskets full of leftovers!

Who Are You Thankful For?

In recent days we have joined in services of thanksgiving for our late Queen Elizabeth II. We join with all members and our late Queen's subjects worldwide in mourning her sad passing. We will always remember our Queen as kind, loving, humorous and as a daughter, wife, sister, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She has been an example to us all in terms of her kindness, her integrity and her strong work ethic. She was an inspiration to us all and we will



Harvest photographs from the Galloon Group of parishes.



always remember her with fondness. I had the privilege of being in her company at a service in Enniskillen Cathedral to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee although I was not introduced to her – although she was small in stature she had a huge smile and put everyone around her at ease. Many of you will have your own memories of her and will be sharing them with your family and friends.

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II has had a long and extraordinary life in which she saw our world change dramatically. Yet Her Majesty's dedication and service to her country, the Church and Commonwealth remained steadfast and continued to be an inspiration to us all, keeping us together in all situations. During times of ongoing war and turmoil around the world, she reminded us of the healing power of forgiveness, peace and reconciliation. This inspired us and encouraged us to work for harmony and good relationships among all people in our communities.

Her spirit of acceptance to change and transformation through the years and her ability to take others on the journey of change is testimony to her great strength as a leader and her faith in change that is inevitable. We give thanks to God for her, for blessing her with special gifts for a life humbly dedicated to public service,

her strong faith as she weathered many storms; her commitment and devotion to family life; and her great concern for communities and all people. In 1953, The Queen began her Coronation with silent prayer, at the High Altar in Westminster Abbey. Her allegiance to God was given before any person gave allegiance to her. Her service to so many people in this nation, the Commonwealth and the world had its foundation in her following Christ – God himself – who said that he 'came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Archbishop of Canterbury in his sermon at Queen Elizabeth's funeral said; "People of loving service are rare in any walk of life. Leaders of loving service are still rarer. But in all cases those who serve will be loved and remembered when those who cling to power and privileges are forgotten.



The grief of this day – felt not only by the late Queen’s family but all round the nation, Commonwealth and world – arises from her abundant life and loving service, now gone from us. She was joyful, present to so many, touching a multitude of lives.” We give thanks for all that was good and generous for the late Queen and the huge impact she has had on so many lives. We are thankful for all those in our parishes who work so hard behind the scenes. Over the warm Summer evenings two ladies have been devoted to tidying up the graveyard in Galloon. They have worked tirelessly washing headstones, weeding, trimming ivy and getting rid of rubbish. June Curran and Patsy Moncrieff are to be thanked for this labour of love. Their dedication has transformed our graveyard along with the hard work of Chris and Peter Wheeler who cut our grass.

Services in November

Sunday, 6th November 2022 - The Third Sunday before Advent

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Holy Communion with an Act of Remembrance
 10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Holy Communion with an Act of Remembrance
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Holy Communion

Sunday, 13th November 2022 - The Second Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)

11.00am : A Group Service in Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer with an Act of Remembrance

Sunday, 20th November 2022 - The Sunday before Advent (The Kingship of Christ)- Celebrating Mission

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer (Family Service)
 10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer (Family Service)
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer (Family Service)



Some parishioners arrived by tractors to the harvest services.



Sunday, 27th November 2022 - Advent Sunday

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer
 10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday, 2nd October started our services of thanksgiving for harvest. We were delighted to have a full church in Drummully and to welcome back some past parishioners and members from the community. The church was beautifully adorned with flowers and crops from the land. There was also a lovely displays of tractors. Charles Crawford preached on the parable of the sower. A lovely harvest supper was provided after the service.

Sunday 9th October was the Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Sallaghy. Again the church was beautifully decorated reminding us to be thankful to God for all his wonderful gifts. Many of the farmers travelled to church in their tractors. We even had a few of our younger members who came to church in their tractors too! Charles Crawford was our guest preacher, in this his home parish. Mr Bill Gardiner, a past parishioner of Sallaghy Parish, now living in Canada, wrote a poem entitled “Tractors”.

Tractors

Tractors help work the land, year after year
 From the humble Harry Ferguson to the massive John Deere
 The aim is for the great harvest
 It’s the season we love best.



Harvest decorations and special organ recitals and youth activity at the harvest services.

Farmers work the fields with tractors
 With tractors great and small
 And so many different implements
 The farmers need them all.

The farmer is like a potter
 And the tractor a potter's wheel
 That skilfully shapes the clay and earth
 With all those tools of steel.

Ploughs make little hills that we call drills
 Tractors plant the seeds like little pills
 Then we need the sun and rain
 And Mother Nature's help to grow the grain.

Tractors help farmers do much more, even
 with all the starts and stops
 Fertilise the soil, make hay and silage, till
 the crops

Like corn, carrots and barley are a few
 that comes to our minds
 But there are many others, so many
 different kinds.

The tractor is the work horse that helps
 the farmers do their toil
 To feed the mouths of nations by the
 working of the soil
 The power of the tractor along with the
 power of the universe
 Combine together to make the food for
 the citizens of our earth.

Today we are thankful for the tractor and
 its power
 And the power of the Lord God, the great
 sower
 Sallaghy Harvest Thanksgiving consists of
 many factors
 But this year we give special thanks for
 Tractors.

William (Bill) F. Gardiner.
September 13, 2022.

On Sunday, 16th October we celebrated
 harvest in Galloon Parish. We were
 delighted to welcome back Earl Moffett
 and his friend Stuart Nelson who gave
 wonderful recitals on our Lewis Organ.
 Chanson de Matin and Nimrod by E
 Elgar; Gabriel's Oboe (Ennio Morricone);
 Trumpet Voluntary (Jeremiah Clarke)
 Panis Angelicus (Cesar Franck); Largo (G F
 Handel); Trumpet Tune from Te Deum (M A
 Charpentier). We also had a beautiful
 duet sung by Mr and Mrs Nelson, "Lord
 Give Me Faith".

The children made some wonderful
 displays with tractors and again many
 farmers travelled to church in their
 tractors. Charles Crawford was our
 Guest Preacher. The Sunday School
 Children led us in our prayers.

Sunday 30th October our last harvest
 service was held in Derryadd. Revd
 Loraine spoke on an attitude of gratitude
 on her first visit to this church. The
 church was beautifully decorated.



Following a harvest service.

Thanks to everyone who offered their
 time, gifts and talents to make these
 harvest services very enjoyable and
 special. A real team effort!

Mothers' Union

Sallaghy Mothers' Union had a wonderful
 evening when Margaret McCauley came
 and made some beautiful homemade
 jewellery. It was good to be able to meet
 again face-to-face. Ladies all became very
 creative making necklaces and bracelets
 with beautiful beads.

Galloon and Drummully Mothers' Union
 also had a very enjoyable evening
 welcoming Noreen Little. Noreen gave us
 all so many helpful cooking tips.

Mothers' Union Visitors Night

On Wednesday 9th November at 8pm in
 Sallaghy Parish Hall, the Revd Lorraine
 will be our Guest Speaker. Revd Lorraine
 will give us some advice on "Colouring
 Ourselves Beautiful" as she has a great
 love of fashion!

Dates for Your Diary

Christmas Craft Fair

We are looking forward to the Christmas
 Craft Fair in Galloon Parish Hall on
 Saturday 19th November from 11am to



Geoffrey and Anne Allen, parents of Suzanne Weir (Allen).



Jewellery making with beads at the Mothers' Union meeting.

4pm. Come along to purchase a few gifts
 for Christmas.

Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Training for all volunteers
 (leaders, helpers and supervisors) will take
 place in Sallaghy Parish Hall at 8pm on
 Monday 14th November 2022. Please can
 all Sunday School teachers and helpers
 and all badminton leaders and supervisors
 plan to attend this very important training
 night.

From our Registers

We congratulate Suzanne Allen on her
 marriage to Kyle Weir on Saturday, 1st
 October 2022 in Galloon Parish. We wish
 them every happiness in blessing as Mr
 and Mrs Weir.

Burial

Lee William John Southam, Camphill,
 Newtownbutler. Saturday 15th October in
 Galloon Parish.

Our sympathy and prayers are with all
 who have been recently bereaved. We
 offer our sympathy to the Southam family
 on the sudden passing of Lee.

*"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*



Mr and Mrs Kyle Weir following their marriage.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Church Services Diary

NOVEMBER

Sunday 6th November

Garrison 10am,
Slavin 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 13th November

Belleek 11.30am HC.

Garrison: Remembrance Service 5pm

Sunday 20th November

Garrison 10am,
Slavin 11.30am, both MP and FS

Sunday 27th November

Kiltyclogher 10am,
Belleek 11.30am both MP

Sunday 4th December

Garrison 10am,
Slavin 11.30am, both HC

HARVEST SERVICES

Slavin Harvest, on Friday 16th September took the form of an Evening of Gospel Music with the Strule River String Band from Omagh. The congregation were enthralled by their music and could have listened to them all night. Claire, Roy, Andy, Carol and Shane played many well-known Gospel Songs and accompanied themselves on guitar, autoharp, mandolin and banjo. Everyone was very appreciative of their entertainment. All were welcomed by Revd. Rebecca and special welcomes were given to Pat and Brian Russell from Hampshire who had returned once more for the harvest in Slavin. Vivienne Ferguson, author of the Slavin Poetry Book was also welcomed with her friends from Devenish and also those from other Parishes and the local community. In the interval, Gwen Meehan sang, 'My House is Full but my Field is Empty' and Audrey Ovens sang



The Strule River String Band and those attending the harvest service.

'He will hold me Fast'. A lovely supper was served in church after and it was time to 'catch up' after not having a proper harvest celebration since 2019. A total of £420 was donated from the collection on the evening to Enniskillen Food Bank. Vivienne read these two poems beautifully.

The Potter's Hands

- Read by Vivienne Ferguson.
From 'Springs in the Valley' by Mrs. Charles E Cowman

The potter worked at his task
With patience, love and skill.
A vessel marred and broken,
He altered again to his will.

It was blackened, bent and old,
But with traces of beauty left.
So he worked, this mender of pottery
To restore the charm bereft.

Till at last it stands transformed,
And he viewed it with tender eyes.
The work of his hands and love,
This potter, patient and wise.
I know a mender of broken hearts,
And of lives that are all undone.
He takes them all, they come to Him
And he loves them everyone.

With patience, love and skill,

That surpasses the knowledge of men,
This Master Potter gathers the lost
And restores to His image again.

O lover of folk with broken lives,
O wonderful Potter divine,
I bring my soul for Thy healing touch
In me, let thy beauty shine.

Loves Green Garden

Seasons pass in Love's green garden
And the years their changes bring,
But beneath the fallen blossoms,
Hope takes root and new joys spring
Round the arbours of remembrance.
Flowers of friendship ever climb-
And the mosses of affection
grow between the stones of time.

Belleek Harvest

Belleek Church was beautifully decorated for Harvest. The special preacher was Revd. Johnny McFarland, a very good friend of Revd. Rebecca and Rector of Sion Mills Parish. He gave a very interesting address based on the grain of mustard seed. The choir, accompanied by Mrs. Sadie Moore sang two pieces, 'Pass me not' and 'God's Choir'. Solo parts were sung by Audrey Ovens, Gwen Meehan and Robert Johnston. A delicious supper was served after the service in the Wark Hall.



Manning the barbecue.



Scenes from the harvest services



Garrison Harvest

Garrison Harvest Thanksgiving enjoyed some seasonal drama during the service. Firstly the young people performed a drama entitled "First Day at School". This theme was taken from the gospel of Matthew

The main characters were played by Ryan Graham as the narrator and Robin Boyd as the new student. Other parts were played by Scott Brock, Noah Guildea, Carly Graham and Lorraine Boyd "The Discontented housewife" was acted by the adults, with Dot Barlow playing the housewife who was unhappy with her lot. 1 Timothy 6:6-10 Thanks to the other actors: Neville Elliott, Gwen Meehan, Pauline Carson and Joy Graham The choir sang two beautiful pieces accompanied by Joy Graham and Lucy Muldoon sang a solo. Thanks to Lucy and her mum Leann for coming and sharing her beautiful voice.

Revd Rebecca gave the address and a large hamper of food was collected and given to the Foodbank. Supper followed in the church hall.

Kiltyclogher Harvest Thanksgiving Service report and photos to be included in next Month's magazine note.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Friends of the late Wilma Watson and Lena Carty held a Coffee Morning on Friday 23rd September in the Wark Hall,

Belleek. £782 was raised for Macmillan Cancer. Thank you to all who donated, helped and supported the event. Total does not yet include Gift Aid.

Weekly Diary

Wednesdays - Parish Prayer, 9:30am Belleek Church.

Thursdays - Youth Group, 6pm, at the Rectory, for kids aged 8-13.

Parish Visiting

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

From Revd. Rebecca

Notes from the Rectory: Gordon Macdonald coined the phrase 'unseized time flows towards my weaknesses.' Or as the late bishop Jonathan Gledhill puts it; 'If I find it easier to tidy my desk than to prepare my sermon then I will frequently find myself tidying my desk and leaving preparing my sermon until the last minute. Similarly because prayer is difficult I will find myself skimping on prayer and doing all sorts of other and more immediate but ultimately less important tasks than praying.' They say 'if you want something done, ask a busy person.' In my own ministry I'm guilty of busyness. There is so much potential - so many things one could fill one's time with that are enjoyable and seem fruitful, but are ultimately less

important or urgent than the task of prayer.

Prayer looks like doing nothing. We easily reject it as wasted time. But prayer is an admission of our own need. We're not superheroes. We can't change the world on our own. One minister, when asked how he had managed to achieve so much in his life and ministry, replied 'you have to remember there are two of us.' Prayer means that we get more done, rather than less, because there are two of us working on our problems.

It seems to me that every year our culture gets busier, our expectations of ourselves and others increase. Have we learnt nothing from the pandemic, when everything but the essentials came to a halt, and yet so many people reported a newfound peace outside of the whirlwind? Now is as good a time as any to re-examine our patterns of prayer, the things we fill our timetable with, and the things we sacrifice as a result.

Harvest

Thank you so much to everyone who was a part of our harvest celebrations, preparing food, decorating churches, leading worship in our choir, or simply coming along. Through our celebrations we collected a huge amount of food for Enniskillen food bank, as well as £500 in donations, and a €100 donation towards Northwest STOP Suicide Prevention



Taking part in the harvest services.



raised at Kiltyclogher Harvest Service. It was incredible to see our parishioners working together to bring about four amazing harvest suppers and harvest services. The churches were decorated beautifully, and it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together as a parish group.

By the time this magazine is in print the Men in our group will have enjoyed a Men's Breakfast on Saturday 29th October in the Bilberry with surplus after costs going to AANI. A Talk on AANI is to be given by Eddie Graham.

Garrison 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. Everyone welcome to join us at these services.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone our group of parishes who have been unwell in hospital or at home in recent weeks. We pray for a speedy recovery for Edward Stephenson and remember Lowry Somerville in our prayers as he continues to receive the loving care of his family at home.

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.



At the Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning.



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Sunday School

Members helped to decorate the church for harvest with their beautiful craft and pictures. They also sang a lovely song at the children's harvest service of thanksgiving. They helped our special speaker, Miss Sophie Robinson, with her marvellous sermon on hearing the call of God and her work in Youth With a Mission.

Pantomime

An additional night has been added to the Parish Pantomime due to overwhelming demand for tickets. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights are now sold out but there are tickets left for Wednesday, 16th November. The pantomime takes place in Derrygonnelly Orange Hall on 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th November 2022. Adult tickets are £10 each and children under 12 years old are £5 each. Tickets can be



Rehearsals for the pantomime underway.



Young people helping with harvest crafts.



booked by phoning 07984121395. You can also book a DVD.

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the late John Gibson formerly of Clogher and the late David John Parr.

Holy Burial

8th October 2022
William John Gibson, native of Derrygonnelly and laterally a resident of St. Macartan's Nursing Home, Clogher.



Kilskeery and Trillick



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To work hard is good and honourable; and as a certain Homer Simpson once put it, "Son, if you really want something in this life, you have to work for it. Now quiet! They're about to announce the lottery numbers." To work for something, to give your time and effort to something, to commit, to put your shoulder to the wheel and exert your physical and emotional and mental resources to make something happen is what gives us that sense of achievement and chance to perhaps provide for ourselves and our families.

Over harvest time we have focused on the agricultural world of farming and produce and livestock and nature. We know the essential need for farmers and farming for without the food that is grown and harvested we would starve and all other work cease. It is our sustenance that empowers our bodies to keep going; our breakfasts, second breakfast's, brunch's, lunches, afternoon teas, dinners, suppers, midnight feasts and in-between snacks that fuel us for work. Celebrating the harvest and the essential work of farming life recognises the importance of this industry and the people involved in it, but there is another consideration in this celebration and recognition. Although food is important – and gathering in the crops is really important too – what must not be forgotten in this busy time (and really any busy time) is time to stop and remember and engage in a purposeful focus on the one who is as involved in seed-time and harvest as anyone. In Exodus 34: 21, we read, "Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in ploughing time and in harvest you shall rest." In the agricultural life, and in whatever season of busyness or otherwise you may find yourself in – God is clear that taking time out, one day a week, is his will for farmers as

well as everyone else. Although their job may be important and essential for fuelling those who work in their communities, these communities, farmers included (even at harvest time) need to rest and relax and recover and equally need to give space and place to the Lord of the Harvest. Can one hour a week on a Sunday morning be considered too much of our time to set aside and to meet together and reflect and worship and pray in the presence of Almighty God who provides for us? Is 1/168 of our week too much to give in worship to God and in fellowship with his family? If busyness is the reason we offer as to why we cannot meet for that one hour in 168, then might we be either too busy or in absence, stating that we have no time for God? As we have gathered in the harvest from our fields and greenhouses and gardens may the Lord give us eyes to see the harvest that remains on our



Scenes from the Big Barbecue.





Harvest decorations.

streets and villages, our towns, cities and countryside – those who do not know that God loves them, that he offers them such hope, who, despite their absence in church on Sunday and the absence of the church, in so many ways, the rest of the week, are so highly valued by him. A valued harvest and a valued day off each week to rest and remember the One valued and of greatest worthiness above all else. Our choice.

The Big Barbecue

On Friday 14th October we held what was, before covid, our annual barbecue in Kilskeery Parish Hall. The barbecue was due to take place in September but was postponed due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. It was great to see so many come out and enjoy the good food and good company and good prices with not a mask or restriction in sight. A big thank you to the team who made it all possible.

Messy Church

Our Messy Harvest took place on Saturday, 15th October and it was great to see so many families come along and get stuck into making harvest crafts together. It was a great time for children to be creative, for parents to catch up and for fridges to get resourced with new decorations.

Confirmation

Our Service of Confirmation takes place on Sunday, 27th November at 11.00am in Christ Church Parish, Trillick. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Ian along to take this service and also our Confirmation candidates with their families. We are reminded in the Confirmation Service that confirmation is about the candidates making a personal profession of faith in Jesus Christ. It is about those

stepping forward for confirmation, confirming the desire and intention to serve God and to stay away from those things that go against God and his kingdom values. Confirmation is about the Holy Spirit being invited to confirm that the candidate's profession of faith is real. Confirmation is about the Holy Spirit being invited to give that inner strength and empowerment to the candidate. Confirmation is about the Holy Spirit being invited to guide the candidates as they themselves purposefully try, with His help, to live each day of their lives in the light of the profession of faith that is made on the day of their confirmation. According to the service of Confirmation, confirmation is about a recognition of the part the Holy Spirit has played in the candidate being "born again" and becoming a child of God. It is about growing in the knowledge and likeness of Jesus Christ; it is about praying for an increase in spiritual gifts and godly character and godly awareness. May we pray that as our candidates step forward and are asked, "Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?" that they will be.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30pm. It has been great to see so many young people coming together and we pray that this will continue and grow even more. We are grateful to SNITCH in Ballinamallard for their kind invitation to join them recently for their Youth Service which we enjoyed very much.

Mothers' Union

This month the Mother's Union were pleased to have speakers from the

Field's of Life mission organisation give a presentation on their work. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the meeting was ended with a light supper.

Prayer Meeting

The Prayer Meeting takes place on Thursday mornings from 9.00-10.00am alternating between Trillick School Rooms and Kilskeery Sunday School Rooms. It is great to have a focus on prayer for without it what we build is in vain.

Midweek Fellowship

The Midweek Fellowship group has got up and going again and meets now on Thursday evenings at 8.00pm alternating between Trillick School Rooms and Kilskeery Sunday School Rooms. We are looking at the book of Ruth.

Shoebox Appeal

The Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal is now on and we are collecting shoeboxes. Shoeboxes can be collected from the back of church on Sunday mornings.

Programme Times

- Sunday Services: Christ Church, Trillick – 10.30am and Kilskeery – 11.45am
- Girls' Brigade: Mondays 6.30 – 8.00pm
- Mother's Union: 3rd Monday of each month
- Senior Citizen's Group: Tuesdays at 2.00 – 3.00pm
- Midweek Fellowship Group: Thursdays at 8.00pm
- Prayer Meeting: Thursdays at 9.00 – 10.00am
- Bowling Club: Fridays at 8.00pm
- Youth Group/Confirmation Class: Alternate Sundays at 5.30 – 6.30pm



Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



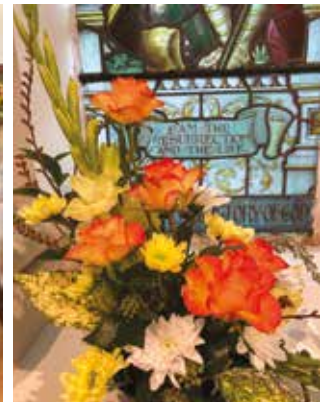
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Christian Marriage

22 September 2022 was a day of great joy and blessing for the Taylor and Fleming families when Amy Taylor and Jamie Fleming (pictured above) tied the knot in Lisbellaw Parish Church. It was a wonderful occasion and a privilege to be



Harvest scenes from Lisbellaw and Coolbuck Churches.



part of, and we offer our very best wishes and prayers to the young couple for a long and happy marriage. We humbly ask and pray God's blessing to be upon them.

Harvest Festivals

We have been wonderfully blessed by Almighty God in the two joyous Harvest Festivals we enjoyed, first in Coolbuck and then a short time later in Lisbellaw. We gathered for two Harvest services in Coolbuck on Sunday 25 and Monday 26 September and were greatly encouraged by the support from the community in coming along to worship with us. Immense thanks go to the faithful souls in both Coolbuck and Lisbellaw who produced and provided beautiful harvest produce

and spectacular floral arrangements in both churches over the Harvest season. Lisbellaw Parish Church followed with a weekend of harvest worship starting on Friday evening 7 October and rounded off with a lovely Harvest supper in the Parish Centre, and sincere thanks are extended to those kind parishioners behind the arrangements. A further two services were enjoyed on Sunday 9 October. Much thanks go out to our Sunday School children and teachers and our young people in Bridge and their teachers for their terrific input and participation in the Sunday morning service. You brought much joy.

Our Harvest services were enhanced with beautiful musical contributions from Lynsey and Richard at Coolbuck and Alice,





Lynda and the Parish Choir at Lisbellaw. Thanks again are extended to all, and to God be the Glory.

Confirmation

Our Confirmation Class of 2022 has been a great group of young people and classes continue Monday's – 6.15pm to 7pm in the Parish Church. We hope and pray that around 17 or 18 of our young people will be confirmed in a Confirmation Service scheduled with Bishop Ian to take place on Thursday 10 November at 7pm in the Parish Church (DV). Please remember all our children and young people in your prayers.

Special Hymns Evening

Finally, a date for your diary – The Parish Church of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck presents 'A Celebration of Hymns' with Lynda Lindsay and Guests. The evening will also include a reflection on Remembrance and will take place at



the Ardhowen Theatre Enniskillen on Saturday 12 November at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £12, and proceeds will support Air Ambulance and the Parish Church. Every Blessing!

Services

Wednesday 2 November

10.30am Holy Communion, Lisbellaw

Sunday 6 November

11am Holy Communion, Lisbellaw

3pm Holy Communion, Coolbuck

Wednesday 9 November

10.30am Holy Communion, Lisbellaw

Thursday 10 November

7pm Confirmation Service – with Bishop Ian in Lisbellaw

Sunday 13 November – Remembrance Sunday

10.45am Morning Prayer including An Act of Remembrance, Lisbellaw

3pm Lisbellaw Veterans Group, Remembrance Service, Lisbellaw

NB There is no service in Coolbuck

Church this afternoon and all who worship in Coolbuck are cordially invited to either or both above services in Lisbellaw Parish Church on this Remembrance Sunday.

Wednesday 16 November

NB Due to Clogher Clergy Conference 2022 - there is no 10.30am midweek Holy Communion service in Lisbellaw this morning.

Sunday 20 November – Christ The King (observe 'Mission Sunday')

9.45am Holy Communion Lisbellaw

11am SOTW – 70th Anniversary of Mothers' Union Branch, Lisbellaw

3pm Evening Prayer, Coolbuck

Wednesday 23 November

10.30am Holy Communion, Lisbellaw

Sunday 27 November – Advent Sunday

11am SOTW including Holy Baptism, Lisbellaw

3pm Evening Prayer, Coolbuck

Wednesday 30 November

10.30am Holy Communion, Coolbuck

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Services for November

SUNDAY 6th

10.30am Holy Communion

Children's Church 11.45am – 12.30pm

WEDNESDAY 9th

3.00pm Holy Communion in Trinity Hall for Seniors

SUNDAY 13th

10.30am Service of Remembrance

SUNDAY 20th

10.30am Morning Prayer

Children's Church 11.45am – 12.30pm

SUNDAY 27th

10.30am Morning Prayer

Collection for our sponsored children

Journey of Life

Hopefully you know that we all, each of us, are on a journey in life.

When we find Jesus, or maybe I should say that when we respond to His calling, His leading, His still small voice... Then things

become different.

We are still on a journey but the journey now has a greater purpose since Jesus is the centre of everything.

For me, I never actually left School

I have always been learning

I have always been seeking

Never been one to settle

Always looking for something "more"

and not simply just FOR ME, but with the purpose of HELPING others.

I believe that God has given us ALL

something which is special for us as

individuals.

(I am not talking about Salvation which IS

special and is the SAME gift for everyone

who will believe and receive it)

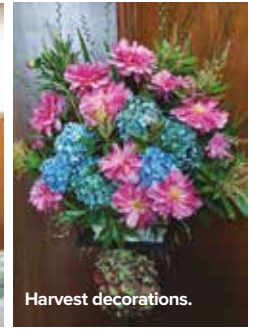
No, rather, I am talking about an individual

GIFT, be it an ability or a speciality which is

peculiar to us.

But this GIFT that He gives us is NEVER

meant simply for us, to ONLY bless us but is



MEANT to be SHARED and to be USED to bless others too and if we don't LOOK FOR this GIFT, as to what it is or IGNORE this GIFT, then people will LOSE out, ourselves included.

And the Good News is that if, as you read this, you think that you have MISSED IT - due to your AGE - or some other reason then I want to assure you that you HAVE NOT missed it.

The FACT that you are reading this is PROOF enough that God still wants you to use your GIFT to bless others and be blessed yourself, in the process. While you still have breath, there is a reason and a purpose for you being here. None of us are here by accident. Ultimately, if you haven't yet found Jesus Find Him first.

Believe in Him and receive from Him the Salvation that ONLY He can give. THEN find out what that GIFT is and use it - grow in it and bless others. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Children's Church

It was encouraging to see so many of our young people back in Children's Church at the start of October. For now this will continue on the first and third Sunday of each month from 11.45 a.m.-12.30 p.m. in Trinity Hall. Thank you to the parents who have worked hard to get it up and running again.

Harvest Thanksgiving

It was great to see so many people in attendance at both our Harvest services this year and the church looking so beautiful after what has been a difficult time for many. We are extremely grateful to our organists, Letty and Marina who along with Dean Ferguson helped get the choir back together for two lovely anthems and the singing of all the old favourite Harvest hymns. We also very much enjoyed the Dean's address on Friday evening. Thank you to everyone who supplied flowers, fruit and vegetables and those who helped with the decorating and all that it involves.

Seniors Communion

This will continue on the second

Wednesday of each month in Trinity Hall at 3.00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Mothers' Union

Our September meeting was a joint meeting with The Friendship Club to celebrate the long life and reign of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Members were asked to bring in personal mementos which they

had collected over the years. After our opening welcome and prayers our secretary read a very moving reflection on the life of Her Late Majesty. Members stood for a minute's silence. Then we had a great time showing treasures and exchanging memories of seventy years of the late Queen's reign and even some of her father's reign. As a Branch we are delighted



Children's Church.





Visiting singers and those taking part in the harvest.

to have two members who have been honoured by Her Late Majesty for services to the local community. Unfortunately one of these ladies was unable to attend but we were delighted to hear the other recipient's account of her experience and to see her lovely medal. With so much to see and hear time passed very quickly and we had to discuss our business over

our cup of tea. We decided to have our branch Communion Service jointly with the Senior Communion Service which would be held on Wednesday, 12th October and that we would provide and serve the cup of tea and biscuits at that service. It was agreed that as a branch we would continue to do this at each of the services which are to continue on the second Wednesday of

each month till May. We decided to have our Christmas Celebration meal and party in The Trinity Hall with caterers providing the food. This will be in November with date and other arrangements to be finalised later. We closed our meeting with everyone saying The Grace together. It was good to meet together again and everyone enjoyed catching up!

We have had the joint Communion service which was well attended and we thank the Rector for allowing us to join with the other participants. Again this was another opportunity to catch up with friends.

Concert

As these notes are being prepared, plans are being made for an evening of Gospel and Country music in our church on Thursday 24th November at 8.00 p.m. We hope to welcome Lynda Lindsay, Garth Peel and Roy Dreading along to entertain us. Admission is free and all donations will go to church funds and local charities.

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Organisations

Finally, I am pleased to say that we have been able to start getting our organisations started. Sunday School began with Ice Cream Sunday at the end of September followed by a Bouncy Castle the following week. On October 9th, the children participated in the Harvest celebrations by helping the rector with his sermon and Naomi, our Youth and Children's worker, with the prayers.

Parent and Toddler

Under the guidance mother and daughter team of Ruth and Tamara Guy, our Parent & Toddler group reopened on October 4th with over 20 little one's present.



Some of the participants at the "Bring your dog" service.



GFS

The Girls' Friendly Society, led by Joan Quinn-Vaughan, Rita Stewart, Helen Reeve and Ann Young is in full flow once again with a substantial new intake of members. All levels of Ballinamallard Scout Group have also returned.

Celebrating marriage

At time of writing, we are expecting

two joyful events at the end of October. Crawford and Emma Quinn who are living in Australia were married on an Australian beach in a small civic ceremony during the pandemic. They have returned to Ballinamallard to celebrate their marriage with a church blessing and the baptism of their first child, Sidney. On the following day, we will celebrate the wedding of Laura Barlow and Simon Johnston.



Attending the Mothers' Union meeting.



Remembrance

Looking ahead into November, Remembrance Sunday will be marked as usual with the Royal British Legion in co-operation with Ballinamallard Methodist Church and the local male voice choir, the Silvertones, will be in concert on Friday, 25th November.

Mothers' Union

Magheracross Mothers' Union met in the Archdale Hall on Thursday 6th October when Norma Scott welcomed all present. Rita Stewart played the piano for the singing of the hymn, 'Father I place into your hands'. Iris Hurst read the Bible Reading and Liane Armstrong led the Prayers.

Norma spoke of our sadness at the passing of Queen Elizabeth II following which there was a minute's silence and a prayer of thankfulness for the Queen.

Norma then introduced Henry Robinson who was our speaker for the evening. Henry's talk was on the history of Ballinamallard. He showed a PowerPoint of the area illustrating places of interest around the village.

The speaker at next month's meeting will be Annika Latimer demonstrating some Christmas Baking. In September, several of the members were able to attend the MU conference in Belfast and to be part of the service in St Ann's cathedral on Friday 23rd.

Harvest Weekend

Our Harvest weekend included a Friday Night Thanksgiving led by Howard McMorris and with Captain David Hamilton as guest preacher and parish choir in good voice. The rector was guest preacher in Maguiresbridge. On Sunday, we had a Communion Service and a

Family Service in the morning followed by a "Bring your dog" service in the afternoon. This service was to be followed by a walk to the rectory and a small picnic but the rain forced us to stay in the church. The dogs, of various shapes, colours and sizes were exceptionally well-behaved. The weekend drew to a close with an evening reflection led by the rector.



At the Parent and Toddler meeting.

Magheraculmoney



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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Auction

A parish auction is usually an annual fundraising event for the parish. The money raised is used for operating expenses of the parish. It is also a great social event for the community, as parishioners, family, and friends come together for an afternoon of banter, and often end up purchasing items that they usually don't need, Ardess Parish Auction was held on Saturday, 15th October and despite the very inclement weather, there was a good attendance of people willing to put their hands in their pockets and purchase almost every item that was on display. It was our first auction since before the (Covid-19) pandemic and it was a pleasure to see so many people chatting with friends that perhaps they had not seen for over two years.

As a parish we say a big thank you to those who in organised the auction, collected items, set up the hall, kept



Caroline Neville, parishioner and Girl Guide Leader with Sydney Liggett, Rector's Churchwarden cooking the barbecue at the auction.

records on the day, manned the burger stall, and made tea and sandwiches, plus many others who were involved numerous other jobs.



Scenes from the parish auction.



Friends in the Afternoon

On Tuesday 11th October, we were joined by Revd Abraham and his wife, Gertrude. He told us about their trips to Israel and a lot of history of the Holy Land. He showed us various interesting photographs and souvenirs of his trip.

Garda Siochana and Genealogist and Author on "Centenary of An Garda Siochana and the formation of the RUC and Disbandment of the RIC.

Ardess Historical Society

Ardess Historical Society meets on Monday, 21 November in Ardess Parish Hall at 8pm. The speaker is Jim Herlihy, Retired Superintendent An



The Walmsley family with Revd Abraham Storey.

Regular Events SUNDAYS

Worship Gathering: 11.00am (every Sunday)
 Children's Church (age 4+): 6th, 13th (in Church Remembrance Sunday), 20th and 27th November 4th, 11th and 18th December (in Church - Christmas Children's Service).

MONDAYS

Magheraculmonee Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers at The Fountain Centre

TUESDAYS

Friends in the Afternoon 2.00pm (fortnightly) at AP Centre: 8th November Flower arranging; 6th December Christmas Communion.

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Prayer (weekly): 10.00am - 11.00am at Ardess Parish Centre

Magheraculmonee Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at The Fountain Centre

THURSDAYS

Ardess In-Stitches 8.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre - 10th, 24th and 31st November; 1st December
 Mothers' Union: 8.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre - 17th November

Dates For Your Diary

- 13th November- Remembrance Sunday
- 18th December - Children's Christmas Service - In Church

Baptism

16th October - Rosa Jacqueline Walmsley, daughter of Darrell and Melissa Walmsley, Kesh. Rosa was baptised by Revd Abraham Storey. "Let the little children come to me." (Matthew 19.13).

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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The Confirmation Service in Maguiresbridge.

As we move into the season of Remembrance, we are rightly focused on the heavy sacrifices made by so many for the freedom that we enjoy today. This is a season of quietness and reflection,

where we are encouraged to give careful consideration to the things we give importance to. When all is stripped back, and the ultimate sacrifice is called for, are those things which were so important to

us before still relevant? In time of war, most soldiers carried a small Bible with them, usually concealed in a chest pocket. And this Bible gave the only words of comfort and hope when the dark reality of war took hold. Far from home, far from loved ones, and surrounded by unfamiliar and unwelcome realities, the word of God provided the only anchor for so many who were struggling to make sense of the darkness that now encircled them. Today, we live in a welcome, if sometimes fragile, time of peace. This is a peace that has been hard fought for, with many casualties and much damage done. This is a peace which should not be taken for granted. The season of Remembrance offers the opportunity to recount the stories of war; to take time to reflect on the suffering of so many; and to teach the history of our country to our children in the hope of sustaining and strengthening the fragile peace that now exists. God is our one constant in time of war and in time of peace. He is both our rock and our anchor. When trouble hits and the storms close in, he is the source of comfort and hope that will steady our ship and return us to a place of safety. As we take time once again to reflect on the sacrifices made by so many in time of war, let us never forget the heavy price that was paid for our peace today. 'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world'. John 16:33

Harvest Activity!

We had a full weekend of activity as we celebrated Harvest in Derrybrusk in late September. Revd. Philip Bryson addressed us at our Friday night service, and his word was enhanced by the beautiful decorations throughout the Church. We enjoyed refreshments after the service, and this built us up for our Harvest walk the following day. The walk was a joint parish fundraiser and took us



through beautiful Belle Isle Estate, very kindly granted by the Duke of Abercorn. The weather held well, and we all enjoyed tea and treats upon our return to Derrybrusk. We were blessed even further on the day by the unexpected sale of home grown fruit and vegetables by some parishioners, who kindly donated the proceeds to the Church. Our weekend of celebrations concluded with a family Harvest service on Sunday morning. Thanks to all who helped, served and supported our weekend of activities. It was wonderful to be able to come together once again and take time in good company and in beautiful surroundings.

We celebrated Harvest in Maguiresbridge in early October. Our Friday night speaker was Ven. Brian Harper who spoke on the bounty of God's creation. Our service was further blessed by Marina Elliott and her daughter who sang a number of pieces. The church was decorated beautifully, allowing all of our Harvest words and

hymns to be visualized before us. Supper was served after the service, kindly provided by our wonderful Mothers' Union ladies. We continued our celebrations with a family harvest service on Sunday morning, with our Sunday School taking part. It was fantastic to see our families supporting our harvest so well. Thanks to all who worked so hard in decorating our church, to those who prepared and participated in our services, and to those who provided refreshments. It was a wonderful weekend of celebration and thanksgiving.

From the Registers

WEDDING

On Friday 30th September 2022 we celebrated the wedding of Mr Mark Keys and Miss Emma Woods in Maguiresbridge. We wish them God's richest blessing as they begin their married life together.

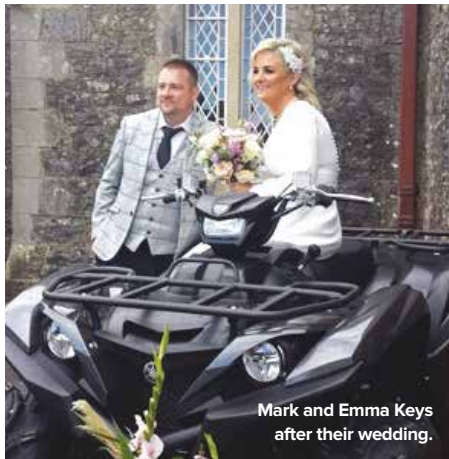
CONFIRMATION

On Sunday 2nd October 2022 we celebrated the Confirmation of 10 of our



young people by Bishop Ian Ellis. We continue to pray for William, Rebecca, Alex, Ryan, Adam, William, Ben, Saskia, Ellie and Mark as they continue on their journey of faith.

On 2nd October 2022 we also began our two new Youth Fellowships. Please continue to pray for our youth work within the parish as we work together



Mark and Emma Keys after their wedding.

to strengthen the word and love of God within our young people.

Creelough

We continue to pray for the community at Creelough which was devastated by an explosion on 7th October 2022. We also remember in prayer our former Rector, Revd. David Skuce who is providing pastoral cover in the village in the aftermath of the tragedy. 'The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.' Psalm 34:18

Looking ahead:

- Walking group continues on Monday mornings meeting at the Church hall at 10am;
- Senior group continues on Tuesday mornings in the hall;
- Knit and Natter continues on Wednesday evenings in the hall at 7.30pm;
- Bowls continues on Thursday's evenings in the hall at 8pm;



- Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships meet on first Sunday of each month in the Church hall. Sunday 6th November – Juniors from 7-8pm (School years 8-10) and Seniors from 8-9pm (School years 11-14). Everyone very welcome;
- Light Party! For all of our primary aged young people on Friday 28th October 2022 from 7-8.30pm in the Church hall. Hope you can join us.
- Mothers' Union meet on Monday 7th November 2022 in Belle Isle Hall at 8pm. The theme is 'How to Wear a Scarf' and they will be joined by Lettie Coulter, Policy Representative.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

13th November Third Sunday before Advent

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Ballinode

20th November Second Sunday before Advent

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Kilmore

27th November The Kingship of Christ

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Ballinode

4th December First Sunday of Advent

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Kilmore



St. Patrick's Church hosting an assembly for the Model School.

Harvest Services

Our thanks to all who helped to decorate and provide hospitality for our harvest services. It was good to be able to gather again and sing familiar harvest hymns as well as a new hymn called "We see the Fruitful harvest" by Sam Hargreaves from www.engageworship.org The words remind us of God as the Lord of both the material and spiritual harvest.

*We see the fruitful harvest our gracious God provides
And how, in his abundance our needs are satisfied
He sends the yearly seasons and feeds with joy and care
Pure light and living water, poured out for all to share*

Lord of all the harvest. Creation brings you praise.

So we will join the joyful song. Of everything you've made

*This world of revelation unfolds before our eyes
The birds sing out God's glories, His wisdom fills the skies
The seeds are sown to teach us of death that leads to life
The fruitful trees remind us to live each day in Christ*

*There is another harvest the workers are so few
We'll tend the seeds he's planted and see his word bear fruit
Creation groans in longing for earth to be restored
That day of celebration the harvest of the Lord*

Thank-you as well to our guest speakers;

Dean Raymond Ferguson, Miss Emma Reid and Revd Alan McQuade as well as Marina Elliott and family who were our guest singers. Also thank those who responded to Harvest appeals and contributions can still be made.

Sunday School

This has restarted on all Sundays except our All-Age Worship Sunday (normally the fourth Sunday), also B&B, for those in first and second year is meeting once a month on the second Sunday during the service. Thank-you to our teachers and leaders and helpers who have helped us get back into what was pattern for worship pre-covid.

Model School Assemblies

In a new venture we are hosting some assemblies for the school in St Patrick's Church. The school has grown to the point where there isn't a space to have all the pupils together in the school building. We had the first harvest themed assembly on 13th October where we wrote some

new words to a song to remind us that everything comes from God.

Mothers' Union

This met on 4th October when Gayle and Ian spoke on memory reminders and personal stories that help us grow in and strengthen our faith. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 1st November in the back of the church when the speaker will be Linda Keating, member of the Trustee Body.

Ladies' Group

This group met upstairs in the hall on 20th September for a talk by Eva Baxter on Cecil Frances Alexander. The October meeting was at Margaret Treanor's Cottage in Tydavnet for an evening of traditional stories, songs, poems and a bread making demonstration. The November meeting is on Tuesday 15th with guest speakers Celesta and Maggie on Topic Hair and Beauty Care.

Bowling Club

This continues to meet on Monday mornings at 10am and Thursday evenings at 8pm.

Playaway

The parent and toddler group has restarted meeting at 10.30am each Thursday during school-term time. Our thanks to Imelda, Jim and helpers for all their work.

Condolences

We offer prayerful sympathy to Malcom Workman and family on the death of his nephew.

Looking ahead

Monaghan Collegiate School have their annual sale and coffee morning on Friday, 2nd December from 10am to 3pm in the hall. All welcome.

Ladies Group Interdenominational Carol service is taking place in person again in St Patrick's Church on Tuesday, 13th December at 8pm.

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

New Rector

At the time of going to press, plans were being finalised for the Institution of our new Rector, the Revd Stephen McWhirter on



Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 7.30pm in Rossorry. He had previously served as Archdeacon of Tuam, Killala and Achony. We welcome Revd McWhirter and his wife, Revd Jennifer McWhirter and their daughter, Kizzy.

Remembrance Sunday – 13th November 2022

We will hold our Act of Remembrance at the church memorials during morning service at 10am. As is our custom we bow our heads in solemn remembrance of young men who left this parish to serve King and country in two world wars and also others who died in the conflict here in NI, especially thinking of those killed in the Enniskillen Poppy Day bomb in 1987.

Remembering Queen Elizabeth II

Among all the tributes and memories that

were expressed around the time that our dear Queen passed away, was the attached poem, written by one of our parishioners, who felt she just had to record her thoughts and feelings, as we all did at this time. I thought I would share it with you.

*Our Queen has left our country
a black and weary place.
To think she's gone forever
no more smile, upon her face.
The strongest woman known,
she quietly led us all
by example and good manners,
full of joy, she had a ball.
I never personally knew her,
yet I cried real tears.
Our country's grandma, whom we loved
has broken us for years.
I'm not sure what will come
but the Lord will lay thy path
for he led Her Majesty through it all
to stop the pain and wrath.*

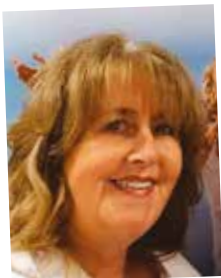
*It's time to learn from all her work
and overcome our fears.
All's needed is some faith and hope
and Her love will live on for years.
Nicola Walker*

Harvest

Sincere thanks to all who made our weekend of Harvest Thanksgiving services so enjoyable, especially our Friday evening preacher, Revd. Abraham Storey, those who so skilfully decorated the church, the choir, the Praise Band and Mrs Catherine Irwin for their musical lead and the lesson readers. Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services took place in Rossorry on Friday evening, 7th October at 8pm and on Sunday 9th October at 10am. The guest Preacher on Friday evening was Revd. Abraham Storey, who is currently taking services at Magheraculmoney. Revd. Colin Brownsmith conducted and preached at the Sunday service.

Rossorry Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union met in the Parish Hall on Thursday, 20th October 2022. The Speaker was Mrs Genevieve Irvine from SWELL (Supported, We Live Well),



a support group for those who have had a cancer diagnosis in Co Fermanagh.

The Service of Celebration took place in St Anne's Cathedral on Friday 23 September which was attended by Frances Storey and

Diane Donaldson from Rossorry Branch, who travelled to the venue with others from Clogher Diocese on a bus, stopping in Armagh for their tea. The event was most enjoyable.

Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union held a Service of Holy Communion with the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis, on Wednesday 6th October in Killadeas Parish Church. The Rector, Revd Mark Gallagher; Revd Charles Eames, Mothers' Union Chaplain; MU Members and Members of Trustee Body took part in the service. Mrs Heather Ellis, MU Diocesan President presided at a meeting of Autumn Council held in the hall after the service. This was attended by Lorraine Simpson and Diane Donaldson. A delicious supper was served by the ladies of the Parish.

The next meeting will be held on 17th November when the speaker will be our new Rector, Revd Stephen McWhirter.

Scouts

The Scouts have started up, again, after the holidays. The Registration evening was held



Members of the Wednesday Club on their outing.

in the Hall on Tuesday 20th September at 7.30pm.

Since then, Scouts had a great day fishing on Saturday 24th September at Lough Avilly. Great to see all sections of Scouting taking part.

They had also an opportunity to have a go at indoor shooting at Gola Gun Club on Thursday 6th October.

Scouts has not started back in the hall on Tuesday nights yet.

Cub Scouts

Cubs met in the Hall on 12th October and had fun with their Peruvian Crafts.

Many thanks to Ruth Gallagher for her demonstration and instruction.



The Bowling Club has commenced again.

Rossorry Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club held a meeting at The Barrack Store in Enniskillen Castle on 5th October 2022. The speaker was Jill Donnelly, Health and Well-being Officer from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, who gave advice on saving energy in the home.

It was also an opportunity to mark two special birthdays of members of the Club. Iris Creighton was celebrating her 80th birthday and Florrie Elliott was celebrating her 90th birthday, later in the month.

A birthday cake each and a rousing chorus of 'Happy Birthday' competed the day.

The Club met again in the Barrack Store at the Castle for a Halloween Lunch on Wednesday 26th October.

Rossorry Bowling Club

The Bowling Club have started their new season from Monday 19th September 2022 at 8pm. They would love to have some new members.

You need not have any level of proficiency, as training will be provided. Why not come along and give it a try?



Scouts at their fishing activity.





Cub Scouts at their crafts night.



Return to in Church Worship

As you probably know, by now, the Church is open again. 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 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 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. continue. 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

If you are not in church you can 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.

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New Rector

From 3rd November, the new Rector, Rev. Stephen McWhirter will assume all responsibility for the running of the Parish, the Vestry and Pastoral Cover.

The Parish Office will continue to operate

for advice or assistance (02866 329889) and for receiving Freewill Envelopes etc.

SERVICES for NOVEMBER

Sunday, 6th November - 10.00am, Holy Communion (Our new Rector's first service).

Sunday, 13th November - 10.00am, A Service of Remembrance.

Sunday, 20th November - 10.00am, Morning Prayer (with Baptism).

Sunday, 27th November - 10.00am, Morning Prayer.

Parish Register

BEREAVEMENTS

■ FORDE, William George, who lived in Kent, died in England, but originally from Rossorry Church Road, Enniskillen. His ashes were buried in the family plot at Rossorry at 11am on 21st September 2022. The service was conducted by Revd. Alison Irvine

■ INGRAM, Elizabeth Irene (Eileen), of Rossole Park, dear wife of William (Billy) died, peacefully on 4th October 2022 at the South West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen. Her Funeral Service took place at Rossorry Parish Church at 2pm on Friday 7th October 2022, followed by interment in Rossorry Churchyard. Revd. Colin Brownsmith officiated.

The sincerest condolences of the whole Parish go to the families and friends of the Forde and Ingram families at this sad time.

MARRIAGES

■ KENNEDY - Emma Hicks and Wayne Kennedy were married in Rossorry Parish Church on Friday, 23rd September 2022. Revd. Alison Irvine conducted the service.

■ BRATTON – Sonia Crawford and Jonathon Bratton were married at Rossorry Parish Church on Saturday 24th September 2022. Revd. Alison Irvine conducted the service.

May God bless their lives together.



The wedding of Sonia Crawford and Jonathan Bratton



The wedding of Emma Hicks and Wayne Kennedy.

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Funeral

26th September - Walter James McCrea, Pubble Road, Tempo.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to his sisters Olive and Dora, also of his brother Bertie.

Tempo Harvest Service

The service was held in Tempo on Sunday 25th September with the Preacher, Mrs. Catherine Hillcox from the Bible Society. The Bible readings and prayers were led by the young people and Adults from the congregation. The choir sang My Soul Bless the Lord. The organist was Mrs. Carole Graham. After the service there was a soup and cheese lunch held in the Church Hall with donations towards the Missionary organisations the Church supports each year. Thanks to those who decorated the Church for the service all who took part in the service and those who provided for and served the soup and cheese lunch.

Tempo Church

Thank you to Mr. George White, Rector's Glebewarden, for spearheading the work of repainting the windows in the Church and interior reveals, the repainting of the porch and exterior protection of the stained-glass window at the Baptistry.

Clabby Harvest Service

The service was held on 2nd October with the Preacher, Mr. David Armstrong from Crosslinks. Young people took part in the Bible Readings and Prayers. The organist was Mrs. Ann Bloomfield and the choir sang "It is Good to Give Thanks to God." Thank you to everyone who provided items to decorate the Church and those who carried out the work of decorating the Church and served tea after the service.

Clabby Tractor Run

Thank you to Mr Jim Monteith for organising this event to those who helped as marshals, the street collectors, the ladies who provided refreshments and those who came along with their tractors and those who give donations. £2120 was raised for Church funds.

The Queen

The death of Her Majesty came as a shock to everyone. Although the picture we saw of her two days before was a shock to see how frail she had become. Her death in many senses is like the death of an elderly member of the family.

We held a special service in both churches on 18th September, the day prior to her funeral. The hymns 'Praise my Soul the King of Heaven,' 'Great is thy Faithfulness,' 'From Heaven you came' and 'Now Thank thee all our God.' All reflected something about the Queen's faith and her service to God and the country. A number of parishioners of varying age groups read the Scripture passages from 1st Kings 3 v 4-14 and Philipians 3 v 10-21 and led us in prayers. The reading from 1st Kings 3 v 4-14 seemed appropriate and summed up her late Majesty's long life of dedicated faithful service to God, the country and Commonwealth which was always founded on God's wisdom which she had prayed for, just like King Solomon. God granted Solomon wisdom, long-life and no equal among Kings verses 12-14. The Queen said in 1952 "Pray for me that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the Solomon promise I shall be making, and that I may faithfully service him and you all the days of my life". God answered the Queen's prayer.

During life she was most clear and in the latter years of her reign about the centrality of Christ as her Saviour and Lord and spoke unashamedly of it especially in her Christmas day speeches. She called the Nation in 2011 to commit their lives to Christ in words from O little Town of Bethlehem, "O Holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray, cast out our sin, be born in us to-day". She looked forward to being alive when Christ returned so she could at last leave her crown at His feet.

To-day she is continuing to serve and

worship the servant King Jesus and has received the everlasting Crown of righteousness from God. Her legacy to us is a humble genuine living and lived out faith by word and deed, faithful unto death.

Thank you to those who provided beautiful flower arrangements and pictures of the Queen for the Service.

The following prayer for King Charles was published in Woman Alive magazine. Like any family they now must readjust to the loss of someone who has been at the centre of their lives as a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Also to the King as he assumes such a central role as leader of the Nation, the Commonwealth and among the Nations of the World and as head of the Royal family, an ordinary family in many ways, but also living in the glare of public life. Especially in a troubled, insecure world with grave concerns about the cost of living and as he adjusts to his role he said he dreaded happening.

*"Dear Lord, Our Heavenly Father,
Hold this nation in your hands as
We mourn the loss of the Queen.
Help us to stand together as one
As we welcome and adjust to
a new monarchy.
We pray for King Charles, as he reels
From the loss of his much-loved
Mother while supporting his family
As they too come to terms with their loss.
Guide him in his new role
As King may he look to you Lord
For wisdom and direction. Amen"*

"I urge, then, first of all that requests, Prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be Made for everyone, for kings and those In authority, that we may live peaceful And quiet lives in all Godliness and Holiness."

November Diary

- Tuesday 8th November - Mothers' Union at 8 pm in Clabby Church Hall. Speaker, Sandra on the theme of Flower Power.
- Sunday 20th November - Preacher at both services is Revd. Richard Bamber, new All-Ireland leader with Crosslinks.



Trory and Killadeas



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Parish Table Quiz and Fun Night

Our big event this month will be the parish table quiz and fun night. This is not your regular table quiz. Without giving too much away, in between rounds there will be spot challenges for individuals, single tables, or everyone. Challenges will include physical, artistic, and other talents not usually highlighted during a table quiz. A delicious supper of homemade treats will also be provided. Admission is suggested at £5/head, and teams are suggested as groups of four. Proceeds are in aid of Ballycassidy Hall Refurbishment and parish funds. As this is a fundraiser, including entertainment and food, if you drop a larger note in the basket we would of course be even more grateful.

Willowbridge Harvest Assembly

Revd. Mark was delighted to be asked to Willowbridge SEN School as the guest speaker for their Harvest Assembly, which brought together not just the school, but also governors, parents, carers, and other invited guests. This has been a long time in the pipeline, as he was first asked to do it for the 2020 Harvest assembly, but the last two years were cancelled due to Covid. Revd. Mark is looking forward to working



Rev. Mark throwing his first bowl at Trory Bowling Club



Mothers' Union Autumn Council Meeting in Priory Church, Killadeas.



with Willowbridge for future assemblies and classes.

Try a Bowl Night

On Thursday 24th November, Trory Bowling Club are holding an open evening with a 'try a bowl' night. If you have never tried bowling before, or if you have previously bowled, but haven't been in a while, come along for a bit of craic. As with the table quiz, there might be a Revd. Mark double meaning hidden in the title, but you'll only know what extras are in store if you come along.

Mothers' Union

We were delighted to host the Autumn Council meeting of Clogher Diocese Mothers' Union in Priory Church Killadeas on Thursday 6th October as well as a service of Holy Communion with the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis, assisted by Revd Mark. Revd Charles Eames, Mothers' Union Chaplain, MU Members from across the diocese, and members of our own branch all took part in the service. Mrs Heather Ellis, MU Diocesan President presided at a meeting of Autumn Council held in the hall after the service. A delicious supper was served by the ladies of the Parish. This month our meeting will be held on Monday, 14th November at 8pm in Priory Hall when Mrs. Amanda Cadden will bring the ladies though an evening of pampering. Non members are welcome to attend.

Advent Carol Service

This will be in Priory Church, Killadeas on Sunday 27th November and will be in place of Choral Evensong this month. The service filled with advent carols and

readings which anticipate and expect the coming of Christ. It is a great time to reflect in words and music on the sense of expectation and excitement which Advent should be as we build up to Christmas, but we don't arrive at Christmas just yet. Christmas season only starts on Christmas day and lasts until 6th February with the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, and is celebrated fully until 6th January with Epiphany, and where we get the idea of the 12 days of Christmas from. The Christmas Carol Service in both churches will be on Sunday 18th December for forward planners.

Advent Midweek Services

Our Advent Midweek Services will be on Wednesdays at 7pm, and will be from St. Michael's Church, Trory, as well as Facebook Live. The theme for this year will be 'preparing for Christmas' and each week we will look at how so many of our Christmas foods, traditions, and preparations which are enjoyed in secular society too have their roots in Christian Christmas tradition.

Trory Play Park

One of the great things about our parishes is the desire to see the whole community thrive. Any functioning church in a parish context is central to its area and works for the good of all. If the community thrives, and sees the outreach of love from the church, the church in turn thrives too, and so working for the good of the whole community in which we live and worship is central to this. One of our parishioners in Trory showed this in action recently by spearheading the push and lobbying for our local play park,



A selection of harvest festival decorations.



Willowbridge School Harvest

currently in a slightly dilapidated state (and not even known to exist by many) to be included in the FODC play park upgrades. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has now commenced works on four play parks in the Fermanagh area of the district including Cottage Lawn in Belcoo, Rusheen in Garrison, Lisnarick and ours in Jubilee Hill, Trory. The works will include the upgrade of the play equipment and the provision of inclusive play facilities.

Harvest Services

All is safely gathered in, and that's a wrap on harvest for another year. Thanks to all who decorated, ministered through music, preached, prepared and served the suppers, cleaned up afterwards, and our

amazing young people who never cease to amaze with their imagination and creativity with vegetables. It was heart-warming to see our churches looking resplendent. It was also brilliant to see dozens of young people out, engaged and enjoying themselves, between both All Age Harvest services, as well as our Baby and Tots group getting involved with their crafts during the week.

Trory Christmas Light Switch On
Trory Christmas light switch on will be on Sunday 4th December at 7pm. We begin with a Christingle and Passing of the Light service in St Michael's Church. This is a festive service filled with imagery and fun elements for all ages to get involved with. It finishes with everyone 'passing the light' through the congregation (lighting each other's candles one by one, using the advent wreath to light the first one) before we carry the light out from the church. When we are all outside, holding lit candles, the Christmas lights will be switched on, and we warm up with a glass of mulled wine and a hot mince pie, as well as other elements of festive cheer.

From the registers

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

- 11th October - Barbara Irvine
- 13th October - Roy Ogle

HOLY MATRIMONY

- 29th October - Tanya and Curtis McCaughey

Dates for your diary

Sunday 6th November

10am Holy Communion, Priory Church, Killadeas,
11.30am Baptism with Holy Communion, St. Michael's Church, Trory

Sunday 13th November

10am Morning Prayer with an act of remembrance, Priory Church, Killadeas,
11.30am Morning Prayer with an Act of Remembrance, St. Michael's Church, Trory
7pm Invitation to Informal All Age Worship with Ballinamallard



Stewart and Lauren Johnston following their wedding in St. Michael's, Trory .

Monday 14th November

8pm Mothers' Union Pamper Night, Priory Church Hall

Friday 18th November

8pm Parish Table Quiz and Fun Night

Sunday 20th November

10am Morning Prayer, Priory Church, Killadeas, followed by tea and chat
11.30am Morning Prayer, St. Michael's Church, Trory

Thursday 24th November

7.30pm 'Try a bowl night' with Trory Bowling Club, Ballycassidy Hall

Sunday 27th November

10am Morning Prayer, Priory Church, Killadeas,
11.30am Morning Prayer, St. Michael's Church, Trory
8pm Advent Carol Service, Priory Church, Killadeas

Wednesday 30th November

7pm Advent midweek service, St Michael's, Trory

Sunday 4th December

10am Holy Communion, Priory Church, Killadeas,
11.30am Holy Communion, St. Michael's Church, Trory
7pm Christingle and passing the light service with Trory Christmas lights switch on, St Michael's, Trory.



Rev. Mark Gallagher, guest speaker at the Willowbridge School assembly with the school head boy, head girl, deputy head boy and deputy head girl.



Caroline Watterson, Class Teacher and R.E. Co-Ordinator with Rev. Mark Gallagher, Guest Speaker; Sr Elizabeth Fee, Governor; Tom Palmer, Chair of the Board of Governors; Pastor John Shades, Enniskillen Foodbank; Fr Raymond Donnelly; and Ms Bernadette Cornyn, Acting Principal with pupil representatives.

MOTHERS' UNION



Mothers' Union representatives from Clogher Diocese attending the Annual Gathering in Belfast.

MEMBERS COME TOGETHER FOR ANNUAL GATHERING

More than 750 Mothers' Union members and friends from across Britain and Ireland attended the Annual Gathering held in Belfast over the weekend of 23rd and 24th September.

Events began with two Services of Celebration held in St Anne's Cathedral on the Friday at 4.30pm and 7pm. A contingent from Clogher Diocese travelled by bus with a stop off for tea in the Seagoe Hotel, Portadown before arriving at St. Anne's Cathedral for the 7pm service. The Services of Celebration were led by the Bishop of Connor, the Rt. Revd. George Davison, and the preacher was the Right. Revd. Andrew Forster, Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, who stepped in as a late replacement for the Right. Revd. Dr Emma Ineson, MU Central Chaplain.

Music at the services was provided by the Kerygma Choir under Musical Director Lorna Palmer and the organist was Neale Agnew. Saturday was an inspiring day at our Annual Gathering in the ICC Waterfront Hall in Belfast! We were welcomed by Bev Jullien, CEO, and June Butler All Ireland President and Iris Sutor, Zonal Trustee for All Ireland. The Bishop of Down and Dromore read from Matthew 5 v 13 and prayed including the Lord's Prayer. We watched a video prepared by All Ireland members to give us a wonderful overview of MU in Ireland. Our Worldwide President, Sheran Harper's Keynote address was pre-recorded - so inspiring with Stories of Change: 'Boys to



Clogher MU representatives at Seagoe Church and Parish Centre en route to the service in Belfast.



Clogher Diocesan MU representatives attending the service and conference for the Annual Gathering in Belfast.

Men' in Diocese of Trinidad and Tobago, 'Storybirds' from Jenni in Peterborough-Bible stories for pre-school children in Church midweek and Prison Visitor Centre in Rochester.

Before Midday Worship led by the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd John McDowell, we had encouraging updates from staff at Mary Sumner House.

The MUE stall, All Ireland mementos, Metamorphosis news and news on Policy and Advocacy as well as Literacy and Financial Education Programme literature were available to peruse at lunch-time.

That afternoon Bishop Emma Ineson, Central Chaplain, gave a pre-recorded address about Transformation being God's work, allow Him to transform us so we can transform those around us.

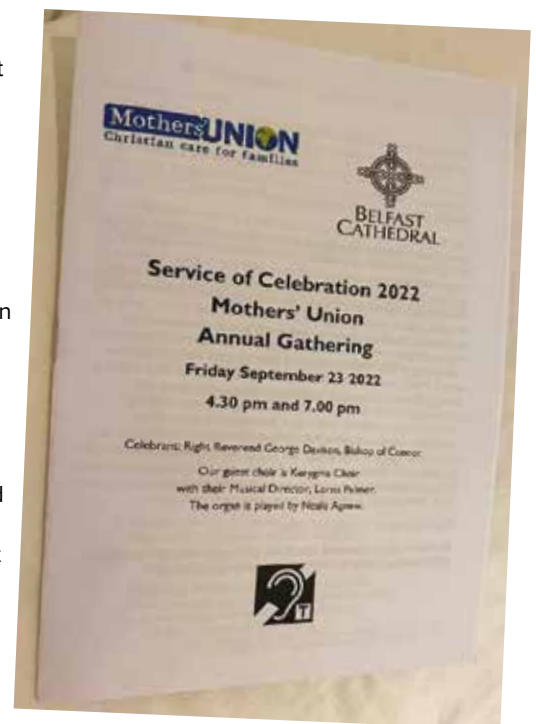
Steph Nunn, new Head of Membership, shared a Reimagining update with the help of Deb Lee and Kim Darby, members on Steering Group and Alison Fernandes from MSH giving practical illustrations to answer the questions and looked forward to actions

from our dioceses. Bishop Emma added thanks for the past, present and future. Bev Jullien and June Butler announced that York would be the venue for the Annual Gathering in 2023. This will be on the 23 September with Evensong on the same evening.

Sheran Harper led a pre-recorded 'Call to Action' to renew passion for fighting injustice and practical ways to lift families out of poverty. The journey of transformation includes us each doing our part individually and collectively.

Final thanks came from June Houghton and Bev Jullien and The Bishop of Connor closed the day in prayer including the prayer of Alex Wimbley, 'God of deep and deepening peace.'

That evening we returned to the Waterfront Hall for a moving Concert of a varied musical programme given by The Clare Chorale led by Musical Director, Sheelagh Greer, who also performed solo items including 'Climb every mountain' from The Sound of Music and Danny Boy.



Autumn Council takes place in Killadeas

The Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Autumn Council 2022 took place on the evening of the 5th October in The Priory Church, Killadeas.

It commenced with a Service of Holy Communion administered by Bishop Ian Ellis and Revd. Mark Gallagher.

Following the service, refreshments were served in the adjoining hall where a short business meeting took place.



At the service in Killadeas are (from left); Revd Charles Eames, MU Diocesan Chaplain; Revd Mark Gallagher, Bishop Ian Ellis and Heather Ellis, Clogher Diocesan MU President. Below, some of the members who attended the service and meeting.



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Walk Together

Against Domestic Violence

on

Saturday 26 November 2022

in Colebrooke Estate (kindly granted)

Meeting at Colebrooke Church Hall at 9.30am

Refreshments served

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Women's Aid, PSNI, Aisling Centre, Tearmann and other agencies will also be in attendance in supporting Mothers' Union in standing up to Gender Based Violence

INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO ALL BRANCHES IN THE COMING WEEKS.

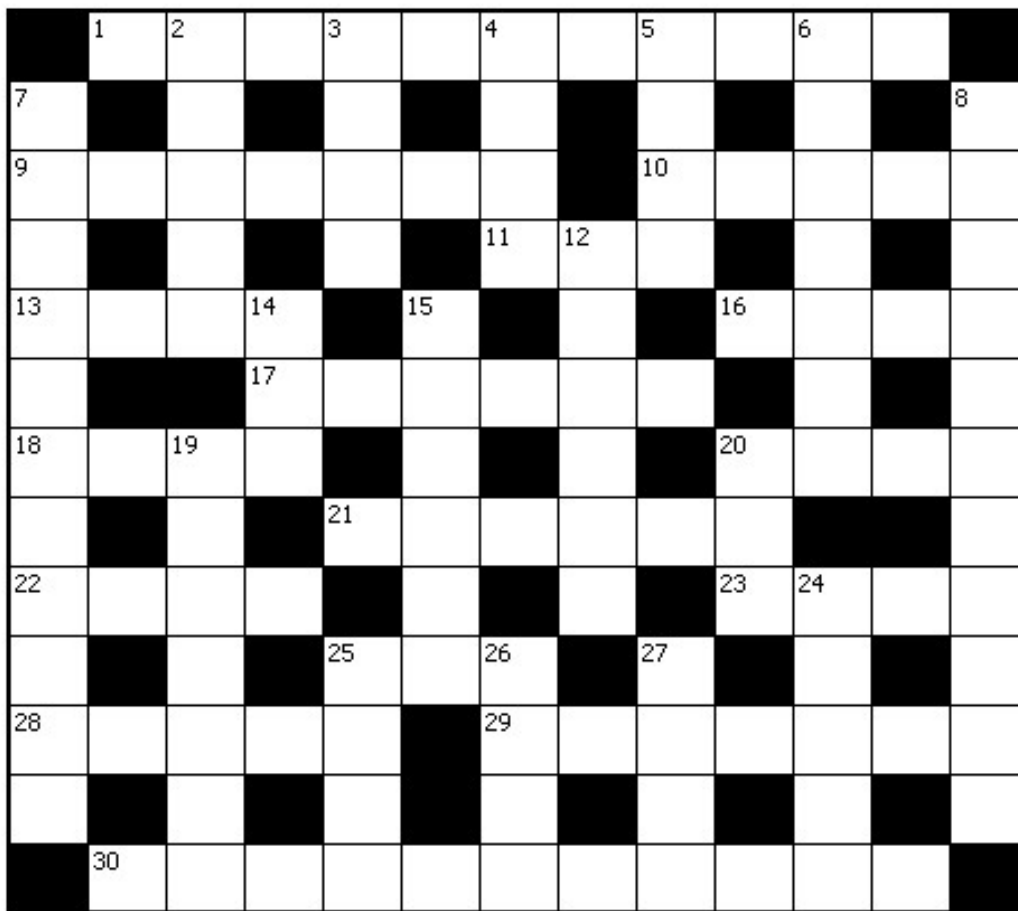
Visits of the MU Worldwide and All Ireland MU Presidents

A unique event will take place in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Sunday, 6th November during Morning Service. It will mark the visits of the Mothers' Union Worldwide President, Mrs Sheran Harper and the All-Ireland President Mrs June Butler to our Diocese. The service will include the Commissioning of Mrs Heather Ellis as Clogher Diocesan President and of Mrs Debbie Davidson as Armagh Diocesan President.

MU Worldwide President Sheran was elected for the period 2019-24 following two terms as a worldwide Trustee from 2013-18. She heads up and chairs meetings of the Board of Trustees and fulfils an ambassadorial role on behalf of MU. Sheran was born in the United Kingdom and grew up in Guyana. She is a physiotherapist by profession who in the past opened and managed new Physiotherapy Departments in hospitals across Guyana and lectured on the Rehabilitation Therapists Training Programme for the Government.

Sheran has been a member of Mothers' Union since 1987, and from 2001 devoted herself to serving Mothers' Union, at Parish, Diocesan, Provincial and Worldwide levels. Before she was elected to the role of Worldwide President, she visited 20 countries for Mothers' Union, primarily as the Worldwide Parenting Programme Trainer. She has been regularly called to advise her government regionally on matters relating to the family and the reduction of violence in the home. She has also been invited by the Archbishop of Canterbury to speak at international conferences including this year's Lambeth Conference of Bishops and to advise on matters relating to peace and reconciliation, an area about which she is passionate.

PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all _, Lord of all _, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy' (11,3)
- 9 Moses question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you _ your fellow Hebrew?' (Exodus 2:13) (7)
- 10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline _ (2,3)
- 11 'At even _ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay'(3)
- 13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)
- 16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but _ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
- 17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
- 18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must _ God rather than men!' (Acts 5:29) (4)
- 20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, _ Eareckson Tada (4)
- 21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
- 22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat _ _ '(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
- 23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
- 25 Tree (3)
- 28 'No fear of me should _ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you' (Job 33:7) (5)
- 29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
- 30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

DOWN

- 2 'O Jerusalem _ how _ I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)
- 3 Way out (4)
- 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
- 5 Done (anag.) (4)
- 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
- 7 Concerning the study of God (11)
- 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
- 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
- 14 Frozen (3)
- 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
- 19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
- 20 See 1 Across
- 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
- 25 Time (anag.) (4)
- 26 Lists choice of meals (4)
- 27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23) (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 75

CHILDREN'S SECTION

The Doctor and the Patient



JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS



BUT SOME WERE EXTRA SPECIAL. THESE WERE HIS 'DISCIPLES'.



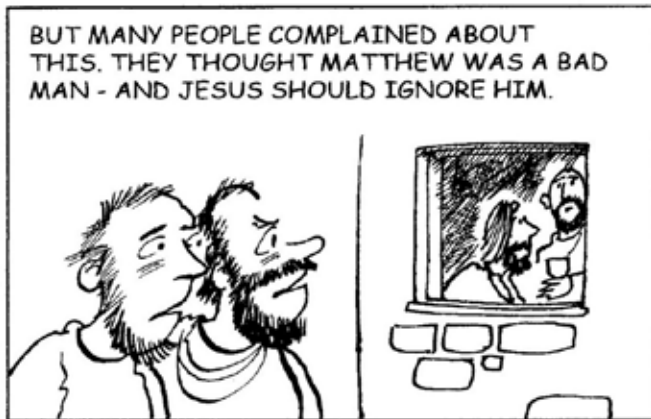
JESUS ONCE ASKED A TAX-COLLECTOR CALLED 'MATTHEW' TO BE ONE OF HIS TEAM



MATTHEW AGREED TO FOLLOW JESUS



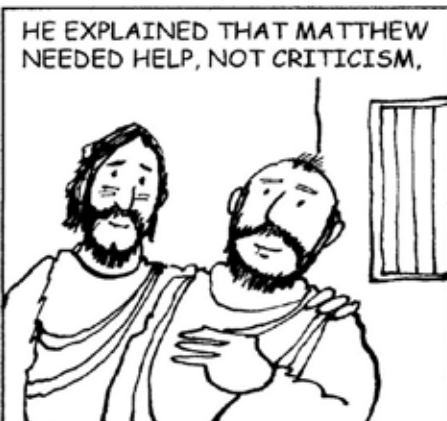
JESUS WENT TO HAVE A MEAL AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE



BUT MANY PEOPLE COMPLAINED ABOUT THIS. THEY THOUGHT MATTHEW WAS A BAD MAN - AND JESUS SHOULD IGNORE HIM.



JESUS' REPLY WAS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD.



HE EXPLAINED THAT MATTHEW NEEDED HELP, NOT CRITICISM.



"IT'S NOT THE WELL THAT NEED A DOCTOR - BUT THE SICK!"
see Luke 5:27-32



THE COMING OF A KING

The birth of Jesus is fortold



God sent a messenger to Mary
What was the angel's name?

Luke 1:26-28

Mary was frightened,
what did the angel say?

Luke 1:30

What was Mary to
name her child?

Luke 1:31



What is her son
going to be?

Luke 1:32-33



READ
the story
in *Luke*
1:26-55



What does the angel
say about God?

Luke 1:37
(LEARN this verse)

Mary praises God, what does
she say God has done?

Luke 1:46-55



What happened
to Elizabeth
when Mary
went to
visit her?

Luke 1:41



Find the words
in the word
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HOLY • WORD • ELIZABETH • BLESSED • SAVIOUR • REJOICE • PRAISE

DIOCESAN SYNOD 2022



Ms Irene Knox.



Revd Andrew Quill.



Mrs Joy Graham.

Work within the diocese is reviewed at Synod

Reports of the various boards and committees of Clogher Diocese were presented to members of Synod on Thursday, 29th September at their first meeting in person since 2019.

Presenting the 151st report of the Diocesan Council was Miss Irene Knox, a member of Diocesan Council.

She reported that the number of total parishioners in the diocese had shown a slight increase over the year and referred to the detailed work of Diocesan Accountant, Mrs Ashley Brown and diocesan staff for keeping the diocese going during the pandemic.

During the Synod, a motion proposed by Revd Andrew Quill, seconded by Mrs Joy Graham, that the Diocesan Synod authorise the Diocesan Sustentation and Finance Committee on behalf of Diocesan Council, to make a one-off allocation of a sum of funding equally to each parish church in the Diocese to financially assist parishes as they emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic. The allocation will be deducted from the 2023 assessment for each parish. This was approved unanimously.

The report of the Clogher Diocesan



Revd Philip Bryson.

Youth Council was presented by Revd Philip Bryson, Chairman, who said youth ministry post pandemic was difficult. He said the church in general found itself at a crossroads as there was a large scale volunteer crisis. This has led to churches finding it challenging and even for some impossible to get youth initiatives up and going again.

The report of the Council stated; "The way ahead might involve a different approach

to youth work, a thinking outside of the box, new collaborations, new inventive programmes, fresh ideas and applications as we seek to present the ever-relevant good news of Jesus Christ."



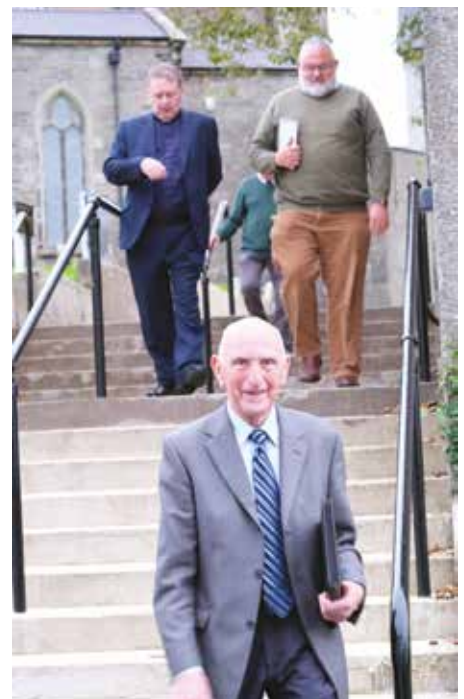
Members of Synod leaving the Cathedral to attend the meeting in the Cathedral Hall.

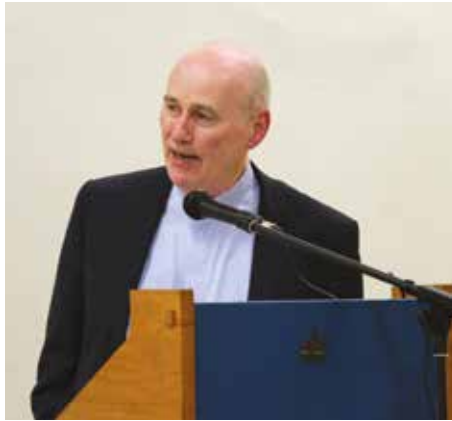


Revd Tim Irvine.



Revd Lorraine Capper.





Visiting ministers from other denominations bringing greetings to the Clogher Diocesan Synod, from left; Revd David Cupples, Enniskillen Presbyterian Church; Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church and Revd Lorna Dreading, Enniskillen Methodist Church.



Members of Synod leaving the service to attend the meeting in the Cathedral Hall.



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DIOCESAN SYNOD 2022

Work of missions is encouraged in years ahead



Mr. Neville Armstrong speaking at the Synod.

The work of the Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission was presented to the Diocesan Synod by Canon Paul Thompson, Secretary, in which he appealed for applications for assistance for mission projects. He explained that the Board did not do mission but encouraged parishes and individuals to do so at home and abroad. The Board highlighted the annual diocesan Mission Sunday on Sunday, 20th November, Christ the King Sunday when parishes are encouraged to mark the occasion by taking up a collection at services that will go to the Board of Mission for supporting work.



Canon Paul Thompson speaking at Synod.

Another important part of Clogher Diocese is the Clogher Diocesan Board for Social Theology in Action. Secretary, Neville Armstrong, told members of Synod that they have been examining ways of organising workshops or meetings on emotional health and hoping to hold events around mental health and a training day around gambling addiction. Also speaking was the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, Chaplain at the South-West Acute Hospital. He explained that due to changes in GDPR, the names of patients in hospital would no longer be

released to parishes. Instead he appealed to families to inform their rector if a family member has been admitted to hospital. He said with the permission of patients, there is no problem for clergy to visit them in hospital. The final report presented was that of the Clogher Diocesan Glebes Committee proposed by Revd Lorraine Capper. She reminded parishes of the need to keep under review the insurance cover of all parochial property as building and repair costs had continued to increase.

New competition for young people on theme of 'miracles'

The Covid-29 pandemic had a major impact on church life and on the work with young people, said Miss Frances Boyd, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education, presenting their report to Diocesan Synod.

All competitions organised by the Board had to be suspended but a new competition for Bishop's Medal and Archdeacon Ruddell Prize was advertised in the October edition of the Clogher Diocesan Magazine. The theme is "Miracles".

The Archdeacon Ruddell Prize is open to children of primary school age and can be an individual entry or group entry. They are asked to name as many of Jesus's miracles giving Bible references. They are also asked to choose an example of each of three types of miracles, retelling the stories in their own words.

The Bishop's Medal is awarded to the winner of the Secondary School age category and must be an individual entry. They are asked to name as many miracles from the Old Testament and retell the stories as well as supplementary questions.

All entries must be left in the Diocesan Office by Wednesday, 26th April 2023. Further details from members of the Board.



Miss Frances Boyd, proposing the report.

DIOCESAN NEWS



Revd Rebecca Guildea on one of her 40 runs on the distance from Belleek Primary School to Garrison rectory.

Running rector already exceeds fundraising target for new prayer garden

A Church of Ireland Rector is running the equivalent distance between her rectory and the local primary school 40 times over three months to help raise funds for a new learning resource. Revd Rebecca Guildea, Rector of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher, has asked parishioners and friends to sponsor her runs which began in September and which continue until December. So far she has raised over £950 which has exceeded her target of £500 as the church's contribution towards the Belleek Primary School Prayer Garden.

A rundown activity area at the school will be transformed into an outdoor learning space and prayer garden where children can grow their own vegetables and flowers and also have reflective space. Revd Rebecca explained that the Church of Ireland Board of Education have funding for children's mental health education and have earmarked £1,000 for the project with the remaining £1,000 required to be donated by her church group and the school. As Revd Rebecca sets out on several of her 4-mile runs each week, she reflects on making the connection between church and school stronger.

"My real wish is how our church can be a blessing in our community and how to make useful connections within it," she said.

Revd Rebecca and her husband Brendan have three children, Noah, Isaac and Moses with Noah already attending Belleek School.

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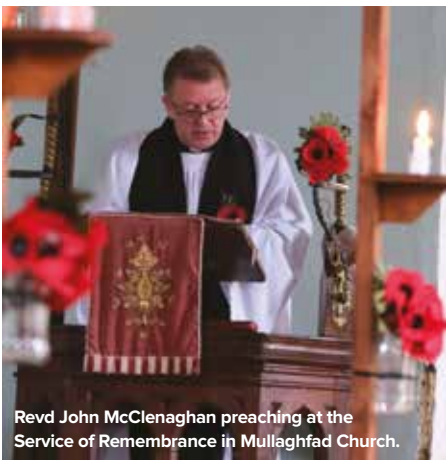


James Tinsley, Lisburn and Castlereagh Veterans' Champion reading a lesson.



Mr Iain Lendrum BEM reading a lesson in Mullaghfad Church.

Mullaghfad Church hosts Remembrance Service



Revd John McClenaghan preaching at the Service of Remembrance in Mullaghfad Church.



The large congregation attending.

A special Service of Remembrance took place in Mullaghfad Church on Sunday, 16th October conducted by the Rector, the Revd. John McClenaghan.

The church only hosts a limited number of services during the year and this service was the first there since before the pandemic.

The service is attended by ex-Servicemen and women and members of regimental associations from the area including Fivemiletown Royal British Legion and Lisburn RBL.

During the service, the readings were by James Tinsley, Veterans' Champion in Lisburn and Castlereagh Council and Iain Lendrum BEM, Chairman of the Fivemiletown Royal British Legion Club. The exhortation was given by Robert Carson, Chairman of Fivemiletown RBL.

The Last Post and Reveille was sounded by Mark Kelly of Murley Silver Band. A number of wreaths were laid at the War Memorial in the Church by representatives of the various organisations.

Churches across the Diocese will be marking Remembrance Sunday on 13th November with parades and church services.



Mr. Robert Carson, Chairman of Fivemiletown RBL who gave the exhortation.



Mr. Mark Kelly, Murley Silver Band, who played the Last Post and Reveille.



CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

New first year theological students

Seven first year students at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin have been commissioned by Archbishop Michael Jackson as Student Readers during the community eucharist.

Among the seven is Scott Elliott from Enniskillen, representing Clogher Diocese. The other Student Readers are; Matthew Gaw (Down and Dromore), Ryan Hawk (Down and Dromore), Michael Kenning (Cork, Cloyne and Ross), Sean Murphy (Cashel, Ferns and Ossory), James Sheils (Armagh) and Siobhan Wheeler (Limerick, Killaloe and Ardferf).

Archbishop Jackson told ordinands; "We are all together in this apostolic tradition."

The Archbishop's sermon was based on the Gospel reading [Luke 10: 17 to 24]. It speaks of the 72 disciples returning to Jesus from what he suggested those in CITI might call a placement. He described it as a positive tale of achievement by the 72 disciples and a cause of jubilation.



Mr. Scott Elliott (fourth from right) with Archbishop Michael Jackson and other student readers.

New booklet on cost of living action

The Church of Ireland's Church and Society Commission has published a short booklet with suggestions for how parishes, and other ministries and similar organisations in their local communities, can help to serve people in need at this time.

Practical Action on the Cost of Living summarises a discussion held when representatives from Church of Ireland dioceses around the island shared stories about how their parishes are proactively responding as the cost of living crisis continues (e.g. through recycling surplus clothing, greater support for food banks, making and sharing meals together, and opening up church property as warm spaces). Several examples were put forward about what more can be done over the coming months, along with ideas for the best overall approaches for responding locally.

Archbishop Michael Jackson, Chair of the

Church and Society Commission, who organised the meeting, remarks: "The escalation in the cost of living affects everyone. It affects those on modest incomes, on pensions, and those with no money at all most acutely and most immediately. The time of crisis is now. The booklet in a small but heartfelt way seeks to provide some pointers about how help is being made available through local ministries, and where a range of people is ready to come to your assistance. Please avail of what is there. It is there for you as much as it is there for anyone else. Please also ask for any help you need from others if and when you seek support."

The Practical Action of the Cost of Living booklet front cover shows the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Printed copies of the booklet are available from the Church of Ireland Press Office.

Practical Action on the Cost of Living



New website for Children and Families Ministry

The Church of Ireland's Children and Families website will be officially launched in November where there will be a page to feature Job opportunities across the country.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

GIVING HOPE FOR CHRISTMAS

The Hope for Every Home magazine helps local churches and Christians to make meaningful connections with people in their communities. Many have delivered the magazines to every home in their area, along with an invite to a service at their local church. They have seen a great response to this approach with many people attending Easter or Christmas events for the first time.

Hope for Every Home currently publishes two editions of their magazine, Hope for All, every year. Both editions are undated and can be used to give away throughout the year. The first comes out in March with an Easter theme and the second in October to tie in with Christmas. Both editions include topical features such as celebrity stories, real life articles, quizzes and competitions that aim to get people reading and talking about what they've read.

The 32-page, 32 county magazine for the island of Ireland is a great gift to hand out to friends, neighbours, and your local community. It serves as an easy conversation starter and gentle introduction to faith for a secular, unchurched generation.

The 2022 Christmas edition of HOPE for All magazine is out now costing just 12p each. Spread some Christmas joy and order copies from Ireland@hopeforeveryhome.org



Christmas Tree Festival is held to raise funds for church roof repair

A former Deacon Intern in Clogher Diocese is spearheading a fundraising Christmas Tree Festival in his parish.

Revd David Moses, who was a Deacon Intern in the Monaghan Group of Parishes is now Rector of the Grouped Parishes of Keady, Armaghbreague, Derrynoose and Newtownhamilton in Armagh Diocese.

The parishioners of St Matthew's Church in Keady are planning the Christmas Tree Festival to help raise funds for the repair of the church roof and for the local charity, Southern Area Hospice. The money raised will go towards a roof refurbishment, costing in the region of £200 000, a major project for a relatively small congregation.

The Festival is being held over the weekend of 9th – 11th December. See Advert on Page 3 for full details.

Seasonal refreshments served.

Exploring how we understand and respond to suicide and mental health

Flourish is an initiative on suicide developed by the mental health charity Lighthouse Ireland, the Churches' Community Work Alliance (Northern Ireland), and clergy from across the churches.

Flourish's next online training session which aims to explore the relationship between the theological understanding of suicide and mental health and how it translates into pastoral action.

The training will take place on Thursday, 10th November 2022, with session one starting at 10.30am. Session two will commence after lunch at 12.30pm and finish at 2.00pm. The training is open to all clergy, church workers, volunteers, and faith-based organisations across Ireland.

If you would like to register for this course, please email info@wewillflourish.com

However, if you are unable to attend, Flourish would be grateful if you could pass this message onto your colleagues, contacts or anyone whom you feel may be interested.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Claire Hogarth, Flourish's Administrator, at the email above. More information on how Flourish can help you in your ministry can be found at www.wewillflourish.com



THE ART OF REMEMBERING

Sunday and weekday readings 2023 booklet now available

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday, 27th November, and a new liturgical year and a fresh cycle of daily Scripture readings.

Church of Ireland Publishing has announced that *Sunday and Weekday Readings 2023* is now available.

This annual booklet is compiled by the Revd Ken Rue.

It may be obtained from the Church of Ireland's online bookstore (<https://store.ireland.anglican.org>) or from Richard Ryan at the Book Well, Belfast (email: info@thebookwell.co.uk; mobile: 07581 143 596). The price is £3.50/€4.00 per booklet.

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