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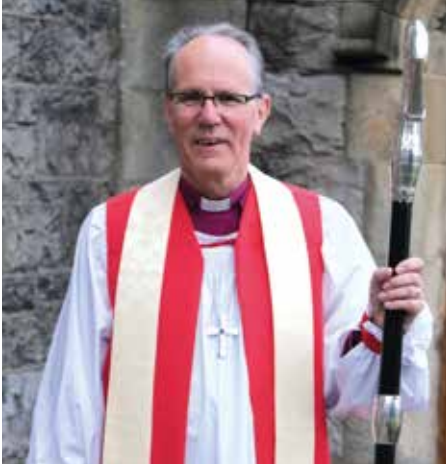
Beverley Weir putting the finishing touches to the design of one of her Christmas cards.

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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



A Message from the Bishop

SINCERE THANKS

May I begin by extending a sincere thank you to all who sent a message of sympathy to myself, Heather and our family recently following the death of my dear mother Alice. I have been moved by the thoughtfulness of so many parishioners and friends who have been thinking of us and praying for us in our time of bereavement. It has been a wonderful support to know of the kind thoughts and the prayers of clergy and people of the diocese.

At her funeral service we were able to reflect on mum's long life; her growing years in Fermanagh as part of the 'Crawford clan' from Kinawley, her working life in Belfast, her married life with dad (who died 33 years ago) and our happy family life together. Mothers and grandmothers have great influence on our lives and with long life their world becomes intertwined with ours; mum was an integral part of our family. We thank God for her love, generosity, and graceful personality. We will miss her so much and especially as we approach Christmas when, like many families who have lost someone so dear, our loss will be most keenly felt.

NEW MINISTRY IN ROSSORRY

I am grateful to Dean Kenny Hall for acting as Commissary during the time of my mother's short illness and in the days around her funeral. I was very sorry not to be present to institute the Revd Stephen McWhirter as my successor as rector of Rossorry. However, led by Dean Kenny, I

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Clergy at the Dunfanaghy conference with Horn Head in the background.

understand it was a wonderful night of welcome and celebration of a new beginning of ministry in the parish. Revd Stephen, his wife Revd Canon Jennifer, and daughter Kizzy are most welcome among us - I know the parishioners of Rossorry will warmly receive and support Revd Stephen's ministry and we look forward to his contribution to the life of the diocese.

CLERGY CONFERENCE - DUNFANAGHY

As I write these notes, I have just returned from Dunfanaghy, Co Donegal, where we were able to gather as clergy of the diocese for a short conference / retreat. We enjoyed a profitable time together, with our thinking led by Revd Canon David Hewlett, former Principal of Queen's College, Birmingham and some Bible studies led by Revd Tony Davidson, a retired Presbyterian minister from Armagh. Canon David led talks on: Prayer and providence in a pandemic; Leadership in a time of anxiety; What is the Spirit saying to the Church? Revd Tony led us in three very relevant Bible studies from the Old Testament book of Jeremiah. Our worship was held in the beautiful Holy Trinity Church, Dunfanaghy.

Both speakers provided some much-needed refreshment for our pastoral

ministry, theological thought, and prayer life as we emerge from the time of pandemic. It was good to be together in such a beautiful place, to renew friendships, and enjoy bracing walks in remarkably good weather.

AN ADVENT THOUGHT...

Advent is a sacred time –time to be with God, time to read the prophecies and promises and mark their fulfilment. It is a time to adjust to the vision of Christ's coming at the incarnation and his coming again at the end-time. Advent helps us prepare for all that the Christmas story brings and for the promises that lie beyond it. We find the hope that renews our resolve to live, pray and work for the kingdom of God in the present. In the words of the prophet Isaiah, we are to 'walk in the light of God'; because our hope is in God the Word made flesh and in nothing else. That Word comes to us again and again as we hear the Advent messages and the stories of birth of the Christ-child, and it seals our hope for 'peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled'.

I wish you a Holy Advent and Happy Christmas.

Yours in Christ's service.

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Sunday 4th December

Drumsnatt 9.30am Holy Communion

Clogh 10.45am Holy Communion

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Holy Communion

Sunday 11th December

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 18th December

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Seven Lessons & Carols

Aghadrumsee 4.00pm Carol Service

Christmas Day

Clogh 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 1st January

Drumsnatt 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 8th January

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th January

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd January

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th January

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

A Foretaste of Christmas

This takes place in St. Mark's Church,
Aghadrumsee on Saturday, 3rd December
at 7pm featuring Dean Raymond Ferguson
and friends with Church Hill Brass



Some of the knitting completed by the ladies and friends of Clogh Parish Church prior to being sent to the local care homes and the children's department of the South West Acute Hospital.

Ensemble. Festive refreshments will be served and there will be a retiring collection. A really special Christmas event for all ages. Come along and join in some wonderful carol singing in Aghadrumsee Church. This event is for all the family. All welcome.

Christmas Services

Sunday 18th December - Carol Service
in Clogh at 10.45am and at 4.00pm in
Aghadrumsee.

Christmas Day – Holy Communion Group
Service in Clogh at 10.00 am

New Year's Day – Group Service in
Drumsnatt at 10.30 am

Clogh Bowling Club

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

Mothers' Union

A meeting of Clogh Mothers' Union will take place on Monday 5th December when we hope to have Gordon Black speak about his experiences with the ambulance service.

Baptisms

We are delighted to have had two baptisms in our group: Jonathan Irwin Martin, son of Stephen and Victoria was baptised in Drumsnatt and James William Edward Mayne, son of Thomas Mayne and Stacy Nelson in Clogh.

Sympathy

On behalf of the group we offer sincere condolences to the Rt Revd Dr Ian Ellis and Mrs Ian Ellis and family on their recent bereavements.



Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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DECEMBER

Sunday 4th December

9.30am Cooneen Holy Communion

11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion

3.00pm Mullaghfad Carol Service

Sunday 11th December

11.00am Colebrooke MP

7.00pm Cooneen Carol Service

Sunday 18th December

11.00am Cooneen Nativity Service

7.00pm Colebrooke Carol Service

Sunday 24th December

11.30pm Colebrooke First Communion of Christmas

Sunday 25th December

10.00am Cooneen Christmas Family Communion

JANUARY

Sunday 1st January

11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion

Sunday 8th December

9.30am Cooneen MP

11.00am Colebrooke MP

Sunday 15th December

11.00am Cooneen Family Service

Sunday 22nd December

9.30am Cooneen MP

11.00am Colebrooke Holy Baptism

Sunday 29th December

11.00am Colebrooke GFS Service

Remembrance Service

We were able to hold our usual Service of Remembrance in Colebrooke this year. The parade started at the War Memorial in Brookeborough, then came to Colebrooke for our Remembrance service. Fivemiletown Royal British Legion, Ex-Servicemen, representatives of PSNI, Maguiresbridge Silver Band and over 30 girls from our GFS branch marched to church. At Colebrooke a wreath was laid at the UDR memorial in the church grounds before the beginning of the Service of Remembrance, during which wreaths were laid inside at our memorial.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Christian Burial

On Sunday 13th November 2022, a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Pearl Mulligan was held in St Ronan's, Colebrooke, with committal in the graveyard following. Our prayers and condolences are with Barbara, Stuart, Arlene, Brian and everyone in Pearl's family circle. The Lord is my Shepherd.

Parish Breakfasts

On Saturdays 29th October and 5th November, we had a return of our parish breakfasts. Customers enjoyed freshly cooked full breakfasts, including tea, coffee, juices and toast, but most importantly were able to spend time together. A huge thanks to the able band of volunteers to set up, serve and clear up afterwards. Again, thank you.

Advent Coffee Mornings

Each Tuesday in Advent, beginning 29th November, at 10.00am there will be a



Irene Boyd with speaker, Clodagh Dunlop.

Coffee Morning in the Committee Room in Colebrooke Parish Halls. Come along for freshly brewed tea and coffee, home-baked goodies, and some fellowship together.

Parish Organisations

Most of our organisations have returned to normal, their timings are as follows:-

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

When the Scouts resume, they will meet on Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and continues to 9.15pm Scouts, 11 – 14 years.

The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 – 8 years)

Cubs (8 – 11 years)

Scouts (11 – 14 years)



Attending parish breakfasts.

Bowling Club

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

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

Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union

Our Visitors' Night in October was very well attended by other MU branches,

local women's groups, parishioners and friends. The speaker for the evening was Clodagh Dunlop. She was a young fit police officer in 2015 when she suffered a massive brainstem stroke which left her with Locked-in Syndrome. There is no cure for this condition and she was expected to be a prisoner to this for the rest of her life. However, through sheer determination and courage she fought her way out of being locked in. Clodagh told her inspirational story of recovery from only being able to blink her eyes to communicate to being

able to return to work as a PSNI officer. Her book, 'Return to Duty' documents her amazing journey of recovery. At the end of her talk she gave thanks to the fantastic support and love from her family and friends, all the prayers for her recovery and the NHS who saved her life. She gave a special thanks to Northern Ireland Heart Chest and Stroke association for all the support and help she received from them. She is now an ambassador for the charity and all donations and profits from her book, which was on sale on the night, went to the charity.

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Happy New Year!

As Advent starts, we start a new liturgical year. Advent is the first season in the Church's year. Before we get to Christmas (which reminds us of Jesus' birth), Advent reminds us that Jesus will return again. We look forward before we look back. Christmas is a very important time of year for us all - but it is important to remember that our faith is in a living Saviour who will not return to us as a baby, but as a King with his army of angels!

Sympathies

Christmas is a difficult time of year for anyone who has lost a loved one, especially if this is the first time without them. We are aware of your pain and loss and continue to pray for and support all those who have been bereaved this year. If you need to talk to someone in confidence or for support, please contact a close friend, family member or the Rector - although it is difficult, it is better to talk about your pain than to bottle it in. Please, please ask for help if you need it - in any way.

Mental Health

You might notice the Rector often wears a yellow badge with a black dog on it. You could be excused for thinking that this reflects his love of animals - but you would



Young members of GFS making their tasty treats.

be wrong in this case! It's the symbol that represents the charity Dancing with the Black Dog (www.itsoktosay.org). This is a charity that deals with mental health issues, which are becoming a major issue. There is so much stigma about our mental health issues (stress, depression, anxiety, bereavement, etc) that we often bottle our feeling in. Mental health is as important as any physical issues we

may have and need to be looked after just as importantly. If you have access to the internet, search for 'black dog depression' and watch the YouTube video it produces - it is very powerful but encouraging at the same time.

If you have any issues at all that you would like to talk about - please remember this simple but profound statement, "It's ok to not be ok!" Please talk to someone about your struggles, and there will be no judgements at all - we wish to help you. Day or night, please reach out!



GFS

Our young ladies in our GFS had a fantastic start to their new season, and recently enjoyed making tasty treats. Unfortunately one of the young ladies was off sick, but she will enjoy many other evenings of fun in the coming weeks. If you would like to join our Girls' Friendly Society - please let us know, or come along any Wednesday evening.

Financial issues

It's never easy to talk about financial issues - but these days it seems to be in all our worlds. We face difficult days ahead, as we face rising costs, interest rates and energy costs. I don't need to say that we will all have to carefully consider our finances, balancing our incomes and outgoings - and those considerations will also have to be done in our parish as well. We have already started making changes, with our Select Vestry meetings being planned for Wednesday evenings to coincide with the

GFS evening - only heating the hall once rather than on two separate nights. We have also installed low energy lights in the hall and in the church, using less than a fifth of the power of the originals.

Other considerations may include looking at the lighting in our service - could we manage with less lights? We have already curtailed our heating on Sunday morning to an hour at the moment - so please consider wearing a coat or cardigan for the service. Another consideration may look at moving our "evening" services on a Sunday to 3pm, requiring less heating than later in the evening? Might our MU consider a move to a Wednesday?

You might even wish to consider sharing a car on your journey to church - reducing the costs to yourselves!

If you can think of any way we can reduce our costs, please mention it, and we will certainly give it serious consideration. If you have any ways to even save money in your home, share it so that others can save money too!

Thank you - everyone!

As Rector, I would like to thank everyone for all their help and support throughout this year. I would like to thank our Select Vestry for their diligence and hard work in maintaining our finances and fixings. I would personally like to thank all those who help out in our services - our churchwardens Nuala and Rebecca, our organist Myrtle,

my colleague David, and our sound and vision engineers Kim, Tasha and Maisie. I would like to thank our Sunday School teachers for generating a fantastic attitude and atmosphere with our younger children.

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with our GFS and MU - both of which are back to a normal afternoon of meetings and events. I would especially like to thank everyone who has been involved in any of our fundraising efforts this year from our sales, fairs, walks and quizzes and, of course, to everyone who helped cut our many, many blocks. I have often said that our parish is like a large family, and the list of people involved in the life of our church is clear evidence of that truth!

I couldn't finish our thanks without mentioning everyone who comes along to our services week by week - you are the most important people in our list! Without your support, there'd be no church.

My prayer for us all is that we can continue to build on our brilliant foundation as we seek to rebuild our church after a few difficult years.

Services

DECEMBER

4th December - Holy Communion

11th December - Nativity Family Service

18th December - Christmas Carols and Readings

24th December - 8pm, Christmas Eve Holy Communion

25th December - 10am, Christmas Day

Family Service

31st December - 8pm, New Year Watchnight Service

JANUARY

1st January 2023 - Holy Communion, Baptism of Christ

8th January - Morning Prayer, Epiphany (transferred from 6th Jan)

15th January - Family Service

22nd January - Morning Prayer

22nd January - 7pm, Wholeness and Healing Service

29th January - Morning Prayer One

Nativity and Christmas services

Our Nativity Sunday service should be a fantastic event as ever. This year the young people are invited to wear their superhero outfits or their fancy dress. We will see how the story of the birth of Jesus is actually a superhero story of its own!

Our Christmas Eve Holy Communion and our Watch Night services will both be held at the slightly earlier time of 8pm. We would love to include families in our services, and hope that you would consider coming along to either of our services on the Saturday evenings.

We are delighted that Maguiresbridge Silver Band will be joining us for our Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 18th December. It will be fantastic to have them back in church after so many years due to our renovations and then Covid restrictions.

Carol Services 2022

A carol service will take place in each of our parish churches as follows:

St. Colman's, Clontibret – Sunday 11th December at 3.30pm. (with pupils from Clontibret National School)

Christ Church, Ballybay – Wednesday 15th December at 8pm.

St. Maeldoid's, Castleblaney – Thursday 22nd December at 8pm.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Nigel Lowey of Clontibret Parish following the passing of his aunt, Elizabeth Lowey, on Monday 24th October 2022.

Sympathy is also extended to David Flack of Muckno (Castleblaney) Parish following the passing of his aunt, Mavis Breakey, on Thursday 3rd November 2022, and his uncle, Marshall Breakey, on Sunday 6th November.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Bishop Ian and his family following the passing of his mother, Alice, on Tuesday 1st November.

May all who have died, rest in peace and rise in glory

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Blue Sapphire Wedding Anniversary

We congratulate Willie and Hazel Vincent on their Blue Sapphire wedding anniversary



Willie and Hazel Vincent who recently celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary

which they celebrated on 22nd October. We pray that God may grant them many more happy years together.



Shoeboxes for "Team Hope".

Right: Those who helped to wrap shoeboxes for "Team Hope".



Shoebox wrapping for "Team Hope"

The Parish Hall in Castleblayney was a hive of activity on Wednesday 26th October as parishioners and friends gathered together to wrap shoeboxes for "Team Hope", an Irish, Christian international development organisation working to help children affected by poverty in Africa and Eastern Europe.

Many thanks to Janet Hill for co-ordinating everything on the night.

Information for those who wish to prepare a shoebox

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, Muckno Parish Hall, Church St., Castleblayney. Please share a little joy and excitement with children who live in circumstances where they have little or nothing.

Members of the FCA attend Remembrance Service

A number of members of Castleblayney FCA attended the service in St. Maeldoid's Church on Sunday 13th November (Remembrance Sunday). It was lovely to have them among us as we remembered the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.



Members of Castleblayney FCA with the churchwardens of St. Maeldoid's Church.

Update from Donna Geary

It's been a while but I am so excited to fill you in on what has been happening in the last few months!

As you may have remembered from my last update, there had been some repairs needed on the ship. In light of this, the decision was made that the ship would sail back to Australia to be able to get the repairs it needed done. So on 16th August I disembarked from the MV YWAM PNG after being on board for 11 months! It was sad to say goodbye to a place that had become home to me in PNG for that long. Since disembarking the ship things have been pretty busy, so let me fill you in on what has been happening and where I am now.

Leadership Training Seminars (LTS)

On 16th August I moved in to the YWAM base in Port Moresby, lovingly nicknamed "The Jetty", where I was part of the LTS.

This was a 5-week training programme in leadership and a time of gaining vision for a future in missions. YWAM staff from different bases around PNG came together at "The Jetty" to learn and dream together as to what God wants for PNG and the nations, and how we can be the hands and feet to start and develop ministries, stepping in to everything God has for us.

It was also very special to have Tom Hallas, one of the founders of YWAM in PNG, with us for a week of the school. Fifty years ago he baptised people on the beach just beside "The Jetty". During his time at "The Jetty" five students were also baptised on the same beach. It was a special time to celebrate all that God has done in the past 50 years.

Staffing DTS

At the end of the LTS I was preparing myself for remaining in PNG, but God had other plans. I was asked to staff the October Discipleship Training School (DTS) at our Townsville campus in Australia. After prayerful consideration, I decided that I would staff the school. So I applied for my visa, booked a flight and a week later I was in Townsville, Australia, where my own journey into missions began.

The DTS helps disciple young adults in their passions and purpose and gives them biblical foundations for their life. We are four weeks into the school now and I am really enjoying walking alongside the students on their journey of discovering everything God has for them and preparing them for outreach, which is going to be such a sweet time.

Dental trailer

The pilot programme for our dental semi-trailer happened just a few weeks ago. A volunteer team of dentists from Australia and PNG screened 132 children at a local



Those who attended the discipleship training school in Papua New Guinea during October.



Children learning about oral hygiene at the dental trailer in Papua New Guinea.

school and provided over 230 necessary treatments via the dental trailer. Dental care is such a massive need in PNG where there are only 62 dentists in a nation of nine million. Hearing stories of a 12-year-old girl smiling after having her tooth extracted because she had been in pain for months makes it easy to see the potential of this programme. Although I didn't physically get to be a part of the dental trailer pilot, it has brought so much joy seeing the lessons I planned around oral hygiene and nutrition be used as part of the programme.

Ship update

PNG has over 5,000 kilometres of coastline, 291 inhabited islands and multiple river systems; highlighting a critical need for the continual development of maritime infrastructure. As such, it's evident that one medical ship is not enough. Over many years YWAM MS has been considering the right timing to sell our current vessel in order to expand and move towards multiple, smaller vessels. This will allow for increased focus and depth of community development. As of now, the

decision has been made to sell the MV YWAM PNG. Although it is sad to let go of something that has brought so much life to the people of PNG and those who served on board, I am so excited for what God has next. If he can do all he has done with one vessel, imagine what can be done with multiple!

With YWAM MS' new satellite campus in POM ("The Jetty"), a dental semi-trailer, two new patrol tenders from YWAM Norway and ongoing health patrols in Western Province, next year is still going to be a busy outreach season.

Praise

- For the ease of being able to get to Townsville within such a short space of time.
- For a successful pilot programme with the dental trailer and that all the students were able to be seen and cared for.

Prayer

- It has been a very busy year so I would really appreciate prayer for energy over the coming months so that I will be able to lead the students on the DTS well through both their lecture phase and outreach phase.

- Please also pray for the leaders as they navigate the selling of the MV YWAM PNG and look to the future of what the ship ministry will look like.

I've packed so much in to the last few months and, this update, although long, is only a snippet of everything that has been happening, so if you have any questions about what I'm up to, please reach out. It is always great to share what I do here, but I also love to hear what is happening on the other side of the world and in your life.

All the best, Donna.

Supporting Donna

If you wish to support Donna Geary's 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

Coffee Morning in Ballybay

A Christmas Coffee Morning will be held in Ballybay Parish Hall on Tuesday 13th December from 11am. – 12.30pm. Mince pies will be served and free holly will be available so please feel free to come along and bring your friends. All welcome!

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.



Those who took part in leadership training seminars in Papua New Guinea.

Cleenish & Mullaghdun



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Comfort And Joy - A Christmas message

For many of us this year the prospect of Christmas looks grim, and the New Year looks bleak. Financial hardship and uncertainty is touching the lives of so many people. As the darkness and coldness of winter looms ahead of us we all have to put on another jumper, tighten our belts and switch off the lights. It hardly feels like the season to be merry. But perhaps if we look into what is at the heart of Christmas cheer, we will find that it doesn't have to put us in debt to feel the benefit.

In my sermon for Christmas Day, I have often included a verse of a favoured Carol. What came to mind this year was the one in which the angels bring tidings of comfort and joy by asking God to grant us peace (rest) and happiness (to be merry). This year the story and the



The Jones family at the baptism service.

meaning of Jesus' birth has not changed but the need to care for the sick and the vulnerable and bring comfort and joy to all is even more important.

*God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Saviour
was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray;*

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort,
and joy,*

O tidings of comfort and joy

In Matthew's Gospel we are told that this child will be called Emmanuel, God is with us; the promise of the Lord told to the prophet Isaiah has been fulfilled.

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." (Matt 1:23)

He is God who has become a human to save us. Matthew wanted to show that this birth had been predicted by the prophet centuries before. Emmanuel, God is with us - with us in the mess as in

the good, in the disappointment and the difficulty, in sorrow and in celebration. God is with us in life through all our trials and tribulations. God does not stand far off, watching from a distance. God comes to us, walks with us, and stays with us, as he emanates his peace and comfort. As we go forward into the 2023, unsure and anxious of what lies ahead, we can trust in the firm knowledge that this baby was born to pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life through his death and resurrection. This is what we believe. This is what gives us hope when all else is despair; the hope that is life everlasting with our loved ones that have gone before us to be in the presence of our Heavenly Father. I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and God's blessing for 2023. May God bless you and keep you. May you know God's comfort and whatever your circumstances, be surprised by God's joy this Christmastide and New Year. Amen.

Rev. Alison Irvine



The parish auction at Cleenish.



Rev. Alison Irvine with those who placed Poppy wreaths.



Mrs Alison Humphreys, Letterbreen Methodist Church who demonstrated the creation of the felt Poppies, with members of Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union.



A poppy wreath made from felt.

Christmas and New Year's Day Service Times

- Christmas Eve – 24th December
- Holy Communion in Mullaghduin Church at 11.30pm
- Christmas Day – 25th December
- Holy Communion in Mullaghduin Church at 9.30am
- Holy Communion in Cleenish Church at 11.00am
- New Year's Day – 1st January 2023
- Holy Communion in Cleenish Church at 11.00am.

As this is a joint service with Mullaghduin, there will be NO service in Mullaghduin Church.

Memorial

Family and friends of the late Emily Gallagher (nee Elliott), gathered in Mullaghduin Church on Sunday 16th October to give thanks to God for a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who passed away on 1st April 2020, when the Covid pandemic restrictions denied the opportunity of a public funeral. The service was conducted by Revd Henry Blair and Elizabeth Hazlett and the choir led the singing of hymns. Emily's grandson, Wayne Clements, read a Bible passage and Revd Henry, in his address, recalled Emily's early life at Garrison and how a cycle ride to Rosstown changed life for ever for her and Tommy Gallagher, who became her husband a few years later. Emily and Tommy moved to Belcoo and finally to Letterbreen, becoming loyal parishioners of Mullaghduin Parish. Following the service everyone was invited to meet in the Parish Hall for tea, where many memories were reflected upon. We again sympathise with Tommy; Ann, Eveline, Pearl, and their husbands; Emily's grandchildren, great grandchildren, and the wider family circle.

Jim Gamble BEM

A large congregation assembled at Mullaghduin Church on Saturday 22nd October to honour and give thanks for

the life of Jim Gamble BEM who passed away on 19th October. The Service of Thanksgiving was conducted by Revd Colin Brownsmith. Elizabeth Hazlett and the choir led the singing of hymns and Jim's son Bryan and grandson Rory read the Lessons; with his grand-daughter Hannah reading "A poem for our special Granddad".

Born at Drumree in 1942, Jim was a faithful member of Rosstown Parish Church, pumping the organ as a youth and later serving on the Select Vestry. On moving to Letterbreen to manage the "Half Way Inn" he became a parishioner of Mullaghduin, singing in the Choir and serving on the Select Vestry. Jim's interests apart from family life were music, line dancing and raising funds for the charity "Friends of the Cancer Centre". Many long hours were devoted to arranging collection days and concerts for HIS charity and encouraging others to help. Jim operated a window cleaning service with his son Neville who died in 2019. He is survived by his wife Doreen, son Bryan (Amanda) and grandchildren Rory and Hannah with whom we extend

our deepest sympathy. Following the service members of the Friends of the Cancer Centre charity formed a guard of honour as Jim's remains were conveyed to Rosstown Churchyard for a private burial.

Remembrance Day Services

Revd Alison conducted services and the Act of Remembrance in both Mullaghduin and Cleenish Churches. In Mullaghduin she was assisted by Robert Watterson, Parish Reader and Mr John Ryan reciting the Exhortation. Mrs Elizabeth Hazlett and the choir led the singing of hymns and Mr Michael Crookes from Letterbreen Silver Band sounded the Last Post and Reveille. Following the Act of Remembrance we welcomed, by Holy Baptism, the newest member of our congregation in Mullaghduin, little Wilfie Jones. In Cleenish Church, the organist, Mrs Joan Brownlee and the choir led the singing of hymns. Wreaths were laid by Mr Dessie Smyth, retired UDR; Mr Cecil Brownlee, acting People's Churchwarden, Miss Ava Connolly, Brownie Guide and Master Josh Cutler, Beaver Scout. Bible Readings were read by Mr George Thornton and Mr Mark Dowson. At the conclusion of both Services the National Anthem was sung.

Mullaghduin Parish

13th November 2022

Wilfie Jones, son of Darren and Gemma, 384 Sligo Road, Letterbreen.

Cleenish Auction

A most successful Auction was held on Saturday 26th October in Cleenish Hall, Bellanaleck, the proceeds being designated for the Rectory Renovation Fund. To date, the proceeds exceed £8,000. The Parish is grateful to all those who contributed items for sale



Decorations in Mullaghduin Church for Remembrance Sunday.



Members of Cleenish and Mullaghduin MU make a presentation to Lettie Coulter (second left).



The flooded path at Bellanaleck.

and especially the owner of a house clearance, who was leaving the area. As always, many parishioners come together to form a team which plans, organises and makes the event happen – special thanks are recorded to these people. Mr William Stinson performed the duties of Auctioneer and his humour and banter meant that everyone had an enjoyable afternoon. Refreshments were also provided which was most welcome by the many buyers who came to the auction.

Mothers' Union

Members enjoyed a craft session at their last meeting where they created beautiful felt poppies. These they wore

with pride over the Anniversary season. They are looking forward to attending the Pantomime produced by Inishmacsaint in November and in December are organising a family Christmas Party for all the congregation.

Bellanaleck Community Group

On Monday evening 17 October, George Cathcart was presented with a certificate at the Fermanagh Rural Community Network Awards 2022, for his continued work with others in assisting the upkeep of the Community Garden. George has an extensive knowledge of plants, grasses, wildflowers, and trees, and can be contacted in the local Shop. It is

preferable to make an appointment. At the time of writing the Loughshore Path has been flooded for several weeks, this is due to heavy rainfall towards the end of October, and the beginning of November. It is not unusual for the path to be flooded for a short period during the winter months.

It is anticipated a further meeting will take place in a bid to provide additional warning signs for drivers new to the area to slow down on the approach to the village from the Enniskillen side. FODC have undertaken to clean the concrete nameplates on the main approaches to the Village.

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Donations for the Foodbank

By way of thanksgiving for the blessings of harvest, parishioners brought donations of non-perishable foods to St Macartan's Cathedral. The large quantity of items assembled is a measure of their generosity.



Taking part in the Remembrance Day Service in Augher Parish Church.

The consignment was sent to The Pantry in Lisnaskea from where it will be distributed to those struggling with the rising cost of living. *Audrey Johnston*

Operation Christmas

Once again the Shoebox Appeal received a very good response from the group of parishes. A total of 41 boxes for children in different age groups were dispatched

and will be sent to Africa and other areas of identified need. A big thank-you to all those who created boxes or made a donation. *Sharon Fannin*

Remembrance Service

The Revd Johnny McLoughlin assisted by the Revd Edwin Frazer, Minister of Carrall Presbyterian Church, conducted a service and an act of remembrance at the War



At the memorial for the Roll of Honour are (from left); John Egerton, Ivan Domer, William Boyd (R.B.L. branch president); Keith Browne, Diocesan reader; Dessie Millar and Norman McFarland.

Memorial in Clogher on Sunday afternoon. A wreath on behalf of the community was laid by Mrs Gail Boyd DL followed by The Royal British Legion, Mid-Ulster District Council and other associations. The Last Post was sounded by Andrew Gordon and a lament played by Ranger Lucy Somerville. The parade, led by Roughan Silver Band, made its way to St Macartan's Cathedral for a service conducted by Revd McLoughlin. Mr Frazer read the lesson. A wreath on behalf of the people was laid by People's Churchwarden Mr William Crawford and the organist was Mrs Sarah McKenna. The parade returned to the Royal British Legion Hall for tea provided by the ladies of the Branch. *Harry Alexander*

Augher

Remembrance

Remembrance Day was commemorated in St. Mark's Parish Church, Augher on Sunday 13th November. The service was conducted by Mr. Keith Browne, Diocesan Reader who also preached an excellent sermon. After Keith read the Roll of Honour, wreaths were laid by Norman McFarland, Dessie Millar, Ivan Domer and John Egerton. Two minutes silence was observed. The Last Post and Reveille were played by bugler David Maxwell.



The Hymn "O Valiant Hearts" was sung after the Act of Remembrance. The organist was Mrs. Sylvia McClung.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Mrs Madge Montgomery and family on the recent death of her twin sister, Mrs Maud Comac, who was buried in Clogherney Presbyterian Graveyard on 17th October.

Errigal Portclare

St Mary's Errigal Portclare celebrated their Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Friday 14th October and Sunday 16th October. On Friday evening the Service was led by Revd. Johnny McLoughlin and Caroline Gervis played the music. On Sunday morning the service was led by Mr. Keith Brown and Christine Robinson provided the music. Refreshments were provided following both services. The church was beautifully decorated acknowledging the abundance of God's blessing of the harvest he has given to us. Thank you to all who decorated the church for the Harvest Festival Services as well as those who attended as we give thanks to God for the gift of the Harvest. Thanks to everyone who made this a special occasion.



Harvest decorations at St Mary's Church, Errigal Portclare.



Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

DECEMBER

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)

11 December

Currin 10.00am: Carol Service (with local accordion soloists; there will also be a collection of food for "The Pantry" foodbank)

Killeevan 3.00pm: Carol & Gift Service (with guest soloist, Paul Irwin, and a silver band)

18 December

Clones 11.00am: Joint Clones and Newbliss Carol Service (with guest organist, Audrey Doogan; soloist, Roy Crowe; and Joint Group Choir)

24 December

Currin 8.00pm: Joint Group Christmas Eve Holy Communion

25 December

Newbliss 10.00am: Joint Group Christmas Day Holy Communion

JANUARY

1 January

Killeevan 11.00am: New Year's Day Joint Group Morning Worship

8 January

Currin 10.00am: Holy Communion

Killeevan 11.30am: Holy Communion

15 January

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer

Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer

22 January

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer

Killeevan 11.30am: Morning Prayer

29 January

Clones 11.00am: Joint Group Morning Worship



Wreaths laid at the Remembrance services.

Remembrance Sunday Services

As usual, each of the churches in our Group commemorated Remembrance Sunday. Our thanks go to all those who laid wreaths, led readings or intercessions – and helped us to focus both on remembering the past and pledging ourselves to work in faith and hope for a better future.

Clones St. Tighernach's Christmas Fayre

Our ever-popular Christmas Fayre is back in action after its enforced absence over the past couple of years, and it will take place this year on Saturday, 10 December in the Creighton Hotel, Clones, from 9am-12.30pm. As ever Christmas cakes, puddings, handmade decorative wreaths, hot cups of tea, and many other treats will be waiting for you. Everyone is warmly welcome, so please come along and help to make our Christmas Fayre a huge success.

Group Sunday School Party

This year our Christmas Party for Sunday School children from across the whole Group will take place on Saturday 10 December at 6.30pm in Killeevan Church Hall. This is always a really enjoyable occasion, with lots of fun and games as well as presents and tasty food. All our Sunday School children are warmly invited, as are their parents. Please contact any of the Sunday School teachers if you need more details, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Mothers' Union

After a highly enjoyable meeting in October discussing the MU Knitting Project with Noreen Little, the MU November meeting had an arts-and-craft Christmas theme as members (and some of their children) joined expert Lorna Soden in making festive Christmas cards. Great fun was had by all present



who went home with some very beautiful cards indeed and there was the usual fine supper to finish. There is no MU meeting in December, but our first meeting of 2023 will take place on Thursday 26 January in Killeevan at 8.00pm when Sallyann Mackarel from Cavan-Monaghan Mental Health Service will give some practical tips around safe lifting and CPR. New members are always welcome to our MU meetings, and we'd love to see you.

Welcome back

On 11 December, Ivy Ritchie is hoping to return to playing the organ in Killeevan after her recent hospital treatment. This will be just in time for our Christmas celebrations, and we all look forward very much indeed to welcoming Ivy and her husband William back amongst us.

Book launch

William Ritchie of Killeevan Parish has written a lovely memoir entitled 'Recollections of a country life'. William comes from a family rooted in this area for over 300 years, and his book is brimming with memories of life as he grew up ... and of the many characters who gave that life such colour. It is a great read for anyone interested in the history of this beautiful patch of God's vineyard now covered by the Clones Group and everyone is invited to come along to the launch of William's book at 8pm on Wednesday 30 November in the Acorn Centre, Newbliss.

Scotshouse Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

This will take place in Scotshouse Community Centre on Saturday 3 December at 3.00pm. No individual invitations are being sent out this year but all Scotshouse residents in the relevant age group are very welcome to this well-loved annual event, which we are thrilled to say is restarting after its recent break during Covid-19.

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Services

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

JANUARY

1st - Holy Communion 11.30am

8th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

15th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

22nd - Morning Prayer 11.30am

29th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

Christian Burial

■ 21st October 2022

Eileen Vera Speer, Lack

■ 22nd October 2022

William John Johnston, Drumnaghavan

Worry

Jesus' words in Matthew 6: 19 – 34 are worth reading again, as fears and doubts emerge at a time of much talk of financial pressures, hardships etc. that are facing many today. In Philippians 4: 11 – 13, Paul reminds us of whom he found assurance and strength, and we, too can discover



Attending the emotional health evening.

that same grace today. Ponder over these readings, ask God to speak to you, words of assurance, and hope, of peace and love, and that you will at this moment experience His grace in ways not felt before.

Worry

*Worry is what worry does
Even though, thou dost protest.
It's not worry, just concern
Then why look so forlorn.*

*Doubts and fears worry heightens
Causes you to feel frighten.
The darkness slowly inward creeps
The future then looks bleak.*

*Yet every need God supplies
In Him we can rely.
Enjoy today and be glad
Worry only makes you sad.*

*For the morrow or today
Worry not Jesus did say.
Each has enough to own
Trust God, in Him alone.*

Alan Irwin 2022

Emotional Health

'Life after Covid' was the heading for an informative and encouraging talk in Tubrid Parish church hall. Revd Charlie welcomed all to Tubrid, and the guest speaker, Conor McCafferty of Zest. Mental health has and is a topic that is highlighted



and debated regularly, and this was an evening not to be missed. Conor while looking back, he looked forward to many of the things that are within our DNA and how we can reconnect with these as individuals. The key theme is hope, not to lose heart or become fearful. The evening was organised by Kesh Rural Deanery, with funding from the 'Church of Ireland Mind Matters' initiative. After a question-and-answer section, Canon Alan brought the evening to a close, sharing some thoughts on getting out of the boat, out of our comfort zones, as we trust that acknowledge God is in control. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the evening. Our sincere thanks to those involved with this worthwhile event.

Remembrance

The Annual Remembrance service give us all an opportunity to reflect and to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in war, conflict, and of those cruelly murdered in acts of terrorism in our own land. The rector spoke on remembering, or what it is we have forgot



The Remembrance Sunday marked at Colaghty Church.





in our remembering. In calling to mind how some memorials are desecrated, defaced, by those who fail to recognise the significance of what others have done, so they can enjoy the freedoms they have today. Wreathes were laid in the church, and afterwards on the grave of Jim Oldman, who was murdered by terrorists. Our thanks to all who participated with IT, readings, laying of wreathes, music and the beautiful flower displays. 'We will remember them.'

Samaritans Purse

As in previous years, our support for this annual charity continues, with many from within and without our parish family who fill shoe boxes, contribute items, and give financial assistance towards postage etc. It is heart warming to see what comes in each year and of the support we are given as a parish from others who knit and

gather various items to forward through ourselves. As a parish we leave this with the area coordinator, Mrs Irene Boyd MBE who checks, collates, and packs into large boxes with her volunteers each year for onward delivery to further checking processes before shipping. A big thankyou to everyone, for your support to this appeal each year. It is truly a blessing to give.

New Year's Eve


It is intended with God's grace to hold our New Year's Eve service in the hall, as in previous years. It will commence with some refreshments, then a time of worship before welcoming in the 2023 in the usual fashion. Add the date to your diary and please plan attend.

Parish Groups

The parish groups are now up and

running with the autumn/winter agendas coming to fruition. From Young @ Heart and its monthly meeting on the 3rd Wednesday at 10.30am, which caters for those who have passed the half century with a little bit of interest added on. To Women's Fellowship on the first Monday at 8.00pm with various speakers each night, sharing their talents and experiences and faith. The throw of the bowl on Thursday nights at 8.00pm as the Bowling club meet to hone in on their skills as the church league is well underway. The Young People's youth group meets alternative Friday nights from 8.00pm – 9.30pm and the Junior CE the other Friday nights from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Dates of these are circulated. Bible Fellowship meets Wednesday nights at 8.00pm. Please note that any changes to dates and times of any of the groups will be posted on the announcements.

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Services

December 11th

10.30am Derryvullen North
11.45am Castle Archdale
Today will be observed as Mission

Sunday.

The loose collection will go support the work of the Diocesan Board of Mission
December 18th

10.15am Castle Archdale Carol Service with Brass Ensemble

11.30am Derryvullen North Carol Service with Choir and Music Group

Christmas Services

Saturday 24 December

9.00pm Derryvullen North (Holy Communion, form 1)

11.00pm Castle Archdale (Holy Communion, form 1)

Sunday 25 December

9.00am Castle Archdale (Holy Communion, form 2)

10.30am Derryvullen North (Holy Communion, form 2)

January 1st

10.15am Castle Archdale (Holy Communion)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Holy Communion)

January 8th

10.30am Derryvullen North (informal Morning Prayer)

11.45am Castle Archdale (informal Morning Prayer)

The special speaker at each Service will be Mrs Christelle Andrich who will speak about her work with the Healthcare Christian Fellowship.

January 15th

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

January 22nd

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

January 29th

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

The Shoppers' Service

Please note that in December it will be held on Wednesday 7th December. In January it will be held as usual on the second week ie 11th January. The singing will be led by Richard McGonigle and there will be tea/coffee served afterwards with time for a chat.

Castle Archdale - Remembrance Sunday

During the Act of Remembrance the wreath was laid at the War Memorial by George Armstrong. The Last Post and Reveille were played by James Cooke. The scripture lesson was led by Bobby Beacom and the organist was Gwenan Lyttle. It was also great to see such a full church too. Thank you everyone!

Derryvullen North - Remembrance Sunday

We held an Act of Remembrance at the morning Service. A Bible reading and intercessions were led by Ethel Johnston (Parish Reader). In the afternoon the Community Remembrance Service was held and wreaths were laid at the Cross of Sacrifice by the RBL and ex-service associations, local schools and youth organisations. In the Church, the Act of Remembrance was led by David Robinson and Jim Morton and they were assisted by members of the GB and BB. The Piper was Jason Irvine who played a lament for the Fallen. The readings were by Major Shaun Pendry (Deputy Lieutenant for County of Fermanagh) and Heather Elliott (RBL). The preacher was the Revd Günther Andrich (Presbyterian Church) and the intercessions were led by Ruth Morrow (Circuit Steward, Methodist Church). The organist was Florence Barrett and the Church Choir sang a most appropriate anthem.

The parade was led by Drumharvey Pipe Band and it was good to have members of other Pipe Bands joining them too. Afterwards there was an enjoyable tea served in the hall by our catering group.

Craft Group

The group members continue to meet each Thursday evening in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown, 7.00pm to 9.00pm.



Remembrance Sunday at Castle Archdale.



The BB Anchor Boys at the harvest.



Harvest decorations.

People do not have to be there for the full session but are welcome to arrive and leave as suits them. The group organised a very enjoyable bus outing to Belfast on Saturday 5th November and are already looking ahead to other outings too

The Mothers' Union

The members met on Wednesday 26th October in Derryvullen North Parish Centre. Dr Margaret (Enrolling Member) welcomed the guest speaker, Geraldine Beattie, from Fields of Life who gave a very interesting presentation about the ministry of the Mission.

"Our vision is to see educated and skilled young people, inspired by faith, hope and love, transform their communities. Fields of Life has twenty five years experience of working in East Africa with projects in Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan.

Fields of Life seeks to transform the lives of the most vulnerable and marginalised people in East Africa through the provision of quality education, clean water, health promotion and other community based

programmes. We seek to strengthen and empower local churches and partners in East Africa to be the drivers of change in their own communities." More information may be found at fieldsoflife.org

Bible Sunday

On Sunday 30th October we observed Bible Sunday and there was an online display of the range of Bibles that have been given to the Churches in memory of loved one or to mark a special occasion. Some are from recent times but others are from many decades ago. The photos are still available at the Rector's facebook page.

2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living."

Certificates

At Morning Prayer in Derryvullen North on Sunday 30th October, the Level 2 Food & Hygiene Certificates were presented by Mrs Paula Moore and the Rector. It is great to have such a group of people willing to take on the training so as to be able to offer a valuable service to the parishes.

Sunday Schools

It is great to see both Sunday Schools up and going again. We are very grateful to all the leaders and junior helpers for their commitment. We currently have about 13 children attending Castle Archdale and about 46 attending Derryvullen North.

Boys' Brigade

The Junior Section of the BB had a great visit from one of our local Police Officers on 18th October who gave a wonderful presentation about the role of the PSNI in the community, the skills needed for the job and the ways in which we each depend on each other. It was very much a hands-on talk with lots of fun



Remembrance Sunday at Derryvullen North.

for everyone. Thank you to our visitor from the PSNI and also to the BB leaders for arranging the evening. At the time of writing these notes we are planning the Enrolment Service on Sunday 20th November and there will be full report on this in the next edition of the Magazine.

Derryvullen North Harvest

It was great to see so many people gathered to celebrate the Harvest on Sunday 16th October and our thanks to everyone who helped decorate the church, who gave items for the food bank, who helped with the supper, who did a reading, Dr Margaret for all her assistance, Florence Barrett (Organist) and the members of the Choir, Alice Bradley for her solo and the children of the Sunday School. Also thank you to the churchwardens for helping all to go so smoothly.

We held the All-Age Morning celebration at 11.30am with 172 in Church. In the evening we held a Service of lessons, singing and hymns at 7.00pm and this was followed by Supper in the Hall. It was great to see 93 in for this – unfortunately our guest preacher was unable to join us due to family circumstances but we will welcome him on another occasion. After so long away from being able to socialise and chat over a cuppa and fruit loaf and biscuits it was lovely to be able to gather again.

Women's Group

At the time of writing these notes the first meeting of the new season is planned



The PSNI visits the Boys' Brigade.

for Wednesday 16th November with a demonstration of Christmas wreath making by Kenny Crawford. There is also a full programme of activities in place for the 2022-23 season and these will be announced shortly.

From the registers:

HOLY BAPTISM:

Mason McMulkin, 23rd October 2022 (Derryvullen North)

Father, we thank you that Mason has now been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and has become your own child by adoption, and a member of your Church. Grant that he may grow in the faith in which he have been baptized; Grant that he may confess it when he come to be confirmed;



Paula Moore (right) welcomes Geraldine Beattie.

Grant that he may bear witness to it by a life of service to others; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (From the Book of Common Prayer)

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Edward Leslie Hassard, 10th November 2022 (Castle Archdale)
Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us, renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead, strengthen our faith that all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen (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, 4th December

10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday, 11th December

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Garvary

Sunday, 18th December

10.30am Service of Nine Lessons and

Carols, Garvary

12 Noon Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Derryvullen South

Saturday, 24th December

9.30pm Service of Holy Communion

Garvary

Sunday, 25th December

9.30am Service of Holy Communion,

Garvary

The services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be conducted by Revd Maureen Desborough.

Garvary

Church cleaning

A number of parishioners who assisted with the church cleaning prior to the pandemic have now stated that they are no longer able to do it. If any parishioner feels they could help out for two successive Sundays in the year, perhaps they could contact Hilda Lucy Tel. No. 02889541267 as 'many hands make light work.'

Children's services

Children and Young People Carol Service. Please come along and join in celebrating the Advent Season on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus's Birth.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes each Monday 6.30pm - 7.30 pm in Garvary Parish Hall.

Sunday School

Sunday School will start on Sunday 15th January 2023 and will only run on a Sunday when Service is at 10.30am. This is due to a reduction in the number of teachers.

Christmas greetings

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

Prayers

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

Devenish & Boho



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Services for December 2022

Sunday 4th December 2022

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 11th December 2022

11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm Boho Carol Service

Sunday 18th December 2022

10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church

11.30am Sunday School Service Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm Devenish Carol Service

Saturday 24th December 2022 Christmas Eve

8.30pm Christmas Eve Service Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 25th December 2022 Christmas Day

9.30 am Holy Communion Service Boho Parish Church

11.00 am Holy Communion Service Devenish Parish Church

Services for January 2023

Sunday 1st January 2023 New Year's Day

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 8th January 2023

10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 15th January 2023

10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church



Wreathlayers and readers who took part in Devenish Parish Remembrance Service.

Sunday 22nd January 2023

10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 29th January 2023

10.00 am Family Service Boho Parish Church

11.30am Family Service Devenish Parish Church

Sunday School Party

This will be held on Monday 19th December at 7.00pm in the Reade Hall. This will be first Sunday School Party since Covid and we look forward to all the children of both parishes joining together for a night of fun and a visit from Santa Claus.

Remembrance Day Service

The Service was conducted by Revd. Sampson Ajuka. The readers were Linda Manley, Enid Redmond and Vivienne Ferguson. Norma Ferguson led the Intercessions. Pearl Bell led an introduction to all the tragic losses to the Royal Family and the country this year before the choir sang the anthem 'Lead kindly light'. The names of the fallen in two world wars were read, by David Scott, the RUC names by David Eames, the UDR names, The Exhortation and The Kohima Epitaph were read by Stuart Brooker. The wreath layers were Nicola McCullagh-Daley and Kenneth Ferguson (Parish), Norman McIlveen and Eric Whittaker (RUC), James Kells and David Ferguson

(UDR) and Gladys Latimer and Kay McKeown (Girl Guides). Caroline Brooker read the poem "The UDR Soldier", Andrew Gordon played the Last Post and Reveille and the organist was Gill Spence.

Devenish Parish Sale and Auction

The Sale and Auction was held on Saturday 12th November in the Reade Hall. We wish to thank our new auctioneer Ross Cathcart, who did a wonderful job, all the stall holders, all who donated produce and donations and everyone who attended. It was great to see a large attendance from the wider community. The amount raised was £4330.20.

Devenish and Boho Table Quiz

A very successful table quiz was held on Saturday 22nd October in The Reade Hall. We wish to thank the organising committee, the Question master, Inis Redmond and everyone who attended and gave donations. It was a very enjoyable night for all the family.

Mothers' Union

To celebrate the Christmas season, we will meet in the Reade Hall on Wednesday 7th December at 8 pm for some festive food, fellowship, and Carol singing. The Mothers' Union theme for 2023 is 'Transformation – Now' and our first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday 11th January at 8pm. We wish our members and their families a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Donacavey and Barr



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Services

Sunday, 4th December

Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer,
Donacavey: 7.00pm An evening with the
Silvertones followed by tea in hall.

Sunday, 11th December

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer
Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 18th December

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey: 7.30pm Traditional Christmas
Carols

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

Barr: 9.00pm Carols at Christmas

Sunday, 25th December Christmas Day

Donacavey: 9.30am Service of the Word.

Sunday, 1st January

Barr: 10.00am Holy Communion.
Donacavey: 11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 8th January

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 15th January

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 22nd January

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 29th January

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer.

Baptism

We welcomed Florence Johnston into the church at a service in Barr on 23rd of October. Proud parents, Amy and Lewis, made promises on Florence's behalf to ensure she is taught the Christian faith and we pray that they will the strength and support of the wider church as they endeavour to carry out their promises. We also welcomed Olivia Grace Marchaux into the church on 30th October at a service of baptism in Donacavey. Olivia's parents,



The baptism service for the Marchaux family.

Sarah and Joshua, and siblings, Amelia and Issac, are making sure she gets plenty of attention.

We pray that both Florence and Olivia will grow up in the church and come to know the wonder of salvation that comes through Jesus Christ.

Remembrance service in Fintona

Throughout many parts of the world a Service of Remembrance was held on Sunday 13th November to remember those who have paid the supreme sacrifice so that we might enjoy freedom from oppression. The human cost of both serving military



The Johnston family at the baptism service.

personnel and civilians during the two wars and subsequent wars has been a dreadful reminder of man's inhumanity to man. As we remember those who have fallen and suffered, we continue to remember those who are still suffering in conflicts throughout the world presently. We pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia caught up in this terrible war. Our Girls' Friendly Society and Boy's Brigade in Fintona laid wreaths in thankfulness to those who died and to those who suffered that liberty would be gained.

Christmas Church Meal

We are looking forward to the church meal



Fintona Boys' Brigade on display.



Fintona Girls' Friendly Society lining up on Remembrance Day.

which will be held in Donacavey Hall on 2nd December. These occasions are a wonderful opportunity for the church to get together for fellowship and enjoy a wonderful meal. This year we are hoping Violet and Paddy sing to us. They came along to our Monday night harvest and were a huge hit with the congregation.

Indoor bowls

We are playing on a Thursday night and are always looking for new members. This is always a fun evening and a great way to catch up with friends. A cup of tea is served and this is always very welcome. Come along and give it a go.



The Remembrance ceremony in Fintona.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Services

Sunday 4th December - The Second Sunday in Advent

10.30 am St Salvator's, Glaslough – A Celebration of the Holy Communion (Order 2) with Hymns, Sermon and Sunday School.

3pm St Sillian's, Tyholland – A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Sunday 11th December - The Third Sunday in Advent

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – Morning Prayer for use on Sunday - Christmas (Order 3) with Anglican Chant, Carols and Sunday School Nativity Play

3pm St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh – A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 18th December - The Fourth Sunday in Advent

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
4pm The Coach Garden, Glaslough – Community Carol Service

Monday 19th "O Adonai" and Tuesday 20th "O Radix Jesse" December

8pm St Salvator's, Glaslough – A Winter's Tale: A Celebration of the Christmas Story through Music, Song, Poetry and Tales with Procession to the Castle for minced pies and mulled wine.

Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve

9pm St Sillian's, Tyholland – A Festival of Lessons and Carols with minced pies and mulled wine.

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day; The Feast of the Nativity of Christ

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – A Celebration of The Holy Communion (Order 2) with Carols and All Age Sermon.

Sunday 1st January - The First Sunday after Christmas

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough - Christingle All Age Group Service of Morning Prayer for use on Sunday -Christmas (Order 3) with Anglican Chant, Carols, All Age Sermon and the making of Christingles

Safeguarding Trust

Mr Michael Skuce and Mrs Sarah Maguire visited with us on Thursday 13th October to update our safeguarding training and keep us abreast of the latest developments and requirements. Thank you to Michael and Sarah for such an engaging and helpful presentation, to all the parishioners who attended and especially to all those who prepared the delicious tea for afterwards and to Ron and Diane Kendrick-Wright for their warm hospitality before we waved Michael and Sarah safely on their way.

Mothers' Union

The Glaslough branch has had a busy month. After an absence of two years our Mothers' Union branch held their visitors' night on Wednesday, 12th October when we were delighted to welcome our new Diocesan President, Mrs Heather



Mothers' Union evening with Mrs Heather Ellis.



Mothers' Union members with Revd. Tim.



Girls' Brigade colour party.



Revd Tim with Sunday School children and shoeboxes.

Ellis as our guest speaker. It was also great to welcome members from our neighbouring branches and also some ladies from Monaghan Presbyterian women. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful night of fellowship. Some of our members attended a special service in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen to mark the visit of our Worldwide President, Sheran Harper and the All-Ireland President, June Butler. The service included the commissioning of Heather Ellis as Clogher Diocesan President and Debbie Davidson as Armagh Diocesan President. As well as this Mrs Eunice Hall and Mrs Diane Kendrick-Wright have been rehearsing in Dublin with other members of the Mothers' Union from across Ireland for a special TV broadcast of RTE's Sunday Worship. The service was recorded on Saturday, 5th November and will be broadcast on Sunday, 4th December and is part of the Mothers' Union's campaign of activism to highlight the issues surrounding Gender Based Violence and to raise awareness of the support needed for all those who are affected by this, to enable them to rebuild, restore and refresh their lives. The service was led by the wonderfully warm and wise, Bishop Pat Storey of Meath and Kildare.

Girl's Brigade 23rd Company, Glaslough

On Sunday 23rd October at a Service of Morning Prayer for use on Sunday led by Revd Tim assisted by children from our Sunday School we welcomed the girls and leaders of the 23rd Company, Glaslough Girl's Brigade to St Salvator's for their commissioning Service. Eighteen girls promised their loyalty to their company and to be honest, kind and helpful to everyone who they meet. Company Captain Margaret Dudgeon promised by

word and example to serve God in The Girls' Brigade for the extension of God's Kingdom and for the promotion of the aims of the Girl's Brigade, something which she has been doing faithfully for many years much to the benefit of generations of girls from our parish. During the summer we had asked for new leaders to come forward and we were delighted to have three new leaders come forward to help with this vital ministry in our parish and Shirley, Rachel, Deborah, Claire and Diane all promised to assist Margaret in the nurture and care of the girls in our GB. The lessons were read by members of the Company and musical accompaniment came from a current member of the Company, Sophie Breakey and Company alumni Alexandra Kendrick-Wright. We are so lucky to have such a vibrant Company in our parish with a wonderful leadership team and so many girls who have such great fun each week. Special mention must be made of the colour party's excellence, they have clearly been watching the ceremonies surrounding Queen Elizabeth's funeral, such was the precision of their choreography.

All Saints' and All Souls'

On Sunday 6th November at 7pm in St Salvator's, Glaslough, we had the office of Evensong for All Saints' and All Souls' (with Anglican Chant, Hymns and Sermon) when we remembered with thanksgiving the saints that have inspired each of us in our own lives. In doing so, we remembered an important truth about the saints: they aren't just figures from the distant past, unknown personally to each of us, but those who have supported, encouraged nurtured and inspired us in our lives as followers of Jesus Christ. Before the Service

all those in attendance wrote down the names of their own loved ones departed and each of their names was called out as the church bell was tolled in their memory by Mr Clayton Coulter. The members of the congregation then lit a candle as they remembered how our loved ones departed lit up each of our lives as they reflected the light of Jesus Christ their creator, redeemer and Lord into the world. We affirm each Sunday our belief in the communion of saints and at this Service we recalled how we too are part of that great mystical body, and that as we too live our own lives in faith and bring the light of Christ into the lives of those who we meet we express the continuity of the communion of saints among the quick and the dead.

Shoeboxes

At the end of our Evensong for All Saints' and All Souls' we blessed the Christmas gifts that had been prepared for less fortunate children around the world by parishioners as part of the Team Hope Project. We hope that the kindness of those who prepared these presents will bring joy to their recipients.



Preparing for the All Souls Service.

Donagh Parish Hall

We were delighted to hear from Minister Heather Humphreys about our successful application for grant aid for the refurbishment and improvement of our Parish Hall in Glaslough village. This grant is the fruit of much work done by Mrs Ethne McCord who is the co-ordinator of all of our grant applications. We are incredibly lucky to have someone who is so experienced in the ways of grant applications and who dedicates so much time to having everything done properly and as such we are greatly indebted to Ethne for this and all that she does for our parishes. Ethne was aided and abetted by Miss Michelle Atkinson whose excellent report and recommendations made abundantly clear what was needed to bring our hall up to standard for all those groups who use those lovely facility at the heart of our village. Our thanks to Minister Humphreys for her continued support and to the Community Centre Investment Fund whose finances are made available by the Department of Rural and Community Development for the improvement and refurbishment of existing community centres. This investment will benefit not just the parishioners of the Donagh Group of Parishes who use the Hall for meetings of the Select Vestry, for training and practices, the Mothers' Union and the Girl's Brigade but also local community groups, yoga classes and tourist groups. Among the work to be carried out is repairs to the roof and pointing out the stonework, the upgrading of the electrics and fire alarms and, most crucially the installation of a ramp at the front door to make our hall

more accessible to all who would come to use our very picturesque parish hall.

The Winter's Tale

The Winter's Tale will take place in St Salvator's, Glaslough on the evenings of Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December. We regret that due to the high volume of demand for the tickets we have had to make a difficult decision about how we allocate the tickets for this very popular event. The allocation of tickets is made on this basis: Preference is being given to members of the choir, parishioners of the Donagh Group of Parishes and our friends and neighbours from the village of Glaslough. Due to the high demand it will be highly unlikely that any tickets will be available to anyone outside of the three groups identified for the initial allocations and we regret that some people may be disappointed this year and be unable to obtain a ticket, but we hope that you appreciate our difficulty and recognise that we have tried to be fair and judicious in our allocation of what is a relatively limited number of tickets. At the time of writing nearly all the tickets have been allocated.

Baptism

Congratulations to Freddie Montgomery whose baptism took place on Saturday October at St Sillian's, Tyholland. Proud parents Neill and Jessica had little sleep the night before as Freddie had picked up an ear infection, but, although Freddie wasn't on top form, he is a Montgomery, and was remarkably resilient and good natured, even in the event of an unexpected shower. A delicious lunch was



The Montgomery family at the baptism.

enjoyed by Freddie's friends and family at Bessmount House in what must be Ireland's longest dining room.

Funeral

We extend our sympathy to Mrs Dolly Breakey on the death of her brother-in-law Marshall and her sister-in-law Mavis who died within a few days of each other. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. We also extend our sympathy to Bishop Ian, Heather and their family on the death of his mother Mrs Alice Ellis. Bishop Ian paid a beautiful tribute to his mother at her funeral in All Saints' Parish, Eglantine, and Alice's quiet, unquestioning faith is an admirable witness to a life well lived. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with the saints, where sorrow and pain are no more; neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Dromore



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Time for God

In the UK the average life expectancy is 79.5 years old; this is equivalent to 954 months, or 29037 days, or 696888

hours or 41,813,280 minutes. The average person spends it in the following way each day:

- 8 hours sleeping (243 hours per month, 122 days per year, 26.5 years in a lifetime)
- 187 minutes watching TV (94.8 hours per month 47.42 days per year, 10.32 years in a lifetime)
- 149 minutes on Social Media (75.5 hours per month, 37.75 days per year, 8.22 years in a lifetime)
- 26 minutes getting dressed (13 hours per month 7 days per year, 1 year in a lifetime)

The average Christian spends

- Less than 10 minutes with the God of the



Universe, the truest friend, the saviour of the world and the creator of time (6 hours/month, less than 3 days/year and less than 7 months in a lifetime).

During Advent why not spend at least 20 minutes every day talking and listening to God and see what difference it makes to

your life. Apparently if you do something everyday for 21 days you form a habit (either bad or good, depending on what you do). Let's make a habit of spending more time with 'Our Father in heaven'.

"Be still, and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10

SERVICES

4th December

11.00am - Morning Service, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is near', Matthew 3:1-12 (Sunday School and Ignite go out during the singing of the first Hymn)

11th December

11.00am - Service with The Rt Rev Dr Ian Ellis
(Light refreshments in the hall after the service)

18th December

11.00am - Nativity Carol Service (Luke 2:8-20)
7.30pm - Carol Service

24th December

11.30pm - Holy Communion, "He is Christ the Lord", (Luke 2:8-20)

25th December

10.30am - Holy Communion, "God with us", (Matthew 1:18-25)

Advent Calendar

Over the period of Advent, we will have an Advent Calendar in the Church and Hall (which will be added to each week) and a sheet giving readings for each day during the coming week along with thought provoking stories. It is hoped that this will help us all to look afresh at Jesus' coming into our world and to ensure that we have a Christ-centred Christmas.

Keeping up to date

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

- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook

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

*May yours be the joy of the angels – proclaiming that first Christmas Day,
May yours be the faith of the Wise men – as they journeyed to where Jesus lay,
May yours be the awe of the shepherds – as they followed a voice from above,
May yours be the blessing of Christmas – and always the gift of His love.*

Happy Christmas to all our Parishioners and Friends

Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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As I began to write these words, I was finalising my thoughts for Remembrance Sunday with all the emotions that are evoked as we remember the sacrifices of the past and strive to learn from that past as we look to the future.

When you read these words we will have also held a service to mark the 50th anniversary of the murder of Constable Robert Keys at Belleek on 28 November 1972. I will say more about that in the next issue of the magazine.

One thing that I have said a number of times over the years that we should continue to mark Remembrance Sunday so that the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice are not forgotten. We should also do so to remind ourselves

and the generations to come that war is something that should be avoided whenever possible.

On Remembrance Sunday I share information about some of those listed on our memorials and who we remember year by year. My thanks to Mr David Keys for allowing me to quote from his book on those from this area who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

This year I shared information about three men who died in World War 1 and who have no known graves.

8283 Guardsman Archibald Seaney, Irish Guards

Archie Seaney was a son of Stewart and Jane Seaney of Curraghmore. He was killed in action on 15 September 1916 while serving with the 2 Battalion Irish Guards. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, the Memorial in Pettigo and the County Memorial in Enniskillen.

Apparently he was offered the rank of sergeant which he turned down and was also advised by a neighbour to stay at home in these words – the hills are green far away, beside the lough you should stay.

23228 Private Robert Stewart, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

Robert was a son of Robert and Jane Stewart, Billery, Pettigo. He was killed in action on 10/08/1917 aged 20 years and was a member of the 9th Battalion RIF. He has no known grave and is commemorated at the War Memorial in Pettigo and in Enniskillen.

8154 Corporal James Shute, MM, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

James Shute was a son of David and Annie Shute, Lakeside, Leggs and was born on 24 April 1887. Corporal Shute was a member of the 1st Battalion RIF and received the Military Medal. He was killed on 1 July 1916 on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, and at the War Memorials in Pettigo and in Enniskillen.

I also shared some information about my great uncle Hugh Eames who was also killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme and his brother William who if my memory is correct was also awarded the Military Medal. He survived the war and lived to enjoy old age.

Women Together

Our ladies group Women Together continue to meet and their last meeting which was delayed due to the passing of our late Queen was entitled Royal Connections.

An enjoyable evening was had and there was a very special visitor at the end of the evening who is in the picture included with my words. Little did we know that Paddington Bear had been living in Kesh for many years!

I will report on their next meeting in the next edition of the magazine.

The Samaritans Purse shoebox appeal is also ongoing in our hall and I will hopefully have some photos re that in the next magazine.

We also hosted a Rural Deanery Event in Tubrid on 25 October when Conor McCafferty joined us to talk about Life After Lockdown and the impact that the last years have had on our emotional health.

I know that everyone who attended found it a very worthwhile evening as Conor made us think about what has happened and how it has affected us whether we realise it or not.

As I did last year I want to use this opportunity to wish everyone who takes the time to read my words a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Parish Register

We have welcomed two new members into the group of churches in recent weeks.

On Sunday 23 October we welcomed Harry Roy Lowry, son of William and Leah into the congregation at Muckross. Our congratulations to William and Leah and to Harry's siblings, Bill and Elsie and the wider family circle on the new addition to their family.

On 20 November we welcomed Darcie Audrey Kerrigan, daughter of Richard and Debbie into the congregation at Tubrid. Our congratulations to Richard, Debbie, Darcie's sister Ellie and to the whole family at this time.

Sadly a number of families suffered bereavements recently.

We were deeply saddened at the sudden passing of Vera Morton, wife of Joe, the Rector's churchwarden in Tubrid, on 3 November. The large attendance at her funeral was a testimony to the regard that she was held by the community.

Catherine Fitzpatrick, churchwarden in Templecarne lost an uncle in England and



A special visitor to Women Together.

Thelma Clarke lost her brother Ronnie Cashel who lived in Ballinamallard. As we all know our Bishop Ian has also suffered bereavement in the death of his mother.

Our sympathy is extended to these families and indeed to anyone who has been bereaved recently.

Diary

Sunday 4 December 2022

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,

Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 4 December 2022

Carol Service 7pm Dernasesk

Sunday 11 December 2022

Carol Service 10.00 Muckross,

Sunday School Service 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 18 December 2022

Carol Service 10.00 Templecarne,

Carol Service 11.30 Tubrid

Christmas Eve



Mrs Ann Wray from Cookstown delivering shoe boxes to Irene Boyd at Tubrid Church Hall.

Holy Communion (Traditional Service)
8.00pm

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December

Holy Communion (Family Service) Tubrid
10.00am

Sunday 1 January 2023

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,

Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 8 January 2023

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckross, Holy

Communion 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 8 January 2023

7pm Dernasesk

Sunday 15 January 2023

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne,

Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid,

Sunday 22 January 2023

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckross, Morning

Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 29 January 2023

Service of the Word 10.00 Templecarne,

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.

Rockcorry and Dartrey Death

The untimely death of John Bradford on Sunday, 6th November, evoked much sadness in the parish and community.

John faced his relatively short illness with stoicism and faith. He was well known for his meticulous attention to detail in all that he did. He served the parish in various capacities down through the years. He will be deeply missed by those who loved him most - his wife, Siobhan, daughter Danika, son Dary and his extended family and friends. John's funeral service, conducted by Revd. Margaret and Walter Pringle, was held in Rockcorry Church, on Tuesday 8th November with burial afterwards in the adjoining graveyard.

We also tender our deepest sympathy to

our Bishop on the recent passing of his mother. May those coming to terms with the loss of a loved one know the comfort of God's love at this time.

Services

A schedule of services for the remainder of 2022 has been issued to all parishioners and are as follows:-

■ 18th December: Carol service in Dartrey Church at 3:00pm with Rockcorry schoolchildren.

■ 24th December: Christmas Eve service of Holy Communion in Rockcorry Church at 10:00pm.

■ 25th December: Aughnamullen 9:45am Holy Communion, Aghabog 11:00am Holy Communion.

Thanks

As these are the last magazine notes for



Revd Margaret Pringle with Carol Carleton (left) and Maureen Howe.



Carol Carleton with Shirley Stewart, secretary and Maureen Howe.

2022, it is an opportune time to thank all who devote so much time in so many ways to the smooth running of the parish. Names are too numerous to mention but you know who you are.

Christmas

We wish all our friends, parishioners and readers all the blessings of the Christmas season with the following unfailing recipe for 2023:

Take 12 fully grown months and prepare as follows:

Into each part put 12 parts FAITH, 11 parts PATIENCE, 10 parts IMAGINATION, 9 parts SINCERITY, 8 parts CHEERFULNESS, 7 parts COURAGE, 6 parts UNDERSTANDING, 5 parts LOYALTY, 4 parts HOPE, 3 parts SACRIFICE, 2 parts PRAYER, 1 well - selected RESOLUTION. Serve with THANKFULNESS, QUIETNESS and UNSELFISHNESS and you will enjoy a successful and satisfying year.

Remembrance Service

After a lapse of three years, the annual Remembrance Parade and Service took place in Dartrey Church on Sunday 13th November 2022. The parade was led to and from the church by Kilafargue Pipe Band. Thanks are extended to Revd. Margaret Pringle for conducting the service and giving a very inspiring address. Thanks to Audrey Doogan for playing the music, Agnes Phair for the floral displays, Leslie Soden for playing the Pipers Lament, "Flowers of the Forest", Sammy Wilkin for providing the parking cones. The wreath

was laid by Joshua Keating. Refreshments afterwards were provided in Doohat Hall. Thanks to Ematris and Rockcorry select vestry for the use of Dartrey Church. The collection amounted to €475 for the Earl Haig Fund.

Rockcorry National School

We would like to welcome our two new pupils from first class to the school, we hope they enjoy their time with us. Last month we enjoyed Maths Week. We enjoyed doing lots of practical Maths and playing Maths games. This month we are looking forward to participating in Science week.

Aughnamullen

We extend our deepest sympathy to our Bishop, the Right Rev. Dr. Ian Ellis on the death of his mother. Our annual Carol service will be held on Sunday 11th December at 3pm. On Christmas Day, Sunday 25th December there will be a service of Holy Communion at 9.45am.

Aghabog

The annual Carol service will be held on Sunday 18th December at 9.45 am. Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Hall. On Christmas Day 25th December at 11.00 am there will be a service of Holy Communion. Drum/ Ematris Mothers' Union service was held in Drum Church for a service of Holy Communion conducted by the

Revd Margaret Pringle. Carol Carleton was enrolled as a new member of the Mothers' Union and Maureen Howe was commissioned as new branch Leader. Our thanks to Revd Margaret for conducting the service and to Sharon Lancashire for providing the music and for all her help in preparing the church. After the service we all enjoyed a cup of tea served by the Drum ladies and we wish to thank them for that. Following that a short meeting was held to plan events for the next few months. Details to be decided and we hope to have a good turnout to these events following the last few difficult years. Maureen thanked all who put their trust in her and thanked them for all their wishes, also to Shirley for all her help and look forward to liaising with her and all the other members in the months ahead. We look forward to seeing some new members who will be made most welcome.

Drum

Harvest service

Harvest thanksgiving was held on October 23rd, a little later than usual. Thanks to Walter for conducting the service and to Revd Tim Irvine for the address. The church was decorated beautifully, thanks to all who contributed both their time and goods for the service.

Date for diary

Friday 9th December at 8pm, 'A night of Carols' with Lisnaskea Silver Band and guest choir Cantari, Donagh. Everyone is very welcome.

Seasons Greetings

Best wishes to all our parishioners and friends for a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy new year.



At the commissioning service of Ematris Mothers' Union.



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Services in December

Thursday 1st December

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 4th December: Advent 2

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 8th December

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 11th December: Advent 3

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Nativity Service

Thursday 15th December

11.00am - Holy Communion

7.00pm - SANDS NI Carol Service
 (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity)

Sunday 18th December: Advent 4

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Carol Service

Tuesday 20th December

7.30pm - Enniskillen Royal Grammar

School Carol Service

(Ticket only - please contact the School)

Thursday 22nd December

11.00am - Holy Communion

Saturday 24th December: Christmas Eve

9.00pm - Holy Communion

Sunday 25th December: Advent 4

9.00am - Holy Communion

10.30am - Holy Communion



The Remembrance Service in Enniskillen.

Services in January

Sunday 1st January: Christmas 1

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 5th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 8th January: Epiphany 1

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Morning Prayer

Thursday 12th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 15th January: Epiphany 2

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 19th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd January: Epiphany 3

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Morning Prayer (Family Service)

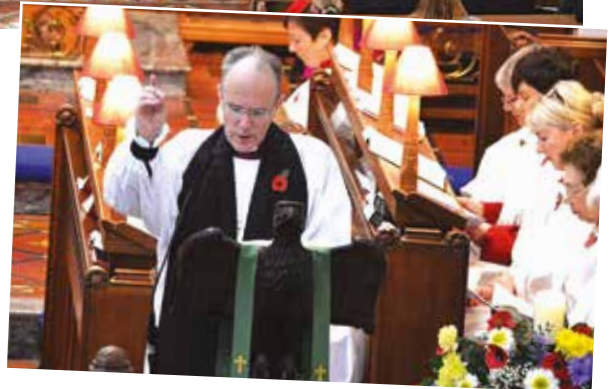
Thursday 26th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 29th January: Epiphany 4

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Morning Prayer



all. We thank those who donated to the Graveyard Wall/Garden of Remembrance Fund on the night, totalling £699.20. The service can be viewed on the Cathedral website at www.enniskillencathedral.com.

Remembrance Day

A Remembrance Service took place on Sunday 13th November. Among the dignitaries attending were The Secretary of State, The Rt Hon Chris Heaton-Harris

Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

30th October - Aria McCartney

Marriage

26th November - Marie-Claire Holmes and Adrian Daniel McCaughey

Remembering Loved Ones

A service to remember loved ones took place on 6th November. This service was very emotional for many but hopefully warm and comforting as the Dean read out the names of 299 funerals he had conducted over 12 years and also another 37 whose relatives had asked to be included. A time of silence was kept to remember other unnamed loved ones. A very large crowd attended.

Pictured is the flower arrangement made by Mrs Sabrina McCabe incorporating a candle which was lit in remembrance of



MP, An Taoiseach Mr Micheál Martin TD, Mr Chris Rendo, Pol/Econ Officer, representing the American Government and Mr Jerome Mullen, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland.

Mr John Jones, Chairman Royal British Legion, Enniskillen Branch read the first lesson; The Rt Hon Viscount Brookeborough, KG, KStJ read the second lesson and The Rt Rev Monsignor Peter O'Reilly PP, VG read the third lesson. The Prayers were led by the representatives from the UK, Irish, American and Polish Governments and the Bishop, The Rt Rev Dr Ian W Ellis was the preacher.

The Season of Advent

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

Nativity Play

The Sunday School will have their Nativity Play on Sunday 11th December at 11.00am. At this service we ask children (and parents) to bring a new, wrapped Christmas present. These are given to children less fortunate than our own. Please indicate on the present who it is suitable for – age group and sex. Thank you.

Christmas Services

Three Holy Communion Services will be held. The Celebrant at our Christmas Eve Service (11.00pm) will be our Bishop, The Rt Rev Dr Ian W Ellis B Th, B Sc, P G C E, Ed D. Two services will be held on Christmas Day at 9.00am and at 10.30am. Children are asked to bring a toy that

Santa brought to the 10.30am service which may be a little bit noisier! (Adults can do this too).

The Dean's Sit Out for Charity

The Dean is planning a charity sit out for local, national and international charities. His sit-out takes place on Thursday, 22nd December from 9am to 9pm at the gates of St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. All donations can be gift aided.

The charities supported include the following;

Water Drops is a charity run by Ronnie and Maggie Briggs who have 40 years experience of living and working amongst the Maasai community in the Kajiado Diocese of Kenya. They worked as Mission Partners with CMS Ireland and lived in that Diocese for 25 years. They will use their experience to work with local people developing solutions that will make clean water available to families in areas that need it most. Kajiado Diocese is described as a semi-desert area with very little rain in any given year. This year – 2022 - there has been a very serious drought across the whole area. People raise cattle, sheep and goats as their livelihood and to see them dying in large numbers is not only heart breaking but also brings them to the brink of starvation and famine. The Dean visited Kajiado Diocese a few years ago and saw at first hand the devastating effects of a previous drought. The people of that area call themselves 'forgotten people' because they don't have a strong voice. Water Drops seeks to help provide that voice and even though there are many urgent situations across the world all demanding attention, this is one we feel needs to be kept in our hearts, minds and prayers. Air Ambulance NI is a charity in Northern Ireland. They work in partnership with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, to provide the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service for the region. Serious or life-threatening situations can happen

to anyone at any time and on average, every single day in Northern Ireland, two individuals find themselves in critical need of an Air Ambulance.

The charity's operational helicopter carries a crew including pilot, doctor, and paramedic, 365 days of the year operating for 12 hours every day. They attend some of the most traumatic medical incidents across the province and are dedicated to delivering the very best possible pre-hospital critical care, both at the scene and whilst transferring the patient to the most appropriate hospital for their specific injuries.

St Macartin's Cathedral Outreach Fund is specifically designed to be 'people focused' and not 'building focused'. It helps fund groups like Parenting and Wellbeing, Messy Church, Xplore, Supper at Six and Senior Citizens. It also provides assistance for those in need and to assist with projects that reach out to people in the locality.

Prayer Book

Do you have a Prayer book in your home? If not you should have!

We are a Prayer Book church and the Prayer Book should not just be on those shelves at the back of the church for use on Sunday, but there should be a copy of a Prayer Book in every home. Everything in it is Biblically based and it is a vital tool to everyday living, for daily prayer, and for nourishment and for enriching our daily walk with God. As you leaf through the Prayer Book you will find services and prayers for daily use, and for every situation and worry in life. It is a marvellous resource so use it. Copies are available from the Cathedral Office for £20.00 and would make an ideal Christmas gift!

Parenting wellness Group

The next meeting of the group, for parents and children is on Saturday 17th December at 3.30pm



Some of the dignitaries leaving the Remembrance Service.





in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall with Arty Parties. Please send a message to Linda Kingston on 07342045474 to confirm your attendance. She can also answer any questions or queries you may have. Future dates for your diary are Little Mess Fermanagh on 14th January at 2.00pm and Healthy Eating for parents and children on 11th February 2023.

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. The Messy Church Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 17th December from 10.00am to 12.00 noon as part of the Family Fun Day.

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.

The next dates for Sunday Lights and Café are as follows:

DECEMBER

4th December: Sunday Lights and Café

- children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities;
11th December: Nativity Play - children attend the 11.00am service with their families.

JANUARY

8th January: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities;

15th January: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities;

22nd January: Family Service

29th January: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities.

Xplore Outing

Our young people enjoyed a night of fun and food on a trip to 9th Avenue Bowling Alley and restaurant. The Dean, Andy, and the Churchwardens, Nathan and Alana had great craic too!

Confirmation

This year's confirmation candidates have begun their preparation to take a big step forward in their Christian journey in 2023. We marked the start of their preparation at a special all-age service on 27th November, and we meet as a class for the first time on Monday 5th December from 6.30 – 7.30 pm in the Upper Room, Cathedral Hall, then again on Monday 12th December. In the new year, we resume weekly classes on Monday 9th January at the normal time of 6.30pm.

Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed and would like to be, please contact the clergy or the Parish Office.

Home Holy Communion for Christmas

During the weeks before Christmas the Clergy will be celebrating Holy



At the Xplore outing.

Communion with those who are unable to attend the Cathedral. If you, or someone known to you, would like to receive such a visit then please contact the Cathedral Office.

SANDS NI Carol Service

SANDS NI support people who experience the tragedy of stillbirth or the death of an infant in the first weeks of life. SANDS is organising an ecumenical Christmas Carol Service for those who have been affected by the loss of a baby, in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Thursday 15th December at 7.00pm. This will be a gentle, hope-filled service of carols, readings and prayers.

Those attending are asked to bring a gift-wrapped toy appropriate to the age that the child you lost would be today. These gifts will be placed under the Christmas tree and donated to local charities. Tea and light refreshments will be served after the service.

The Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to all who took part and supported the Mothers' Union in the Shoe Box Appeal. Many shoeboxes have been sent off from our Parish to destitute children around the globe. These simple items/toys will transform the lives of many and probably the only Christmas present they will receive.



At the MU commissioning service for Mrs Heather Ellis attended by the World President and Irish President.



Visit of Mothers' Union World-wide President to Enniskillen

A unique event took place in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Sunday, 6th November during Morning Service. It marked the visits of the Mothers' Union Worldwide President Mrs Sheran Harper who lives in Guyana and the All-Ireland President Mrs June Butler to our Diocese. The service included the Commissioning of Mrs Heather Ellis as Clogher Diocesan President and an All-Ireland Trustee and Mrs Debbie Davidson as Diocesan President of Armagh and an All-Ireland Trustee. In the absence of the Bishop (due to a family bereavement), The Dean conducted the service and celebrated Holy Communion. A delicious lunch was served in the Cathedral Hall after the service.

Pictured are Churchwarden, Nathan Clyde; Verger Andrew McCabe; Mrs June Butler; The Dean; Mrs Jenifer Johnston; Mrs Sheran Harper, Mrs Heather Ellis and Churchwarden Mrs Audrey Williamson.

Mothers' Union

St Macartin's Mothers' Union had their monthly meeting on 14th November with a very good attendance in the Eniskeene Room. The Dean opened the meeting with a warm welcome and prayers. Our guest speaker was Linda Johnston who spoke on decluttering, organising, and recycling, an interesting and informative talk with good interaction from the members. The Branch Leader, Jenifer Johnston brought the meeting to a close with The Mothers' Union Prayer. The Christmas outing is on Tuesday 6th December to The Horseshoe & Saddlers Restaurant. Our next meeting is a service of Holy Communion and AGM on Monday 9th January 2023. We wish all our members and friends a happy and peaceful Christmas 2022.

Tuesday Club

Members are invited to the 60+ Party on Tuesday 13th December at 6.00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners who are eligible for a bus pass to enjoy good fun, good food, laughter and entertainment in comfortable surroundings. For catering purposes please give you name to the Cathedral Office by Thursday 8th December.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January. For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

The service this year will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral on Wednesday 18th January at 7.30pm

The preacher will be the Former Bishop

of Limerick & Killaloe, the Rt Rev Trevor Williams.

Family Service

The Family Service is in an opportunity for the whole family to worship together as our young people remain in church for all of the service. A cup of tea/coffee is provided after this service in the side chapel. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others. Many parishioners in the Cathedral do not know each other so why not take the opportunity to stay behind for a short period (10/15 minutes) and speak to others? The Family Service usually ends within the hour! The January Family Service will be held on Sunday 22nd at 11.00am.

Cathedral Website

We extend our grateful thanks to Dr Willie Holmes for maintaining our Website. Please go to our Cathedral Website: www.enniskillencathedral.com for photographs and much more.

Season Greetings

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



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, 1st Sunday of the month.
7pm 3rd Sunday Fellowship Evenings As
announced
11am Wednesday Prayers at home.

Church Lad's Brigade

This reopened in October with a special
night at the Round Lake. Precentor Hanlon
started with a Bible story and then the boys
made their way around the lake with a
"treasure hunt in the dark" looking for little
wooden symbols each depicting a well-
known Bible story. The evening concluded
with hot dogs and juice.

On our next evening we were delighted to
welcome our Battalion Commander Willie
Clayton and his wife. We had a packed
programme with games, fire drill with



Members of the Church Lads Brigade.

Raymond, practice formation marching,
Noah's Ark story, crafts and painting. We are
also delighted to have Neville and Angela
as substitute helpers.

All the boys were excited to attend
Remembrance Sunday parade, looking
smart in their new uniforms and it was
also great to be able to attend the Church
service.

We are busy preparing for our first
fundraiser in four to five years. It is an
antique and craft fair with a vintage themed
tea on Saturday, 10 December in the Parish
Hall. We have approximately 30 tables
equally divided between craft and antique
stalls. It would be lovely if you could come
along and support us, maybe to purchase a
special, unique gift or just a cup of tea and
a chat. Entrance fee £2 and refreshments
with home bakes by voluntary donation.
Proceeds are for CLB and our local food
bank.

Thank you to everyone who will be helping
us on the day.

Fight the good fight.

Sandra McConnell

Visit from Catherine Campbell

After months of prayer, planning and
preparation, Saturday 22nd October arrived.
Twenty four ladies from the parish, along
with 24 visitors and friends gathered to hear
Christian author Catherine Campbell, speak
about trusting that God still has a purpose
for each of us. The Rectors of Colebrooke
and Fivemiletown, along with the parish's

drummer provided a welcome breakfast of
a smoked bacon croissant, fruit salad and
freshly brewed coffee.

Catherine spoke very movingly with words
of encouragement, and all the more
so, when we realised her own mother
had recently passed away. We greatly
appreciated her willingness to honour the
long planned for event, and all present will
have taken away an encouragement in
the faith. For the parish, there was a great
strengthening as most of our own ladies
present had invited a family member or a
friend to join them for the morning. Each
person also was gifted with a yellow rose
to take home. It was also very touching to
see the group who prayed in the Hall the
evening before the event, entrusting it to
the Lord.

Thank you to all who attended and all who
prepared for this special day.



Prayer Course Off To A Good Start

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 for the 11
participants who gathered on the first
evening, and the six who were there on
the second evening. There were other
apologies hoping to join us next time, so
you might like to join us for the second
evening on Wednesday 4th January from
8pm in Kiltermon. It will include a 20-minute
video discussion with Pete and Poppy
Williams as they help us think about what



Church Lads on parade.

we are doing as we pray.

A paperback book of the course topics is available from the office for £10.

Knit, Pray, Love Jubilee Blanket

This knitting, crochet and prayer circle goes from strength to strength.

There are about 14 members who meet during Spring, Summer and Autumn. They have an endless ability to produce items for a wide range of ministries, charities and individual need, and all from gifts and donations of wool etc. Pictured is one of two blankets made in the colours of Her Late Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. These have been gifted to two parishioners. Also they are working on leaf squares which will form a six foot Christmas tree to be displayed in the parish, and a series of flowers and leaves to be made into a collage and gifted for display in the new extension of Kiltermon Church. Thank you to everyone involved!

Successful launch of new series of cards

Beverley Weir produced a great series of watercolour sketches for the card series when we renovated Kiltermon. This time, she has produced a new range for us in time for the festive season. There was a 'launch' of the new cards at a small event in Kiltermon on 5th November, with great appreciation to those who came along and gave their support.

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



Some of the Christmas scenes on the cards created by Beverley Weir.



Members of the Knit Pray Love group with their Jubilee Blanket.

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.

Sets of eight cards (all different illustrations) are available from Beverley or the Parish Office for £10 per pack.

Prayer Ministry and Breathe

Report from the Prayer Ministry of Healing Secretary William Morrow

Healing Ministry is a vital part of a healthy church.

It seeks to bring people to wholeness in Christ.

What health benefits can Prayer offer? While many may already turn to prayer to find strength during difficult periods, there is evidence that prayer can reduce stress, reduce pain and ease many health conditions.

St John's and Kiltermon offer a special service of Holy Communion and Prayers of healing. This is a special time of worship focused on the healing ministry of Jesus.

This special service is held the third Wednesday of every month at 8pm and all are welcome to come along and will be made very welcome.

I pray that you will find comfort and healing in the Prayer for Comfort and Healing and the Prayer to heal a Friend.

A Prayer For Comfort And Healing

Loving God, I Pray that you will comfort me in my suffering, send skill to the hands of my healers and bless the means used for my cure.

Give me such confidence in the power of your grace, that even when I am afraid I may put my whole trust in you.

Through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

A Prayer For A Friend

Think O God of our friend who is ill, whom we now commend to your compassionate

care, no healing is too hard if it is your will. We therefore pray that you bless our friend with your loving care. Renew his/her strength and heal what ails him/her. In your loving name I pray. Amen

Midweek Intercession and Prayer For Healing

This takes place many times each month. A group of 13 people receive the requests for prayer each week and are committed to praying at least each Wednesday. And each second month we gather with others for a service of Holy Communion when all the names prayed for since we last met are prayed for again. Leave a name for prayer with the office or with Precentor Hanlon or William Morrow.

Breathe is a quieter time in the parish. Meeting from 7pm on the first Sunday across eight months of the year, Breathe is a time set aside to gather around a piece of scripture, to pray and reflect supported by music and silence. Join us next from 7pm on Sunday 8th January in the Parish Hall/

Quiet Morning

A Quiet Morning with the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer was held on Saturday 19th November, at St John's with witness Nuala Dudley, Donegal.

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 Rev'd Dr Pat Mollen

House-keeping

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

Abbie Emily, daughter of Rebecca and Jonathan Potter, 25 September in St John's
Annabelle Heather, daughter of Stephen and Heather Kirkpatrick, 16 October in St John's

Dorothy Ellen, daughter of David and Angela Caldwell, 13 November in Kiltermon

Christian Burial or Committal

Margaret (Renee) Ebbitt, 8 September
Herbert Robertson, 11 September
Violet Morrow, 12 September
Lee Beacom, 7 November

Rota for Flowers in St John's

4 December	Mrs J Bennett
11 December	Christmas Flowers
18 December	Christmas Flowers
25 December	Christmas Flowers

Please Phone

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



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.

Marriage Preparation and Counselling with Christian Guidelines NI

For many years, the parish and diocese has benefitted from the support and training of the Christian Guidelines organisation, based in County Down. Ian and Lorriane Stewart

have hosted marriage preparation course here for more than 12 years, with most couples preparing for marriage through the parish attending their course here or in Fintona.

God willing, they will be with us again in March 2023, for a one-day course based at Kiltermon Church. Available to the parish, diocese and other local churches. Booking directly with Christian Guidelines NI.

Dates

- Senior Adults' Christmas Lunch – 12 noon Wednesday 7th December
- Sunday School Christmas Party – Friday 9 December
- Connect and Seniors Party – Friday 9 December
- Sunday School Party for Creche, Sparks and Juniors, 6.30pm Saturday 10 December
- Christmas Craft Fair, hosted by Church Lads Brigade – Saturday 10 December
- Parish Carols by Candlelight – 7pm Sunday 11 December, St John's
- 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

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Born For You

My friend, if all is silent and dark in your life now, and you feel like you have been left out in the cold, just know that Jesus came to be your Saviour at such a time as this. He was not born in the comfort of a warm, cozy room, but in a cold manger. There was no room for Him in the inn



Attending one of the Remembrance services.

(Luke 2:7), so that there will always be room at the cross for you. Jesus was born very quietly, so quietly that the Bible says that only a group of shepherds came to Him, while the rest of Bethlehem slept (Luke 2:8–9). Like manna falling quietly from heaven in the Old Testament, the true bread from heaven came quietly. It was a silent night, but that was not all. Jesus was also born during the darkest

time in Israel's history. Israel was under the tyrannical rule of the Romans. It was during this time, when everything was so dark, that Jesus was born. Beloved, He will come to you in the darkest period of your life. On that cold and silent night, the shepherds were afraid when the angel of the Lord stood before them. But the angel said, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be

to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Christ was born for you this Christmas.

Services in December 2022

Sunday, 4th December 2022 - The Second Sunday of Advent

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Holy Communion

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Holy Communion

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Holy Communion

Sunday, 11th December 2022 - The Third Sunday of Advent

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

3pm: Drummully Parish Church: Family Carol Service

Sunday, 18th December 2022 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Family Carol Service

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Family Carol Service

Dress up if you like!

Saturday 24th December 2022- Christmas Eve

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

Sunday, 25th December 2022 - Christmas Day

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

Services in January 2023

Sunday 1st January 2023 - The First Sunday of Christmas

10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion (Group Service). Come along and sing your favourite carol.

Sunday 8th January 2023 - The First Sunday After the Epiphany

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer with Baptism

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th January 2023 - The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Family Service

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Family Service

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Family Service

Sunday 22nd January 2023 - The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer



10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer with Baptism

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th January 2023 - The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

10.30 Galloon Parish Church - Group Service

Remembrance Sunday

Acts of Remembrance were held in Sallaghy and Drummully on 6th November. On Remembrance Sunday a very moving Group Service was held in Galloon. Revd Lorraine welcomed Lord Erne to Gallon Parish, the ancestral church of his descendants. Lord Erne laid a wreath to mark the First and Second World Wars. The names Lord Erne read included some of his ancestors. We were delighted to welcome this year the Rangers, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Beavers and Cubs. Three Rangers led us in prayer; Hannah, Lucie and Beth. Revd. Lorraine led the service giving thanks for all those who had across the ages been examples of courage and stood up to

fight against injustices. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the parish, PSNI and UDR. Those reading Scriptures included Lord Erne, Richard Bell (who was remembering the tragic murder of his brother, Robin, 50 years ago) and Sergeant Mark Young.

Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving for Private Robin Bell

A Service of Memorial and Thanksgiving was held in Galloon Church. Robin Bell was remembered on the 50th Anniversary of his murder. A short excerpt for Revd Lorraine's Address which she gave to a packed church. Robin was a very faithful member of this church. People would often say that when the Bell boys arrived it was time for church to start. They would arrive just on time after they had completed the milking. Robin was also a Boy Scout Leader. The Bell family were a very closely knit family - they worked hard together, they worshipped here together and of course they farmed together. They were an extremely well respected family in this



community. Both Robin and Richard joined the Ulster Defence Regiment to protect and defend our whole community. The terrorist attack on our country back in 1972 has had a profound effect upon first the family of the late Robin Bell. The devastation that the murder of Robin brought to both his parents Olive and Sidney and Brother Robin, sisters Laura, Hilary, Doreen and Jennifer. They live daily with the pain of this tragedy almost 50 years and they will continue to bear the scars. It had a huge impact on our border counties of both County fermanagh and County of Monaghan and our community lived in fear. Our shock turned into a kind of numbness—how could something like this happen to us? Many times, over these past 50 years, we have had to hold back our emotions of sadness and restrain our feelings of anger and outrage—we want justice to be done; we want to see those terrorists and the groups or nations that supported them, pay for what they did. I also know this: that God is right here with us and he understands our pain and grief, he knows what it means to lose a son to the violence of a senseless murder. A blow like this can seemingly take your breath away and drain you of the will and strength to carry on. It can make you so sad and frightened that you feel as if you cannot go on. We must find a way to go on, to continue our lives and to recover that sense of meaning and purpose. The people who took Robin from us must not be allowed to take our lives and our souls too. Profound anger and a desire for revenge is only natural as we seek to come to grips with this terrible tragedy and to come to grips with the reality of it all. But it must not be allowed to direct our lives, lest our lives and our souls become casualties too. Justice is one part of the healing process. Revenge, on the other hand, is a slow but deadly poison in the soul. It offers us no lasting relief. For us there must be another way. The family

have chosen to have the focus of this service thanksgiving. When you are in the hands of a loving God, He gives you opportunities to start all over again; He makes it possible for you to experience a new beginning. I believe God invites all of us to His New Beginning. His New Beginning in our lives so that we work together to make the world a better place. So thankfulness: Today's text: "And be thankful." Only three English words comprise our text; but the text is assuredly appropriate on this Sunday. It serves to remind us of one of the essential characteristics marking the person who knows the Living God is to be thankful. An attitude of gratitude. The Bell family today can be thankful for the way they were brought up. Their parents taught them to respect everybody. In Corinthians Paul tells us of a more excellent way -it is the way of love. To love God, to love others as we love ourselves. This is the excellent way the Bells chose to lead their lives- the way of loving all. It was not in their nature or being to bring hate to anyone. In the midst of their pain. loss and grief they continued to love others and to love and worship God in this place. The Bell family could have left this area but they chose to stay. They could have turned their



Scenes from the Remembrances services.

backs on God but instead they turned to God to help them face the days ahead. We cannot change the past but through the power of the resurrection and the forgiveness of Jesus, we have the power to change the future in light of this terrible tragedy. One day we will all stand before God who will judge our lives according to his standards. Justice will be achieved at this time. There is a tomorrow for us too in all of this. The pain and loss will be there but so will God's plan for us in our future. We have a life yet to be lived. There are people who need our presence, our love and our forgiveness. There are those who need us to serve them and minister to them in this time of need. Tomorrow will be a better day if we chose like the Bells to live the most excellent way of love.

Mothers' Union Visitors' Night

Visitors' Night was held in Sallaghy Parish Hall. Rev Lorraine spoke on "Fabulous



The Mothers' Union meeting.



Fashion” to a hall full of lovely ladies! A great night of fun and fellowship as we considered what colour suits us, what shape was best and what we should avoid! The meeting was led by Mrs Beulah Whittendale, Branch Leader from Sallaghy. Mrs Jennifer Smith led us in our worship and Mrs Mabel Clingan read Psalm 139.

From the Registers

BURIAL

Miss Doreen Violet Forde (Galloon Parish) passed away suddenly on Monday 24th October 2022.

Our sympathy and prayers are with all who have been recently bereaved. We

offer our sympathy to the Forde on the passing of Doreen.

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

Christmas Blessings

To all diocesan magazine readers, from all at Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully: May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, the obedience of Josph and Mary, the worship of the wisemen, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmastide and in 2023.



Beulah Whittendale at the MU meeting.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Church Services Diary

DECEMBER

Sunday 4th December

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 11th December

Slavin Group Family service at 11.30am

Sunday 18th December

Kiltyclogher Group Carol Service at 7pm

Christmas Eve 24th December

Belleek Group HC service at 8pm

Christmas Day 25th December

Garrison Group Family Service at 9.30am

JANUARY

1st January 2023, New Years' Day

Slavin Group service of New Beginnings at 11.30am

Sunday 8th January

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek, 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 15th January

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



At the Remembrance Service in Garrison church.

Sunday 22nd January

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek, 11.30am, both MP

Sunday 29th January

Group Service in Garrison at 11.30am - theme to be announced

FEBRUARY

Sunday 5th February

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both HC

Weekly Diary

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

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

Our Running Rector

We are very proud to congratulate our Rector, Rev Rebecca on her superb achievement running the distance between the Rectory and Belleek CPS to raise money for the school's prayer garden and outside space. The school are teaching the children gardening skills and giving them a place to spend quiet time during the day. This will have a

positive effect on their mental health and give them an appreciation for our role as stewards of creation.

Revd Rebecca has raised the magnificent sum upwards of £1000 and counting You can still donate!

She started running on 1 September and is currently on Run 23 as we write these notes!

Mothers' Union

The September meeting of Mothers' Union was held in Belleek Church. The speakers were Jan and John Corrie. Jan and John have their home at Drumhilla Garden outside Belleek, where they are almost self-sufficient, producing all their vegetables and harvesting and freezing them for use over the year. They gave a very interesting presentation with the aid of slides to give us ideas for reducing waste at home and ways of being more economical, especially in the present climate. One idea we were given was to plan the meals for one week and then make a shopping list accordingly. Buying three for two doesn't always prove



The Hughes family at the baptism service.



The group service at Kiltyclogher.

economical.

The October meeting was held in Slavin Church and the speaker was Emmett Brogan from Fermanagh and Omagh Council. Emmett spoke to us about reducing our waste, re-using and recycling. We were amazed at the amount of waste produced by each individual in a year and we were encouraged to maximise the use of our recycling bins and also the small caddies for food, vegetable peelings etc. Going forward we should be aiming to have far more waste in our recycling bin than in the household waste bin. The landfill site at Drummee will be filled to capacity within the next two years and an alternative site will be located. We were encouraged to donate e.g. paint, to the recycling centre instead of dumping and it would then be available for community groups. Old furniture can also be donated and is available for refurbishment and reuse by individuals / groups.

Emmett gave us lots of useful items, including pens and waste bags, which we were all delighted with. There was lots of time for informal discussion and chat over a cup of tea and supper.

We are looking forward to attending the visitor's night hosted by Innishmaccsaint Mothers' Union in Derrygonnelly on 28th November, followed by our 60th anniversary meal in Melvin Country House on 7th December. Thank you to our Branch Leader, Dot, for organising our night out.

Kiltyclogher Harvest

A wonderful celebration of Harvest was held in Kiltyclogher Church on Sunday 9th October. The Church was beautifully decorated and was filled to capacity for a great selection of musical items from The Silver Tones, conducted by Hazel and accompanied by Ruth Coulter. Everyone was enthralled by such a beautiful male voice choir.

Kevin Willis from Kiltyclogher spoke

about the community garden and how it benefited so many of all age groups. Revd Rebecca gave a very interesting address based on Jeremiah 29, talking about being a blessing in your community.

A lovely supper was served in the Holiday Centre after the service.

From Rev. Rebecca:

Notes from the Rectory:

Our boiler/wood-burner has a gasket on the side. If it overheats, boiling water comes shooting out of the side like a geyser, filling the shed with steam and soaking everything. It is as dramatic and terrifying as it sounds, and also pretty dangerous. I'm told it will be fixed later today.

I feel like our boiler sometimes. When I have too much going on inside, the danger is that I'll 'let off steam' and hurt people in the process. I'll overheat and there will be casualties. And for whatever reason, this is particularly true around the



The group service at Kiltyclogher.

Christmas season. On top of working full-time, and raising three pretty boisterous children, I'm liable to put myself under immense pressure in the pursuit of jollity and festivity but end up rather more grumpy and cranky than anything. And I've noticed I'm not the only one. Divorce rates spike around Christmas and New Year. So do domestic violence rates.

What are we doing wrong?

Well, briefly, I think we're spending too much money, trying to do too much, and giving ourselves unrealistic expectations. Where is Jesus in all of that? Do our kids really care? I don't think the internet is really helping things. We've got adverts flying at us about Christmas pyjamas, Christmas eve boxes, Marks and Spencer Christmas dinners, trips to see Santa. Money, time, pressure. No wonder we overheat.

Jesus says in Matthew 11: 28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

So I'm giving up my Christmas plans to Jesus, prayerfully considering what to do, and what to ditch. It's hard. I want to do it all, but I can't. Maybe you need to do the same?

Holy Baptism and Birth

Sunday 16th October was a Family Service and a service of Holy Baptism in Slavin Church. Harriet Margaux, daughter of Rebecca and Ian Hughes was baptised by Revd. Rebecca. Harriet is the first grandchild of Anne and Billy Nelson.

The godparents were Nichola and Donal Ward and they both helped with the prayers.

Revd. Rebecca's address was about everything we need for life's journey with lots of appropriate visual aids to illustrate. Another baby has arrived in Slavin Parish! Congratulations to Mark and Mairead Ovens on the birth of baby Grace, a little sister for Isobelle.

Group Service and Light Party

Sunday 30th October was a joint service for the four parishes and was held in Kiltyclogher Church. It was a service of wholeness and healing with members of the congregation coming forward for healing. A Halloween Light Party was held in the Holiday Centre for the children where they all had a wonderful time of games and fun. Thank you to all the helpers.

Prayers

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

Men's Breakfast on Saturday 29th October

This was held in the Bilberry, organised by Brendan Guildea and Jonny Graham. Thanks to Dawn for providing a delicious breakfast at a much subsidised cost and McGovern's butchers for the delicious sausages. After costs £1075 and €50 was raised for Air Ambulance Northern Ireland. A talk on the work of AANI was given by Eddie Graham. Well done to the 50 men who came along and also all who sent donations.

More events for our men will be announced in the New Year.

Remembrance Sunday

These annual services have a special, poignant place for all those who lost their precious loved ones in the historic wars or more recently in the NI Troubles. Belleek church held a Remembrance tribute with special hymns and an Act of Remembrance at their morning service on Sunday 13th November. Garrison held their service at 5pm and were very pleased to welcome members from the Regimental Association to the service. We particularly missed a dear friend of Garrison, Wesley Scott, who has attended this service for many years. Wesley died suddenly earlier this year. Our service this year was led by Revd Rebecca. The readings were read by Richard McClure and Dot Barlow. Wreaths were laid by Leslie Long in memory of Johnny Fletcher, killed in the NI Troubles and by Kevin Barlow in memory of William Carson who died in WW1. Paul Barton played a piper's lament. Thanks to all who attended and took part.

Parish Visiting

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

Parish website:

We have a new website! Visit it and give us your feedback garrisiongroup.org.uk Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.

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'The Two Sons' Pantomime

During November Inishmacsaint Parish staged the pantomime 'The Two Sons' based on the parable 'The Prodigal Son'



One of the scenes from the pantomime.

but written with the many characters of Derrygonnelly in mind. Such was the response that an extra night had to be put on and so it ran for four nights.

Thank you to all who supported the pantomime. People came from far and near even when it was foggy, individually, in families and in groups ie Cleenish and



The Pink Ladies: Joan Acheson, Helen Robinson and Eileen Cutler.



The Ladies of the Night: Denise Acheson, Mel Hamill, Pam Gunn and Liam Jones.



Mel Hamill and one of the young pigs.



Pam Gunn and Lucy Muldoon.



Mark Byers, George Ferguson and Keith Kettyles dancing.



Janette putting make up on Mel Hamill.



Ron Ferguson (playing God) waits for his son to come home.

Mullaghduin Mothers' Union, SEFF and Fermanagh Visually Impaired Group. Members of the church worked hard together and the trustees of Derrygonnelly Orange Hall decorated it inside and out for the season setting the scene for a wonderful night out. We were fortunate to have so many talented individuals who added so much to the show: Lisa (Lily) Ferguson who created the beautiful scenery, Janette Wray for make-up, Ian Rutherford and Mick McLoughlin for sound and Alan Nesbitt for filming. However, so many joined forces for a wonderful production that it is impossible to name them all here. They are all named in the programme that local businesses

sponsored. Many, many thanks to all who have supported us. In due course a recording of the pantomime will be available either by memory stick or DVD. Please contact Elizabeth on 07984121395.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union recently launched their year of work combining it with thanksgiving for a beautiful tablecloth bought by a donation from the late Mabel Hassard and lovingly and expertly embroidered by Laura Rogers. Mabel's children Jennifer Elliott and David Hassard were in attendance and Jennifer read a lesson.



Two young parishioners decorating the trees that will adorn the Orange Hall.



Jennifer Elliott and David Hassard with the tablecloth presented in memory of their late mother.



Left: A close up of the intricate embroidery Laura Rogers did on the tablecloth,

Above: Mothers' Union.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Christmas is about love. But what kind of love is it? There is a lot said about love today and for many love can be whatever you want it to be, for you, but what about God's love?

What does Christmas and the coming into the world of Jesus say about God's love. Well D. L. Moody described Christmas as, "a son away from home", a time when Jesus left his home in heaven and was sent to be born in a draughty stable, in human form, to a young unmarried Jewish girl helped by her fiancé. For God so loved the world that he sent his son...

Here love looks like seeing the needs of others and in a non-self-serving way, setting out, leaving your comfortable life behind, and being prepared to be uncomfortable, if need be, to be a blessing and demonstrate your love to those who need to know that they are loved by someone. This is the love of God and this is Christmas.

How much will this kind of love be on display this Christmas?

How much will this kind of selfless, sacrificial, comfort-leaving, humbling, nothing-is-too-much kind of love will characterise our Christmas experience this year?

Might this be our challenge in a world that is hurting in so many ways; in a world that is in darkness in so many ways; in a world that might not be altogether expecting the love of God to be that real, that powerful,

that bright, that deep, that dedicated and committed to being given away so freely and so lavishly?

With our current challenges whether economic, or in the sphere of peace and war or with the NHS or in particular SWAH concerns or whatever, can we find a way to freely give as we have been freely given, to love and care at this Christmas time, and in doing so be the word become flesh for those who need to not only hear that God loves them but to experience that love through His people.

Curry Night

Curry Night was back on Trillick's menu again in late October with another opportunity to get together around food and some good craic. The last time we organised this event we were not quite out of restrictions just yet and social distancing was the order of the day. It was great to meet again this time without that issue and it was great to see so many come along. A big thank you to the team who made it all happen.



Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to all those who supported the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. We were pleased to send off over 60 shoeboxes this year and play our part in being able to be a blessing to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Diary Dates

■ SATURDAY 3rd December - This month's Car Boot Sale takes place in Kilskeery



Youth Hall from 10.00am – 2.00pm.

■ SUNDAY 4th December - The Girls' Brigade Enrolment Service is taking place in Christ Church, Trillick at 10.30am. On the same day in Kilskeery Parish Church will be our Family Advent Communion Service at 11.45am.

■ FRIDAY 9th December - On this exact date 150 years ago Christ Church Parish, Trillick officially opened its doors during the season of advent. We celebrate this occasion with a special 150th Year Celebrations Advent Service at 7.00pm.

■ SUNDAY 11th December - On this Sunday our two parishes join together to celebrate our Family Advent Carol Service in Kilskeery Parish Church at 11.00am.

■ THURSDAY 15th December - The Queen Elizabeth II'S Christmas Concert in Kilskeery Youth Hall at 7.30pm.

■ SATURDAY 17th December - At 3.30pm our Messy Family event takes place in Kilskeery Youth Hall. This will be filled with Christmas crafts, music, games, food, and entertainment finishing with the Switching on of the Kilskeery lights and a special visit from Santa Claus at 5.30pm. At 7.30 – 9.30pm our Youth Christmas Party will take place in Kilskeery Youth Hall.

■ SUNDAY 18th December - On this Sunday our two parishes join together to celebrate our Family Advent Carol Service in Trillick Parish Church at 11.00am.

■ SATURDAY 24th December - Our Christmas Eve Communion Service takes place this year in Kilskeery Parish Church at 11.15pm.

■ SUNDAY 25th December - Our Christmas Day Family Communion Services this year take place at 9.00am in Trillick Parish Church and 10.30am in Kilskeery Parish Church.



Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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The Crawford -Brown wedding.

Christian Marriage

28th October 2022 was a day of great joy and blessing for the Crawford and Brown families when Rachel Crawford and Dean Brown tied the knot in Lisbellaw Parish Church. It was a wonderful occasion and a privilege to be part of, and we offer our very best wishes and prayers to the couple for a long and happy marriage. We humbly ask and pray God's blessing to be upon them.



Confirmation candidates with Bishop Ian.

Confirmation

Thursday 10 November at 7pm in the Parish Church was an evening of tremendous joy and blessing when 18 of our young people were confirmed by Bishop Ian and received their first Holy Communion supported by a packed church of family, Godparents, friends, and parishioners. The evening was splendidly rounded off with a beautiful supper in the Parish Centre. Sincere thanks to Sadie Speight and the ladies who assisted. A great evening for the Parish. Please remember all our children and young people in your prayers.

Special Hymns Evening

The Parish Church of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck presented 'A Celebration of Hymns' with Lynda Lindsay and Guests on Saturday evening the 12 November at a sell-out concert in the Ardhowen Theatre which included a reflection on Remembrance at this time of the 35th Anniversary of the Enniskillen Bomb. We remember and pray for the loved ones and families who continue to carry such deep loss and pain. Proceeds from the

evening will support Air Ambulance and the Parish Church. Huge credit must go to Lynda Lindsay and the guest artists who made for all in attendance a most memorable evening and occasion and all to the Glory of God!

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday this year had a much more familiar feel to it for the first time since 2019. It was wonderful and fitting to have two very well attended Remembrance Services in the Parish Church on 13 November. The Parish Remembrance Service took place at 10.45am with representation and wreaths laid on behalf of Scouting, Guiding and the Parish. We were grateful and pleased to welcome Grace who poignantly played The Last Post and Reveille. The 3pm Remembrance Service provided the opportunity to welcome back for the first time since 2019 the Lisbellaw Veterans Group who deserve much credit for the organisation and effort they put into the arrangements on the day. A well filled church saw representation from across the Parish and Community.



Attending the special Remembrance Day event.



In addition to a fine turnout from the Veterans we were pleased to extend a warm invitation to the Vice-Principal and children representing Lisbellaw Primary School, Lisbellaw Accordion Band, Beavers, Brethren and Sisters from the Orange amongst others.

Mothers' Union

Congratulations to the Lisbellaw Parish Branch of Mothers' Union who celebrate their 70th Anniversary with a morning service on Christ the King on 20 November. At the time of writing Mrs Heather Ellis, Clogher Diocesan President of MU plans to attend the service. We hope to report further on this event in the next edition of the Clogher Diocesan magazine.

Similarly, we hope to bring an update in the next edition pertaining to a Holy Baptism planned for Advent Sunday 27th November.

May I take this opportunity to wish all a Holy and Blessed Advent Season and Christmas with all good wishes for a peaceful 2023!
God Bless!

Services

Sunday 4 December

11am Holy Communion Lisbellaw
3pm Holy Communion Coolbuck

Wednesday 7 December

1030am Holy Communion Lisbellaw

Sunday 11 December

11am Morning Prayer Lisbellaw
3pm Evening Prayer Coolbuck

Wednesday 14 December

1030am Holy Communion Lisbellaw
*NB – this is the last midweek HC service in 2022.
The first midweek HC service in 2023 is on 11 January DV.

Sunday 18 December

945am Holy Communion Lisbellaw
11am Nativity Service with Sunday School and Bridge Lisbellaw
7pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Lisbellaw

*NB – Coolbuck Parishioners invited to all/ any of the three services in Lisbellaw today.

Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve

5pm Crib Service Coolbuck – TBC*
11pm Festival Holy Communion Coolbuck
Sunday 25 December Christmas Day
11am Festival Holy Communion Lisbellaw

Sunday 1 January 2023

11am Holy Communion Lisbellaw
3pm Holy Communion Coolbuck

Sunday 8 January

11am Morning Prayer Lisbellaw
3pm Evening Prayer Coolbuck – TBC*

Wednesday 11 January

1030am Holy Communion Lisbellaw



At the Remembrance parades.



*NB – The first midweek HC service in 2023

Sunday 15 January

945am Holy Communion Lisbellaw
11am SOTW/Family Service Lisbellaw
3pm Evening Prayer Coolbuck

Wednesday 18 January

1030am Holy Communion Lisbellaw

Sunday 22 January

11am Morning Prayer Lisbellaw
3pm Evening Prayer Coolbuck

Wednesday 25 January

1030am Holy Communion Lisbellaw or Coolbuck – TBC*

Sunday 29 January

11am Morning Prayer Lisbellaw
3pm Evening Prayer Coolbuck



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Services for December

SUNDAY 4th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Children's Church 11.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

SUNDAY 11th

10.30 a.m. Family Service

WEDNESDAY 14th

3.00 p.m. Holy Communion in Trinity Hall for
Seniors

SUNDAY 18th

7.00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight
(Please note no Morning Service)
Collection for sponsored children
Children's Church 11.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

8.00 p.m. Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Services for January

SUNDAY 1st

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY 8th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 11th

3.00 p.m. Holy Communion in Trinity Hall for
Seniors

SUNDAYS 15th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Children's Church 11.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

SUNDAYS 22nd and 29th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

In Christ Jesus

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit." (Romans 8:1)

If you are in Christ Jesus then there is no condemnation, the reason being that you live your life according to the Spirit by choosing to walk in the Spirit.



Children enjoying their activities.



But what happens when we choose to live and walk in the flesh even though we are still in Christ Jesus? Does that mean that we are condemned? There are many ways to answer this but I want to ask the question in a different way and to think about this situation differently.

For me, we live in a world of absolutes:

Right and Wrong

Good and Bad Either / Or What if there is another way?

People, so often, look at the church as to how it benefits them and in a way: Jesus; God and the church; are all viewed in a similar way.

How can THEY benefit me? Making ME the centre of the Universe.

So when I come to Christ it is to benefit ME. When I go to church, it is to benefit ME.

Getting into heaven is to my benefit and so, therefore, I will go to church and believe in Jesus.

Seems strange when I put it this way. Surely nobody would ever think like this, or would they? Or do they? Or am I - thinking this way?

Is it really ALL about ME? In a sense IT IS as Jesus came to rescue us and to SAVE us. To bring heaven to us. But in so doing He made it all about Him as only He (Jesus) was good enough to pay the price for sin.

As only He (Jesus) was able to stand before a Holy God since He was good enough and since He was righteous and sinless.

But in doing this for US, to all who accepted Him (Jesus), He gave the right to become children of God.

And as such we find ourselves IN Him. The focus then CHANGES

We stop being so shallow in thinking about our benefits and rather focus on knowing Jesus, more and more and more.

And in knowing Him we get to know the Father and the Holy Spirit.

GOD in all His wonder, glory and splendour - simply by knowing Jesus.

So it is no longer about Right or wrong, or Good or bad

But it is about JESUS Why would we WANT to live according to the flesh when we know Jesus? So I suppose the real question is:

"Do you really KNOW Jesus?"



Burial

Monday 31st October - Irene Ethel Morrison, Macknagh, Lisnaskea. Our sympathy are with the Morrison family circle at this time and indeed all families who have been recently bereaved.

Remembrance

How good it was to be able to have a parade to church and a "normal" remembrance service this year for the first time since COVID 19 restrictions were lifted. There was a good attendance in church and Lisnaskea Silver Band led the parade. Letty Downey was our organist, Helen Wilson played the Last Post and Adam Fawcett piped the Lament. Mark McVitty gave the exhortation and members of the security forces past and present laid wreaths along with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Shoebboxes

Once again this year we have had a good response to our shoebox appeal. Thank you to all everyone who took part. The boxes are now on their way to many deserving children who without doubt will really appreciate your generosity.

Children's Church

Numbers are steadily growing and the children seem to be enjoying the activities each week. Thank you to the parents who give of their time to plan for this and keep it going. The older children attending are being prepared by the Rector for a Service of Confirmation which will take place on 23rd April 2023.

Magheracross



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A very happy Christmas to all our friends across the diocese. Our December programme is very varied with many traditional events returning for the first time since 2019.

Friday 2nd December

Christmas Lights and Fayre. Santa is expected to make an arrival at the Commons playpark and turn on the village lights at about 6.30pm. He will then head to his grotto in the Archdale Hall for the Christmas Fayre. All the usual stalls and refreshments will be available.

Sunday 4th December

2pm - Messy Christmas. The Archdale Hall will host this enjoyable children's and family event with craft tables creating items associated with Christmas.

Sunday 4th December

At 7pm Ballinamallard Youth are holding their Carol Service in the Methodist Hall.

Saturday 10th December

8pm - A "traditional" youth social in the Archdale Hall.



Taking part in the Remembrance Day parade.



Sunday 11th December

At 11am, a Nativity Service featuring our Sunday School children.

Sunday 11th December

At 3pm, a special Carol Service in association with our local Mencap group and special guest, the Revd Charlie Eames.

Tuesday 13th December

At 10am Primary School Carols in the Parish Church.

Wednesday 14th December

From 8am the Annual Charity Sit Out will take place at the church gate. This year, we are supporting Tear Fund and its work with Ukrainian aid agencies and the Water Drops project, building water storage tanks in Kajiado diocese where drought is a major problem.

Saturday 17th December

At approximately 5.15pm following Ballinamallard United's home game, Carols and Readings at Ferney Park.

Sunday 18th December

At 11am, Carol Service in Parish Church with Ballinamallard Silver Band. Also in the Methodist Church at 7pm.

Saturday 24th December

11.15pm Midnight Communion.

Christmas Day

Communion Services at 8.30am and 10am.

Saturday 31st December

Watchnight Service in Methodist Church.

Remembrance

Thank you to all who took part in and supported our Remembrance Sunday service. The local Royal British Legion organized the parade with all our youth organisations. The Last Post was played by Luke Henderson and Victor McKenzie read the names of those from the parish who died in conflict. Wreaths were laid by representatives of various organisations and the flag party included all the scouting groups and RBL.

Mothers' Union

The November meeting was held in the Archdale Hall on Thursday, 3rd November. The meeting was opened with the Hymn 'Here is love' with Rita Stewart playing the piano. Doreen Hicks read the scripture and Linda Hamilton led the prayers. Norma Scott, Branch Leader, then introduced Mr Peter Scott from RNLI. Peter gave us a very interesting and informative presentation and talk on the important work of the organisation, especially here in Fermanagh. He explained the structure of the RNLI as well as the education and training of the public when on the water. The staff are all looking forward to the opening of the new station at Killadeas.

Margaret Kerr proposed a vote of thanks to Peter. The business part of the meeting then took place with Norma reminding us of some important dates leading up to Christmas.

The Branch are having their Christmas meal in The Tap House on Thursday, 8th December.



Members of Magheracross Mothers' Union with the Worldwide President, Sheran Harper; All-Ireland President, June Butler and the Worldwide Trustee for All-Ireland, Iris Suitor.

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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Christmas Day Dinner

We invite anyone who would like to join us for Christmas dinner, company and entertainment for Christmas Day Dinner at 12noon. We will be enjoying all the full trimmings of Christmas dinner, guitar and singing entertainment with non-alcoholic mulled wine. If you (or anyone you know) may wish to join us, please contact Violet O'Riordan 028 6863 2477 or 07871 754 695 or Glenn Johnston on 07921 399 874 before Friday, 16 December 2022 to book. Please let us know if you will need help with transport.

Remembrance Sunday

Our Remembrance Service opened with 'O God our help in ages past'. We were joined with 1st Magheraculmoney Scouts and 1st Magheraculmoney Guides. As this was the first Remembrance Service after the death of Queen Elizabeth II, it was a poignant time when the wreath laying was over and we sang the National Anthem for our King.

Harvest

We had a wonderful weekend of harvest celebrations and thank everyone involved in



The Light Party takes place.

decorating the church. On Friday 21st October Revd Colin Brownsmith joined us for our Harvest Thanksgiving Service with tea/coffee afterwards in the Parish Centre. On Sunday 23rd October, we had a wonderful service with a poem and song by the Children's Church, the Choir singing and the baptism of a farmer's daughter (Leah Farrell).

On Friday 28th October, Kesh Primary School had their P3-P7 harvest celebrations. This was an extremely impressive service with brilliant singing and actions. The church was packed and we were grateful to be able to be part of this and look forward to many more celebrations by Kesh Primary School at Ardess Parish Church in the future.

Promise Awards

Promise Night for 1st Magheraculmoney Scouts was held when there were photographs taken of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with their Leaders. Also pictures of Beaver of the Year, Cub of the Year and Scout of the Year with Revd Abraham Storey. On the evening of the Promise Awards, 1st Magheraculmoney Scouts acknowledged Maurice Lee's award of Silver Wolf with a special presentation for his service. Ardess Parish Church congratulates Maurice Lee on this outstanding achievement.

Light Party

We offered an alternative to 'Halloween' celebrations with our Light Party on 30th December. We had over 70 children attending and they played games, had



the opportunity to make different crafts (lanterns, button pictures, cd birds/fish). We sang 'This Little Light of Mine' and learned about Jesus being the Light of the World and how we can shine our own light. We enjoyed yummy snacks, sweets and juice. We finished up with celebrating Jesus is the Light of the World with glow sticks.

Christmas At Ardess

(Updates on Ardess Parish Church Facebook page).

18th December 2022, Sunday

11.00am Children's Church Service
7.30pm Community Carol Service.

24th December 2022, Friday

11.30pm Christmas Eve, Candlelight

25th December 2022, Sunday

10.00am Christmas Day Service (note time).

12.00pm Christmas Day Dinner
(1st January 2023, Sunday: 11.00am Sunday Service).

Regular Events

SUNDAYS

Worship Gathering: 11.00am (every Sunday).

Children's Church (age 4+): 11th and 18th Dec (in Church - Christmas Children's Service).

MONDAYS

Magheraculmoney Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers at The Fountain Centre.

TUESDAYS

Friends in the Afternoon 2.00pm (fortnightly) at AP Centre: 6th December Christmas Communion; 10th January 2023 Community Police and Bring and Buy Sale.



Scout Group's presentations.





Scout Group's presentations.



WEDNESDAYS

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

Magheraculmoney Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at The Fountain Centre.

THURSDAYS

Ardess In-Stitches 8.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre.

Mothers Union: Communion Service 8.00pm 19th January 2023 at Ardess Parish Church.

FRIDAYS

Fountain Youth Club (ages 11-14) every first



Revd. Abraham Storey with the Farrell family at the baptism.

and third Friday of the month.

Baptism

■ 17 October - Rosa Jacqueline Walmsley, daughter of Darren and Melissa Walmsley, Kesh.

■ 23 October - Leah Isobel Gladys Farrell, daughter of Darren and Ruth Farrell, Kesh

■ 30 October - Luke James McGaughey, son of Sean McGaughey and Melissa Davis, Ederney.

Baptisms

6th June 2021

- Isla Melissa Walmsley, daughter of Darren and Melissa Walmsley.

- Lily Alma Kirkpatrick, daughter of Samuel and Karen Kirkpatrick.

13th June 2021

- Olivia Grace Dickson, daughter of Marc Dickson and Clare Kearney.

- Rebecca Hazel Noble, daughter of Timothy Noble and Jenny Thompson.

- Jackson Andrew Sloane, son of Andrew and Grace Sloane.

27th June 2021

- Theodore Leslie Benjamin Dixon, son of

Andrew and Lucy Dixon.

- Hallie Elizabeth Brumpton, daughter of Rhys and Cathy Brumpton.

- Daisy Martina Armstrong and Millie Grace Armstrong, daughters of Lee Armstrong and Gail Hunter.

- Tommy Andrew Pooley, son of Andrew and Julieann Pooley.

29th August 2021 - Allie Nevaeh Brench, daughter of Callum Brench and Cliona Burchmore.

31st October 2021 - Oliver Lee Richard Ross, son of Richard and Jayne Ross.

4th November 2021 - Tiana Joe Balfour, daughter of Jason and Clerice Balfour.

7th November 2021 - Emily Sylvia Rose Bogle, daughter of Lee and Rachel Bogle.

Weddings

2nd August 2021 - Jamie Loane and Megan Vance.

28th August 2021 - Jordan Flack and Sarah-Louise Bryans.

4th September 2021 - David McCutcheon and Rachel Mahon.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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At the time of reading these notes the season of Advent will be upon us. Advent is that very special time of year when we take time to reflect on Christ's promise to return to us again. The challenge with



The Remembrance Service and parade taking place.

the season of Advent is to hold onto that period of quiet, hopeful longing whilst all around us Christmas is calling! The shops have been bursting with red and green for many weeks now, and with the turning on of many festive lights, it is almost impossible to hold off on Christmas as we try to take time in the season of Advent. But jumping into Christmas too quickly brings its own difficulties. By the time the big day arrives, many children are almost too exhausted to enjoy it because they have been running on adrenalin waiting



so long. As soon as the day is over, many adults have now become accustomed to pulling the decorations down, again too soon, but primarily because they have been up so long that they have lost their lustre and become tired. This, in turn, means that the 12 days of Christmas slip



Young people's activities.



away almost unnoticed, and Epiphany, traditionally the day to remove our decorations, is almost forgotten. As we begin this season of Advent, this first season in the Church year, together, I encourage you to use it carefully, to take time in quietness away from the busyness of the festive season, which isn't due quite yet. When we take time with God in this special season, it gives us the opportunity to draw close to Him, to contemplate what the return of Christ will mean for each and every one of us, and to make extra preparations so that we are ready in heart and in mind, should Christ's return come sooner than we expected. When we take seriously the season of Advent, taking the time we need we need to make ready our homes and our hearts for Christ, it means that when Christmas day does arrive, we will be able to celebrate with genuine joy and heartfelt sincerity. May our preparations for the second coming of Christ allow us to truly and joyfully celebrate his first coming when Christmas day dawns this year! *'The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.'* Isaiah 40:5

Parish Activity

On Sunday 13th November 2022 we held a Service of Remembrance in both churches. It was wonderful to have the Rainbows and Brownies participating in our service once again as we all came together in grateful thanks for the sacrifices made by so many in time of conflict. Our regular groups continue to meet as normal. Many are benefitting from being

able to return to our Walking Group, our Morning Coffee group, our Knit and Natter, bowls and Youth Fellowships. Our Senior YF is doing quite well, but our Junior YF is lacking in numbers and it would be wonderful to see more families supporting this. We are so grateful to the leaders of these groups for their hard work – it makes a significant difference to so many! On Friday 28th October 2022 we held a 'Light Party' for our young people of Primary School age. This was well attended and great fun was had by all! We looked at Jesus as the Light of the World and learned about the Bible being 'a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.'

Porter Graves at Derrybrusk

The Porter graves at Derrybrusk are currently being restored and spruced up by the hard work of the Lisbellaw and South Fermanagh World War Society. Sincere thanks to them for this work, which has been headed up by Mr Tony Watson. Thanks also to Mervyn Johnston for his hard work also.

Mothers' Union

Five members attended the Mothers' Union special service in St. Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen for the commissioning of Mrs Heather Ellis as Clogher Diocesan President. The Worldwide President Mrs Sheran Harper and All-Ireland President, Mrs June Butler were in attendance.

On Tuesday 8th November, Derrybrusk Mothers' Union hosted the November meeting in Belle Isle Hall. Mrs Lettie Coulter talked about the history of

scarves. She demonstrated how to wear scarves in various ways and how this can transform your outfit.

As our theme in Mothers' Union this year is Transformation, we have committed to look at how we can reach out and help the lonely and especially the younger generation.

Members attended Sallaghy Mothers' Union Visitors' Night on Wednesday 9th November. Revd Lorraine Capper presented Fabulous Fashion. It showed us how we don't need a lot of clothes in our wardrobe as we can mix and match our clothes in different ways.

MU Dates for your diary:

- Saturday 26th November – Mothers' Union members will take part in the 16 days of Activism Against Gender Violence. Members will meet at Colebrooke Church Hall 9.30am to walk around the Estate or members can talk and listen to agencies in the hall who support domestic violence



Clearing graves.



Lettie Coulter who gave a talk on scarves at Derrybrusk MU.

in our dioceses. Refreshments served. Please let the Branch Leader or Secretary know if you are hoping to attend.

• In Monday 5th December 2022 at 8pm, Maguiresbridge will host the meeting in the Church Hall. The theme will be Christmas Crafts and a light supper will be served.

Shoe Box Appeal!

Mrs Annie Carson has been working hard all year to put together no less than 60 boxes for the Shoe Box appeal! Her original target was 50, but upon hearing of further need in Ukraine as a result of the conflict there, she decided to increase her number so that children there could benefit as well. Annie is dedicated to this cause and has spent several years working tirelessly to put the boxes together. Her continued hard work and commitment means that more children in deepest need across the world will



Annie Carson with her shoeboxes.



receive the blessing of a shoe box of joy this Christmas. Annie's commitment allows her to show the love of Christ to children in the developing world, allowing them to truly feel value d. What a wonderful example to us all!

From the Registers

BAPTISM:

Sunday 30th October 2022 – Baptism in Maguiresbridge of Thea Lily Beacom, daughter of Ian and Lesley. May she grow in the faith into which she has been baptised.

BURIAL

Friday 21st October 2022 – Burial at Derrybrusk of Mr Neville Montgomery, Carrickfergus.

The Rector, Select Vestries and parishioners of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk also wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Bishop Ellis, his wife Heather, and the wider family, following



The Beacom family at the baptism service.

the deaths of his mother and aunt. We also extend our sympathy to Darryl and Laura Hassard following the death of Darryl's father; and to Mark and Vicky Howe, following the death of Vicky's brother.

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

Looking ahead

- Maguiresbridge Parish Auction on Saturday, 10th December 2022 at 1.30pm in Christ Church hall.
- SEFF Carol Service in Maguiresbridge on Sunday 11th December 2022 at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be served after the service.
- Sunday 18th December 2022, Service of Lessons and Carols in both Churches.
- Holy Communion in the hall – date tbc.
- Christmas Eve service of Holy Communion in Derrybrusk at 11pm.
- Christmas Day service of Holy Communion in Maguiresbridge at 10.30am.
- New Year's Day services as normal.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

4th December Second Sunday of Advent

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

11th December Third Sunday of Advent

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

13th December

Ladies Group Interdenominational Carol Service in St. Patrick's church at 8pm.

18th December Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
7pm Ballinode Group Carol Service

23rd December

Kilmore Carol Service 7:30pm

Christmas Day

9.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
Traditional Holy Communion
10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
All Age Communion

1st January

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

8th January

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

15th January

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

22nd January

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

29th January

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

Parish Autumn Sale

The sale took place on Friday 21st October. We are thankful to all who to all who organised, baked, brought goods, helped to set up and helped on the day and to all who supported the sale. The total raised so far is €3600.

Ladies Group

They held their October meeting on 18th October when they visited Margaret Treanor's Cottage in Tydavnet for an evening of traditional stories, poems, songs and bread baking demonstration. The December meeting will be on Thursday, 8th December for the annual Christmas dinner.

In January the group meet on Tuesday 17th January in the hall 8pm. The guest speaker will be Raymond Wilkinson on his recent trip to Alaska.

Mothers' Union

The MU held their November meeting on Tuesday 1st November with a talk by Linda Keating, member of the M.U. Trustee Body. The January meeting will be on Tuesday 10th at 7.30pm in St Patrick's for a Service of Holy Communion.

Carol and Christmas Service arrangements

Tuesday 13th December - Ladies Group Interdenominational Carol Service at 8pm with a range of local choirs and groups taking part. Refreshments served afterwards in the hall.

Sunday 18th December - Group Carol Service in Ballinode at 7.30pm.

Friday 23rd December - Carol Service in Kilmore at 7.30pm.

Christmas Day

9.30am - St Patrick's Traditional Holy Communion

10.30am - St Patrick's All Age Communion

Ballinode Parish Hall

We are grateful to have been successful in our application for a grant from the Community Centre Investment Fund run by the Department of Rural and Community Development under Minister Heather Humphreys. The grant will help us to do some much-needed work to the parish hall and kitchen

Parish Finances

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

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

Condolences

We were saddened to learn of the death of Ida McElwaine and extend our prayerful condolences to George, Shirley, Kenneth,

Roy and the wider family circle. Ida's funeral, conducted by Revd. Margaret Pringle, took place on Sunday 30th October.

We offer prayerful sympathy to a number of parishioners and families on recent bereavements; Doreen Bethel on the death of her brother and sister-in-law, Iris Hackett and family on the death of her brother and sister-in-law, Pearl Breakey and family on the death of her sister-in-law,

Illness

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

The Department of Employment and Social Protection Community Employment Scheme

The end of another year is nigh and we express grateful thanks to Ms. Elaine Gunn O'Connor and Mr. Kevin Clarke and all the participants for work carried out, much of it unseen at various locations throughout Co. Monaghan.

Christmas Greetings

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

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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.



The Remembrance Service and parade to Rossorry Church.

A note from the Rector INTRODUCTION

As we enter the season of Advent it seems an appropriate time to be entering into a new life and ministry in Rossorry Parish. Canon Jen, Kizzy and I are delighted to be here and wish to thank you for your warm welcome and support. I, of course, began my first days of ministry by sleeping in the church before my first service - a time of reflection and prayer and getting to know

folk from the parish. I was overwhelmed by so many visits and the kindness of gifts of food and coffee!

We are delighted how well Kizzy has settled into Jones Memorial Primary School having made many friends already and seeing the same kids in Cubs and Sunday School. As a family we look forward to the three of us being in the Rossorry Rectory permanently as Jen continues to minister to her parish, The Aughaval Group, centred in Westport.



Rossorry Scout members above at their parade on Remembrance Sunday and right enjoying some activities.

HOLY COMMUNION

We are glad to be in a position where all restrictions from the pandemic are now gone. Many parishioners have chosen to return to the shared cup, receiving Communion in both kinds. I would stress, however, there is no obligation to do so and I would urge anyone who wishes to receive the bread only to continue to do so. As the Ministry Team distribute Communion we will endeavour to make this as easy for people as we can.

NEW SERVICE TIMES

As part of the return to pre-covid patterns the service times will change to enable two services each Sunday once again. The start of a new Christian Year seems an appropriate time to do this, so from Advent Sunday the 27th November the service times will be:
 9.00am - Holy Communion
 10.30am - Holy Communion (first Sunday);
 Morning Prayer all other Sundays.

WORSHIP OVER CHRISTMAS

We look forward to all the usual services of the season being open once again. This is a great opportunity for the family to gather together and if you have not yet returned to worship following Covid please do consider coming along to join us at any of the services listed below.

EPIPHANY LECTURE

Epiphany is the time of year that we

traditionally follow the Journey of the Magi, the Three Kings or the Wise Men as they follow the great star to find and worship the infant Jesus. In the spirit of listening and learning Rossorry Parish will be starting a series of Epiphany Lectures which will draw such wisdom for the fields of Science, History, Art, Culture & Society and Politics. Our first speaker will be Mr Clive Scoular, historian, lecturer and author. For tickets to this event please contact the Parish Office.

RECTORY OPEN DAY

Jen, Kizzy and I would like to invite you to an open day in the rectory. This will be an opportunity for you to visit us in our new home and to join us for tea, coffee or mulled wine and mince pies and other light refreshments. This is a busy time of year and a busy weekend for families but do please make time throughout the day on Saturday 17th December 11.00am - 3.00pm to come and visit.

LET US PRAY

Loving Father,
 we thank you for the gift of your Son,
 as we now prepare for Christmas.
 May our hearts and our homes
 always be open to him,
 that he may dwell with us for ever,



and we may serve him gladly all our days,
 to the honour and glory of your name.
 Amen

Dates for the Diary

- Communion in the Hall
 Sunday 11th December 2022 at 3.00pm
- Carol Service
 Sunday 18th December 2022 at 7.00pm
- Jones Memorial Carol Service
 Monday 19th December 202 at 7.00pm
- Blue Christmas
 Wednesday 21st December 2022 at 8.00pm
- Christmas Eve
 Saturday 24th December 2022 at 10.00pm
- The First Communion of Christmas
- Christmas Day
 Sunday 25th December 2022
 Family Holy Communion 10.00am
- Rossorry Epiphany Lecture
 Friday 6th January 2023 at 8.00pm
- Epiphany Carol Service
 Sunday 8th January 2023 at 7.00pm

Parish Register

BEREAVEMENTS

■ FYFFE, Doreen, at Hillcrest Care Home, Omagh, formerly of 8, Elliott Place, Enniskillen, on 18th October 2022. Her funeral service took place at 2.00pm on Thursday 20th October 2022 at Ballycassidy Funeral Home, followed by interment at Rossorry Parish Churchyard in



Cub Scouts trying out their paper planes.



the family plot. Revd. Colin Brownsmith and Mr Ronnie Fyffe officiated.

■ **GAMBLE, Jim (MBE)**, of Willoughby Place, Enniskillen(peacefully), at Omagh Hospital on 19th October 2022. His funeral service took place at 1.30pm on Saturday 22nd October 2022 at Mullaghdund Parish Church, followed by interment at Rossorry Parish Churchyard in the family plot.

■ **GRAHAM, Lorna Ann**, of Loughshore Road, Magheradunbar, Enniskillen (peacefully)

At the South-West Acute Hospital on 3rd November 2022. Her Funeral service took place at Rossorry Parish Church at 1.00pm on Monday 7th November 2022, followed by interment in Rossorry Churchyard in the family plot.

Revd. Stephen Mc Whirter officiated.

The sincerest condolences of the whole Parish go to the families and friends of the Fyffe, Gamble and Graham families at this sad time.

Remembrance Sunday

A Service of Remembrance was held in Rossorry at 10am on Sunday 13th November 2022, conducted by our new Rector. It was good to return to the full service, following the constraints of Covid.

The Church was full to capacity and a parade by Rossorry Scouts with flags commenced the service.

Wreaths were laid by Mr. Gerry O' Callaghan (a tribute to our late Queen Elizabeth II), Mr. Tommy Armstrong (on behalf of the Parish), Mr. Willie Faulkner (on behalf of the UDR Association), Mr. Garry Clarke (on behalf of 1st Rossorry Scouts) and Mrs Avril Armstrong (on behalf of Rossorry Guides.)

Rossorry Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union met on 17th November

and their speaker was our new Rector, Revd. Stephen Mc Whirter.

A surprise to all our members was his creative skills and showed garments he had sewn and knitted for himself and his daughter. One of the colourful pieces was a Scouts campfire blanket he had created from his many badges as well as a kilt and sleeveless pullovers.

His talk was entertaining and informative and served as a welcome introduction about himself.

There was a good attendance at our last meeting for 2022. The next meeting will be a commencement service for 2023 with Holy Communion.

Rossorry branch send their good wishes to Mrs Heather Ellis, former Branch leader on her new role as Clogher Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union.

Scouts

The Scouts have been busy with their activities, as usual.

On 18th October they met at the Hangout in East Bridge Street – to 'hang out' !!! They had great fun relaxing and chilling.

On 22nd October the Scouts went off to camp at Claddagh Glen. Camp fire lit and games organised, things were going so well until the rain arrived. They had to seek shelter the next morning at Claddagh Glen Visitor Centre.

On 16th November the Scouts learnt about woodturning and got to try their hand at making coasters. They loved it!

Cub Scouts

The Cubs met in the Hall on 9th November and had great fun making paper aeroplanes and playing mini rugby. We hope that the rest of their year flies as well as their little aeroplanes.

Rossorry Guides

Discussions are currently under way to re-establish the Rossorry Guides which was curtailed during Covid. Please watch for information as this moves forward.

Rossorry Wednesday Club

The Club met again in the Barrack Store at the Castle for a Halloween Lunch on Wednesday 26th October at 12.30pm. Their next meeting was on 9th November in the Barrack Store when they made Christmas trees out of magazines before a pleasant lunch together. They had a surprise visit from the new Rector and he was delighted to meet them all as were they to meet him.

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?

Return to in Church Worship

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

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

There is a return to two Sunday services each week at 9.00am and 10.30 am from 27th November 2022 (the first Sunday in Advent) in Church.



Craftwork carried out by many age groups.



Revd Stephen visiting the Wednesday Club.

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

Parish Hall and Organisations

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

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

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

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

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

Parish 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 will contain a road map of references in the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymn Book from 27th November 2022 onwards. We will return to full use of our books in church from that date. 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

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

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

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

The Parish Office

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

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

Tel:- 02866 329889

Email: - rossorryoffice@btinternet.com

Services for December 2022

Sunday 4th December

9.00am – Holy Communion.
10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 11th December

9.00am – Holy Communion
10.30am - Morning Prayer
3.00pm - Communion in the Hall for elderly / housebound etc.



Revd Stephen with his Scouts campfire blanket he made, along with a kilt and pullover.

Sunday 18th December

9.00am – Holy Communion
10.30am- Morning Prayer
7.00pm – Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Saturday 24th December

10.00pm – Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Sunday 25th December

10.30am - Christmas Day Holy Communion

Services for January 2023

Sunday 1st January

9.00am – Holy Communion.
10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 8th January

9.00am – Holy Communion
10.30am - Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th January

9.00am – Holy Communion
10.30am- Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd January

9.00am – Holy Communion
10.30am- Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th January

9.00am – Holy Communion
10.30am- Morning Prayer

The new Rector (Revd. Stephen McWhirter) and Parish Readers will deliver Services.

- Pastoral Care as well as christenings, funerals and weddings will be conducted by the new Rector.

Contact Us...

Website: rossorryparish.com

Facebook: Rossorry Parish Church

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

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Telephone at 02866 329889.

Tempo and Clabby



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Baptism

16th October 2022 - Thomas Alexander Eric McDonald, son of Mark and Ashleigh McDonald, Main Street Brookeborough. May God bless Thomas's parents as they bring him up in their family and enable him one day to come to his own personal faith in Christ.

Tempo Marching Bands Concert

The evening was enjoyed by all present; particularly it was a great opportunity to be together again. A word of thanks again to Rodney White for contacting all the bands, those who sold tickets, helped in various ways on the night and to everyone who attended on the night. Last but not least to our bands; Maguiresbridge Silver, Rosslea Accordion, Irvine Memorial (Clabby) pipe and Alistair Scott Ceildh bands.

Clabby Auction

Thank you to those who worked hard preparing for and helping at the event and to those who come along on the day to support the event.

December Diary

- 11th December - Family Toy Service. A young people's Carol Service with toys and gifts to be donated to the local Women's Aid Appeal.
- 13th December - Mothers' Union Christmas Dinner at 7.30pm in the Lady Nelson, Tempo open to members and their spouses and parishioners. Contact Caroline Clarke on 89541881
- 18th December - Parish Carol Service with collection towards Bishop's Appeal.
- 24th December - Christmas Eve Holy Communion 10.30pm. Tempo Collection to Bishop's appeal.

■ 25th December - Christmas Day Family Service and Holy Communion 10.30am. Collection to Bishop's Appeal.

January diary

■ 10th January 2023 - Mothers' Union at 8pm. Holy Communion Service Tempo Church Hall 8pm.

Advance date

Tempo Table Quiz on Thursday 9th February 2023 at 8pm. This is a provisional date (TBC). Please watch Church Facebook and other publicity.

General Vestry Register

During January the General Vestry Register will be open for new members to sign. Forms available from the Churchwardens for those 18 years and over and paid at least £50 in the past year to Church Funds.

Christ is Coming

That is the message of the season of Advent. Our scripture readings, our hymns, the collects we use during the season and at our Christmas services point us to His first coming, but beyond it to his second coming. Isaiah Chapter 11 v 1-12 is one of those many prophecies given by God to the prophet. It speaks of Jesus the human descendent of David promised by God to King David. "A shoot will come forth from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of power, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord and he will delight in the fear of the Lord".

John chapter 1 speaks of the coming, the birth of the eternal Son of God "In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God, and the word was God, He was in the beginning with God..... The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us".

This birth, the virgin birth took place Quietly in Bethlehem's manger, and announced first to the humble shepherds by Angels "To-day in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord". The star guided the Wise men to him. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his

mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped. (Matthew 2 v 11) God sent Jesus at just the right time, to redeem us, Paul reminds us in Galatians 4. Jesus said He will return again at the set time by God the Father. It will be very much a public event all living will both see and hear, but come suddenly and with surprise "For the Lord himself will come from Heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first".

Jesus will come again as our judge Hebrews 9 v 28 "He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring Salvation to those who are waiting for him". 2nd Corinthians chapter 5 v 20 "For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, weather good or bad".

When Jesus spoke about his return in several places in the first three gospels He emphasised its suddenness' and need to be ready, watching and waiting for it. "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour".

We could use words of Advent and Christmas hymns or Carols to commit our lives to Christ as we remember and celebrate His first coming and prepare for His Second Advent.

*Make way; make way for Christ the King
In splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome him
Into your lives.*

*O holy child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray,
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us to-day.*

*We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell,
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord, Emmanuel.*

Jean, Sarah and I wish all our Parishioners God's blessing for a happy, restful Christmas and New Year. We pray for all Parishioners who may find this Christmas difficult, sad, Lonely having lost a loved one from last year.



Trory and Killadeas



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Exciting things in our parishes at the end of November

At the time of writing, we have not yet had our Big Quiz and Fun Night, the 'Try a Bowl' night with Trory Bowling Club, both in Ballycassidy Hall, or hosted the Diocesan Advent Carol Service in Priory, but by the time of print these will all have happened. It is anticipated that everyone had a great night at the quiz and fun night, and it definitely wasn't your average run of the mill quiz. In between every two rounds we had individual spot prizes for artistic challenges, cookie decorating, blindfolded nerve challenges and a few sporty/bendy 'Challenge-a Rect-a' challenges (like Challenge Anneka for anyone who has a memory going back that far). Thanks to everyone who baked homemade treats for the tea break, counted money, kept scores, marked sheets, took part in the challenges, and set up and cleared the hall, and all other jobs which made the night possible. After a flyer drop, a few local households have 'dropped in' with the bowling club, and the 'Try a Bowl' night has also generated some new interest. It is good to see some momentum building for Trory Bowling Club again. In typical Revd. Mark style, when you see quote marks around the event, it means a wee pun. In this case, as well as trying your hand at bowling, there was also a bowl of Chilli, or a bowl of vegetable soup, both served with crusty bread served during the break instead of a usual cup of tea.

It was a huge honour for Priory Church to be asked to host the Diocesan Carol Service this year after the Covid hiatus, and especially as this is the first time it has been held outside of one of the diocesan cathedrals, and many thanks to the Dean and Chapter for this gracious invitation to host. I am confident in writing ahead of time that the choir did themselves proud (at the rehearsals they are sounding fantastic.)

Remembrance Sunday

This year was of course especially poignant being the 35th anniversary of the Enniskillen bombing. Revd. Mark spoke of how we choose to remember affects the generations after us.

Orange Banner Mission

It was a delight and a great honour for Revd. Mark to be asked to speak at the closing night of the Banner mission this year. Revd. Mark spoke about how this final night of 'The Mission' was actually the start of 'mission' as it is the call placed upon all Christians, to go out into the world and spread the Good News of Christ throughout the world. It only begins when we get outside the doors of a church meeting.

Priory Collections for Storehouse

If anyone would like to donate store cupboard items to Storehouse/The Enniskillen Foodbank, we will be collecting donations in a box at the back of Priory Church every week. Please check their website/Facebook page, or listen to announcements in church for details of what is needed as these vary week to week.

The Chair of FODC visits Ballycassidy Hall

Revd. Mark hosted the Chair of FODC along with other local councillors, and FODC employees in Ballycassidy Hall on Friday 28th October. This was an excellent opportunity to explore new possible links with the council for events, outreach activities and funding possibilities for our parishes. We look forward to seeing what the future has in store.

Trory Christmas Light Switch On

Trory Christmas Lights will be switched on this year on Sunday 5th December at 8pm, and we begin with a Christingle and Passing of the Light service in Trory Church at 7pm. This is a festive service filled with imagery and fun elements for all ages to get involved with, including Christingle kits for everyone in the church to make. 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 hot chocolate and a hot mince pie, as well as other elements of festive cheer.

Advent Midweek Services

This year the theme of our midweek reflections will be 'Christmas Traditions' and we will look at how our traditions evolved, and the Christian roots underpinning them. Services will be held in St. Michael's Parish Church, Trory on Wednesdays at 7pm, and (technology permitting) will also be streamed on Facebook live.

Special Christmas Services

As with every year when we get to Christmas, things change slightly with the pattern and order of worship. The main ones to look out for include the Christingle and Procession of Lights in Trory, Carols By Candlelight in Killadeas, the 'Christmas Cracker' services, Midnight Holy Communion on Christmas Eve in Killadeas, and All Age Christmas Day in Trory.

Christingle and Procession of Lights in Trory

Trory, 5th December, 7pm, See Christmas Light Switch on section for details.

Carols By Candlelight in Killadeas

18th December, Priory, 4.30pm. Please note there is no 10am service in Priory on 18th December, nor is there a Choral Evensong this month as the 4th Sunday is Christmas day. The Carol Service at 4.30pm is in place of these. There will be spiced apple juice, 'preacher's punch' and mince pies after this service.

'Christmas Cracker' with a Nativity Treasure Hunt services

A 'Christmas Cracker' of a service has a little bit of everything and is our 'All Age' Christmas service in both parishes. At the centre of it, there will be a nativity treasure hunt within the church. To find out more, come along. These services are on the same weekend as the Sunday school Christmas party/outing.

Midnight Holy Communion on Christmas Eve in Killadeas,

For Christmas Eve/Christmas Day, we come together as a group of parishes. First Holy Communion of Christmas Day is in Killadeas at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve. This is the joint Holy Communion service for Christmas Day for both parishes. It will be traditional Holy Communion 1. If you want to receive Holy Communion on Christmas, this is the service for you.

All Age Christmas Day in Trory

Even though Christmas day is a Sunday, we are observing it as we usually do as Christmas Day, not as a Sunday. There is no Sunday morning Service in Killadeas on Christmas morning (as mentioned above, we are coming together on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day.) This is the less formal all age service for our group. Children (and big kids) are encouraged to bring their



Mothers' Union members enjoy a night of pampering at their latest meeting.

presents along to this service, as we give thanks for them, as well as for family, friends, and the incarnation of our Saviour as man on earth.

Mothers' Union

On November 14th, we were treated to a night of pampering from Amanda Cadden, which all the ladies really enjoyed. The next meeting will be Monday 12th December in Priory hall at 2pm, and we hope to be joined by Peggy Wray, who will teach us how to make decorative Christmas wreaths.

Chamber Choir West Christmas Concert

On Monday 19th December at 8pm St Michael's Enniskillen will host this year's Chamber Choir West Christmas Concert, with funds in aid of St Vincent de Paul. (Note Enniskillen St. Michael's, the big one in town with Monsignor Peter O' Reilly, not the one at Trory!) Although not strictly a church announcement, CCW have very strong ties with our parishes. They rehearse in Killadeas and Ballycassidy and have held their concerts in Priory a couple of times... oh, and Revd. Mark sings Tenor for them.

Sunday Schools

We are thankfully back to a position where Sunday school is happening in both of our parishes. In Trory, this is with our Sunday school teachers, and in Killadeas, (as it is a smaller Sunday school) it is being led by the parents, who will leave with their children, and take the children through prepared sheets, activities and games, based on the same reading and theme as the children's talk in Church.

The following is the basic monthly structure for Sunday school, as children will be in church for approximately 10-15 minutes of each service, as part of the whole church family on the first Sunday of the month (or other Holy Communion Sundays) children, head straight to the hall for Sunday School and then come into church when the



churchwarden comes when it is time for Communion. Children receive a blessing and a sweet at the communion.

2nd, 3rd, 4th, (and 5th where it occurs) Sundays.

Children come into church and stay until after the children's talk. Then they head to the hall during the singing of the canticle (or hymn canticle) for Sunday School and spend the remainder of church doing their activities in Sunday School.

Choirs

A huge vote of thanks has to go out to our choirs in both parishes over the last few months, for the glorious music at harvest tide, the beautiful and moving setting of 'For the Fallen' sung at our Remembrance services, as well as the combined choirs pulling off Palestrina's Matin Responsory to open the Diocesan Advent Carol Service. This final one is a piece sung in 4 voice parts without accompaniment, and usually done by semi-professional choirs. To pull this off as a local parish is nothing short of spectacular, and they deserve immense praise for all their dedication and hard work. We eagerly anticipate what Christmas has in store...

Housebound Christmas Communion

These will be happening as normal this year. If you know of anyone who is in need of this, please let Revd. Mark know ASAP. But please only ask for these where there is real need. Last year there were over 40 people on the parish registers who received at home with genuine need. While Revd. Mark is of course happy to do these, if you meet him in Asda while doing your shopping, or while taking a walk around Enniskillen and tell him during that meeting you need Home Communion as you can't get out to church (even though meeting face to face while out and about)

the need for a home communion instead of coming to church will be questioned.

From The Registers

- Holy Baptism (06th November)
- Theodore William Thomas Brown

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 4th December (Advent 2)

- 10am Killadeas, Holy Communion
- 11.30am Trory, Holy Communion
- 7pm Trory Christingle with Procession of Light and Christmas Lights switch on

Wednesday 7th December

- 7pm Trory, Advent Midweek Service (Christmas Traditions 2. Lights and Decorations)

Saturday 10th December

- Trory and Killadeas Sunday School Christmas party/outing (venue and time TBC)

Sunday 11th December (Advent 3)

- 10am Killadeas 'A Christmas Cracker' with a Nativity Treasure Hunt
- 11.30am Trory 'A Christmas Cracker' with a Nativity Treasure Hunt

Monday 12th December

- 2pm Mothers' Union in Priory hall

Wednesday 14th December

- 7pm Trory, Advent Midweek Service (Christmas Traditions 3. Saint Nicholas)

Sunday 18th December (Advent 4)

- 11.30am Trory Service of 9 lessons and carols
- 4.30pm Killadeas Carols by Candlelight followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Wednesday 21st December

- 7pm Trory, Advent Midweek Service (Christmas Traditions 4. Presents)

Saturday 24th (Christmas Eve)

- 11.30pm Killadeas, Holy Communion for Christmas Day

Sunday 25th (Christmas Day)

- 10.30am A Christmas Morning All-Age Service

Sunday 1st January

- 10am Killadeas, Holy Communion
- 11.30am Trory, Holy Communion

Sunday 8th January

- 10am Killadeas, Morning Prayer
- 11.30am Trory, Morning Prayer
- 8pm Informal Worship in Ballycassidy Hall

Monday 9th

- 2pm Mothers' Union in Priory hall

Sunday 15th January

- 10am Killadeas, Morning Prayer
- 11.30am Trory, Morning Prayer

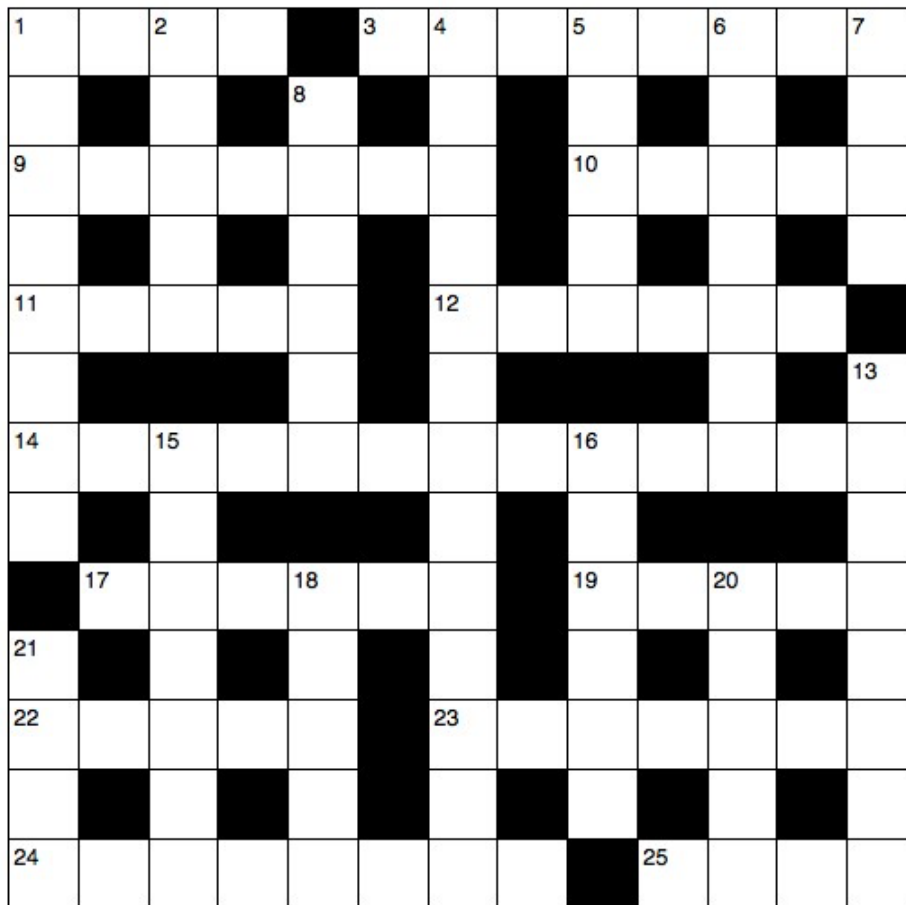
Sunday 22nd January

- 10am Killadeas, Morning Prayer
- 11.30am Trory, Morning Prayer
- 8pm* Choral Evensong (*time subject to change)

Sunday 29th

- 10am Killadeas, Morning Prayer
- 11.30am Trory, Morning Prayer

PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 'How long will you — your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4)
- 3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the — he bore' (Hebrews 13:13) (8)
- 9 Shy sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)
- 10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)
- 11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)
- 12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not — the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6)
- 14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)
- 17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)
- 19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2)
- 22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)
- 23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)
- 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)
- 25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)

DOWN

- 1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — —' (Numbers 20:11) (3,5)
- 2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, " — — murder"' (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)
- 4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)
- 5 'We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, — inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5)
- 6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)
- 7 ' My yoke is — and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4)
- 8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)
- 13 'O Lord, you have — me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8)
- 15 ' — to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7)
- 16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)
- 18 ' Then he said to Thomas, " — out your hand and put it into my side"' (John 20:27) (5)
- 20 'God has said, " — will I leave you; — will I forsake you"' (Hebrews 13:5) (5)
- 21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 71

CHILDREN'S SECTION



Mouse Makes

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Read the Christmas story in Luke 2:1-21.

Answer the questions, colour the picture and colour one star each day until Christmas.

Where was Mary's baby born?
Why were Joseph and Mary there?

Where did Mary lay her baby and why?
What did Mary dress her baby in?

Why were the shepherds afraid?

What good news did the angel tell?

What did the shepherds do after they had seen the baby?

Who appeared praising God, what did they say?

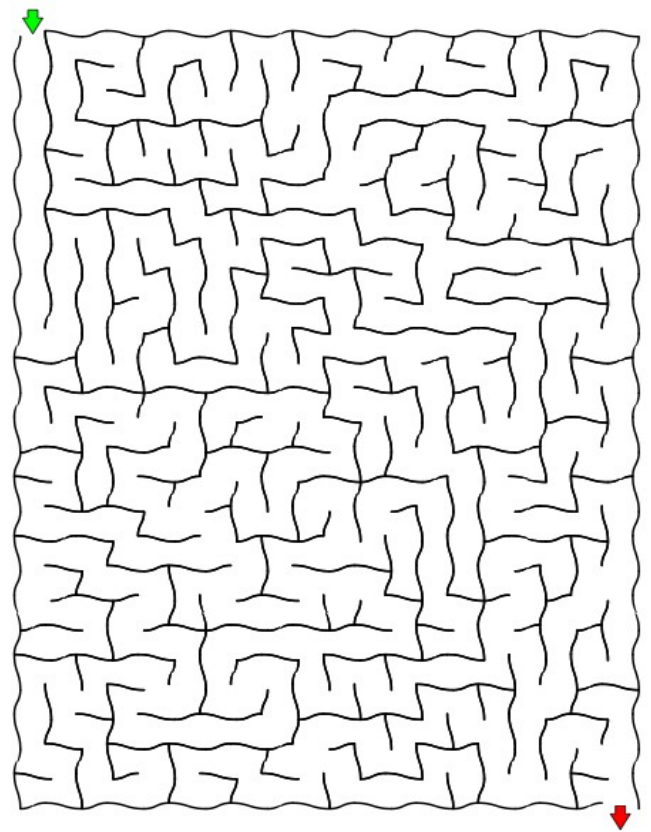
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 INN • SHEPHERDS • FLOCK • NIGHT • LORD • GLORY • GOOD NEWS • JOY • DAY
 SAVIOUR • CHRIST • SIGN • BABY • GOD • PEACE • ANGELS • GO • SEE • TOLD • PRAISE



Luke 2:14



MOTHERS' UNION



Worldwide President, Sheran Harper with Jacqui Armstrong and June Butler with their plaques.



Heather Ellis, Diocesan President with Sheran Harper, Worldwide President.

Commissioning service for new Diocesan President

A Service was held in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Sunday, 6th November to mark the visit of the Mothers' Union Worldwide President, Mrs Sheran Harper and All-Ireland President, Mrs June Butler. The Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Canon Kenneth Hall welcomed everyone to the commissioning of Mrs Heather Ellis as President of Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union and All-Ireland Trustee and Mrs Debbie Davidson as an All-Ireland Trustee. Sheran stressed the need for transformation in a changing world, a world torn apart by conflict, a hurting world where the challenges of climate, poverty, and injustice are overwhelming, and she said that "we have been tasked with the great responsibility as Christians to ensure the love of Jesus Christ reaches the corners of the earth and the transformation generated by amazing acts of love and kindness are experienced by all".

Mrs Sheran Harper presented a plaque to Mrs June Butler in recognition of the "exceptional work and faithful commitment" of members of MU in Ireland and another to Jacqui Armstrong in recognising the exceptional work in combatting gender-based violence through advocacy, prayer and practical matters. The hymns were led by the choir of the Cathedral and the organist was Mrs. Diane



Dean Kenneth Hall with (from left); June Butler, All-Ireland President; Sheran Harper, Worldwide President and Heather Ellis, Diocesan President.

Simpson, Mothers' Union Trustee. After the service members and congregation gathered for food and fellowship in the Cathedral Hall. Mrs Heather Ellis was presented with The

Worldwide President's Medal "Praying Hands across the World". All Ireland Trustee members received these medals in recognition for contributions to the work of Mothers' Union in Ireland.



Dean Kenneth Hall with those who took part in the Commissioning Service in St. Macartin's Cathedral.

Walk launched 16 days of activism against gender-based violence



Members of Colebrooke Parish with the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis; Clogher Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union, Mrs Heather Ellis and the rector, Revd John McClenaghan beside the MU Walk Together Banner at Colebrooke Church in advance of the event which took place on Saturday, 26th November.

A walk on Saturday, 26 November at Colebrooke Park organised by Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union has highlighted the issue of gender-based violence.

The walk attended by many people from across the diocese and beyond, also launched the Mothers' Union's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence initiative.

The MU has been active on the issue of domestic violence for a number of years. Speaking about the event, Diocesan President Heather Ellis said: "We are using this as an event to launch our 16 Days of Activism, and also for the launch of the 16 days diary."

As well as the walk, those attending could also learn more about the work of different agencies attending on the day, including Women's Aid, the PSNI, An Garda Síochána, Enniskillen-based The Aisling Centre, Tearmann, a domestic abuse service based in Monaghan, and Hourglass, a UK-wide charity with a base in Omagh that deals with the harm, abuse and exploitation of older people in the UK.

Women's Aid in Northern Ireland supported 6,000 women in 2020 as a result of domestic violence. Last year, its local floating support team in Fermanagh supported some 300 women.

MOTHERS' UNION



Worldwide President, Sheran Harper with June Butler, All-Ireland President and some members of Clogher Mothers' Union at the Women's Weekend.

WORLD PRESIDENT GIVES INSPIRING ADDRESS AT WEEKEND EVENT

Springfield Hotel in Leixlip, County Kildare was the venue for the Women's Weekend 2022. The theme for the weekend was 'Transformation Now' and the Worldwide President Sheran Harper was their inspirational speaker.

Friday night started with introductions and an interview with Sheran followed by games.

The programme on the Saturday morning included two inspirational talks by Sheran

on the MU theme for 2022 'Transformation Now'. Sheran spoke about how members should all transform themselves, personally and spiritually, to live out their faith, to transform their churches and communities and to transform MU to be relevant for the 21st century.

Other activities on Saturday included a prayer and reflection session led by Wendy and Liz. The last session of the day was an

enjoyable demonstration by African dancers, Sharon and Deborah, who are also MU members.

Sharon explained the different items of MU uniform worn by members in Africa, before both ladies performed the energetic dance African MU members enjoy while singing at their meetings.

The getaway concluded with lunch before all members returned home.



African dancers perform.



Enjoying a meal together.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

December 2022

- Sunday 11th December – **SEFF Carol Service** in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be served after the service.
- Tuesday 13th December – **Christmas Coffee Morning** in Ballybay Parish Hall from 11am - 12.30pm. Mince pies will be served and free holly will be available so please feel free to come along and bring your friends. All welcome!
- Tuesday 13th December – **Ladies Group Interdenominational Carol Service** in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan at 8pm.
- Wednesday 14th December – **Annual Charity Sit Out** by Archdeacon Brian Harper from 8am to 8pm at the gate of Magheracross Parish Church, Ballinamallard alongside Revd John Beacom of Ballinamallard Methodist Church. This year's charity is Tear Fund and its work with Ukrainian aid agencies and the Water Drops project, building water storage tanks in Kajjado diocese where drought is a major problem.
- Thursday 15th December – **SANDS Carol Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.00pm organised by Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity.
- Saturday 17th December – **Football Carols and Readings** at approximately 5.15pm following Ballinamallard United's home game at Ferney Park.
- Monday 19th - Tuesday 20th December 2022 – **A Winter's Tale** celebration of the Christmas story through music, song, poetry and tales in St. Salvator's Parish Church, Glaslough with procession to the Castle for minced pies and mulled wine afterwards.
- Thursday 22nd December – **Dean's Sit-out for Charity** at the gates of St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen from 9am to 9pm for local, national and international charities.
- Saturday 31st December – **New Year Eve's Service** in Colaghty

Parish Hall commencing with some refreshments, then a time of worship before welcoming in 2023 in the usual fashion.

January 2023

- Wednesday 18th January – **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service** in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.30pm with special guest preacher, the Rt Rev'd Trevor Williams (former Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe).
- Sunday 29th January – **Diocesan Big Sing** in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblayney at 7pm. A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners and the wider community across the diocese and beyond!

February 2023

- Thursday 9th February – **Tempo Table Quiz** in the Parish Hall at 8pm. To be confirmed nearer the time.
- Friday 24th February – **Annual Parish Dance** returns in Maguiresbridge Parish Hall. Music by Curtis Magee.

May 2023

- Friday 12th - Saturday 13th May 2023 – **General Synod** of the Church of Ireland takes place in person at White's Hotel, Wexford, a change of venue from the earlier listing of Croke Park Events Centre which is not now available. A third day's business will be conducted remotely on the evening of Tuesday 16th May and the evening of Thursday 18th May (if required).
- Friday 26th - Monday 29th May 2023 – **Flower Festival** in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen with the theme, "Signs and Sayings in John's Gospel." More details later.

June 2023

- Friday 23rd June – **KEEP FREE - Mullaghduin Parish Barbecue** Please mark this date on your calendar!

Armchair Christmas Quiz



All proceeds go to Christian Aid via Bishop's Appeal.

Christian Aid/Bishop's Appeal are charities which provide emergency and long term aid where-ever it is most needed in the world.

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Closing date: Feb 4th 2023

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Address:

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Piscine Desert: _ E _ _ _ _ _ _

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Bad luck for Ancient Mariner: _ _ _ A _ _ _ _ _

Could be a knot: _ E _ _

Bitten by the sun? _ _ I _ _ _ _ _

Southern Pound? _ _ U _ _

Eight cats _ _ _ O _ _ _

Sounds like dried fruit: _ _ _ _ _ E _ _

Timber weight: _ _ A _ _ _ _ _

Friendly gesture: _ A _ _

They Sound like a Latin king: _ _ E _ _ _

Sea God: _ _ _ _ U _ _

Dark Blue: _ A _ _

Under Sea: _ _ _ A _ _ _ _

Sunk the Bismark (WW2) _ _ _ _ _ I _ _

Oceanic Tusker: _ _ _ _ U _

Home for boats: _ _ _ O _ _

Please feel free to copy this and/or email it among your friends.

DIOCESAN NEWS



Parish Reader, Sarah Maguire reading a lesson.



Revd Stephen McWhirter speaking in the hall.



Bishop Patrick Rooke preaching.

NEW RECTOR INSTITUTED IN ROSSORRY PARISH CHURCH

The institution of the Revd Stephen McWhirter as Rector of Rossorry Parish in Clogher Diocese took place on Thursday, 3rd November in Rossorry Parish Church on the outskirts of Enniskillen.

The Revd McWhirter had previously served as Archdeacon of Tuam, Killala and Achonry in the west of Ireland.

The Service of Institution was due to be conducted by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis but as a result of the death of his mother, Mrs Alice Ellis, he was unable to attend and the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, of St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, appointed Bishop's Commissary, led the service.

The preacher was the former Bishop of Tuam, Killala and Achonry, the Right Revd Patrick Rooke.

Dean Hall was assisted by the Acting Rural Dean, the Revd John Woods and the Diocesan Registrar, the Revd John McClenaghan.

The lessons were read by parishioner, Victoria Johnston and the two Parish Readers, Nick Hambly and Sarah Maguire and the hymns were; "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven," "Dear Lord and Father of mankind," "For all the saints, who from their labours rest," "Eternal Father, strong to save," "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart," and "We have a gospel to proclaim."

The organist was Mrs. Catherine Irwin. The collection was for the Clogher Ministry Fund which facilitates the development of lay and ordained ministry in the Diocese. During the Act of Institution, a number of parishioners took part as the new rector was taken to various parts of the church;



Revd Stephen McWhirter spending Saturday day and night in the church before his first service.



Norman Reid (Ballina Group of Parishes) and Dorothy Wilson (Rossorry Parish) speaking in the hall.



Victoria Johnston reading a lesson.



Parish reader, Nick Hambly, reading a lesson.

Garry Clarke representing 1st Rossorry Scout Group; Aimee Turner from the Confirmation Class, Avril Armstrong from Rossorry Guides, Lorraine Simpson from Rossorry Mothers' Union and Hilary Pringle from Rossorry Prayer Group. Following the service, the congregation was entertained to tea in the parish hall where a number of speeches of welcome were made chaired by Acting Rural Dean, Revd. John Woods.

Firstly, Norman Reid from the Ballina group of parishes spoke of their sadness losing Revd, McWhirter, where he had developed parish ministry among the many churches in the group during his work over the past seven and a half years.

Words of welcome came from Mrs Dorothy Wilson, Secretary of Rossorry parish as well as local ministers; Revd Lorna Dreaning from Enniskillen Methodist Church, Revd David Cupples of Enniskillen Presbyterian Church and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly from



Attending the Service of Institution of the Revd Stephen McWhirter were (from left); Ms Joy Coalter, Churchwarden; Bishop Patrick Rooke, preacher; Revd John McClenaghan, Registrar; Revd. Stephen McWhirter; Revd John Woods, Acting Rural Dean; Dean Kenneth Hall, Bishop's Commissary and Mr. Gary Johnston, Churchwarden.

St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Revd McWhirter then spoke thanking everyone for their support and announced that he would be staying in the church from 7am on Saturday until the Sunday morning service at 10am to greet people. Summing up the evening, Dean Kenneth Hall thanked everyone for arranging the service. Revd McWhirter was accompanied by his wife, Revd Canon Jen McWhirter and their daughter, Kizzy. Revd McWhirter grew up in the Parish of Bangor Abbey and has always been involved in the life of the church, having attended Sunday School, all sections of the Scout Group and singing as a chorister in the Church Choir as well as being a Sunday School teacher and youth leader. He served in a number of Church of Ireland Parishes in Belfast, Portadown and Lisburn while training for ministry. His latest position was Rector of the Killala Group which incorporates the Kilmoremy Union and



Dean Kenneth Hall, Bishop's Commissary, who conducted the Service of Institution.

the Killala Union. This Group comprises of seven churches following the coastline of Killala Bay. Revd McWhirter has many interests outside church, enjoying reading and walking as well as participating in country sports. He also has a passion for modern art and has other home-based pastimes.



From left; Revd John Woods who was M.C. in the hall; Revd Lorna Dreaning, Enniskillen Methodist Church; Revd David Cupples, Enniskillen Presbyterian Church and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.



Beverley Weir designing her cards on her laptop.

Parishioner produces Christmas cards from her watercolour designs

An attractive range of hand drawn designs of seasonal scenes have been turned into Christmas cards by a parishioner of Fivemiletown Parish.

Beverley Weir, a parishioner of Kiltermon Church, has launched a new series of Christmas cards following on from her successful card series produced for the renovation of Kiltermon Church which helped to raise some of the funds needed. Beverley, a former teacher, says while she obtained her A level art qualification, she never really developed her artistic skills until a number of years ago when she decided to produce the cards for the Kiltermon project. Because of that success, she has now produced a new set of watercolour sketches for the Christmas greeting cards. The set of eight different cards which sell for £10, have an attractive cover of a scene matched with a line from a popular carol. Inside is the first verse of that carol. Beverley and her Rector, Precentor Kyle Hanlon, decided that on this occasion, the proceeds will be divided between parish funds and a bursary for a writing competition for young people who would



Some of the Christmas cards produced by Beverley Weir.

learn about famous Anglican writers, poets and hymn writers such as C.S. Lewis or Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, who wrote 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and 'Once in Royal David's City'. She says the bursary idea for young people is appropriate as she was a teacher for many years and wanted to see young

people develop and learn.

The set of eight cards sell for £10 with postage costing £2.05 (first class) or £1.65 (second class) with cheques payable to St. John's Building Fund. Cards can be obtained from Beverley directly or from Fivemiletown Parish Office Tel. 028 895 22422.

Services of Remembrance are held across the diocese



Churches throughout Clogher Diocese held Remembrance Services on Sunday, 13th November to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice in wars and conflicts around the world.

In Enniskillen, four governments were represented at the Remembrance Service in St. Macartin's Cathedral. The Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd. Kenneth Hall welcomed the Secretary of state for Northern Ireland, the Right Hon. Chris Heaton Harris MP, representing the United Kingdom government; An Taoiseach, Mr. Michael Martin TD representing the Irish government; Mr. Chris Rendo, Pol/Econ Officer, representing the American government and Mr. Jerome Mullen, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland representing the Polish government. His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Co. Fermanagh, the Right Hon. Viscount Brookeborough KG, KStJ represented the King.

The service was held following the wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph in Belmore Street, which also marked 35 years since the Remembrance Day bomb in 1987. The service was conducted by Dean Kenneth Hall assisted by Monsignor Peter O'Reilly of St. Michael's Church.

The preacher was the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, who took his text from the Gospel reading; "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Hymns included; "Praise, my soul, the Kind of heaven," "I vow to thee, my country," "Your kingdom come, O God," "Lord, while for all the world we pray," "Be thou my vision" and "Nearer, to God, to thee" led by the Cathedral Choir who also sang an anthem, "My soul, there is a country." The organist was Mr. Glenn Moore.

During the Act of Remembrance, Dean Hall invited those placing wreaths and at the Book of Remembrance, Lt. Col. Mark Scott (Ret'd) MBE, DL, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers said, "In proud and grateful remembrance of the Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen and of all those men and women who have given their lives in the service of their Sovereign, their country and of this Province. I now turn a page in the Book of Remembrance."

The Last Post was sounded by Mr. Warren Kerr of Ballyreagh Silver Band and



Dean Kenneth Hall with government representatives in Enniskillen; The Right Hon. Chris Heaton-Harris M.P.; Mr. Chris Rendo, representing US government; An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin T.D. and Mr. Jerome Mullen, Hon. Consul of the Republic of Poland.

following the silence the exhortation was said by Lt.Col. Scott. This was followed by Reveille and the Piper's Lament played by Pipe Major Gordon McKeown of 4 UDR Association.

The readings were by Mr. John Jones, Chairman of the Royal British Legion, Enniskillen Branch; the Right Hon. Viscount Brookeborough and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly.

Big Sing in January 2023

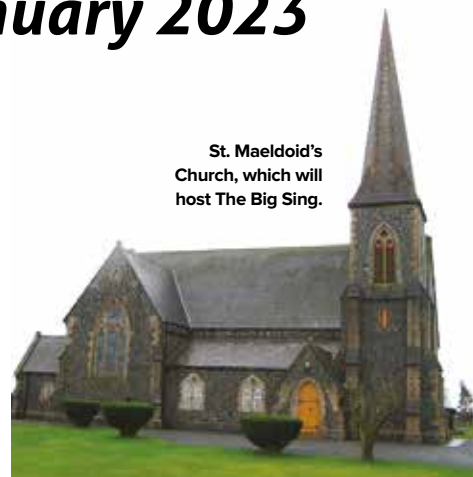
What better way to get through the first month of 2023 than practising your vocal chords for the Clogher Diocesan Big Sing.

This event will be held on Sunday 29th January 2023 in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblayney at 7pm.

Choirs and representatives from churches across the diocese will be taking part in what should be a rousing start to the new year of 2023.

Don't forget, note the date in your diary – Sunday, 29th January at 7pm in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblayney.

St. Maeldoid's Church, which will host The Big Sing.



CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Porvoo Prayer Diary for 2023 now available

The 2023 Prayer Diary for the Porvoo Communion, which brings together Anglican and Lutheran Churches in Europe, is now available.

The Porvoo Declaration commits the Churches which have signed it to share a common life and to pray for and with one another. An important way of doing this is to pray through the year for the Porvoo Churches and their dioceses.

The Prayer Diary is a list of Porvoo Communion dioceses or Churches

covering each Sunday of the year, mindful of the many calls upon compilers of intercessions, and the environmental and production costs of printing a more elaborate list.

Those using the calendar are invited to choose one day each week on which they will pray for the Porvoo Churches. It is hoped that individuals and parishes, cathedrals and religious orders will make use of the calendar in their own cycle of prayer week by week.

In addition to the Churches which have approved the Porvoo Declaration, we continue to pray for Churches with observer status. Observers attend all the meetings held under the Agreement. The calendar may be freely copied or emailed for wider circulation.

The calendar may be freely copied or emailed for wider circulation and readers can find out more about the Porvoo Communion on its website: www.porvoocommunion.org

Thinking about fostering?

Members of our churches in Northern Ireland who have the time and space in their lives to provide a safe and nurturing home to a child or young person are being encouraged to consider becoming foster carers.

Spanning five health and social care trusts across Northern Ireland, Health and Social Care NI Foster Care recruits, trains and supports carers who can offer a safe and loving home to a child or young person where they can thrive and feel valued and respected.

Currently there are over 2,800 children living in foster care across Northern Ireland. As the number coming into care is increasing, the need for foster carers has never been greater.

These are ordinary people who do an incredible thing by supporting a child when they need it most. Opportunities can range from short to longer term care so there are different ways you can help depending on your lifestyle and family circumstances.

Foster carers come from a range of backgrounds, offering different skills and attributes to meet the needs of each child. If you're a good listener, patient, understanding and caring, you already have many of the qualities to make a great foster carer.

You can apply to foster whether you are:

- married or single
- a parent or not
- employed or claiming benefits
- a homeowner or renting your home

One foster carer (and one of many who are making this difference), Yvonne, shares her



story: "It's the simple, everyday things we take for granted that mean the most to the children and young people. When a child comes into your home, everything must feel strange for them as it's a new environment. I just be there for them, listen, help them with school, and encourage them for as long as they're with me. The rewards are amazing. The training and support from the fostering team and encouragement from my family and friends has been invaluable." Foster carers receive training, fostering

allowances, and 24-hour social work support.

If you think you could offer a child or young person a nurturing home through foster care, or would like to find out more about what is involved, get in touch on 0800 0720 137 or visit adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net

You can also find out more through the service's Facebook page (@HSCAdoptionAndFosterCare) and on its Twitter feed at @HSCSAdopt_Foster

Liturgical resources for the new church year go live

The Liturgical Advisory Committee (LAC) of the Church of Ireland has confirmed that the online publications of the Sunday and Weekday liturgical resources for the upcoming liturgical year, which began on Advent Sunday, 27th November, are now available on the Church of Ireland website at www.ireland.anglican.org/prayer-worship. Through the website, worship leaders and others can access:

- The Collects, Readings and Post Communion Prayer as well as some hymn suggestions for each Sunday;
- Resources and Orders of Service for daily worship including Holy Communion, Morning and Evening Prayer, the Late Evening Office, and Compline; and
- A PDF download of the Sunday and Weekday Readings from Advent Sunday 2022 until the day before Advent 2023. Each of these pages allows access to a calendar which enables users to navigate directly to the date of their choosing.



Speaking about the resources, the Venerable Ricky Rountree, the LAC's Vice-Chair, said: "These resources, which include readings and resources for Sunday Services and Daily Prayer, form the bedrock of our worshipping life in the Church of Ireland. Increasingly, clergy and other worship leaders and parishioners are using the website to access these resources digitally.

The LAC remains indebted to our former member, the Revd Ken Rue, who continues to draw these resources together each year for upload to the Church of Ireland website. We are glad to commend these resources for the next liturgical year to use of the Church."

The annual Sunday and Weekday Readings booklet is also now available, with a view to helping worship planners and lesson readers know the appointed readings for Sundays and weekdays, and those who wish to follow a personal course of Scripture readings which is tied in with the Church calendar.

Sunday and Weekday Readings 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.

BIODIVERSITY PROJECT

The 'Lighten our Darkness' youth led initiative, based in Mullingar parish, is looking at the impact of climate change and its impacts on the world through the lens of faith.

The team is led by Canon Alastair Graham of Mullingar and Chaplain Luke Hawkins of Wilson's Hospital School.

The initiative is developing a biodiversity project called 'God's Gardens of Hope' which the team has been invited to present at the 2023 General Synod of the Church of Ireland. 'God's Gardens of Hope' aims to transform as many churchyards on the island of Ireland as possible into wildlife and biodiversity habitats. To aid in this project they would like to know: the name of your Union of Parishes, how many churchyards you have (used and unused) and what the rough total size of those churchyards would be (in acres or metres squared).

This information will then be used as part of the presentation at General Synod.

Please reply to lightenourdarkness222@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Advent and Christmas Newsletter

The Church of Ireland Board for Ministry with Children and Families have produced their latest newsletter for Advent and Christmas. It is full of ideas, resources and information. Just go to the link to open; Advent & Christmas Newsletter 2022 – Children & Families Ministry (anglican.org)



COMMUNITY NEWS

This Christmas, share the joy of a plate piled high

The climate crisis has increased the risk of hunger during Malawi's annual lean season but mother-of-five Fyness Tembo is able to weather the storm, thanks to a Christian Aid project.

As the nights draw in, we start to be filled with the hope of Christmas. Before too long, we'll see bright lights twinkling on trees. We'll wrap up warm and sing our favourite carols. And we'll enjoy that special, once-a-year meal with our loved ones.

The joy of Christmas dinner is something that families in Malawi love too, as Fyness Tembo, a caring mum of five, explains: "We celebrate Christmas by eating chicken and rice. After eating rice, I feel very happy and satisfied. I wish I could eat rice every day." Sadly, many families in Malawi will struggle even to put their staple food of maize porridge on the table. That's because December falls during one of the toughest times of the year – the country's 'hunger season' which is getting worse due to the climate crisis. Extreme weather means that the old year's meagre harvest runs out several weeks before the new harvest is ready. Hotter temperatures and drought, as well as destructive downpours and floods are playing havoc with the growing seasons, causing poor crop yields and food shortages.

Until recently, Fyness (50) would struggle to find enough food for herself and her family and there have been times when she was so desperate that she had to beg for food. But Christian Aid's local partner provided Fyness with seeds, tools and training and today she is growing soya, groundnuts, maize and beans - enough to eat and surplus to sell for a cash income.

Fyness also received fruit tree saplings and soon she will have her own fruit. She said: "Together there are seven fruit trees. I know in the future I will have fruits. My children and I will no longer struggle to look for wild fruits in the forest. We will get them at home."

In rural Malawi, it falls to women and girls to collect firewood for cooking and heating water. Fyness used to walk for six kilometres to collect firewood which lasted for only two days before she needed to make the trip again. Christian Aid's partner has provided Fyness with a stove which consumes only a quarter of the firewood of an open fire, cutting her workload and reducing the number of trees that need to be felled. Fyness and the others in her community are now making and selling cook stoves to generate additional income. The new cook stoves are giving hours of time back to mums for better tasks than



Fyness Tembo grows enough produce to feed her five children and surplus to sell for cash. Photo by Christian Aid/ Malumbo Simwaka.

finding firewood.

In the past, her children's school attendance was erratic because there was no money for uniforms or school fees.

Fyness told us: "Most of the time they skipped school or started school late. I had no idea where I could find the money to help them." Since receiving help from Christian Aid's local partner, Fyness' children are in school and receiving an education. Although climate change has exacerbated hunger and hardship, Fyness is able to weather life's storms, thanks in part to the village savings and loan scheme set up by our local partner. Fyness saves some of the money she makes by selling her farm produce and cook stoves, and uses her income to repay small, low-interest loans. She says: "With the money I saved in the village bank, I have been able to start buying iron sheets to put a new roof on my house and I have sent my children to school."

The struggle with extreme poverty is not the first challenge that Fyness has overcome in her life. When she was a child, a dangerous eye infection called trachoma threatened to leave her blind but she is thankful to the doctors who treated the infection and saved her eyesight. Today, she enjoys good health, working with her husband on their farm and bringing up their children.

This Christmas, Fyness is grateful that she has enough nutritious food to feed her family, a fuel-efficient stove to ease the task of collecting firewood, and soon she will have the security of a new roof on her home. Most of all, she is happy that her children are in school, and receiving the education they deserve.

This transformation has been made possible because of the love our supporters and sponsoring churches show for their global neighbours.

If you wish to make a donation, please visit caid.ie/ChristmasAppeal

Without gifts of love, it wouldn't be Christmas. Your gift this Christmas could help another mum like Fyness to lift her family out of hunger.

- › £10/€11 could provide seeds so families can grow their own food
- › £30/€34 could provide 10 fuel-efficient cook stoves
- › £50/€57 could provide 12 chickens
- › £100/€114 could provide 100 fruit trees
- › £1,000/€1,139 could train 75 people to farm in ways that suit the changing climate
- › £3,500/€3,986 could provide an irrigation kit

Former Dean of Derry buried at Clogher

The Very Revd Cecil Orr, a former Dean of Derry, was buried at Clogher on 15th November.

Dean Orr who was aged 89 died on 11th November at his home in Derry. His funeral service took place in Derry Cathedral. The committal at Clogher was conducted by the Dean of Derry, the Very Rev Raymond Stewart, assisted by Canon John Merrick.

Dean Orr was ordained in 1957 and after a curacy in Omagh served as rector in Convoy, Maghera and St Columba's in Omagh. He was appointed Dean of Derry in 1984 and retired in 1997.

He always retained strong links with Clogher as his family were parishioners of the Cathedral for over 200 years. He was buried in the family grave of his grandfather, Alexander Orr of Drumhirk.

Dean Orr is survived by his wife Valerie, three sons, Richard (Devon), David (Kilrea) Jonathan (London) and a daughter Melissa (Surrey). He also leaves a sister, Mrs Eileen Charles at Altnagelvin.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS *from page 57*

ACROSS: 1, Hide. 3, Disgrace. 9, Sonship. 10, Oaths. 11, Tutti. 12, Ignore. 14, Foreknowledge. 17, Ashram. 19, Men or. 22, Aroma. 23, Nineveh. 24, Amethyst. 25, Trod.

DOWN: 1, His staff. 2, Do not. 4, Imprisonments. 5, Groan. 6, Altered. 7, Easy. 8, Shrink. 13, Searched. 15, Restore. 16, Lament. 18, Reach. 20, Never. 21, Jada.

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