



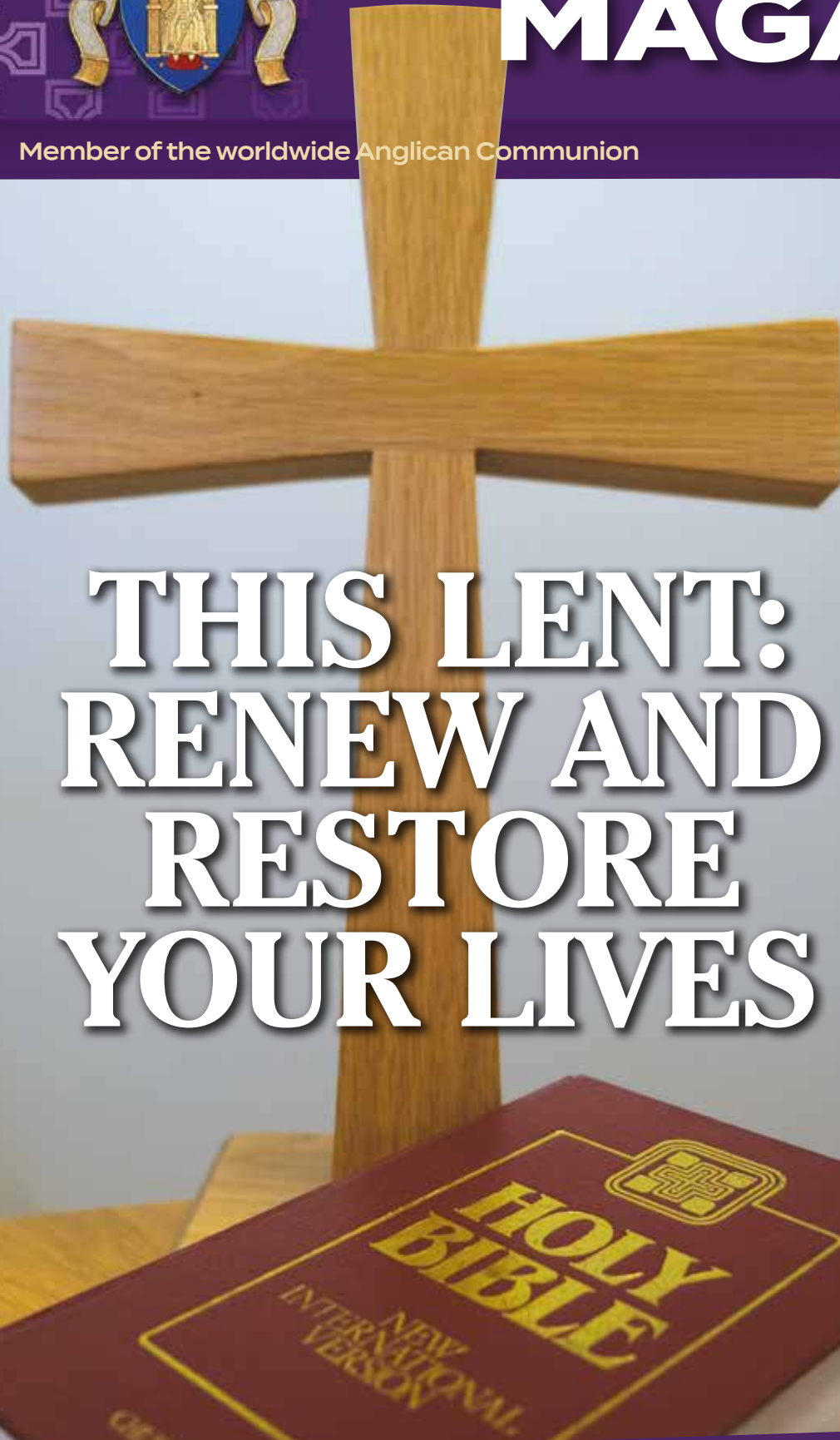
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For many Lent is about renewing and restoring our lives.

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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



A Message from the Bishop

MAKING MISTAKES AND STARTING AGAIN

I wonder what you are reading for Lent? I have just begun this year's Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book entitled 'Failure' written by Bishop Emma Ineson. It is a very helpful read for Lent, although it doesn't have the most positive of titles. In fact, the author admits that she had some difficulty persuading the publishers to run with the title, as they weren't sure anyone would buy a book with the title Failure!

Lent is however the ideal time to consider our failures and the book has a refreshing examination of what sin is and how in life we tend to mess things up. More importantly it is about how we face up to those failures, seek forgiveness and learn, if possible, not to make the same mistakes again. Bishop Emma reminds us that failure is never final, and God looks at us differently from the way we look at ourselves. She makes the point that many of the heroes of faith in the Bible failed yet God used them to bring about his purposes.

The writer draws a parallel with the popular TV programme 'The Repair Shop'. In the programme people bring to the workshop items that have great sentimental value, but which have been damaged or become shabby and in need of repair. They tell the story behind the items and how much they matter to them. Then the experts get to work and with great skill restore the items to their former glory. At the end of the programme the owners come back to find their items

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beautifully renovated, and we all marvel at how such a broken thing could be made so beautiful and useful again.

In her book, Bishop Emma asks 'What if we viewed the way God deals with our failures in the same way? We've all messed up and are broken. We have got things wrong and caused damage to ourselves and others. We need to accept God's promise to take us and slowly and painstakingly put things right again'. It takes courage to own up to our mistakes, it may mean resolving to begin again with God, perhaps to have a conversation with someone to put something right between us, it may mean thinking anew about our relationship with others. God's forgiveness makes all things new, and we must understand that he will not throw us out like rubbish, but rather he is in the business of repairing and restoring us.

Ultimately, we long for the day when in the realm of eternity, there will be no more failure and all things will be made new. That time *'when the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them and be their God and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; morning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'* Revelation 21: 3-4

PIONEER MINISTRY

Speaking of new things reminds me that last month the Church of Ireland launched 'Pioneer Ministry,' a new initiative to reach those with little or no connection to the church. It was formally launched, in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin by the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin who also commissioned the Pioneer Ministry Team whose National Director is Revd Rob Jones, rector of Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines.

This will be a long-term project funded by the RCB for 10 years which will establish Pioneer Ministry hubs in each diocese. Its aims are to provide a training course for funded pioneers delivered through CITI and Church Army, to establish new



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pioneer communities and churches and to embed pioneer ministry within the culture and structures of the Church of Ireland at every level.

The hope is to encourage, support a movement that has the capacity to reach new people in new places in new ways. Pioneer Ministries emerge alongside traditional forms of Church in the Church of Ireland. They seek to engage people where they are, rather than inviting them to come to us. What this looks like will vary depending on the cultural distance between a church and the people it is reaching out to.

A new website at www.pioneerministry.org explains that 'Pioneer Ministries exist in addition to, rather than instead of, traditional approaches that the Church is currently using to reach out to and engage with those around it. Pioneer Ministry plays its role within a mixed ecology of the Church, with traditional and new ministries complementing each other and honouring each other through mutual prayer, respect, recognition and learning.

In the coming months each diocese in the Church of Ireland will be encouraged to consider what might work best in their context and we look forward to discovering what God might be asking us to do in Clogher through this challenging new initiative.

Yours in Christ's service.

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Tea Party

Aghadrumsee are hosting a Charity Tea



Daffodils beginning to bloom at Clogh Church.

Party on Saturday 4th March from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm in the Old School. All proceeds will go to the Turkey / Syria Crisis, Bishop's Appeal. Everyone Welcome.

Bowling

Clogh Bowling Club continues each Wednesday evening at 8.00 pm in the Hall.

Mothers' Union

A meeting of Clogh Mothers' Union will be held on Monday 6th March at 8.00 pm in the hall. The speaker is Mrs Margaret Mallon, Advanced Nurse Practitioner in Monaghan and Cavan.

Our Visitors Night will take place on Monday 27th March 8.00 pm in the Hall.

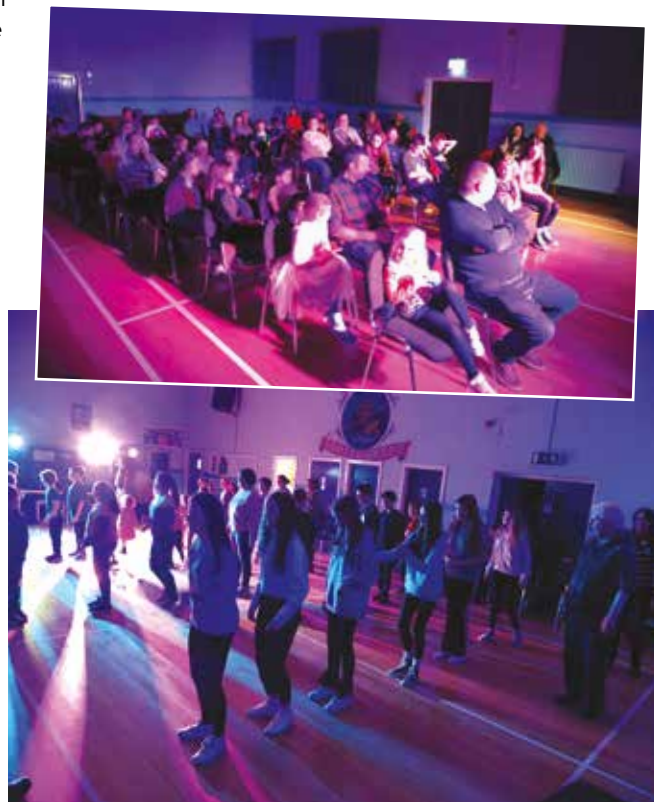
When Mrs Dorothy Jones from Cavan will speak on the topic of "Learning to look to the Lord of heaven and earth." All ladies welcome.

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the Leary family on the death of Vivienne's mother, Mrs Helen Allen, Moorklough, Lisnaskea and assure them of our thoughts and prayers at this time.



Some photos from the fun night with Embrace Socials at St Mark's, Aghadrumsee.



Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion

Sunday 12th

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11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th

11.00am Colebrooke Family Service for Mothering Sunday

Sunday 26th

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer
11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

Lent Services

The midweek services throughout Lent continue on Wednesday evenings in Colebrooke at 8.00pm, to which everyone is welcome.

Mullaghfad Carol Service Presentation

The collection from our Carol Service in Mullaghfad on the 4th December 2022, raised £575, which this year was for NI Chest, Heart and Stroke. Mildred Crawford and Tyler Breadon met with Laura Thompson from NICHs and presented her with a cheque. Thank you very much everyone who was at the Carol Service and so generously contributed to this very worthwhile charity.

GFS Enrolment Service

On Sunday 29th January 2023, Colebrooke and Cooneen Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society had their service of Enrolment in Colebrooke Church at the 11.00am Service. The church was filled with family and friends, in addition to the regular



Enjoying a meal through the Friendship and Food project.

congregation. The girls took part in the service, reading the scripture lessons, leading the prayers and singing two songs; Ask, Seek, Knock, and Our God is a Great Big God, before each girl made her promise and received their enrolment card. Many thanks to leaders Mairead, Kathryn and Carol for your work with all our girls and also thank you to the willing help of a number of mummies who lend help as needed on Monday evenings.



Dr Ian Ellis preached and dedicated the plaque, which was unveiled by His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Fermanagh, Viscount Brookeborough. Tea and refreshments were thoroughly enjoyed by all following the service.

RUC GC Crest Dedication Service

On Sunday 19th February 2023 at 11.00am, a service of dedication was held as we laid up the station crest from Fivemiletown RUC Station in Colebrooke Parish Church. This service was for all members of the congregations of Colebrooke and Cooneen and also a number of invited guests from local RUC families, and the church was filled to capacity. Music was provided by Murley Silver Band; the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd



The RUC GC service in St. Ronan's Church and the RUC Crest which was dedicated.



The presentation of the cheque at Mullaghfad Church to NI Chest Heart and Stroke.

World Day of Prayer

This is being hosted in Colebrooke this year and we will be joined by parishioners from Aghavea and Brookeborough Methodist. The service is at 8.00pm on Friday 3rd March 2023. The theme this year is, 'I have heard about your faith,' and has been devised by the Christian women of Taiwan.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Christian Baptism

On Sunday 22nd January 2023, in St Ronan's, Colebrooke, Joey Clarke, son of Lisa and Stephen Clarke, was baptised into Christ's Church. May God bless this little one and his family as they grow together in his love.

GFS – Girls Friendly Society

The branch meets every 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 they resume, the Scouts meet every Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and continues to 9.15pm Scouts, 11 – 14 years.

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- Squirrels (4 - 6 years)
- Beavers (6 – 8 years)
- Cubs (8 – 11 years)
- Scouts (11 – 14 years)

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meet in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7.45pm. New members are very welcome, whether

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

Mothers' Union

In this year of 2023 the branch members are following the theme of 'Transformation Now' so the year began with a Holy Communion service which highlighted this theme. A meaningful Holy Communion service was led by the rector, Revd John McClenaghan where he reminded us using practical illustrations that we are like clay in the potter 'Jesus' hands and he wants to mould and make us into his likeness. Then when 'transformed' we can serve Him through the power of the Holy Spirit. The meeting in February continued the theme when Linda Johnston spoke about 'Free from Clutter.' As the spring season approaches it was a timely reminder to de-clutter our homes, outbuildings and sheds. A couple of men joined the meeting so it will be interesting to note if any 'de-cluttering' takes place. The Bible reading, read by Connie, was taken from Luke 12 v 13 to 21 where Jesus reminded his listeners that we need to lay up treasure for ourselves in heaven, not this world. An attitude of giving, sharing and caring leads to a much more contented life and this is compounded when we live as Jesus asks us too. Linda reminded us of the pitfalls of holding on to 'things' and how to let go of clutter. An enjoyable evening was experienced by everyone present.

The branch leader had applied for grant funding through Fermanagh Trust and some funds were given to support a project 'Friendship and Food.'

The members of Colebrooke and Cooneen parishes and friends were invited to a monthly event from January to April. Beginning with tea/coffee and scones, people get a chance to chat and catch up in a warm environment. After a talk or entertainment, the Edfield Restaurant, Fivemiletown, prepare and serve a three-course meal with MU providing the biscuits or sweet treats.

In January, Beverley Weir entertained everyone with 'Reminiscences' from her childhood growing up in the local area. She had written many poems throughout her life and read some of these as she recounted life over the decades. Most people

present could identify with her memories – of day old chicks arriving in a cardboard box, often transported by the bus from Belfast, of lapping hay, walking to school, growing vegetables for a self-sufficient lifestyle, of the grocery van's weekly visit and many more memories. There was much hilarity during the poetry expertly recited by Beverley.

A sincere and heartfelt thank you was expressed to Beverley. Many conversations and much laughter ensued as everyone then enjoyed a tasty hot three-course meal. Donations towards the cost of the meal were also welcomed.

The second event was held in February when Greg from the Policing & Community Safety Partnership, gave a talk on the dangers of 'Scams' and tips on how to avoid being taken in by phone calls and visitors to the door. Everyone received helpful literature to take home with them, which included useful telephone numbers in the local area.

Joy Colter then recited some funny and meaningful poetry before everyone enjoyed another tasty meal. Valerie had made beautiful heart shaped shortbread and Carol prepared a devotional leaflet about God's love and other Mothers' Union members were involved in preparing for the event and the refreshments with tea and coffee, thus continuing the MU motto of 'Christian Care for Families.'

The next events are Tuesday 21 March when Davina plans to help everyone enjoy the game 'Boccia' and Tuesday 4 April, when Davina plans to talk on 'Health and Nutrition.' There will also be some music or poetry to entertain at each event as well as the usual three-course meal.

Please let Valerie or Irene know numbers attending by the Sunday prior to the event so that meals can be ordered.



Greg from Policing and Community Safety Partnership speaking at one of the MU meetings.

Aghavea



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Aghavea Mothers' Union members attending the enrolment service.

Sympathies

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

Mothers' Union

Our Mothers' Union continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month. This month we were entertained by Harry's trip to London to attend Queen Elizabeth II's funeral last year. We were delighted to watch the personal video and photographs that showed a personal view of a very public occasion. We wish him well on his plans to attend the Coronation of King Charles III and the subsequent Coronation Concert. Perhaps we will have a return visit to see the personal view of the public occasion!

In February's Family Service in Aghavea, Kim McLoughlin was commissioned as the new Enrolling Member and five new members were enrolled, including her husband - the rector, Johnny!

Girls Friendly Society

We continue to welcome all young girls and ladies to our meetings on a Wednesday evening at 6.30pm and new members will always be welcome to join us for evenings of fun activities and crafts. In keeping with the occasion of Valentine's Day, the girls produced a wonderful reminder that John 3:16 tells us of the greatest gift of Love that the world has ever seen!

Our Annual Enrolment service has been deferred in recent years due to the Covid Pandemic, but we are delighted to announce that this year's Enrolment Service will be held on 19th March - which is also Mothering Sunday.

St Patrick's Stew Night

We will be hosting a family stew night on Friday 17th March, to celebrate our patron saint. We won't be charging for the event, but asking for a donation towards the meal, and any profits would be donated to our parish funds. We will also be entertained on the evening too - so what more could you possibly ask on a Friday evening?

Upcoming Events throughout Lent

5th March

11am, Holy Communion, Second Sunday in Lent

12th March

11am, Morning Prayer, Third Sunday in Lent

19th March

11am, Family Service, Fourth Sunday in Lent, Mothering Sunday

26th March

11am, Morning Prayer, Fifth Sunday in Lent
On Mothering Sunday we will have special gifts for all the mothers in church.

There will be regular Wednesday evening services throughout Lent, each starting at 8pm in Church.

Easter and Holy Week Services

2nd April

11am, Palm Sunday Holy Communion

3rd-7th April, Holy Week

9th April

7am, Early Holy Communion at the Church garden beside the Hall

9th April

11am, Family Holy Communion
Throughout Holy Week we will join our Methodist friends in combined services, more details closer to the event.



GFS notes for Valentine's Day.



Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Generator for church in Ukraine

Many thanks to all those who kindly contributed towards the cost of a generator for Artem and Tanya's church in Ukraine (Artem, Tanya and their family currently reside in Ballybay). The money was primarily collected at the Ecumenical Carol Service in Ballybay last December and also included donations made at the monthly Coffee Mornings held in Ballybay Parish Hall.

The generator arrived safely at the church and the Pastor has written a letter to thank everyone for their generosity -

Dear Christians of Ireland!

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Matthew 25:40, NIV: The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

The generator will be used for our church activities and ministries where it's needed. We are sure you will receive your great



Artem with the generator before it was sent to Ukraine.

reward and the words of praise by our Lord Jesus Christ here and in heaven.

Thank you for remembering your brothers and sisters in Christ in the times of need here in Ukraine!

*With Christ's love,
Pastor Peter Petresku.*

Donations to local charities in Castleblaney

The money collected at the Ecumenical Carol Service in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblaney, last December was recently donated to St. Mary's Hospital, Castleblaney, and also to Castleblaney Cancer Care – each received €155.

Diocesan "Big Sing" Event in St. Maeldoid's Church

It was a great delight to host the Clogher Diocesan "Big Sing" in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblaney, on Sunday, 29th January. The large congregation present from across the Diocese and further afield was treated to a wonderful evening of music and song from very talented musicians, soloists and choirs.

Those in attendance enjoyed listening to well-known traditional and modern hymns, Gospel songs and classical pieces, and had the opportunity to participate in familiar congregational hymns.

The quality of the singing and music (and also the refreshments!) brought many favourable comments – sincere thanks to all those who were involved and who helped in any way to bring such a wonderful evening to fruition, in particular Glenn Moore and Ethne McCord.

Open Day at Clontibret N.S.

An 'Open Day' for new pupils and their parents was held at Clontibret National School on Tuesday 7th February. The school has two classroom teachers and a Special Educational Teacher. In addition, individual help with reading and maths is provided to children, if necessary, and there is a full-time Special Needs Assistant. The school has a child friendly atmosphere and emphasis is placed on learning through play and hands-on activities. Anyone wishing to enrol their child for the 2023/24 academic year should contact the school for an application



Cheques being presented to local charities in Castleblaney

form - please phone 047 80865 or email clontibretns@gmail.com.

Coffee Morning in Ballybay

A coffee morning will be held in Ballybay Parish Hall on Tuesday 14th March from 11am. – 12.30 pm. Please feel free to come along and bring your friends. All welcome!

Payment for Diocesan Magazine

Due to increased printing costs, it has been necessary to increase the subscription for the 2023 editions of the Diocesan Magazine. The new subscription rate (which took effect from the February 2023 edition) is €2.50 per copy or €25 per year (10 editions). Please give your subscription to Audrey Hill (Castleblaney), Christine Dickson (Clontibret) or Astrid Moffett (Ballybay).



Clontibret National School



Castleblaney Central National School

Enrolment Welcome for September 2023

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All Children Welcome



Some of those who attended the Coffee Morning in Ballybay on Tuesday 14th February.

Clontibret notes

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Yvonne Donaldson and family on the death of Yvonne's cousin, Dr. Margaret Knox. Dr. Margaret was a wonderful, kind lady, with a warm and welcoming smile who lived her life by Christian standards and was a major influence in the Mothers' Union at both

local and regional level. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Fundraising

We are delighted that two members of the Monaghan Flower and Gardening Club, Bridie and Bríd, have agreed to come along and entertain us with a flower demonstration in Clontibret Parish Hall on Monday 27th March at 8 p.m. Tickets

can be bought from any member of the congregation so don't miss out on this event! Refreshments will be served. We are further delighted to announce that we will have an evening of "Our Favourite Hymns" on Friday 1st September 2023. Glenn Moore will be the organist and we will be joined by the Donagh Community Choir, Donagh Cantari and other guests.

Joint Family Service

Congratulations to the children of the Sunday School who took part in our joint Family Service on Sunday 12th February. Well done everyone! (Jennifer Leathem)

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.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Institution

A new chapter in the life and ministry of the Parishes of Cleenish and Mullaghduin began on Thursday 16th February with the Institution of Revd Canon Jennifer McWhirter, as Incumbent of Cleenish and Mullaghduin. As well as many parishioners from both parishes, Canon Jen was joined by her family, friends, and associates from her previous parishes in the Diocese of Tuam. A joint choir from Cleenish and Mullaghduin led the singing of the hymns, with Joan Brownlee playing the organ. Other members of the parishes participated in the Commissioning; Caroline Watterson

and Ivy Humphries from Mullaghduin, Ava Connolly, Julian Thornton and Margaret Crawford from Cleenish. The readings were given by Rowena Sheridan, Parish Reader, Cleenish, and the Revd Maureen Desborough, who has led the weekly services in both parishes since the beginning of the new year. The Psalm was led by Robert Watterson, Parish Reader, Mullaghduin. The Bishop of Clogher welcomed all to the service, which was led by Revd John Woods, Acting Rural Dean. The Institution was conducted by the Bishop, the Diocesan Registrar, Revd John McClenaghan and Dean Kenny Hall. The sermon was given by Revd Alan Synnott, Rector of Camlough

Hello from Canon Jen

Following my Institution on Thursday (which you can read about below) I am beginning to find my feet in a new parish and diocese. I am excited for all the future holds and look forward very much to getting to know you all. I am sure that my way of doing things won't be quite the same as my predecessor, or indeed as those who covered during the vacancy, but we'll get to know each other over the next few months. Some weeks I'll have my little helper with me and Kizzy is looking forward to coming to church with me as well. I thoroughly enjoyed my Institution Service and was overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcome I received that night. I would ask that you pray for me as I find my feet as I will pray for you.



The new Rector, Revd Canon Jen McWhirter with members of her family circle at the Institution Service.



Revd Canon Jen McWhirter with Bishop Ian Ellis.

(Bessbrook), Mullaglass and Ballymoyer Union in Diocese of Armagh. Following the service, supper was served in the Parish Hall where words of welcome to Canon Jen were given by Leslie Nixon, People's Churchwarden, Cleenish and Mrs Heather Carson, Rector's Churchwarden, Mullaghduin. Dr Eamon Smith, Aughaval Group of Parishes, Diocese of Tuam spoke on behalf of Canon Jen's previous parishes and gave a resounding resumé of Canon Jen's ministry in the Diocese of Tuam and of her work with the Theological Institute in Dublin. Words of welcome were also given by Revd Lorna Dreading, Methodist Church, and Mr Jim Maguire, representing the Parish Council for the Roman Catholic churches in the Parish of Cleenish. The Rector's Churchwarden, Cleenish, Mrs Rosemary Forde, gave the vote of thanks, thanking all those closely involved in the planning and preparation of the service, to the Diocesan Office, to

the Clergy and Diocesan Readers who provided weekly service cover during the vacancy and to Almighty God in calling Revd Canon Jennifer McWhirter to be Rector of Cleenish and Mullaghduin Parishes.

Mothers' Union

At our members' meeting in Mullaghduin in January we decorated candles as well as a lot of concentration and chat! The next meeting will be held in Cleenish Parish Hall on a date to be arranged by our new Rector, Canon Jen McWhirter.

Bellanaleck Community Group

There was a good attendance at the usual meeting of the Group on Wednesday 25th January, when assistant secretary Caroline Nicholson deputised for the secretary Owen Wilson.

Matters up for discussion included the maintenance of townland signs, the extension of the footpath at the frontage of Waterhen House, and sponsorship of permanent speed indicator signs. The proposed residential development on lands to the east of Waterhen Lane will be held over for further discussion, however the Group cannot get involved at this stage, as several raised objections will compete with the housing development which is required due to a shortage of

housing. The Group must be impartial and represent the different opinions including future traffic management at the Village Crossroads.

Should any parishioner in Cleenish require assistance within the public domain in the Village area, contact Owen Wilson (Sec) 66349602, or Bellanaleck on Facebook.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter

While Lent will have begun by the time you read this, I would like to draw your attention to Lent services and give advance notice of Holy Week:

There will be a service on Ash Wednesday at 8.00pm in Cleenish Parish church and services will alternate between the two churches thereafter on the Wednesday nights in Lent at 8.00pm. These will take the form of Compline with a short reflection each week. They won't go on much longer than about half an hour and I'd encourage you to attend during Lent as we journey from Palm Sunday to the cross. There will be two services during Holy Week as follows:

Maudy Thursday - A service of Holy Communion and the Institution of the Lord's Supper at 8.00pm in Mullaghduin

Good Friday - an Evening Service at 8.00pm in Cleenish

Easter Sunday - services as usual at 10.00am and 11.30am.



Candle decorating at Mothers' Union.



Clogher Cathedral Group



Rector:
The Revd Olivia
Downey

During the Rector's absence, the Revd Alison Irvine, Diocesan Curate, is looking after the Group of Parishes.

Diocesan Pastoral Assistant:
Miss Isobel Stewart

Midweek Lenten and Easter Services for the Clogher Group

The schedule of services to be held by Rev Alison Irvine.

This may be subject to change on the return of the Rector Rev Olivia Downey.

Ash Wednesday 22 March – there will be a service in each of the groupings:
Augher at 7pm
Clogher at 8.15pm

On every subsequent Wednesday including Holy Week there will a service in rotation at 8pm:

1 March – Errigal Portclare

8 March – Newtownsaville

15 March – Clogher

22 March – Augher

29 March – Clogher

5 April – Newtownsaville

Good Friday 7 April – there will be a service in each of the groupings:
Errigal Portclare at 7pm
Augher at 8.15pm

Easter Day 9 April – services will be at the usual times in:
Newtownsaville at 10am
Clogher at 11.30am

Knit Stitch and Natter

After many enquiries with local charities we could not find anyone who really wanted our lovely knitted hats and scarves. When the dreadful earthquake hit Turkey and Syria, we really wanted to get them there



Hilary and Joyce with some of the items collected to be sent to those displaced in the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

as soon as possible. We discovered that a store in Dungannon, (Newells Stores) were collecting items to send to those people who have lost everything in that terrible disaster. The hats and scarves should already be there along with other items we purchased from our small tea money fund when we bought nappies, sanitary products and some throws. All the ladies are delighted that their skills will bring comfort to some very needy people. We also feel that Divine intervention was very much at work in our little project.

P.S. the Model Cathedral is still on view in the Cathedral if anyone or group would like to visit please contact Hilary 02885548885/07901768842 or Joyce 07835977904.

Sunday School

Because of my poor technical skills a section on the Sunday School Nativity Play at the Carol Service was omitted from the February magazine. Sorry Jill and all the teachers. The children all took part in the little programme and the congregation enjoyed their efforts. It is much appreciated all the hard work the teachers and helpers



The Sunday School Nativity Play.

put into the Sunday School week by week. (Hilary).

Baptism

Lily Jayne, daughter of William and Fiona McKeown was baptised by Revd. Alison Irvine, on Sunday 12th February. We as a congregation wish William, Fiona and Lily Jayne, Gods Richest Blessings for the years to come.

After Service tea

For a number of months now we have been having a cup of tea and a biscuit after the morning service usually one Sunday per month. It is an opportunity for a little chat and some fellowship. The response has been very positive and we hope to continue this venture.

Dates for your diary

On Easter Monday 10th April, there will be an Easter egg hunt and walk in Knockmany Forest, more details later.

The 64th annual Friends' Service for Clogher Cathedral will be held on Sunday 26th March at 3.00 pm. The service which has been a regular event now for over 70

years is normally held on the Sunday closest to St Macartan's Day (24th March). The last service due to be held in March 2020 had to be postponed at the last minute due to the Covid Pandemic.

The preacher this year will be Bishop Ellis. Members of the Chapter and Lay Reader's in attendance are asked to robe.

Tea will be served in the Cathedral Hall after the service and this will be followed by the Friends' Annual General Meeting. Friends are asked to make a special effort to attend this year as no meeting has now been held since 2019.



Revd Alison Irvine with the McKeown family at the baptism.

stepping in to lead our Sunday worship at short notice on 15 January, when our Rector was absent due to Covid-19. We also thank Dean Raymond Ferguson and Mr Keith Browne for standing in so capably for the Rector whilst he was away for a fortnight celebrating a round birthday with family and friends in the middle of February. We felt we were in safe hands, as ever.



Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

5 March

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion
Newbliss 11.30am: Holy Communion

12 March

Currin 10.00am: Holy Communion
Killeevan 11.30am: Holy Communion

19 March

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

26 March

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

2 April

Clones 11.00am: Joint Palm Sunday
Worship

Thank you

Our thanks go to Mr Keith Browne for

Congratulations

In February we wished our Rector every blessing as he moved into his 60s, and he was delighted to receive a lovely birthday cake, card, and presents in Scotshouse Church on the Sunday before his birthday. He wasn't expecting it, and he sends us many thanks.

Scotshouse Burns Night CURRIN

Churchwarden Ian Jordan was one of the organisers of Burns Night in the Killyfargue Hall in Scotshouse on Friday 27 January and he generously invited all

the parishioners in our Group to come along. There was piping, accordions, fiddles, poetry, dancing, and a fine supper ... and everyone present had a great time, with some extremely talented performers. We thank Ian and the Killyfargue Hall Trustees for their warm hospitality, which was much appreciated.

Mothers' Union

Unfortunately our January meeting had to be postponed, but Sallyann Mackarel will now come later in the year to give MU members some practical tips around

safe lifting and CPR. We look forward to welcoming her then, but in the meantime our next meeting will be announced in church later in the month.

Easter Vestry Meetings

We have just revised our lists of General Vestry members, and Easter Vestry meetings will now take place across the Group in March and April. These will be advertised in the usual way in church as well as on our WhatsApp forum, and we hope that as many parishioners as possible will be able to attend.

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Services

MARCH

5th - Holy Communion 11.30am

12th - Family Service 11.30am

19th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

26th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

APRIL

2nd - Morning Prayer 11.30am

6th - Maundy Thursday 8.00pm

7th - Good Friday 8.00pm

9th - Easter Sunday, Holy Communion 11.30am

16th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

23rd - Morning Prayer 11.30am

30th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

Christian Burial

2nd February 2023

Elizabeth (Betty) Weir – Tirmacspird, Lack

The increase of knowledge, intellect, or academia has its merits, the outworking of which is another matter entirely. Rightly used and understood, it can be beneficial as a whole, but where such is lacking, its influence can have a detrimental effect. When it comes to matters of faith, understanding scriptural doctrines, it



has the potential to heighten confusion. The ancient creeds of the church that stated church beliefs in God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the 39 Articles of Religion, the tenets of the Reformation, the emphasis on the authority of scripture, are still relevant today. Is it neglect, or the mere repetition that the essential truths are all but forgotten that allows for the false doctrine and teaching that seems to be emerging? Is our faith now driven by emotions, what makes us feel good, a selfishness rather than a solid foundation, on Christ and His word of truth? Paul's warning to Timothy is a warning that is worth heeding. *"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires,*

because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables." In this season of Lent, a time of spiritual preparation, let us reflect on our own lives, on who we are following, on what foundation we are building upon, Christ the solid rock, or the world, the flesh, and the devil, sinking sand.

Women's Fellowship

'Tea and Truth' were the topic for the February meeting with Jean giving a most insightful and encouraging talk on Jeremiah 18: 1 – 6. Members entered what represented a tearoom with China cups and saucers, cake stands, all of



which were different in style, shape, and decoration. The next meeting will be on Monday 6th March and will be the Visitor's night, with Lynda Lindsay, 'Singing to the Lord'. This will also be, as in other years, the 'Bring and Buy' sale. Looking forward to welcoming everyone and sharing in fellowship with the ladies' groups from other churches.

Children and Youth

Activities have been taking place on a fortnightly basis and with a good attendance in both groups. We thank our leaders for all they do with children

and youth, for the informative and encouraging bible talks that relate to life in general. Our thanks to the children and young people who come long, and to their parents who bring them. Promises made, promises being fulfilled, bringing glory to God.

Young @ Heart

A well-attended meeting heard a representative of RNID speak on matters of hearing and the avenues that are open when we discover our hearing isn't as quick to catch what is being said. A very beneficial meeting for all present

which was concluded with a delightful lunch enjoyed by all. Some members are currently undertaking a pottery class on Friday mornings. The next meeting on 15th March speaker to be confirmed.

Bowling Club

Members are taking part in the churches league, and by the time you read this, will have the league matches completed. The info on the ground is that they are playing well with several wins under their belt, but in it all enjoying the fellowship and fun with other bowling teams. Come along and give it a try, you might discover a talent for it.

Easter General Vestry

This will take place DV on Wednesday 29th March at 8.00pm in the Parish hall. The annual accounts will be presented and the incoming relevant elections will take place. Only those registered as general vestry members will be entitled to vote. Place note the date and plan to come along.

Dates for the diary

- Parish Auction 29th April 2023
- Confirmation 18th June 2023
- Police Choir 19th May 2023 – all proceeds to Air Ambulance
- Parish sizzlers/burgers 22nd July 2023

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Services

Sunday 12th March

10.30am Derryvullen North (informal Morning Prayer)
11.45am Castle Archdale (informal Morning Prayer)

3.30pm BB Battalion Service preceded by Parade

Wednesday 15th March

7.30pm, Lenten Service (Derryvullen North)

Sunday 19th March

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

Prayer)

Wednesday 22nd March

7.30pm, Lenten Service (Derryvullen North)

Sunday 16th March

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

Prayer)

Wednesday 29th March

7.30pm, Lenten Service (Derryvullen North)

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday

10.15am Castle Archdale (Holy Communion)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Holy Communion)

The blessing and distribution of the Palms at each Service

The Shoppers' Service

The monthly Service continues each second Wednesday of the month in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown. It is a time to step back from the rush of life and share in

a simple service of Holy Communion with the music provided by Richard McGonigle on the guitar. The time for chat over a cuppa, for those who are able to stay, is very much part of the occasion and it is great to see so many people attend and enjoy the fellowship.

Women's Group

On the evening of 25th January our Women's Group held their postponed event to "Hidden Beauty at Coolness". Elaine (group secretary) wrote; "Thank You very much to Janice, Amy and Shanelle @ Hidden Beauty at Coolness for a very enjoyable evening. A wonderful and informative skin care demonstration by Janice and Tracy. And we were treated to a lovely super by the girls and got to look around Janice's beautiful premises."

Mothers' Union

On Wednesday 25th January the members met for their annual auction evening. Enrolling Member, Lorraine Thompson, opening the meeting prayer and a Bible passage was read by Sharon Duncan. On this occasion, for a one-off, the auctioneer was the Rector – a great sum was raised



BB football team.



Sunday School.

and there was plenty of laughter too. A lovely supper was served and a short business meeting held. At the end of the evening the members made a little video of themselves, for Dr Margaret (who at that time was in Hospital) showing the items from the auction and then joining in the MU prayer.

Boys' Brigade

All sections of the BB have been very busy and with the annual display not far away (24th March) there is a lot to include in an already active session. This display will of course be the first one since 2019! It is great to see six of the Company Section beginning their Queen's Award – a two-year programme that includes volunteering in church and community while also developing new skills. The Company Section are also preparing for the Scripture Exam and the Rector is delivering sessions on Thursday evenings as part of this. The leaders are also very grateful to Amanda and Kirsty Wood for the very creative and interesting Scripture sessions delivered to the Junior Section. Recently the Anchor Boys attended a Games Night in Newtownstewart, the Juniors took part in an Area Quiz Evening and also a football competition.

Sunday Schools

As parishes we are very blessed by such a committed group of Sunday School leaders in both Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North. There are about 15 children attending Castle Archdale and about 45 attending Derryvullen North. Thank you, to the leaders and the parents for all their support and to the young people for coming along and taking such good part in everything.

Craft Group

The group continues to meet weekly on Thursday evenings, 7pm to 9pm. People are welcome to come for either all the time or for a part of the session. The group is

not only for people who are very good at knitting etc but also for those who want to learn or return to a skill they thought they had forgotten. Crafts are however only part of the story for the group is also about people gathering for a cuppa, a chat and friendship too. It is for anyone from our parishes and the wider community.

Word for Today: facing your giants

Many people use Word for Today, the daily reflection from UCB offering practical Bible insights to help in everyday life. UCB have an additional free resource available online called "Facing your giants" and this consists of a series of six eBooks that can be downloaded to your phone or computer. Each one takes a different "giant" - fear, grief and loss, work and unemployment, money, business, addiction. <https://www.ucb.co.uk/facingyourgiants> Each one offers practical pointers and insights from the Bible around each topic. The Bible is not just an ancient book but one that is always up to date and relevant to our lives.

Dr. Margaret

With the sad passing of Dr. Margaret Knox, an era has come to an end in our parishes but also in the wider Diocese and community. She served as a very well-respected GP for many years and was also very active in parish and diocesan/community matters as a Parish Reader, MU office holder (in parish and diocesan role), musician, community and church choir member, Age Concern organiser, Tuesday Club organiser and in many many other roles.

As it was not possible for people to visit her while she was in hospital over her last few weeks, the Sunday congregations in Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North, the members of our local MU Branch and the Diocesan MU Trustees each made a video recording sending her their love and prayers. The Rector was able to play

these to her and she greatly appreciated them all.

She will be sadly missed by a wide circle of people but most of all by her family. We thank God for her life and hold her family circle in our prayers.

Castle Archdale

Here is an article about Castle Archdale Church the Rector received recently. It was published on 18th April 1940 in the Impartial Reporter and seems to have been part of a series looking at places of worship. It is interesting to read of a visitor's thoughts on our Church from all that time ago.

"18-4-1940. WHERE OUR PEOPLE WORSHIP. CASTLE ARCHDALE. A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH. (25th Article.) On the north side of Lower Lough Erne the road winds within an even distance of the water almost all the way. Townlands are passed, crossroads keep their own importance and several churches come into view on the road westwards from Enniskillen—first Trory, then Killydeas and then Castle Archdale. The latter was the object of the writer's pilgrimage on Sunday last, the second Sunday after Easter.

Service is hold there in the afternoon, starting at 3pm.

This old road has the charm of age with many portions like an avenue, so fine are the trees, and in the end Castle Archdale Church bursts on the view unexpectedly, embowered beautifully in green. A green sward surrounds the building and fine decorative shrubs lend it quite an air of exclusiveness, not an ordinary church for ordinary people, rather something reserved for certain people.

An Unusual Church.

In a sense this is so, because this very handsome and uncommon stone church was built by Edward Archdale, Esq., D.L., of Castle Archdale, and given to the parish. At one time, and even now, very many of the worshippers likely belong to the estate. The first stone was laid in 1905,



The Women's Group had an enjoyable evening with "Hidden Beauty at Coolaness" where they were given a wonderful and informative skin care demonstration.

and after three years it was finished and consecrated. Such beauty in stone, in oak, in design, in roof—few churches have such plenishings. The donor has given Fermanagh a perfect, small English church, with that type of stone porch with seats, that is so essentially Saxon. It forms almost a Christmas card scene, square tower with gargoyles, weathervane on top, and green ivy clipped so that it cannot get a grip on the structure. A row of slender, silver birches makes the background, through which a path leads to the graveyard. Sloping down towards the lake, and with newly ploughed fields up to its very borders, it is a seemly place to be laid to rest. Archdale graves are there, but neither grand stones nor wrought iron mark their enclosure. As the whole place is very new, naturally there are not many graves, but one could not help being interested in those of 'Grandpa and Grandma Kennedy.'

Brilliant Contrast in Colour

Pure white tooled atone forms the interior

of the building, the whiteness broken and splashed with prismatic colour from the rather splendid east window (erected to the Rev. Montgomery Archdale and his wife (1818-1898) and the window with design of the two saints (St. Patrick and St. George) dedicated to Mervyn Edward Archdale, an M.P. for Fermanagh and a Captain in the Inniskilling Dragoons. Also the oak had a warm tinge, very pleasing to the eye. Bursts of April sunshine broke in through south (side) windows lighting up the brasses, the vases and platter on the Communion table, the lectern (given by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Maude), the book rest on the pulpit, etc. Daffodils on the Holy Table betokened the time of year. The marble font was the people's gift to their church.

Furnished Walls

One scarcely expected furnished walls after such a short time, yet a certain William Quinn, P.M., secretary to the Irvinestown Masonic Lodge, had his memorial there amongst the grander ones of the manorial house. The young George Mervyn Archdale (aged 20) killed in the Great War, is remembered there, and taken from the old church whose ruins are quite near, came the tablet to Mervyn Archdale, dated 1839. The roll of honour, in marble, has its special place. And over the door is the Archdale Coat of Arms in carved stone; very dignified, very imposing. James Harvey of Enniskillen, the builder, has left many memorials of his work behind him. Does any outweigh, the charm of this church? Mrs Herbert Thompson must be congratulated on her care of this place.

Sweet Singing

Possibly, the church could seat 200, but

that would be only on great occasions. Sunday's congregation was under 50, and for those folk the rector, Rev. Robert Watson had a warmth and sincerity in his voice that made the short service live. The singing was simple and very sweet, childish voices playing the biggest part in it. Considering their numbers, this congregation played a more robust and strong part in the service than many others. The verses of the psalms were neither weak or uncertain, the responses came with a fullness, and the concluding vesper was particularly good. The organist, Mr. R. Creighton, had to do his work under great difficulties, for the fine pipe organ needs over-hauling.

Finale

Legend, story, romance, these all pervade this district, and the church has always its part to play woven into these. There are always weddings, deaths and baptisms, forming cycles. In this new church its weavings have only begun, for what is 32 years as a space of time New Archdales have come to the Castle, and they are interlacing their lives and interests with this church. Tradition persists. M.T.

From the registers:

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

■ IRENE ARMSTRONG, 28th January 2023 (Castle Archdale)

■ DR MARGARET KNOX, 6th January 2023 (Castle Archdale/Derryvullen North)

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

(From the Book of Common Prayer)

Derryvullen South and Garvary

Vacant:

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

Services

Sunday, 5 March

10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday, 12 March

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Garvary

Sunday, 19 March

10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday, 26 March

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Garvary

Garvary

Auction

The parish auction is planned for Saturday, 25th March at 2pm. Donations of bric-a-brac and firewood would be gratefully accepted. We also hope to have some bales of straw for sale. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance at this event.

Sunday School

We were pleased to see the Sunday School commencing again on Sunday 5 February after a very long break due to the pandemic. It is hoped to hold this every fortnight.

Charity table

A charity table in aid of church funds has been booked in Tesco for Saturday 15 April. Volunteers are required for this event.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those of our parishioners who are ill in hospital, at home, in nursing homes or those who are receiving treatment. Please also remember in your prayers all those people who have been injured, bereaved or left homeless as a result of the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Devenish & Boho



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Services for March 2023

Sunday 5th March 2023

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 12th March 2023

10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 19th March 2023

10.00 am Mother's Day Service Boho Parish Church

11.30am Mother Day Service Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 26th March 2023

10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church



The Mothers' Union enjoying their meal in the Westville Hotel.

11.30 am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church

Burial

31st January 2023 - Clive Johnston, Levally Road, Enniskillen. The Service in Devenish Parish Church was conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka and The Dean, The Very Revd Kenny Hall. Burial was in the adjoining graveyard.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Clive's wife Barbara, son Mark and the wider family circle.

Lenten Services

Lenten Services will alternate between both Churches every Wednesday evening.

Dedication Service of Gifts

This will take place on Sunday 23rd April

2023 at 11.30 am in Devenish Parish Church when the preacher will be the Bishop of Clogher, Rt Revd Dr Ian Ellis.

Confirmation Service

This will be on Sunday 4th June 2023 at 11.30am in Devenish Parish Church.

Mothers' Union

Twenty-five members and friends enjoyed a lovely meal and a good chat in the Westville Hotel on Wednesday 8th February. We will be attending the World Day of Prayer Service in Derrygonnelly Methodist Church on Friday 3rd March at 8pm. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th March at 8pm. We look forward to hearing one of our members, Norma Ferguson, speak on "10 gems of knowledge for a healthy you".

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Services

Sunday 5th March

The Second Sunday of Lent

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – The Holy Communion (Order 2) with Hymns, Sermon and Sunday School

12noon St Sillian's, Tyholland - The Holy Communion (Order 1) with Hymns and Sermon

Sunday 12th March

The Third Sunday of Lent

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – Morning Prayer (Order 1) with Anglican Chant, Hymns, Sermon and Sunday School

12noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh – The Holy Communion (Order 1) with Hymns and Sermon.

Sunday 19th March - Mothering Sunday

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough - Morning Prayer (Order 2) with Anglican Chant,

Hymns, Sermon and Sunday School
12noon St Sillian's, Tyholland – Morning Prayer (Order 1) with Hymns and Sermon

Sunday 26th March

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.30 am St Salvator's, Glaslough - All Age Family Service of Morning Prayer for use on Sunday – Lent (Order 3) led by The Revd Tim with the help of children from our Sunday School - with Hymns, Anglican Chant, Junior Choir and All Age Sermon

12noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh – Morning Prayer (Order 1) with Hymns and Sermon

Sunday 1st April - Palm Sunday

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) with Palm Procession and Dramatized Passion Gospel, Hymns, and Sunday School
12noon St Sillian's, Tyholland - The Holy



At the pantomime.



The Donagh group at the pantomime.

Communion (Order 1) with Passion Gospel and Hymns

Thursday 6th April - Maundy Thursday

8pm St Sillian's, Tyholland – The Last Supper – The Holy Communion (Order 1) with Hymns, the Story of the Last Supper, Stripping of the Altar and The Watch

Friday 7th April Good Friday

8pm St Salvator's, Glaslough – The Way of the Cross with Hymns and Reflection

Sunday 9th April - Easter Day

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – Eucharist of the Resurrection for Easter Day with Easter Fire, Marking of the Easter Candle, Procession, Dramatised Vigil, Hymns and All Age Sermon

We began the new year with a celebration of The Epiphany with the arrival of the Magi being marked by the figures of the Magi being placed in our Crib by children from our Sunday School and the presentation of the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh and the singing of "We three kings".

The Sunday School had its belated Christmas outing when we went to The Garage Theatre to see The Wizard of Oz

performed by the Monaghan Dramatic Society. We had a wonderful time and for many of the children this was their first time at a Pantomime and the looks I got from the little boy sitting beside me when I started to boo and hiss at the arrival of the wicked witches, was absolutely priceless (think of a six year old looking at you like you had just gone stark raving bonkers and you have the picture), until I explained the dramaturgical conventions of pantomime and he joined in with gusto! The cast were fantastic and they met the audience outside for photos and chat. Local Tik Tok sensation (and no doubt much loved) National School teacher, Kayleigh Trappe was the star of the show as an utterly hilarious Cowardly Lion.

Blessing of the Ploughs

At the end of January we marked the beginning of the new agricultural year with the Blessing of the (Ploughs) Tractors and Seed, the Service being led with the assistance of the Children from Sunday School. We had a number of tractors in attendance both big and small and with five minutes to go I looked out to see the

church almost completely empty only for our church warden to read my fallen face and tell me that everyone was outside... what is it with boys (of all ages) and tractors. Quite what the American tourists staying at Castle Leslie made of it all is open to conjecture....

Big Sing

The last weekend of the month proved a busy one in the parish but everyone who travelled to Castleblayney was very glad that they made the effort. Those of us visiting the parish for the first time were astonished by two things: firstly, how enormous the church is and secondly, how viciously the wind whips through it whether the doors are shut or not! Arctic blasts notwithstanding, the members of Donagh Cantari and the Donagh Community Choir had a wonderful night (the benefit of being last on the bill) is being able to sit back and enjoy everything that comes before. We had a great variety of music, from our Cathedral Choral tradition, to chamber Choirs, soloists, duets, instrumentalists, a country Gospel group (with a wonderful



Tractor Sunday.



A view of the Big Sing from the choirs

pedal steel guitarist), parish choirs and our own Community Choir. It was a great evening of musical celebration and at two hours ten you would usually expect people to rush off home, but so magical was the combined effect of the musical performances that everyone stayed put for their cuppotay, chat and to be part of the wonderful atmosphere that the event had generated. Our thanks to the people of Castleblayney and to Mr Glenn Moore for pulling together such a great collection of musical talent, and being his usual masterful self on the manuals. Bishop Ian closed off the night beautifully and all of us who were there know how to perfectly time an egg to be soft or hard boiled as best suit our own personal preference...

and all it takes is a well judged hymn... every day's a school day.

Looking forward

Forty (or so) days after Christmas we marked the end of our "white season" of Christmastide and Epiphanytide with our celebration of The Presentation of Christ in the Temple as we prepared to orientate ourselves away from the birth of Christ and his revealing, and to look forward to the coming season of Lent and the journey from acclamation of Palm Sunday to the despair of Good Friday and the eventual joy of Easter.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes begin on the day after

Ash Wednesday in the Rectory. We have seven young people being prepared for Confirmation on Sunday 21st May. Please remember our confirmation candidates in your prayers and make a special effort to be with them in St Salvator's on the day of their Confirmation when Bishop Ian will be Presiding and Preaching.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Stewart Waller on his recent engagement to Sharon and their upcoming nuptials in June this year. I have recorded some Lenten reflection podcasts which will appear each day during Lent on St Salvator's Facebook page. I hope you will find these helpful in the keeping of a Holy Lent.

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Revd Andrew Quill helping Neville McCormack with donations for Barnabas Aid.

He stood in my stead

'As a seminary student, I worked at a church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. It was there I had the privilege of "debriefing" Mrs. Jane McCray, a missionary to the Gaza Strip. I don't remember much of that interview, except the story she told when I asked her to describe the toughest position she found herself in during her time in Gaza. "A state-side church sent us some clothing for children," she said, "and as I unpacked the clothes, I saw they had placed a New Testament in the pocket of every piece of clothing." Because it was illegal to distribute Bibles there, she was forced to go through every item and remove them. "There were hundreds of them," she said, "and I put them in a sack, thinking to hide them somewhere safe. But as I was walking through town, some boys saw the sack and must have thought there was food in it. They grabbed it and ran." When the boys got around the corner and opened the bag, they found nothing but

books, and were angry. So they ripped them up, tearing out the pages. "Then," she said, "pages of the New Testament began to fly all over the village. Just everywhere." It wasn't long before the books were traced to Mrs. McCray, and she was charged with distributing illegal literature. She was instructed to appear before a government official the next day, but that night, she had some unexpected visitors. "A little girl knocked on my door," she told me, "and with her was an army officer. He told me his daughter heard about my plight, and asked him to hear my side of the story. As I told him he paced the floor. When I was done he said this: "Mrs. McCray. This is very serious. But you cannot go to court. I will go and stand in your stead." And this army officer did just that, forfeiting his name, his career, everything he had to protect her. Then she looked at me with tears in her eyes, and said, "Eddie, he stood in my stead." And as she said it, I knew that was just

what Jesus Christ had done for me' *(Day 17 of 'Everywhere I Go Bible Reading Plan', YouVersion)*

SERVICES

5th March to 2nd April

5th March

11.00am – Family Service, 'Listen to him!', Matthew 17:1-9

7.30pm – Praise & Ministry Service

12th March

11.00am – Holy Communion Service, 'Permanent Residence, Phil 3:17-4:1

19th March

11.00am – Morning Service, 'Put into practice', Phil 4:2-9

26th March

11.00am – Morning Service, 'Pleasing to God', Phil 4:10-23

2nd April

11.00am – Family Service, 'The Passover Lamb', Matthew 21:1-11

7.30pm – Praise & Ministry Service



Lenten Services (Wednesdays)

Over the period of Lent, we will be looking at individuals who met Jesus (as recorded in John's Gospel) and whose lives were changed as a result. The Lenten Services will be informal and will last between 35 - 40 minutes.

- Wed 8th Mar at 8pm - Woman at the well (John 4:1 - 29)
- Wed 15th Mar - No Lenten Service (MU Meeting)
- Wed 22nd Mar at 8pm ~ Man Born Blind (John 9:1 - 38)
- Wed 29th Mar at 8pm ~ Martha (John 11:1-6, 17-27, 38-44)
- Wed 5th Apr at 8pm ~ Peter (John 21:1 - 23)

Many people over Lent give up chocolate or some other luxury as a sacrificial act. The writer of Hebrews talks about us offering to God 'a sacrifice of praise' as well as a sharing with others who are in need. Come along to these services and offer to God 'a sacrifice of praise' in addition to the Sunday Services and bring an offering towards Barnabas Aid's 'food.gives' initiative (helping hungry believers around the world). Our first full box was

picked up by Neville McCormack from Barnabas Aid on 11th February. Thank you to those who have already given. For more information on this go to: <http://www.food.gives>

Joint Lenten Services

As Togherdoo Methodist Church celebrate 150 years this year it is great that we are able to come together with our Methodist brothers and sisters on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, as we did before Covid-19. Our joint services will be as follows:

- Maundy Thursday (6th April), Holy Communion in Togherdoo Methodist Church at 8pm
- Good Friday (7th April), Service of Reflection in Holy Trinity Church at 8pm.

Soup Lunch

It was a real joy to be able to come together as a parish for our soup lunch organized by our Mothers' Union members on Sunday 22nd January. A big thank you to Eveline Smith who managed to get a grant from Linking Generations NI as well as organize a craft for those of all generations to try after the lunch. There was a great buzz in the hall as well as in the kitchen, many realizing how much they had missed not only coming together for events like this, but also in helping to cater for them.

Keeping up to date

There are several ways that you can keep



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

- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
- Watch our Live Streamed Services <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitydromore/live/>
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwj585CXlqOq6W6h7_2AiYg/
- Watch uploaded Services on YouTube on a smart TV, uploaded usually on within 48 hours.
- Get a recording of the service on CD every week.

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As I write these words the Season of Lent is rapidly approaching and when you read them we will be in the midst of that season.

Every year I talk about the penitential nature of this season, the need for us to

look at our lives and our walk with Christ and to make changes and adjustments as necessary.

I often wonder how many people still see this time of year in that way.

That is of course a question that we can only answer for ourselves so I will leave you to do that having thought about what I have said and will say now.

I want to think about what Lent should mean for us as Christians. As I do so I will state the obvious on occasion but it does no harm to remind ourselves of what seems obvious from time to time.

Lent begins this year on 22 February (Ash Wednesday) which is forty six days before Easter Sunday which caused me some confusion when I was younger.

I eventually worked out that the reason that Lent is a forty day season is that Sundays are not included. This time of year should be marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration.

The forty day period represents Christ's



time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him.

The Season of Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

While the entire season is important there are days that we should pay particular attention to as we travel through this time

of year.

These include Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. I should also mention Mothering Sunday which is marked on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

I hope that we all understand the significance of each of these days and that we will mark them accordingly which should include coming to church.

I want to think about how we should view Lent.

It is fair to suggest that just as we set aside time to spiritually prepare for Christmas Day, it would make sense to set aside time to prepare for the two most important days of the Christian year - Good Friday and Easter. The day that Christ was crucified and died and the day that he rose from the grave and conquered death.

Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts and understand our Lord more deeply so that when Good Friday and Easter come, it is not just another day at church but an opportunity to receive all that God offers to us.

Prayer should be a significant focus for Christians during Lent. We should seek God's forgiveness, we should accept his love and mercy, and we should repent for our sins.

I hope that we all view Lent on this way.

Life in the group of parishes continues and as I mentioned last month the ladies group Women Together along with one man enjoyed a meal in Tullana on the Green and were entertained by Margaret

Owens with stories of her travels over many years.

I also mentioned the delayed Carol Service in the Orange Hall last month and stated that a collection was taken up and £700 given to Gillian Stevenson to support her in her wonderful work. I am delighted to update this and say that the total raised was £1000.

Parish Register

Sadly the trend of the last few months has continued and we lost some more parishioners recently and members of the congregation have lost family members elsewhere.

James (Jim) Moore passed away suddenly at his home at 19 Drumnagalliagh Road, Kesh on 17 January. Jim was a dear brother of Hazlett, Elizabeth and the late Very Rev Thomas Robert Moore and was a valued member of the community and congregation throughout his life. Jim was buried on Sunday 22 January at Tubrid at a well-attended service.

Mildred Barton passed away peacefully following a period of illness on 5 February at her home, 7 Rosscolban Court, Kesh, Co Fermanagh. Mildred is survived by her husband William John (Johnny), and was a much loved mother of Noel (Irene), Gordon (Norma) and Alywin (Marcella). Granny B was a dear Grandmother of Shiree (Trevor), Richard (Lorraine), Donna, Alister (Rebecca), Catherine (Jonny), Gregg (Rebecca) and William (Bethany). Dear Great Grandmother of Amelia, Thomas, Emma, Abbey, Oliver, Jessica and Arthur, and was also a much loved Aunt. Mildred

was buried at Tubrid on 7 February with a full church which I am sure was a comfort to her family.

I would also like to mention the passing of Margaret White's son-in-law Jason in England coming so soon after the passing of her husband Philip last month. Our sympathy to Margaret, her daughter Joanne and to the wider family circle as they come to terms with this latest blow to the family.

I would also like to express our deepest sympathy to Katrina Knox, her husband Gary and to their children Matthew, Isaac and Olivia following the death of Katrina's grandmother (and the kids great grannie) Olivia Jane Elliott. Sympathies to Katrina's wider family circle who I know from my time in Magheracross.

Finally I officiated at a funeral in Colaghty recently while covering for Canon Alan Irwin. My sympathy to the Weir family on the death of Betty on 30 January 2023.

Diary

Sunday 5 March 2023

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 5 March 2023

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Sunday 12 March 2023

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckross,
Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 19 March 2023

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 26 March 2023

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckross,
Morning Prayer 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.

Dartrey and Rockcorry

Following a very protracted delay four classes from Scoil Mhuire have at last moved into the former Rockcorry School while their new school is under

construction. Thanks to Monaghan/Cavan Training Board and the Diocesan Board of Education in conjunction with the Department of Education for their co-operation in facilitating and financing this project which has resulted in a complete renovation of the former school building. We wish staff and pupils every blessing in their new surroundings.

Illness

We wish all who have been ill during the month a good recovery and we also remember those who care for them. We also remember those who have been bereaved.

School News

Here in Rockcorry N.S. we are enjoying the second term of school. This term the whole school has started swimming lessons in Coral Leisure Centre, Monaghan. We also went to Rossmore Park to look at, learn from and experience biodiversity in one of our biggest local forest parks. This was a part of the Shared Education Programme.



Aughnamullen

Our annual Easter Gift Day service will be held on Easter Sunday, 9th April at 9.45 am.

Vestry meetings

Our thanks to Revd Tim Irvine for conducting our Vestry meeting in January for the revision of the church register. Our Annual Easter Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th April at 7.30pm in the Schoolhouse.

Congratulations

Our Congratulations to Tristian and Aoife McMurray on their recent marriage and

good wishes to them both for their future married life.
We continue to remember those who have been unwell and wish them a speedy recovery.

Aghabog Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union meeting for the group was held in Aghabog hall on Thursday 19th January. This was our December meeting which was cancelled due to weather conditions and was very well attended. Revd Margaret and Walter Pringle were

also in attendance. The meeting was opened in prayer by Revd. Maureen and a bible reading by Shirley. Then followed the singing of a hymn. Our treasurer/ secretary read the minutes of the last meetings and a business meeting of different topics took place. As this was our Christmas get together Ruth organised a wordsearch quiz and prizes were given to winners. Our grateful thanks to Ruth for organising this. The meeting was closed in prayer by Revd Margaret. Our thanks to the ladies in Aghabog for the lovely supper served afterwards. Next meeting was arranged for

Thursday, 16th February at 7.30 pm in Drum.

Annual Easter Vestry

Our Annual General Easter Vestry meeting will be held in Aghabog on Thursday 20th April at 8.30. Our thanks to Revd Tim Irvine for conducting the meetings.

Get well wishes

We wish all those who have been unwell recently and wish them a speedy recovery.

St. Patrick's Day

We hope to hold a Stew Night in Aghabog Parish Hall on Friday 17th March at 8pm for the group, following by musical items. Further details at a later date.

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March Services

Wednesday 1st March

7.30pm– Compline (Job)

Thursday 2nd March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 5th March – The Second Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 8th March

7.30pm– Compline (Jeremiah)

Thursday 9th March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 12th March – The Third Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Wednesday 15th March

7.30pm– Compline (Jonathan)

Thursday 16th March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 19th March – The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Family Service and Holy Baptism

Wednesday 22nd March

7.30pm– Compline (Joseph)

Thursday 23rd March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 26th March – The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Wednesday 29th March

7.30pm– Compline (Joshua)

Thursday 30th March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Lenten Services

The Theme of the Evening Services is "The 'J' men of the Old Testament"

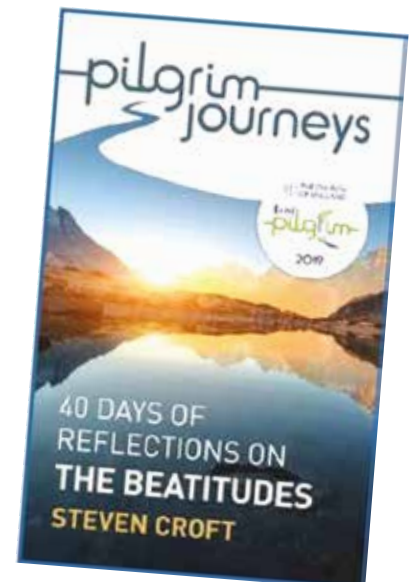
Lenten Project - Mission Focus

One of the aims of Mothers' Union is 'to help those whose family life has met with adversity'. The Mothers' Union Relief Fund is founded upon this principle. It enables grassroots Mothers' Union members to be a source of hope in their local communities when emergencies strike, wherever they find themselves in the world. When an emergency situation suddenly destabilises family life – either natural disaster or man-made conflict – local Mothers' Union groups can receive a grant from the Relief Fund which helps them provide support to meet the most urgent needs facing communities. In many areas the Mothers' Union acts as the health service, the social service

and as the education service. It has trained project workers in many spheres! This Lenten Season we as the Parish of Enniskillen are going to support this vital work. Lenten Boxes and Gift Aid Envelopes are available and should be returned during Holy Week. *'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'* 2nd Corinthians 9:7)

Daily Reading for Lent

Pilgrim Journeys: The Beatitudes invites you to explore the unexpected and often challenging vision Jesus sets out in this crucial part of his teachings. Each day provides you with a short reflection on a Bible reading, an invitation to pray and a suggestion of how you might respond to the Beatitudes' challenge to live as God intends, both as an individual and in community. The Pilgrim Journeys booklets are ideal daily companions for anyone seeking to grow in the Christian faith but can be used by anyone at any stage of their Christian journey. These booklets are available for £3.00 at the back of the Cathedral or the Cathedral Office.





Holy Baptism

■ 25th February – Hudson Jack Hicks

Christian Burial

- 18th January - Norman George McFetridge, Millcroft Nursing Home, Enniskillen.
- 22nd January - Ernest Boyd (Ernie) Fawcett, The County Nursing Home, formerly 7 Rossvie, Lisnaskea.
- 30th January - Florence Charlotte Edwards, Tullyavey Road, Enniskillen.
- 31st January - Clive Nevin Johnston, Levally Road, Enniskillen.

Burial of Ashes

■ 4th February - Cecil Carson MBE, 17 Benaughlin Park, Enniskillen.

Donation to Air Ambulance

Local Air Ambulance volunteers were in attendance at the 11.00am service on Sunday 22nd January when a cheque for £6,000 was presented to George Irvine, representing Air Ambulance, being one third of the money raised by the Dean at his pre Christmas 'Sit Out.' George gave a very interesting talk on the work of the Air Ambulance and how they rely entirely on support from the public and local



A cheque is handed over to Air Ambulance NI.

businesses to fund this vital work. The previous day, the Dean and local volunteers visited the base in Lisburn where they saw and heard how the Air Ambulance, who work in partnership with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, provide Helicopter emergency support in serious, life threatening situations in Northern Ireland. They can reach anywhere in the province within 25 minutes providing critical care until the patient reaches hospital. If a patient reaches hospital within 60 minutes (the golden hour) after their injury their chances of surviving are significantly increased. The service costs approximately £5,500 per day to run. The crew consists of the pilot, a doctor and a paramedic and operates 12 hours per day, 365 days of the year.

Mothers' Union

Pictured are some members of St Macartin's Mothers' Union along with the Diocesan President, Mrs Heather Ellis following a service at which the Dean enrolled 12 new members and welcomed five more members who have rejoined. This brings the total membership now above 60. Included in the picture are the

Bishop and the Churchwardens. At the February meeting The Dean opened with a reading and prayer. Stephanie Hamilton, in the absence of branch leader Jenifer, introduced The Diocesan President Mrs Heather Ellis as the Guest Speaker. The title of Heather's talk was "Hearts and Flowers." She told us about growing up in Armagh, the twists and turns her life took, eventually married to the Bishop and living in The See House in Fivemiletown. Everyone got a daffodil and a heart sweet to bring home. After supper the meeting closed with the Mothers' Union prayer. A warm welcome awaits you at our next meeting "Visitor's Night" on Monday 13th March with our very own Margaret Owens, entitled 'One more step along the way'.

Renaissance Chamber Choir Concert - Music of Stillness

We were very pleased to welcome the Renaissance Chamber Choir, from Belfast, to the Cathedral on Friday 3rd February. Simon Neill-O'Brien BEM, an acclaimed musician, is the Artistic Director and Conductor. Fifteen-year-old Senan Sheridan, a classical pianist, was the accompanist. Viscount and Viscountess



Above: The enrolment service for the Mothers' Union.

Right: MU Diocesan President, Heather Ellis at the monthly meeting.





Simon Neill-O'Brien BEM and Senan Sheridan

Brookeborough, Lord and Lady Anthony and local Choral Societies were among those in attendance.

Quadricentennial Service

The past year was a landmark year in the history of the Parish of Enniskillen when we celebrated our quadricentennial year. The journey of life takes many twists and turns for all of us and at times we all need something of stability upon which we can rely. The parish of Enniskillen was formed in 1622 and St Macartin's Cathedral (formerly St Anne's Church) has stood for 400 years at one of the highest spots in Enniskillen and has been a spiritual beacon and home for many generations of Christians. Today, St Macartin's is still committed to providing a welcoming home to all who are seeking to deepen and develop their spiritual lives and their relationship with God. We want to acknowledge and give thanks for these 400 years at a special thanksgiving service to mark the formation

of this Parish on St Macartin's Day, Friday 24th March at 7.30pm. The preacher will be The Most Revd F John McDowell, B A Hons, B Th, Dip B S, Archbishop of Armagh. Please make a note of this date and invite family, friends, neighbours and more especially anyone who has had previous connections with the Parish. Due to Covid restrictions at the time of our reopening (after our major renovations in 2021) we were greatly restricted in numbers able to attend. Now everyone has the opportunity to come along, give thanks and see our newly renovated magnificent building!

Quadricentennial Cathedral Prayer

Almighty God, you have made us members of Christ and of his Church here in this Cathedral Parish of Enniskillen. We thank you for 400 years of rich heritage handed down to us from former generations, and we pray that we can hand that on to the generations to come.

The Dean and Chapter together with the Churchwardens and Select Vestry of Saint Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen invite you to join them for the

400th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
of the formation of
The Parish of Enniskillen
SAINT MACARTIN'S CATHEDRAL ENNISKILLEN
(formerly Saint Anne's Parish Church)
ST MACARTIN'S DAY, 24th MARCH 2023 at 7.30pm

Preacher: The Most Rev'd F John McDowell, B A Hons, B Th, Dip B S
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All Clergy, Diocesan and Parish Readers are invited to robe.

OUR VISION
Saint Macartin's – At the heart of the Community
Strengthening Commitment, Outreach, Worship and Christian Love

May we as a congregation reach upwards to your throne in worship and adoration; inwards to one another in understanding and fellowship; and outwards to the world in evangelism and social compassion. Make this Cathedral Parish like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden, so that men and women may find Christ as the light of the world, and his Church as the family of the redeemed, and eternal life as the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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. Messy Church will be held on Friday's, 17th and 24th March from 4.00-6.00pm (online). To ensure there are enough resources, you must contact Gwyneth Blair at gwyneth.blair@gmail.com or 07753522324, to book your place for both sessions by Monday 6th March. Messy Church packs will be available at the Cathedral Hall for both sessions on Monday 13th March from 3.30-4.30pm.

Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights 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. They attend and take part in monthly Family Services.



St. Macartin's Cathedral.

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:

MARCH

5th March: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities;

12th March: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities;

19th March: 11.00am Family Service for Mothering Sunday with gifts for all females;

26th March: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities.

St Macartin's Cathedral Parenting Wellness Group

The Parenting Wellness Group for March will meet at CAFRE (College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise) at 2pm on Saturday 11th March for an Equine Farm Walk. Activities will include pond dipping, petting horses and a nature walk. Parents and children of all ages welcome. Please contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474 in advance to book your place. Future dates for your diary: Saturday 15th April 2.00pm St Macartin's Cathedral Hall - Fun games with 4Corner Coaching and Saturday 13th May 3.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall - The Afternoon Tea Fairy.

Confirmation

This year, 24 confirmation candidates have begun their preparation to take a big step forward in their Christian journey in 2023. We meet as a class on Monday's from 6.30 – 7.30 pm in the Hilliard Room, Cathedral Hall. The Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday 30th April at 11.00am.

Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already

confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy or the Parish Office and a member of the Clergy will be in touch.

A service to confirm adults will take place in St Macartin's Cathedral on Ascension Thursday (18th May) at 7.30pm. Adults throughout the Diocese are welcome to be confirmed at this service – please contact the clergy for details.

The Knitwit's Sock Tree

The Knitwits meet on Saturday afternoons in the Cathedral Hall to share and enjoy a love of knitting, crochet and other fibre arts.

In 2022, the Knitwits were asked to participate in 'Knitting the Land' – a cross border, creative, project that brings together women from different communities and traditions along the Leitrim- Fermanagh border to knit/crochet items representing places that are special to them.

The Knitwits came about because of a desire to make socks. The name 'Macartin' is thought to mean 'son of the Rowan tree'. St Macartin's Cathedral has become the Knitwits' home. The Knitwits have therefore created a 'Sock Tree' made from hand knitted and crocheted socks and are pleased to place this in St Macartin's Cathedral as part of the 400-year anniversary celebrations. The socks will be on display to the public and later donated to local charities for practical use. Nothing keeps the feet warm like a pair of hand knitted (or crocheted) socks.

A prayer for makers:

Creator God, thank you for the gifts you have given me, the skill to make with my hands and the fellowship that sharing and giving bring. Help me each day to remember your great love for me and to show it to others in all that I do. Amen.

Tuesday Club

Tuesday Club met on 31st January. Mrs Olive Brownsmith, guest speaker, greeted the group with lively Jamaican hymn



Olive Brownsmith with Marie Morrow.

music. Assisted by the Revd Colin, with film, Mrs Brownsmith shared the culture of her homeland, Jamaica and served a delicious Jamaican dish which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The meeting closed with 'The Grace'.

The next meeting is on 28th February at 2pm in the Hilliard Room when the topic is 'Scams Prevention'. On 28th March Mrs June McIlpatrick will speak about flower arranging and bulb planting. New members are always welcome.

Bowling Club Tournament

Mixed Pairs Tournament on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 March and Finals on Wednesday 22 March at 7.30 pm each evening in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.

Entries to Maud Shaw – Telephone No 02866322133 or 07720081175.

Prayer

O Lord God, whose glory the heavens are telling in joyous and ceaseless praise: bless the worship and work of our cathedral church; dedicated to your servant Macartin, that through the ministry of those who serve and worship here, that same glory might be seen at the centre of our diocesan life, to the praise and honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Dean Hall with Knitwits and the sock tree.



Attending the talk on Jamaica.

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GFS

The girls have almost completed their Bible Study Sheets on Moses, and they are working at present for their Arts & Craft Badge. The girls have to make craft items out of different materials such as paper, wool, felt, foam, etc. depending on their age.

On the 8th February we invited Terri McWilliams to come along to the branch and she introduced the girls to Sand Art. The photos show the beautiful pictures that the girls made and some bracelets that the younger group made one evening.



Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Worship Him This Lent

Take time to worship the Lord, especially when it feels like overwhelming odds are against you. Do what King Jehoshaphat did when his enemies joined forces and amassed a formidable army to destroy Israel.

In the natural, Jehoshaphat knew Israel had no chance of winning the battle. But he chose to do something you and I need to learn to do whenever we are besieged by our enemies. He cried out to the Lord, saying, *"We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you"* 2 Chronicles 20:12. Jehoshaphat then placed not commanders but worshipers at the head of his army, and this is what they sang: *"Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever"* 2 Chronicles 20:21. Instead of despairing because of their enemies, they chose to fix their eyes on

the Lord, giving thanks to Him and singing of His love. This happened long before the cross of Jesus. How much more can you and I sing of His love, which never fails, which endures forever!

And do you know what happened?

The Lord defeated Israel's enemies by turning them against each other, and Jehoshaphat's troops did not even have to lift a finger to fight. Instead, when they came to the place that was supposed to be their battleground, their enemies were already dead, and all they ended up doing was collecting so much plunder that it took them three days to collect it all. Let us agree with the Psalmist who is full of excitement about coming to the House of the Lord. "I was glad when they said unto me 'Let us go into the House of the Lord' Psalm 122:1. None of us are so spiritual that we can forget to

attend church; or spend time in prayer; or reading from God's word. Worship Him this Lent. The One who gave His all for you.

Services in March 2023

Sunday 5th March 2023 - The Second Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday 12th March 2023 - The Third Sunday in Lent

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer
 10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer with baptism
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th March 2023 - The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church: Family Service
 10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Family Service
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Family Service

Sunday 26th March 2023 - The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer
 10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Family Services

We are gradually starting to involve our children and young people to participate in our Family Services. In Galloon Dawson



Drummully Church -One Frosty Morning

and Esther did the meeting and greeting of people. Alfie read the Epistle and Esther and Zara read the Gospel reading for the day. Kayla, Zoe and Noah led us in our prayers. The collection was lifted by Harri and Matthew. The second family service it was the turn of Abbie and Zoe to meet and greet. Collection was lifted by Zara and Alfie. Esther and Noah brought our Bible readings and prayers were led by Kayla, Harri and Dawson. Well done to them all- they did a fabulous job!

Holy Week Services

Thursday 6th April - Maundy Thursday

8pm Holy Communion in Drummully Parish Church

Friday 7th April - Good Friday

8pm in Sallaghy Parish Church

Sunday 9th April 2023 - Easter Day

10.30am : Galloon Parish Church: A Group Service

Easter Vestry Dates

Drummully: Wednesday 22nd March at 8pm in the Church Hall

Galloon: Wednesday 19th April at 8.15pm in the Sunday School Room

Sallaghy: Tuesday 18th April at 8pm in the Church Hall

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

A Nonagenarian

Congratulations to Mr Cyril Kettle on reaching 90. Rev Lorraine was delighted



Revd Lorraine celebrating the baptism for the Stewart family.



Cyril Kettle and his wife Elizabeth celebrating his 90th birthday!

to join with him and his wife, Elizabeth, to celebrate and enjoy one of his four birthday cakes. Every blessing.

Mothers' Union

Eight New Members

Monday 23rd January we had the first Enrolment Service for Galloon and Drummully Mothers' Union since the cover pandemic. Rev Lorraine spoke on this years them of "Transformation". Rev Lorraine assisted by Branch Leader, Petula Stephens were delighted to enrol eight new members: namely Marina Elliott, Mary Godfrey, Dawn Hutchinson, Florence Johnston, Cynthia McAlister, Helen Noble, Grace Rickey and Sharon Sey. Rev Lorraine congratulated the new members and welcomed them and suggested they could also voice their ideas for future meetings. Hazel Robinson and Petula Stephens brought us the Scripture readings. Thanks to the Mothers Union committee for serving up a beautiful supper; to William Heaslip who kindly came and set up for this Holy Communion Service; and Richard Bell who insured the church was lovely and warm.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer will be hosted this year in Newtownbutler Presbyterian Church on Friday 3rd March at 8pm.

Dates for Your Diary

Car-boot Sales in Drummully

We plan to have car-boot sales in Drummully on the first Saturday of May (6th), June (3rd), July (1st), and August (5th). Gates will be open from 8am.

Auction

Our next auction will be on Saturday 15th April 2023 at 12 noon in The Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler. We look forward to welcoming you all back. We have a large selection of items for sale, so come along, bid, get yourself a bargain and enjoy the "craic". Refreshments will be on sale. Viewing is on the morning of the auction from 11am.

Music Extravaganza

Galloon Parish are planning a special evening of hymns and music. A guest organist will be joining us to give recitals on our Lewis Organ. We also plan to have some local talent of all ages join in this wonderful night - not to be missed! Friday 12th May at 7.30pm in Galloon Parish Church.

A Group Parish Meal

We are looking forward to joining as one in celebrating a meal together and a time



Eight new members join Mothers Union (Drummully and Galloon Branch). Back row Marina Elliott, Grace Rickey, Cynthia McAlister, Dawn Hutchinson, Petula Stephens (Branch Leader), Front row Rev Lorraine, Mary Godfrey, Helen Noble, Sharon Sey and Florence Johnston.

of fun entertainment and fellowship. Plan to get a ticket and join us on Saturday 20th May at 7pm in the Killyhelvin Hotel.

Christmas Craft Fair

Our next Craft Fair will be on Saturday 18th November in Galloon Parish Hall.

Christmas Tree Festival in Galloon

We are looking forward to the Community coming together to celebrate Christmas as we plan our Winter Wonderland Christmas Tree Festival. Viewing will begin on Friday 8th December and our weekend will conclude with a carol service on Sunday 10th December. More information will follow.

Visiting

If you require a home visit from the Rector let her know. If you are letting her know on a Sunday please give her a note -so that she does not forget!

If a member of your family is admitted to hospital please inform the Rector. There are no longer lists of patients available for clergy to view in hospitals due to Data Protection Regulations. The final decision for visiting a patient will always lie with the ward sister/charge nurse.

From the Registers

BURIAL

To a packed Sallaghy Church we bid our farewell to Mrs Helen Margaret Allen,

Gortacharn Nursing Home (formerly Moorlough Road) on Tuesday 7th February. Rev Lorraine in her funeral address noted that "Helen had a great ability to organise any function. She was a founding member and also Secretary to Sallaghy Bowling Club. The highlight of her year was arranging the annual tournament. She was a lovely singer and she was not long in Sallaghy until she joined and became a valued member of the choir. She was a member of the Select Vestry. She also had a great love for the Mothers' Union." Helen also had many friends. Rev Lorraine noted, "If you were a friend with Helen you made a friend for life. Helen loved people and they loved her in return. Helen was not only lovely in her outward appearance but inward. She had a generous heart. She gave in abundance and supported everything in Sallaghy Church. She showered her friends with presents and gifts. Her kindness was one of her great characteristics. We will miss her. Her glamorous appearance but especially our long chats with this lady!"

Our sympathy and prayers are with all who have been recently bereaved. We offer our sympathy to the Allen family on the passing of Helen. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They are blessed indeed says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours." Revelation 14:13

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Church Services Diary

MARCH

Sunday 5/3/23

Garrison 10am,
Slavin 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 12/3/23

Kiltyclogher 10am
Belleek 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 19/3/23

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

Sunday 26/3/23

Kiltyclogher 10am
Belleek 11.30am, both MP

APRIL

Sunday 2/4/23 - Palm Sunday

Garrison 10am,
Slavin 11.30am, both HC

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:

Maundy Thursday - 6/4/23

Holy Communion, Slavin, 7.30pm

Good Friday

Worship service, Garrison, 8pm

Easter Sunday

Kiltyclogher 10am
Belleek 11.30am, both HC

WEEKLY DIARY

Tuesdays - Bible study commences during Lent on Shrove Tuesday 21st February in the Rectory at 8pm

Wednesdays - Parish Prayer, 9.30am Belleek Church

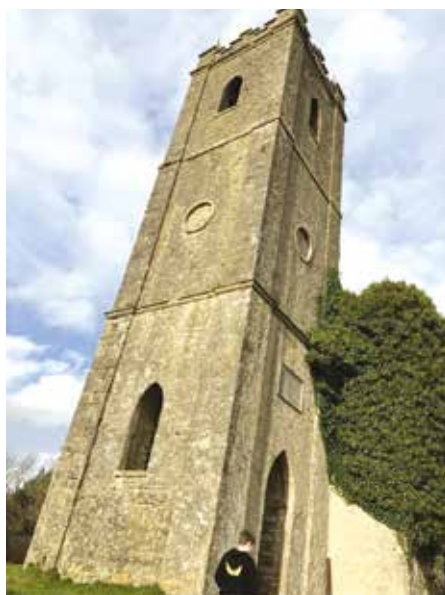
Thursdays - Youth Group, 6pm, at the Rectory, for kids aged 8-13

From Rev. Rebecca

NOTES FROM THE RECTORY:

Oghterdrum Church

Today, on the way back from a family walk in Castle Caldwell, we stopped at Oghterdrum Church. Oghterdrum, for those who don't know, is the old parish church for Belleek, deconsecrated, I believe, in 1909. Driving through Mulleek village, you would hardly know it's there. No sign points to it. The access is along



Oghterdrum Church.



Mrs Edith Kirpatrick attending morning worship at Belleek Church with her sons Alan and Rev. Nigel, and her daughter Carol. Edith celebrated her 89th birthday on 3rd February. Mothers' Union Branch Leader Dot Barlow visited Edith with flowers from the Branch.

an old right-of-way, a caravan on one side, a vegetable patch on the other. You pass through trees, up the turn-off for the mass rock, and suddenly it looms large and imposing. It must have been built to be visible for miles – though the nave isn't any larger than Belleek church, the spire is huge, pointing skywards over the fields and farmlands around.

We walked inside – I wanted to inspect the vestry I would never get to use, large and comfortable with a fireplace still intact. I thought of all the people walking here, Sunday after Sunday, a full four miles from Belleek. That, in the end, was why it was deconsecrated – it was nowhere near where most of the congregation lived. Large, beautiful, but not missional. I'm thankful that our current church (a former school) sits at the centre of the town – visible, accessible, if not quite so beautiful from the outside.

This is the problem the church so often



The young people who were confirmed in Kiltyclogher Church with Bishop Ian Ellis; Rector; Revd Rebecca Guildea and churchwardens, Gordon Carson (back left) and Edward Stevenson (back right).



Bishop Ian Ellis and Rev. Rebecca Guildea with Churchwardens, Gordon Carson and Edward Stevenson.



Revd Rebecca with Florence and Doreen Earls.



Slavin Sunday School with Jenna Earls and Lindsey Gregg.

encounters – having to lay aside what seems beautiful because it is no longer functional. We are perpetually having to ask ourselves, in a figurative sense, ‘where are the people?’ Practically speaking, this means identifying the people who live in our area, but never attend church, and asking ourselves the difficult questions as to why. It’s a painful process, involving rethinking, recreating, surrendering, and it leaves one a bit wistful, like I felt walking around Ogtherdrum. As each beautiful thing is laid aside, we find ourselves asking ‘Couldn’t we have saved it?’ Yes, but at the expense of the congregation. In my last parish, we cancelled an 8.30 service. Why? Because the congregation numbered two. It might have been beautiful, in its way – the first morning light pouring through the stained glass, the quiet, contemplative air – but it had lost its function. It wasn’t reaching people. I think as a church we should always ask ‘where will we be in 100 years?’ Will we have moved our hymns, our liturgy, even our buildings, to meet the next generation coming up, or will we remain unchanging, attached to the past, and expect them to make the long journey to us?

Easter General Vestry

All four parishes in our group will be holding our Easter General Vestry meetings on the following dates, all meetings at 8pm:

March 9th Slavin Church.

March 16th Belleek Church.

March 23rd Kiltyclogher Church.

March 30th Garrison Church.

If you are a regular attender at one of our churches, we encourage you to join the Easter General Vestry list. This gives you the right to vote on parish appointments and makes sure your voice is heard. A form is available at the back of your church.

Membership Campaign

We want to review our membership to invite those who have joined to connect in with the life of the parish, to encourage our active members in their involvement, and make contact with those who have ceased attending/moved away, to see if they still want to be on our parish list.

We’re hoping to drop in a ‘membership matters’ booklet to all our registered parishioners and let them know the church is there for them, but we need your help to do this. If you can help deliver a few booklets to parishioners in your area Speak to Revd. Rebecca if so, or email rebeccaguildea@gmail.com

Contemporary Worship

Revd Rebecca has met with parishioners from all four churches who can contribute musically to our worship. It is intended that at Family/All Age and Group services we will have new modern hymns and accompaniment while still having traditional hymns at HC services. If you can, or would like to contribute in any way, whether you are young or old you will be so welcome. Please speak to Revd Rebecca for details how we can welcome you to help. The first Sunday with our praise band is on Sunday 19th February and a full report of the service will be given next month. We hope to continue with our band, consisting of clarinet, flute, guitars, drums and recorders at family and group services. If you can play any instrument or enjoy singing with us you are most welcome.

Mothers’ Union

The first service of our new year in January was a service of HC conducted by Revd Rebecca in Belleek Parish Church. Our branch leader Dot Barlow reviewed our recent anniversary celebrations and outlined our programme for the coming year.

We will report next month on the visit in February by Marina Hassard on her vital work in USA with the homeless and drug addicts.

In March the meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th at 8pm in the Wark Hall Belleek. The speaker will be from the fire service who will talk about fire safety in the home. The meeting is open to everyone and to the local community.

Confirmations

On January 22nd we welcomed Bishop Ellis and his wife Heather to Kiltyclogher church. Eight members of our congregation were confirmed by Bishop Ian: Ryan Graham, Cara Brock, Aaron and Calum Gregg, Jessica and Matthew Johnston, and Amanda Heslop all reaffirmed their baptismal vows made on their behalf by their parents and received prayer for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. We wish them our congratulations and ask parishioners to hold them in prayer.

Slavin & Belleek Sunday School

On Sunday 5th February, at Slavin, Sunday School recommenced with Revd. Rebecca welcoming two new teachers. Lindsey Gregg and Jenna Earls. Sunday School will be taking place on the first Sunday of the month during the service.

Florence and Doreen Earls have taught Sunday School in Slavin and Belleek for 30 years, a remarkable record!

They were each presented with a bouquet of flowers by Elizabeth Ovens, Church Treasurer. Revd Rebecca thanked them for their many years of dedicated service, as they had taught many of the present children’s parents.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone our group of parishes who have been

unwell in hospital or at home in recent weeks. We remember Betty McVitty who is hospital following a fall during the bad weather. Also, William McVitty who is recovering well following surgery. We are delighted to have Edward Stephenson back to church following his recent injury. Sympathy is extended to Elaine McMorris, our PS teacher on the death of her dear Mum, Gladys.

Happy Birthday

Revd Rebecca celebrated her first birthday with us as our Rector at our group service on 29th January. We also extend our best wishes to her dad Richard Knowles who

recently celebrated his 70th birthday.

Garrison Accordion Band Thanks

Many members of our church family belong to Garrison Accordion band. They are currently fundraising for a new uniform for this year and they wish to thank everyone who supported their recent table quiz, very ably presented by Dot & Kevin Barlow. A great start to the fundraising was made with a total of £2,960 raised, which includes £500 towards Garrison District new banner.

Diocesan Magazines

Understandably with ever rising costs of

printing the cost of our monthly magazine has gone up for 2023 to £2 per month/£20 for the year.

Please give your 2023 subscription to your magazine Rep asap.

Parish Visiting

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

Social Media

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Please visit our website garrisongroup.org.uk and give us your feedback.

Follow us on **Facebook** using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.

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An Evening of Favourite Hymns: Old and New

Please come and join us on Friday, 31st March at 7.30pm for an evening of favourite hymns – old and new.

Presentation to Alan Nesbitt

We are hugely indebted to Alan Nesbitt for recording the pantomime 'The Two Sons' so professionally. We know Alan spent many, many hours on creating a perfect and wonderful memory of the pantomime. The cast and crew greatly enjoyed watching themselves on film.

Pictured are two stars of the pantomime Doris Elliott and Alan Ferguson along with Elizabeth McClelland (who organised and sold all the tickets) presenting Alan with a small token of our appreciation. Copies (DVD or Pendrive) can be obtained by ringing 07984121395.

Pictured is Florrie Bruce enjoying the recording with Stephanie.

Valentine's Day

Florrie is also pictured receiving a beautiful card for Valentine's Day from



Pictured are two stars of the pantomime, Doris Elliott and Alan Ferguson along with Elizabeth McClelland presenting Alan with a small token of our appreciation.

Katie Muldoon. Katie was inspired by the sermon on the Sunday preceding Valentine's Day that exhorted us to look for ways to show love to others. There is also a picture of the card before it was posted off.

Sympathy

The parish extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of the late Teresa Hinds, formerly of Antrim.



The Valentine's card made by Katie Muldoon and sent to Florrie Bruce who is watching the recording of the pantomime.



Our Lucy wowing audiences in the Ardhowen in the pantomime Mother Goose.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Romans 12, Lent and the Christian disciple

"I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:1, 2

According to the Apostle Paul in Romans 12, the Christian life, following Jesus, being a disciple, involves sacrifice. This sacrifice is not just the Lenten self-denial of chocolate and sugar, which for many who set out on this fast is short lived, but the higher and more challenging call to be the embodiment, the living demonstration of a sacrificial lifestyle which is characterised by holiness. That call to holiness, set-apart-ness, is the call for every Christian disciple without exception. The set-apart-ness is a marriage-like set-apart-ness, a call to leave all and any previous idolatrous relationships behind and commit wholeheartedly to that one – that One, who loves like no other can or could. The call to holiness is a call away from and out

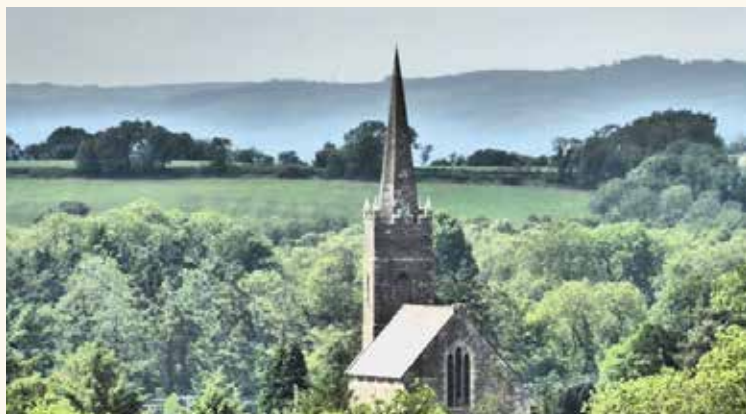
of an old form of living and lifestyle and into a new way of living and lifestyle. Holiness involves discernment, most suitably and ably and authoritatively directed by the Holy Spirit of the Living Loving God who shows us what a person must leave behind and then embrace. This same Holy Spirit not only gives us discernment but also the power to follow through on the action required to leave behind and then embrace. Our wholehearted holiness-hearted commitment to our bridegroom, forsaking all others, is our spiritual act of loving worship.

But how can this be achieved? Paul further develops his argument stating that this same call must involve a non-conforming to this world. Paul's terminology of "this world" must be understood as that which is not God's world, a way of thinking, a way of looking at life, that does not reflect how God sees things and that is in opposition to God's thinking. Conforming to this world must be rejected at all costs for to conform to this world is to reject God's thinking and the direction of the Holy Spirit. Against conforming Paul sets transformation which happens internally, out of sight, but very much, not out of mind. As the centre of our decision-making processes, our mind is the battleground for our hearts and souls. If we can renew our thinking then we can renew ourselves. In this process of shunning conforming to the world and deciding to be transformed by the renewal of our minds, Paul says we shall discover the will of God.

Could these verses be helpful as we make our way through Lent? What should I give up? What should I start to do? Do I have any "stinkin' thinkin'" that I need to change? Am I living a holy life and if I'm not, could it be that what I think and do is being affected by my lack of holiness and transformation? Does my life demonstrate my holiness and wholehearted, single-minded devotion to Father God or am I dancing unfaithfully between a number of relationships, trying to keep them all happy, which is impossible? As Christian disciples,

when we hold back the presentation of our whole bodies and whole selves to the Lord, then we are assuming personal control instead of handing it over to the one who bought us and redeemed us at a huge cost and to whom we rightfully belong. When we hold on to our thinking instead of following and being transformed by the Lord's thinking, we find ourselves in trouble and causing trouble.

In the days that we live in and as we make our way through Lent to remember the death of Jesus and celebrate his resurrection and reflect on the necessity for them both, I believe we do more than well to consider these words of the apostle Paul. We do well to not view them as outdated, or in need of revision, for the extreme disciple or to be relegated to the first century alone, we need to hear them loud and clear and make clear where we stand with them and with Him. Whose voice is loudest in our ears or hearts or minds, that of culture, the world or the Spirit's? Who do we wish to please above all others in what we think and say and do, culture, the world or the Spirit? What is the Spirit saying to the Church in our day? The Laodicean church (Revelation 3) was challenged because of their lukewarmness, they were neither one thing nor the other, they were in a kind of no-man's land of spiritual apathy ready to be spewed out and away from the Lord. This church saw itself as rich and prosperous and without lack yet the perception it had of itself was completely wrong in the Lord's eyes. They identified as one thing but they got it completely wrong and were in fact the opposite. Instead of being rich and prosperous and without lack they were wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, naked and shameful. The Lord's words to them: "be zealous and repent"! The Laodiceans discovered that Jesus was outside of their church, outside of their worship, outside of their spiritual pursuits - yet he was still gracious and willing enough to call on them to offer them another chance to let him in. Lent is an opportunity to assess



where we are in our relationship with the Lord and realign ourselves with him. That course renewal includes the call to “be zealous and repent”, to ask for the spiritual smelling salts of the Spirit of God to bring us around, to seek revival and restoration, to listen for his voice, to hear his knocking and open the door, that we might return to him and him to us. Let us seek to be disciples of such a heart, hope and passion, and may we pray that our


leaders will be of such a heart too lest they think they are something they are not, and in their blindness, accept another gospel which is no gospel at all, and close the door of the Church in the face of Christ.

Weekly Schedule

- **Monday:** Girls’ Brigade at 6.30pm
Mothers Union at 8.00pm (Third Monday of the month)
- **Tuesday:** Senior Citizen’s Club at 2.00pm

- **Wednesday:** Midweek Fellowship at 8.00pm
- **Thursday:** Prayer Meeting at 9.00am
- **Friday:** Bowling Club at 8.00pm
- **Saturday:** Messy Kids (as and when arranged)
- **Sunday:** Christ Church Parish, Trillick at 10.30am
Kilskeery Parish Church at 11.45am (Sunday Schools take place during the services)

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Christian Burial

It was with deep regret that we learned of the passing of Mr George Thomas McElroy on 27 January 2023. George’s funeral service and burial took place on 30 January 2023. We remember George’s two brothers, Jimmy and Charlie including family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

May George Thomas McElroy rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Looking Back

Without doubt the key fundraising event held recently within the Parish was our AUCTION on Saturday 11 February held in Lisbellaw Parish Centre.

Enormous thanks are due to so many in the Parish and community who helped, supported, baked, donated, and purchased on the day and indeed on subsequent days following the 11th. At the time of writing we don’t quite have a final figure as folk are still wishing to contribute to our efforts. However, suffice to say we have been truly blessed and humbled by the amount raised thus far. We intend to keep the *window of opportunity* open until the end of February and would anticipate having a final figure available in March. Whilst it is always difficult to start naming individuals when attributing thanks -

At the family service.

for fear of human error in overlooking someone – it would be completely remiss not to mention the outstanding leadership, effort and commitment of my highly esteemed Glebewarden, Mr John Gordon whose hard work for the Parish not only in this venture is thoroughly appreciated. Well done John and to all!

Air Ambulance

It was a joy to be able to support the incredible work of Air Ambulance. Frequent readers of the Diocesan Magazine will have been aware of ‘A Celebration of Hymns’ headlined by



A presentation is made to Air Ambulance NI.

our esteemed and talented organist, Lynda Lindsay held in November at the Ardhoven Theatre. Proceeds after expenses went to Air Ambulance and the Parish. A cheque in the sum of £1,100 was presented to Air Ambulance. Well done Lynda and guests!

Diocesan Big Sing

We should like to record our thanks to Mr Glenn Moore for his work in bringing together the Diocesan Big Sing at the end of January in St Maeldoid’s Church, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan. It was a thrill to be there on the evening with a group of Lisbellaw/Coolbuck Parishioners – and Lynda and Alice Lindsay sang beautifully at this most uplifting event.



Lynda and Alice at the Big Sing.



Meeting with Sunday School teachers and Bridge leaders.



Mrs Whitely's birthday.

Sunday School and Bridge

And whilst on the topic of thanks our continuing gratitude is extended to our wonderful teachers, leaders and helpers in Sunday School and Bridge. Along with the children and young people supported by parents and guardians you add so much to the life of the Parish, and we especially enjoy your participation in the Family Services. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations

Happy Birthday and many congratulations to Mrs Whitely, a much loved and longstanding parishioner of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck who recently celebrated the terrific milestone of her 90th birthday with her loving husband, family, friends, and neighbours.

Looking Forward

We are keen to further develop music within the life and worship of Lisbellaw and Coolbuck. To this end we want to

open opportunities for all –from the youngest to the oldest and everyone in between who plays piano/keyboard, any musical instrument, sings etc. Those who may be interested should speak to either Lynda Lindsay or the Rector.

Midweek Lenten Services

A very warm welcome is extended to all parishioners and the community at our midweek Lenten services. Please feel encouraged to come along and perhaps bring a friend, family member or neighbour with you.

I plan to base my midweek reflections drawing on a recently published book - written for Lent and Holy Week - by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell - entitled *Godforsaken (The Cross – The Greatest Hope of All)*.

Please give these services and your attendance prayerful consideration.

**Every Blessing,
Rev'd William**

Services

Wednesday 1 March

8pm Midweek Lenten Service, Lisbellaw

Sunday 5 March

11am Holy Communion, Lisbellaw
3pm Holy Communion, Coolbuck

Wednesday 8 March

8pm Midweek Lenten Service, Lisbellaw

Sunday 12 March

11am SOTW with Holy Baptism, Lisbellaw
3pm Evening Prayer, Coolbuck

Wednesday 15 March

8pm Midweek Lenten Service, Lisbellaw

Sunday 19 March Mothering Sunday

9.45am Holy Communion, Lisbellaw
11am SOTW/Family Service, Lisbellaw
3pm Evening Prayer, Coolbuck

Wednesday 22 March

8pm Midweek Lenten Service, Lisbellaw

Sunday 26 March

11am SOTW with Holy Baptism, Lisbellaw
(*No service in Coolbuck today, however, Coolbuck Parishioners are invited to the morning service in Lisbellaw.)

Wednesday 29 March

8pm Midweek Lenten Service, Lisbellaw



The parish auction.





Helpers at the Parish Auction.



Encouraging more musicians in Lisbellaw parish.

Lisnaskea



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Services for March

Sunday 5th

10.30am Holy Communion
Children's Church 11.45am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 8th

3.00pm Holy Communion in Trinity Hall
for Seniors

Sunday 12th

10.30am Morning Prayer

Mothering Sunday 19th

10.30am Family Service
(Collection for sponsored children)

Sunday 26th

10.30am Morning Prayer

Burials

■ Sunday 22nd January - Ernest John Boyd
Fawcett, 7 Rossvie, Lisnaskea.

■ Monday 13th February - James William
(Willie) Graham, 11 Trasna Way, Lisnaskea.
Our sympathies are with the Fawcett and
Graham families and all who have been
recently bereaved.

Love is...

Love is... in the air

Love is... golden

Love is...

Quite often when love is spoken of, it is
as a "human" emotion and "feeling" which
changes, sometimes, with the weather. Or at
least it would seem to be like that.

True "love" on the other hand is something
quite different. True "love" is described
in many ways throughout the Bible
with the most popular and indeed most
misunderstood scripture being in 1
Corinthians 13:4 - 8a

I say "misunderstood" as it is a favourite
passage for many couples who think that
it is talking about the love between a bride
and her bridegroom, describing the love for
each other as they embark on married life
together. This is indeed a lofty goal but is
definitely misunderstood if it is perceived as
being about "human" love.

1 John 4:8 tells us that "God is love". So
when we read 1 Corinthians 13:4 - 8a which
starts off with "Love suffers long..." and ends

with "Love never fails" we would be well
within our rights to re-write these examples
replacing "Love" with "God" as follows: "God
suffers long" and "God never fails".

When the passage is read in this way, it
takes on a whole different meaning.
Now having said that, in the context of a
marriage, this reading from 1 Corinthians
13:4 - 8a can still be applied to the couple
if taken on the understanding that they
are both in Christ, as children of God, and
realise that it is God in them that enables
them to "love" in this way.

Stew Night

The parish are having a "Stew Night" on
Friday 17th March at 7.30 p.m.
in the Archdale Centre with entertainment
by "Embrace Socials".

Please contact Parish Office if you wish to
come along so we can establish numbers.
Adults £20, Secondary School children
£10 and Primary School children go
free. Everyone very welcome so please
encourage friends and family.



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Confirmation

Confirmation classes were able to begin on February 1st with nine candidates preparing for their confirmation and first communion on March 26th. They are Brooke and Tory Davis, Brooke Morrow, Evie McCormick, Alice Seaney, Thomas Armstrong, James Patton, Reagan Hyndes and Lee Wallace.



The Young family with Archdeacon Brian Harper at the baptism.



The Domer family with Archdeacon Brian Harper.

Lent

Our Lent Services, which began on Ash Wednesday, continue each Wednesday at 8pm. Our theme this year is "difficult words" and we will be contemplating the meaning of various challenging or inspiring words from both Scripture and Prayer Book that we often take for granted.

World Day of Prayer

The local World Day of Prayer service will take place on Friday March 3rd at 8pm in

Magheracross Parish Church and involve several local churches. The preacher will be the rector.

Select Vestry

At its February meeting, the Select Vestry approved a project to redecorate the church and install a new stained glass window. Redecoration will commence in mid-July and the process of designing and approving a window will commence as soon as possible.

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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Events

LENT TO EASTER EVENTS AT ARDESS

1st March - 5th April: Each Wednesday during Lent at 8.00pm at the church, we will be having a Compline Service with a short address on the Letters of Paul
6th April: 8.00pm Maundy Thursday Service



The Brumpton family with Revd Abraham.

7th April: 8.00pm Good Friday Service
9th April: 6.00am Easter Dawn Service at Muckcross, 11.00am Easter Sunday Service

SUNDAYS

Worship Gathering: 11.00am (every Sunday)
Children's Church (age 4+): every Sunday during term time (off 19th March, 9th and 16th April)

MONDAYS

Magheraculmoney Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers at The Fountain Centre

TUESDAYS

Friends in the Afternoon at 2.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre: 14th March, Irish Afternoon; 11th April Easter Communion.

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Prayer (weekly): 10.00am

- 11.00am - these will be held at The Fountain Centre in March for a prayer walk around the village. Everyone is welcome to join. After March, they will return to the Ardess Parish Centre each week.

Magheraculmoney Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at The Fountain Centre.

THURSDAYS

Ardess In-Stitches at 8.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre; 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th March.

Mothers Union at 8.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre (third Thursday of the month): 16th March.

FRIDAYS

Fountain Youth Club (ages 11-14) every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month: 3rd and 17th March; 7th and 21st April.

OTHER EVENTS

Life Groups - weekly/fortnightly - please speak to David Morrow or Hilda Thompson to join one.
28th March 2023 8.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre: Ardess Historical Society; Gordon Ramsey, Anthropologist QUB - History of Marching Bands in Fermanagh.

Baptism

■ 22nd January 2023 - Luca Steven

Roy Brumpton, son of Rhys and Cathy Brumpton, Kesh.

Funerals

■ 20 December 2022 - Dwayne Andrew Bratton (36) of Main Street, Lack.

■ 18 January 2023 - Gerald Norman Weir (88), Stranadariff, Lack (buried in Irvinestown).

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bratton and Weir families at this time and the McFetridge family on the death of Norman George McFetridge (93) of Millcroft Nursing Home, Enniskillen.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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Taking part in the Christingle Service.



'Through Jesus therefore let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name' Hebrews 13:15
As the days continue to lengthen and the weather begins to brighten, it almost feels as if we are starting to finally emerge from the depths of Winter. We are all enjoying the longer days and the improving weather as we approach the much longed for season of Spring. And although daily news broadcasts bring reports of rising

living costs and stagnant wages, we are learning, perhaps the hard way, to value the simple things in life. The challenge with our daily news bulletins is to see beyond the bad news to the glimmers of hope that God always places on the horizon. We have all been shocked by images coming to us from Turkey and Syria in the aftermath of the earthquake that took place on 6th February 2023. But what has both encouraged and inspired me has been the extent of the response

to their desperate plight from right across the world. Indeed even in our own parish, the response to the Bishops' Appeal has been remarkable. This appeal has given us the opportunity to stand together as brothers and sisters in Christ, across the world, and to show his love as we seek to support so many who are in need at the moment. Challenges come in various forms to our own doors too. And although there is usually an initial upset, they often give us



Attending the meal in the Valley Hotel for the Mothers' Union.





This month the parishes welcomed Isabella and Luke for Baptism in Maguiresbridge and Lydia and Elsie for Baptism in Derrybrusk.

the opportunity to glorify God by using these difficulties to bring hope or blessing in a different way. We worship a God who seeks to bless and build us up as his beloved children, and this is why, even in the midst of difficulties, there is always something to be thankful for – even if we struggle at times to see it! As we move ever closer to Spring, may we truly open our eyes to see the blessings that God has bestowed upon us. May we be thankful for them, and may we return that blessing to God by always praising Him for his goodness to us. As we continue to be plagued by a sea of negativity in our daily news bulletins, let us, as the children of God, focus instead on our blessings, on our praise of Him who bestowed them on us, and on using those blessings to bless others too – surely that is the best way to continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise!

Mothers' Union

Both branches of Mothers' Union within the parishes came together on Monday 6th February 2023 for a meal in the Valley Hotel. Revd. Farrell opened with the grace. The food and service provided by the hotel was at the usual high standard.

Once the meal was over, we enjoyed some games and fun together. It was encouraging to see so many members in attendance. Our next meeting is 'Visitors night' on Friday 6th March 2023 in Christ Church Hall at 8pm. The speaker will be Geraldine Beatty from Fields of Life. All members are also encouraged to attend the World Day of Prayer service in Derryvullen South Parish Church on Friday 3rd March 2023 at 8pm.

Return of meals for the over 60s!

Our super catering team in Maguiresbridge are bringing back our meals for the over 60s over three consecutive weeks. These will run on Saturday 18th February; Saturday, 25th February and Saturday 4th March 2023 at 12.30pm. We are indebted to our catering team for all of their hard work in this venture. Many in the community are delighted to see the return of these meals as it provides a welcome opportunity to come together in friendship and fellowship.

Christingle Services

On the last Sunday of the season of

Epiphany, we celebrated Christingle services in both Churches. Both Sunday School teams and organists worked hard in preparing our young people for these services. It was so encouraging to see so many in attendance, and to see the young people playing such an active part in our service as they taught us about the Christingle. Thank you so much to our families for supporting the young people, and to all who helped in any way.

A Bounty of Baptisms!

This month we welcomed Isabella and Luke for Baptism in Maguiresbridge, and Lydia and Elsie for Baptism in Derrybrusk. We thank God for this rich blessing on both Churches and we continue to pray for these precious children, that they may grow and be well supported in their journey of faith.

Funerals

The funeral of Willie Graham took place in Maguiresbridge on Monday 13th February 2023, with burial in Lisnaskea. We continue to pray for Ronnie, Dawn and the entire family in their loss. *'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted'. Matt. 5:4*



Lent

Our Lenten journey begins this year on Ash Wednesday at Derrybrusk. Please join us as we explore giving up those things which so easily separate us from God.

Looking Ahead

As I write these notes we are looking forward to Maguiresbridge Parish Dance which takes place in Christ Church Hall on Friday 24th February 2023 at 9pm. Tickets available from members of

Select Vestry. Music by Curtis Magee. Thank you to all who have helped in the organising of this event.

Over 60s Meals take place on Saturday 18th February, Saturday 25th February, Saturday 4th March 2023 at 12.30pm in Christ Church Hall.

Sunday 26th February 2023

Baptism in Maguiresbridge.

Wednesday 1st March 2023

Lenten Service in Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm.

Monday 6th March 2023

Mothers' Union Visitors night in Christ Church hall at 8pm.

Wednesday 8th March 2023

Lenten Service in Derrybrusk at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Lenten Service in Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Lenten Service in Derrybrusk at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 29th March 2023

Lenten Service in Maguiresbridge.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

5th March Second Sunday in Lent

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

12:15pm Kilmore

12th March Third Sunday in Lent

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

12:15pm Ballinode

19th March Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

12:15pm Kilmore

26th March Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

12:15pm Ballinode

2nd April Sixth Sunday in Lent

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

12:15pm Kilmore

February saw the arrival of two new clergy to the diocese (including one to our rural deanery). We want to extend a warm welcome to Canon Jennifer McWhirter to Cleenish and Mullaghduin and to Revd. Ian Cruickshank to the Carrickmacross Group. Ian has previously spoken at the Collegiate Prizegiving and in St Patrick's during our series on Acts. We wish them every blessing in their new parishes.



There was a good attendance at the postal Bible school prizegiving.

Postal Bible School

On Wednesday 8th February we were pleased to welcome Gareth McMeekin to the hall for the annual postal Bible school prizegiving for a number of the local primary schools. This was something which we had missed since the start of the pandemic. The postal Bible school provides resources which a number of our schools use as part of the RE curriculum. You can find out more about their work at www.postalbibleschool.ie

Mothers' Union

This met on Tuesday 7th February for a talk about U3A by Geraldine Kelly highlighting the variety of groups and activities open to all who want to come along. The next meeting is on Tuesday 7th March which is the annual visitor's night. The speaker is Geraldine Beattie who will be speaking about the work of Fields of Live. All are welcome to come along.

Ladies Group

This group met on 21st February for a visit to the County Museum and a talk by

Theresa Loftus. Their next meeting is on 21st March when the speaker will be local artist, Olivia Johnson on small jewellery making and dried and pressed local flowers.

World Day of Prayer

This year the service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan. The service brings together a number of churches in the town and is being held in St Patrick's on Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm.

Ballinode

The church at Ballinode are holding an Easter Floral Demonstration with Wilma from J.P. Flowers in the church hall on Wednesday 22nd March at 8pm. Tickets are €10 each and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Lent

The former Bishop of London, Richard Chartres, spoke of his curacy days and during Lent using two cartoon figures to help people remember something of what this season of the church's year is about.

They were called Gus and Tom. Their names stood for Give Up Something and Take On More. The reminder was that Lent was a time to prepare for Easter and this could be done not by just self-denial of giving something up but also by taking on something to help prepare.

One of the ways to do this is to use a devotional book and this year we are using "The Rest is Worship" from Engage Worship (www.engageworship.org). Pre-ordered copies will be available for the start of Lent and you can also buy an e-book copy from their website.

Also during Lent we will be having two midweek services in St Patrick's. The first will take place on Wednesday nights starting on 22nd February (Ash Wednesday) and we will be using some of the themes from the rest is worship. The other service will be a Holy Communion Service on Thursdays at 10.30am.

Holy Week and Easter

This year it is our turn to host the Holy Week Services for the town churches and we will be joined by Monaghan Methodist Church, First Monaghan and Ballyalbany Presbyterian Churches, Monaghan Elim



Church and Shalom Christian Fellowship. The services will be each night in Holy Week with the now traditional pattern of a more informal praise service on the Wednesday night and a celebration of Holy Communion on the Thursday night.

On Easter Morning, as well as our usual morning services, we will meet with the other churches at Monaghan Collegiate School for a "Sunrise Service" at 7am followed by breakfast.

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Services for March 2023

Wednesday 1st March

10.30am - Holy Communion

8.00 pm - Evening Prayer

Sunday 5th March - The Second Sunday in Lent

9.00am - Holy Communion.

10.30am - Holy Communion

Wednesday 8th March

10.30am - Holy Communion



The Foley family at the baptism service with Revd. Stephen McWhirter.

8.00 pm - Evening Prayer

Sunday 12th March - The Third Sunday in Lent

9.00am - Holy Communion

10.30am - Morning Prayer with Confirmation.

Wednesday 15th March

10.30am - Holy Communion

8.00 pm - Evening Prayer

Sunday 19th March - Mothering Sunday

9.00am - Holy Communion

10.30am - Morning Prayer

Wednesday 22nd March

10.30am - Holy Communion



The Gibb family at the baptism with Revd. Stephen McWhirter.

8.00 pm - Evening Prayer

Sunday 26th March - The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9.00am - Holy Communion

10.30am - Family Service with Praise Band.

Wednesday 29th March

10.30am - Holy Communion

8.00 pm - Evening Prayer

Already we can see the lengthening of the days and the first blossoming of spring is already upon us in the blooming of snowdrops and crocuses, signs of new



The Funston family at the baptism with Revd. Stephen McWhirter.



Revd Stephen McWhirter speaking with the confirmation group.

life in the changing of the seasons. In our church calendar in these weeks we follow these seasonal changes liturgically as we move from Ordinary Time (Green) to the penitential season of Lent (Violet). Over this season there is plenty to do and take part in, all detailed below. Coming together as a family in God upholds and encourages us all, we see this in our teaching over these last few weeks as Jesus has been calling the first disciples. Let us never lose sight that he continues to call us today!

Baptisms and Young Family Visitors

We have celebrated new life over February in the baptism of three babies and young children as they were admitted into the family of the Church. We seek to encourage all new families and those who are brought for baptism that our parish is committed to their care and encouragement and our Select Vestry are to be commended for prioritising this ministry. It is our hope to be appointing two young family visitors who will be in regular contact with the families of those who have been recently baptised

and we hope this support will strengthen the links with older children in our Sunday School.

Congratulations to the Funston, Gibb and Foley families on the recent baptisms of Evie, Archie and Ella. Great days for their individual families and indeed the entire congregation as we seek to encourage and welcome them.

Confirmation

Over these last weeks the Confirmation Group have been meeting on Sunday afternoons at the Rectory. Classes have been outside round a campfire and as well as classes the young people have enjoyed hot-dogs and burgers each week. It's been cold but everyone has wrapped up well and gone home smelling of smoke! The young people have also been challenged by a number of activities in their journal and on Sunday 29th January most of the Group travelled to join worship with our neighbours in the Graan. Fr Charles warmly welcomed us all and offered hospitality and an opportunity to ask questions following the service. We look forward to having the

Bishop with us for Confirmation on Sunday 12th March at 10.30am.

Lent and Easter

In the coming weeks we look forward to the major festival in our liturgical calendar, Easter. This is a journey through the penitential season of Lent to the horrific events of Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday, to the glorious resurrection on Easter Day. This time was traditionally a time of preparation for baptism, so in recognition of our own baptism and faith we have a programme of services over the season. We hope there are services that will suit all lifestyles and ages, as we seek to cater for all needs. There will be a pattern of two services each Wednesday throughout Lent; a service of Holy Communion at 10.30am and a service of Evening Prayer at 8.00pm. These services carry us, liturgically, over the six weeks of Lent and it's not so great a commitment. I would encourage you to fully participate in this season of Lent through to Easter by endeavouring to incorporate either of these services into your week over this period. Such commitment will



The confirmation group enjoying some outdoors cooking at the Rectory.





Cub Scouts had an evening about cycle maintenance and pizza making.



broaden our understanding of who we are as Christians and the centrality of the events of Holy Week that reverberate through all history, and which continue to shape our lives and faith even today.

Rossorry Mothers' Union

The end of the Mothers' Union year and the start of a new year was marked with a Service of Holy Communion in Rossorry Parish Church on Thursday 26 January 2023, followed by the Annual General Meeting with election of officers as follows; Branch Leader – Lorraine Simpson; Secretary – Frances Storey; Treasurer – Arlene Graham.

The next meeting took place on Thursday, 9th February in the Parish Hall when the speaker was Mr. John Shades, Manager of Enniskillen Foodbank which the parish have been supporting.

In his presentation, John outlined the history of the establishment of the Foodbank, how it involves many volunteers spending long hours receiving donations and categorizing them into bags and boxes for those receiving them depending on whether they

are living on their own, couples or families. He also explained how those receiving aid from Foodbank are selected.

John was presented with a gift and a number of bags of much needed groceries for distribution.

The March meeting in the Parish Hall on 16 March will have Daphne McCrabbe of Crabtree Cottage as the speaker.

Scouts

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

On 17th January the Scouts made Pizzas in the Parish Hall.

On 24th January the Scouts had a night of metalwork, cutting, grinding and welding as they made a new sign for 1st Rossorry Scouts.

On 27th January, Scouts went to Belfast to see the Belfast Giants play an Ice Hockey game in the SSE Arena.

On 7th February, Scouts were busy again with their toolboxes! This time they were building Bird Boxes. What a thoughtful idea, to do something to make life easier for one of God's creatures!



Scouts making pizzas.

Cub Scouts

Cubs were busy as well during the month, starting with Pizza making on 11th January in the Hall. They look very appetising!

On 25th January the cubs had a visit from Ruth who showed them how to perform basic bike maintenance and everyone has a chance to practice these useful skills.

Cubs and Scouts 'Faith Badge'

On 31st January, Revd. Stephen led the Scouts in working towards their 'Faith Badge' as well as a spot of indoor hockey and dodgeball.

The following evening, 1st February, Revd. Stephen led the Cubs as they prepared and discussed their 'Faith Badge'.

Many thanks to the leaders and all those who helped out with the many activities of the Cubs and Scouts. What a wonderful programme of events they have.

Rossorry Guides

The Rossorry Guides Group, which was curtailed during Covid, is running again. Registration took place in December – still time to join!



Scouts cheering on the Belfast Giants.



Scouts trying out welding.



The Brownies and Guides will meet together, in the interim, on Thursday evenings from 6.30-7.45pm in the Parish Hall. This may change as the numbers grow. Rainbows meet on Monday nights from 6.30-7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Rossorry Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club held their February meeting in Rossorry Parish Hall on 1st February. The speaker was Mrs. Sarah Maguire, Parish Reader from Rossorry. She spoke on the meaning of the word 'Faith' and her own work as a Parish Reader. She had a lovely gift of a coaster on the subject of Faith for every member. Ethel has a calendar for everyone, kindly supplied by the South-West Age Partnership. Next Meetings: Wed 1st March at 10.30am - speaker is Janet Carruthers on "Infection Control". New members most welcome

Rossorry Bowling Club

The Bowlers are meeting every Monday evening at 8pm in the Parish Hall. They would love to have some new members



Sarah Maguire speaking to members of the Wednesday Club.

and it is never too late to start. You need not have any level of proficiency, as training will be provided. Why not come along and give it a try?

Easter General Vestry

Our Annual Easter General Vestry takes place on Thursday 30th March at 7.30pm in the Parochial Hall. This is an extremely important event in our churches calendar. Easter Vestry is a public meeting so all are invited to attend, however only those registered on our Register of Vestry members are entitled to vote. This is an especially important year as we have our Triennial positions voted for. Being on General Vestry does not mean you have a time-consuming commitment to perform, it does however entitle you to stand and to vote. You are heartily encouraged to attend.

Our Neighbours

The Parish of Rossorry and our neighbours at the Graan, St Gabriel's Retreat have long enjoyed warm and friendly relationships and shared in many events and services. They will have their Novena from the 4th - 13th March. Following a long tradition, Revd Stephen will be the guest preacher at both services on Thursday 9th March at 12.30pm and later at 7.00pm. All are invited to attend.

A Lenten Prayer

Do please join us in Rossorry this Lent as we journey that lonely and dusty road; the road that Jesus journeyed through Jerusalem to the cross in which we find our salvation. I wish you every blessing as you reflect on, and engage in, your own journey of faith.

Let us pray

Lord God, with Lent we approach the springtime of the year when the face of the earth is renewed and life emerges out of death.

We pray that this season of Lent may be a veritable springtime for our souls, so that our lives, quickened by the breath of the

Spring and warmed by the sunshine of your love, may bear abundant fruit and be made radiant with the beauty of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Lord to observe a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

The Parish Office

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Parish Register

■ FUNSTON, Evie Freya, daughter of Mark and Edwina, who was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 22nd January 2023. Service conducted by Revd Stephen McWhirter.

■ GIBB, Archie Robert George, son of Rachael, who was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 12 February 2023. Service conducted by Revd Stephen McWhirter.

■ FOLEY, Ella Elizabeth Joan, daughter of Colin and Sara, who was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 12th February 2023. Service conducted by Revd Stephen McWhirter.

'May they grow in the Faith in which they have been baptised.'

Dates for the Diary

Mid-Week Lenten Services

Each Wednesday throughout Lent Holy Communion at 10.30am Evening Prayer at 8.00pm

Confirmation

Sunday 12th March at 10.30am

Extraordinary Meeting of Select Vestry

Monday 27th March at 7.30pm
In the Parish Office to approve accounts.

Annual Easter General Vestry

Thursday 30th March at 7.30pm
In the Parochial Hall

A look towards Holy Week

The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

Sunday 2nd April 2023

Holy Communion
9.00am and 10.30am

Monday in Holy Week

Monday 3rd April 2023 - 8.00pm
Sung Evensong.

Tuesday in Holy Week

Tuesday 4th April 2023 - 8.00pm

Compline.

Wednesday in Holy Week

Wednesday 5th April 2023 - 8.00pm
Tenebrae.

Maundy Thursday (The Institution of the Lord's Supper)

Thursday 6th April 2023 - 8.00pm
Holy Communion

Good Friday

Friday 7th April 2023 - 10.00am - 11.30am
'Messy Church' for primary aged children in the Parochial Hall.

Friday 7th April 2023 - 8.00pm

'The Way of the Cross' RSCM

Easter Eve

Saturday 8th April 2023 - 7.00am - 12.00pm
The church will be open all day for quiet

personal prayer.

Easter Day

Sunday 9th April 2023 - 6.00am
Holy Communion at the ruins of Old Rossorry.
Sunday 9th April 2023 - 10.00am
Holy Communion.

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- **Lent Services** - All services at 8pm.
- **Tempo Church** - 8th, 15th, and 29th March
- **Clabby Church** - 22nd March
- **Mothers Union** - 14th March 8 p.m. in Tempo Church Hall with "stitching creations."
- **Sunday 19th Mothers' Day** - service in both Churches.
- **Saturday 25th March** - Scripture Union Fermanagh and Fivemiletown E3 Schools Coffee Morning in Enniskillen Presbyterian Church Hall 10.30 a.m. - 12.30pm.

Jesus and Jerusalem

Many times during His life time from twelve years of age Jesus has been at Jerusalem to worship at the temple.

Towards the end of his ministry prior to his death Jerusalem features three times, but with a different attitude towards his visit. Luke 9 v 51 "As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem". Before these verses which go on to tell of the Samaritan



opposition to him, Peter had confessed who Jesus was, "The Christ of God". Jesus explained to the disciples of his arrest, trial, death and resurrection. He teaches what discipleship truly means. Followed eight days later by the transfiguration, the healing with boy with evil spirit, the discussion of who was the greatest. Jesus fully aware of his future, his fate, the final part of God's plan of Salvation. So now with determination he sets out for Jerusalem.

The second Jerusalem we read about is recorded in Luke 19 v 41-44 where Jesus weeps over Jerusalem as he knows clear the fate of the city its destruction by Roman authorities Matthew 23 v 37 records Jesus similarly weeping over Jerusalem as he mourns their rejection of the prophets and of himself. Their refusal of his teaching, just as a hen longed to gather her chicks. A picture of Jesus rejected by the crowds on Good Friday.

The last encounter of Jesus in Jerusalem is his cleansing of the Temple. This event is recorded by all four Gospel writers. Jesus in his righteous anger clears of the temple of all the corrupt sellers of doves for

sacrifices because they profiting from it for themselves.

"My house shall be a house of prayer, but you are making a den of robbers".

The point being made is that Jesus had perfect knowledge of the sin of the people, their sins, greed, rebellion, selfish living, with real pure disregard for the things of God and of him the sinless son of God.

Even though they would reject him, yet he knew perfectly why he must enter it, be arrested, tried and die outside its walls. "The Son of man came to seek and to save what was lost".

To a lost, seeking world, Jesus who died and rose again for it, calls us to "come and follow him", by repentance towards God and faith in him. He calls us to a life of integrity, sincerity genuine living.

A life that honours him with the heart and not the lips alone. Psalm 24 v 3-4 says and challenges us "Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart. Who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.

Trory and Killadeas



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The new and improved Ballycassidy Hall

At the time of writing, the Ballycassidy Hall kitchen renovation is almost complete, and we eagerly look forward to resuming our activities in the largest of our halls. The new roof is on, a lot of asbestos has been removed, a new ceiling with energy efficient LED lighting has been installed, new tiles and painting have been completed, and new equipment including a new ergonomic sink, a large industrial fridge, new catering thermal flasks, and even a well-known coffee pod machine (with a name not far off ordering "an espresso") are all ready to be unboxed and put in. As well as the fundraising efforts of the parish, we owe huge thanks to Benefact Trust, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, and DEFRA for grants (as well as those who completed all the paperwork for us to get these) without which the building work, and purchasing new fixtures and fittings would not have been possible.

Once we are back in, we look forward to our usual diary resuming, and adding some new activities. We already have in the pipeline a variety of classes and courses which the hall will be used for including new fitness classes, Diocesan Safeguarding Volunteer Training, and an in the community hub for SWC teaching and awarding Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificates.

Parish Activities

We have a wide and varied selection of groups and activities running within our parishes. If you like music or singing, try joining one of our choirs. If you have young children, come to **Baby and Tots**. If you want to do something active, we have groups with different energy expenditure,



The new kitchen at Ballycassidy Hall.

come along to the **bowls, Holy Strollers walking group, the fitness classes** in the hall, or one of our newly forming **5-a-side football** teams. Or maybe the **Mothers' Union** or **men's working groups** are more your thing. Likewise, if you are interested in playing with **Trory Accordion Band, Killadeas Pipe Band**, or joining any of the loyal orders associated with our parishes, they would be only too glad to welcome you along. And if what you are interested in is not on this list, if there is something else you think others would also be interested in, chat to Rev. Mark about getting help to set it up. Communities, like well-functioning supportive families, don't just happen. Keeping things going takes a level of commitment from everyone, not just the leaders. There has been a level of apathy towards social gatherings throughout the whole world post pandemic, and yet it is now more than ever when community cohesion and support is needed most. Let's make sure as a church, and a local community we retain what is great about our parishes and buck this trend, by making a special effort to stay supportive, connected and involved throughout the week, not just coming to church for 45 minutes on Sunday.

Mothers' Union

On Monday 13th February Trory and Killadeas Mothers' Union held their AGM. Rev. Mark opened in Prayer, Barbara, the branch leader, read Psalm 131, before Rev. Mark took the chair again for the appointing of officers. Barbara and Helen retain their roles as branch leader and secretary, and are now joined by Jacqueline as Treasurer, and we wish them all God's richest blessing in their work, which is the backbone not just of our parishes but of most parishes in the Anglican communion. The next meeting is on Monday 13th March at 2pm in Killadeas hall when Rev. Mark will be speaking about his journey to ordination. All are welcome.

5-a-side Football Teams

We are currently putting together a youth (ages 14-18) and an adult (age 16+) 5-a-side football teams to compete in the local inter-church tournaments held in Ballinamallard Football Club. If you would be interested in joining either team, or if you are the responsible person for a youth who would be interested in joining, please get in contact with Trevor Cadden and Rev. Mark. Practices for the youth team will be held in Enniskillen on a day which suits around other extra-curricular engagements, but before the young people catch a bus home from school. The adult team practices likewise will be arranged around existing timetables. Admin and contact for both will be through WhatsApp groups (nominated responsible adult in the group for youth team members) so please give us your phone number as well as your name if you want to play.

Killadeas Outreach Group

The outreach group in Killadeas are putting together a series of events to strengthen links with our neighbours.

The first events being run are sing-a-long-a-Sung Compline services. The first of these was on February 26th at 6pm, and the next one will be on March 26th at 6pm. Compline, also known as Night Prayer, or the Prayers at the End of the Day, is the final prayer liturgy (or office) of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours, which are prayed at fixed prayer times. It is an ancient monastic service dating to the 6th century. In the sung setting, most of the service is set to plainsong, simple chant which has been used by Christians since the earliest days of the Church, and responses are sung back using the same tune as the rector has just sung. It is very simple, and if you can say back responses on a Sunday morning, this is just as easy. Please do come and join us.

As the words, structure and music of the service predate any denominational split within the Church, it is an office which we

can use to come together and be fully united in worship within an ecumenical service environment. It is also wonderful to be able to do this service on the ancient Priory site, almost exactly as the first monastic settlers would have done millennia ago.

In the pipeline are concerts both in Priory Church Killadeas and Sacred Heart Irvinestown, social gatherings to bring communities together, and we are hoping to link in with some Live Here Love Here projects with FODC for the benefit of the whole wider community too.

Men's Working Group

Many thanks to the men who came along on Saturday 18th Feb (and those who came along with heavy machinery before the day to shift the heaviest bits) to clear the moss and debris from the concrete parking areas at the rectory in advance of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party. It was a big job, but it was a job well done, and kept the grounds as safe as can be and free of trip and slip hazards. Huge gratitude to all involved.

Pancake Party at the Rectory

At the time of writing, the pancake party has not yet happened, but in anticipation of a great evening (like all our community events have been post lockdowns) Rev. Mark would like to extend a word of thanks to all those who helped out on the day with catering, clearing up, car parking stewards and money counters. As we used last year's Pancake Party proceeds as a donation to humanitarian aid with the Ukrainian conflict, likewise this year the proceeds of the event are going to help with humanitarian relief efforts after the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Lent Midweek Services. Touched by Christ's Life.

This year during our midweek services we are taking a dramatic look at some of the main characters of the passion period of Christ's last weeks on earth. Each Wednesday we are focussing on a different person who walked these last days with Christ, and touched his life, as he touched theirs. In doing this we are reminding ourselves of the overwhelming awe of that period, both then and the reality of it for us now. If we don't remind ourselves fully of the drama and passion of the events that go before the glorious resurrection of Easter Sunday, we do the biggest celebration in the whole Christian calendar a disservice. We are very thankful to some leading lights of the Fermanagh amateur dramatics scene to be helping with these and our Holy Week services. Please make



Mother's Union AGM meeting,

every effort to attend if you can, as these promise to be great evenings.

Holy Week Services. Material Touch Courtroom Drama

Like with the drama being played out in the characters of the passion during lent midweek services, we are exploring Holy Week through the materials which 'touched' Christ. Trory church will become a courtroom for part of the service, as we put on trial accused of the murder of Christ the metal nails from the cross, the wood of the cross, the dirt on the road. There are also multisensory 'touch' aspects of these services. Then on Maundy Thursday we focus on the part we play, how Christ touches us, and we touch him through a service including the washing of feet, and we will culminate on Good Friday with a service reflecting on the wounded body of Christ, given up for us through words of St. Teresa of Ávila "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks out his compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now." Hopefully that is enough to whet your appetite, for joining with us during Holy Week. We look forward to seeing you there.

Easter. Touching the Wounds of the Risen Christ

As usual, we begin Easter Sunday at dawn on the banks of the lough behind Killadeas Church, and then warm ourselves up with coffee and bacon rolls in the hall. Time TBC, but be prepared for somewhere in the region of 6am. Then both out 10am and 11.30am Easter Sunday Holy Communion services will conclude with an Easter Egg hunt for our young people (and the young at heart.)

Easter General Vestry Meetings

Troy Easter General Vestry Meeting will be held in Ballycassidy Hall on Tuesday 21st March at 7pm

Killadeas Easter General Vestry Meeting will be held in Killadeas Church Hall on Wednesday 22nd March at 7.30pm (directly after the midweek service)

Please do come along to these meetings, both for the election of Select Vestries, and to hear what lies in store for our parishes over the coming year.

Easter Home Communions

If you know of anyone not already on the list who needs this, please let Rev. Mark know ASAP. Rev. Mark is of course happy to do these, and carries out dozens every Christmas and Easter for anyone who needs it, but there is no booking system. Rev Mark will carry out these visits in the weeks before Easter, administer the sacrament, and give each visit as long as required when there. If you are not in the house when he calls, it does question if you are housebound. Visits will not be rearranged except in extreme circumstances.

Troy Smarties Tubes

The annual Smarties tube lent fundraiser for Troy is once again underway. Tubes of smarties have been given out, and I am sure the contents have been enjoyed by now. That was the easy, fun bit. Please remember to now complete the second half of the task. Fill the tubes with 20p's or £1 coins, and return to church on Easter Sunday or as near after as you can.

St. Patrick's Night

Our first big event back in the Ballycassidy hall after the major kitchen renovation will be out St Patrick's Stew and Fun Night. This event is probably best described a cabaret style evening celebrating Ulster-Scots heritage (as Patrick was an Ulsterman, while he was in Ireland.) An ensemble from Troy Accordion Band will entertain us, as will bagpipes, we'll join together in singing a few well known airs, and the stage will also play host to a few marvellous mysteries and impressive illusions. Food will be a 2 course meal of Irish stew and wheaten bread followed by homemade desserts. A suggested donation of £10 per person (£5 for children) will be collected at the door. Doors/food 7pm, entertainment from 8pm.

SEARCH Colloquium: A New Look at End Times

SEARCH (the Journal of the Church of Ireland) is holding its biannual colloquium, this year focussing on "A New Look at the



Baptism for the Lee family.



The Humphrey family at the baptism service with Revd Mark.

End Times” featuring young Irish thinkers on the relevance of biblical apocalyptic writings today on April 22nd in Trinity College Dublin School of Religion from 10.15am - 5pm.

Among the speakers there are some names you will recognise from their links with Clogher Diocese and Omagh. Dr Julia McKinley (NBSI) will speak on the apocalyptic texts, Revd Mark Gallagher and Paudie Holly speak on perspectives of science and theology, Eric Hughes (DCU chaplain) and Dr Allison Campbell (psychologist) on young people’s issues today, Revd Chris Mac Bruithin and Revd Sean Hanily lead us on pastoral insights regarding hope and fear. A final panel discussion will feature contributions from the faculty of the TCD School of Religion, Theology and Peace Studies.

If you would be interested in attending, tickets are £40, and can be purchased through subscriptions@searchjournal.ireland.anglican.org

Chamber Choir West
Chamber Choir West (CCW) have their next concert on Thursday 9th March in Sacred Heart Parish Church, Omagh. Since restarting after the initial lockdown CCW have been rehearsing in Priory Church, Killadeas, which they now refer to as their spiritual home. We wish them well and encourage anyone who is free to attend what is sure to be a night of exceptional choral music and ethereal beauty.

From the registers HOLY BAPTISM

- 12th February 2023 Jack Robert Lee in St. Michael’s, Trory
- Christian Burial
- 30th January, Trevor Noble, Priory

- Church, Killadeas
- 2nd February, Linda Dykes, St. Michael’s, Trory
- 18th February, June McCormick, Priory Church, Killadeas

Dates for your Diary in March, Holy Week and Easter

- Wednesday 1st March**
- 7pm Lent Midweek Service, Priory Church, Killadeas
- Sunday 5th**
- 10am Holy Communion in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Holy Communion in St Michael’s Trory
- Wednesday 8th**
- 7pm Lent Midweek Service, Priory Church, Killadeas
- Sunday 12th**
- 10am Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Morning Prayer in St. Michael’s, Trory
- Monday 13th**
- 2pm Mothers’ Union in Killadeas Church Hall
- Wednesday 15th**
- 7pm Lent Midweek Service, Priory Church, Killadeas
- Friday 17th**
- 7pm St Patrick’s Stew and Fun Night, Ballycassidy Hall
- Sunday 19th Mothering Sunday**
- 10am Morning Prayer followed by tea and chat in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Morning Prayer in St Michael’s, Trory
- Tuesday 21st**
- 7pm Trory Easter General Vestry, Ballycassidy Hall
- Wednesday 22nd**

- 7pm Lent Midweek Service, Priory Church, Killadeas
- 7.30pm Killadeas Easter General Vestry
- Sunday 26th Passion Sunday**
- 10am Morning Prayer in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Morning Prayer in St. Michael’s, Trory
- 6pm Sing-a-long-a-Sung Compline in Priory Church, Killadeas
- Wednesday 29th**
- 7pm Lent Midweek Service, Priory Church, Killadeas
- Sunday 2nd April – Palm Sunday**
- 10am Holy Communion in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Holy Communion in St Michael’s Trory
- Monday 3rd**
- 7pm Holy Monday Service, St Michael’s, Trory
- Tuesday 4th
- 7pm Holy Tuesday Service, St Michael’s, Trory
- Wednesday 5th**
- 7pm Holy Wednesday Service, St Michael’s, Trory
- Thursday 6th Maundy Thursday**
- 7pm Washing of feet Service, St Michael’s, Trory
- Friday 7th Good Friday**
- 7pm A Good Friday service based on the words of St. Teresa of Avila, St Michael’s, Trory
- Sunday 9th Easter Sunday**
- 6am (time TBC) First Holy Communion of Easter, on the bank of Lough Erne
- 10am Holy Communion with Easter Egg Hunt, Priory Church Killadeas
- 11.30am Holy Communion with Easter Egg Hunt, St. Michael’s, Trory

MOTHERS' UNION



UPDATE FOR KNITTERS

Blankets, cardigans, hats etc are still very much needed. Larger blankets go to nursing homes or individuals in need and smaller blankets go to maternity or neo-natal wards. Please continue to knit these items as before. Guidance from Mary Sumner House applies to TEDDIES only as they are classed as toys.

Every toy, including handmade soft toys must carry a CE mark to show that it meets the essential safety requirements of the Toy Safety Directive. To receive this CE mark, teddies must be knitted according to instructions with both the yarn and stuffing approved. Knitters must verify this by providing the bands from the wool and stuffing used. I can then attach the CE label and give the teddies to the hospital as before.

Without this the teddies are being passed to Mrs. Geraldine Beattie who will forward them to the 'Fields of Life' project in Uganda. This helps to support our worldwide members.

Many thanks to all members and friends of Mothers' Union who do so much knitting. Items are much appreciated by those who receive them. Keep up the good work!!

Also grateful thanks to all who donated items for Women's Aid and Tearmann. It truly was a tremendous effort this year. Your generosity knows no bounds.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3 v 17)



CLOGHER DIOCESE PRAISE & FUN EVENING

in Magheracross Parish Hall
on Friday, 21st April @ 7pm.



GATHER
..... here with
THANKFUL
.....
HEARTS



Our Theme for this year is 'God Loves Us' and we are **THANKFUL** for God's Love.

We have so much to be **THANKFUL** for in our lives.

GFS in Clogher Diocese is **THANKFUL** for our branches, our leaders, and the girls who come faithfully very week to our branch meetings. We are **THANKFUL** to their parents too.

We are also **THANKFUL** that we are able to bring the branches together for the first time in 3yrs for our **Praise & Fun Evening**.

7.00pm Praise/Talk with Archdeacon Brian Harper

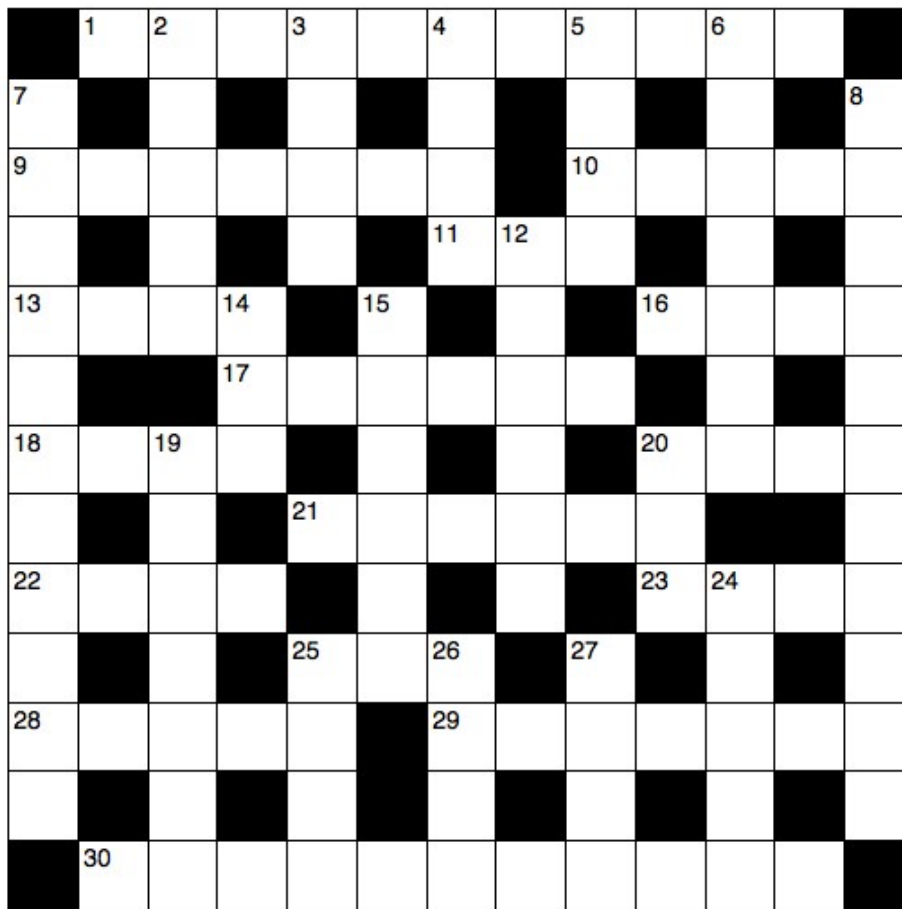
7.30pm Presentation of Bible Certificates

7.45 pm – 9.00pm Fun Event & Hot Dogs

Please encourage the girls to come along
for the fellowship and the fun on the 21st April



PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

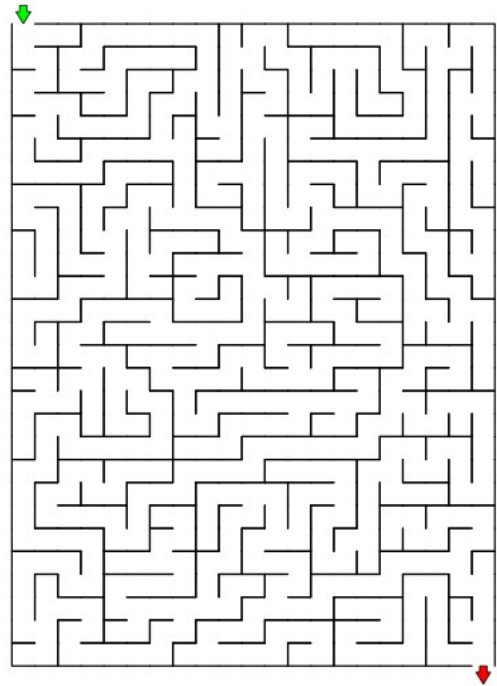
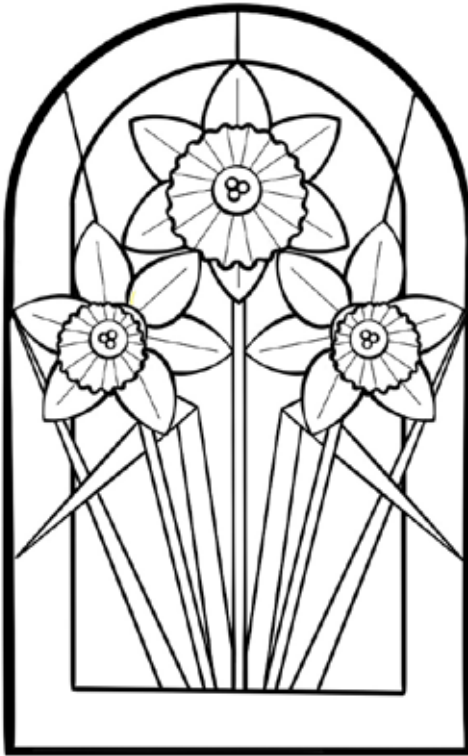
- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

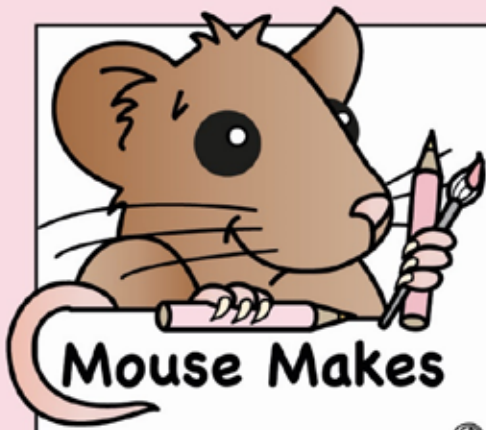
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- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you' (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 67

CHILDREN'S SECTION





Mouse Makes

WHO IS MY MOTHER?



- | | |
|---------|-----------|
| CAIN | ELIZABETH |
| ISAAC | HANNAH |
| JESUS | RACHEL |
| JACOB | REBEKAH |
| TIMOTHY | EVE |
| JOSEPH | MARY |
| SAMUEL | SARAH |
| JOHN | EUNICE |

Look up the Bible verses then find the answers and the names below in the word search



- REBEKAH
- ELIZABETH
- EUNICE
- RUTH
- MARY
- RACHEL
- LEAH
- ZIPLAH
- MOTHER
- MUM

BIBLE MOTHERS

Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?

— — —
Genesis 4:1-2

Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?

— — — — —
Genesis 17:19

Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?

— — — — —
1 Samuel 1:20

Who was Ruth's Mother-in-Law?

— — — — —
Ruth 1:1-5

Eunice was Timothy's mother, but who was her mother?

— — — — —
2 Timothy 1:5

Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

— — — — —
Exodus 6:20

Look up the Bible verses and find out who the Bible mothers are.



M — — — — —
Matt 1:16

O — — — — —
2 Tim 1:5

T — — — — —
1 Kings 1:11

H — — — — —
1 Sam 1:20

E — — — — —
Gen 34:1

R — — — — —
Gen 30:22

How many other words can you make from:

MOTHERING SUNDAY



E E L O I S Z I L A M J H
U V N Z M A R Y Z U O Z R
N E A D U R U T H L T I A
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E L I Z A B E T H H R A E
R E B E K A H A N N A H L

DIOCESAN NEWS



Bishop Ian Ellis greeting members of the congregation following the service.



Bishop Ian Ellis dedicates the RUC Crest erected on the wall of St. Ronan's Church, Colebrooke while Rector, Revd John McClenaghan and Viscount Brookeborough look on.



Revd Dr. Isaac Thompson, Chaplain to East Tyrone RUC GC Association giving a short history of the RUC.

RUC crest from police station dedicated at poignant church service

The dedication of the Fivemiletown RUC Station Crest took place in St. Ronan's Parish Church, Colebrooke on Sunday, 19th February.

The service conducted by the Rector, the Revd John McClenaghan was attended by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, who was the preacher; His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, Viscount Brookeborough and Lady Brookeborough as well as members of the RUC GC Association in East Tyrone and Fermanagh.

The crest was part of the RUC Station in Fivemiletown and is erected on a wall in Colebrooke Church. The service also celebrated the sacrifice of the RUC and RUC Reserve.

Bishop Ellis, in his address, said an occasion such as this, of the laying up and dedication of the Fivemiletown RUC station crest, gave everyone an opportunity to consider and be thankful for the work for the police in our community.

"It will also cause us to reflect on the cost of that service over the period of our troubles in NI in the lives lost and hearts and homes broken. Located near the border, this area was constantly vulnerable and was particularly impacted by acts of terrorism over those terrible years. We must never forget those who sacrificed their lives – their names are well known to us and their families continue to carry the pain of loss," he said.

"Throughout the long years of terror, it was the dedicated work of the RUC and

later the PSNI which kept us from slipping into the abyss of civil war and to even greater horrors than those which we did endure. Over 30 years ago I was a curate in Armagh and we used to be invited as clergy to attend the annual Remembrance Service held in Newry Road police station. I clearly remember hearing the names read aloud, as we heard today of those from the subdivision who lost their lives in the service of the community. I could not help but reflect on the length of the list, so many lives destroyed, and families devastated.

"This crest placed in this church today remains a powerful symbol of the service of police officers from this district and of those who made that supreme sacrifice. We are thankful to God that because of the work of such men and women we have been spared and could bring up our families and enjoy freedom and a relatively normal life." Bishop Ellis continued, referring to the system of justice and keeping the peace and the difficulties for the police to keep the peace in their line of duty.

In conclusion, he said; "So today as we dedicate this crest, we give thanks for the work our police service in this district, in their vocation to protect life and uphold the law and to pray that they may live up to that high calling. May it remain a symbol of gratitude and honour those who have served with distinction in the past and ask especially for God's mercy upon those who have lost a someone dear to them because of their devotion to the service.

"If we fulfil these three things: to do justice to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God then we will have nothing else to fear in life or in death, because God requires no more of us, and his great love will never let us go," he added.

Lessons were read by Viscount Brookeborough and Mr. Cecil Wylie and a history and celebration of the 100th anniversary of the RUC was given by Revd Isaac Thompson, from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and Chaplain to East Tyrone RUC GC Association.

The Order of Service included a roll of honour to those from East Tyrone RUC GC from 1946-2001 and Fermanagh RUC GC 1956-2001 who were killed on duty or died from injuries sustained.

The exhortation was given by Mr. David Cuddy, Chairman of the RUC GC East Tyrone Association. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Mr. Mark Kelly of Murley Silver Band which provided the music accompaniment at the service. A Piper's Lament was sounded by Piper, Lucy Somerville.

Mr Cuddy also spoke on behalf of the East Tyrone RUC GC Association and the RUC GC Prayer was read by Freddie Hall. Hymns sung included "God is here!" "The Lord's my shepherd," "Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided," "Praise my soul, the King of heaven" and "Be thou my vision."

APPOINTMENTS TO CATHEDRALS CHAPTER

The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis, has announced appointments to the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St Macartan, Clogher and of the Cathedral Church of St Macartin, Enniskillen.

The Revd Canon Paul Thompson, Rector of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale, to be also Prebendary of Donaghmore in the National Cathedral of St Patrick, Dublin.

The Revd John Woods, Rector of Donacavey and Barr and Rural Dean of Kilskeery, to be also Prebendary of Donacavey.

The Revd Canon Alan Irwin, Rector of Colaghty (Lack) and Rural Dean of Kesh, to be also Prebendary of Kilskeery.

The Revd John McClenaghan, Rector of Aghalurcher (Colebrooke), Cooneen and Mullaghfad and Diocesan Registrar, to be also Prebendary of Tyholland.

Other diocesan appointments also announced include the appointment of the Revd William Jeffrey, Rector of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck, to be also Rural Dean of Enniskillen, and the Revd Rebecca Guildea, Rector of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher to be also the Clogher Diocesan Representative on the Church of Ireland Children's Ministry Network.

Revd Canon Paul Thompson

The Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd Dr Ian Ellis has appointed the Revd Canon Paul Thompson, Rector of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale in the Diocese of Clogher, as the Prebendary of Donaghmore in the National Cathedral of St. Patrick, Dublin.

Canon Paul was ordained in 1989 and served as curate and incumbent in the diocese of Down and Dromore. Following a career in Prison Chaplaincy in England he was appointed Rector of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale in 2017. In Clogher Diocese he holds additional roles as Warden of Readers and Co-ordinator of Lay Ministry.

The Bishop said: "I am delighted that Canon Paul Thompson has agreed to become the Clogher Representative Canon on the Chapter of St Patrick's Dublin. He has extensive experience of both the Church of Ireland and the Church of England. I know that he will make a thoughtful and positive contribution to the life of the National Cathedral of St. Patrick and will represent the Diocese of Clogher with commitment and enthusiasm."



Revd John Woods

The Bishop of Clogher has appointed Revd John Woods, Rector of Donacavey and Barr, in the Diocese of Clogher, to become Prebendary of Donacavey. In addition to being the incumbent of Donacavey and Barr he has, since 2019, been Rural Dean of Kilskeery. Revd John has also in recent years been acting Rural Dean of Enniskillen where he has overseen a considerable number of vacant parishes. I am delighted he has accepted the appointment as Prebendary of Donacavey on the Chapter of the Cathedrals which in some way acknowledges his dedicated work and care of parishes in the diocese.



Revd Canon Alan Irwin

Revd Canon Alan Irwin (above left) is currently one of the 'Canons without stall' in the Chapter and now moves to hold the Prebendary stall of Kilskeery in recognition of his very effective and consistent work as Rural Dean of Kesh.



Revd John McClenaghan

The Bishop of Clogher has appointed Revd John McClenaghan (above right), Rector of Aghalurcher to the Prebendary of Tyholland. The Bishop commented that he was: "very pleased Revd John has accepted my appointment to this position to acknowledge his work as Diocesan Registrar and also as co-ordinator of the Diocesan Ministry of Healing Committee."

The date for the Service of Installation of the new Prebendaries is yet to be fixed.

Other appointments

The Bishop announced: "I am delighted that the Revd William Jeffrey (below left) has accepted the appointment as Rural Dean of Enniskillen in addition to his role as Rector of Lisbellaw. Revd William has an engaging personality and has plentiful gifts of administration having spent over 30 years in the Civil Service prior to ordination. He has much to bring to this role in overseeing Glebe inspections and caring for vacant parishes in the Enniskillen Rural Deanery".

Bishop Ian has appointed Revd Rebecca Guildea, (below right) Rector of the Garrison Group of Parishes, as Clogher Representative to the Children's Ministry Network. The Bishop commented: "Revd Rebecca has great interest and skill in working with children and young families and I know that her experience and passion for this ministry will be of great assistance to the wider work of the Church of Ireland Children's Ministry Network".



Cathedral hosts Service during Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

A Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity took place in the Cathedral Church of St. Macartin, Enniskillen on Wednesday, 18 January.

Among those taking part was the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd. Dr. Ian Ellis; the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd. Canon Kenneth Hall; Monsignor Peter O'Reilly of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church and the Revd. Lorna Dreading of Enniskillen Methodist Church. Also taking part were members of Fermanagh Churches Forum, which represents the main churches in the county.

The preacher was the Right Revd Trevor Williams, former Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe, who, in his address, said he admired the work of the churches in Enniskillen for Christian unity so clearly demonstrated by the symbolism of Her Majesty The Queen's visit to the town in 2012. He said they needed those symbolic aspects because of the world of division with people hearing daily of the differences of race, culture, politics and those of



Right Revd Trevor Williams.

educational social backgrounds. These, he said, often became hostile barriers resulting in violence and bloodshed.

He reminded the congregation that the service was written by the churches of Minneapolis in the US. In May 2020, George Floyd was murdered by a police officer in the US city because of personal and also of institutional racism against Afro Americans. The churches of Minneapolis contributed to the service content "to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society."

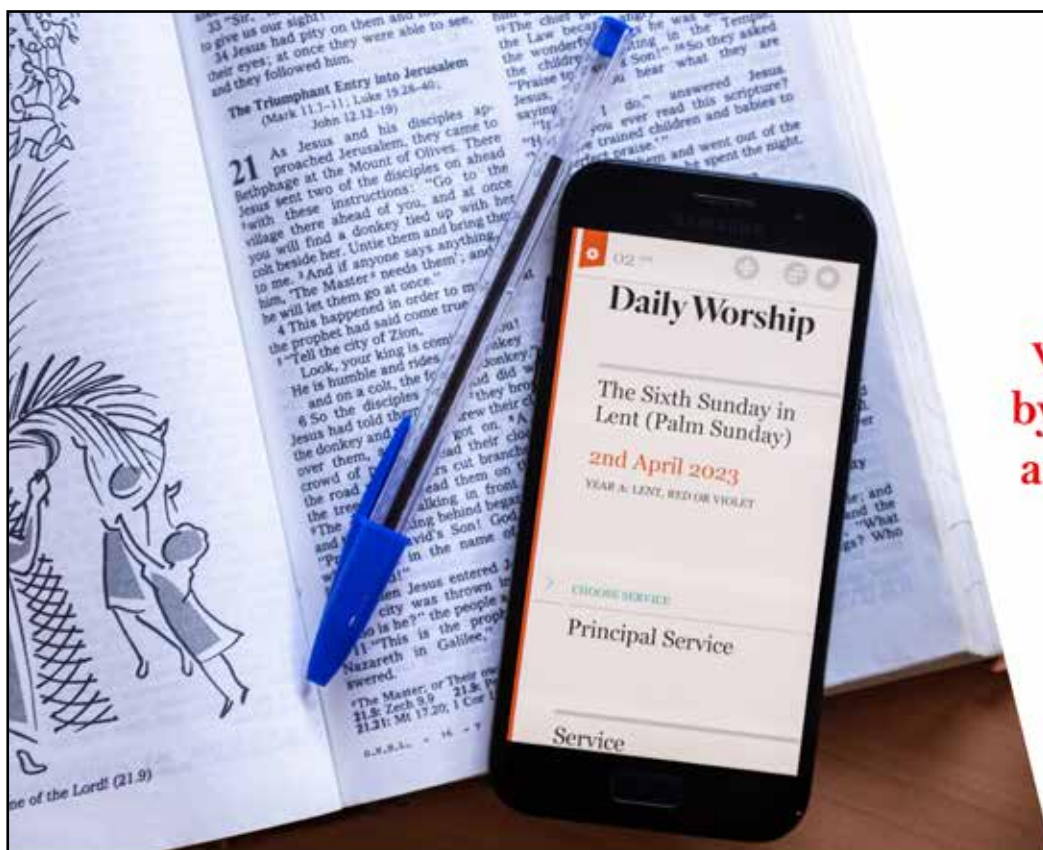
One of the readings selected for the service was well known, the parable of the Good Samaritan in St. Luke's Gospel set on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho.

He said everyone should treat each other as Christians and learn from each other. This is one of the world's greatest needs. Everyone will learn from those who are different.

He went on to discuss how to promote unity between different people. Visiting was one way of promoting unity and hospitality another.

"Always think; who is not in the room. The work of Christian unity is not an event or a destination, it is a way of living," said Bishop Williams.

He appealed to people to find ways in their lives to work for Christian unity and that by doing so they were not only loving their neighbours as themselves but witnessing to a broken, divided and difficult world of a new way, offering a new possibility, a new hope and a new peace. People needed to hear that, he added.



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Church group hears of the big uptake of those using foodbanks

The number of people who have received food parcels from Enniskillen Foodbank over the past year was over 5,000, an increase of 120 per cent on the previous year.

That was one of the statistics revealed by the Manager of the Foodbank, John Shades, when he addressed members of Rossorry Mothers' Union recently.

John and his wife, Charlene and their three children came to Enniskillen in 2011 as part of the Vineyard church "with a purpose." They saw the need for a foodbank and having had experience of administering one in Glasgow, they started off as an independent foodbank and approached ASDA for surplus food items. A permanent collection point was set up as well as a link with Social Services.

Quickly the uptake of recipients increased and in 2015, as part of the Lakes Vineyard Church, they moved to their present premises at Cross Street, Enniskillen and it was supported by the Trussell Trust charity which is an umbrella group for many foodbanks around the country.

The Lakes Vineyard Church Foodbank in addition to the main centre in Enniskillen, also operates collections in some of the other towns and villages in Fermanagh on selected days as well as working with some of the other supermarkets including Tesco and M & S.

John explained that demand for donations have increased significantly in recent times as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. When asked how he would describe success, John said they would like to "go out of business," in other words, not have to help feed people from donations.

He said some of their clients who have availed of the service, have later on became donors of food and that is also a measure of success as have some of those who have come back to work as volunteers as a way of giving something back working alongside many other volunteers who give their services to this charity freely. He also explained that their clients who are normally referred to the Foodbank by Social Services, are only offered support on a short term basis, for a six-week period at a time. New clients will be asked for evidence of their circumstances.

In Enniskillen there are three food distribution days a week with another morning in Newtownbutler, an afternoon in Belleek and an afternoon in Irvinestown.

John also explained that donations of money are also welcome in addition to non-perishable food items, as this helps to pay for essential items that are in short supply such as tinned fish, meat and vegetables. They also have to pay for the running costs of a van which has been donated, as well as the electricity costs of fridges and freezers.

"We rarely run short but sometimes we need to buy some essentials," he said, referring to some items in surplus such as breakfast cereals and baked beans.

He named the top five items they need as; 1, Long life milk; 2, Diluting juice; 3, Tea; 4, Coffee; 5, Tinned meat products.

Food items are bagged in different quantities for example for one person, for two people, for three or four people or families of five and to feed families for either three days or seven days.

He explained they also operated a "Growbaby" project providing nappies, sterilisers, wet wipes and some baby food. Other items such as prams were preloved.

If there is a humanitarian crisis across the world such as in Ukraine or now Turkey and Syria, some surplus items may be redirected to



John Shades from the Enniskillen Foodbank with (from left); Lorraine Simpson, Branch Leader, Rossorry MU; Arlene Graham, Treasurer and Frances Storey, Secretary.

help with those.

"Everything we do is about Jesus," he concluded.

John was presented with a quantity of food items as well as a gift on behalf of the Mothers' Union branch.

ST. MACARTAN'S CATHEDRAL, CLOGHER

64th FRIENDS' SERVICE AND ANNUAL REUNION

will be held on

**Sunday, 26th March 2023
at 3.00pm**

PREACHER:

**The Rt Rev Dr Ian Ellis BTh, BSc
Bishop of Clogher**

Clergy and Lay Readers please robe.

**Tea will be served in the Cathedral Hall
after the service, with the 64th AGM
to follow.**



The Revd Canon Jennifer McWhirter is applauded during the Service of Institution.

New chapter for Cleenish and Mullaghduin parishes as new Rector is instituted

The Institution of the Revd Canon Jennifer McWhirter as Rector of the Grouped Parishes of Cleenish and Mullaghduin in Clogher Diocese by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis took place in Cleenish Parish Church, Bellanaleck on Thursday, 16 February. Revd Canon McWhirter had been Rector of the Aughaval Group of Parishes close to Westport, Co. Mayo in the Diocese of Tuam before taking up her new appointment. Her husband, Revd Stephen McWhirter was recently instituted Rector of Rossorry Parish.

The Bishop of Clogher welcomed everyone to the service, which was led by Revd John Woods, Acting Rural Dean. The Institution was conducted by the Bishop, the Diocesan Registrar, Revd John McClenaghan and Dean Kenneth Hall. During the service, a number of parishioners from both churches led prayers during the Act of Institution. These included Caroline Watterson, Ava



Revd Alan Synott preaching at the service.

Connolly, Julian Thornton, Ivy Humphries and Margaret Crawford. The readings were by Rowena Sheridan and Robert Watterson, Parish Readers and

Revd Maureen Desborough. The hymns sung were; "Lead us, Heavenly Father Lead us," "Immortal Invisible, God only wise," "Dear Lord and Father

of mankind” and “Forth, in thy name, O Lord I go.” A joint choir from Cleenish and Mullaghdun led the singing. The organist was Mrs Joan Brownlee.

The sermon was given by Revd Alan Synnott, Rector of Camlough (Bessbrook), Mullaglass and Ballymoyer Union in Diocese of Armagh.

The churchwardens are; Mrs Rosemary Forde, Mr. Leslie Nixon, Mrs Heather Carson and Mr. Dessie Coalter.

The church was filled to capacity with an overflow watching proceedings as they were relayed to the Parish Hall and where a tea reception was provided afterwards. Speakers representing Revd Canon McWhirter’s previous parishes and her new parishes as well as community representatives addressed those gathered.

These included Leslie Nixon, People’s Churchwarden, Cleenish and Mrs Heather Carson, Rector’s Churchwarden, Mullaghdun. Dr Eamon Smith, Aughaval Group of Parishes, Diocese of Tuam, spoke on behalf of Canon Jen’s previous parishes and give a resounding resumé of Canon Jen’s ministry in the Diocese of Tuam and of her work with the Theological Institute in Dublin. Words of welcome were also given by Revd Lorna Dreading, Methodist Church and Mr Jim Maguire, representing the Parish Council for the Roman Catholic churches in the Parish of Cleenish. The Rector’s Churchwarden, Cleenish, Mrs Rosemary Forde, give the vote of thanks, thanking all those closely involved in the



Taking part in the service were (from left); Revd John McClenaghan, Diocesan Registrar; Revd Canon Jennifer McWhirter; Dean Kenneth Hall; Bishop Ian Ellis; Revd Alan Synnott, preacher and Revd John Woods, Acting Rural Dean.

planning and preparation of the service, to the Diocesan Office, to the Clergy and Diocesan Readers who provided weekly service cover during the vacancy and to Almighty God in calling Revd Canon Jennifer McWhirter to be Rector of Cleenish and Mullaghdun Parishes. Revd Canon McWhirter, a native of Co. Antrim, was ordained as a Deacon in 2004 and as a Priest in 2005. After serving as Curate Assistant in St. Anne’s Cathedral, Belfast and assistant Priest in St. Nicholas Parish, Belfast; she spent some time as Rector of the United

Parishes of Templepatrick and Donegore before taking on a role as Church of Ireland Co-ordinator of CME at the Theological Institute in Dublin as well as Co-ordinator of Internship Pastoral Studies. She then took up her post as Rector in the Diocese of Tuam where she was involved in many spheres of parish and diocesan work.

She was installed as a Chapter Canon of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin in January this year.

Revd Canon McWhirter and Revd Stephen McWhirter have a daughter, Kizzy.



Revd Canon Jennifer McWhirter with Bishop Ian Ellis.



Revd Canon Jennifer McWhirter with members of her family.



Attending the Institution were (from left); Helen Sweetnam, Churchwarden, St. Finbarr's Church; Revd Canon Jonn McClenaghan, Diocesan Registrar; John Breaden, Churchwarden, Ardragh; Revd Ian Cruickshank, new rector of Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh; Chancellor Ian Berry, Rural Dean; Archdeacon Brian Harper, Bishop Ian Ellis; John Simpson, Churchwarden, St. Finbarr's; Revd Johnny McLoughlin, preacher; and David Babington, Churchwarden, Magheracloone.

Warm welcome for new Rector to Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh parishes

The Service of Institution of Revd Ian Cruickshank as Rector of Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh parishes in Co. Monaghan by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, took place on Thursday, 23 February in St. Finbarr's Parish Church, Carrickmacross. The service was attended by parishioners from all churches in the group along with a number of leading community representatives including the President of Carrickmacross Chamber of Commerce and the local authority. The service began with the processional hymn, "To God be the glory! great things He has done," with other hymns sung including "Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul," "Alleluia, sing to Jesus!" and "Now thank we all our God." The choir sang "How Great Thou Art, Majesty." The organist was Pamela Ward. The Act of Institution took place involving Bishop Ellis as well as Archdeacon Brian Harper who presented the incumbent-elect to the Bishop and Revd John McClenaghan, Diocesan Registrar, who read the certificate



Revd Johnny McLoughlin, preacher.



Philip Keegan welcoming Revd Cruickshank on behalf of Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh.



Keith Rothwell from the Parishes of Killane and Killeghney, Diocese of Ferns speaking.

of nomination. As the Bishop and Rector walked to the door, font, prayer desk, pulpit and Lord's Table, prayers were read by May Babington, Janine O'Neill, Westley Breaden, Helen Sweetnam and Eleanor Howell. The readings were by Margaret Babington, Gina Breaden and Caroline Merrin. The preacher was Revd Johnny McLoughlin, Rector of Aghavea, a personal friend of

Revd Cruickshank for many years, who told the congregation about their time together in the Apostolic Church in Lisburn and their journey to ministry in the Church of Ireland. He welcomed Revd Cruickshank's wife, Donna and children; Paul, Hannah, Matthew and Rebecca to the service. During the speeches welcoming Revd Ian to Clogher Diocese and the Carrickmacross area, Chancellor Ian Berry, Rural Dean,



Revd Ian Cruickshank meeting with representatives of other denominations; Pastor Colin Creighton of Carrickmacross Baptist Church and Revd David Hagan of Corbally Presbyterian Church.



Michele McHugh, who created a welcoming sign and provided the floral arrangements for the service.



Margaret Babington who read the first lesson.



Gina Braden reading the second lesson.



Caroline Merrin reading the Gospel.



Rural Dean, Chancellor Ian Berry introducing the speeches.

thanked all those who had looked after parishes during the vacancy, particularly Revd Charles McCollum and Archdeacon Nicky Rountree.

Keith Rothwell, from Revd Ian's previous parish in the Diocese of Ferns, Co. Wexford, spoke warmly of his enlightening and thought-provoking addresses as well as his compassion to those suffering from illness and bereavement. He said he uses his experience in life well in his ministry and asked his new congregations to encourage and embrace him.

Philip Keegan, on behalf of the Select Vestry in Carrickmacross, welcomed Revd Ian to the area where they have always been proud of all traditions coming together and said they needed a spiritual leader who would guide and lead them in their lives. He also thanked those who took services along with Chancellor Ian Berry for his leadership and also thanked Caroline Merrin for her "trojan work" as a parish reader, treasurer and nominator.

Pastor Colin Creighton from Carrickmacross Baptist Church brought greetings from the various churches in the area.

Bishop Ellis concluded the remarks by saying a new chapter had opened in the journey for parishioners in the

Carrickmacross group.

Revd Cruickshank is originally from Aberdeen, North-east Scotland and worked in a number of jobs including the oil rigs and the North Sea fishing fleets before training in theology at Belfast Bible College and Church of Ireland Theological College, Dublin.

He previously led mission teams to Kosovo and Ethiopia and has been chaplain to a number of soccer teams.

He comes to Clogher Diocese from the Diocese of Ferns where he was Rector in the rural parishes of Killane and Killegney with responsibility for the Union of New Ross and Fertagh.



The new rector, Revd Ian Cruickshank is introduced to the congregation by Bishop Ian Ellis.



Combined choirs.



Ballybay Gospel Group.



Lynda and Alice Lindsay.

Church choirs, soloists and musicians lead uplifting praise at Clogher Diocesan Big Sing

The popular Clogher Diocesan BIG SING was held on Sunday evening 29 January in St. Maeldoid's Church, Parish of Muckno, Castleblayney. A large congregation drawn from across Counties Monaghan, Fermanagh and adjoining counties was treated to a wonderful evening of favourite hymns, Gospel songs and community singing. The organist was Mr. Glenn Moore.

Artistes representing churches across the diocese and from other denominations took part in the two-hour event which was greatly enjoyed by everyone attending. They included a number of soloists and instrumentalists including many young people from church choirs and praise bands.

A welcome was extended to everyone attending by Revd Elaine Dunne, Rector of Ballybay, Muckno and Clontibret parishes before the choirs and congregation sang the first hymn, "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart."

The Ballybay Gospel Group sang "He's the truth, the life, the way" and "God on the Mountain."

Diane Wright-Kendrick from Donagh Parish, Glaslough introduced the next hymn, "Amazing Grace," that powerful hymn written by John Newton. At the Big Sing, an instrumental was played by Revd William Jeffrey, flautist and Rector of Lisbellaw Parish before the congregation joined in the singing.

There were two pieces from St. Macartin's Cathedral Choir, Enniskillen, "Still, My Soul Be Still" and "My Soul, There is a Country" conducted by Dr David Baxter and accompanied on piano by Glenn Moore.

Lynda and Alice Lindsay from Lisbellaw Parish were accompanied on the piano by Glenn Moore as they sang, "Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross."

Next there was another instrumental by Yolanda Brannigan, from Enniskillen Cathedral on the violin as the congregation later joined in the singing of "King of Kings, Majesty."

The members of Aghadrumsee Parish Choir accompanied on piano

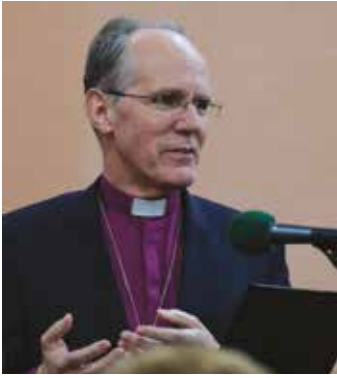


(Inset) Esther Janzen and Finn Maguire from Enniskillen Cathedral.

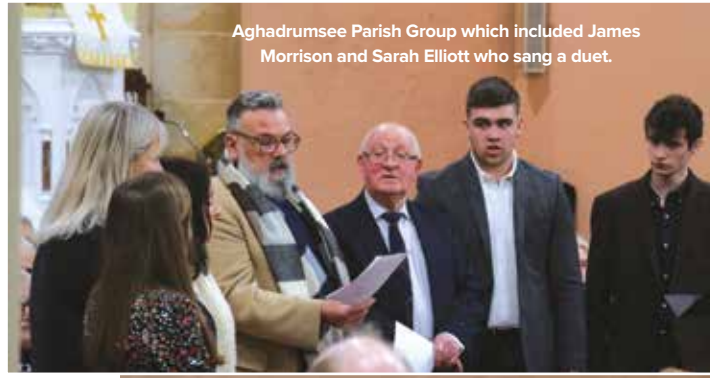
Above: The large congregation attending the Big Sing.

by Marina Elliott sang "May the Fragrance of Jesus" and "Pass me not O Gentle Saviour" before the Aghadrumsee Parish Music Group sang "Halle Halle" and "Soon and Very Soon" unaccompanied.

Two of the younger members of the Aghadrumsee groups, Sarah Elliott and James Morrison accompanied on piano by James Elliott sang "It is well with My Soul."



Bishop Ian Ellis



Aghadrumsee Parish Group which included James Morrison and Sarah Elliott who sang a duet.



Rev. Elaine Dunne introducing the programme.

A medley of two hymns followed, the first, "Nearer, my God, to thee" featuring a solo by Lynda Lindsay and then with uplifting congregational singing of "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah." There was a duet from Esther Janzen and Finn Maguire, mother and son, from Enniskillen Cathedral, who sang "O Perfect Heart". Brass cornet players, Gavin Rogers (Inishmacsaint) and Warren Kerr (Magheracross) provided accompaniment to the hymn singing. The well known Donagh Cantari performed next with "God is Love" and "Go forth into the World in Peace," conducted by Geraldine Casey accompanied by Gerard Toal on the piano.

Sharon Lancashire, from Drum Parish, then introduced the hymn, "O Jesus, I have promised" and its personal meaning to her. This well-known hymn was sung by the choirs and congregation together. A combined choir from Ballybay Presbyterian Group of Churches Choir along with Ballybay, Muckno and Clontibret Group of Parishes Choir and Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh Group of Parishes Choir conducted by Wendy Sloan sang two well-known favourites, "God made all things Beautiful" and "It is no Secret."

Ronnie Wilkinson of Tydavnet Parish, introduced the next hymn, "The Lord's my Shepherd" sung by the congregation to the traditional tune followed by Dromore Parish Choir accompanied by Lorna Thompson and Rev. Andrew Quill as they



Dromore Choir.



David Burton, soloist.



Yolanda Brannigan playing the violin.

sang "The Goodness of God" and "You are my Strength." Soloist David Burton from Enniskillen Cathedral Choir led the singing of "O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder." Donagh Community Choir, Glaslough, conducted by Ethne McCord, accompanied by Gerard Toal, sang "Love Grows Here," "I Will Sing Praise," and "Go Now in Peace."

Bishop Ian Ellis, in his epilogue, thanked everyone for taking part in the uplifting evening of music and singing and especially thanked Ethne McCord and Glenn Moore for their collaboration. He also thanked the Rector and Select Vestry

of St. Maeldoid's Church, Muckno Parish, Castleblayney. He spoke of the spiritual meaning of many of the hymns sung. The final hymn was "To God be the Glory" with a solo in Verse 1 by Jane McKinley of Enniskillen Cathedral Choir. Everyone was served supper to end a fabulous two-hour event greatly appreciated by all.



Rev. William Jeffrey, flautist.



Jane McKinley, soloist



Enniskillen Cathedral Choir.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

March 2023

- Wednesday 8th March – **Shoppers' Service** in Derrylvullen North Parish Centre, Irvinestown giving a time to step back from the rush of life and share in a simply service of Holy Communion conducted by Canon Paul Thompson with the music provided by Richard McGonigle on the guitar.
- Saturday 11th March – **Derrygonnelly 5K Fun Run and Walk** for Inishmaccsaint Parish church funds at 11am with registration from 9.30am at Derrygonnelly Methodist Church (kindly granted). Cost £10 per person, children under 16 years £5 each and £25 per family. Refreshments provided afterwards in the Methodist Church.
- Tuesday 14th March – **Coffee Morning in Ballybay** will be held in the Parish Hall from 11am - 12.30pm. Please feel free to come along and bring your friends. All welcome!
- Friday 17th March – **St Patrick's Stew Night** hosted by Aghavea Parish Church in the Parish Hall to celebrate our patron saint. Donations in lieu of admission with profits going to parish funds.
- Friday 17th March – **St. Patrick's Day Stew Night** in Aghabog Parish Hall at 8pm for the parish group, following by musical items.
- Friday 17th March – **Stew Night in the Archdale Centre**, Lisnaskea at 7.30 p.m. with entertainment by "Embrace Socials". Please contact Parish Office if you wish to come along so we can establish numbers. Everyone very welcome so please encourage friends and family.
- Friday 17th March – **St. Patrick's Day Stew and Fun Night** in Ballycassidy Hall for Trory and Killadeas parishes featuring a cabaret style evening celebrating Ulster-Scots heritage with an ensemble from Trory Accordion Band and pipers. A two-course meal of Irish stew and wheaten bread followed by homemade desserts will be served. A suggested donation of £10 per person (£5 for children) will be collected at the door. Doors/food from 7pm, entertainment from 8pm.
- Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd March 2023 – **Mixed Pairs Bowling Club Tournament** at 7.30 pm each evening in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. Entries to Maud Shaw; Tel No 02866322133.
- Wednesday 22nd March – **Easter Floral Demonstration** in Ballinode Church Hall, Co. Monaghan at 8pm with Wilma from J.P. Flowers. Tickets are ?10 each and refreshments will be served afterwards.
- Friday 24th March – **400th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service** in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.30pm to acknowledge and give thanks for 400 years of worship. The preacher will be The Most Revd F John McDowell, B A Hons, B Th, Dip B S, Archbishop of Armagh. An invitation to family, friends, neighbours and anyone who has had previous connections with the Parish.
- Saturday 25th March – **Garvary Parish Auction** at 2pm. Donations of bric-a-brac and firewood would be gratefully accepted. They also hope to have bales of straw for sale.
- Sunday 26th March – **The 64th annual Friends' Service** for Clogher Cathedral at 3.00pm and normally held on the Sunday closest to St Macartin's Day (24th March). The preacher is Bishop Ian Ellis. Tea will be served in the Cathedral Hall after the service and this will be followed by the Friends' Annual General Meeting. Friends are asked to make a special effort to attend this year as no meeting has now been held since 2019.
- Monday 27th March – **Flower Demonstration** in Clontibret Parish Hall by two members of the Monaghan Flower and Gardening Club, Bridie and Brad at 8p.m. Tickets can be bought from any member of the congregation so don't miss out on this event! Refreshments will be served.
- Friday 31st March – **An Evening of Favourite Hymns - Old and New** in Inishmaccsaint Parish Church at 7.30pm. There will be a retiring collection for church funds.

April 2023

- Sunday 9th April – **Easter Sunday Holy Communion** at 7am at Aghavea Church garden beside the Parish Hall conducted by Revd Johnny McLoughlin.
- Sunday 9th April – **Easter Day Sunrise Service** at 6.00am with a Service of Holy Communion at the ruins of Old Rossorry.

- Monday 10th April – **Easter Monday Egg Hunt** and walk organised by Clogher Cathedral Parish in Knockmany Forest. More details later.
- Saturday 15th April – **Galloon Parish Auction** at 12 noon in The Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler with viewing from 11am. We look forward to welcoming you all back. We have a large selection of items for sale. Refreshments will be on sale.
- Sunday 23rd April – **Dedication Service of Plaque detailing Rectors of Devenish** and donated in memory of The Lucy Family at 11.30 am in Devenish Parish Church. The Preacher is the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd. Dr Ian Ellis.
- Saturday 29th April – **Colaghty Parish Auction** in the Parish Hall. Further details later.

May 2023

- Saturday 6th May – **Car boot sale** in Drummully Parish with gates open from 8am.
- Saturday 6th May – **Garden and Street Party for the Coronation of King Charles III** in the grounds of Trory and Killadeas Rectory.
- Friday 12th May – **Music Extravaganza** in Galloon Parish Church with a special evening of hymns and music at 7.30pm. A guest organist will give recitals on the Lewis Organ along with local talent of all ages.
- 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 19th May – **Colaghty Parish Auction featuring the Police Male Voice Choir** in the Parish Hall with all proceeds to Air Ambulance NI.
- 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

- Saturday 3rd June – **Car boot sale** in Drummully Parish with gates open from 8am.
- Friday 23rd June – **KEEP FREE - Mullaghduin Parish Barbecue**. Please mark this date on your calendar!

July 2023

- Saturday 1st July – **Car boot sale in Drummully Parish** with gates open from 8am.
- Saturday 22nd July – **Colaghty Parish Summer Event** with sizzlers/ burgers.

August 2023

- Saturday 5th August – **Car boot sale in Drummully Parish** with gates open from 8am.

September 2023

- Friday 1st September – **Evening of 'Our Favourite Hymns'** in Clontibret Parish Church when Glenn Moore will be the organist and joined by the Donagh Community Choir, Donagh Cantari and other guests.

November 2023

- Saturday 18th November – **Christmas Craft Fair** in Galloon Parish Hall.

December 2023

- Friday 8th - Sunday 10th December 2023 – **Winter Wonderland Christmas Tree Festival** in Galloon Parish Church Viewing will begin on the Friday and the weekend will conclude with a carol service on the Sunday. More information will follow.

May 2024

- Friday 10th - Saturday 11th May 2024 – **2024 General Synod** will be held in Armagh with the third day's business to be conducted remotely on the evening of Tuesday 14th May and the evening of Thursday 16th May (if required).



Devastation caused to buildings by the earthquake.
Photo credit Christian Aid.

Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal supports relief efforts in Turkey and Syria

THE Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal for World Aid and Development has launched a call for donations to help the people of

Turkey and Syria following the earthquake on Monday (6th February) which has resulted in over 21,000 deaths.

Bishops' Appeal has immediately released 10,000 Euros from its reserves to Christian Aid for its work in the area, and is encouraging parishes to contribute to this appeal in support of Christian Aid over the coming Sundays. All details about how to give are provided below.

In a joint endorsement of the appeal, Archbishops John McDowell and Michael Jackson said: "The disastrous earthquake which has so suddenly overtaken and overwhelmed the people and resources of Turkey, and stretched beyond breaking point the already ravaged infrastructure of Syria, requires a swift response from aid agencies in the Western world. The Bishops' Appeal of the Church of Ireland is to be commended for releasing 10,000 Euros from its reserves immediately to be channelled through Christian Aid, a trusted partner, to the areas affected.

"Of course, much more is needed and we would encourage parishes to make a special appeal sometime over the next few weeks to supplement this initial contribution by Bishops' Appeal. Equally we would

encourage prayer that the God of all comfort would be very near to all who are suffering through injury, bereavement and anxiety, and for all relief workers."

Christian Aid has a track record of working together with local partners in north-west Syria since 2012. The agency and its partners are already providing winter kits to people seeking shelter in the region, where over four million people are in need of aid due to the civil war. They will scale this work up to meet the immediate humanitarian needs of those affected by the earthquake. The main needs according to its partner field teams are:

- Winter kits including blankets, mattresses, food parcels and heating material. Partners had already procured 40,000 of these kits prior to the earthquake and have started distributing these immediately within collective shelters;
 - Preparing shelters to help people find some safety indoors from the weather; and
 - Working with other local organisations to remove debris and continue rescue efforts.
- It is also expected that donations will be used to provide basic food, water and sanitation, shelter and healthcare, education and mental health support, particularly for children and young people.

Dean Niall Sloane, speaking on behalf of the Bishops' Appeal Advisory Committee, added: "For over five decades, the Bishops'

Appeal has responded to crisis across the globe. This week we are quickly becoming aware of the extent of the tragic events in Turkey and Syria. All funds collected will be distributed to our dedicated mission partners who are actively working in the affected areas. We would also encourage parishes to pray for all those affected by these events and for all aid workers who are engaged in the relief operation."

How can we help?

Donations can be made, in euro or in sterling, in the following ways:

- An online donation at www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give
- A direct lodgement into the Bishops' Appeal bank account (details of which are provided on the Bishops' Appeal website at the link provided above);
- Sending a cheque, payable to Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal, to: Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal, Church of Ireland House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6, D06 CF67;
- Making a donation through a Church of Ireland parish or diocesan office.

Taxpayers can give more help by gift aiding donations (if resident in the UK) or tax relief on donations (in the Republic of Ireland).

The appropriate forms and further details about how to give are also available at www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give



Clergy taking part in the service to launch Pioneering Ministry.



Candles lit from each of the 11 diocese. Captain David Hamilton represented Clogher Diocese.

New Pioneer Ministry launched at St. Patrick's Cathedral

A new chapter in the Church of Ireland's mission to reach people with little or no connection to church opened on Sunday afternoon, 5 February when Pioneer Ministry was formally launched in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

As part of this special service of Choral Evensong, the Pioneer Ministry's leadership team was commissioned by the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin before a full congregation.

Pioneer Ministry will encourage, support and release volunteer and paid pioneers and new ministries to share the good news of Jesus Christ in new places and in different ways.

With the endorsement of the House of Bishops and generous funding secured from the Representative Body, the initiative is being led by a National Director, the Revd Rob Jones, assisted by Archdeacon Barry Forde and Ingrid Brennan.

As the service commenced, a representative of each of the Church's 11 dioceses lit a candle of hope which will be presented to every diocesan bishop over the coming months.

The service was sung by the Lay Vicars Choral of St Patrick's and included a special contemporary musical piece, 'We sing as one', sung by Sadhdbh Denny with accompaniment by Taylor Mehl and Caitlín Escobar. The congregational hymns were 'We have a gospel to proclaim', 'Lord, you give the Great Commission', and 'Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!' The lessons were read by Bishop Patrick Rooke (from Isaiah chapter 42) and Church Army's Dr Elli Wort (from Hebrews chapters 11 and 12).

The guest preacher was the Archbishop

of Wales, the Most Revd Andy John, who opened his sermon by highlighting the need for good foundations.

"It seems to be that today offers an opportunity for us to further strengthen the life of God's Church on these islands," he remarked.

Archbishop John noted that the current sense of crisis in our world made the Church's role of presenting the Light of the World and Hope of the Nations "all the more pressing".

He said; "Let us not manage God out of the equation but let's discover that there is a way that fruitfulness comes unexpectedly." He said that a poet coming into a community to explore its spiritual history, a prayer gathering for patients in a hospital, or a ministry in a school or a college could be among the areas where we find God is already at work. Pioneers need to be "the wonderfully creative people that they are and we need to be at their side."

Concluding, he encouraged all involved to have "a confident humility that knows that as we build together, we do not do so alone ... we build with God the Master Builder and with his grace, break new ground for the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Prayers were led by the Revd Rebecca Hamilton, Canon Phil Potter, Sarah Louise Hockey (Church Army evangelist), Canon Dr Maurice Elliott (Director of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute), Lucy Reid (Leader of 24/7 Prayer Ireland), David Ritchie (Chief Officer of the Representative Church Body), Dom Perrem (Director of Alpha Ireland) and Romila Ghosh (UCD Young Adults).

A collection was taken for Jobcare, a charity which explores and finds ways to

give unemployed people the skills, training and support needed to find work.

Speaking afterwards at a reception for the congregation, Bishop David McClay, who chairs the Pioneer Ministry Council, thanked Dean William Morton and his Cathedral colleagues for their warm welcome at the service, and the leaders who had brought the initiative to this point. In particular, he thanked Bishop Patrick Rooke, Bishop Alan Abernethy, Trevor Douglas and Canon Phil Potter who "took the lead in really laying a foundation". Bishop David concluded with his hope that the people who will benefit the most from Pioneer Ministry "will be those beyond our church buildings who will experience something of the grace and kindness and love and goodness of God."

Archbishop John McDowell welcomed the Church doing this together: "It will only work if we recognise that fruitfulness in one part of the body is fruitfulness in every part of the body."

Archbishop Michael Jackson saw pioneering as the next chapter to be written after the Church marked the 150th anniversary of its Disestablishment with the theme of 'being free to shape our own future'.

He commented: "Now we really have the opportunity ... to work in that sense of bringing together adventure and tradition in what now will become a further strapline of the Church of Ireland, which is pioneering."

Further information from the new website: www.pioneerministry.org

The leadership team will be in touch as soon as everything begins and as this movement grows over time.

IRELAND TO WELCOME ANGLICAN CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE IN 2026



The 18th plenary meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council which has been taking place in Accra, Ghana, came to an end earlier in February when 110 members from 39 of the Anglican Communion's 42 provinces attending.

Among the representatives from the Church of Ireland attending was Mr. Glenn Moore, Diocesan Secretary of Clogher Diocese along with the Very Revd Susan Greene, Dean of Cloyne and Mr David Ritchie, Chief Officer and Secretary General of the Church of Ireland.

ACC 18 as it was known was significant for the Church of Ireland representatives as the next Plenary Meeting, ACC 19 will be held in Ireland in 2026 and a welcoming message from the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd John McDowell was featured in a video played to delegates. He was unable to attend.

The Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) is one of four "Instruments of Communion" or "Instruments of Unity" of the global Anglican Communion of 42 autonomous and interdependent-yet-interdependent Churches present in more than 165 countries. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, is President of



Attending ACC-18 in Ghana were Glenn Moore, Very Revd Susan Green, Archbishop of Canterbury and David Ritchie, Chief Officer and Secretary General, Church of Ireland.

the ACC and gave the presidential address on the first day.

While in Ghana, delegates visited the Cape Coast Castle, a former staging post for slaves being transported from West Africa to the Americas. An act of reconciliation took place during a service in the neighbouring Christ Church Cathedral.

The meeting is grounded in prayer, worship and Bible study, with a daily pattern of Morning Prayer, Bible study, Eucharist, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer.

The closing service took place at St George's Garrison Anglican Church in Ghana when Archbishop Justin Welby presided and Archbishop Paul Kwong was the preacher, his final act as Chair of the ACC.



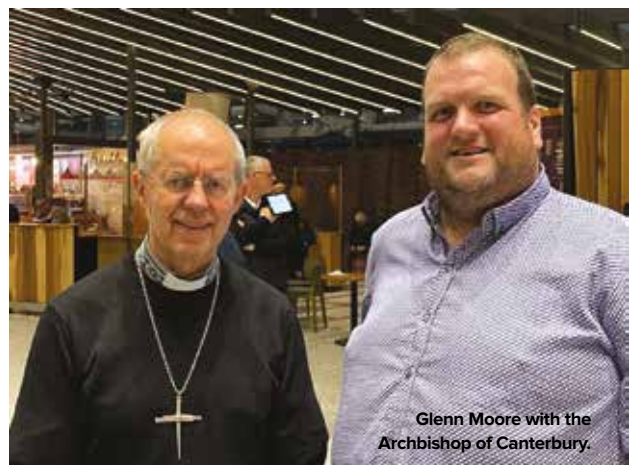
Glenn Moore with Most Revd Hosam Elias Naoum, Archbishop of Jerusalem and newly elected vice-Chairman of ACC.



The delegates attending ACC-18.



The "baton" is handed over to David Ritchie from the Church of Ireland who will host ACC-19 in 2026.



Glenn Moore with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

New All-Ireland Chaplain of Mothers' Union appointed

The Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd John McDowell, has appointed the Archdeacon of Connor, the Ven Dr Stephen McBride, as the All Ireland Chaplain to the Mothers' Union. Announcing the appointment, the Archbishop said: "The Mothers' Union has been at the heart of the worship and witness of the Church of Ireland for more than a century, and under the enthusiastic guidance of June Butler and the present leadership team continues to serve the Church with cheerfulness, modesty and devotion.

"I can think of no better person than Dr Stephen McBride to support and nurture this spirit of involvement and dedication (and fun) at the heart of the Church, so well supported by his wife Helen. I know too that their very much grown up children Rachael and Alex and their families will relish and support Stephen in his new role.

"Stephen was my training rector and, in those curacy years, impressed on me the importance of human relationships, especially the central relationship of marriage and family life, which are at the heart of our witness to the world."

When he was approached by the Archbishop to take on the role of All Ireland Chaplain, Stephen said he was honoured to be considered as Canon Robert Deane's successor and he looks forward to working alongside June Butler and the All Ireland Trustees and to meeting, worshipping with and supporting MU members across Ireland.



Tributes following death of Parish Reader



One of the most active figures in church life at parish and diocesan level, Dr. Margaret Knox, has died.

Dr Margaret, a popular GP in the Irvinestown area for many years, was a Parish Reader in the Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale Group of Parishes and held several important roles with the Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union, being a past President and until her death, Indoor Members Co-ordinator, assisting those Mothers' Union members who were not able to attend meetings on a regular basis.

She was also an accomplished singer and musician.

Dr. Margaret served on numerous diocesan committees including Ministry of Healing and Board of Mission.

She was also involved in many charities throughout the community.

Revd Glenn West, who gave the address at the funeral service, said Dr Margaret spoke of how she found satisfaction helping to relieve suffering and distress quoting her; "I set out to help people. To me it was a vocation – it was God's work."

Mourners at her funeral in St. Patrick's Church, Castle Archdale, heard that of the many gifts Dr. Margaret possessed, humility was one of the greatest.

Originally from Co. Donegal with a Methodist background, she married farmer, the late Cecil Knox and set up their home near Irvinestown. Dr. Margaret is survived by her son, David and his family as well as two sisters, Irene and Sylvia.

Service to mark 400 years of worship in Enniskillen

The Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd John McDowell, will be the preacher at a major milestone in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Friday, 24 March at 7.30pm when it holds a thanksgiving service for 400 years of worship.



The parish of Enniskillen was formed in 1622 and St Macartin's Cathedral, formerly St Anne's Church has stood for 400 years at one of the highest spots in Enniskillen and has been a spiritual beacon and home for many generations of Christians.

Today, St Macartin's is still committed to providing a welcoming home to all who are seeking to deepen and develop their spiritual lives and their relationship with God.

The Rowan tree leaves and berries are symbolic with the name Macartin, which means, "Son of the Rowan Tree."

CROSSWORD ANSWERS *from page 49*

ACROSS: 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

DOWN: 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

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