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Front Cover

Isaac Farrell from Devenish Parish, Monea, in the field of sunflowers on Lappin's Vegetable Farm, Sligo Road, Enniskillen where he works. The sunflower fields were open in July and August for visits with a percentage of donations going to Fermanagh Friends of the Cancer Centre and Bright Eyes.

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WORSHIP ON HOLIDAY – *in New Zealand*



The winner of "Worship on Holiday" competition is Lorna Armstrong who attends Christ Church Parish, Maguiresbridge.

Lorna is seen here attending Matamata Baptist Church in Matamata, North Island, New Zealand while visiting her son, Stephen and family in July. Stephen left Fermanagh nine years ago to have a gap year and while attending YWAM he met his wife. He now plays in a praise band leading the service on Sunday mornings.

Congratulations Lorna. A prize is on its way to you.

A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



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A Message from the Bishop

Recently I came across a charming short poem, 'September' describing the delight of autumn. It was written by Lucy Maud Montgomery:

*Lo! a ripe sheaf of many golden days
Gleaned by the year in autumn's harvest ways,
With here and there, blood-tinted as an ember,
Some crimson poppy of a late delight
Atoning in its splendour for the flight
Of summer blooms and joys
This is September.*

Montgomery (1874-1942) is best known for her classic novel for children, *Anne of Green Gables*, set in Montgomery's own country of Canada (on Prince Edward Island). Montgomery was also a poet, and in this short poem about September she pays tribute to the 'late delight' of the month.



Golden days of autumn colour.

Of course, Canada is renowned for its stunning autumn scenery, and we too living in our rural setting in the west of Ireland, are blessed with touches of the delights of this season. The colour change of autumn comes upon us almost imperceptibly and it engoldens the green landscape as the days shorten. It is also a month of fruitfulness – I have vivid childhood memories of foraging the hedgerows for blackberries and relishing the delightful sweetness of freshly pulled plums. Perhaps

too after this year's disappointing summer weather we will be able to enjoy some warm autumn sunshine.

In parish life we have a pattern change after a summer break with the opening of the various organisations and fuller service schedules. Our thoughts turn to planning services of Harvest Thanksgiving with enchanting church decorations and joyful songs of praise.



Preparing plums.



Blackberries ready for picking.

It causes me to think about how we plan for our work as churches and seek fruitfulness in extending the kingdom of God. The New Testament speaks of the authenticity of Christian life being seen in fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness (Galatians 5:22). It should be our daily prayer that we bear this fruit in our engagement with others around us. We are also called to bear fruit for the kingdom – to extend the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and proclaim by word and action the love of God.

Fruitful action - reaching out

Later this month at our Diocesan Synod I have invited Revd Rob Jones, the National Director of the new initiative of the Church of Ireland called Pioneer Ministry to give us a short address. Essentially this Ministry is an encouragement to us to find new ways of reaching those with little or no connection with the church. I hope we will listen with interest with our ears tuned in to what our Lord may be asking us to do in our parishes to proclaim the love of God to a group of people beyond our established and regular parishioners. We look forward to being inspired to be fruitful in new ways in helping many to find faith or to develop their faith in Christ and become active members of his church.

Change and development

Autumn is also a season of change, and this is a reminder that things do not

remain static in church and community life. Society is changing all around us and is challenged by many factors. We are still recovering from the pandemic and currently facing a cost-of-living crisis. Climate change is also affecting every part of the globe and will have major longer-term impact on the way we live, not least upon our weather.

Our diocesan and parish organisation are also affected by challenges. As stewards of these resources, we must reflect on whether the parish organisation we have is meeting the needs of today and the future. To address this, the Diocesan Council has initiated a Diocesan Review to be undertaken by a Task Group drawn from the membership of Synod. The group has only recently begun its work and it is hoped to bring a brief report to this year's Diocesan Synod.

This review will require a considerable piece of research and a consultation with clergy and parishioners across the diocese over the next period. Hopefully we will finish with a strategy for going forward which will develop proposals for a healthy and sustainable diocesan and parish organisation for the future.

Clergy changes

In recent weeks two of our clergy have moved on to take on new roles. Archdeacon Brian Harper has just been instituted to the parish of Dunluce in Connor Diocese and Revd Andrew Quill and his wife Joanne have been selected to serve with CMS as mission partners in Southern Sudan. We wish both clergy and their wives every blessing in their new spheres of ministry and thank them for their significant contributions to the work of this diocese.

Since becoming your bishop, I have become very aware of how lively parish life is across the diocese. It is exciting to read of the activities of each of the parishes as reported in the magazine every month and I wish you all every blessing as you recommence your work this September. May you continue to see much fruitfulness for the kingdom of God or in the words of the poet find 'a ripe sheaf of many golden days / Gleaned by the year in autumn's harvest ways'.

Yours in Christ's service.

+Ian Clogher

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh & Drumsnatt



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Services

Sunday 3rd September

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

Sunday 10th September

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

Sunday 17th September

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

Friday 22nd September

Aghadrumsee 8.00pm Harvest
Thanksgiving



Drumsnatt Sunday School at their Prize-giving Service in June.

Sunday 24th September

Drumsnatt - Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Harvest
Thanksgiving

Friday 29th September

Clogh 8.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 1st October

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

Harvest Thanksgiving

Aghadrumsee - Friday 22nd September
at 8.00pm with guest preacher Revd
Abraham Storey and an all-age service
on Sunday 24th at 12.05pm with guest
preacher Revd Robin Toner.

Clogh - Friday 29th September at 8.00pm,
Preacher Revd Mark Gallagher with music
from the children of Aghadrumsee Primary
School and on Sunday the 2nd October
an all age service at 10.45am.

Drumsnatt - Sunday 15th October at
3.00pm.

Baptism

Evie Charlotte McVitty, daughter of Clive
and Lisa was baptised in St Mark's,
Aghadrumsee on Sunday 6th August.
We wish them and big sister Lois every
blessing at this special time.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the Forster
and Kelly families on the death of Derek
Somerville, Brookeborough.

For Your Diary

Friday 20th October - Embrace Socials
Fun Night in Clogh hall. A family fun night
and social for all in the group. Open to all
ages, children, teenagers, adults, families
we want to see everyone enjoying
themselves.



The McVitty family at the family baptism in St Mark's, Aghadrumsee on Sunday 6th August along with Godparents and Captain David and Dean Ferguson.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Sunday 3rd September

9.30am Cooneen Holy Communion
11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion

Sunday 10th September

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer
3.00pm Colebrooke Mothers' Union 60th Anniversary Service

Sunday 17th September

11.00am Colebrooke Family Service
3.30pm Mullaghfad Harvest Celebration

Sunday 24th September

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer
11.00am Colebrooke Harvest Celebration
7.00pm Colebrooke Harvest Celebration

Sunday 1st October

11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion
3.30pm Cooneen Harvest Celebration

Sunday 8th October

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer



Members of Colebrooke MU enjoying their activity at Polliwogs Studio

11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th October

11.00am Colebrooke Family Service
3.00pm Mullaghfad Service of Remembrance

Mullaghfad Service

This year our Harvest Service is on Sunday 17th September 2023, at 3.30pm, and our preacher will be the Bishop of Clogher, The Rt Rev Dr Ian Ellis. We are delighted that the Bishop will be joining us for our service. As we look further ahead for your diary, our Service of Remembrance will be at the slightly earlier time of 3.00pm on Sunday 15th October, and we will again be joined by the Fivemiletown and Lisburn Branches of the Royal British Legion.

From the Registers

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

On Wednesday 28th June 2023, at St Ronan's, Colebrooke, a Funeral Service took place for Belinda (Linda) Ethel Beatty. Our condolences and prayers are with Linda's family, husband Ernie, Children Barbara and

Colin and everyone in the family circle.

On Friday 7th July 2023, at St Ronan's, Colebrooke, a Funeral Service took place for Robert Cecil Bothwell. Our condolences and prayers are with Harold, Louis, Amanda, Barbara and Alan, and every member of the family circle at this time.

On Thursday 13th July 2023, at St Ronan's, Colebrooke, a Funeral Service took place for Noel Clarke. Our condolences are with Raymond, Helen, Richard, Alison and Thomas, and all members of the family circle.

On Friday 4th August 2023, at St Ronan's, Colebrooke, a Funeral Service was held for Kenneth Carrothers. Our condolences and prayers are with his wife Emily and brother Derek and every member of the family circle.

Forthcoming Event

Friday 29 September at 8.00pm in Colebrooke Parish Church Hall - "Autumn Praise in Colour," a restful, fun Evening of Music and Messages with prizes and surprises with Revd Dr Jean Mackarel,



Some of the creative works by MU members.



musicians and soloist. Further details to follow

Parish Organisations

At present the parish organisations are beginning to resume normal meetings following the Covid19 situation. As each are able to resume, they will be held as follows:

GFS

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

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

When the Scouts recommence they will be meeting every Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and to 9.15pm for Scouts, 11 – 14 years.

The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 – 8 years)

Cubs (8 – 11 years)

Scouts (11 – 14 years)



Matthew's prizewinning poster at Fermanagh County Show.

Bowling Club

When they are able to resume, the Bowling Club meets in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7.45pm.

Bowls - We would encourage anyone interested to come along, give it a try whilst having fun and fellowship with other members. All age groups welcome.

Mothers' Union

The celebrations for the 60th anniversary of the branch began at the end of June, when the members attended a craft workshop at

Polliwogs Studio in Enniskillen. Each person painted and decorated a pottery item and Andrea kindly helped to decorate items for members who were unable to attend and prepared an item for the branch to have for use at their meetings. The members are most grateful to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and SWAP for a grant which helped towards the cost of their craft workshop.

The next event is a special service on Sunday 10 September at 3.00pm, when Mrs Heather Ellis, Mothers' Union Clogher Diocesan President, plans to speak. A soloist will be in attendance and everyone is invited to the service and afternoon tea afterwards.

The members, spouses, friends and parishioners are planning a celebratory meal in September.

The President, Mrs Heather Ellis, encouraged the setting up of a MU stand at Fermanagh County Show in August, which included a drawing competition for children. Matthew O'Malley, aged 5, from Colebrooke Sunday School, won third prize for his drawing of him and his two sisters attending the show. Congratulations Matthew!!

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Returning to school/college

Best wishes to all who are returning to, or starting, school or college this month. May the Holy Spirit inspire all those involved in education during the forthcoming academic year.

Clontibret National School

By the time these notes appear in print the school will have re-opened and will have

welcomed some new pupils. Thank you to the school staff for all their hard work.

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations to Tara Moffett and Stephen Jones who were married on Saturday 22nd July in Christ Church, Ballybay. May God, who brought them together, bless their marriage, enrich their lives and deepen their love throughout the years.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Hilda Dickson of Clontibret following the passing of her niece, Sharon Johnston, on Friday 30th June. Sharon's funeral mass took place in St. Patrick's Church, Ballybay, on Monday 3rd July.

Sympathy is also extended to Albert and George Jordan of Clontibret Parish following the passing of Albert's brother (and George's uncle), Harry Jordan, on Thursday 13th July. Harry's funeral service took place in Drung Parish Church on Sunday 16th July.

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

Sunday School

Many of our Sunday School children enjoyed a trip to Dublin Zoo on Saturday 24th June. The sun shone brightly and



The new tiles in St. Maeldoid's Church.

a wonderful day was had by all who participated.

Special thanks to the Sunday School teachers in all three churches (Castleblaney: Martha O'Connor, Lynn Cross & MJ O'Connor, Clontibret: Alison Donaldson, Andrea Johnston and Sharon Leatham, Ballybay: Julie Crawford and Tara Moffett) for all their work with the children



Donna with participants in the Discipleship Training School.



Donna and her staff team.

during the past year. Sunday School will recommence in September – new volunteers would be most welcome!

Alice Crawford

Alice Crawford from Ballybay Parish will be going to Paraguay shortly to undertake missionary work. She was commissioned for this work by the director of SAMS Ireland, Revd. Stephen McElhinney, during the Family Service in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblayney, on Sunday 13th August.

Alice has written the following:

"I will be moving to Paraguay at the beginning of September for four months to work with SAMS Ireland (South American Mission Society). SAMS' main aim is to resource churches and communities through a variety of different programmes. They aid churches in establishing new working models in mission, facilitating training opportunities and supporting projects through partnership. I am very excited about this opportunity and would appreciate the churches' support through prayer whilst I am away." Alice

New tiles in St. Maeldoid's

We are most grateful to the family of the late Eddie Robinson, Castleblayney, for kindly arranging for the porch of St. Maeldoid's Church to be re-tiled in his memory. Eddie was a much-valued member of Muckno Parish serving on the Select Vestry for many years and as a churchwarden. He also helped out in many other ways in the parish as well as in the local community. May he rest in peace.

Coffee Morning in Ballybay

A coffee morning will take place in Ballybay Parish Hall on Tuesday 10th October from

11 a.m.–12.30 p.m. All are most welcome to attend!

Update from Donna Geary

UPDATE 1

During June I was able to visit family and friends back in Ireland after being away for almost two years. It was a sweet time of reuniting with friends, family and supporters. It was particularly special to see my nephew again and to meet my niece for the first time.

I am grateful for the opportunities that being in Ireland have provided me with - to connect with supporters, speak at various churches, and for the chance to revisit my old primary school and share stories of being in missions. These experiences have not only allowed me to update others on what I do here in missions but have also deepened my own sense of purpose and commitment to making a difference in people's lives.

UPDATE 2

I'm thrilled to share an exciting update on our July Discipleship Training School (DTS). The participants all arrived safely and we're now heading into the fourth week of lectures! With students from different nationalities, a shared hunger to deepen their relationship with God and a heart for serving others, our campus is buzzing with positivity. What stands out the most is the students' passion for spiritual growth. They approach each lecture and activity with eagerness, seeking to understand truths on a deeper level. Their dedication to knowing God better and sharing his love with others is genuinely inspiring. Outside the classroom, our students have been actively involved in community

initiatives. They recently pitched in at a fundraiser for Townsville's upcoming Christmas Stable event, leaving a positive mark on our community. Moreover, they stepped up as the event crew for the Townsville marathon. Their enthusiastic cheering, medal distribution and care for participants at the finish line showcased their compassionate hearts in action. The journey of this July DTS group fills us with hope and excitement. We can't wait to see how they continue to grow and make an impact throughout the rest of their DTS experience and beyond. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue this inspiring journey together!

Donna

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Prayers

A number of parishioners have been unwell recently. Please remember them in your prayers during the coming weeks.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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Welcome

We had the delight of welcoming wee George Victor Lima McElwaine into the church on his day of Baptism. It was a wonderful occasion, as along with mum and dad, Roseangela and David, with other family and friends we joined together to celebrate this most special day in his life. When we have the Spirit of God within us we have the Spirit of the creator God within us, which was a theme of the service, That George would celebrate and care for all of creation, not just his neighbour.

Film Night

We were able to have an open-air film night in the rectory grounds, showing the 'Kings Speech'. Appreciate those who were able to attend the evening. It was a good opportunity to have a bit



of craic together, with some interesting conversations followed which were brought out by the themes of the film. Someone shared that they had suffered from a stammer when they were younger, which was news even to their closest friends who watched the film with them.

Parish Barbecue

St Finbarr's hosted their annual barbecue in the grounds of the rectory. It was a time for socialising, enjoying food, refreshments, and this year we were delighted once again to have the musical talent of local singer song writer Barry Jay Hughes. We were grateful to all who helped in setting up and providing what was required for the evening to be the

success it was, and to Keegan's Nearby, Sweetnam's Drapery, and Crock O' Gold Jewellers who helped with the availability of tickets to buy for the event, also to those who supplied various items for the raffle. The atmosphere was brilliant, and it would be difficult to find anywhere with such warm, friendly service, and craic, as people queued for their burger and sausages, with all the trimmings. It was great to see so many people enjoying a great night out.

Congratulations

An amazing young lass from our group of parishes, Faith who at a recent athletics meet won 2 Golds and a Silver. This meant that as well as a notable achievement she



represented Ulster at the All Irelands held in July, where she was placed in the top ten. A notable achievement. All the best from all in the parish as you continue to develop. Well done you.

Short Service

The Short Sunday proved to be a big

success. Many thanks to all who managed to turn up with knees on display, or at least mid-calf. The idea of the Short Sunday was to keep the service under 30mins (we were so close), with as many people as possible wearing shorts. All short wearers were treated to a free 99 ice-cream courtesy of Keegans Nearby. Not being legalistic rolled up trousers were accepted.

The theme for the service developed from a few different sources falling in line with the short theme. 'What would you do if you only had 20 mins left?' Would you spend it expressing love, or hate? Would you wish to mend or tear apart? Would you pray? Massive thanks to Michele who not only has an amazing creative talent but is willing and delights in sharing it with us. Note no photos of eating ice-cream, they were gone too fast for the camera to catch. As well as knees and lower legs seen for the first time, in one of the photos you will note a shirt, never on display before showing the national colours of Zimbabwe. Looking forward to the next one.

Bible Studies

These continue every Thursday evening going through Paul's conversion and missionary journeys. St Finbarr's Hall 7:30-8:30, pm Markey's Bar 8:45-9:45pm



Prayer

This continues Sunday evenings every week, with each church used as a venue on turn. We are also using the time to give feedback on answers to prayer which we don't always hear about, to encourage us in our prayers.

Midweek Morning Fellowship

This continues on Wednesdays 10.30am for Holy Communion St Finbarr's followed with tea and some craic.



Taking part in the Short Service.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Canon Jen writes...

A season of firsts

July and August have brought some firsts for me in the parish. The first was the wedding of Margaret Elliott to Gordon Hayhurst on 7th July. The service was held in Rossorry Parish Church and was a lovely occasion. The weather was a little damp but it didn't dampen spirits as a small congregation gathered to celebrate with the happy couple. We wish them God's blessings on their married life together.

The second was the baptism of Olivia Bailey-Carson in Mullaghduin Parish Church on 4th August. Olivia was joined by family from Northern Ireland and England as her parents and godparents made the promises on her behalf. We wish Olivia every blessing as she begins her journey in faith.

Finally, I conducted my first services for the Loyal Orders. In nearly 20 years of ministry, I have somehow missed the conducting of these services and it was a pleasure to welcome members of the Orange Order and Royal Black Preceptory to the churches. The details of these services can be read elsewhere in these notes. We had a couple of very enjoyable nights over the summer at barbecues in local halls and are very grateful for the welcome we received from all involved.



The workhouse bell



Gordon and Margaret at their wedding.



The baptism for the Bailey-Carson wedding

Back to (Sunday) school

I would like to welcome all children (and their parents) to a 'Back to School' service on Sunday 10th September in both churches at their usual times. Part of this service will be the blessing of school bags for the new academic year so all children should come suitably prepared with school bags and pencil cases and lunch boxes. And if any of the 'big kids' want their materials for university blessed as well they'd be most welcome! We'll use the modern language Morning Prayer service and there will be a kid's address. The following week will see the re-starting of Sunday School in both churches following the summer break. All children are very welcome to Sunday school and I look forward to seeing you all and hearing about your summer.

The uniformed organisations will also be re-starting after the summer break, and details of those dates are below in the diary section.

Mothers' Union

On 20th July afternoon members and friends attended the Enniskillen Workhouse where we enjoyed a very informative talk by

Catherine Scott, Development officer, FODC Museum Services. We then travelled to Tully Mill Restaurant where we partook of a delicious meal and some light entertainment. During the evening, Hilary Benson presented Margaret Elliott with a small gift



Margaret Hayhurst with Hilary Benson.



Cleenish and Mullaghduin MU.



Moybrone Pipe Band.

on the occasion of her marriage. The next MU meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th September when we will participate in a Prayer Walk. Details to be announced.

Special Services in July – Loyal Orders

Annual Parade Service: Mullaghduin Parish welcomed Local Orange Order members to their Service on Sunday 2nd July. The parade was led by Moybrone Pipe Band. Canon Jen led the Service and welcomed all present. The Lessons were read by Bro Keith Little, Letterbreen LOL 347 and Bro Adrian Lucy, Moybrone LOL 501. Following the Service Bro Kenneth Humphreys thanked Canon Jen, the organist and choir and Mullaghduin Parish for hosting the Service.

In Cleenish Parish, the annual Parade Service was held on Sunday 9th July. Mullaghy Flute Band led the parade and Canon Jen led the Service, welcoming all to the service. The Lessons were read by Bro Leslie Nixon, Chaplain LOL 1567



Members of the Orange Order at Mullaghduin.

and WM Billy Griffin, LOL 1709. DM Gary Johnston, LOL 382 give the vote of thanks to Canon Jen for leading the service, to Joan Brownlee, Organist, the Choir and to the PSNI for traffic control. On Sunday 23rd July, RBP 483 Cleenish Pride of Erne were present at Morning Prayer in Cleenish Parish Church. Bellanaleck Pipe Band led the parade to the church. Canon Jen led the service and lessons were read by Sir Knights Leslie Nixon and Billy Griffin. The vote of thanks was given by Sir Knight David Brownlee, Deputy Master.

Mullaghduin Barbecue

Following an enforced break due to the Covid-19 pandemic Mullaghduin hosted their popular barbecue and dance on 23rd June and what a success it was! We are indebted to the small team of volunteers who worked tirelessly before, during and after the event to prepare, serve, and clear up. It was wonderful to welcome back many familiar faces along with many more who were attending for the first time. Everyone present enjoyed good food combined with



Wee school chair and bottle caps.

good company and good music. Even the neighbour's cat entertained people when they went outside the hall for an ice-cream or a breather between dances. A heartfelt "Thank You" to all who attended and helped to raise over £2800 for Parish funds.

From This..... to This!!

In support of a local primary school, both parishes were challenged to collect bottle tops of all shapes and sizes for recycling. These tops were repurposed into child friendly chairs, tables, a mud kitchen and planters for the Outdoor Classroom at the school. This project continues until the grant-aid funding for recycling finishes.

Bellanaleck Community Group Notes

At time of writing our rural community, especially those who depend on farming, are having difficulty with the changeable weather conditions. Days of prolonged heavy rain have left some lands too wet for livestock grazing and also for saving winter fodder. This is due to the jet stream moving too far southwards.

FODC maintenance ground staff have again resumed grass cutting due to pressure being put on by local representatives, and this valuable work is especially needed along the sides of the Loughshore path. The post and rail fence opposite the Moorings pedestrian gate has now been repaired however the illegal removal of the footpath forming the edge of the large vacant space between the main road and the Carrickcraft workshop is the subject of a legal dispute.

Vehicular traffic travelling through the village appears to be increasing, so everyone, especially pedestrians crossing the main A509, is asked to be particularly careful, especially during the remainder of the summer period.

Should assistance be required contact Owen Wilson (Secretary) or Bellanaleck on Facebook.

Next meeting is on Wednesday, 27th September at 8pm.



Mullaghduin catering team in the kitchen!

From the registers

HOLY BAPTISM

Olivia Jane Bailey-Carson, daughter of Marcus and Kirsty Bailey-Carson. Friday 4th August 2023 at 11.00am in Mullaghduin Parish Church. Service conducted by Canon Jen McWhirter.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Gordon and Margaret Hayhurst. Friday 7th July at 11.30am in Rossorry Parish Church. Service conducted by Canon Jen McWhirter.

Dates for the diary

■ Kids back to school service and blessing of school bags - Sunday 10th September, 10.00am Mullaghduin, 11.30am Cleenish

■ Sunday School resumes in both churches Sunday 17th September. All children very welcome.

■ Cleenish Brownies resume Monday 18th September 6.30-7.45pm. All girls aged 7-11 years very welcome.

■ Cleenish Beavers resume Tuesday 19th September 6.30-7.30pm. All boys aged 6-8 years very welcome.

■ Cleenish Cubs resume Tuesday 19th September 7.45-8.45pm. All boys aged 8-10.5 years very welcome.

Harvest Services

Mullaghduin Harvest Services – Friday 29th September at 7.30pm and Sunday 1st

October 2023 at 10.00am

Cleenish Harvest Service – Sunday 15th October 2023 at 11.30am and 7.30pm (Both Sunday morning services will be family services with the modern language service used)

The Cleenish Harvest weekend will commence on Friday 13th October in Cleenish Parish with a special event in recognition of Cleenish Church having been built. Some research states the present church building as c 1763 and adds that the seating was replaced in 1869. There are plans for a Concert and a historical talk on Cleenish Church. More details later.

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From the Rector's Desk

Changing Seasons

Each meteorological season brings its own beauty, and often its own challenges. Time and tide, they say waits for no one, a well-known fact, yet so often we desire to 'speed it up or slow it down' – as the Bucks Fizz group sang!

Recently as I travelled down the M1 I was mesmerised by the beautiful big cumulus clouds in the sky in front of me. They were wonderfully highlighted on a background of blue and back-lit by the sun. Despite the fact I was driving at 70 miles per hour, the clouds seemed to hardly move. I felt very small in comparison to this heavenly phenomenon, it reminded me of 2 Peter 3: 8 "... *with the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.*" Now in my fourth decade of following Jesus, I am only too aware that my timeframe and His seem to often be at odds. Yet, as I wondered at the

sky in front of me I had great comfort that the same hands who created everything around me also created me and scripture tells me that I am His loved and cherished daughter.

My thoughts turned to my destination that day, a visit with someone who was nearing the end of this earthly life, I began to ponder - what would the duration of this day mean to them in this season of their life?

As I enjoyed the beauty of creation around me, the car stereo at a fairly high volume and Sam (my Labrador) popping his head up periodically in the back, I was very aware that I was in a very different season. Yet, I was also in no doubt that our Heavenly Father was watching over and caring equally for us both, we both greatly mattered to Him and He was watching carefully over us.

When I reached my destination that day, we chatted, laughed, a few tears were shed, we read scripture and prayed together, the presence of our Father God in that little room was so comforting to us both. The illness, though so very debilitating was not the focus that day, despite the struggle for every breath, despite the loss of dignity, despite the expected time with her family being cut drastically short, despite the knowledge that things would deteriorate even more from here on. My friend's focus was on Jesus, she knew the truth of Deuteronomy 31: 8 "*The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.*" She knew that the best was yet to come, and until that time her Father God would never leave her. As we welcome a new meteorological season and watch as God's wonderful





creation around us changes and adapts, whatever season of life you may be walking through at this time, may you know God's mighty hand upon you, and His provision for you, and most of all may you see the beauty of the golden threads of His love for you woven through each and every day. God bless you and keep you. **Revd. Olie.**

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Ecclesiastes 3: 1

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union resumes its autumn programme on Wednesday 20th September at 8pm in the Cathedral Hall. We are looking forward to welcoming our Pastoral Assistant Miss Isobel Stewart, who will be sharing her experiences of recent trips to the Holy Land. Everyone welcome.

Harvest Thanksgiving

St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher

Friday 29th September at 7.30pm
Sunday 1st October at 11.30am

St. Mark's Augher

Friday 6th October at 7.30pm
Sunday 8th October at 10am

St. Mark's Newtownsaville

Friday 13th October at 7.30pm
Sunday 15th October at 11.30am

St. Mary's Errigal Portclare

Friday 20th October at 7.30pm
Sunday 22nd October at 10am

Confirmation

A joint service of Confirmation for the group of parishes will take place on Sunday 19th November in the Cathedral.

Orange Parade Service

On Sunday 9th July Augher L.O.L 1833 held their annual Orange Service in

St. Mark's Augher. Revd. Alison Irvine (Diocesan Curate) conducted and preached at the service. David Neill and Norman McFarland read the scripture lessons, Ian McClung and Mark Robinson collected the offering for L.E.M.O.S. Roughan Silver Band accompanied the hymns. Following the service Nigel Trotter W.M thanked the Select Vestry and everyone who took part.

Clogher 12th July

The 12th celebrations in Clogher were greatly enjoyed by everyone, the sound of the local bands filled the town and the lodges from Fivemiletown and Annahoe Districts were a delight to watch. The hardworking team that provided refreshments at the Church Hall and at the demonstration field were delighted that it was a great success. The proceeds are going towards the church organ repair fund. A huge thank you to Julie for spearheading the project and to everyone who volunteered on the day or gave donations of food or money. It was greatly appreciated.

Children's Day in St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher

On Sunday 18th June 2023, parishioners, family and friends joined together in Clogher Cathedral to celebrate the end of the Sunday School year at their annual Children's Day service.

The service was conducted by the Revd. Alison Irvine (Diocesan Curate) and the organist for the service was Mrs Diane Simpson.

The service took the story of Noah's Ark as its theme and the children creatively and enthusiastically participated in retelling the story of Noah in a number of ways. The Junior classes used a poem spelling out Noah's Ark, which detailed the building of the ark and the animals

getting on board!

The Senior class performed a sketch which included a parade of numerous animals, led by the Junior class, as they all climbed on board the ark 2 by 2! The conclusion of the sketch displayed a large rainbow in the sky reminding us of God's promise.

There was also singing by the children which included Rise and Shine, Give God the Glory and the action song, My God is so Big. The congregation happily joined in with the children in singing Rise and Shine.

Prayers were led by two of the Junior Sunday School, Ebony Tierney and Maci Lee Clarke, while the collection was lifted by Luke McLaren and Daniel McElwaine. The Bible reading was said by Katie McElwaine, Courtney Jones and Elizabeth Millar.

In her address, Rev Irvine spoke of the story of Noah and highlighted to everyone the importance of having faith and reminded everyone that God protects us all.

Prizes and 'goodie' bags were distributed to all children in the Sunday School and those on the cradle roll. Full attendance prizes were awarded to Jacob and Zac Ellison, and Katie and Harry McElwaine. As everyone left the service there was a 'goodie' bag for all the adults. After the service everyone enjoyed a parish barbecue in the church hall. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Sunday School and in organising the barbecue.

Baptism

St. Mark's Newtownsaville -5th March 2023, Benjamin David Stephen, son of Samuel and Sarah Crawford.

St. Mark's Augher - 2nd April 2023, Isaac Derek, son of Ashley and Tracey McFarland.



The Sunday School prizegiving at Errigal Portclare.



Marriage

On Saturday 29th July, St. Mark's Augher reverberated with joy at the marriage of Miss Gemma Millar and Mr Shaun Orr. We wish them both God's richest blessings as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Christian Burial

- St. Mark's Newtownsaville - 18th March 2023 – Stanley James Beck, 32 Lisnarable Road, Gortaclare, Omagh
- St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher - 17th July 2023m Sigrid Bodild Owens, 24 Edenfel Park. Omagh

Our Sympathies are expressed to both families and we assure them of our continued prayers.

Music for Dementia

The charity Music for Dementia, along with other charities, had designated Sunday 2nd July as National Thank You Day. The aim was to highlight the power of music to help people living with dementia and to thank all those who care for dementia sufferers. To mark the occasion the choir in the Cathedral sang two pieces: "My heart is filled with

thankfulness" and "When peace like a river". They closed with the chorus from the well-known Abba song "Thank you for the music". Revd Alison joined the ranks of the choir and the accompanist was Mrs Diane Simpson. Revd Alison continued with the theme in her sermon and leaflets on how to use music when living with dementia were available.

Errigal Portclare

St Mary's, Errigal Portclare held their Sunday School prizegiving Service on Sunday 18th June 2023. Revd. Alison

Irvine conducted the service and gave a children's presentation based on the theme of faithfulness. The Sunday School children participated in the video presentation. Readings and prayers were given by Ellie Donaldson,

Ruby Millar and Amelia Minogue. Everyone joined in song and actions of "I might be small but my God is Big". Prizes were distributed to each child and Revd. Alison thanked everyone for their participation.

She thanked Caroline Gervis and Christine Robinson, Sunday School teachers for their hard work. Caroline was the organist. Ice Cream was enjoyed by all following the service.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

3 September

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

10 September

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

17 September

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

24 September

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



1 October

Clones 10.00am: Harvest Festival Service
Newbliss 11.30am: Harvest Festival Service

8 October

Killeevan 11.00am: Harvest Festival Service
Currin 3.30pm: Harvest Festival Service

Baptism

We were delighted to welcome into the Church family, Cormac Taylor, son of Geoff and Emma as well as a little brother to John, who was baptised in Clones on Sunday, 20 August. We pray that the Lord will bless Cormac and his family richly as they walk onwards in faith.

Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Leslie Moore, who was for many years a faithful and much-loved parishioner of St Tighernach's, Clones, as well as a long-serving member of the Select Vestry. Leslie's funeral was held on 21 July in Clones Church, where three generations of his family continue to worship regularly. He will be greatly missed by family and friends alike. We also offer our heart-felt condolences to the families of both Kiea McCann and Dlava Mohamed, the two youngsters from Largy College in Clones who lost their lives in a car crash whilst on their way to the college's 'Debs Ball' on 31 July. In a small rural community such as ours tragedy like this touches everyone, regardless of faith or background, and we continue to pray for the families and friends of all those involved in the accident – as well as for the staff of the wonderful school where these young people were so cherished and nurtured.

Harvest Festivals

Harvest Festival Services will be held in our four Group churches on Sunday 1 October and Sunday 8 October at the times shown above. On 1 October the guest preacher at both services will be Revd James Stevenson, and on 8 October,



Revd Margaret Pringle.

Mothers' Union

The first MU meeting of the new 'term' will be held on Thursday 14 September at 8.00 pm in Killeevan Church Hall. The Rector will first lead us in a service of Holy Communion, which will be followed by our usual refreshments and convivial conversation. Members old and new are warmly welcome.

Floral arrangement Demonstration

On Friday 29 September, Currin Parish is delighted to invite everyone to a floral arrangement demonstration in Scotshouse Community Centre. The evening will be led by well-known local florist Timothy Elliott, and as ever it promises to be a fascinating and entertaining event. Tickets cost 10 Euros, which will include supper – and they will be available from Currin Select Vestry members, in church after Sunday services, or at the door on the night.

Sunday School

Sunday School in Scotshouse runs throughout the year – but in Clones, Killeevan and Newbliss the children and their teachers have been on a summer break. However, we are now looking forward eagerly to the new 'academic year'. The first classes of the term will commence on 17 September in Clones and Newbliss, and further details regarding Killeevan will be available in due course.

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September

- 3rd** - Holy Communion 11.30am
- 10th** - Family Service 11.30am
- 17th** - Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 24th** - Morning Prayer 11.30am

October

- 1st** - Holy Communion 11.30am
- 6th** - Harvest service 8.00pm
- 8th** - Family Harvest 11.30am
- 8th** - Evening Harvest 7.00pm
- 15th** - Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 22nd** - Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 29th** - Morning Prayer 11.30am

Hindsight is a wonderful thing you often hear people say when they look back on decisions taken, and how they've turned out. O to have the gift of foresight, you might say would be an added blessing or would it. Would it stifle your creativity? There is no doubt that the choir of voices singing out, 'I told you so, I knew that was going to happen, I saw that coming, they should have known not to do that what they were thinking,' will gain momentum. In all reality, many of those voices kept silent, possibly hoping that everything would go pear-shaped. For some, the downfall of another brings great joy and



The confirmation service at Colaghty with Bishop Ian Ellis and Canon Alan Irwin and Churchwardens.

jubilation, rather than speaking out at the time and revealing their insights as to possibly what could arrive from such a decision. However, such decisions are often judged on their outcomes, though some more specifically on people's expectations. When it comes to peoples' expectations, well it's been said that they are beyond what anyone could reasonably or even practically hope to fulfil. For anyone of us it's worth considering our response, and in asking ourselves, how would Jesus' act. We each will have to give account of all that we say and do when we stand before the judgement seat of God. I'm glad that it is God who knows the future, knows the complete picture of our lives, who can take the decisions we make, even those we made without Him and work His purposes out for good. Yes, there are consequences around our decisions, good and bad, some made no easier by the unrealistic demands of others. Jeremiah says 29: 11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Let us in the present, leave ourselves to God's providence, and seek His wisdom, and His leading, ever mindful His grace is sufficient for every day.

Cow for Peace - Rwanda

The opportunity to host Christophe Mbonyingabo in June along with Diane Holt, Thrive Ireland, enabled our parishioners and others to hear more of the work in Rwanda. Their experiences of how they have moved forward after the 1994 Genocide, their quest for truth and justice. How in receiving truth and just, has led to processes around forgiveness and reconciliation, recognising the challenges of these for all. The giving of a cow between the victim and the repentant, emphasis on the repentant perpetrator affords that those who were once neighbours can now live and work together. Notwithstanding, there



Presentations to Christophe Mbonyingabo, during his visit to Colaghty.





Parishioners gathered for the burger night.

are challenges that are addressed as they continue to teach the truth of the genocide to the next generation, that it was emphatically wrong. A few questions were asked in a short discussion that followed. Prior to Christophe speaking, Colaghty Women's Fellowship made a presentation to CARSA ministries part of their mission giving.

Confirmation

A very uplifting Service of Confirmation in which Hannah, Katie, Callum, Alan, Ryan, Ethan, and Nathan were confirmed by Bishop Ian. The beautiful sunny day added to the occasion giving an opportunity for all to mingle after the service as photographs were being taken. Our thanks to those who taught and prepared the young people for confirmation, throughout Sunday school and in the confirmation class. The preparation over two to three years taught during Sunday school terms seeks to give each a good grounding in the scriptures, and the catechism, with key emphasis on what we believe and why, as each is



The floods outside Colaghty Hall.

nurtured in trusting and accepting Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Praise Service

It was a blessing to be able to welcome Revd Dr Chris Brauns from Red Brick Church, Illinois to the parish to speak on biblical forgiveness, using as his text, Jonah chapter 4. Of forgiveness being conditional on repentance as the scriptures teach. Chris has written and commented widely on forgiveness of the various models that exist and how they stray from the scriptural truths. Worship was led by Marcus and a wonderful time of fellowship over a cup of tea brought the evening to a conclusion and give the opportunity to speak with Chris. Our thanks to everyone for your interest, and for the ladies who provided the tea etc.

Parish Burger night

What can we say, while the rain tumbled down outside, inside the delicious burgers, ice-cream, and fellowship meant for a wonderful night. Going home brought a different experience as the rain, overflowing rivers, flash floods, gave way to musical cars, as we could but stand in awe of the power of creation. "...thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed'. As news of flooding on social media heighten awareness of other areas, the flood waters came ever closer, and yet within a few hours it had receded. We give thanks to Almighty God who is sovereign over all created things, for His mercies each day, ever mindful that our times are in His hands.

Sunday School/Confirmation

As in previous years it will recommence on Sunday 10th September at 10.30am followed by a Family service at 11.30am.

Pizza, Ice-cream, and fellowship

An evening of food, fun, and fellowship on Friday 8th September 2023 – primary



school ages 4 – 11 from 7.00pm – 8.00pm and post primary from 8.00pm – 9.00pm. Please put date in dairy and plan to come along.

Harvest weekend

We are delighted to welcome Revd Leah McKibbin of Togherdoo Methodist Church on Friday 6th at 8.00pm and Revd Canon Paul Thompson, Irvinestown on Sunday evening at 7.00pm. Add the dates and times as we give thanks to God for the harvest of the earth and the abundance of His blessings each day.

Mission giving

As in previous years the loose plate collection during September and up to and including the harvest weekend of 6th - 8th October will go towards missional projects. Your generosity in giving has always been a blessing to others as we reach out and fulfil our calling in Christ Jesus.

Please keep an eye on announcements for any updates or changes to planned activities.



Canon Alan Irwin with Revd Dr Chris Brauns.

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Public worship

Sunday 10th September: Derryvullen North 10.30am (Dedication of gift of new tables - more details will be available shortly. Coffee/teas resume) and Castle Archdale 11.45am

Sunday 17th September: Castle Archdale 10.15am and Derryvullen North 10.30am

Sunday 24th September: Castle Archdale 10.15am and Derryvullen North 10.30am

Sunday 1st October: Castle Archdale Harvest 10.30am and 7.00pm with Revd Canon Stephen Hazlett speaking at the evening service.

Castle Archdale Open Mornings

St Patrick's Church, Castle Archdale held an "Open Morning" for locals and visitors alike on Wednesday 9th August from 11.00am to 12.30pm with another planned for 24th August. This is for folk to drop in and have a look around or simply pause and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere. There will also be information leaflets available. While this is not an old church, it has many beautiful and interesting features and was built under the influence of the Arts and Crafts movement. It also remains a vibrant place of worship where people gather weekly to offer praise and pray, share fellowship and be uplifted by great music - and all in this wonderful setting.

Ex-Service Visitors

Earlier in the summer the Rector was very pleased to meet up recently with an ex-Service group who were on a day tour around War Graves and associated sites in the Fermanagh area. They held an Act of Remembrance at the Cross of Sacrifice in Derryvullen North and heard some the history of those who lost their

lives. They also went into the church to see the memorials associated with the squadrons based at Castle Archdale during the Battle of the Atlantic. They also viewed the specially made Poppy that is kept in our Side Chapel and brought out for Remembrance Sunday. It is one presented to the church and it is made from a crashed Catalina - several of the 11 crew members who lost their lives in that incident are buried here in Derryvullen North.

Orange Service

We welcomed members of LOL 159, WLOL 222, and LOL 1270, in the company of the County Grand Master, along with Drumharvey Pipe Band to a celebration of Evening Prayer in Sunday afternoon in Derryvullen North Parish Church. The singing was led by the choir and organist Florence Barrett. The soloist was Nathan Hughes. The readers were Brother Joe Graham and Sister Hazel Latimer. A special musical solo was given by Jason Irvine on the pipes. Prior to the service at the commencement of the parade we all paused at the Cross of Sacrifice for the laying of a wreath and prayers. During the opening hymn two items were brought forward - one was the old Bible of LOL 1270 which was given to the Lodge in 1889 by the then Rector of Derryvullen North (It is usually displayed in our side chapel). It was carried by Sister Irene Kerrigan. The second item was a collarette and this was carried in by the youngest person on parade today (assisted by dad). The collarette belonged to his late great granddad. The Bible and collarette were placed at the front of the Church to remind us of our faith and also of all who have borne witness to it in years past. We were also very grateful to the PSNI for the traffic management.

White Island Service

The annual Inter-Church Service took place on Sunday evening out in the ancient ruined Church on White Island. This was part of the Lady of the Lake Festival. The singing was led by members of the



At White Island.



A collarette is presented at the Orange Service by the youngest member on parade.

Community Choir and some of the local Church leaders offered prayers, a Bible reading and an address. Unfortunately the Rector had taken sick late that afternoon and was unable to attend but it was great to see the weather keeping dry for the event.

The photos of the occasion that the Rector was later able to share on Facebook were kindly taken by Carol Clarke and Canon Kevin.

Lady of the Lake

At the opening parade night of our wonderful annual community festival, members of the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade took part in the parade along with the local Scouts. The bands taking part in the procession were Drumharvey and Kilskeery.

Walking Group

Each Tuesday the Walking Group, kindly organised by Lorna Graham, met and started off from Derryvullen North car park. Each session ended off with a welcome cuppa in the Parish Centre. There is usually about a dozen walkers and anyone is welcome - from our parishes and wider community. It is about getting out in the fresh air and having a chat while we walk.



On the bus trip to The Boulevard.

Women's Group at The Boulevard!

The Women's Group finished off the season with a bus outing on Saturday to The Boulevard Shopping Complex at Banbridge. Our thanks to Caroline and Elaine for organising both this trip and all the very enjoyable events of the past months.

Summer Bowling

Each Monday morning over the summer there has been an informal bowling session with a very enjoyable cuppa. Well done to the committee for organising these as they have been a very useful time for people to meet in friendship and enjoy the sport in an informal settling.

After-Service Refreshments

On Sunday 10th September the teas/coffees will recommence at Derryvullen North and will be held each second Sunday of the month. We are very grateful to all our volunteers and to Mrs Paula Moore for organising the rota.

Children's Day Services

The annual conclusion to the Sunday School year took place on Sunday 18th June in Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North with attendances of about 60 and 130 respectively. We are very grateful to the very dedicated leaders, the parents and most of all the children. Of course at the time of writing we are making plans for the new 2023-24 season!

Book Nook at the parish centre

At the time of writing we are making arrangements for the Book Nook, a monthly "drop in" planned for Derryvullen North Parish Centre and a planning meeting on Tuesday 22nd August at 7pm in the Parish Centre so that we can get the



Ex-Servicemen visited the War Graves in Irvinestown.

details in place. We have lots of books in our beautiful new cabinet (more will be said of this later as it is being given as a memorial gift) and we are grateful to everyone who has kindly given books. In addition to these monthly "drop in" times, anyone may borrow a book at any another time the Centre is open for a meeting or activity. It is also very informal - if there is a book you would like to read, just borrow it. The bookshelves are full: Novels, Christian, Non-Fiction, Biography, Children's Books.

WW1 Tour

Recently Mrs Sylvia Woods of Castle Archdale Parish, went on a Tour of the battlefield locations from the First World War in the area of the Somme. This was organised by the Omagh Protestant Boys Melody Flute Band and she has kindly provided some of her photos here for me to share on the Facebook page and there is one included with these notes too. They visited a range of places including: Ulster Tower, Menin Gate, Irish Peace Park and several cemeteries, both Allied



The Ulster Tower.

and German. Such locations are so very poignant as we reflect on the suffering and loss of life involved. The area visited by the group, and the Battle of the Somme that took place there in WW1, will for ever be associated with the 36th (Ulster) Division - in the course of the first two days of this battle, the Division had almost 5500 killed, missing or wounded. When the Battle of the Somme finally ended there had been almost one million casualties (Allied and German). The Irish Peace Park with its commemorative Round Tower, which was also visited, is close to the site of the June 1917 battle of Messines Ridge, during which the 16th (Irish) Division fought alongside the 36th (Ulster) Division.

From the registers

BAPTISM

Max McFarland, 25th June (Castle Archdale)

Caylen John Mitchell-Timlin, 8th July (Castle Archdale)

MARRIAGE

Wendy Armstrong and Stephen Ferguson, 28th June (Castle Archdale).

Emma Gibson and Robert Getty, 28th July (Derryvullen).

Derryvullen South and Garvary

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Baptisms: **Revd Maureen Desborough or Dean Raymond Ferguson.**

Services

Sunday, 3 September

10.30am Morning Prayer Garvary

12 noon Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

Sunday, 10 September

10.30am Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12 noon Holy Communion Garvary

Sunday 17 September

10.30am Morning Prayer Garvary

12 noon Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

Sunday 24 September

10.30am Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12 noon Morning Prayer Garvary

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those



of our parishioners who are ill in hospital, at home or nursing homes and also those who are receiving treatment.

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Services

Sunday 3rd September

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

Sunday 10th September

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

Sunday 17th September

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

Sunday 24th September

10.00am. Family Service Boho Parish Church
11.30am Family Service, Devenish Parish Church



Sunday School

This will reopen on Sunday 10th September 2023 at 10.45am. We look forward to new members joining us.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Boho Parish Harvest Thanksgiving Services on Friday 29th September and Sunday 1st October.

Devenish Parish Harvest Thanksgiving Services on Friday 6th October and Sunday 8th October.

Orange Anniversary Service

The Orange Anniversary Service was held on Sunday 9th July in Devenish Parish Church. The officers and members of Magheraboy District LOL No11 and members of Magheraboy Flute Band joined us for Morning Prayer. The service was conducted by Mr. John Irvine, the readers were Stuart Brooker and David Scott and the organist was Gill Spence.

Holiday Cover

We wish to thank Mr. Karl Saunders, Mr. John Irvine, Mrs. Eileen Cutler, and Bishop Ian Ellis for conducting our services during July, while Revd. Sampson, was on holiday.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union will resume on Wednesday 13th September with a Service of Holy Communion in Devenish Parish Church at 8 pm followed by a short business meeting and cup of tea. We would like to encourage new members to join our branch, where there will be an opportunity to pray together, support each other and strengthen family life. Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 pm in the Reade Hall, Monea.

Devenish Bowling Tournament

Devenish Bowling Club will reopen on Friday 8th September at 8.00pm. We look forward to welcoming existing and new members. The club is open to all ages and abilities and the Club Leadership encourages everyone to come along on a Friday night to try it out.

Devenish pairs tournament will be held on Thursday 28th September, Friday 29th September, Saturday 30th September, Monday 2nd October, with finals night Wednesday 4th October, in Reade Hall Monea. Entries to William Harpur, 02866341237, 07796221797.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



Bishop's Curate:
Revd Tim Irvine

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Sunday Services and upcoming Events

Sunday 2nd September The Thirteenth

Sunday after Trinity – Group Service
10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – The Holy Communion (Order 2) with Hymns and Sermon. With Archdeacon Ricky Rountree presiding and preaching.

Sunday 10th September The Fourteenth

Sunday after Trinity - Group Service
10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough - Morning Prayer (Order 1) with Anglican Chant, Hymns and Sermon. With Archdeacon Ricky Rountree presiding and preaching.

Sunday 17th September The Fifteenth

Sunday after Trinity
10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough - Morning Prayer (Order 2) with Anglican Chant, Hymns, Sermon and Sunday School.
12noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh -

Morning Prayer (Order 1) with Hymns and Sermon.

A Meeting of the Donagh Select Vestry 8pm on Tuesday 19th September at St Salavator's.

Donagh Mothers' Union Opening Service in St Salvator's, Glaslough at 8pm on Wednesday 20th September

Sunday 24th September The Sixteenth

Sunday after Trinity

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

Don't forget to bring your pets along to church as we will ask God to bless them and their owners

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

Sunday 1st October The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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

3.00pm St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh

-Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong with the Donagh Community Choir singing Harvest Hymns and Anthems with guest Preacher Dean Raymond Ferguson (Raymond was the Dean of Kilmore and is known to many of you from his time as rector of St James', Aughnacloy and was for many years All Ireland chaplain to the Mothers' Union).

NB - the 12noon Service will be held in St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh on 1st – 4th Sundays of the month until the completion of the refurbishment of St Sillian's, Tyholland.

National Heritage Week in the Donagh Group

During National Heritage Week we hosted a series of events to celebrate the heritage of the three churches within the Donagh Group of Parishes, and two churches that are long since closed.

On Monday 14th August at 12 noon and 2pm there was a short talk by the Revd Tim Irvine about the History of St Salvator's Church featuring Bishop Leslie who, on purchasing the land now known as the Castle Leslie Estate, built a new parish church beside his Manor House, a look at some of the significant features of the building and an explanation of how St Salvator's sat at the heart of the village of Glaslough until the 1840's.

On Wednesday 16th August in St Sillian's Church, Tyholland at 8pm Brigid Clesham gave a talk based upon research for future publication " St Sillian's: A History of the Parish and its People". This research was made possible by a grant from The Heritage Council and we thank them for this invaluable support.

On Thursday 17th August in St Muadhain's Church, Errigal Truagh at 7.30pm, the talk on "The Errigal Truagh and Errigal Shanco Diasporas" was given by Ethne McCord and was based upon the research and interviews she has been conducting over the last year focusing on the population shifts that have occurred in our parish over the last one hundred years and recording for posterity the people who once formed the Church of Ireland Parish communities of Errigal Truagh and Errigal Shanco.

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Two of our parishioners have been busy



Dr Emma Hall with mum and dad Eunice and Michael

little bees over the last month or so, masterminding our new Parish Website. Ethne McCord has been the dynamo behind this project to allow us to promote our present and our past more widely via our own website. While Ethne is incontestably brilliant, webpage design is just beyond her undeniably extensive skill set, fortunately, we have the equally brilliant Matthew Waller on the team and it is Matthew who has designed our utterly gorgeous (I know, I am biased) new website. Thank you to Matthew and Ethne for all the work that they have put into our latest project. More information will be appearing as we (a euphemism for Matthew) continue to develop the website to provide parishioners, visitors and the merely curious, further information about what we are doing today and tomorrow in our three parishes and what has happened in our parishes over their long and fascinating histories. We intend the website to become a repository for our historic records which have been digitized over the past few years so that anyone wishing to carry out research can access our historic registers and minute books online.

Refurbishment of Donagh Parochial Hall

The eagerly anticipated refurbishment works to the Parochial Hall in Glaslough are due to commence in the middle of September and last for approximately five weeks. We are grateful to the Community Centres Investment Fund for the grant of €21,864.60 received towards the repairs and to Michelle Atkinson for overseeing this work on behalf of the Donagh Parish Development committee.



Sunday School Superintendent and Parish Reader Marina Waller with Eileen and Maurice Fielding.

The CCIF is funded by the Government of Ireland and the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) for the improvement and refurbishment of existing community centres.

Farewell and Blessing

Being located within the grounds of the Castle Leslie Estate, St Salvator's enjoys the unusual Diocesan privilege of being granted occasional Episcopal Permission (on request) for the Solemnizing of Marriages of couples from a Church of Ireland or Anglican background who are not parishioners of the Donagh Group. Archdeacon Brian Harper (and Archdeacon Pringle before him) assisted in the administration of this permission and we thank him for all the help that he has provided during his time as Archdeacon and wish him every blessing in his new parish at Bushmills. In future all requests and arrangements for marriages by Episcopal Permission according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of Ireland in St Salvator's will be administered locally by Revd Tim.

Refurbishment of St Sillian's Tyholland

At the time of writing we have no clear indication at present of when the contractor will be on site but the Harvest Festival which was due to take place on Sunday 17th September is cancelled. Further updates will be provided when we know more.

Lay Reader in Training

In September we will be joined in the Donagh Group of Parishes by William Graham from Ballybay Parish who is



William Graham.

currently completing Lay Reader studies at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. We have the pleasure of giving William practical experience of leading worship in our parishes.

William is due to complete his placement with Chancellor Berry at the beginning of August after which he will be joining us in the pews to get a feel of our parishes and see what Sunday morning in the Donagh Group is like before he returns in September for his placement proper. William will be assisting me in reading Morning Prayer and performing the Deacon's duties at our celebrations of The Holy Communion.

I am delighted to have William coming to us, especially as he has been taught by our own Diane Wright-Kendrick who wrote on



Richard and Rachel Dudgeon.

his report card "a lovely lad" and I concur whole heartedly with that. I know that William is really looking forward to joining us and that you will all make him most welcome.

Congratulations – Marriages, Births, Drama, Vets and Long Service Medals

Our Congratulations to Mr Richard and Mrs Rachel Dudgeon on their wedding at Drum Presbyterian Church on Friday 28th July. We wish Richard and Rachel every blessing for their life together as husband and wife.

Congratulations to Rebecca Jane Wallace and Paul on the birth of their baby boy James; and special congratulations to a very proud grandmother and Church Warden Supreme Mrs Jean Wallace. Congratulations to choir member and sometime organist, Alexandra Wright-Kendrick who was recently awarded a diploma in Speech and Drama. Congratulations to Dr Emma Hall on her recent graduation as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and to her very proud parents Michael and Eunice Hall. Our Sunday School Superintendent Mrs Marina Waller for her extraordinary achievement of 25 years dedicated service as a Sunday School teacher. On behalf of all the parishioner's who have benefited from your generosity, kindness and love over the quarter century of your ministry, we thank you and we look forward to many more years of fun, frolics, friendship and faith being gently nurtured in the Donagh Sunday School room at St Salvator's. Well done good and faithful servant!

Sympathy

We have been greatly saddened this summer by the death of two of our oldest parishioners.

Wilfie Garland was buried following a Funeral Service in St Sillian's Tyholland on 29th June. We extend our sympathy to Elizabeth, Hilary, Alan, Neville, Glenn and the wider Garland family.

Laura Sharpe was buried following a Funeral Service in St Sillian's, Tyholland on 31st July. We extend our sympathy to Ernest, Paul, Gary and Sharon and to Laura's wider family.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Dromore

Vacant

Administrative Charge: **Rural Dean Canon John Woods**
Service Cover as per Diocesan Rota
Pastoral Care, funerals, weddings, baptisms and occasional services:
Revd Alison Irvine.



Be Faithful

Many years ago a young man asked John Stott to pray for a friend who was 'going into the ministry'.

'But we're all in ministry,' the scholar responded. 'If we belong to Christ, we're all serving him whatever we're doing.' It's true! Whether we're serving in a shop, sweeping the streets or running a multi-million pound business, if we belong to Christ, we should aim to work to his glory. Some people feel their work is unimportant, but God doesn't see it that way. He sees the heart.

Recently a minister met someone he hadn't seen since he was a child. This lady was thrilled to meet him again after so long. 'I knew God's hand was on you' she said' so I prayed for you every day for 20 years.'

What a ministry! An unknown warrior

prayed faithfully without ever knowing if she would discover the outcome. We may not know until we reach eternity whether our lives helped others, but we need to remain faithful to his calling, wherever that may lead us.

'Let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up'
Galatians 6:9

('Be: Godly wisdom to live by' Fiona Castle and Friends, activateyourlife.org.uk. Edited by Jan Greenough (published 2022 by Authentic Media Limited)
As we begin a period of vacancy we pray for God's guidance for our Parish and we also continue to pray for Revd Andrew and Joanne as they begin their work as mission partners with CMS Ireland, serving God in South Sudan. If you would like more information on what



Revd Andrew Quill and family at their last service in Dromore.

Andrew and Joanne will be doing and to be kept in touch with their news as well as supporting them as Mission Partners, contact CMS Ireland:

Email: info@cmsireland.org

Phone: 028 9077 5020

Presentation

There was a good attendance at Revd Andrew's final Morning Service on Sunday 25th June and after the service Robert Thompson (People's Churchwarden) thanked Revd Andrew for his faithful ministry and leadership over the past almost seven years. He summarised his many achievements within the Parish, especially through his teaching, prayer and healing ministries and the wide range of opportunities to grow in our faith. His skills in sharing his ministry through Facebook and YouTube and providing DVDs and CDs of services to housebound parishioners were also

much appreciated. His valued support to the wider community including the local Primary School, Scripture Union, Enniskillen Foodbank and Barnabas Aid was also acknowledged. Joanne's support and involvement in all aspects of the Parish were also highlighted and her contribution to the Sunday School, the Ark, Ignite Youth club, GFS, CLB and Mothers' Union will be greatly missed. Hannah's contribution to Sunday School, GFS, Ignite and by sharing her gifts in music and drama at services were also acknowledged. He then presented Revd Andrew with a gift from the Parish. Valerie Bleakley (Rector's Churchwarden) presented flowers to Joanne and a gift to Hannah and prayed with them, thanking God for all their gifts and service to Holy Trinity and praying for God's blessing as they serve as CMS Ireland mission partners in South Sudan.

Revd Andrew, Joanne and Hannah were



Revd Andrew and Joanne cutting a cake at their farewell.

very touched by the kind words (Robert had served as Rector's and People's Churchwarden during his time as Rector) and were thankful to everyone in the parish for their generous gifts.

'The Big Sing'

A Service of Praise and Thanksgiving was held on Sunday evening 25th June and was well attended by members of the congregation and many visitors from local churches. The service was led by Revd Andrew and the congregation enjoyed singing a wide range of hymns and songs, both old and new, declaring what God has done in the past, what He will do when He returns and also who He is, including a focus on God as the Lord of our hearts and we long for the day we will see Him face to face and spend eternity with Him. We were delighted that the choir from Togherdoo Methodist Church joined us for this special service and both they and



Preparing food and serving burgers at the Twelfth in Dromore.



our church choir sang songs of worship which were much appreciated by the congregation.

After the service fellowship continued with supper in the Church Hall where Revd Andrew and Joanne had an opportunity to meet and receive the good wishes of those present at their final Service in our Parish.

Social Events

A vibrant calendar of events are happening during autumn and winter this year. Events coming soon include a Table Quiz on Friday 15th September, a Parish Auction on Wednesday 18th October and a much anticipated Parish Breakfast on Saturday 18th November. Details of other social events taking place before Christmas and in Spring 2024 will be highlighted later and included on Facebook and the weekly Parish announcement sheet.

We have very successfully carried out the first two of 13 proposed social events:-
- Our Treasure Hunt on 30th June had 24 carloads of contestants and all enjoyed it immensely.

- Twenty-one volunteers were involved in catering and parking cars at the Twelfth Demonstration in Dromore. All involved felt a great sense of purpose, with good camaraderie on the day, and almost £5000 was raised for much needed Church funds. In addition to our volunteers, many parishioners donated food for the teas and made generous

financial contributions towards costs, resulting in all expenses being covered and all receipts on the day directly allocated to Church funds.

Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the Griffin family circle following the death of Jeffrey and Cedric's sister Georgina (Kerr) on 9th July 2023.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to the family circle of the late David Vance, who died tragically in a quad accident on 27 July 2023. Our thoughts and prayers are especially with Shannen, Lauren and Jake at this difficult time.

SERVICES

3rd September

11.00am – Morning Service (Harry Anderson)

10th September

11.00am – Morning Service (Rev Eric McGirr)

17th September

11.00am – Holy Communion Service (Rev Eric McGirr)

24th September

11.00am – Morning Service (Harry Anderson)

Harvest Services

We are delighted that Rev Eric McGirr is with us for all of our services during our Harvest weekend and we give a warm welcome to all visitors on Friday, 29th September at 8.00pm and Sunday, 1st



Peggy Mills and Frances Smyth.

October at 11.00am and 7.30pm.

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.

Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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It is hard to believe that the summer holiday period is drawing to a close and indeed the kids will be heading back to school when you read these words. When I sat down to write my notes for July

and August we were enjoying a wonderful spell of weather and sadly today that is not the case although it is dry which is a plus after the last month and more of rain. However as with all things we should always remember that God is in charge which means that we have to accept what comes in life.

We should also accept that life goes on and the passing of time and the seasons is a part of that. We look forward to the resumption of Sunday school in Tubrid and Templecarne and hope to see some new faces attending.

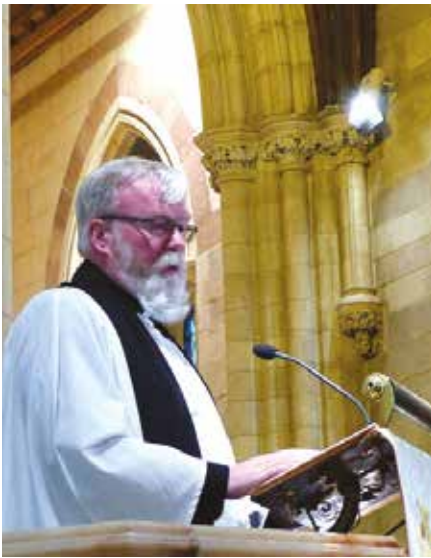
Our ladies group Women Together will recommence on Monday 25 September at 8pm (please note change of day). Further details will be circulated via the weekly notice sheet.

It is also Harvest Season and we look forward to welcoming Peter Ferguson, rector of Derg and Termonamongan to Dernasesk on 3 September, Rebecca Guildea, rector of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher to Muckross on 10



The keyrings referred to.

September, the one and only Revd Canon Dr William Johnston to Templecarne on 17 September and a speaker from the Leprosy Mission to Tubrid on 24 September. Details of times are in diary dates.



Revd Charles taking part in the Mothers' Union service in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh



I have carried a key ring in my pocket for the past couple of years which was part of a pack circulated by the Church of Ireland Youth Department to welcome children and young people back to church when we were able to resume activities following the pandemic. I have included a picture of the one that I carried along with the one that I carry now and hopefully if you look at the picture you will understand why I replaced the one on the left.

Hope can fade for a number of reasons and that is true today as much as ever before I would suggest. Just as one key ring has darkened so life can darken us with the result that hope fades to the point that we can no longer see it in our lives. In Romans chapter five we read these words, verses 2 to 5 we read these words, we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. I want to draw two points from these words.

Firstly we see what we should boast about.

We are to boast about the hope that is ours through God who we worship and who has given us everything and nothing else. I believe this is a lesson we all need to learn today.

We then read what life can and may be like for us as followers of Jesus Christ and while we could focus on the word suffering I want to suggest that instead we should skip forward a few words and focus on the fact that all the things that

are mentioned lead to hope.

The second point then is that hope does not put us to shame with the result that we should never be ashamed or embarrassed because of our faith.

I want to suggest that we all need to rediscover that sense of hope and also never allow ourselves to be embarrassed about our faith something which sadly society has imposed on us for a number of years.

As Christians our hope lies beyond this life when we will inherit something that is worth more than anything this world offers and indeed is simply priceless – an eternity in the presence of God.

I am going to mention something now that I normally wouldn't if I had not discovered some photos of the event online a day or two ago.

I was invited to speak at the Armagh Mothers' Union Festival Service in May and was delighted to accept that invitation and it was a privilege to preach in that historic cathedral and I have included a couple of photographs from the service. I have to admit that it almost looks as if I know what I am doing.

Parish Register

It has been a busy summer with two weddings.

On Thursday 24 August Zoe-Brooke Kinnear and Steven Noble were married at Tubrid. We wish Steven and Zoe-Brooke God's richest blessing for their married life together.

On Friday 25 August Craig Morton and Elizabeth Graham were married at Christchurch, Mountcharles in County Donegal. We wish Elizabeth and Craig God's richest blessing as they begin their married life.

FUNERALS

Sadly we also had two funerals since I wrote my notes for the last magazine. On Friday 23 June, Mervyn Noble late of Creamery House, Main Street, Kesh formerly of Dernasesk passed away following a sudden illness. His remains were laid to rest on Sunday 25 June at Tubrid. Our deepest sympathies to Mervyn's brother Reggie and sister Daisy and to the entire family circle.

On Sunday 25 June Iris Knox also of Dernasesk passed away having suddenly become ill the day before. Iris was buried on Tuesday 27 June at Tubrid. Our deepest sympathies to her husband Dessie, sons Geoffrey and Gary, Geoffrey's wife Sharon and children Reece, Megan and Archie and to Gary's wife Katrina and their children Matthew, Issac and Olivia and to the extended family circle.

Diary

Sunday 3 September

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 3 September

Harvest Dernasesk 7pm Preacher Revd. Peter Ferguson

Sunday 10 September

Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 10 September

Harvest Muckcross 7pm Preacher Revd. Rebecca Guildea

Sunday 17 September

Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 17 September

Harvest Templecarne 7pm Preacher Revd Canon Dr W Johnston

Sunday 24 September

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckcross, Harvest 11.30 Tubrid Speaker from Leprosy Mission

Ematrix with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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

Revd Tim Irvine is in charge.

Rockcorry and Dartrey

Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Gladys Campbell and the wider Campbell family on the recent passing in England of her brother - in - law, Cecil Campbell. We also remember in our condolences the family of Christine Browne and the wider family circle on the death of her Mother, Mrs Moffett.

Parish Picnic

Bathed in glorious Spring sunshine at Rockcorry School, the annual picnic attracted the usual bands, parishioners and supporters followed by a sumptuous tea. Thanks to one and all for their help.

Children's Service

As usual this service was well supported and it was obvious that a lot of extra work had gone into its preparation. Congratulations to all who took part in the service and heartfelt thanks to all the teachers. A lovely tea in the Sexton's House following the service was much appreciated.

Dartrey Church

For the past few months work has been continuing on the roof of Dartrey Church.

Good progress has been made and all is near completion. Thanks to all involved.

Scoil Mhuire

After many setbacks the building of the new school is finally underway. We extend the good wishes of the parish to all who have put so much effort into ensuring that the children can look forward to a modern building and facilities of which they can be justly proud.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

24th September in Dartrey Church at 3pm.

1st October In Rockcorry Church at 8pm.

Songs of Praise

Looking ahead, we are looking forward to our Songs of Praise Service in Dartrey Church on Sunday 5th November at 3pm. Our special guests will be Revd Tim Irvine and the Donagh Choir with their choir director, Mrs. Eithne McCord who will be our organist for the occasion. Revd. Tim will introduce the hymns, the choir will sing a few pieces of their own and join with the congregation in the singing of the parishioners' favourite hymns. Definitely an occasion not to be missed.

Parade Service

Dartrey District L.O.L. No 4 annual Parade Service took place on Sunday 25th June 2023

to Dartrey Parish Church. Parade was led to and from the Church by Drummin Flute Band. Dean Raymond Ferguson delivered a very inspiring address. The service was conducted by Walter Pringle, Diocesan Lay Reader. Organist was Audrey Doogan and Agnes Phair provided the floral arrangements. The collection amounted to €381.

Tea was provided in Doohat Hall after the Service.

Aughnamullen

Our harvest service will be held on Sunday

10th September at 3.30 pm when we hope to have as our guest preacher, the Revd Ian Cruickshank, Rector of Carrickmacross Union of parishes. We hope also to have Alison Oliver as our guest soloist. All are welcome and refreshments provided in the schoolhouse after the service.

Thanks

Our thanks to Helen McMurray for providing a new notice board at the church gate.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Edith Jordan on the recent death of her brother from Ballyhaise, Co Cavan and our prayers and thoughts are with all those who have been bereaved. We also remember all those who have been in hospital recently and wish them a speedy recovery.

Aghabog

Sunday 18th June was Children's day in Aghabog. A very big thank you to all those who put in so much effort for preparing for the day, the Sunday School teachers Diane, Lavina and Roberta, the parents and last but not least the girls and boys themselves. Mr Walter Pringle conducted the service. We commend the children on their singing of three pieces, Coat of Many Colours, My God is so Big and To God be the Glory. Bible readings were read by Luke and Cassie. Prayers were lead by Aaron, Lindsey, Holly, Erin and Evan. A Father's day poem was read by Ella, and Dean read the beautiful poem, "Footprints". The collection was taken up by Amy and Hannah. Sunday School prizes were distributed to all the children. Thanks to all who provided and helped with the tea after the service. As our children take a well-deserved break from School we hope the summer includes lots of family time, laughter and fabulous memories.

RBP service

The Annual Eldon RBP 33 service held in Aghabog Parish Church on Sunday 6th August was very well attended. The service was conducted by Mr Walter Pringle and the guest speaker was Revd Daryl Edwards. Our thanks to Ethel Ritchie for providing the music and to Aughnagorgan Accordion Band who led the Brethren to and from the Church with their lovely music. Thanks to all who brought food and helped with the tea after the service and tidied up afterwards.

Bereavement

Our deepest condolence to all who have been bereaved recently.

Get well

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been unwell at home or in hospital and to those who are undergoing treatment at present.



Enniskillen Cathedral



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Services September

Sunday 3rd September The Thirteenth

Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 7th September

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 10th September The Fourteenth

Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am - Morning Prayer

Thursday 14th September

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 17th September The Fifteenth

Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 21st September

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 24th September The Sixteenth

Sunday after Trinity - Back to Church Sunday

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am - Morning Prayer (Family Service and Registration for Sunday School)

Thursday 28th September

11.00am – Holy Communion

Holy Baptism

- 2nd July - Lottie Anna Hunter
- 9th July - Isla Rose McBurnie
- 22nd July - Anastasia Miami Gault



Parenting Wellness group.

Christian Marriage

- 27th July - Rebecca Fiona Campbell and David Kenneth Moore McKillop.

Burial

- 28th May - Derek William Carson, Cairngrove Nursing Home, Newry, formerly Creamery House, Kesh and Derrychara, Enniskillen.
- 29th June - Sarah (Sally) Humes, 37 Devenish Crescent, Enniskillen.
- 14th July - Deirdre McGarry, 9 Drumgarrow Court, Enniskillen.
- 19th July - Dorothy Isobel Pendry, 16 Ardess Road, Kesh.
- 8th August - Gerard John (Gerry) Humes, 37 Devenish Crescent, Enniskillen.

Burial of Ashes

- 28th June - Hazel Marina Lendrum, 32 Algeo Drive, Enniskillen.
- 24th July - Baby Luca McCartney, 117 Belfast Road, Enniskillen.

Thursday's at 11.00am

Service of Holy Communion each Thursday at 11.00am. This is a 30-minute service which includes two hymns, followed by a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Do drop in and encourage others to do likewise!

Back to Church Sunday

On Sunday 24th September at 11.00am, we mark "Back to Church Sunday", which provides an opportunity for those who used to attend, as well as anyone who does not currently attend, our Sunday services to come back to Church, especially young families. All who come along will receive a warm welcome. As a special treat, an ice-cream van will provide free ice-cream for all afterwards. If every person in the congregation invites one other family, even one other person, we could have a massive success, one to be celebrated. If some or all of the invitees respond positively, we could be on the way towards real growth in our congregation. Realistically, we know

that not everyone in our congregation will invite someone else. (However, remember that people are free to invite more than one family or one person!) Realistically, we also know that not everyone who is invited will say "yes." But making the invitation is a significant step towards becoming an invitational church, where it is natural for church members to encourage friends to "come and see." The beauty of the initiative is that it is based on existing relationships, whether the people to be invited are friends, family members, colleagues, or acquaintances, and so it is easy for us all to participate. Psalm 122 says 'I was glad when they said to me let us go into the House of the Lord'.

Do your duty towards God, and you may very well be surprised with the response that someone might be overjoyed to be asked!

Messy Church

Messy Church is held on the third Thursday of each month from 4.00-6.00pm. Dates are 19th October, 16th November and 21st December. The September date is combined with a Family Fun Day on Saturday 30th September (see below).

The rule is: no child without an adult, and no adult without a child. Now that we're in a new school year, we are looking forward to meeting new friends! So even if you've never been before, even if you or your children aren't parishioners of the Cathedral, you are very welcome to join us!

Sunday Lights and Café

Sunday Lights and Café, at which we use interactive and creative forms of learning to help the children learn about the Christian faith (telling Bible stories, discussion, songs, games, and crafts), will return in the Sundays following "Back to Church Sunday". Registration forms will be available, and should be completed, following the "Back to Church Sunday" service. From Sunday 1st October

onwards, the children will leave during the 11.00am service after the singing of a family hymn for their own activities, and will attend and take part in monthly Family Services. The first Family Service of the new programme (after "Back to Church Sunday") will be held on 22nd October. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-4, and Sunday Café welcomes children in P5-Year 8.

Family Fun Morning

A Family Fun Morning, open to all young families, will be held in the Cathedral Hall on Saturday 30th September from 10.00am-12.00 noon. Please keep the date free and come along for fun and fellowship. Activities for children, as well as refreshments for parents and guardians, will be available. More details will be announced soon.

Parenting Wellness Group

Meet on a Saturday once per month. The next gathering of St Macartin's Parenting Wellness Group is on Saturday 9th September and is a 'Decluttering' Talk with Linda Johnston Life Coach and Speaker at 2.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral Main Hall. There are no more available spaces at present but if you wish to be added to the cancellation list or to join the What's App group for future updates, please contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474.

Future dates!

9th September : 14th October : 11th November : 9th December

Confirmation

A Confirmation Service will be held during Eastertide 2024 for young people of Year 9 and above. Those who expect to be confirmed should regularly attend services with their families, as Confirmation is about taking your place within the life and mission of the Church. Application forms for Confirmation are available in the Parish Office for those who wish to be confirmed. Please collect and return them as soon as possible. Details of Confirmation Classes will be released in due course.

Choir Practice

Choir practice is held fortnightly on the first and third Wednesday evening of each month at 7.30pm from September through to April/May, and weekly for six weeks during Lent. On occasions choir practices may be held weekly to prepare for certain services or performances. New choir members are most welcome.

Crèche Room

As we start what is traditionally seen as a



new season of church life in September, here is a reminder of the crèche room and facilities which are available during the main Sunday morning service. Parents of babies and children who are not of Sunday School age are welcome to use the Creche Room situated at the top of the stairs from the north-west porch. It is best if children can remain in church, but if parent need a break you are welcome to use the Creche Room. Please feel free to move around during the service.

Bell Ringers

Fewer than a dozen parish churches in Northern Ireland have towers with peals of eight or more bells where campanologists can exercise their skill. Enniskillen is one of these, and the peal of 10 bells is rung in changes each Sunday and on special occasions. Practice takes place Thursdays 7.00-8.00pm and new ringers will be warmly welcomed to send out the call to worship on Sunday!

Beavers

Beavers will recommence on Monday 2nd October from 6.30 pm to 7.45pm. 7.45pm. This is for all children aged 6 to 8 years.

Cubs

Cubs will recommence on Monday 2nd October from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm. This is for all children aged 8 to 10 1/2 years.

Scout Group Registration

The scouts will have a registration evening on Monday 25th September and meetings will resume on Monday 2nd October from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm. This is for all young people aged 6 to 15 years

and they will join a worldwide organisation of over 300 million members preparing young people to develop as active members of their community. They will take camping and outdoors to a new level and for some to an international level. For all sections the gaining of badges and awards is a large part of the programme and there is the opportunity to gain the Chief Scouts' award and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Rainbows

Rainbows will recommence on Tuesday 19th September from 6.30pm to 7.30 pm. This is for all girls aged 4 years to 6 years and they will enjoy learning new games, craft work and going on outings as well as making new friends with other Rainbows in Fermanagh.

Brownies

Brownies will recommence on Tuesday 19th September from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. This is for all girls aged 7yrs to 10yrs (P6) and they will enjoy completing badge work, going on outings, craft work, participating in joint activities with other Brownie units throughout Fermanagh and going on Pack Holiday.

Guides

Guides will recommence on Tuesday 19th September from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. This is for all girls aged 10years (P7) to 15years and they will enjoy completing badge work, completing Duke of Edinburgh award, craft work, camp holidays and taking part in activities with Guides throughout Fermanagh and Northern Ireland.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union will recommence on Monday 11th September at 7.30pm. Our speaker, David Watson, will be giving us a talk/demonstration on "First Aid in the Home".

Looking forward to seeing you all again and catching up on your summer activities.

New members will be made most welcome.

Tuesday Club

Recommences on Tuesday 26th September at 2.00pm in the Hilliard Room. New members are welcome, and we especially want to encourage men to come along and enjoy the fun and fellowship! Come and meet other parishioners - a good friend could be someone you have yet to meet.

Bowling Club

Recommences on Wednesday 13th September. St Macartin's Bowling Club re-entered the Churches League and with this new-found enthusiasm we are appealing for new members, men, women, boys and girls to join in the fun and fellowship of bowling. It is an excellent means of socialising and meeting new friends. Wednesdays from 10.30am-12.00 noon (Morning Bowls) and 7.30-10.00pm (Evening Bowls).

Harvest Services Sunday 8th October 2023

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving, in which we give thanks to God for his

generous provision, will be held on Sunday 8th October at the usual time of 11.00am.

The special guest preacher at this service will be The Very Revd Niall Sloane, Dean of Limerick (born and raised in the Parish of Gowna, Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh).

At 7.00pm on the same day, we will have another opportunity to thank God for his promise that "as long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease." Much like the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas, this service will give us an opportunity to reflect on inspiring hymns and readings but with a Harvest theme. Refreshments, as well as apple tarts with fresh cream, will be served in the Cathedral Hall following the service. All are warmly welcome to attend both services.

"Come, ye thankful people come"

Declan Nerney Concert

The concert on Tuesday 12th September 2023 is in The Killyhevlin Hotel, with Declan Nerney and his fabulous band with special guests Louise Morrissey and John Hogan. Doors will open at 7.00pm with curtain at 7.45pm. Tickets are £20 each with proceeds in aid of Air Ambulance NI and upgrading the Cathedral bells. Tickets are available from St Macartin's Cathedral Office, The Killyhevlin Hotel, Leslie's Coffee Shop, George Irvine, Telephone 07864 889672, George Ogle, Telephone 07901687989 or Ivan Kee, Telephone 07768 000167. A night not to be missed!



Very Revd Niall Sloan.

Prayer

*Almighty God,
you have made us members of Christ and
of his Church*

*here in this Cathedral Parish of
Enniskillen.*

*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*

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*"It is a good thing to give thanks unto
the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy
name, O most High: To show forth thy
lovingkindness in the morning, and thy
faithfulness every night." Psalm 92:1-2.*

A New Start

Often when I think on September I think about the many young people for whom September is a "new" start. A new school, a new college, a new class, new friends to make, new subjects and even new teachers. What about for all the rest of you: How do you start your day? It is amazing how many people wake up in the morning and the first thing that they do is grab the newspapers and read bad news before heading to work. Then, just before they go to bed, they watch the news! Now, please understand that I am not against reading the newspapers or

watching the news, or watching television for that matter. But I want to encourage you to start your day with Jesus instead, practicing His presence, acknowledging Him, committing your plans to Him, and trusting Him for His unmerited favour, wisdom, and strength for the day. Do you know that God has promised that no weapon formed against you shall prosper (Isa. 54:17)? Now, He did not promise that weapons would not be formed against you. He promised that even if weapons were formed against you, they would not hurt or defeat you. There are all kinds of weapons formed against humanity, especially in these last days. Just think of the many kinds of deadly viruses, sicknesses, and diseases in the world. When you turn on the television and watch the news, all you seem to hear about are wars, unrest, disasters, financial



Celebrating the Coronation and Children's prizegiving.

collapses, violence, unemployment, famines, and new strains of deadly viruses - there is very little reported on good news!

Remember to be like Joseph in the Bible. The Lord was with Joseph and he was a successful man! Your success does not come as a result of you being updated about the latest virus or you being cued in to the latest disaster. No, your success will come as a result of your being tuned in to the presence of Jesus in your life! There are many people who start the day each morning by partaking of the Holy Communion, not as a ritual, but as a time to remember Jesus and the power of His cross. They look to Jesus for His strength, receiving His divine life for their physical bodies as they partake of the bread. They renew their consciousness of their free gift of righteousness purchased by the blood of Jesus on the cross as they partake of the cup. What a way to start the day!

I have also come to realise that the last thought before you go to sleep is very important. I have tried this before and

you can try it too—go to bed thinking about Jesus, giving thanks to Him for the day. You can also meditate on one of His promises, such as the one found in Isaiah 54:17. Just say, "Thank You, Father. Your Word declares that no weapon formed against me shall prosper!" Most times, I wake up feeling rejuvenated, energised, and refreshed even though I did not sleep for many hours. Conversely, if I go to bed with what I have just heard on the news swirling in my mind, I could sleep many more hours than usual, but still wake up feeling fatigued. Sometimes I even get a headache. Have you been there before? Well, you don't have to experience that again. Sandwich your day with the presence of Jesus. Start the day with Him, enjoy Him during the day, and end the day with Him on your mind!

To all our young people as they start this new academic year help them to make the most of every chance they have to start afresh. May they face the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Inspire them to do their best this year!



Services in September

Sunday 3rd September 2023 - The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

- 9am: Drummully Parish Church: Holy Communion
- 10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Holy Communion with opening service for Sallaghy Mothers' Union.
- 12 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Holy Communion



Lisnaskea District LOL and Lisnaskea band visit Sallaghy.





Sunday 10th September 2023 - The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer
 10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer. Sunday school starts back!

Sunday 17th September 2023 - The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

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

Morning Prayer (Family Service)
Sunday 24th September 2023 - The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer
 10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer. Sunday school starts back!
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Dates for Your Diary

■ Saturday 30th September: Sallaghy Mothers' Union are planning a Harvest Coffee Morning and Sale. Monies raised are to support the Mothers' Union Overseas.

■ Harvest Sunday for all three churches will be Sunday 8th October. Sallaghy at 10.30am; Galloon have a special guest organist, Earl Moffitt; Drummully at 7pm with Harvest Supper. This year our harvest theme is recycling. So get creative using recycled materials (newspapers, cardboard boxes, leaves, plastic bottles) to decorate your church and dress up yourself!

■ 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.

From the Registers

Congratulations to Andreea and Robert Wiggins on their recent marriage in Bucharest, Romania. We wish them every blessing in their future life together. "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

We remember all who have been recently bereaved. We pray for Kathleen Whittendale and her family on the passing of her sister, Jean.

Congratulations to George and Noreen Little on the birth of their grand-daughter, Jasmine.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Church Services Diary SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3rd September
 Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both HC
Sunday 10th September
 Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both HC
Sunday 17th September
 Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both MP
Sunday 24th September
 Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both MP
Friday 29th September
 Slavin Harvest Thanksgiving at 8pm

OCTOBER

Sunday 1st October
 Slavin 11.30am, HC
 Garrison Harvest Thanksgiving at 7pm
Friday 6th October
 Belleek Harvest Thanksgiving at 8pm
Sunday 8th October
 Belleek 11.30am, HC
 Kiltyclogher Harvest Thanksgiving at 7pm

WEEKLY DIARY FROM SEPTEMBER

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

Notes from the Rectory

The Rector and her family are taking the summer break during August and we hope they enjoy a blessed family time together.

Summer Social Series of Events

Thanks to Helen Gunner who organised numerous social outings for the spring/summer period. They were greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Belleek CPS School Garden

The school prayer garden has made wonderful progress. We appreciate all help given to this project, in particular Sue Deacon who has given wonderful practical support and advice.



At a prizegiving and family service.

Mothers' Union

Members of the Mothers' Union hosted the YWAM Border Walk 2023 at the Wark Hall on Tuesday 20th June. The group were offered a menu of Beef Stew, boiled potatoes, Rice, Pasta Bake, Garlic Bread, Cottage Pie, Quiche and freshly homemade fruit soda and fruit treacle bread. The hot meal was greatly appreciated by the group, who were walking along the border from Newry to Londonderry. The clean plates and empty serving dishes said it all. It was lovely for our ladies to enjoy fellowship with the walkers after the meal and to explain what Mothers' Union does in the Parishes, the Diocese and Worldwide, living out our faith by reaching out to the community and to visitors.

First Meeting of the Autumn - Tuesday 12th September at 8pm in the Wark Hall. Speaker is Arlene Brock who will talk on the importance of exercise. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings, we would be delighted to welcome you along!

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 Gladys Graham and Edward Stephenson who are making good progress and recovering well from recent operations and ill health. We wish Joy Graham continuing recovery from a farm accident at home in June. We are delighted to have her back at the organ in Garrison and able to compose our Parish weekly notes again. Thank you to Amanda who took over playing the organ for a few weeks.

Harvest Services

- see details in calendar above

Friday 29th September 8pm is Slavin Harvest and Gospel Concert. The music is by Hugh P and Maria Doherty, a Father and Daughter Band, based in Buncrana, Co. Donegal.

They are very accomplished musicians having appeared on Spotlight TV and Maria has her own Youtube Channel. Details of other harvest services in the September magazine.

Exciting

There is an exciting event coming up in November!

A Fashion Show is taking place in the Gillaroo Centre in Garrison on Saturday 4th November at 7.30pm. Clothes are

provided by Miss B's clothing shop in Belleek. Also wedding dresses through the decades will be displayed and modelled.

Proceeds from the event will go to Garrison Parish Church and the Rectory Fund.

Christian Burial

Eileen Kirkpatrick, Sunnyholm, Corry, Belleek passed away on June 21st aged 92 years. A service of thanksgiving for her life was held in Belleek Parish Church on Saturday 25th June, conducted by the Rector, Revd Rebecca Guildea. Members of her family took part in the service with her nephew, Revd Nigel Kirkpatrick giving the address.

Extracts from his address below.

The late Eileen Kirkpatrick was born on 4th July 1930, a younger sister of Eddie Armstrong. She lived at Aughinver near Lisnarick and married Harold Kirkpatrick in 1951 in Castle Archdale Parish Church and then moved to live in Belleek.

Throughout her life she was a very active member of Belleek Church and faithfully attended Sunday services every week. She also enjoyed attending services and events held in the other three Churches within the group of parishes.



The Orange Service and below, members of Garrison Accordion Band in their new uniforms.

Reading her Bible and praying daily were of great importance to Eileen, trusting that the Lord would watch over her and guide her through life.

In later years she was a member of the Mothers' Union where she enjoyed meeting with the other ladies, participating in the activities and listening to guest speakers.

She was a lady who loved to bake and she provided scones and tray bakes and her favourite ginger bread for many occasions over the years, and especially on market days in the village when teas were served in the Wark Hall as a way of raising funds for the Church and Hall. She was also treasurer of the Hall for many years, a role which she took very seriously.

She lived for almost 93 years with "Faith Family and Friends" being her main focus, which brought her much happiness in her long life.

We will miss Eileen very much from our services and from Mothers' Union.

We remember her family in our prayers in their loss. Jill, and her husband Tom, Hilary and husband Danny. Grand-daughter Aimee, husband Wally, Grandson Kirk and Louise, Grand-daughter Sophie and Gavin

and great grand-daughter Olivia.

Thanks for a thoughtful gift

Thanks to Norman Acheson for donating a beautiful dinner and tea set to Garrison church which will be used by the Mothers' Union and church members.

It's a special thoughtful gift as it belonged to his dearly beloved late wife Angela.

The Mothers' Union and everyone in church will cherish this wonderful gift and will enjoy using it in Angela's memory who was a very caring special person.

Annual Sunday School Prize Giving In Slavin

On Sunday 18th June the children of Belleek and Slavin were presented with their Sunday School prizes. Revd. Rebecca thanked them for their attendance and contribution over the year. The Sunday School teachers, Lindsey Gregg and Jenna Earls were each presented with a bouquet of flowers for all their work over the year.

Special music for the service was provided by Marina Hassard on guitar, accompanied by Audrey Ovens and Gwen Meehan. The children all contributed to the music with

a variety of percussion instruments. Rev Rebecca based her address on Abraham and Sarah, who were blessed with a son, Isaac, in their old age. We were all taken back a couple of thousand years in time, with visual aids, when farmers had to pack up their tents and belongings every time they moved to new pastures. We had to imagine Abraham preparing a calf for a meal for three visitors, and Sarah grinding flour. The visitors brought the good news to Abraham and Sarah. In spite of their disbelief, a baby son was born.

Prizegiving And Family Service In Garrison

On Sunday 18th June the children of Garrison and Kiltyclogher were presented with their Sunday School prizes.

Revd. Rebecca thanked them for their attendance and contribution over the year.

The music was provided by Gareth and Lisa Beacom and Carly Graham on accordions, Robin Boyd on drums and Amanda and Jan on flute and John Corrie on guitar and Joy Graham on piano.

The address was dramatized as above in Slavin.

Orange Services In Slavin & Garrison

The Annual Orange Service was held in Slavin Church on Sunday 2nd July. The parade was led by Garrison Accordion Band who were wearing their new uniforms. The service was led by Revd Rebecca who said a prayer to bless the new uniforms. The lessons were read by Glenn Gregg and Aaron Ovens. The vote of thanks was given by Glenn Gregg. Rev Rebecca preached from Genesis on the account of God testing Abraham's faith. She encouraged us to practice our faith in offering to God our time, our image, our comfort, for his kingdom purpose, and to reach out across the community with love.



On 9th July the Orange service was held in Garrison church. The readings were read by Rebecca Graham, representing Garrison Accordion Band and by Albert Armstrong representing the Orange Lodge. The hymns were led on accordion by Lisa and Gareth Beacom and Zara Reid. A vote of thanks was given by Eddie Graham.

July Family Services In Slavin And Garrison

There was special music for the third Sunday of the month. Marina played two songs on guitar and was accompanied on vocals by Audrey and Gwen. Members of the congregation assisted with percussion instruments. Jesphine, who has joined our church in the past year was interviewed by Revd. Rebecca and they had a very interesting dialogue of Jesphine's journey to faith starting with an Alpha Course in London where she lived for some time. Jesphine is now a valued member of our Group of Parishes.

In Garrison the Rector interviewed Amy who has recently joined our group of parishes. Originally from England she told the congregation how she has had such a difficult life experiencing health issues and temptations of the world. Since moving here she has been led to faith by reading her Bible and attending church.

Fundraising In Slavin Parish

Slavin Annual Summer Sale was held in the Wark Hall on Tuesday 18th July. There were great items in the Clothing and Shoes and lots of bargains to be had.

There was a bric-a-brac stall, lucky dip and raffle and teas served.

Thank you to our own dedicated team of volunteers and to those who supported from the community, our Group of Parishes and from other surrounding parishes within the Diocese.

£541 was raised for church funds. The clothes collection for recycling also raised £280.

Group Service 5th Sunday Of The Month

Sunday 30th July was a Group Service in Slavin Church with a good turn out from the four churches. Revd Rebecca had her helper, her little son Isaac, who assisted in delivering the talk. She preached on Romans 8 and how we are adopted into the family of God when we experience a relationship with Jesus; we are positioned as a natural son or daughter of God, a legal act and position, resulting in new birth. The Holy Spirit, the helper dwells within us, placing us as children of God. Helen and Philip Gunner, newcomers to our Parishes were interviewed about their journey to faith from attending church in England to coming to live near Garrison. The Earls family were reunited in Slavin at this service, with Gordon, Marcus, Rhona and their children travelling from Manchester, Edinburgh and Jersey, respectively.

Auction In Melvin View Orange Hall

On Saturday 9th September Garrison Accordion Band are holding a grand



The late Eileen Kirkpatrick with her two daughters, Hilary and Jill. A service of thanksgiving for her life was held in Belleek Parish Church on Saturday 25th June, conducted by the Rector, Revd Rebecca Guildea.

auction of farm and household items. Viewing is from 12 noon with the auction beginning at 2pm. Proceeds will go to the new uniform fund.

There will also be a cake sale and various other attractions.

Garrison Accordion Band invite the parishioners in our group of parishes and our church family from across the Diocese to this event.

Social Media

Parish website:

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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Congratulations

Congratulations to Gillian Rutherford, the choir, soloists and Sunday School who sang so beautifully on our Evening of Hymns Old and New. Thanks to all who came and joined in the singing particularly those who shared their favourite hymns



Our amazing Musical Director Gillian Rutherford who brought the whole evening into being with her hard work and incredible talent.



Some of those who attended the evening.



Our incredible choir so sang at the Evening of Hymns Old and New.



A number of baptisms were held over the summer months.



and spoke so eloquently on the reasons why. Thanks to all who helped especially Ian Rutherford who operated the screen and sound system.

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the late Michelle Shaw, formerly of Hillsborough and the late Nigel Corrigan, formerly of Church Hill.

Parish Register

HOLY BAPTISM

■ 12th April 2023- Sully Norman James Elliott, England

HOLY BURIAL

■ 8th April 2023 - Michelle Shaw (ashes).

■ 12th April 2023 - Nigel Frederick Corrigan, Church Hill.



The Sunday School sang a beautiful medley of song



Kilskeery and Trillick



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The Psalms and finding victory in times of trouble

Over the last few weeks we have been looking at a number of Psalms. Many of them take us through some reflection upon life's troubles and how to get through them from a godly and spiritual perspective and psalm three is one of those psalms. It is a Psalm that finds 2 Samuel 15-18 as its historical background detailing how David's son, Absalom attempts to lead a coup to replace his father as king. David is facing trouble and trouble where his life is potentially in danger. Psalm 3 passes to us a glass pressed against the prayer-room door where David is taking his concerns to the Lord. **"1 LORD, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me. 2 Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God." Selah** It is always good to "take it to the Lord in prayer" whatever our troubles might be, life threatening or not. For David, the opposition is growing. Things are not getting better they are



getting worse and he lets us hear the voice of the enemy. David has not always pleased the Lord in his life and has walked away after messing up. It might just be possible that David could recognise the possibility of some truth in this shout of the enemy – but what do you do when the opposition tell you that you'll not find hope or help in the Lord for victory? Do you listen to their chants and let them guide you into the harbour of defeat or do you begin to pull on the anchors chain and retrace where you set down that anchor – on the word of God and in your testimony in Him? **3 But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.** David doesn't dwell on the words of the opposition but instead begins to recall and declare and proclaim who the Lord is and what He has done in his life. David's recollections are "present" not "yesterday" as he remembers who the Lord God, Yahweh is, right now, in the relationship that he is presently enjoying. When the enemy accuses us and tells

us what the Lord is not able to do for us – let us repent if we need but make sure that we are presently living for the Lord and that He is number one – then proclaim who you know Him to be and let the word of the Lord speak more loudly and clearly into your troubles than the voice of the already defeated enemy. **4 I cried to the LORD with my voice, and He heard me from His holy hill. Selah** After proclaiming the word of the Lord and his testimony of His goodness, David prays. After brandishing and defending himself with the Sword of the Holy Spirit, David bows in humble submission and devotion to the Lord, in prayer. Even God's chosen king knew that he needed the Lord and that need could be expressed and heard and answered through prayer – and so he prays with confidence and expectation. How much should we? **5 I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.** After proclamation and prayer David finds peace – perhaps that peace that passes understanding enabling him, while



The Summer Holiday Club in progress.





The Summer Holiday Club in progress.

facing a death threat, to lie down and sleep and rest. "O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer." May David's example provide us with the evidence we need to pray more, and experience, not that absence of conflict, but like the character in Psalm 23 who feasts while his enemies look on, to experience a joy in the midst of the trouble as we wait for victory. ⁶ **I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.** ⁷

Arise, O LORD; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly. ⁸ Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your blessing is upon Your people.

Selah The prayerful conversation rises from deep concern to deep confidence in the Lord's ability to help in such trouble. David knows that rescuing is the Lord's business – it's what He is good at – it is what He does! And He can do it to the point where accusation turns to blessing, criticism to confidence, worry to peace, and the Lord overturns trouble into

triumph. Key points: A) Make sure that you have a **PRESENT** and living relationship with the Lord God; B) Make sure that when you hear the enemy's accusations that you **PROCLAIM** the word of the Lord and His truth in your situation; C) Make sure that you **PRAY** and take your issue to the Lord; D) When the Lord has heard and has taken on your case look out and give thanks for the **PEACE** that He leaves with you letting you know that He knows and that all is in His hands.

Summer Holiday Bible Club

From 31st July to 4th August we held our very first Holiday Bible Club for our two churches. Our theme was Expedition Force which took the children along with Jesus on his journey to the cross and beyond. We enjoyed games, memory verses, quizzes, stories, singing, crafts, prizes, food, friends and great craic. Without having run one before, mostly due to Covid over the last few years we were not sure what to expect but we were blessed by a great and encouraging turn out of children, great leaders and helpers

and a lot to push us on to greater things for next year's Holiday Bible Club. So watch this space.

Times Programmes

MONDAYS:

Girls' Brigade at 6.30 – 8.00pm
Mother's Union at 8.00pm (3rd of month)

TUESDAYS:

Senior Citizens Group at 2.00pm

WEDNESDAYS:

Boy's Club at 6.30 – 8.00pm
Midweek Fellowship at 7.45 – 9.15pm

THURSDAYS:

Prayer Meeting at 9.00am

FRIDAYS:

Bowling Club at 8.00pm

SATURDAYS:

Messy Kids at 11.00am – 12.30pm (when arranged)

SUNDAYS:

Trillick at 10.30am
Kilskeery at 11.45am each Sunday
Youth Group at 7.00 – 8.00pm (alternate Sundays)

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Looking Back

Growing up as children my dear parents always reminded my brothers, sister, and me to count our blessings, and as I reflect on recent weeks within the parish, we have much to be thankful to almighty God for – in counting our many blessings – but this is also balanced against the natural sadness we feel at the loss of a dear loved one.

So, whilst we have enjoyed on Father's Day, 18 June – a lovely family service and prizegiving involving our Sunday School and Bridge; three Holy Baptisms - Teddy on 25 June and Arthur and Kaleb on 13 August; welcoming to Morning Prayer on 9 July a terrific turnout of brethren and sisters from Lisbellaw LOL No.2 District accompanied by the terrific Derryclavin Pipe Band; witnessing the joy of highly



Sam and Lorna Prescott celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



Young people taking part in the children's service.

esteemed parishioners Sam and Lorna Prescott celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary...

Joys and blessings seem tempered when we feel the hurt and loss of much-loved family members and friends.

The parish was deeply saddened by the passing of three wonderful people and our prayers and love are extended to the loved ones, friends and families of Betty Reynolds, Sylvia Carson, and Jack Abraham whose funerals and Services of Thanksgiving were held on 24 June, 20 July, and 28 July respectively. May Betty,

Sylvia and Jack rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

A Big Thank You

I should like to record my sincere thanks to Revd Maureen, Isobel (Parish Reader) and Canon Eric for kindly covering services of Morning Prayer during my summer leave. Your help is most appreciated.

Looking Forward Sunday School and Bridge

I wish to thank all who make Sunday School and Bridge possible for our children and young people in the parish. This is an extremely important ministry. In particular, we record sincere thanks to

Wendy Kerr who has stepped down from Bridge having given 20 years dedicated service. We marked Wendy's wonderful milestone with a little presentation of flowers and a gift at our prize giving service on 18 June.

Sunday School and Bridge will resume in September DV – *likely start date is 10 September.

Our midweek **Holy Communion Services** at 10.30am in Lisbellaw Parish Church recommence on Wednesday 27 September.

Confirmation Class 2023

I'm planning a Confirmation Class to commence on 11 September. These will run for approximately nine weeks – on a Monday evening in Lisbellaw Parish Church – from 6.15pm to 7pm - with a Service of Confirmation involving Bishop Ian taking place in November DV. Parents and Guardians of young people approaching the stage for confirmation should contact me as soon as possible please.

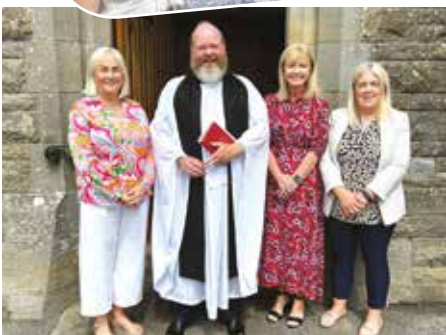
Any adults (18+) who may wish to be confirmed or explore baptism and confirmation should also contact me to discuss further at their convenience.

Morning and Cake Sale

This takes place in Lisbellaw Parish Centre on Saturday 16 September from 10am to 1pm. This important parish fundraiser is to help offset the recent significant lightning conductor work expenses around the Parish Church – we appreciate all support. Many thanks.

Lisbellaw Branch MU

MU resumes with an Open Night on Tuesday 26 September at 8pm in the Lisbellaw Parish Centre. The speaker is Mark Robinson from Lisbellaw Area Rural Community Development. *New members very welcome!



Attending some of the recent services in Lisbellaw.



Welcoming Canon Eric McGirr to the church during the summer.



Rev'd Maureen Desborough took a service during the summer assisted by Miss Isobel Stewart.

Musical Evening – Concert

A musical evening and concert are being held in Lisbellaw Parish Church on Saturday 30 September at 8pm. The excellent Concentio Chamber Choir from Belfast will be performing – with musical input from Lisbellaw's two local primary schools, Lynda Lindsay, and the Rector. Proceeds from the evening to Parish Funds – as well as making gifts to our two local primary schools. Please support this worthy venture.

Every Blessing, Rev'd William



Baptisms for Teddy, Arthur and Kaleb during July and August.



Services

Sunday 3 September

11am HC Lisbellaw; 3pm HC Coolbuck

Sunday 10 September

11am MP Lisbellaw; 3pm EP Coolbuck

Sunday 17 September

945am HC Lisbellaw

11am Family Service/SOTW Lisbellaw

3pm EP Coolbuck

Sunday 24 September

11am MP Lisbellaw

3pm Harvest Service Coolbuck

Monday 25 September

8pm Harvest Service Coolbuck

Wednesday 27 September

1030am HC Lisbellaw



A presentation is made to Wendy Kerr by the Rector.



Taking part in the Orange Anniversary Service.



Lisnaskea



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Services For September

Sunday 3rd

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Kenneth Rutledge

Sunday 17th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Kenneth Rutledge

Sunday 24th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Kenneth Rutledge
(Collection for sponsored children)

Harvest Services

Friday 6th October 8.00 p.m.
Sunday 8th October 10.30 a.m.
Preacher at both services will be Revd.
Stephen McWhirter

Burial

Saturday 17th June - Robert Cecil Mitten,
Crom Road, Lisnaskea. Our thoughts and

prayers are with the Mitten family circle at this very difficult time.

Dates, Times and Seasons

It's that time of year again. The children are back to School, summer is over and churches are thinking of Harvest.

Time of Year
Children - School
Summer
Harvest

The above - either as a couple of sentences or as a List of Titles - help us to think in terms of Dates, Times and Seasons. The book of Ecclesiastes chapter 3 talks about this in detail and earlier in chapter 1 verse 9 the Bible tells us that there is nothing NEW under the sun.

If you are at or have children in School, College or University then you usually view the year as running from September to June. We know that it literally runs from 1st January until 31st December but most people don't think in that way.

If you are financially or business-minded you might think of the year as starting on 6th April and ending on 5th April the following year.

For the Jew, the people of God, the year starts around the time when we celebrate Easter. Since the Jewish year is based on the orbit of the Moon we can understand a little bit why the date for Easter keeps changing.

And yet, in all this change and these different ways of viewing life - Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is a CONSTANT and has promised to NEVER leave us nor forsake us.

Whenever we put Jesus first and seek His kingdom and His righteousness, it will not matter how we view the year as He will be with us in every day of it. What a wonderful and glorious truth and yet so very simple
Seek first..



Orange Parade

On Sunday 9th July we welcomed a large gathering of Orangemen accompanied by Lisnaskea Accordion Band to our Morning service.

District Master Wilson Keith and Junior Lodge member, Ethan Clarke read the lessons and Letty Downey was the organist.

Mothers' Union

In May some of us attended the Area Service in St. Patrick's Church in Monaghan. Thanks to Joan for carrying our banner. We also had an enjoyable evening with Clogh MU on their visitor's night. As we had no outing this year we decided to have a special meeting in June with Afternoon Tea, provided by The Cherry Tree. After tea we enjoyed some slides of previous outings over the years. These were a mixture of our own MU trips and some trips our members had enjoyed with other MU branches. It was lovely to reminisce and chat about these memories but we felt quite sad about all the friends who unfortunately are no longer with us. There were many exclamations of "look how young we were then!!!" As we remembered all the beautiful scenery and buildings we had seen and visited on these trips everyone decided that we are privileged to live here in Ireland. Our weather may not be all we would like but we can be thankful we do not have the extreme weather conditions we see on our TV screens. Our next meeting will be in September.

Concert

Plans are currently being put in place for a variety concert featuring "The Silvertones" on Friday 27th October in The Archdale Centre. More details to follow next month.



Magheracross

Vacant

Administrative Charge: **Rural Dean Canon John Woods;**
Service Cover: **Revd Alison Irvine;**
Pastoral Care, funerals, weddings, baptisms and occasional services:
Revd Alison Irvine;
DPA: **Wendy Kerr.**

It has been over 11 years since Bishop John invited me to serve in Magheracross Parish and in Clogher Diocese. It has been a pleasure to serve the diocese throughout that time as an incumbent, synod rep, Director of Ordinands, Archdeacon and all the various committees associated with these roles. It has been a learning experience with many joys and challenges. Above all, I am grateful to my colleagues across the diocese for their encouragement and support and to Bishop Ian for his continuing trust.

Magheracross has been an exciting place to be. I have enjoyed standing beside my parishioners in worship, in pastoral care at both good and bad times and I have always received a warm welcome in homes and probably sat too long when the craic was good. Heather and I have been overwhelmed by the generosity and thoughtfulness of the parishioners on our departure and the very kind messages of thanks and goodwill. Ballinamallard United FC and the Enniskillen parkrun community have also been a great support to both Heather and myself and have made parting such a sweet sorrow.

Heather and I have now finally "left the building" and are settling in to the new challenges and life in Bushmills. It is a different parish and a different diocese. As I write, we are still unpacking boxes but hopefully by the time you read this, most of that will be completed. It has been a privilege to serve in Clogher Diocese and



Presentations made to Archdeacon Brian Harper and his wife, Heather following their last service.



Magheracross and Heather and I can only say "Thank You" to all and you remain in our prayers.

Yours in Christ.
Brian and Heather

Farewell

On Sunday 13 August 2023 we said Farewell to our Rector Brian and his wife Heather. After the service a number of presentations took place - Rita Stewart on behalf of the GFS presented a picnic hamper, Kenny Fisher on behalf of the Scouts presented a Scout Collage Picture

and Norma Scott presented a painting of the Rector's three dogs. Charles Loane the Rector's Churchwarden presented a set of Rattan Garden Furniture and a cheque and Liane Armstrong, Secretary presented Heather with a bouquet of flowers. Mary Cashel baked the most beautiful cake which was enjoyed by everyone at both services. We wish Brian and Heather God's richest blessing as they move to the Parish of Dunluce.



Presentations made to Archdeacon Brian Harper and his wife, Heather following their last service.





Levi with his poster prize.

Football Sponsor

On Saturday 12 August 2023 Archdeacon Brian as Chaplain of Ballinamallard Football Club sponsored the match between Ballinamallard and Dergview. Prior to the game Brian was presented with an engraved vase from the Club Chairman Tom Elliott. Thankfully the match ended 4-2 to Ballinamallard and presented Man of the Match to Alex Holder who scored two goals during the game. Bishop Ian, Heather and Jonathan also enjoyed the match.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Levi Hurst who came second in the 4-8 age group in the poster competition for the Fermanagh County Show organised by Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union.



Archdeacon Brian Harper, receiving a gift from Tom Elliott of Ballinamallard FC to mark his role as Club Chaplain. Alongside him are Bishop Ian Ellis and Heather Harper.



Archdeacon Brian presenting a Man of the Match Award to Alex Holder.



Some of the volunteers who helped with clean out of the church after a painting and repair project.

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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Children's Holiday Bible Club

Our Children's Holiday Bible Club was on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th August and finished with a celebration evening barbecue on Wednesday 9th August with the children and their parents/guardians. The event was organised by volunteers from Ardess Parish Church and held at The Fountain Centre building at Kesh. The volunteers adorned bright yellow T-shirts for the occasion. The Club was based on 'God Knows Me and Loves Me'. The children learned through crafts, games and music. The song Jesus's Love is Very Wonderful was definitely one of the favourites and it was a real joy to hear 73 children singing this song together. Indeed, by the Wednesday night, many of the parents were also

blessed with knowing the words of the songs as their children joyfully sang the songs at home.

We are thankful that the volunteers used their gifts and talents for the benefit of the children and to glorify God. (1 Corinthians 12:7 'Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.') Lastly, we are truly thankful to the parents and guardians who sent their children to the Club and we pray that the seeds planted will continue to be watered and nurtured at home.

Our prayer is that the seeds planted will continue to be watered and nurtured at home as we encourage each other to use our gifts to ensure that we start children off on the way that they should go so that even when they are old they will not turn from it (Proverbs 22:6).



Enjoying the Children's Club during the summer.



The Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orange Society Charity

On 9th July, Ardess Parish Church had a loose collection of £86 which was shared equally (£28.66) between the church and Lisnarick District No. 9 LOL 385 and LOL 522. £57.32 has therefore been forwarded to The Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orange Society Charity.

Regular Events

Life Groups start back in September. These provide a weekly opportunity for small groups of men or women to meet (various ages). The groups study and discuss the bible and faith, worship, pray (for each other and others) and support one another through life's difficulties. If you are interested in joining a Life Group, please contact David Morrow or Hilda Thompson.

SUNDAYS

- Worship Gathering 11.00am (every Sunday)

- Children's Church (age 4+) Starts 17th September

MONDAYS

- Magheraculmoney Rainbows (age 4-7) 6.00 - 7.00pm, Brownies (age 7-10) 7.00pm - 8.00pm, Guides (age 10-14) & Rangers (age 14-18) 8.00pm - 9.00pm @ The Fountain Centre
- Registration Night - 6.30pm - 7.30pm 18th September

TUESDAYS

- Friends in the Afternoon 2.00pm (Start of term TBC)

WEDNESDAYS

- Wednesday Prayer (weekly): 10.00am - 11.00am @ Ardess Parish Centre
- Magheraculmoney Beavers, Cubs & Scouts @ The Fountain Centre ((Start of term TBC)

THURSDAYS

- In-Stitches 8.00pm @ Ardess Parish Centre (excluding 3rd Thursday of the month): Starts back 7th September
- Mothers' Union 8.00pm @ Ardess Parish

- Centre (every 3rd Thursday of the month): Starts back 21st September - Poetry Night with Canon Alan Irwin

FRIDAYS

- The Fountain Youth Club (age 11-14) 7.00pm - 9.00pm @ The Fountain Centre (Start of term TBC)

Date For Your Diary!

- Harvest Family Service - Sunday 22nd October 2023

Baptisms

- 30th July 2023 Ezra Paul Brench, son of Callum Brench and Cliona Burchmore, Ederney

Funerals

- 25th June 2025 Mervyn Samuel Noble (77), Kesh
- 20th July 2023 Dorothy Isobel Pendry (85), Ardess (cremated in Cavan)
- 22nd July 2023 Albert Cecil Crawford (91), Kesh



At the baptism attended by the Brench and Burchmore families as well as Godparents and Revd. Abraham Storey



Enjoying the Children's Club during the summer.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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'How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news' **Isaiah 52:7**

Good news has the ability to transform us. Good news can take a mundane or difficult day and turn it around completely. Good news can change our mood and lift our spirits, and it can even take some of the problems we are facing and diminish their hold on us. Good news changes our perspective, it helps us to re-order our thoughts, and it makes us realise that things may not be so bad after all. This verse from the prophet Isaiah speaks into a time of deep darkness and difficulty for the people of God. It was a time when many felt abandoned by God, where many had turned to follow their own path, believing that they no longer needed God. It was a time when the people had been blessed abundantly



Sam and Lisa Watson following their wedding.



Mrs Annie Carson celebrating her 90th birthday with family and friends from Derrybrusk.

by God in all that they did, and although this brought good news, it also resulted in many turning from God, because they felt that they no longer needed God. In a society that is blessed so richly with so many good things, we too can run the risk of believing that we no longer need God. Our desire for independence can result in our lack of dependence on God. And, as important as independence is, we all need support and care in one form or another. We need one another as the family of God. We need friends and loved ones. We need fellowship with one another, and most importantly, we need God. We need to know that He is walking alongside us, encouraging us, strengthening us, protecting us. We need to know that, even when things happen that don't make sense, they do make sense to God because He has a plan, and he can see the outworking of that plan. We need to have God to thank when joy and good news arrives, and we need to have Him to turn to when sorrow weighs heavy upon us. The presence of God in our lives is the good news that is always present – even when the chips are down. The presence of God is the good news that lifts us, even on the darkest day. But this good news is too good to keep to ourselves, and so the prophet Isaiah reminds us of the importance of sharing it. Others need to hear. Others need to understand. Others are desperate for good news – and we have it in abundance. Let's take every opportunity we can to share the good news of Jesus Christ, the joy it has brought to our hearts, and the hope that it brings to our lives. In a world which focuses on the negative,



and which blights us with despair, let's be the bearer of good news, so that others can say of us, 'How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Sunday School Prizegiving

On 18th June 2023 we celebrated Sunday School Prizegiving in both Churches. It was wonderful to have your young people taking part, and to see so many



At the young persons' service.



Attending the Orange Anniversary Services in Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk.

there in support of them. A sincere word of thanks to our dedicated and faithful Sunday School teachers who so willingly give of their time to lay the foundations of the faith for our young people. The work that you do is deeply appreciated, and is changing the hearts and lives of our young people as they explore their faith in Jesus Christ.

Annual Orange Services

Annual Orange Services took place in Maguiresbridge on Sunday 2nd July 2023, and in Derrybrusk on Sunday 9th July 2023. It was encouraging to see so many in attendance, and to see increased numbers within the lodges and bands.

Wedding

On Friday 21st July 2023 we celebrated the wedding of Mr Samuel Watson and Miss Lisa Beacom in Maguiresbridge. We wish them God's richest blessing as two of our faithful Sunday School teachers begin their married lives together!

Special 90th Birthday Celebrations!

On Monday 24th July 2023 Derrybrusk Mothers' Union held special 90th birthday

celebrations for one of its' founding members, Mrs Annie Carson. We all enjoyed tea and treats together as we shared in Annie's big day!

Death

The funeral of Mr Alan Cathcart took place in Derrybrusk on Friday 28th July 2023. Alan was a faithful member of Derrybrusk, and a long standing member of the Select Vestry. His presence within the Church, and indeed within the whole community is sorely missed. We continue to pray for his family; Brian, Heather and Chris, and the whole family circle.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 3rd September

– Mothers' Union Opening Service of Holy Communion taking place in Derrybrusk at 12 noon. Everyone very welcome!

Friday 22nd September

– Harvest Service Derrybrusk, at 7.30pm. Speaker: Canon John McClenaghan. Refreshments will be served. Everyone very welcome.

Saturday 23rd September

- Annual Harvest Walk at Derrybrusk, through Belle Isle Estate (kindly granted).



Registration at 2.30pm, walk begins at 3pm at Derrybrusk Church. Refreshments will be served. All proceeds in aid of the Church. Everyone very welcome. Thursday 28th September – Wedding of Mr Alan Lawrence and Miss Joanne Armstrong in Maguiresbridge.



This event takes place on 10 November.





Photos from the Sunday School prizegiving services.

Friday 6th October

– Harvest Service Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm. Speaker: Canon John Woods. Refreshments will be served. Everyone very welcome.

Saturday 21st October

– Auction in Belle Isle Hall in aid of Derrybrusk Church – more details to follow.


Music Celebration

‘*Music Celebration*’ to be held in Christ Church hall on Friday 10th November 2023 at 7.30pm. A night of music, singing and fellowship as local bands, singers and choirs come together to praise

God. Tickets available at the door; adults £10, young people £5, primary school children and under free. Refreshments will be served. All proceeds in aid of the Church. Everyone is very welcome!



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Tydavnet and
Kilmore**



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Services

- 3rd September Trinity 12**
10:30am St Patrick’s (and on Facebook live)
12:15pm Ballinode
- 10th September Trinity 13**
10:30am St Patrick’s (and on Facebook live)
3pm Kilmore Harvest Thanksgiving
- 17th September Trinity 14**
10:30am St Patrick’s (and on Facebook live)
12:15pm Ballinode
- 24th September Trinity 15**
10:30am St Patrick’s Harvest Thanksgiving
- 1st October Trinity 16**
10:30am St Patrick’s (and on Facebook live)
3pm Ballinode Harvest Thanksgiving

Holiday Cover

Thank you to Revd. Margaret Pringle and Mr William Graham assisted by Muriel Treacy for providing holiday cover while the Rector was away. We want to wish William every blessing as he continues his training as a Diocesan Reader. We enjoyed having him with us on placement and

benefited from his preaching and leading of worship.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 20th August Mason Mark, son of Mark and Aisling McBride was baptised in Kilmore Church. We welcome Mason into our church family and pray God’s blessing on him, his family and all those who will have care of him in the future.

Back to School service

On Sunday 27th August we held a back to school service using material from the Church of Ireland’s Board for Children and Families as we took time to think about the parable of the talents as well as praying for all who were starting or restarting school and college along with all those involved in education.

September will see the restarting of our organisations
Bowling Club Monday mornings at 10am

will begin on 14th September and Thursday evenings at 8pm on the 14th September
Mothers' Union will begin again on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm with a talk by Lorraine Brimmage.

Ladies Group meet on Tuesday 19th September at 7pm in Rossmore Forest Park carpark for a walk and talk with Enda Gilligan

Harvest Services

Kilmore 10th September at 3pm
St Patrick's 24th September at 10.30am
Ballinode 1st October at 3pm
Harvest is a time when we give thanks to God for his many blessings to us and



part of this thanksgiving has been in a special harvest offering. We would appeal

to people's generosity as we come to celebrate harvest in each of the churches in the group.

Illness

Your prayers are requested for those who are ill either at home or in hospital, the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

Condolences

We offer prayerful sympathy to the Jordan family circle on the death of Harry, the McBride family on death of Wilfie and the Campbell family on the death of Cecil.

Rossorry



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Services

Sunday 3rd September

- The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion.
10.30am – Holy Communion.

Sunday 10th September

- The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion.
10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 17th September

- The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00a.m. – Holy Communion
10.30a.m. – Morning Prayer

Sunday 24th September

- The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00a.m. – Holy Communion
10.30a.m. – Morning Prayer

I hope that you all have been able to enjoy a bit of a break over the summer. Certainly Jen, Kizzy and I did as we spent time with family and friends. It was particularly



Peter and Karine Moore following their wedding in August.

good to spend time with Simon and see the progress he's making and how much more settled he is now that he's at home. Kizzy was busy at the start of the summer holidays at a couple of summer camps. She especially enjoyed her time at Blue Green Yonder and all the water activities there. She also enjoyed feeding the summer lambs resident at Casa Nixon, so good of Revd Isobel and Albert to spend time with her. One of the highlights for me was having a good friend and colleague, Canon Doris Clements from Tuam, to stay over a weekend. Doris was always a great help to us when there and often babysat for Kizzy. Canon Doris and Revd Isobel trained together in the Church of Ireland Theological College almost 30 years ago. They became good friends and in all that time they never shared in worship. It was a great joy for me to sit in the congregation on Sunday 9th July as they shared in ministry



Craig and Lauren Allan who were married in June.

together with Revd Isobel celebrating and Canon Doris preaching. We enjoyed a number of early summer weddings. On Friday 30th June 2023 Craig and Lauren Allan and on Friday 4th August, Peter and Karine Moore. We're glad that both couples were blessed with great weather to enjoy their day with family and friends. We wish them every blessing in their new lives together.

We also enjoyed the surprise opportunity to bless the marriage of Dennis and Mistyann Miller of Pennsylvania USA who had been visiting the area and celebrated their 10th anniversary here.

Congratulations

Hearty Congratulations to Genevieve Irvine the founder of local charity SWELL (Supported We Live Life). Genevieve's work has been recognised in the King's Birthday Honours and she has been



Some of the outdoor cooking by youth organisations.

awarded the BEM. This follows last year's Platinum Champions Award from Queen Elizabeth II. We wish Genevieve and Nigel every blessing as they travel to receive the award.



Genevieve Irvine.

Reading in Church

As we begin to look too a new summer season we will reintroduce readers from the congregation. We invite all who would wish to have a go to contact Gerry and are happy that all should be involved from the youngest to the oldest. Depending on who will be reading the text it will be from an age-appropriate Bible.

Sunday School

The teachers of Sunday School have been preparing for a new season and look forward to the children joining them in September. The pattern for the Sunday's each month will be as follows:
1st Sunday - Family Holy Communion in

Church. We hope most of our Baptisms will take place at this service so the children can be present.
2nd Sunday - Starts in church and leaving for Sunday School following the Old Testament reading.
3rd Sunday - Messy Church in the Hall.
4th Sunday - Starts in church and leaving for Sunday School following the Old Testament reading.
5th Sunday - Children's Church

in the Parochial Hall.
If you are a new family to the parish or if your child has reached primary school age please do bring them along to Sunday School.
Enrolment for the new season will take place following the 10.30am service on Sunday 10th September 2023.
We look forward to the Youth Service for the Sunday School and Uniformed Organisations, where the children will be taking part, on Sunday 1st October.

Rossorry Mothers' Union

Meetings continue now each 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Future dates:
· 21st September
· 19th October
· 16 November

Cub Scouts

For their final outing of the year before the summer break the Cubs had a fabulous evening at Blue Green Yonder on Castle Island, paddle boarding and swimming. We say farewell to Alfie, Charlie, Christopher, Jack, Jonjo, Kian and Sebastian who are moving up to Scouts after the Summer.
It has been a fantastic year of cooking, cycling, canoeing and many other activities. Many badges were earned along the way and the Cubs were very supportive, as were the parents. Looking forward to seeing you all, again, in September.
Enrolment for the new year is on Tuesday 12th September, in the Parochial Hall. 6.30pm Beavers, 7.00pm Cubs, 7.30pm Scouts. Families with young people in different sections may register at one time.



Outdoor activities enjoyed by all.





Some of the activities at Rossorry youth organisations before the summer break



Scouts

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers went fishing at Garvary lake on 17th June and had lots of fun – a first time trying fishing for some of them.

On 27th June 2023 the Scouts held their final meeting before the summer break. Lots of outdoor games on the lawn at Rossorry Parish Hall, followed by a barbecue under the big Beech tree. A very successful and enjoyable end to a very active year of Scouting.

Enrolment for the new year is on Tuesday 12th September, in the Parochial Hall. 6.30pm Beavers, 7.00pm Cubs, 7.30pm Scouts. Families with young people in different sections may register at one time.

Rossorry Brownies and Guides

As last season's term drew to a close part of this term involved the enrolment of seven new Brownies, one new Guide and three new leaders. Parents and family were invited to the enrolment night and enjoyed an evening of activities with their daughters. As a unit we have worked on badges, participated in Church parades and learnt more about the guiding tradition as we found our feet this term and the leaders are all very proud of the Guides and Brownies



The Wednesday Club at their Big Picnic Lunch.

for their hard work.

One particular highlight was an evening of outside games and a BBQ, during the good weather where the girls enjoyed mini burgers, chicken kebabs and s'mores. We finished off our activities with a Rossorry Girlguiding tradition when we met with our friends in Rainbows for an evening of games and foods. Some of our Brownies enjoyed meeting with their sisters in Girlguiding in Fermanagh as they took part in an activity day at the Share Centre, Lisnaskea. Please keep an eye on the Parish newsletter for more information for when Brownies and Guides will return. We look forward to welcoming new girls to our unit in September, spread the word!

Rossorry Wednesday Club

Rossorry Wednesday Club held a 'big picnic lunch' at the Moorings Restaurant in Bellanaleck on the 10th of June last. 35 members attended and enjoyed their picnic boxes with sandwiches, scones, tray bakes and a cupcake with a picture of King Charles, followed by ice cream with chocolate sauce and marshmallows. A lovely day was had by all. Keep an eye on the Parish notes and Facebook for details of when the Club meets again after the summer break.



Albert and Revd Isobel Nixon show Kizzy some sheep.

The Parish Office

The Office is open 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday, keeping the day to day machinery moving. Gerry will be delighted to take calls, emails or a note or envelopes through the door or in the post.

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Parish Registers

BAPTISM

JUDGE, Frankie Brendan, infant son of Dean and Kirsty, who was baptised in Rossorry Parish Church at the 10.30 am service of Holy Communion on Sunday 2nd July 2023
BAKER, Jenson Dean, son of Dean and Kirsty, who was baptised in Rossorry Parish Church at the 10.30 am service of Holy Communion on Sunday 2nd July 2023.

MARRIAGE

ALLAN, Craig and Lauren (née Lendrum) on Friday 30th June 2023. Service conducted by Revd. Stephen McWhirter.
MOORE, Peter and Karine (nee Wilson) on Friday 4th August 2023. Service conducted by Revd. Stephen McWhirter.

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

MILLER, Dennis and Mistyann of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, Sunday 9th July, service conducted by Revd Stephen McWhirter

Dates for the Diary

- Wednesday 6th September, Mid-Week Holy Communion commences at 10.30am
- Sunday 10th September, Sunday School Enrolment following the 10.30am service.
- Sunday 10th September, 50th Anniversary Memorial Service for Private Matthew Lilly 4UDR CGC. 2.30pm Graveside memorial. 3.00pm Service in Rossorry Parish Church. 4.00pm Refreshments in Rossorry Parochial Hall.



Anna Erwin tries a flight from St. Angelo.



Revd Stephen with one of the babies baptised.

- Tuesday 12th September, Enrolment for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in the Parochial Hall. 6.30pm Beavers, 7.00pm Cubs, 7.30pm Scouts. Families with young people in different sections may register at one time.
- Sunday 1st October, Youth Service 10.30am. Sunday School and Uniformed Organisations taking part.



Canon Doris Clements with Revd. Isobel Nixon.

- Harvest Weekend Services
- Friday 13th October 7.30pm, Harvest Thanksgiving (Traditional)
 - Sunday 15th October 10.30am, Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service
 - Sunday 15th October 7.30pm, 'Bread of Life'(RSCM) A celebration of Harvest in words and music.



Revd Stephen with Dennis Miller and Mistyann from Pennsylvania.

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Fermanagh Black Saturday

A word of appreciation to all involved in the event on Saturday 5th August to all who worked to set up the hall, the team involved in all the catering on the day and to those who came along to tidy up after the event. Special thanks to everyone who gave donations towards catering expenses or who provided items. In particular special thanks to Carol Graham for all of her leadership in organising the event and the team involved with her. The Rector and the Select Vestry are most appreciative to all the members of the general public, the bands and preceptories who came along to support the Parish fundraising event. The weather turned out generally good as well on the day despite concerns prior to the event and earlier on the day. The total amount raised for Church funds was £3846.

Mothers' Union

Opening meeting on Tuesday 12th September at 8pm. in Tempo Church Hall. New members welcome.

Harvest Services

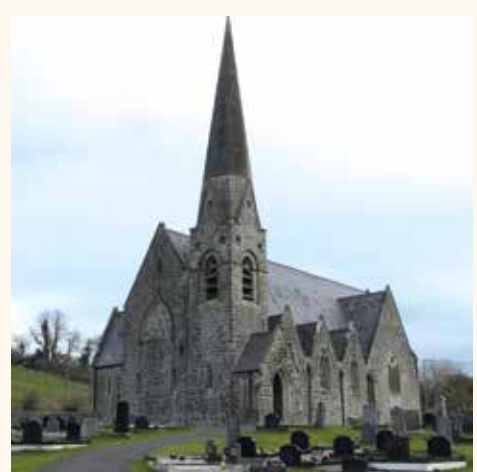
These take place in Tempo on Sunday 24th September 11.30am and Clabby on Sunday 1st October 10.15am.

Clabby Tractor Run

Saturday 7th October, Registration at 10.00am leaving Clabby Church Hall at 11.00 a.m. For any further details contact Mr. Jim Monteith 028 89521167 or mobile 07751803660.

New Year

September marks the beginning of a new school/academic year depending on what



level of education our young people may be at. For many it will be approached with a certain amount of fear or apprehension, for others with excitement as they face a new year and its challenges.

It also marks the beginning of Church activities with organisations re-opening again. Hopefully it will mean an increased and improved attendance at these groups but more importantly to Church attendance for public worship of God, the reading and preaching and teaching of God's word. As we reflect on these things. God makes many promises in the Bible, His eternal word to us. Joshua 1 Marks the beginning of his leadership of the people of Israel as He leads them into the promised land of Israel after the death of Moses. God makes this great promise to Joshua "As I was with Moses, so I will be with you, I will never leave you nor forsake you" (1v5) "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will

be with you wherever you go".

These words can be applied to all of us, with all our fears, concerns and worries for whatever they may be in our lives. Jesus made a similar promise to his disciples as he prepared to return to Heaven, having completed his Fathers work and plan by his death and resurrection for our sins and Salvation. They had a great task ahead to go and make disciples of all nations. Jesus promised his presence to each of us, but especially the Holy Spirit to all who come and trust in Him as their Lord and Saviour. "Surely I am with you always to the very end of the age". (Matthew 28v20) "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you" "But when he, the Holy Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth". (Acts 1v8, John 15v13).

These same promises and resources are all available to us as we come to Christ by faith alone, humbly admit our sin, realise that we can't live life with our God or Christ. He will

welcome us, we can cast our cares on him because he loves us. (1Peter 5v7). We can daily receive this guidance and strength as we spend time in His presence in prayer "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you" (Matthew 6v6)

Like Joshua follow God's advice "Do not let this book of law (our Bible today) depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it" (1v8)

Finally Hebrews 10v25 gives us a much neglected word of advice "Let us not give up meeting as some are in the habit of doing, Let us encourage one another – and all the more as we see the day approaching". There are all the resources we need whatever stage of life we are at, whatever our concerns, worries, trials we are experience.

Trory and Killadeas



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Organisations Restarting

All organisations will be in contact with their members about restart dates not listed here. At the time of submission of notes, the following restart dates are known. Please note Mothers' Union and Babies and Tots will be moving to the Ballycassidy Hall now that the kitchen renovations have been completed.
Mothers' Union at 7pm on Monday 11th September, Trory Church
Babies and Tots at 10am on Wednesday 13th September, Ballycassidy Hall
Sunday School on Sunday 17th September, in church, and leave after children's talk
Choir practices as announced
Bowls in Ballycassidy Hall TBC



A welcome at the Orange Service.

Organ Recital in Killadeas

On Friday 4th August dozens of music enthusiasts were enthralled with classical music delights in the glorious setting of Priory Church, Killadeas. These were provided by Orly Watson (organ), who was joined by Revd. Mark (voice and organ) and Katrina Cuddy (flute).

Music included well known works by Bach, Purcell, and Handel, as well as variations on the hymn tunes Brother James's Air' and 'Old Hundredth.'

Orly is one of the most accomplished young pianists, organists, and composers in Ireland. He was so taken with the beauty of the instrument in Priory during

a recent visit to Killadeas as part of a tour with USOC (Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters) he has asked to give a recital in Killadeas.

He is currently completing doctoral studies in that field in Queen's University, Belfast. He studied organ at Armagh's two cathedrals under Theo Saunders (Oxon) and Baron George Minne, and the piano in Belfast with Simon Mawhinney and in London with Michael Dussek.

A graduate of Oxford University and of the Royal Academy of Music in London, Orly has performed extensively in Ireland and England and has worked for the Royal Irish Academy of Music and for Northern



Killadeas Loyal Order parades and services at Troly and Killadeas.

Ireland Opera. He is one of the leading accompanists in Ireland and was awarded the 2018 Peter Rankin Internship by NI Opera.

Orly was a recipient of the Archbishop Gregg Memorial Organ Scholarship in St. Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh at the same time as Revd. Mark. Orly excelled, and Revd. Mark chose a different career, but Mark was delighted to welcome Orly and to co-host a recital with him.

Orly is a great supporter of classical music in the western corridor of Northern Ireland. He has previously given recitals in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen and St. Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry as well as accompanying NI Touring Opera on their recent tour including a concert and workshops in the Ardhoven Theatre, along with outreach work with Enniskillen schools.

BBC Radio Ulster Morning Service from Killadeas

We are delighted to welcome the crew from BBC Radio Ulster to Killadeas on the morning of 15th October to broadcast Morning Service live from Priory Church. It would be great if as many people as

possible could make the effort to be in church for this service. One of the many reasons Revd. Mark was asked by the BBC to host was because of the quality of congregational responses and singing in both parishes which was noted from online services during Covid. These will be amplified for radio if we have bigger attendance in the one building, so for one Sunday only, both congregations are being asked to join as one for the recording. Killadeas will be the only service on Sunday 15th October. There will be no 11.30am service in Troly.

If some of the congregational hymn singing during recent concerts is anything to go by, when we get over 100 people in attendance in Priory, and with the shape of the church, we really raise the roof with glorious tunes and fantastic singing. Let's show ourselves in our best light for this special occasion.

As tempting as it may seem to stay at home and listen to the service on the radio, please attend in person. In this digital age, by the time you get back home it will be ready to listen back to on BBC sounds. For those not able to access programmes on catch up services, there will be hard copies made available (most likely on CD) at a



later date. This also applies to all families with children. Children joining in, and even making noise during the sermon and prayers is part of what makes a broadcast service from a parish church 'real' rather than a polished and edited set of clips from a recording studio. Any service without our young people present is the poorer for not having their voices part of it. The service is only 40 minutes long, but if you wish to step out with your children during it, the hall in Killadeas will be set up as always with worksheets, colouring pencils, etc. for children to complete under the supervision of the responsible adult bringing them to church.



Baby and tots summer at home grow a sunflower competition.

Harvests

Killadeas Harvest Thanksgiving services are Friday 22nd September at 7pm for the Traditional Harvest Thanksgiving with Harvest Supper, when our guest speaker will be Canon Paul Thompson. Killadeas All Age Harvest Thanksgiving is on Sunday 24th September at 10am, where the speaker will be Revd. Mark as we combine this service with a celebration of Holy Baptism.

Trory Harvest Thanksgiving services are Friday 6th October at 7pm for the Traditional Harvest Thanksgiving with Harvest Supper, when our guest speaker will be Dean Kenny Hall. Trory All Age Harvest Thanksgiving is on Sunday 8th October at 11.30am, and our speaker will be Mrs. Sarah Maguire.

For our all-age services this year, as usual we will have crafts for our young people to make during the service, as well as the competition to be made at home. In a change from our usual 'turn up with a turnip' competition, the home entries will now interpret the phrase 'My Spuddy Buddy' in whatever artistic way you think most fitting (using a spud somewhere within it to fit the brief). We have had dozens of brilliant entries over the years from turnips. Now it's time to see what your imaginations can do with potatoes.

Welcoming our new Diocesan Lay Reader in training

We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Sarah Maguire with us for the next few months as she completes her training to become a Diocesan Lay Reader. Sarah will be assisting Revd. Mark in leading all aspects of worship. Sarah is already a very dedicated member of the Church of Ireland and Clogher Diocese. Hailing from Rossory Parish, where she is already a Parish Reader, she is also actively involved in the diocese as a Lay Pastoral Visitor and works with the diocese on Safeguarding Trust.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 3rd September

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

Sunday 10th September

- 10am Morning Prayer in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Morning Prayer in St Michael's, Trory

Monday 11th September

- Mothers' Union in St. Michael's Church, Trory

Wednesday 13th September

- 10am Babies and Tots restarts in Ballycassidy Hall (N.B. note move of venue)



Concert in Killadeas, featuring Orly Watson (organ), Katrina Cuddy (flute), Revd. Mark (voice and organ).



Sunday 17th September

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

Friday 22nd September

- 7pm Traditional Harvest Thanksgiving with Harvest Supper, Priory Church, Killadeas

Sunday 24th September

- 10am All Age Harvest with Holy Baptism in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Morning Prayer in St Michael's, Trory

Sunday 1st October

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

Friday 6th October

- 7pm Traditional Harvest Thanksgiving with Harvest Supper in St Michael's, Trory

- 10am Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism in Priory Church, Killadeas

- 11.30am All Age Harvest Thanksgiving in St Michael's, Trory

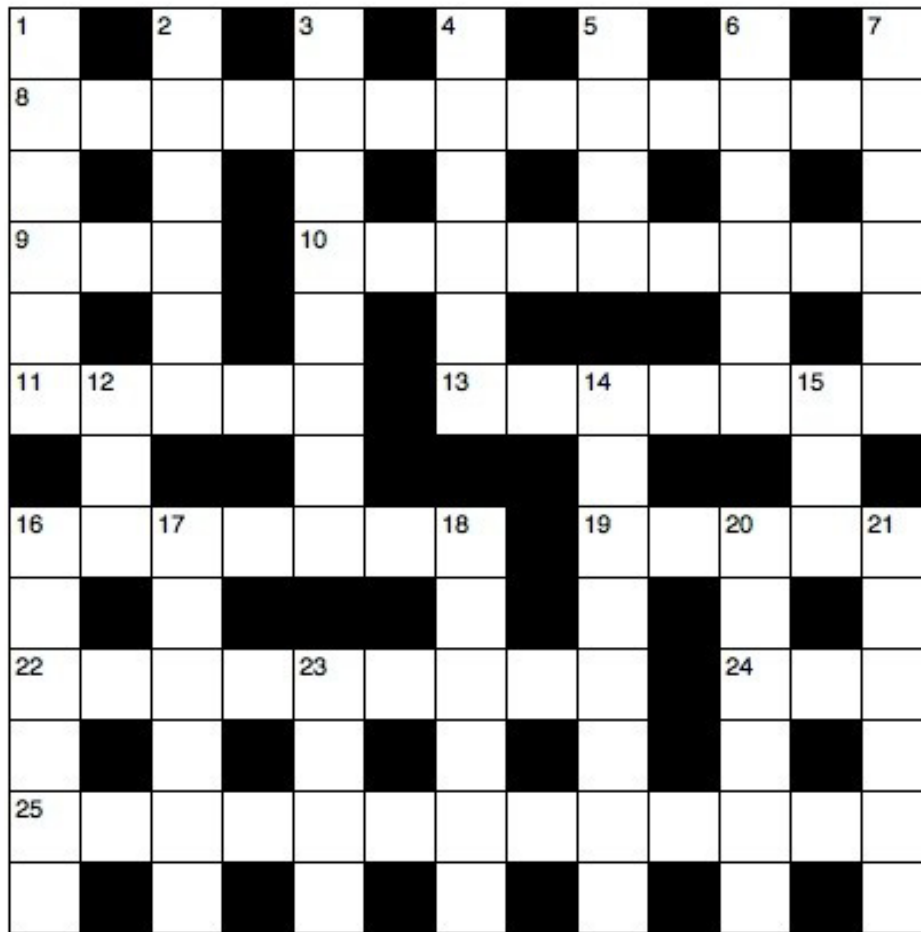
Sunday 15th October

- 10am BBC Radio Ulster Morning Service live broadcast from Priory Church, Killadeas



Baptism of Elijah in St. Michael's, Trory.

PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4)
- 11 ‘Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ’ (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 ‘Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger’ (John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down ‘Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ’ (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

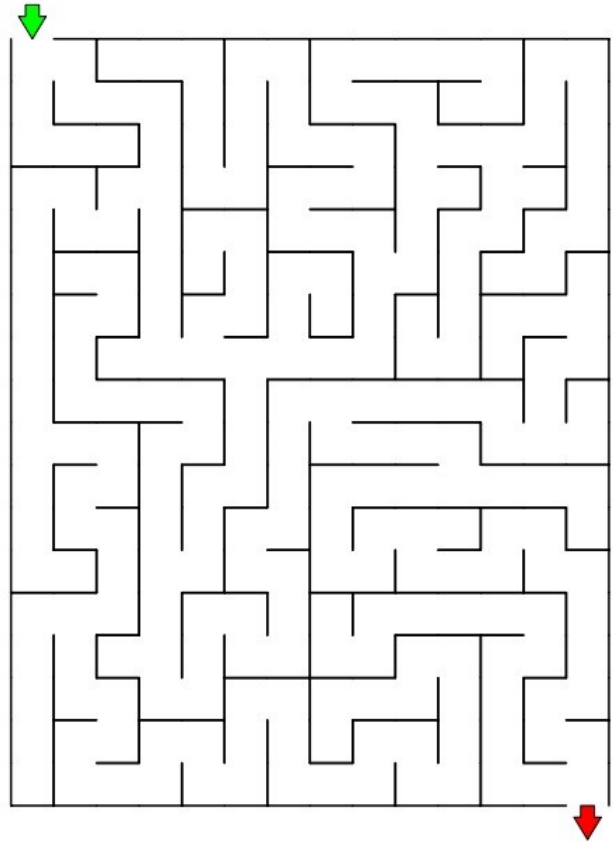
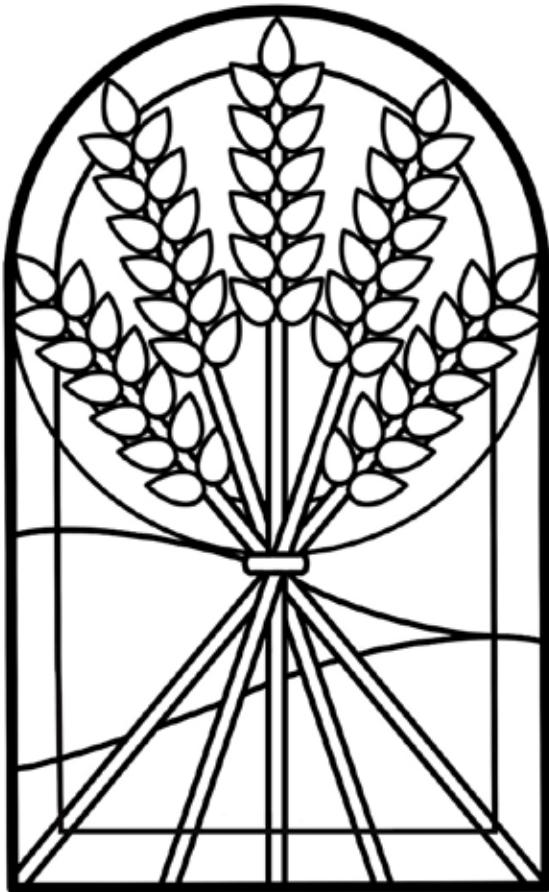
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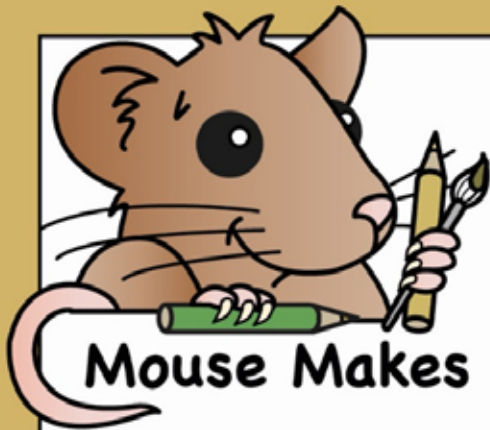
- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across

- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible’s shortest verse: ‘Jesus — ’ (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 ‘Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?’ (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 ‘Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem’ (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 ‘Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight’ (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 ‘Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God’ (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 67

CHILDREN'S SECTION



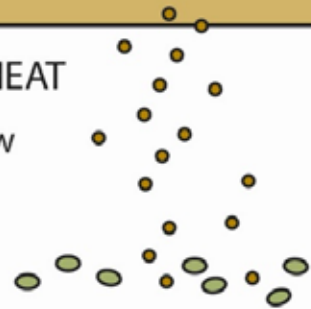


Mouse Makes

THE WEEDS AND THE WHEAT

What did the enemy sow amongst the wheat?

Matthew 13:25



READ

the parable in

Matthew 13 v24-30, and v36-43

At harvest time the weeds are gathered, bundled then

but the wheat is stored in the

Matthew 13:30

Who sows the good seed?

Matthew 13:37

What does the field represent?

the

and who is the good seed?

The people of the

Matthew 13:38

Who sows the weeds?

The

Who are the harvesters?

The

Matthew 13:39

"He who has ears, let him

Matthew 13:43

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Find the words from the questions too!

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MOTHERS' UNION



Liane Armstrong, Letty Coulter, Noelle McAlinden, High Sheriff and Heather Ellis, Diocesan MU President at Fermanagh County Show.

CLOGHER DIOCESE SPREADS THE WORD ABOUT MU

Celebration of Mary Sumner Day, Wednesday 9 August

Mary Sumner's prayer starts with opening words **"All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;"**

This year MU in the Diocese was granted a stand at the Fermanagh County Show from 11-12th August. We were prompted by this prayer to reach out to our community and to enable us do this we asked for volunteers from Mothers' Union members to assist in covering the stand at the show and undertake guiding responsibilities as the new Show site at



Volunteers from Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union on their stand at Fermanagh County Show.



Clogher Mothers' Union at Fermanagh County Show and some of the winning posters on display.

Castle Irvine Estate required.

We think that in the spirit of Mary Sumner, our 25 volunteers helped to sow seeds for Mothers' Union amongst the farming families of our Diocese as they gathered to enjoy the fun and friendship of the Show.

We shared our experiences of MU in the Diocese and in our Branches and encouraged those to whom we chatted, especially mothers of young families, to think about joining our membership. We were given some freebies from ASDA and TESCO for children and supplemented more than 200 goodie packs from our own funds, adding leaflets about Mothers' Union as well. By including the information leaflet and contact email addresses in these packs we hoped that many more people from the community would learn of our work at home and worldwide.

During the two days of the Show we collected comments from MU members and members of the public and were encouraged by this one in particular; "Absolutely great to see your wonderful organisation at show. God Bless"



The Changing Story

The Mothers' Union is facilitating a major conference later this month to mark the launch of the Gender Justice programme, Equipping the Church To Take Action and End Domestic Abuse, and the formation of Survivors Changing The Story Groups.

They are hosting two one-day conferences on Friday, 15 September in Seagoe Parish Church, Portadown and on Saturday, 16 September in Kiltarnan Parish Centre, Dublin, in collaboration with Restored, Tearfund Ireland, Bishops' Appeal, Mind Matters, Kintsugi Hope, Priorities Fund, Safeguarding

Church of Ireland and the Church's Ministry for Healing. The conferences are dedicated to equipping the church and communities through encouraging awareness, developing confidence, and nurturing the healing and wellbeing of survivors and much more besides.....

The Changing the Story conferences bring together agencies working positively in Ireland to tackle domestic abuse and keynote speakers are Bekah Legg, CEO of Restored and Revd Dr Helen Paynter, theologian, and author.

Tickets available on Eventbrite at a cost of £15 /€18 each.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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.
- Sunday 3rd September – **Back to School Service** in Tempo and Clabby Parish Churches.
- Sunday 10th September – **Colebrooke Mothers' Union 60th anniversary service** at 3.00 pm in Colebrooke Parish Church, when the Mothers' Union Diocesan President, Mrs Heather Ellis, will be the speaker. Everyone will be most welcome to this service and to afternoon tea afterwards.
- Tuesday 12th September – **Declan Nerney in Concert** in The Killyhevlin Hotel, with his fabulous band and special guests, Louise Morrissey and John Hogan. Doors will open at 7.00pm with curtain at 7.45pm. Tickets are £20 each with proceeds in aid of Air Ambulance NI and upgrading the Cathedral bells. Tickets are available from St Macartin's Cathedral Office, The Killyhevlin Hotel, Leslie's Coffee Shop, George Irvine, Telephone 07864 889672, George Ogle, Telephone 07901687989 or Ivan Kee, Telephone 07768 000167.
- Friday 15th September – Hilary Trinity Church Dromore host a **Table Quiz**.
- Saturday 16th September – **Fundraising Coffee Morning and Cake Sale** in Lisbellaw Parish Centre from 10am to 1pm. This important parish fundraiser is to help offset the recent significant lightning conductor work expenses around the Parish Church.
- Friday 22nd September – **Harvest Dance** in the Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan. Proceeds in aid of St Salvator's Church, Glaslough.
- Saturday 23rd September – **Annual Harvest Walk** at Derrybrusk, through Belle Isle Estate (kindly granted). Registration from 2.30pm with walk beginning at 3pm at Derrybrusk Church. Refreshments will be served. All proceeds in aid of the Church. Everyone very welcome.
- Sunday 24th September – The **Blessing of Animals Service** in St. Salvator's, Glaslough led by The Revd Tim with the help of children from our Sunday School with Hymns, Junior Choir, Anglican Chant and All Age Sermon. Don't forget to bring your pets along to church as we will ask God to bless them and their owners.
- Sunday 24th September – **Back to Church Sunday** at 11.00am in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, which provides an opportunity for those who used to attend, as well as anyone who does not currently attend, our Sunday services to come back to Church, especially young families. All who come along will receive a warm welcome. As a special treat, an ice-cream van will provide free ice-cream for all afterwards.
- Thursday 28th September – **Clogher Diocesan Synod** will be held in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, with time to be confirmed.
- Thursday 28th September - Monday 2nd October 2023 – **Devenish Pairs Bowling Tournament** will be held on the above dates with finals night on Wednesday 4th October, in the Reade Hall Monea. Entries to William Harpur, Tel. 02866341237 or 077962217970
- Friday 29th September – **Slavin Parish Harvest and Gospel Concert** at 8pm. Music by Hugh P and Maria Doherty, a father and daughter band, based in Bunrana, Co. Donegal.
- Friday 29th September – **'Autumn Praise in Colour'** in Colebrooke Parish Church at 8.00pm, a restful, fun evening of music and messages with 'Prizes and Surprises' with Revd Dr. Jean Mackarel as well as musicians and soloist. Further details to follow
- Friday 29th September – **Floral arrangement Demonstration** in Scotshouse Community Centre hosted by Currin Parish led by well-known local florist Timothy Elliott, and as ever it promises to be a fascinating and entertaining event. Tickets cost 10 Euros, which will include supper and they will be available from Currin Select Vestry members, in church after Sunday services, or at the door on the night.
- Saturday 30th September – **Harvest Coffee Morning and Sale** in Sallaghy Parish Hall hosted by Sallaghy Mothers' Union with money raised to support the Mothers' Union Overseas.
- Saturday 30th September – **Musical Evening and Concert** in Lisbellaw

Parish Church at 8pm featuring Concertio Chamber Choir from Belfast with musical input from Lisbellaw's two local primary schools, Lynda Lindsay, and the Rector. Proceeds from the evening to Parish Funds as well as making gifts to our two local primary schools. Please support this worthy venture.

October 2023

- Saturday 7th October – **Clabby Parish Tractor Run** with registration from 10.00am and leaving Clabby Church Hall at 11.00am. For any further details contact Mr. Jim Monteith 028 89521167 or mobile 07751803660.
- Tuesday 10th October – **Coffee Morning** in Ballybay Parish Hall from 11am-12.30pm. All are most welcome to attend!
- Sunday 15th October – **BBC Radio Ulster Morning Service Live Broadcast** at 10am from Priory Church, Killadeas.
- Sunday 15th October – **Service of Remembrance** in Mullaghfad Church at 3.00pm with Fivemiletown and Lisburn Branches of the Royal British Legion.
- Wednesday 18th October – **Parish Auction** in Dromore Parish Hall.
- Thursday 19th October – **Clogher Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action in partnership with CARE** are hosting a number of talks on 19 October 2023 in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. The topics that will be covered are the Cost of Living Crisis; helping families who are struggling at 11.30am; Abortion and Northern Ireland; the story so far at 3pm and Gambling; tackling Northern Ireland's gambling addiction at 7.30pm.
- Friday 20th October – **Embrace Socials Fun Night** in Clogh hall. A family fun night and social for all in the group and open to all ages, children, teenagers, adults and families.
- Saturday 21st October – **Parish Auction** in Derrybrusk Parish Hall in Belle Isle Hall.
- Friday 27th October – **Lisnaskea Parish Concert** in The Archdale Centre featuring the 'Silvertones' and other artistes. Further details to follow.
- Friday 27th October – **Parish Variety Concert** hosted by Lisnaskea Parish Church featuring "The Silvertones" in The Archdale Centre.

November 2023

- Saturday 4th November – **Fashion Show** in the Gillaroo Centre, Garrison hosted by Garrison Parish Church at 7.30pm. Clothes are provided by Miss B's clothing shop in Belleek. Also wedding dresses through the decades will be displayed and modelled. Proceeds from the event will go to Garrison Parish Church and the Rectory Fund.
- Sunday 5th November – **Songs of Praise Service** at 3pm in Dartrey Church. Special guests will be Revd Tim Irvine and the Donagh Choir with their choir director, Mrs. Ethne McCord who will be organist for the occasion. Revd. Tim will introduce the hymns, the choir will sing a few pieces of their own and join with the congregation in the singing of the parishioners favourite hymns. Definitely an occasion not to be missed.
- Friday 10th November – **'Music Celebration'** to be held in Christ Church Hall, Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm. A night of music, singing and fellowship as local bands, singers and choirs come together to praise God. Tickets available at the door; adults £10, young people £5, primary school children and under free. Refreshments will be served. All proceeds in aid of the Church. Everyone is very welcome!
- 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.
- Sunday 17th December – **Carols by Candlelight** in Inishmacsaint Parish Church at 7.30pm.

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).

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DIOCESAN NEWS

Book on 'Our Shared Way of Life' gives candid views of issues in border region

A fascinating insight to the views of people along the Irish border is contained in a book launched recently. "Our Shared Way of Life – Listening to Border People" was published by the Clones Family Resource Centre which is managed by Angela Graham, well known to people in Clogher Diocese. The book was written by Denzil McDaniel, a former editor of The Impartial Reporter newspaper in Enniskillen and a parishioner of Rossorry Parish Church.

The book was published as a result of a project undertaken by the CFRC to give voice to a range of opinions of border people, those from both sides of the border and from both sides of the community.

A spokesperson for the Clones Centre stated; "Peace and reconciliation lie at the heart of our activities, leading to an understanding of diversity and difference among the people who live in our border area by providing opportunities for cross-community and cross-border relationships to flourish.

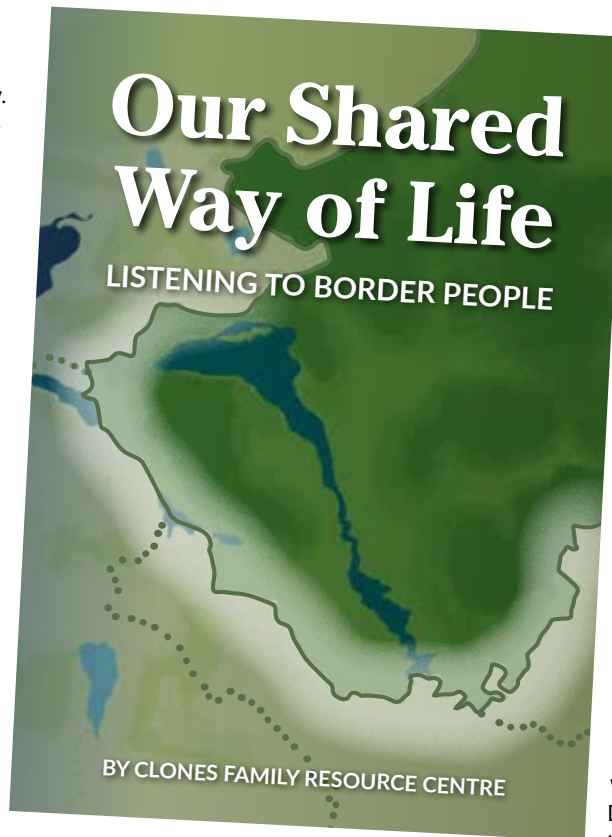
"We are conscious of the major impact of the border on the day-to-day lives of the communities who live here, more so in recent times with the major challenges arising from Covid and Brexit and the continuing challenge of change amid difficult economic times."

There are 17 chapters in the book on topics such as identities, the past, being a member of the loyal orders or following nationalism. And of course there is a chapter on religion and faith.

In that chapter "Keeping the Faith," there are interviews of people in the area on Christian values, church life and major social issues.

Cecil, a Protestant from south of the border said he was concerned that Ireland, north and south, was moving away from the Christian values he held dear.

"We were always taught that Ireland was the land of saints and scholars, but I'm afraid there may be scholars, but



there's not many saints nowadays," he said.

While opposed to same-sex marriage he would also be opposed to abortion other than when the mother's life was at risk. Acknowledging he was a religious person, Cecil said young people were not interested in going to church and find other interests on a Sunday. He believes this is a same with the Roman Catholic Church.

Another Protestant said she and her husband faithfully attend their Protestant church in Monaghan but the young generation do not continue attending after they finish Sunday School or Confirmation. Although some might return with their own children.

Another Protestant from Drum says a lot of her neighbours would observe the Sabbath by not working or even mowing the lawn.

Another Protestant from Fermanagh said it concerned her that that fewer people attend church now and she sees an

increasingly secular society on both sides of the border and does not see that as a good thing. Similar views on the decline in Sunday worship in the Roman Catholic Church was expressed by a Fermanagh Catholic, who said the Roman Catholic church was on a major decline.

Another Catholic from Monaghan remembers the time when there was a Protestant funeral or Catholic funeral, people of the other denomination did not go into the church.

"So we were people who lived very much separate lives. You had the Boys Brigade on the Protestant side. They didn't really mix with us and we didn't really mix with them south of the Border."

According to the author, there appeared to be more concern among Protestants about the decline of religion though by no means all which had a number of effects. Denzil McDaniel said; "These

included churches once built for hundreds of people now being

attended by dozens, reduced numbers of services and a greater effect on Protestantism because they are much smaller communities. Some also believe wider communities are less cohesive as a result and some Protestants from both sides of the border don't welcome social change as regards abortion and marriage equality."

It was acknowledged by some interviewees that many people who once worshipped in church on Sundays, have not returned since Covid.

The book, "Our Shared Way of Life – Listening to Border People" was supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs in the Republic of Ireland, published by the Clones Family Resource Centre and designed and printed by Bluebell Art and Design, Letterbreen. Copies are available from a number of outlets including the Clones Family Resource Centre, Clones and The Impartial Reporter office in Enniskillen.

BISHOP OF CLOGHER ISSUES STATEMENT FOLLOWING DEATH OF BISHOP LIAM MacDAID

Bishop Ian Ellis has paid tribute to the former Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher, Bishop Liam MacDaid, who died while on holiday in France.

In a statement Bishop Ellis said; 'On behalf of the Church of Ireland Diocese of Clogher, I wish to extend to Bishop Larry Duffy, the clergy, and people of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Clogher our heartfelt sympathy upon the death of Bishop Liam MacDaid, their former bishop. As someone who had spent his entire ministry in the Diocese of Clogher, Bishop Liam was so well known and highly respected in the wider community.

'News of his death has come as a great shock especially to his family and we hold them and his close friends and colleagues in our prayers at this time. May they know the consolation of the loving care of the Good Shepherd at this difficult time.'

Bishop MacDaid, aged 78, was Bishop of Clogher from 2010 until his retirement due to ill-health in October 2016.

Former Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher, now Archbishop John McDowell, who worked alongside Bishop MacDaid in the Diocese, paid his own tribute saying he was prepared to share the riches of his knowledge and experience with him as they worked together in many ways.



A field of sunflowers on Lappins vegetable Farm, near Enniskillen where a percentage of sales are going to two charities, Fermanagh Friends of the Cancer Centre and Bright Eyes Animal Sanctuary.

Isla and Darcey, from Derryvullen North Parish Church, Irvinestown, checking on the progress of the pumpkins at Lappin Vegetable Farm with relatives. The pumpkins field will be open to the public later in the autumn.

Special harvest events around the Diocese to mark special time of year

Harvest Thanksgiving Services begin in many churches this month and continue into October.

With mixed weather this past summer, farmers and growers around the country have been catching up on harvesting work when the sun did come out.

While most farmers in this Diocese are grassland based, those farmers further east and south with cereal crops have

been having more difficulty getting their crops in from the fields.

Some of the special harvest events, apart from annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services, include a Harvest Dance organised by St. Salvator's Church, Donagh Parish in the Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan on 22 September; Annual Harvest Walk from Derrybrusk Church through Belle Isle Estate on 23

September; Slavin (Belleek) Harvest and Gospel Concert on 29 September and Harvest Coffee Morning and Sale for Sallaghy Parish Church on 30 September. *"Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: Grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

'Pioneer Ministry spreads across Ireland'



Pioneer Ministry is an initiative of the Church of Ireland to reach those with little or no connection to church. Emerging from within to encourage, support and release a movement that has the capacity to reach people in new places and in different ways.

You can find out more about how Pioneer Ministry in the Church of Ireland is seeking to reach those with little or no connection to church through posts and photos on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pioneerministry.coi Pioneer Ministry stands in the widening gap between the Church and contemporary culture with the aim of reaching those outside the Church in new ways and in different places. Find out more about how Pioneer Ministry is developing across all dioceses in the Church of Ireland by visiting our website (www.pioneerministry.org) and our YouTube and Instagram pages, and sign up to our newsletter here to stay in the loop with all the latest news. Revd Rob Jones, National Director of Pioneer Ministry, will be addressing the Clogher Diocesan Synod later this month.



Series of talks highlight social issues in society

The Clogher Diocesan Board of Social Theology In Action in partnership with CARE are hosting a number of talks on 19 October 2023 in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.

The topics being covered are listed below with timings and some more detail with regard to the content of the talks.

The organisers are hoping for a good attendance from across the diocese.

Each session will last for approximately one hour and there will be opportunities for questions or one to one discussions.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

The first talk will be 'Cost of Living Crisis – Helping families who are struggling' beginning at 11.30am.

In this presentation, speakers will explore what the cost-of-living crisis has meant for people, as well as providing practical advice and signposting for those who may be struggling. The target audience includes adults, young adults, teenagers, parents, grandparents, pastoral teams, youth leaders, clergy and anyone else who is interested.

ABORTION

The second talk is 'Abortion and Northern Ireland - The Story so far' and this takes place at 3.00pm.

In this presentation, organisers will unpack the history of Northern Ireland's abortion journey and highlight what the current legislation means. Speakers will examine the impact of this law for Christians in Northern Ireland and explore what the church can do. CARE's ongoing work in the area will be highlighted. The target audience is adults and young adults, pastoral teams, youth leaders and clergy. (Unsuitable for anyone under the age of 18).

GAMBLING ADDICTION

The third talk of the day will be 'Tackling Northern Ireland's gambling addiction' at 7.30pm.

In this presentation, speakers will examine some of the reasons why people gamble and the subsequent issues that come from those, as well as highlighting the work of CARE in this area. They will also explore current debates around gambling legislation and look at what Christians and the church can do to help those who are finding themselves trapped in a cycle of gambling. The target audience is adults, young adults, teenagers, anyone who is struggling with gambling addiction, pastoral teams, youth leaders and clergy.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Hilary McClay is new Bishops' Appeal advisor

Hilary McClay has been appointed as the new Education Advisor for the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal for World Aid and Development.

The Bishops' Appeal exists to encourage members of the Church of Ireland to engage with, walk alongside and support those people groups and parts of the world who are dealing with the impact of poverty, violence, climate change and suffering.

Through the generosity of members across all the dioceses, Bishops' Appeal supports life-changing development work which helps people to live more of their lives to the full.

For over 20 years Hilary worked in community development in Northern Ireland, supporting local churches to engage with issues of poverty and deprivation as part of their Christian mission and outreach. She has also visited several countries where extreme poverty and climate change has had such



a severe impact on the lives of people and has seen what churches in countries such as Ethiopia and Nepal are doing and how the support of agencies working on the ground such as CMS Ireland and Tearfund makes such a difference.

Welcoming Mrs McClay to the post, Bishop Ferran Glenfield, Chair of the Bishops' Appeal Advisory Committee, said: "Hilary comes with a passion for the Church, a track record in community development, and wide experience of the global south. She is ideally placed to be the advocate for

the vital work of Bishops' Appeal in the Church of Ireland."

Bishops' Appeal has been operating since 1972, when it was set up by the Church of Ireland's bishops in response to the commands in the Bible to bring good news to people living in poverty and relief to the suffering.

In 2022, Bishops' Appeal paid out €788,704 in grants (equivalent to around £675,000) with 78% of donations going toward disaster relief. The most significant recipient country was Ukraine, in response to appeals by Christian Aid, Tearfund and Habitat for Humanity, although sustained support for projects in Africa continued, especially in East and Central Africa. Bishops' Appeal also supported projects in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Lebanon, Nepal, Bangladesh, Haiti and Honduras.

Hilary succeeds Lydia Monds who moved to a new position in the Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland in January this year.

CENTRAL CHURCH OFFICES ON THE MOVE IN BELFAST

The Church of Ireland's central staff in Belfast, working for departments of the Representative Church Body and for the General Synod, have moved to 18–22 Hill Street, in the city's Cathedral Quarter, following the vacation of Church of Ireland House on Donegall Street.

Members of staff working in the following areas are currently located at this new address:

- Board of Education (NI) and Transferor Representatives' Council
- Church of Ireland Press Office
- Church of Ireland Youth Department
- Safeguarding Office (NI) and Access NI vetting

Parishes are asked to note that all Access NI forms must now be sent to:

Claire Geoghegan, Access NI Administrator, Floor 2, 18–22 Hill Street, Belfast BT1 2LA

Correspondence addressed to former Church of Ireland offices on Donegall Street will no longer be received. The offices may be contacted as follows:

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The Transferor Representatives' Council represents the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and Methodist Church in Ireland in all matters of education in Northern Ireland.

Clergy, staff, and volunteers are recommended to keep this information for reference and to amend the relevant contact details held on file as needed. Our central staff look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you at their new location.

Your invitation to the MindMatters Conference supporting good mental health

The MindMatters Conference is taking place on Friday, 20 October, in the Raddison Blu, Golden Lane, Dublin. A total of 74 projects from across the Church have received funding to promote good mental health and we're very keen to ensure as many people are there as possible to celebrate the great work undertaken as well as meet our guest speakers, including the Archbishop of Canterbury and Barbara Brennan, from the mental health charity See Change. A number of projects will also be presenting at the conference.

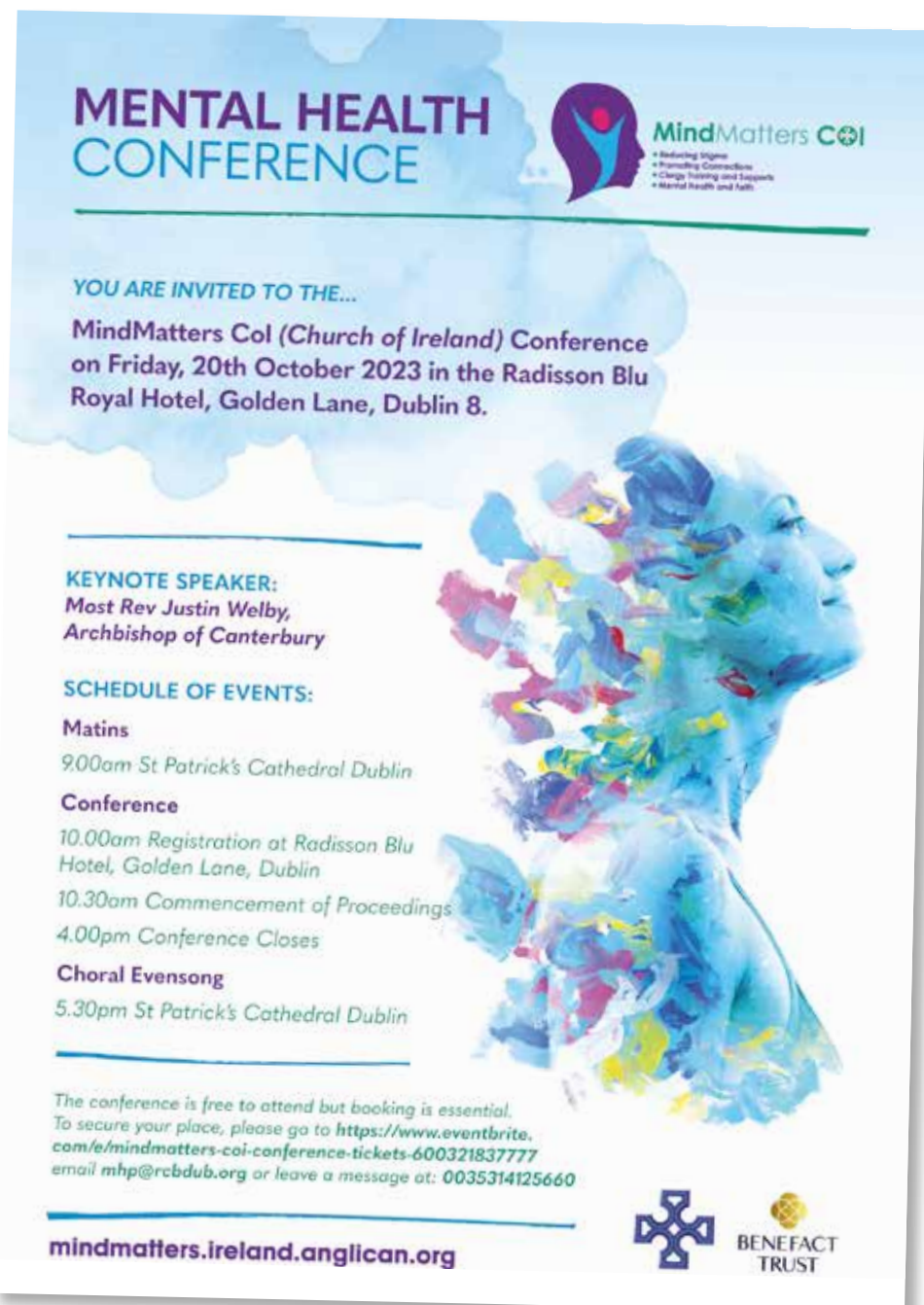
Booking is free! The organisers currently have around 200 people registered with space for just over 300. Registration starts at 10.00am with the conference beginning at 10.30am and concluding at 4pm. If you'd like to book your place, please go to our Eventbrite page at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mindmatters-coi-conference-tickets-600321837777>

Everyone is asked to share this information widely. The organisers hope to have representation from all the dioceses, especially those involved in MindMatters projects, Mental Health Champions, clergy, members from parishes, volunteers and partner churches and organisations with an interest in mental health and the Church. A limited number of rooms are available for accommodation in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute CITI the evenings of Thursday, 19 October, and Friday, 20 October. The charge is €55 for B&B.

MindMatters may be able to contribute towards the cost of a bus to help transport people to Dublin for the conference. Archbishop Welby will be speaking at Matins in St Patrick's Cathedral, from 9am, and we do appreciate that this would be an early start for many people. Please let the team know – at mhp@rcbdub.org – if you plan to hire a bus, and contact CITI directly to book accommodation. Accommodation is also available with the hotel (by asking for the MindMattersCOI conference rate) at the cost of €210 per sole occupancy per night, including breakfast.

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10.30am Commencement of Proceedings
4.00pm Conference Closes

Choral Evensong
5.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin

The conference is free to attend but booking is essential. To secure your place, please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mindmatters-coi-conference-tickets-600321837777> email mhp@rcbdub.org or leave a message at: 0035314125660

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awareness programme across the Church of Ireland began well before the Covid-19 pandemic, the change of circumstances made these plans even more timely. Indeed, those unprecedented times made us all think about keeping our minds well, and looking for the well-being of other people around us.

MindMatters was launched on World Mental Health Day 2020 with the support of Benefact Trust and, following a

research phase, rolled out a grant funding stream which has helped many people around the Church of Ireland to take new initiatives to support good mental health, in their churches and also in their wider communities.

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Church leaders in India

Archbishop Michael Jackson has been visiting India in August. He has been visiting the Diocese of Chota Nagpur in India with Canon Dr Maurice Elliott, Director of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, the Revd Steve Brunn, Dean of Residence and Church of Ireland Chaplain at Trinity College, Dublin and Dr Kerry Houston, of DUMCN and TCD. The visit is organised under the auspices of the Dublin University Mission to Chota Nagpur (DUMCN). On Sunday morning, 20 August, the Archbishop preached at the Sunday Service of Dr Graham's Homes School. He took as his theme: an ABC of school life: Acceptance, Belief, Community. Other members of the party from Ireland also took part in the service.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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