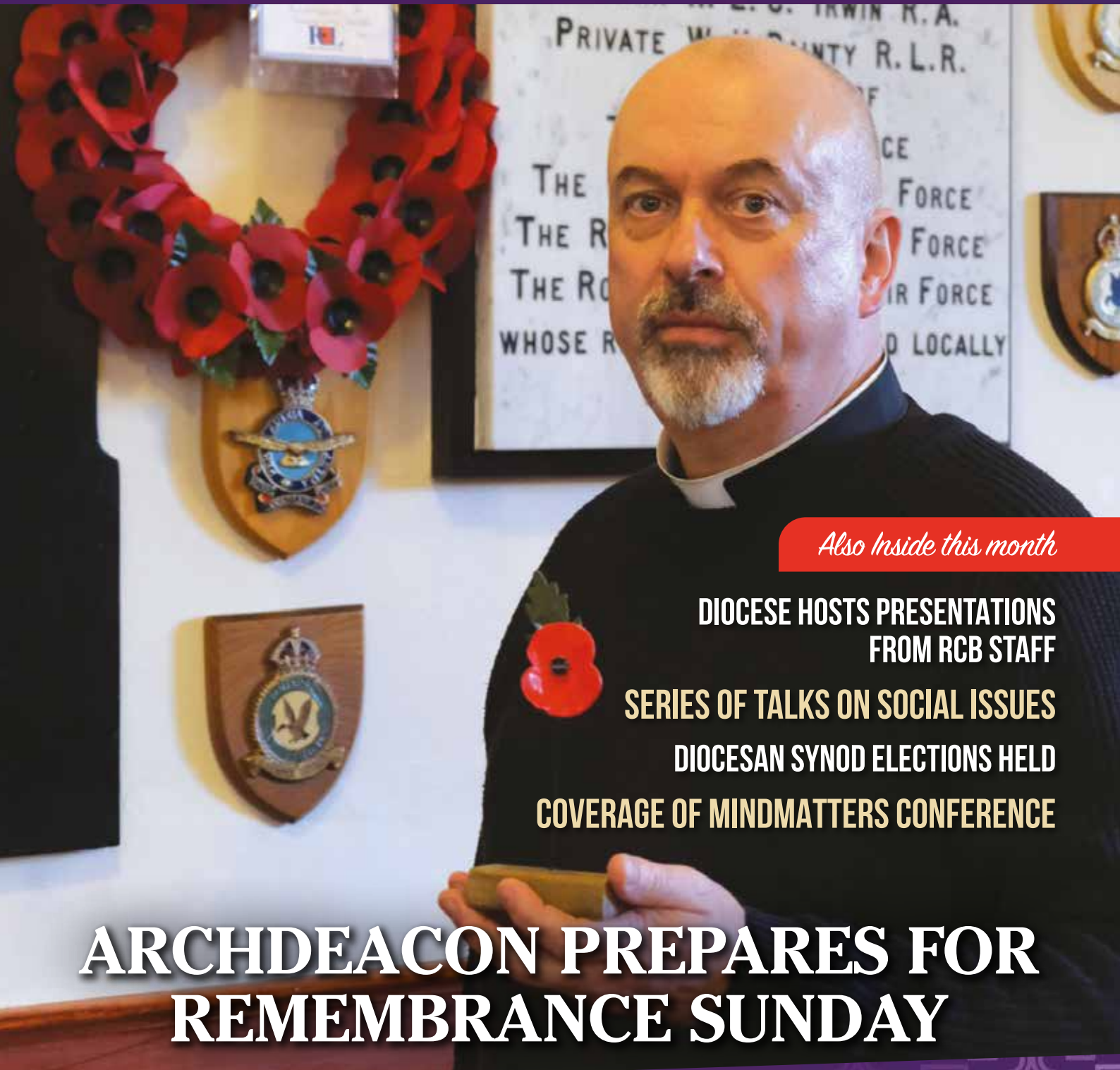




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Front Cover

The Venerable Canon Paul Thompson, the new Archdeacon of Clogher and Rector of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale, shows the special Poppy made by Michael Isaacs from metal sourced from a WW2 Catalina aircraft that crashed in 1942 in Tyrone. All 11 members of the air crew were killed and four were buried in the War Graves at Derryvullen North. This Poppy will be used during the Remembrance Day service on 12 November. See page 63 for further details about Archdeacon Thompson's appointment.

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Galloon Parish Church Newtownbutler

Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 8th December 7-9pm

Viewing of the trees with The Silvertones Choir

Saturday 9th December 10am-5pm

Viewing of the trees with various local musicians
Refreshments served

Sunday 10th

December 7pm

Carol Service with
Lisnaskea Silver Band

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to come along with
friends and family*

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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



A Message from the Bishop



Remembrance season is here once again and causes us to recall the service and sacrifice of soldiers, sailors and airmen from the two world wars of the last century and others who served in conflicts in more recent years. In Northern Ireland we also remember those who gave their lives defending our freedom during the period of what we call 'the troubles'. We are drawn especially on Remembrance Sunday to remember the devastating bomb at the Enniskillen War Memorial in 1987, with the loss of many members of the local community.

Times of war in the last century inspired many poets in the English language such as Rupert Brooke, Robert Graves and Wilfred Owen. Among these famous war poets writing of the First World War was army chaplain Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy.



Revd GA Studdert Kennedy.

I was recently reading a fascinating article about Revd Geoffrey's life and discovered that he was born in Quarry Hill, Leeds in 1883. Quarry Hill and the east end of the city was known for its overcrowded

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streets and poverty. Geoffrey had grown up seeing the impact of poverty on local people. He followed his father and became a vicar in Leeds. When the First World War broke out, he believed it was a cause worth fighting for and so became an army chaplain and served at Flanders.

He experienced life on the front with the ordinary soldiers and felt that he should also share their hardships rather than getting special treatment. In the mud and blood of the Western Front, military chaplains sought to bring solace and hope. He was nicknamed "Woodbine Willie" during World War I for giving Woodbine cigarettes to the soldiers he met, as well as spiritual aid to injured and dying soldiers.

Woodbine Willie became more and more saddened by the horrors he saw during the War. His poetry shows that he was gradually convinced that all war was futile. He showed huge bravery and self-sacrifice, earning the Military Cross for helping wounded soldiers under enemy fire. He died in 1929 in Liverpool because of overwork and pneumonia. He was 45 years old.

When he died King George V sent a telegram of condolence. More than 1,700 people filed past his coffin in a single day as it lay in a Liverpool church. And, touchingly, former servicemen sent a wreath with a packet of Woodbines at its centre.

I was also struck by one of his poignant poems entitled: *If ye forget* which speaks of his experience of the weariness of war and the horrible cost in human life. It starkly tells why we must never forget the sacrifice of so many.

If Ye Forget

Let me forget – let me forget,
I am weary of remembrance,
And my brow is ever wet,
With tears of my remembrance,
With the tears and bloody sweat, -
Let me forget.

If ye forget – If ye forget,
Then your children must remember,
And their brow be ever wet,
With the tears of their remembrance,
With the tears and bloody sweat, -
If ye forget.

The poem speaks of him trying to forget

what he had witnessed in battle and pointing out that we must not allow the sacrifices of war to be forgotten by future generations.

In recent times we have been made all too aware that war seems ever present in our world. The war in Ukraine and conflict in the Middle East have been brutal and the horrors of these ongoing battles have filled the news agenda. The destruction, suffering and huge loss of life on both sides of those wars are almost incomprehensible and like Studdert Kennedy we too can become weary of remembering 'the tears and bloody sweat'.

The horror of war makes it so difficult for people of faith to know what to think and what to pray for, particularly in the political complexities of the conflict in the Middle East. The Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin have urged the people of the Church of Ireland to pray for peace in the Land of the Holy One and pray for wisdom for those in positions of authority to work towards an end to all violence. We uphold to God in prayer all who are affected by the current conflict. All human life is the gift of God. The Church of Ireland, in its daily prayers, prays for people suffering in conflict, those who seek to bring care and relief, and the peace of the world.

So, as we enter a season when we give thanks to God for the sacrifice of so many who died to win our freedom, we couple it with our Christian compassion, as Studdert Kennedy showed, and offer our prayers for peace, asking the God who created all mankind to lead us in the ways of peace.

A Prayer for the Peace of the World – from the Book of Common Prayer

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; Kindle, we pray thee, in every heart the true love of peace; and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Yours in Christ's service.

+Ian Clogher

PARISH NOTES

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Services

Sunday 5th November

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

Sunday 12th November

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

Sunday 19th November

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

Sunday 26th November

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

Remembrance Day

Services of remembrance will take place in Aghadrumsee and Clogh on Sunday 12th November, when we pause to reflect and remember those who paid the supreme sacrifice for our country.

Clogh Bowling Club

This continues each Wednesday at 8.00 pm.

Young Ladies Group

Our annual Christmas night out will take place on Tuesday 28th November. For further details contact Sandra McVitty.

Mothers' Union

This takes place on Monday 4th December when Captain David will be



Aghadrumsee Choir who sang at Drumsnatt Harvest pictured with the preacher Mr Keith Browne.

speaking and showing images of his trip to Iceland.

Concert

Following last year's success Aghadrumsee Parish and Aghadrumsee LOL 1325 will once again hold a Grand Variety Concert on Saturday 18th November at 8.00pm. Tickets available from Vestry and Lodge members.

Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning and bake sale will take place in Clogh Hall on Saturday 2nd December from 11.00 am – 1.00pm. All welcome to help raise urgent funds for the Church Hall.

Baptisms

We have recently had two baptisms in our group. Scarlett, Ann, Lovell Johnston,



Tea served in Clogh Hall organised by Clogh Sunday School teachers after the All age Harvest Service in Clogh Church.



Pictured at Clogh Harvest Service on Friday 29th September are Captain David Hamilton, staff from Aghadrumsee Primary School Mrs Downey, Mrs Aloon and Mrs Elliott with the preacher, Revd Mark Gallagher. The children from Aghadrumsee School sang magnificently at this service.

daughter of David and Samantha in Aghadrumsee Church and Jamie William Mervyn Smyth, son of Ryan and Lindsay in Clogh Church.

Sympathy

It was with great sadness we learnt of the death of a lifelong parishioner of Aghadrumsee, William Robinson in his 101st year. Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Margaret, son Kenneth, daughter Patricia and the entire family circle. Sympathy is also extended to the Annon family on the death of Ellie's grandmother, Mrs Irvine and to the Blakely family on the death of their uncle, Jim Shaw.



Children from Clogh Sunday who took part in the all-age Harvest service at Clogh Church on Sunday 1st October.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

5 November

9.30am Cooneen Holy Communion
11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion

12 November

11.00am Colebrooke Remembrance Service
Time is approximate and dependant on the parade in Brookeborough

19 November

11.00am Colebrooke Mission Service with CMS Ireland Rev Andrew Quill

26 November

9.30am Cooneen MP
11.00am Colebrooke MP
7.00pm Irvinestown Divine Healing

3 December

11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion
3.00pm Mullaghfad Carol Service (weather permitting)
7.00pm Enniskillen Cathedral - Installation



A selection of photographs from the Harvest Services.



of Archdeacon Paul Thompson

10 December

11.00am Colebrooke MP
7.00pm Cooneen Carol Service

17 December

9.30am Cooneen MP
7.00pm Colebrooke Carol Service

Harvest Thanksgivings

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday 17th September in Mullaghfad, Sunday 24th September in Colebrooke, and Sunday 1st October in Cooneen. Each church was very well turned out for their respective occasion, and very well attended for each service. Thank you to everyone who carefully prepared the churches for worship and provided excellent decorations of flowers and vegetables. Hopefully there has been room in the magazine for some of the

photographs taken from each service. A number of photos have been uploaded to our Facebook page.

Mullaghfad

We were able to hold our Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday 15th October 2023, which was very well attended by members of the congregation who were joined once again by Fivemiletown and Lisburn branches of the Royal British Legion, and a number of friends who had travelled a considerable distance to be with us. A special thank you to everyone who prepared the church for worship. God willing, our next service will be a service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 3.00pm on Sunday 3rd December 2023, weather permitting. The collection taken at the Carol Service will this year go Cancer Research UK.

Each year we have raised money for a different charity and since they began in 2016, have raised a total of approximately £2500 (no services in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid).

Alpha Course

We are holding an Alpha Course, along with the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in Fivemiletown and surrounding area, beginning on Tuesday 24th October 2023. Each week we will meet at 8.00pm in the Wesleyan Hall, Fivemiletown Methodist, which will last 1 ½ hours, beginning with some refreshments. After listening to a video presentation, there will be time to discuss questions arising.

No one will find themselves put on the spot or be under any sort of pressure. This will be an informal occasion for anyone who is curious about God or wishes to find out more about their faith. Please get in touch with me if you wish to know more, and I would encourage people to come along and give it a go.

Parish Organisations

GFS – Girls Friendly Society

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

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

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

The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

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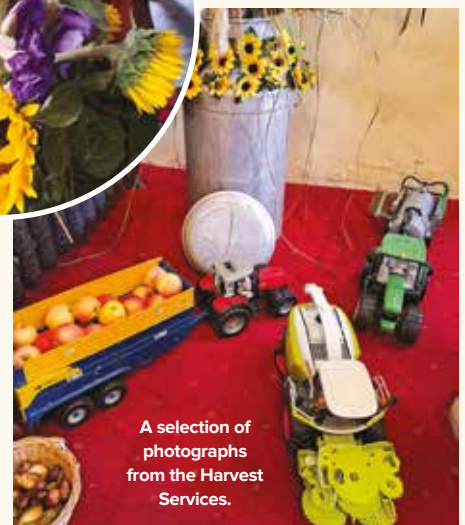
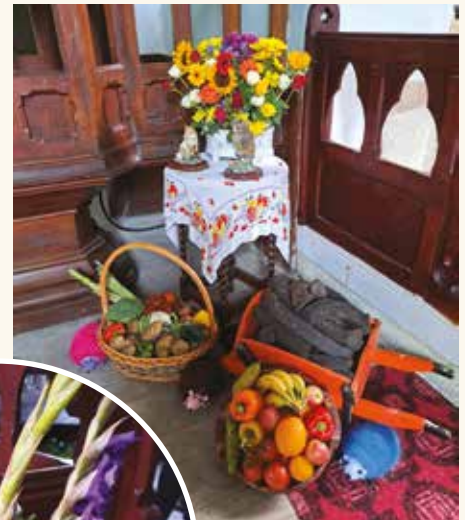
Bowling Club

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

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

Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union

Four members of the branch attended the Women's Weekend in Hotel Kilmore, Cavan in October. The warm welcome, renewing of friendships and meeting members



A selection of photographs from the Harvest Services.



of Mothers' Union from around Ireland, brought enjoyment to the event. The sumptuous food, excellent accommodation and conference facilities added to the weekend. Organisers Liz and Wendy had catered for the spiritual, physical and emotion wellbeing of those gathered. The speaker, Melanie Douglas, brought encouragement and challenge from her personal reflections using God's Word, her experiences of God's provision, as well as much enjoyment from her beautiful singing. The dancing and 'Armchair Aerobics' were

all part of the amazing weekend which was thoroughly enjoyable.

Keep free 11th and 12th October 2024, where the weekend is booked for Armagh City Hotel.

The members are looking forward to sharing with Clogher Group Mothers' Union visitors' night in October, when Maeve Wilson will be the speaker.

The next meeting is on 15th November at 7.45 pm, when Lettie Coulter will speak on 'Transformation using scarves.' Everyone is welcome.

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Harvest Festivals

A Harvest Festival was held in each of our parish churches in recent weeks. On Sunday 24th September, Revd. Ian Cruickshank, Rector of Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh Parishes, preached at the service in St. Maeldoid's, Church, Castleblaney. On Sunday 1st October, Revd. Margaret Pringle, who is well known to everyone in our group of parishes, preached at the service in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblaney. On Sunday 15th October, Revd. Martin O'Kelly, Rector of Kingscourt Union of Parishes in the Dioceses of Meath and Kildare, preached at the service in Christ Church, Ballybay.

In addition, a children's harvest festival was held in Christ Church, Ballybay, on Sunday 8th October. The children read prayers and readings during the service and brought forward items to represent the harvest. We thank them, and the Sunday School teachers, for all their hard work.

It was a great joy to be able to gather together this year to give thanks to God our Father for the many blessings which he has bestowed on us. Special thanks to those who helped to decorate the churches – they all looked beautiful! Thanks also to those who helped serve tea after each service and to those who helped in any other way.

God our Father, we thank you that, once again, you have fulfilled your gracious promise that, while earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not fail. We bless you for the fruits of the earth which you have given for our use. Teach us that it is not by bread alone that we live, and grant us evermore to feed on him who is the true bread from heaven, even Jesus Christ our Lord; to



Alice Crawford and friends during her missionary work in Paraguay.

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

“Team Hope” Shoe Box Appeal 2023

For a number of years, the Parish Hall in Castleblaney has been used to sort, fill and pack shoeboxes for “Team Hope”, an Irish, Christian international development organisation working to help children affected by poverty in Africa and Eastern Europe. This Christmas share a little joy and excitement with children who live in circumstances where they have little or nothing. Creating a shoe box is a personal thing. Every box is unique and part of the fun is choosing what goes into your gift. You can put your own shoebox together at home or you can put it together online. Items such as pencils, crayons, colouring books, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, hats, socks, cuddly toys, stickers etc. can be put into boxes. Further information can be obtained from Janet Hill, south Monaghan co-ordinator, Church St., Castleblaney.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the McMurry family (Ballybay Parish) following the passing of their cousin, Ross Mealiff, proprietor of the Hotel Kilmore, Cavan, on Monday 2nd October. His funeral mass took place in the Sacred Heart Church, Clones, on Thursday 5th October.

Sympathy is also extended to Diane Tate and her family (Clontibret Parish) following the passing of her brother, Colin Gray, after a short illness, on Saturday 7th October. Colin was a talented musician held in high regard. His funeral service took place in

Lislooney Presbyterian Church on Monday 9th October and he was interred in the adjoining churchyard.

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

Coffee Morning in Ballybay

A coffee morning will be held in Ballybay Parish Hall on Tuesday 12th December from 11 a.m.–12.30 p.m. All are most welcome to attend!

Alice Crawford

Alice Crawford from Ballybay Parish is currently undertaking a four-month mission placement in Paraguay which has been arranged through SAMS (South American Mission Society) Ireland.

She has written the following:

I am continuing to enjoy my time here in Asunción, Paraguay! I am teaching English twice a week in a small school on the outskirts of the city called El Redentor. The pupils are so full of joy and eager to learn! I am also now assisting a child psychologist a couple days a week with her sessions, which has been very interesting. Please continue to pray for the Church in Asunción and El Redentor, the school I am working in. Thanks, Alice.

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Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those from our group of parishes who have been unwell, lonely, troubled or saddened in recent months.

Clontibret

The sudden death of Jake Brennan sent shock waves around our community. We were all deeply saddened that such a young life was cut short in such tragic circumstances - our deepest sympathy was, and is, expressed to all Jake's family and friends. *Jennifer Leathem*

Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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Harvest Services

So far, we have had our harvest celebrations in St Finbarr's, Carrickmacross and St Patrick's, Ardragh, with St Molua's, Magheraclone to follow. A huge thanks to all who gave of their time and creative talents to bring the beauty and variety of harvest into our churches for all to appreciate and enjoy. Thanks to those who supplied the produce to make it possible. For the refreshments, again thanks to those who supplied, organised, and helped to see that all were fed. Thanks to the servers and those who relentlessly ensured that all the cutlery and dishes were cleaned and put back where they belonged. All the above done pleasantly with no fuss. Another main feature of our harvest services is the music. This couldn't have happened without Pamela. Thank you for your skill, and willingness to share with us so we could have a proper celebration.

Fund Raising

Our Luck Try fundraiser has now been completed after months of organising and the selling of scratch cards. As with other fundraisers a lot of time and effort was put into the event to see that it was as successful as possible. It also was an



Marco and parishioners gathered around harvest decorations and a cake to mark his baptism.



opportunity to mix and have a bit of crack with the local community. Unfortunately, for some, the result meant that one team stayed to progress into the quarter-finals while the other team went home (to Scotland). But there's always next time.

Sunday School

We are recommencing our Sunday school in St Finbarr's on the second Sunday of November. We would not be able to do much, without the enthusiasm, willingness, and talents of our volunteers. Thank you to those who have given so much with

their service, and a welcome to those who are joining us afresh. Also, to the parents and the children for being who they are. For next two months; November 12th and 26th and December 3rd, 10th and 17th.


Baptism

A young man who has become a regular part of our church community, Mohammad Mostofi (Marco) was baptised before our Harvest Service, where we acknowledged that our Harvest celebrations are not only focused on God's present provision but of the final harvest when all is safely



gathered home. During the teas we incorporated Marco's special day with a few presentations, a Bible for feeding, an embroidered towel and a cake to mark the occasion. Thank you for all who contributed to the day.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Canon Jen writes.....

October has been a busy month with the celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving in both churches. The Harvest weekend in Cleenish also incorporated the celebration of 260 years since the current church was built. Both weekends were wonderful, and great fun, but the smooth running of these events didn't happen without a lot of hard work in the background. My thanks to all who had any part in decorating the churches, organising and practising and singing the lovely music, feeding all who came to the harvest lunch and harvest supper, and all who cleaned and cleared up long after most others had gone home (and even the next day!). My thanks also to everyone who brought contributions to both churches for Enniskillen Foodbank. More people than ever before are using food banks across the country and your generosity is noted. November will soon be upon us bring the season of Remembrance, and Remembrance Sunday will be marked in both churches.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union were pleased to welcome Nigel Armstrong to Mullaghduin Parochial Hall for a watercolour workshop. Our thanks to him. The Mothers' Union will



Mullaghduin harvest kids.

be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 18th November at 10.00am in Cleenish Parish hall and everyone will be welcome. It promises to be a great morning!

Harvest Services

Mullaghduin Harvest Services were held on Friday 29th September and Sunday morning 1st October. Elizabeth Hazlett and the Choir led the singing of familiar Harvest Hymns and sang the introt "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" and the Anthems "Yes! God is Good" and "Bringing in the Sheaves". On Friday evening we had a traditional Harvest Service at which Canon

Jen preached.

On Sunday morning the Sunday School children presented gifts for the food bank and recited Prayers of Thanks which they had written on paper leaves during recent weeks and used to form a "Thank You Tree" which was displayed in the Church. Caroline and Lisa read Bible passages and Canon Jen spoke to the children about the true meaning of harvest. The Church was decorated by Caroline Little with beautiful arrangements of flowers, fruit and vegetables. Following the Service a splendid "soup and cheese" lunch, prepared by Eveline Clements and her team of helpers,



Some of the harvest decorations at Mullaghduin.



The silver Tones choir

was served in the Parochial hall. The event raised over £600 for Parish funds.

Cleenish Harvest Services started off on Friday 13th October with a Musical Evening to celebrate the 260th Anniversary year of the construction of Cleenish Parish Church. Those attending enjoyed the music of Silver Tones Male Voice Choir, Ballinamallard and Serenity Music, Florencecourt. A detailed history of Cleenish Church was given and spoke of the various memorial stones erected in the interior walls of the church building and of the various times when major work was carried out on the building. The congregation participated by singing two hymns – “Great is thy Faithfulness” and “Lord for the years”.

Everyone was entertained to a sumptuous supper in the Cleenish Parish Hall which was prepared by a team of dedicated ladies. The weekend concluded on Sunday 15th October with a Family service in the morning when the children of Cleenish Sunday participated and on Sunday evening when the congregation enjoyed the singing of Jones Memorial Primary School choir, the soloists being two of our young parishioners, and the Cleenish Choir which sang two anthems. Canon Jen preached at both services.

Thanks are recorded to the team of flower arrangers for the fabulous arrangements denoting not only the glory of harvest colours in the floral arrangements but also in the fruits and vegetables on display. The Mothers’ Union arranged for the collection of foodstuffs for the local Food Bank to which all parishioners were invited to contribute.

Bellanaleck Community Group

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.

There has been little improvement since the weather deteriorated at the beginning of July. Despite the weather, numbers of

pedestrians on the Loughshore Path have steadily improved during July and August. Our thanks are due to FODC who have recently cut and tided up the grass along the sides of the Loughshore Path and have also completed a lot of work in the community garden. We are also grateful to those who



The Cleenish harvest kids.



Harvest decorations in Cleenish



Enjoying the Soup lunch following the Mullaghdun harvest service.



Rosemary Forde giving an outline of Cleenish Church's history



Some of the singers.



have kept the allotments clean and tidy which shows these facilities are greatly appreciated.

The nameplate stones on the entrances to the Village have been cleaned and repainted.

Also, it is much appreciated the Council supply of flowers throughout the Village. Our local Police Neighbourhood Watch is very

helpful and will take action on any high-speed vehicles. The River Erne continues to be one of our greatest assets with boats and fishermen alike.

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

Next meeting Wednesday 24th January at 8pm. New members will always be welcome.

From the Registers CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Lang, Hannah Lucinda (Louie), Granshagh Road, Laragh, Enniskillen, aged 85 years. Service of Thanksgiving on Friday 29th September 2023 at 11.00am in Cleenish Parish Church followed by burial in the adjoining graveyard.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Lisa Johnston and James Stewart in Cleenish Parish Church on Saturday 23rd September at 12 noon, followed by reception in Markree Castle.

Dates for the diary

- Sunday 12th November - Act of Remembrance in both churches.
- Friday 18th November - 10.00am. Mothers'



James Stewart and Lisa Johnston who were married in Cleenish Church.

Union coffee morning. ALL WELCOME

■ Advance notice - Advent Bible Study in Cleenish Parish Hall at 7.30pm for three weeks in December. Dates TBC, they will be announced in church.

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From the Rector's Desk *Just a little insignificant potato!*

A short while ago I was driving some back roads in rural County Down, an area prolific in commercial potato growing. As I stopped at a road junction, I noticed lying at the side of the road one lone potato, I could only conclude that it had fallen of a trailer as it turned onto the main road. With all the traffic whizzing past, there it sat unharmed, small, dry, abandoned and

seemingly so vulnerable. I think it took my attention because it seemed so out of place. It made me think about how we view apparently humble looking things, and how their worth / value is altered depending upon its surroundings and who is looking at it. If this little potato hadn't fallen out of the trailer it may well have ended up in a posh Belfast or London restaurant where it would have been transformed to accompany other high range produce on a fine china plate. Perhaps it might have been sold in a local shop, it's destination and recipient of much humbler origins. Or yet still, perhaps this little potato may have been used as a seed potato, the seed if you like, when placed back into the dark earth would reproduce many other potatoes and sprout glossy green leaves. Just for the record, I am not on commission from the Department of Agriculture to encourage you to eat more potatoes! Rather I simply want to challenge the way we view things, but most importantly the way we view people who at first sight may appear of humble or modest appearance. You see, Jesus, as he walked and preached, taught us the importance of the seemingly unimportant, isolated, discarded, unpopular. He looked at all such people with very different lens, when many passed them by – He saw them, remember the blind man calling out.



The single potato.

When many had thrown them away – He rediscovered their real worth, remember the woman at the well. When many wouldn't go near them – He embraced them – remember the ten lepers. Don't judge people by their outer appearance, be more like Jesus folks, and ask to see them through His eyes, because that's where the true beauty and potential lie. Every human being is made in God's image, don't discard or dismiss God's handiwork. So, the next time you look at a humble little potato, may it remind you that to

the King of kings we looked small, dirty, abandoned and vulnerable, yet He willingly paid the highest price possible to save us.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:8-10

Confirmation

A Service of Confirmation will be held for our group of parishes on Sunday 19th November at 11am. Please note time. This will be the only service in our group of parishes on this Sunday. Please remember our young people in your prayers as they prepare for their confirmation.

Mothers’ Union

The finalised details of our Mothers’ Union Christmas dinner will be announced very soon. Please speak to Lynn or Ann if you would like to attend.

Knit, Stitch & Natter

Knit Stitch & Natter continues in the Cathedral Hall Clogher on the second and fourth Thursday morning of the month at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

Harvest Thanksgiving

It has been a busy few weeks in the group of parishes, with three of the harvest thanksgiving weekends having taken place. On Friday 29th September, Canon Ruth West was the guest preacher at the opening service of the Cathedral harvest. Mrs Eileen Cutler led and preached at the Sunday morning family harvest service, the Sunday school children recited a harvest poem and assisted with the prayers. Friday 8th October St. Mark’s Augher began their harvest weekend, the church was beautifully decorated inside and outside with the children making a



Harvest decorations at all the churches in the group.



wonderful contribution. Revd Eleanor Hayden from Omagh Methodist Church was warmly welcomed as the guest preacher. On Sunday morning the Rector led the family service, Sunday School read the scripture lesson, led the prayers, and said a harvest poem. Both services

were followed by tea and fellowship in the church hall which was very much enjoyed by all.

St. Mark’s Newtownsaville began their harvest thanksgiving on Friday 13th October. Revd Rebecca Guildea from the Garrison group of parishes was greatly



Harvest decorations at all the churches in the group.



The Whyllie family at the baptism.

appreciated as the guest preacher, and the Strule River String band had toes tapping as they sang Gospel favourites. Everyone was treated to a marvellous

supper following the service. On Sunday morning the tempo changed a little as the Church family gathered for a family harvest service which was led by the Rector and Parish Reader, Alan Lavelle. Sunday school helped us think about planting seeds in their poem / drama, and they also sang a harvest song. The church was again splendidly decorated inside and outside with a special display by Sunday school.

A huge 'thank you' to everyone across the parishes who contributed in so many ways to make the harvest services so special to ensure that God would be praised and glorified. A great example of the outworking of the 'Church' as many parts - yet one body. Well done everyone.

Holy Baptism

St. Mark's Agher, 15th October 2023
Olivia Whyllie, daughter of Steven and Nicola.

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' Matthew 19:14



Miss Kirsti Robson and Mr Christopher Kelly at their wedding in Clogher Cathedral.

Marriage

On Saturday 23rd September in St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher we had the joy of celebrating the marriage of Miss Kirsti Robson and Mr Christopher Kelly. We wish them both God's richest blessings as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

5 November

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer (with short Act of Remembrance)

Newbliss 11.30am Morning Prayer (with short Act of Remembrance)

NB. Services today will be led by Mr Keith Browne as the Rector will be away

12 November

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer (with short Act of Remembrance)

Killeevan 11.30am: Morning Prayer (with short Act of Remembrance)

NB. Services today will be led by Mr Keith Browne as the Rector will be away

19 November

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer

Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer

26 November

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer

Killeevan 11.30am: Morning Prayer

3 December

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion

Newbliss 11.30am: Holy Communion

Harvest Services

In October, each of our parishes celebrated the harvest festival and gave thanks for the good year enjoyed by our farmers. On Sunday, 1 October, Clones and Newbliss each held individual services this year – Clones in church, and Newbliss in their Parish Hall. In Clones the music was expertly provided by guest organist Audrey Doogan from Currin Church, and also by our own Clones Choir led by Roy Crowe. In Newbliss, Angela Graham played her accordion alongside our regular organist, May Leech, to provide a rousing musical accompaniment to our celebrations. The guest preacher at both services was Revd. James Stevenson, whose practical words of wisdom were much appreciated – and, as ever, the harvest decorations were beautiful.

On Sunday, 8 October, Killeevan and Scotshouse also celebrated harvest in

their respective parish churches, each of which looked fabulous, having been carefully decorated by parishioners. Rev. Margaret Pringle was the guest preacher at both services – taking special care to provide a message for both children and adults alike – whilst parish organists Ivy Ritchie and Audrey Doogan provided the accompaniment to our singing. In Scotshouse, additional musical input came from two other talented musicians - Beryl Trenier (singer/guitarist) and Angela Graham (accordionist) – and, once the service was over, everyone really appreciated the opportunity to enjoy some fine refreshments and much convivial conversation.

Warm thanks go to our preachers, musicians, those who decorated our churches, those who organised refreshments, and to all who contributed



in so many ways to making our harvest services so uplifting again this year.

Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Henry Ritchie, whose funeral was held in Killeevan Church on 10 October. Although Henry had lived elsewhere for many years, he was firmly rooted in this area, where he often visited his family – including longstanding parishioners William and Ivy Ritchie, who continue to play key roles in the life of Killeevan Church. Henry was a person of deep faith who will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.

Currin Floral Arrangement Demonstration

On 29 September Scotshouse Church organised a floral arrangement

demonstration in the community centre by well-known local florist Timothy Elliott. Timothy made some amazing arrangements, which were raffled at the end of the evening as everyone ate a fine supper. The event was attended by over 100 people, who all had a splendid time. Many thanks go to Maud Agnew, and to all those others who joined her in organising such an enjoyable evening.

Mothers' Union

On Thursday 19 October Siobhan McKenna from Tearmann Domestic Abuse Service in Monaghan came to talk about her work – and also to teach MU members how to weave stars as part of the 'One Million Stars' project against domestic violence. Everyone appreciated the evening, which finished as usual with a delicious supper and much

conversation.

The next MU meeting will take place on Wednesday 22 November at 8.00pm in Killeevan Church Hall, when Roberta McConkey will show members how to make Christmas tree decorations. All are warmly welcome.

Confirmation 2024

Bishop Ian will lead a service of confirmation for our Group in May 2024, and the young people to be confirmed were presented to the congregation at our Joint Group Service in Newbliss on 29 October – when we also celebrated the reopening of the church after some roof repairs. These youngsters will be involved in worship in a variety of ways over the coming months, and do keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this important milestone in their life of faith.

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Services

NOVEMBER

5th November - Holy Communion 11.30am

12th November - Remembrance Sunday 11.30am

19th November - Morning Prayer 11.30am

26th Morning - Prayer 11.30am (Gift Sunday)

DECEMBER

3rd December - Holy Communion 11.30am

10th December - Family Service 11.30am

17th December - Morning Prayer 11.30am

24th December - Carol Service 11.30am

25th December - Christmas Day, Family communion, 10.00am

31st December - Morning Praise 11.30am

31st December - New Year's Eve service 11.00pm – parish hall



Canon Irwin with the children.

Christian Wedding

■ 16th September 2023 - Julie Weir and James McCay

Christian Funeral

■ 29th September 2023 - Samuel Robert (Sam) Johnston, Main Street, Lack

Harvest

The harvest services have been a time of celebration and thanksgiving for the fruits of the earth, the abundance of God's bountiful gifts, something we should never neglect in doing, not just annually but every day. The remembrance of God's goodness and mercy, His love and grace, forgiveness, as an integral and important a part of our daily lives than everything else that vies for our attention. The harvest of the earth is reaped, at least for the most

part, the harvest of souls is ongoing, and one day in God's perfect timing, the final harvest will come. Unless we die to sin and are born again, unless we are sowing seeds of righteousness, unless we are bearing fruit worthy of repentance, the heavenly garner may not be our eternal reward. God who created us, who through His Son redeems us, will one day be our judge, will be ready to give an account of the faith we profess.

We could echo the words at this year's harvest services, it was good to be there giving thanks to God, singing praises, hearing the written word and the spoken word, being challenged, and encouraged in our daily walk. The unity of God's gifts working in harmony, from the beauty of the ambience of the church, its tapestry of colourful decorations of fruit, flowers, and vegetables, to the music, the choir



pieces, was evident. Added to this was the fellowship in the church hall with the apple pie and cream, brought much joy, hope, and encouragement. Our sincerest thanks to everyone involved, for the donations, gifts, decorations, making and serving the tea, clearing up afterwards, the musicians, choir, and IT. To the Sunday school children who took part in the family harvest service. Heartfelt thanks to our speakers Rev Leah McKibbin, and Archdeacon Paul Thompson, and to the rector.

Remembrance

The ongoing war in Ukraine, the terrorist attacks in Israel, its aftermath, the reactions across the world, and more locally, will show the depth of division that exists. And more worryingly the support in some quarters of terrorism. Psalm 37: 9 *"For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, they shall inherit the earth."* God's chosen people, those trust and believe in Him will inherit the earth. God is faithful and just, we need not fear, His promises are steadfast, He will act in His timing to accomplish all that He has ordained. We have a responsibility to act with mercy, to love justice, and to walk humbly with our God. Those events and many others past, and in the present will be to the forefront of some minds as we approach Remembrance Sunday. When we look back at the horrors of war, conflict, and terrorism, the untold damage to lives, livelihoods, and property, the lost generations because of 'man's inhumanity to man'. Each has its initiators, antagonists, apologists, and revisionists. Some of which we will have witnessed on our television screens or in the papers, such actions often show an ignorance of the historical. All will have views on the past, the present, and as to how future history should be written, and for some fiction will replace facts. As we gather on this Remembrance Sunday, let us come with renewed awareness of what we have today, is because others stood against the tyranny, the dictators, and give to us the freedoms we have today. Peace is fragile, it's not something to be taken for



The harvest decorations at Colaghty.



granted, it must be pursued, worked at, not squandered, but built on Christ the Prince of Peace. *"Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it."* Psalm 34: 14 Those words in Romans 12: 18, *"If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men."* Challenging as that is, it's what is asked of us all.

Women's Fellowship

The first meeting for the autumn term saw a good attendance of ladies, eager to engage in worship and fellowship. Hollie Moore shared her faith and give a demonstration of her skills in creating artificial wreathes/displays, with the proceeds of any sales going to a cancer charity. Some refreshments were served at the conclusion of the night. Monday 6th November the speaker will be Ethel McClelland, from the Smilies Foundation.

Young @ Heart

The first meeting will have taken place in October, with many enquiring and looking

forward to meeting together after the summer break. An opportunity to meet and share in fellowship, and in the regular club activities. Plan to come along, third Wednesday of the month, 10.30am.

Youth

It is encouraging to see children and young people attending Sunday school and confirmation classes each week. We thank parents for bringing them, and in fulfilling their promises to bring them up in the Christian faith. Dates and times have now been circulated as to the youth activities for juniors and seniors in the parish hall on Friday nights. We are indebted to those who willingly give of their time for Sunday School and for the Friday night activities. Please plan to send your children along and if you would love to volunteer to help, please contact the leaders.

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

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Services

12th November: Remembrance Sunday

Derryvullen North 10.30am, Informal Morning Prayer with Act of Remembrance
Castle Archdale 11.45, Informal Morning Prayer with Act of Remembrance
Derryvullen North, Parade 3pm and Remembrance Service 3.30pm with RBL and Veterans Groups

19th November: Second Sunday before Advent

Castle Archdale 10.15am, Morning Prayer
Derryvullen North 11.30am, BB Enrolment Service

26th November: The Kingship of Christ

Castle Archdale 10.15am, Morning Prayer
Derryvullen North 11.30am, Morning Prayer
Diocesan Ministry of Healing Service in Derryvullen 7.00pm

3rd December: Advent Sunday

Castle Archdale 10.15am, Holy Communion
Derryvullen North 11.30am, Holy Communion
Installation of the Rector as Archdeacon in Enniskillen Cathedral 7.00pm

Weekly

- Mondays: Boys' Brigade Junior Section
- Tuesdays: Bowling Club
- Thursdays: Craft Group
- Thursdays: Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys and Company Section

Special

- Wed 8th Nov 11.00am – Shoppers' Service with chat and a cuppa
- Sat 11th (time tbc) – Castle Archdale Singers
- Wed 15th Nov – Womens' Group Visit to Kenwell's of Dromore
- Wed 22nd Nov – Gwenan Lyttle speaking on "Sheep Dogs and Crafts"

- Sat 25th Nov – Christmas Fair and Irvinestown Christmas Lights
- Tues 5th Dec – Lisnarick Christmas Lights (date to be confirmed at time of notes)
- Sat 2nd Dec 10am to 12noon – Book Nook (Parish Centre, Irvinestown)

Castle Archdale Harvest Thanksgiving

Castle Archdale Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday 1st October and we would like to thank everyone who made the displays of flowers and season harvest items as well as all who very kindly donated items for the ARC Food Bank. In the morning our Singing Group sang a gradual hymn and members of the Sunday School performed a harvest sketch, lead a Bible reading and the intercessions. The children also made Harvest drawings which were displayed in the church as part of the seasonal celebration. Melissa Thompson assisted the Rector as Server at Holy Communion and Edith Matthews administered the Chalice. At both Morning and Evening worship, the organist was Billy McBride. In the evening we welcomed Mr Andrew Gordon (guest musician on the Trumpet) and also Canon Stephen Hazlett (guest speaker). There was a very enjoyable supper served in the church following the service kindly provided and served by ladies of the congregation and during the supper Mrs Gwenan Lyttle accompanied our guest preacher, - who is also a violinist - in an informal musical performance. At the time of the preparation of these notes, the Harvest Thanksgiving Services are still to take place in Derryvullen North and report on them will take place in the next edition of the magazine.

Dedication of Gifts

On Sunday 10th September at Derryvullen North, we were so pleased to see Albert Hughes out and he, along with Alan, presented tables in memory of the late



Harvest decorations at Castle Archdale.

Mrs Eveline Hughes. The Rector received them, assisted by the Churchwardens and dedicated to God in memory of Eveline. The soloist was Paddy and he was accompanied by Rachel, who also played for the congregational hymns too. The reader was Iris and the collection was received by members of the Sunday School and one of our Junior Leaders. After the Service there was tea/coffees and biscuits in the hall - this has now resumed on the second Sunday and we were grateful to Carol, Marion and Iris for arranging this today.

The development of Harvest Thanksgiving Services

The Biblical writings proclaim the creative power and wisdom of God, revealed in the patterns of the natural world. It is therefore a natural instinct for worshipping communities to develop patterns of worship and prayer around the agricultural year and it is no surprise that several of the ancient Jewish festivals have agricultural roots. The Christian tradition, too, has incorporated, elements of the agricultural festivals. Much of this is bound up with the need to provide food to sustain human life, and the accompanying sense of a proper humility before God as source of



The harvest supper at Castle Archdale



Albert Hughes.

all things, gratitude for his goodness, and responsibility in stewarding the resources of the earth. In more recent years, urban congregations have explored ways of adapting traditional creation-based festivals for their own contexts. Harvest Thanksgiving is a more modern addition to the church calendar. Its origins are usually traced to the adaptation in 1843 of Lammas Day by the Revd R. S. Hawker, a Church of England priest in Cornwall. He chose the first Sunday in October as a Christian response to coincide with the traditional but largely secular 'harvest home' celebration. An annual church celebration of the harvest certainly established itself rapidly with great popularity and was first recognised officially in the Church of England in 1862 and from there it spread around the world. People decorated their places of worship to reflect the harvest and the glory of God's creation. In many places all of this is linked closely to a sense of wanting to share the goodness of the earth with those in need. In our parishes we link Harvest Thanksgiving with gifts for the local Food Bank and this is an out-working of the Biblical teachings of sharing God's abundance with those in need.

Second Sunday Services

The informal all-age worship continues each second Sunday of the month. On Sunday 8th September at Derryvullen North, there was a duet sung by Sharon Duncan and Carolyn Neville, accompanied by Rachel Giles on keyboard. The Scripture reader was Sandra Cashel and the collection was received by some of the younger members of the congregation. The fellowship continued in the hall over a very enjoyable cuppa. At Castle Archdale the Singing Group performed a piece accompanied by the Rector on the guitar. The Scripture reader was Matthew Crozier.



The BB Hydrobikeathon in action.

Book Nook

The first session of the Book Nook was held in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown on Saturday 30th Sept. While folk may borrow and browse the books at any time we are holding this special monthly session to provide an additional opportunity – anyone from the town or wider community is welcome. There was free tea/coffee, music to listen to and a time to chat and it was wonderful to see so many people call in.

Women's Group

The members met on Wednesday 20th September when the Rector gave an illustrated presentation on working as a Chaplain in HM Prison Service 1999-2017. It was great to welcome so many members back after the summer break. A supper was served following the talk. There was also a special presentation made to Joy Loane who is stepping down as group treasurer. The new treasurer is Irene Gibson.

Mothers' Union

The Branch Members (Derryvullen North & Castle Archdale) met on Wednesday 27th September in the Parish Centre,



The BB Company Section.

Irvinestown when the speaker was the Rector who gave an presentation, illustrated by videos, entitled "Long long ago – DNA and Family History." This was followed by supper and a short business meeting.

Boys' Brigade

Some of the 1st Irvinestown Boys Brigade members, leaders and parents were participating in the World's 1st 24-hour Hydrobikeathon as their fundraising effort for this 2023-24 season. This enables them to deliver the BB programme for the incoming year. There are many costs associated with this that many of us are not aware of e.g. the insurance cover alone is about £1200 per year. The Hydrobikeathon was held over the night of 8th-9th September.

From the registers

BAPTISM:

Faye Hunter, 17th September (Derryvullen North).

CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

Robert Cyril George Hunter, 11th October (Derryvullen North).

Derryvullen South and Garvary

Vacant:

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Services

Sunday 5 November

10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary
 12 Noon Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday 12 November

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South
 12 Noon Morning Prayer, Garvary

Sunday 19 November

10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary
 12 Noon Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday 26 November

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South
 12 Noon Morning Prayer, Garvary

Derryvullen South

At Derryvullen South the Bishop of Clogher,



The confirmation of nine candidates took place in Derryvullen South Church.



Some of the decorations in Garvary Church.

Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis led the Service of Confirmation for nine young people on Sunday 8 October.

Garvary SYMPATHY

The death of Winifred Alice Irvine of Woaghternerry, Enniskillen took place. Mrs Irvine was a faithful attender at Garvary Church and she was a supporter of all the organisations in the church. We extend our sincere sympathy to her husband, John and all the family at his difficult time.

HARVEST SERVICES

Our Harvest Services in Garvary took place on Sunday, 8 October. Revd Denise Acheson was the preacher at the morning service and Dr. Revd William Johnston preached at the evening service. Sincere



thanks to all those who helped with the decoration of the church for the services and also to all those who generously donated items for the Food Bank in Lisnaskea. Thanks also to the ladies who provided the refreshments after the evening service.

MOTHERS' UNION

The October monthly meeting took place in Garvary Parish Church Hall on Monday 16th October at 8.00 pm. Thank you to Mr. Brian Dane for his most informative and interesting presentation on Bee Keeping. The November monthly meeting will take place on Monday 20th November in Derryvullen South Parish Hall at 8.00pm when we look forward to welcoming Mrs. Genevieve Irvine who will speak about her work with the County Fermanagh cancer



group, SWELL. Everyone welcome.

FOOD BANK

The Select Vestry were pleased to see yet another outstanding donation of non-perishable food items for the use of Lisnaskea Food Bank and would say a big thank you to all. These were very much appreciated by the "Pantry" Food Bank. Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those of our parishioners who are ill in hospital, nursing homes or in their own homes and also those who are receiving treatment.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

■ 28th September 2023 - Winifred A. Irvine, Coa Road, Woaghternerry, Enniskillen, aged 91 years.

Devenish & Boho



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Services

Sunday 5th November 2023

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

Sunday 12th November 2023

10.00 am Remembrance Service, Boho

Parish Church
11.30am Remembrance Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 19th November

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

Sunday 26th November

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

Burial

4th October 2023 James Kells, 22 Springfield Road, Springfield, Enniskillen. Following a service in Devenish Parish Church conducted by Revd. Sampson Ajuka, James was buried in Devenish Parish Graveyard. The family tribute was paid by James's daughter Judith.

The parish and wider community have been deeply saddened by passing of James, after a short illness. James, who was Rector's Glebewarden in Devenish. was always seen working around the Church, hall or rectory. His work included, minor building repairs, cleaning around paths,

helping with electrical work, dealing with flooding problems and building a wall in the graveyard. James will be deeply missed by all in the parish.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to James's wife, Dorothea, his son Connor, daughter Judith, brothers Eric, George, Cecil, Ian, sister Heather, grandsons Nathan and Louis and the wider family circle

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

We wish to thank our Harvest preachers Mrs. Ellen Stephenson in Boho and Revd. Denise Acheson in Devenish. Thank you to everyone who brought gifts of flowers, vegetables and fruit to decorate both churches. We also wish to thank the choirs and organists, the Ajuka Family in Boho and Gill Spence in Devenish.

Young People for Christ

Young People from 13years and above are invited to a meeting with the Revd Philip Bryson on Saturday 18th November at 7.00 pm in the Reade Hall.

Mothers' Union

At our meeting on Wednesday 11th October Pearl Bell, Branch Leader, welcomed

everyone and led us in prayer remembering especially members who are ill and unable to be present and Dorothea Kells on the passing of her dear husband James. Kay McKeown read a passage of scripture from First Samuel Chapter 3 verses 1-10 - The Lord Calls Samuel. Pearl then introduced our speaker, Heather Ellis, Clogher Diocesan President. Heather thanked Pearl for the invitation and the opportunity to meet members of our Branch. She spoke about the MU's triennial theme where we have moved from Transformation Now to Transformation in Action. As part of this theme Heather introduced a copy of the Metamorphosis bitesize booklet – a resource for small groups such as MU branches. Metamorphosis equips people with the inspiration, confidence, and skills to work for transformation in their local churches and communities. There are six sessions in the booklet and Heather asked members to take part in the first session 'how to listen and communicate'. Afterwards it was agreed that the exercise had proved how important it is to listen and communicate with each other. Heather then spoke about her life growing up on a farm, zoom meetings with other MU members across the world, and her attendance at this year's one-day event in York Minister Cathedral where Sheran Harper, our Worldwide President, gave a keynote address. A vote of thanks was proposed by Georgina Whittaker. We have been invited to Garrison Slavin Belleek and Kiltyclogher Mothers' Union Visitors' Night in Garrison Parish Hall on



Tuesday 14th November at 8.00 pm and look forward to hearing Joy Graham speak on 'how to listen more effectively' and other topics. Please contact Pearl or Carole if you require transport. Members were asked to note the following dates: -Thursday 26th October at 7.30 pm - Autumn Council Meeting – Sallaghy Parish Hall Saturday 25th November - Prayer Breakfast - Maguiresbridge Church Hall

Auction and Sale

Devenish Parish Auction and Sale will be held on Saturday 11th November at 2.00pm in the Reade Hall. This is our main fund-raising event and gifts of vegetables, fruit, cakes, items for the work stall and auction, the jelly and tea stalls. There will also be a number of sheep offered for sale this year.

Donacavey and Barr



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Services

Sunday, 5th November

Barr: 10.00am Holy Communion and Family Service

Donacavey: 11:30am Holy Communion and family Service

Sunday, 12th November

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer

Donacavey: 11:30am Morning Prayer with an act of Remembrance.

Sunday, 19th November

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer

Donacavey: 11:30am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 26th November

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.

Donacavey: 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Collect of the Word for 5th November

Creator God,
you have filled the world with beauty:
open our eyes to behold
your gracious hand in all your works,

that, rejoicing in your whole creation,
we may learn to serve you with gladness,
for the sake of him
through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The collect reminds us of the beauty and wonder of creation and is a timely after the numerous celebrations of harvest. It is all too easy to be taken in with the worldly thinking that God does not matter or that He doesn't exist at all.

Harvest

During the course of our Sunday morning Harvest celebrations the Sunday school sang, recited poems and led the prayers. On Sunday night we welcomed the Revd Lindsey Farrell who preached from the parable of the Sower and the seed. Revd Lindsey reminded us the patience of

God in the midst a fallen world and the presence of evil.
The tragic events in Israel and Palestine are further proof of the coexistence of evil and good in this world.

On Monday night we were informed of the work of 'The Kindness Post-box' by Wendy Kerr. This relatively new work has received much acclaim from Kings and Queens to politicians. Wendy used a slide presentation to outline some of the things the charity has been doing since its inception during Covid.

All three services were very well attended and many people spoke of a real sense of God's presence among us. It was encouraging to see many from other denominations represented.

A huge word of appreciation to all those who gave gifts of flowers, monetary contributions, vegetables and fruit. This year the various organisations put together a fantastic display. These included the Sunday school, Boys Brigade, Girls Friendly Society, Indoor Bowls and Mothers' Union. A special word of thanks to Irene and Martha for their dedication in ensuring the church looked so lovely.



Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Upcoming Services and Events

Sunday 5th November – The Fourth Sunday before Advent

10.30 St Salvator's, Glaslough – A celebration of The Holy Communion
12noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh – A celebration of The Holy Communion
At 3pm in St John the Evangelist's, Dartrey Donagh Community Choir shall be singing at a Service of "Songs of Praise"



Young people from Donagh Group at their harvest service.

Friday 10th November – Donagh Parish Table Quiz in The Oaklands Centre, Glaslough €40 for a table of 4. All are welcome.

Sunday 12th November – The Third Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – Morning Prayer with an Act of Remembrance
12noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh – A Celebration of The Holy Communion with an Act of Remembrance

Wednesday 15th November

8.00pm Donagh Mother's Union – Guest Speaker; Mr Raymond Wilkinson

Sunday 19th November – The Second Sunday before Advent

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – Morning Prayer
12noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh – Morning Prayer

Sunday 26th November – The Sunday next before Advent

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – All Age Family Service of Morning Prayer for use



Attending the Blessing of the Animals service.



on Sunday
12noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh

Sunday 3rd December – Advent Sunday

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – A Celebration of The Holy Communion
12noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh – A Celebration of The Holy Communion
At 7pm St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen there is an Advent Carol Service with the Installation of The Venerable Paul Thompson as Archdeacon of Clogher

Please note that the 12noon Services continue to be in St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh while the work to the floor and wainscoting in St Sillian's, Tyholland is completed. As soon as St Sillian's is available we shall revert to our usual pattern of 1st and 3rd Sundays in St Sillian's and 2nd and 4th Sundays in St Muadain's for our noon Service.

Covered

Our thanks to Archdeacon Ricky Rountree who covered the Sunday Services when Revd Tim was away. It was a pleasure to have Archdeacon Ricky with us and we

look forward to having him visit us again to lead our worship.

Mothers' Union

The Donagh Mothers' Union commenced it's new year of activities with a celebration of The Holy Communion is St Salvator's on Wednesday 20th September. This was followed by the usual excellent supper prepared by our members and enjoyed by all. It is always lovely to have Revd Tim's mum Roberta along to our meeting when she is visiting. Our thanks to Dorothy Keith for organising another wonderful calendar of events for us. Due to an unfortunate confluence of events the talk on the activities of the Monaghan County Coroner scheduled for 18th October had to be cancelled but we hope to be able to reschedule our speaker in the Spring. Donagh Mothers' Union meets every third Wednesday at 8pm in Donagh Parochial Hall, Glaslough. For further details please contact Dorothy Keith, or simply come along.

Billis National School

While it was sad to say goodbye to our

6th class last summer, it is with great joy that we welcomed our new Junior Infants in September. It is a pleasure to visit the Billis to hear the Junior and Senior room's Assemblies which are always very impressive and to hear the lovely singing. One wonderful new initiative which the Board of Management have undertaken this term is the establishment of an After School Club and we have already seen some of the craft work that Anne has been doing with the pupils at our Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St Salvator's. We wish all the staff and pupils well for this school year and we are ever appreciative of our fantastic Principal, Ruth Ellis.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Harvest is a busy time in the Donagh Group of Parishes as we have not only our own Harvest Thanksgiving Services but also the Inter Church Harvest in St Mary's, Glennan and at Glennan Presbyterian. One Service missing from our calendar this year was the Harvest

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At the evening service of harvest at St. Salvator's Church including Father Hubert and Archdeacon Stephen McBride as well as Revd Tim and William Graham, who is training as a Diocesan Reader.



Decorations and some of those attending the harvest services.

at St Sillian's, Tyholland as the floor is being replaced to address the problem caused by rising damp. So this year our Harvest celebrations began a week or two later than usual when we gathered on St Michael and All Angel's Day at the invitation of Fr Hubert with our friends and neighbours from our sister churches in St Mary's for our annual Inter-Church Harvest Thanksgiving. This year saw the largest attendance in the long history of this vital ecumenical endeavour. Fr Hubert was, as ever, a warm and welcoming host and he reminded us of just how special this service was within county Monaghan where a gathering such as this might be taken for granted by us for whom it has become a well-established tradition, but one that Fr Hubert reminded us is most likely unique within our county. Pupils from St Mary's NS delivered a presentation related to their Green Schools initiatives and reminded us of our responsibility to walk softly upon this beautiful world that we share. Revd Tim was the guest speaker and he reminded us of how important it is to recognise the gifts we have and to remember the

source of them and to give thanks to God for them, beginning with each breath that gives us life and to foster in each of our lives a thankfulness which is expressed in how we treat each other and our world. Donagh Community Choir were in excellent form as were joined by a trad trio of Accordion, Bouzouki and Fiddle for a stirring rendition of The Weaver. A wonderful supper was enjoyed by the 230 people who had come along on this Friday evening to share with their friends and neighbours the gratitude that is in each of us for all that we share and enjoy. At 3pm on Sunday 30th September Donagh Community Choir led the singing at A Festival Evensong of Harvest Thanksgiving at St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh. We were delighted to welcome our neighbour and dear friend Fr John to read (not the Gospel as is the custom) but the Old Testament as he had a second engagement that afternoon that he had to get along to a residential home for adults with disabilities. Our numbers were swelled by our friends and neighbours from our sister churches who come along to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving with

us and we are exceptionally grateful for their friendship and support. The visiting preacher was Dean Raymond Ferguson who did not let the cold that he was beset with prevent him from joining us on the most beautiful of Sunday afternoons where the sun was streaming through the leaves on the trees that populate the church yard at Errigal. Dean Raymond spoke to us about the love of Ruth and Naomi against the backdrop of Harvest. It was lovely to have Raymond with us as he is fondly remembered by many in our parish from his time in Aughnacloy and by Revd Tim as Raymond was Bishop's Curate in Revd Tim's home parish when Tim was a little boy. The spectacular Harvest Supper at the Blackwater Centre was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and to make some new ones. This was Revd Tim's parent's, Ron and Roberta's, first time in Errigal Truagh and they were enormously impressed by how beautiful the singing was, how warm and welcoming everyone was...and what great sandwich makers! On Sunday 8th October the parishioners of St Salvator's welcomed Fr Hubert, our



Musicians and those taking part in the services.

friends, neighbours and visitors from neighbouring parishes to our Harvest Thanksgiving Evening Prayer where the singing was led by the members of The Donagh Community Choir. In his welcome, Revd Tim referred to Fr Hubert as the cherry on top of all our big celebrations in St Salvator's, which thus rendered our visiting preacher The Venerable Stephen McBride, the buttercream icing on today's Harvest cake. Archdeacon Stephen travelled from Antrim to be with us and went away very impressed by the welcome he received and the excellence of the singing. The Donagh Community Choir are not the only choir under our organist Ethne McCord's encouraging baton, St Salvator's Junior Choir had been practising for weeks in preparation for our Harvest celebrations and they excelled themselves and received a much-deserved standing ovation. Excellently marshalled by our Sunday School teachers Debbie Treanor and Robert Jordan, the Sunday School children presented the gifts of the harvest to Stephen and Hubert whose flower arranging skills came to the fore as they dressed the Lord's Table with the gifts. A splendid supper was enjoyed by the gathered throng in The Oakland's Centre. Our parishioners and friends put so much effort into preparing for our Harvests, with their singing, music, decorating, cleaning and baking that it is a pleasure to see all the joyful faces having so greatly enjoyed what are very special occasions; and for that, thanks be to God!

Baptism

On Saturday 23rd September in St

Salvator's, Glaslough we celebrated the Holy Baptism of Sadie Harriet Pollock, daughter of Stuart and Sarah in the presence of her family and friends. Our thanks to our musical accompanists for this special occasion, Ken Atkinson and Lynne McBride. A very delicious meal was enjoyed by all the guests back at Granny Eunice and Grandpa Michael's house.

Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday 24th September we celebrated our annual Blessing of the Animals Service when we celebrated the joy that we get from our pets and all that animals provide us with and to remember the responsibility we have to care for our animals and husband them wisely and well. There is a very good reason for the old adage "never work with animals or children" as you ever quite know what is coming next. We can report that there were no damp patches or puddles spotted and no unpleasant odours or little gifts left behind...but Revd Tim's Crispi has a bark that would split the stones!

Diocesan Reader in Training

William Graham was with us in an observational capacity back in August ahead of his joining us as part of his training as a Diocesan Lay Reader. William's placement proper began with the Blessing of the Animals Service and he has been a constant help and support during the Harvest celebrations in the Donagh Group of Parishes. Everyone is very impressed by William's strong, clear voice and his obvious sensitivity for liturgy. Add to this that he is quite simply an absolute gentleman and I believe the



The Pollock family at the baptism.

diocese has discovered a true gem in William. As Revd Tim's mother put it "he is a natural." We wish William every blessing for the next few months of his placement with us and we look forward to hearing him preach and look forward to having him lead worship in our parishes when Revd Tim is away for his holidays.

Archdeacon

We wish The Venerable Paul Thompson every blessing as our Archdeacon. Paul will be installed as Archdeacon of Clogher by Bishop Ian at the Advent Carol Service in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7pm on Sunday 3rd December. All are welcome to what is one of the most beautiful, and least well known, occasions for sacred choral music in the Church's year. The music of Advent is among the most moving and haunting that we have at our disposal for the collective lifting up of our hearts.

Dromore

Vacant

Administrative Charge: **Rural Dean Canon John Woods**
Service Cover as per Diocesan Rota
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Revd Alison Irvine.



Be willing

'We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honour and please the Lord and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit'
Colossians 1:9-10

God wants to use us to serve his purposes in our world. This isn't necessarily to take up an important position, but to seek his will and to give ourselves entirely to him, wherever he wants us to be.

When we stop telling God what we want and start listening to him and watching out for his guidance, then he is able to use us. As the Methodist Covenant Prayer says, 'I am no longer my own but yours' - and that is when our lives 'will produce every kind of good fruit', and we will always honour and please the Lord.



The Shepherd baptism.



Eveline Smith with her harvest arrangement.

When we know he holds the future we needn't be afraid.

('Be: Godly wisdom to live by' Fiona Castle & Friends, (published 2022 by Authentic Media Limited)

Holy Baptism

Sadie Wilma Audrey, daughter of Wendy and Jonny Shepherd, was baptised at our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 1st October. We welcome Sadie into our congregation and pray that God will bless her, her parents, family and all who will have an influence on her in the days and years ahead.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Our Harvest celebrations were well attended on the weekend of 29th September to 1st October, particularly on Sunday morning which included the baptism of Sadie Shepherd. We thank Canon William Johnston who conducted all the services and encouraged and challenged us by his sermons. Thanks also to Mrs Eveline Smith and her team who decorated the Church with beautiful arrangements and to those who contributed flowers, fruit and vegetables. The choir led the worship and sang 'You are the Lord', 'Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)' and 'O shout for joy' at all the services. A lovely Harvest Supper was served after both evening services and this opportunity for further fellowship was enjoyed by the congregation which included visitors from neighbouring churches.

Social Events

Our programme of social events continued this month with a very enjoyable Table Quiz on Friday 6

October. Our thanks to Charles Kenwell who compiled and hosted the Quiz and congratulations to the 'Strong Arm Bandits' team who were the winners on the night.

We look forward to the following events in aid of Church Funds and encourage everyone to join us:-

Saturday 4th November from 10am to 2pm: Table Top Car Boot Sale in Church Hall, £10 per table.

Contact Eveline on 07982263428 to book your table.

Saturday 18th November at 10am: Parish Breakfast in Church Hall, £7.50 per person. Book with Eveline on 07982263428.

Friday 24th November at 8pm: Beetle Drive in Church Hall.

Services 5th - 26th November

5th November

11.00am - Morning Service (Harry Anderson)

12th November



Valerie Bleakney, Rector's churchwarden at her arrangement.

11.00am - Morning Service (Harry Anderson)

19th November

11.00am - Holy Communion Service (Canon William Johnston)

26th November

11.00am - Morning Service (Karl Saunders)

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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As I write these words the weather is unseasonably warm and it is hard to believe that we are in the month of October.

We have held all our Harvest Services as we don't hang around in this part of the world and all were well attended. I have included some photos from Templecarne on 17 September when Canon Dr William Johnston was the visiting preacher in his home parish and from Tubrid on 24 September when Fiona Davidson, Chair of The Leprosy Mission NI spoke to us about their work.

Both these speakers challenged us as Billy encouraged us to keep sowing the seed and Fiona informed us about the work of the Leprosy Mission and about the condition of Leprosy and how it can be treated.

We were also treated to musical interludes by Gordon Fitzpatrick in Templecarne who sang two pieces and the Men's Choir in Tubrid who sang a setting of the 23rd psalm. Our thanks to them and to Gwenan Lyttle and Irene Boyd for playing the music.

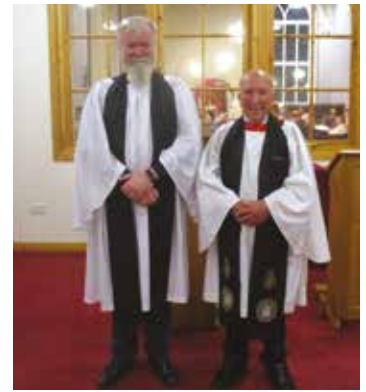
Our thanks also to those who decorated both churches and a tribute was paid to the late Iris Knox at Tubrid by Irene Boyd as Iris was the backbone of the decorating team at Tubrid.



Some of the harvest decorations.



Revd Charles Eames with Fiona Davidson, Chair of The Leprosy Mission NI.



Revd Charles Eames with Revd Canon Dr. William Johnston.

The rainbow arrangement was one that she had said earlier in the year that she would like to do for our harvest service this year. It was done in her memory. Our ladies group Women Together met for the first time in September when they enjoyed decorating ceramics with Polliwogs and we trust that their meetings throughout the year will be a source of blessing and fellowship to the ladies. If you haven't joined the ladies yet I would encourage you to do so.

We of course are looking forward to Remembrance Sunday with all that day means and beyond that to the penitential season of Advent and the joy of Christmas. I will be off for some of this

time as I am taking the longest period of time off since I was at school.

The group of parishes looks forward to welcoming Mr Keith Browne who will cover the Sundays that I will be absent and I would like to thank Keith for his willingness to travel to North Fermanagh (and a wee bit of Donegal) once again. I have outlined the services that will take place in both November and December and would encourage parishioners and any visitors to attend any of these services.

I want to highlight some words from the psalm for last Sunday (1 October) if I may. For he (God) did marvellous things in the sight of their forebears, in the land of



Egypt, in the field of Zoan. He divided the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand still in a heap. He led them with a cloud by day and all the night through with a blaze of fire. He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep. He brought streams out of the rock and made water gush out like rivers.

I want to suggest that when we see what God has done summarised as it is in the psalm it really brings home to us the power of God and should reinforce the thought that we should never doubt God. I think this is a thought we should have in our minds all the year through but especially as we approach the Season of

Remembrance and look forward to the year ahead.

Diary

Sunday 5 November

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 12 November

Remembrance 10.00 Muckcross, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 19 November

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 26 November

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckcross, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 3 December

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 3 December

7pm Dernasesk

Sunday 10 December

Carol Service 10.00 Muckcross, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 17 December

Sunday School Service Templecarne 10.00, Tubrid 11.30

Sunday 24 December

Carol Service 10.00 Templecarne

Sunday 24 December

Holy Communion 8pm Muckcross

Christmas Day

Holy Communion 10.00 Tubrid

Sunday 31 December

Group Service 11.00 Tubrid

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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

Revd Tim Irvine is in charge.

Dartrey and Rockcorry Harvest Thanksgiving Services

These have concluded for another season of unseasonal weather. The churches were very tastefully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables and our special preachers were accorded a warm welcome. In Dartrey Church, Chancellor Ian Berry graced our pulpit with a very interesting address giving us much food for thought. The schoolchildren, under the direction of their teachers, brought a new dimension to the occasion and their attendance also swelled the numbers in the congregation. In Rockcorry Church we were delighted to welcome Rev. Andrew Quill and his wife Joanne, who are soon embarking on a four year mission with CMSI in South Sudan. Our prayers and good wishes go with them. Roy Crowe was our very welcome soloist.

Sympathy

Unspeakable grief has been visited upon the family, relatives and friends of seventeen year old Jake Brennan following his tragic, untimely passing. We hold them all in our prayers.

Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may

face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given. May their memories become joyful and their days enriched with friendship and their lives enriched with love.

Looking ahead

Songs of Praise service in Dartrey Church on Sunday 5th November at 3 pm with Revd. Tim Irvine and the Donagh choir. This promises to be a special service in the life of the parish. Refreshments afterwards in Rockcorry School.

Winter Sale

This year the annual Winter Sale will be held at Rockcorry School on Saturday, 2nd December from 11am until 2pm. It will follow the same format as that of previous years - stalls, teas, car wash and sale of firewood. The school children will also have their stall and a visit from Santa is also expected.

Remembrance Service

The annual Remembrance Sunday Parade Service will be held (DV) on Sunday 12th November 2023 in Dartrey Parish Church at 3pm. Parade to assemble at Church gates 2.45pm. Speaker Revd Margaret Pringle. Collection in aid of Poppy Appeal.

All welcome.

Drum

Night of Carols

A Night of Carols will be held on 8th December at 8pm. We are delighted to welcome back Lisnaskea Silver Band to play the music and guest choir Cantari Donagh.

Everybody is very welcome to come and bring a friend to kick off the festive season.

Best wishes

We send get well wishes to those who have been in hospital and those just not feeling 100% in recent times. Our



The baptism at Aghabog Church.

thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of recovery.

Harvest

Our harvest thanksgiving was held on 3 September. Our thanks to Walter for conducting the service and to guest speaker, Kenneth Rutledge. Thank you to all who prepared the church and donated fruit, vegetables and flowers for the decorations, and not forgetting those who attended the service.

Aughnamullen

We wish all those who have been unwell





recently a speedy recovery.

Aghabog Sympathy

Our Parish was saddened to hear of the death of Joyce Wilkin who passed away on 16th September. Joyce was a regular church attender and will be greatly missed by family and friends. Her funeral service took place in Aghabog church on Monday 18th September and burial afterwards in Rockcorry Parish church graveyard. Our deepest sympathy goes to her sister Ruth and David Norris and family and also to sisters May, Evelyn, Margaret and the wider family circle. We extend our deepest condolence to

John and Ethel Ritchie and family and to William and Ivy Ritchie, Killeevan Parish on the passing of John's and William's brother, Henry who lived in Strabane. Henry's funeral service and burial took place in Killeevan Parish. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families at this sad time.

Baptism

September 17th - Aaron William Eli Ryan, infant son of David Ryan and Denise Burns.

Harvest service

Our Annual Harvest service was held on Sunday 8th October was very well attended. Our thanks to Walter Pringle for conducting the service and to our guest soloists and speaker, Mr Roy Crowe. Also a big thank you Mrs Helen Deering for

playing the organ. Our thanks to all who brought flowers, fruit and vegetables and to those who decorated the church so tastefully.

Mothers' Union

Drum/Ematris Mothers' Union held their opening service on Thursday 21st September with a service of Holy Communion in Drum Parish Church conducted by Revd Margaret Pringle. A planning meeting followed the service and a lovely supper was served by the Drum ladies. Our thanks to Sharon for all her help and to all the ladies who helped in any way. Some of the members attended the Women's weekend on Saturday 7th October in Kilmore Hotel, Cavan which was a very enjoyable day. The main speaker on the day was Melanie Douglas who spoke on Transformation- Now! It was a time of fun and fellowship in a relaxed way. After a time of prayer, talk and singing we all enjoyed lunch and made new friends and the afternoon finished off with chair aerobics and music.

Unwell

Our best wishes to all who have been unwell recently either at home or in hospital and wish them well for a speedy recovery.

Enniskillen Cathedral



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The Very Rev Niall Sloane, Dean of Limerick, is pictured with the Dean, Churchwardens, Arnold Graham and Vanessa Elliott and Parish Reader, Scott Elliott.

November Services

Thursday 2nd November

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 5th November: The Fourth

Sunday before Advent

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 9th November

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 12th November: The Third

Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Day

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.30am – Remembrance Day Service

Thursday 16th November

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 19th November: The Second

Sunday before Advent

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion



The Back to Church Sunday and children's Day.



Thursday 23rd November

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 26th November: The First Sunday before Advent (The Kingship of Christ)

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 30th November (St Andrew Day)

11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday's at 11.00am

Service of Holy Communion (30 minutes), followed by a cup of tea or coffee. We are encouraging anyone who may be in Enniskillen shopping on Thursday mornings to drop in for this short service – a mid-week pause and praise with God!

The Festival of Christ The King – Sunday 26th November

It is in the festival of Christ the King that we are reminded that our faith has a Saviour who will return and restore God's Kingdom. Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and it is to him and him alone we owe our reverence and worship. It marks the end of the Church year with a strong reminder that Jesus our Saviour is prophet, priest, and King. Then on Advent Sunday (this year 3rd December) we begin a new church year – hopefully with new plans, dreams, and realities in the

service of Almighty God.

New Archdeacon of Clogher

The Bishop of Clogher, chose the Clogher Diocesan Synod to announce the name of his new Archdeacon.

We congratulate Canon Paul Thompson, Rector of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale, on becoming Archdeacon of Clogher and wish him every blessing in his role.

Archdeacon Thompson will be installed by the Dean, The Vey Rev Kenneth Hall in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Advent Sunday (3rd December) at 7.00pm.

Back to Church Sunday and Family Fun Day

There was a large congregation on 'Back to Church Sunday' on 24th September. Afterwards all were treated to refreshments in the Cathedral Hall and an ice cream on the way home. The 'Family Fun Day' on 30th September, was also well attended. There was fun and games, face painting, a bouncy castle and slide and refreshments for all in attendance. It was great to see the Hall full of families enjoying refreshments, fun and fellowship.

Harvest Services

The clergy of St Macartin's Cathedral visit the nursing homes regularly and conduct

a service of Morning Prayer or Holy Communion once a month. Revd Colin is pictured above with some of the staff and residents of the County Nursing Home after their Harvest Service.

The preacher at our harvest service on Sunday morning 8th October, The Very Revd Niall Sloane, Dean of Limerick, is pictured with the Dean, Churchwarden's, Arnold Graham and Vanessa Elliott, and Parish Reader, Scott Elliott.

Remembrance Day Service

Our Remembrance Day Service is at 11.30am on Sunday 12th November. All are welcome.

Messy Church

Messy Church continues on Thursday, 16th November, in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall from 4.00-6.00pm. Messy Church is open to all children of primary school age and their parents and guardians. Participants must complete a registration form.



Revd Colin Brownsmith with residents from the nursing home.





Refreshments in the hall.



Confirmation

A Confirmation Service will be held in the Spring of 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.

Mothers' Union

Dean Hall opened the October meeting with a reading and prayer for the RNLI. Jenifer, Branch Leader, welcomed our guest speaker Mr Peter Scott, water safety officer, from the RNLI in Co Fermanagh. There are two stations on Lough Erne, one at Carrybridge and one at Killadeas. Peter gave a detailed talk on the work of the RNLI and explained the necessary kit the crew have to wear in the event of an incident and had samples that have been decommissioned with him - Life



Peter Scott from RNLI who addressed the Mothers' Union.

Jacket, Throw Bag, Pager, Head to toe Fleece, Dry Suit, Helmet and Personal Locator Beacon. It was an interesting and informative talk on the valuable services of the RNLI.

We also had a 'bring & buy' sale and a raffle of a beautiful cathedral window quilted cushion made by Kathleen Dougherty and won by Stephanie Hamilton.

After supper the meeting closed with the Mothers' Union prayer.

The next meeting is a craft night on 13th November. All are welcome.

KnitWits

The St Macartin's Knitwits meet every week during the autumn and winter, to enjoy knitting, crochet and other creative crafting. We welcome new members – male and female: beginners, experienced or those who are just a bit out of practice – and offer an open invitation to anyone who wants to share in our weekly creative fellowship. If you are interested, please join us in the Cathedral Hall on Saturday afternoons:

2.00-3.00pm Sock Club/Build your skills

3.00-5.00pm Knit and Knatter

For further information, please contact Claire Holmes - claire.holmes4@gmail.com.

Tuesday Club

The season commenced on 26th September with a service of Holy Communion led by the Revd Colin. The group enjoyed singing the hymns, 'All things bright and beautiful' and 'Blessed Assurance'. Mrs Jean Stinson thanked the Revd Colin for ministering Holy Communion.

Mrs Eleanor Lynn welcomed everyone and continued with the business. The usual fellowship continued over a cup of tea.

The meeting on 24th October was a tour of the Enniskillen Workhouse Museum. Members met at 2.00 pm in the Hilliard Room as per usual, where transport to the

Museum was available.

On 28th November our guest speaker is Mrs Adele Moore who will share her skills and tips on 'Cooking'.

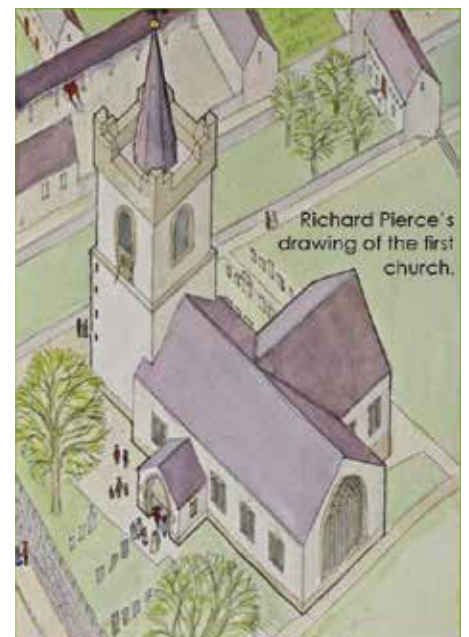
Cathedral 100 years old

The Parish Church of Enniskillen will celebrate its 100th anniversary as St Macartin's Cathedral in December 2023.

To mark this special event a concert, presented by Mr Glenn Moore, organist and choirmaster, and the cathedral choir, will be held in the cathedral on the evening of Tuesday 12th December.

This feature, and one to follow in next month's Magazine, will trace the history of Enniskillen Parish Church from its foundation until it was made a Cathedral in the Diocese of Clogher in 1923.

In the Plantation of Ulster, Enniskillen was granted to William Cole in 1611. He had the responsibility of providing a church along with certain other obligations. Enniskillen Church was operational in the 1620s and subsequently became known as St Anne's Church. It was a much smaller building



and had a totally different layout from the cathedral. The entrance was from a porch facing Church Street. The pulpit and communion rail were on the south wall which faced a north transept. Mr Richard Pierce's drawing of the first church shows the layout of the building.

With the growing population of the town, it was found necessary to enlarge the church. This major project was initiated in 1839 with the new church being completed and consecrated for worship on 7th June 1842. Parts of the original church were incorporated into the new building, including the base of the tower and the south wall. The internal layout of the 1842 church differs from that of the cathedral. The choir stalls were within the

nave and at right angles to the pews. The chancel was much smaller than that of the cathedral. The robing room did not exist. Next month's feature will deal with the decision to create a second cathedral in Clogher Diocese and the work involved in bringing St Macartin's up to cathedral standards.

Shoe Box Appeal

Join in the world's largest children's project to show God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world. To make it even easier boxes are available in the Cathedral porch. Please secure your box with an elastic band and return to the Cathedral no later than Sunday 12th November. There is also a leaflet with

gift suggestions, an explanation of how to pack your shoebox, a label for boy or girl to attach and an envelope for your £5 suggested donation which must be included to cover project costs including shipping. This can also be donated online and you will be emailed a barcode to print out and include in your shoebox on top of the contents. This also enables Samaritan's Purse to tell you which country your shoebox is sent to.

Prayer

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

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Reflection from one young participant in the Young Leaders' Training and Holiday Club -

'The prep nights were very informative and I felt that I learned a lot about independence and trying to figure things out with people my age. We had quite a few trial and error moments but we always got it figured out in the end. The holiday club was an enjoyable experience which improved my leadership skills. Over the two mornings I really enjoyed interacting

with the younger children and it gave me a sense of accomplishment to see the kids enjoying the work so much. It was a busy two days and everyone always has something to do. Leadership skills are definitely something I want to learn more about and improve for the future.'

Winter Youth Music and Craft Workshops

There are also plans to offer Youth Music and Craft Winter Workshops, during the incoming season.

We are preparing for five workshops which will all meet in the Parish Hall on six Friday evenings, monthly across the Winter. We are planning to offer guitar and cajon (percussion box) lessons, as well as a wood work and willow basketry class and two wool based workshops; one in needle felting and another for crochet and knitting projects. Following the evening classes, we will meet together for food and worship. We are grateful to the tutors who are planning this with us.

This programme will complement the ministry of the Youth Fellowship CONNECT and Senior Sunday School, and hopefully support music, worship and creativity in parish life.

Sunday school

This reopened on 10 September and will meet fortnightly.

We have greatly enjoyed our two weeks together so far. The children enjoyed Patrick Hanlon speaking of his time in Uganda.

This was a very thought-provoking talk for children of all ages and really made us appreciate all that we have.

For our Harvest Appeal this year any money raised will go to this cause.



Children had made mud hut money boxes that they returned on Harvest Sunday 8th October, raising £600.

We were also running a Harvest competition open to the whole church. Pictures have been drawn relating to a harvest story or verse, and our task is to name what they are. Much thanks goes to Norma and Paul Kerr for all their time and dedication on making this happen. We had a jam-packed Harvest service welcoming back Alastair McFarland from Scripture Union as our guest speaker.

Harvest

We were really pleased that a series of seven lovely boards had been drawn and coloured by Norma and Paul Kerr to form a Harvest Competition.

We are looking towards Christmas plans with much anticipation to engage all the family.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."
1 Timothy 4:12 *Heather Kirkpatrick*

Strengthening Links With The Methodist Church

In September we greatly enjoyed welcoming our local Methodist brothers and sisters to a shared service in St John's. Inspired by the Covenant signed by our



church leaders in 2002, it is 9 years since the last Covenant Service between us. It allowed us to include prayers and hymns from each tradition, including those of Charles Wesley, and Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, as well as reflect biblically upon what shared fellowship means to us today. We are very pleased that this reflects the close ministry links we have with the local Methodist Church as well as with the Presbyterian Churches, sharing school assemblies, the Remembrance Day service, and seasonal events together.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Our guests to the parish for the Thanksgiving weekend included Revd Alastair Donaldson who completed his deacon-internship with us almost 10 years ago; also Alastair McFarland who works for the Scripture Union in Fermanagh and Fivemiletown who spoke on the Sunday morning service also Claire Holmes, former SAMS mission partner in Paraguay also brought two guests from the Anglican Church in Peru, and we had a Mission Tea on the Sunday to meet them and hear about their work. We also enjoyed the choir, Mothers' Union Coffee Morning and Cake Sale, and to seeing the lovely displays of flowers, fruit and vegetables.

Prayer Ministry

Secretary, William Morrow

The Healing ministry continues to be a vital part of St. John's and Kiltermon. During Autumn and Winter we will meet every third Wednesday of every other month for a short service of Holy Communion and Prayers. Everyone is invited to attend this service and will be made welcome. This special service of Holy Communion and Prayers will take place at 8 pm.

Request cards are to be found in each church pew, fill in a Christian name only and give to Precentor Hanlon, William Morrow or place on the collection plate.

Prayer for the renewing of Mind, Body and Soul

Lord, I come before you today in need of your healing hand, in you all things are possible. Hold my heart within yours, and renew my mind, body and soul. You gave me life and you also give me the life of infinite joy. Give me the strength to move forward on the path you have laid out for me.

Guide me towards better health and give me the wisdom to identify those you've placed around me to help me get better. In your name I pray. Amen

A Prayer for Comfort and Healing

Loving God, I pray that you will comfort me in my suffering, give skill to the hands of my healers and bless the means used for my care, give me such confidence in the power of your grace that even when I am afraid I may put my whole trust in you through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

"Journey with me-365 daily devotions"

A review by Elvina Funston

I have read some of Catherine's books and have heard her speak a few times in St John's Hall and have been blessed by this lady and the way she speaks about how God has worked in her life.

At Christmas I was given this book as a present and I use it every day with other devotional books for my quiet time. I have found it very useful and I particularly like how clearly Catherine communicates in her writing and the examples that she uses, that we can all relate to.

One reflection that stands out to me is from Job chapters 1 & 2. The Bible tells us that Job was a righteous man who feared God. The devil wanted to test Job's faith by sending tragedy into his life. He lost everything including his animals, servants, children and almost his life. Eventually Job's wife told him to curse God and die, but through all of these hardships Job held onto his faith and did not blame God. Catherine was trying to say that, no matter what we are going through in our lives, God is always with us and we should hold onto our faith. Job may have questioned God as to why these things happened but he never lost his faith in the God whom he followed.

When life is hard and we sometimes can't see anything good coming from it we must remember that God is with us and He will

bless us and give us the strength we need to trust that He knows best.

Every day when I read the scripture for the day and reflect on Catherine's comments, I find myself asking "what does this mean for my walk with God?" and "am I giving God full control of my life?" It makes me reflect that if not, then what do I need to change? I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for help in understanding and applying God's word.

As Philippians chapter 4 verse 13 says "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Church Lad's Brigade

We had a wonderful year having completed all badge work, welcomed many guests, great food, special fun nights, a farm visit, Christmas crafts, flower planting, Bible quizzes and all met with loads of zest and energy! This year the Brigade celebrates 130 years in Ireland and we hope be able to meet with other branches to celebrate this great occasion. We also remember our Royal Patron Her majesty the Queen (70 years) who died last year.

We reopened on 3rd October and then to continue alternate Tuesday evenings, we welcome all boys from P1 upwards. We will continue to use a closed Parent WhatsApp for all information.

Please keep free 2 December from 10am-3pm as we are inviting you all to an Antique/ Craft Fair with proceeds to Santisma Trinidad school Peru and CLB. Maybe you would like to purchase a unique Christmas gift or just call in for a cuppa.

CLB are hosting GFS on 28th November for our Enrolment Service all parents very welcome. We will be participating in the Act of Remembrance on 12th November. We have a busy year ahead, but throughout all we do in CLB our core aim is to help the boys to love and understand God's teachings.

Finally a huge thank you to all parents/guardians for your help and understanding. Thank you to all leaders; Christine, Andy, Claire, Neil, Neville and Angela. Thank you to Stephen and Precentor Hanlon. A very special thank you to all boys, past and present and we look forward to seeing you (and your friends) soon! 'Fight the good fight' Sandra

Mothers' Union

Before the summer members enjoyed a visit to Enniskillen Castle. We had a guided tour followed by tea/coffee and scones. Everyone enjoyed the day and could definitely recommend a visit. In the evening we enjoyed a lovely meal at

Saddlers followed by a Coronation Table Quiz.

At our September meeting our speaker was Beth Montgomery from Asia Link. With the aid of slides Beth shared that she has worked with Asia Link for the past five years, based in Outer Mongolia with the aim to bring scripture and gospel. Also to help workers on how to take action in a disaster. We will prepare our outreach hampers in November. Mrs Helen Mills will demonstrate a table arrangement at our December meeting.

Seniors' Harvest Lunch

After an enjoyable event for the Coronation we hosted our Senior Members Holy Communion and Lunch on 27 September in the Parish hall. The lunch was provided by Edfield Restaurant with the ladies of the parish providing the desserts and tray bakes for coffee and tea.

The guest speaker was Mr Frankie Roofe who gave a talk on local history of the



The Mothers' Union members at Enniskillen Castle. Clogher Valley.

Reflection from Claire Holmes SAMS

Sometimes it's hard to believe that I spent over 20 years in Paraguay as a mission partner with SAMS and for many of those years SAMS and myself have enjoyed and appreciated a partnership with, and the

support of the church in Fivemiletown. Thank you.

Now settled back in Northern Ireland I work part-time with SAMS (and part-time with Prison Fellowship). My work with SAMS involves a wide variety of activities to encourage and promote mission, including contact with leaders in South America, prayer resources, visiting churches, and the preparation of mission resources. At present, in conjunction with some leaders in South America we are preparing for a series of three Zoom workshops to provide training and practical ideas for children's ministry leaders from different countries in South America. These will take place in October and November. We hope these will be a support and encouragement to the Latin church and be something which could be continued.

Thank you again for all your support and prayers.

God Bless you. Claire

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God's Peace

Now the peace of God be with you all Amen. Romans 15:23

As Your Word says, Lord, "How good and pleasant it is" when people live together in unity (Psalm 133:1)—how refreshing and how cleansing. And how much sadness and suffering results when a nation and a people are divided. As we approach Remembrance Sunday when a two-minute silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation. As Remembrance Day approaches, take the time to centre yourself and pay your respects to the



The Mothers' Union members at their service.

veterans we celebrate. Although our gratitude may seem minuscule compared to what our soldiers sacrifice, gratitude is what we can give them. Gratefulness extends beyond the concept of "Thank you for your service." Be grateful for their service, yes. But be grateful for everything their service did and does for us. The silence is observed as a tribute to the sacrifices the armed forces made to defend freedom and for us to be forever thankful for the peace we now have in our land as a result of their great sacrifice. I'm sure you want the Lord to manifest Himself as the God of peace when you are fearful. So let's go deeper into what the "God of peace" means. Don't forget

that Paul was Jewish, so when he said "the God of peace be with you," he was saying "Jehovah Shalom be with you." "Jehovah Shalom" is Hebrew for "the God of peace." Now, the first appearance of the name Jehovah Shalom is in the Old Testament story of Gideon in Judges 6. As we read Gideon's story, we discover that the Midianites terrorised Israel day and night, descending upon them like a swarm of marauding locusts and destroying their crops and pillaging their livestock. Fearful of their cruel enemies, the Israelites hid in dens and caves in the mountains. It is no wonder Gideon was petrified and hid himself at the bottom of an abandoned winepress to thresh



the measly stalks of dry grain he had somehow managed to scavenge. He was bound by fear and overcome by all the news of terror that surrounded him. In the midst of Gideon's fear, "the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, 'The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valour!'" (Judges 6:12).

When you find the expression "the Angel of the LORD" in the Old Testament, it usually refers to our Lord Jesus in His pre-incarnate state. Jesus Himself appeared to Gideon when he was in the pit of fear and called him a mighty man of valour. Isn't that amazing?

Are there moments when you feel besieged by fear? When you hear reports of terror or exposure to some virus, do you feel fearful and anxious? Has fear driven you into hiding? The truth is, regardless of how you feel, when our Lord Jesus looks at you right now, He sees you as a mighty man or mighty woman of courage.

Isn't it amazing how our Lord looks at us?



A range of photos showing examples of recycling including churchwardens in designer recycled bins.

It's not how we see ourselves that defines us; it is how our Lord Jesus sees us that defines us. That's why we read His Word. We read it to discover what His Word says about us. My friend, no matter what state you are in right now and how messed up your life might be, the Lord Jesus sees the best in you.

He sees your potential, your gifting, your call, and your destiny to do great things in this life! And as the ending of Gideon's story shows, He will guide you and cause you to be a testimony of His protection as you trust in Him and see yourself and your situations through His eyes.

Services in November Sunday, 5th November 2022 - The Fourth Sunday before Advent

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Holy Communion with an Act of Remembrance

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

Sunday, 12th November 2022 - The Third Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)

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

Sunday, 19th November 2022 - The Second Sunday before Advent

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

Sunday, 26th November 2022 - The Sunday before Advent (The Kingship of Christ)- Celebrating Mission

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

Harvest

In all three churches Revd Lorraine preached on the theme of "Recycling". All three congregations embraced this theme- with many items and wonderful creations made out of recycled materials. We had churchwardens in designer recycled bin outfits made from old bins! Flowers made from old diocesan magazines; quilt from old clothes; football game; desk tidy; car-park; flower pot lady and gentleman and even a set for Strictly Come Dancing. Revd Lorraine reminded



Joyce Clingen at one of the services.

us all as to how important it is for all of us to do what we can to reduce waste and reuse and recycle what we can. We are responsible for looking after and caring for God's creation. Sallaghy Parish served up lovely apple tart and tea after their service. Galloon Parish were delighted to welcome back Earl Moffitt as guest organist. Drummully had an evening service and harvest supper followed. Clones Community Choir delighted us with their musical talent. Thanks to everyone who offered their time, gifts and talents to make these harvest services very enjoyable and special. A real team effort.

Mothers' Union

It has been a busy start for the two branches of our Mothers' Union. Sallaghy had their opening service (during Sunday worship) conducted by the Revd Lorraine. She spoke on this year's theme of "Being Transformed." Prayers were led by Beulah Whittendale (Branch Leader), Mabel Clingan, Valerie Crawford and Heather Kettle. Reading were given by Elizabeth Johnston and Noreen Little. A welcome cup of tea was served after the service. Sallaghy also had a very well-attended coffee morning and sale to raise funds for the Oversees' Branch of the Mothers' Union (over £1000 was raised). Thanks to all who came and supported this very worthwhile event. Many thanks also to the ladies who worked so hard behind the scenes.

We are delighted to welcome to our Visitor's Night (hosted by Galloon and Drummully Branch) Dean Raymond Ferguson and also his daughter, Marina Elliott, who gave us an interesting evening entitled "Life treasures, memories and reflections."

Galloon and Drummully Branch also had a very enjoyable afternoon ten-pin bowling in Irvinestown. Finishing off the evening



Some of the young people taking part.

with a chips treat! They also had a meal out in the Erne Bistro. A great meal and time of fellowship was had by one and all.

Dates for Your Diary

Christmas Craft Fair

Our Next Craft Fair will be on Saturday 18th November in Galloon Parish Hall from 11am to 4pm. Please contact Sonia Johnston to secure your table.. 07756445481.

Christmas Tree Festival in Galloon

Following the magnificent success of our Christmas Tree festival in 2016 we are going to do it all again! The festival will open on Friday 8th December from 7-9pm with The Silvertones Choir entertaining guests as they view the trees. It will reopen on Saturday 9th December from 10am-5pm with various musicians providing music throughout the day, and refreshments will be served. The Festival will close on Sunday 10th December with a Carol Service at 7pm led by Lisnaskea Silver Band.

We are very excited to be able to welcome visitors to our festival, so keep the dates free and bring along your family and friends. If you would like to be involved in anyway, please contact Grace Rickey 07779010723 or any vestry member.



Confirmation Class

Revd Lorraine plans Confirmation classes in the Rectory starting Monday 6th November 2023 at 7pm. On this Monday I ask that a parent attend with the candidate who is preparing to be confirmed.

Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are with all who have been recently bereaved. We offer our sympathy to the Whiteman family on the passing of their sister, Helen. Sympathy of Irene Knight (and her family) on the passing of her husband, Sammy. "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

Congratulations

Best wishes to all who have celebrated a birthday. Every blessing to Henry Johnston and Johnny Johnston who both celebrated significant "0" birthdays.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all who have been recently married. To Adam and Tracey Morrow and Andrew and Kenzey Beatty. We wish them all: health and happiness and God's blessing in their future lives together.



Some of the ladies who served the tea.



Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Church Services Diary

NOVEMBER

Sunday 5 November 2023

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 12/ November 2023

Belleek 10am HC (with Act of Remembrance)

Garrison 5pm Remembrance Service

Sunday 19 November 2023

Garrison 10am MP
Slavin 11.30am MP

Sunday 26 November 2023

Kiltyclogher 10am MP
Belleek 11.30am MP

DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd December

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 10th December

Slavin Group Family service/Nativity at 11.30am

Notes from the Rectory

I'm from a big, chatty, noisy family. I'm one of five children, and we grew up on top of each other. I have a somewhat introverted side though, and when it all got too much, I'd sneak off to my bedroom to play with my toy horses, draw pictures or read books. However, I always loved having my siblings around, and as I've grown older I've only grown to appreciate them more. My elder brother gives great financial advice. My little sister's very funny, and a great listener. My twin brother is kind and caring and could probably deliver a passable lecture on any topic.

In my parish ministry I've encountered several 'solo Christians'. These are people who have a real, living faith, but for



Attending the Garrison Group Memorial Service for Alice Johnston.



whatever reason have chosen to bypass the mainstream church. Often, their formative encounter with the Christian faith came from outside of the church, and post-conversion, they found adapting to denominational norms a challenge. Often this is framed in spiritual language – they receive their insights 'directly from God', without the need for external moderation. They are 'free'. Their beliefs are seen as superior to those received and upheld through centuries of theological conversation within the Church. The beliefs passed down from the church are seen as controlling, limiting, centred around human wisdom.

And yet all these individuals who have received their faith 'direct from the source' have beliefs that vary wildly from one-another. One claims that the Lord has imparted special wisdom to them, which does away with hell and the existence of the demonic, while another claims to have been granted visions into the very chasm of hell.

Of course, I'm sure medical types have their notebooks ready to offer a diagnosis of various psychoses, but I'd rather take a more spiritual route. Our relationship with God is predicated upon his self-revelation, the idea that he has chosen to show us who he is, whether through an audible voice, a passage of Scripture, or the wonder of a star-spangled sky. The Bible is clear that we can expect God to reveal himself, and in the New Testament this promise of God's self-revelation is

opened to all believers. But the Bible also clearly emphasises the corporate nature of worship, teaching, study and prayer. Our experience of God is moderated and contextualised through our relationship with other believers. They understand things about him that we don't, while we may have insights that they don't. Libraries are filled with the voices of Christians through the ages, sharing with others what they have glimpsed of God. The Church at its best is a babble of discussion, the noisy family who enjoy heated dinner-table discussions, where grandfathers debate with 10-year-olds, and conversations can end with a humble 'perhaps you're right', or a friendly slap on the back and a 'we can agree to differ'. Sure, if it all gets too much, feel free to step away and seek God's presence in the quiet, but make sure you come back with what you've learnt. You wouldn't want to miss the party.

- **Revd Rebecca**

Parish Discipleship group

This has begun in the Rectory on Thursday's. It starts at 7.30pm with tea. Everyone welcome!

Youth Club

It continues Monday's, 6.30pm at the Rectory

Parish Prayer

This continues Wednesday mornings at 9.30am at the Rectory.

Mothers' Union

Autumn Programme; October meeting, Tuesday, 10th October - The speaker was Mark Desborough who spoke on "All things IT". Mark gave us wonderful hints and tips on scams and general information on making the best use of our devices. It was a very interesting evening.

November Meeting: Tuesday, 14th November - Visitors Night in Garrison Church Hall with speaker Joy Graham- "How to listen effectively."

If you are interested in attending the Christmas dinner on Friday 15th December please let Dot Barlow, branch leader know.

Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings, we would be delighted to welcome you along!

Memorial Service for Alice Johnston

A memorial Service was held in Belleek Church on Sunday 24th September to remember Mrs. Alice Johnston, a former Churchwarden and choir member, who passed away in September 2020. The service was conducted by the Rector, Revd. Rebecca. Canon Noel Regan also attended and preached the sermon. Lessons were read by two of Alice's grandchildren, Jade Doogan and Ellie Coyle. Ann McCaughey accompanied by Louise Leonard sang a piece entitled, 'In the Quiet'. The Group Choir, accompanied by Joy Graham sang two pieces, 'In the Garden' and 'This world is not my home'. There was also singing by Gwen Meehan, Audrey Ovens and Marina Hassard. Tea followed the service in the Wark Hall.

Flower Arranging

A Flower Arranging Class was organised by Slavin Parish in the Wark Hall on Thursday 28th September and it was funded by Fermanagh and Omagh Council. The Tutor was Delene Saunderson and the event created great interest within the group and the local community. With some help from Delene and lots of great ideas, the ladies created the flowers to decorate Slavin for Harvest Thanksgiving on Friday 29th. Nearly everyone went home with beautiful floral arrangements. Thank you to the Wark Hall committee for the use of the hall, which was an ideal venue.

Macmillan Cancer

Thank you very much to our very generous community of people who supported the MacMillan Cancer Coffee morning held in the Wark Hall on Friday 29th September. The total raised so far is £907.50. Also thank you to the friends of



Attending the flower arranging class for harvest the Wark Hall.



Wilma and Lena who work hard for this event every year.

Harvest Services

Slavin Harvest Thanksgiving

Harvest Thanksgiving was held in Slavin on Friday night 29th September. The Church was filled to capacity with Revd Rebecca welcoming visitors from Hampshire, Omagh, Leitrim and all over our own Diocese. The guest singers Hugh P and Maria Doherty were from Buncrana. The congregation were kept enthralled by wonderful singing and joined in with many of the well-known songs. Vivienne Ferguson read two short poems. The Church was beautifully decorated with arrangements completed by the ladies of the parishes with expert help from Delene Saunderson. The ladies served a lovely supper.

Garrison Harvest Thanksgiving

Harvest Thanksgiving was held in Garrison Church on Sunday, 1st October with a packed church. The visiting preacher was the Rector of Donegal

Group of Parishes, Archdeacon David Huss. The guest music group was Naomi Morrison and the Elliott Family. Our own choir sang two pieces, 'You're the Word of God the Father.' and 'Pass me not O gentle Saviour'. A delicious supper was served to everyone in the Church Hall afterwards.

Belleek Harvest Thanksgiving

Harvest was held in Belleek on Friday 6th October. The Church was very tastefully decorated. The Harvest preacher was Scott Elliott who is a student on placement in the Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher Group. The service was led by Revd. Rebecca. The special singers were Douglas Reid who sang, 'I'll fly away', and Robert Johnston who sang, 'God sent his Son'. Douglas accompanied on guitar. The Group Choir, accompanied by Joy Graham sang two anthems; 'How lovely is your dwelling place' and 'Come people of the risen Lord'. Revd Rebecca thanked the choir for their dedication in attending practices over several weeks and for participating at the Harvest services within



The Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning.





The Slavin Church Harvest.

the Group.
The Bible Reading was by James Pye. A delicious supper was served in the Wark Hall.

Kiltyclogher Thanksgiving

Kiltyclogher Harvest was held on Sunday 8th October with a great turn out from across the parishes, diocese and the community. The church was very beautifully decorated.

The service was conducted by Revd. Rebecca and the guest preacher was Canon Jen McWhirter. The choir accompanied by Joy Graham, sang two pieces, 'I want to be a worker for the Lord' and 'Down to the river to pray.' The Gospel was read by Dot Barlow. Audrey Ovens and Marina Hassard sang two pieces, 'Beauty for brokenness' and 'This is my Father's World.' A lovely supper was served in Church after the service.

GIFT Sundays

In this time of austerity it is more important than ever to give what you can to help meet the ever rising costs for the upkeep and maintenance of our churches. There will be Gift Sundays held in Garrison on 19th November at 10am and Belleek on



The Garrison church harvest.

Sunday 26th November at 11.30am.

Prayers

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

Fashion Show

An exciting event in November! A Fashion Show is taking place in the Gillaroo Centre in Garrison on Saturday 4th November at 7.30pm. Admission is £10 including a delicious supper. Ladies' clothes are provided by Miss B's clothing shop in Belleek and mens' clothes from Tom Read's menswear



The Belleek Church harvest.

in Irvinestown. Also wedding dresses through the decades will be displayed and modelled. Proceeds from the event are going to Garrison Parish Church and the Rectory Fund.

If you can help by modelling/providing a wedding dress or providing supper please speak to Joy/Lorraine B or Helen T. Everyone is welcome!

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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Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Harvest Thanksgiving services were very well attended with nearly 100 people at each one. Heather Wilson from Faith Mission spoke on Friday night. Nuala O'Toole and Wendy Kerr spoke on Sunday morning about the charity they set up over covid called 'The Kindness Postbox' where they encourage the writing and exchange of letters and cards between the generations: those older folk who are isolated or in care homes and children in school.

Sunday School

Sunday School has begun under the excellent directorship of Rachel Elliott helped by Dale Gun and Lucy Muldoon.





Nuala O'Toole and Wendy Kerr with Revd Stephanie speaking on Sunday morning about the charity they set up over covid called 'The Kindness Postbox.'

Pantomime 'Ruth'

Rehearsals have begun for this year's pantomime. Tickets are sold out for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights but it is likely we will be putting on another night – Wednesday, 15th November. Please contact Elizabeth McClelland 07984121395 if you require tickets.

Sympathy

The parish extends its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Sadie Hamilton formerly of



Sandhill, Derrygonnelly; the late Charles William (Charlie) Corrigan, formerly of Church Hill, Derrygonnelly; the late Winifred Alice Irvine, formerly of Woaghternerry, Enniskillen and the late



Scenes from the harvest service.


Cyril Hunter, formerly of Kesh.

Parish Register HOLY BURIAL

12th October 2023 - Sarah (Sadie) Elizabeth Hamilton, Sandhill, Derrygonnelly.



Kilskeery and Trillick



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Harvest Decorations from Christ Church Parish, Trillick

Being prepared for the place of enduring peace

Since our last Diocesan magazine hit the pews, the war between Russia and Ukraine has been eclipsed (yet not forgotten) by the new and intense conflict between Israel and Palestine. As we move towards Remembrance Sunday and endeavour to remember the cost of lives lost in the pursuit of freedom alongside lives lost in senseless acts of violence we could be forgiven for asking the question, "What has humanity learnt from all of those past conflicts that is demonstrated in a more learned approach to conflict resolution?" We are probably familiar with Jesus instructions and teaching in Matthew 24 that was given to provide

some kind of meaningful help to his disciples concerning the timing of his return and when the end of the age will be. To the questioning disciples Jesus states, "And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." We are certainly witnessing much sorrow in our present world. We are also witnessing a sharp rise in broader international conflict. In the world's present condition, not forgetting that we are moving

along that timeline that leads towards the return of Jesus, we may be blessed to experience a kind of relative peace, for a time, but according to Jesus the direction of travel is towards greater conflict. Around Remembrance Sunday we remember loved ones lost and celebrate the freedoms that their lives paid for and gifted us, but this year we will be only too aware that peace can be extinguished and forfeit in an instant. When war rises up again perhaps so should our vision and longing for that ultimate peace that will come when Jesus returns and when all that is wrong is put right. Many of us enjoy, at best, a relative peace now, but a time is coming when all

that stands against peace will be dealt with and peace will reign as God's kingdom fully comes. Perhaps at a time like this we may be encouraged to remember and focus on and begin to value much, much more the place that is being prepared for God's people in his kingdom; a place where all tears and sorrow and suffering will be no more but rather where wholeness and healing and peace and reconciliation will permeated the climate all around. We are strangers in a strange land and although we may have anchored down and made our home here, maybe now we would do well to hold more loosely to the things of this world and have our sights more fully focused on God's eternal kingdom. Might we just do well to make sure that when time comes, we will have made the most important decision of all, the decision to say yes to Jesus, accepting his gracious rescue and be able to enter into that place of everlasting peace, where moth nor thief, nor bomb, nor bullet can touch us but where we will be enveloped in the love of our Father in heaven and truly at peace at last.

Mothers' Union

Another great night at the Mothers' Union where the programme consisted of - along with the core elements - a very enjoyable baking demonstration. This proved very popular and was well received and enjoyed by all.

R.O.A.R. Boys Club

It has been a busy and encouraging start for our new R.O.A.R. Boys' Club. We have enjoyed programmes that have included finding your way around a tool box with practical demonstrations, designing and building the R.O.A.R. Boys' Club Harvest window, and an inspiring visit from the Mountain Rescue Service and more. The vision is to encourage our boys to be RESILIENT, OPENHEARTED, ADVENTUROUS, and RESOURCEFUL. We look forward to the what lies ahead.

Midweek Fellowship

The Midweek Fellowship meets each Wednesday evening and has been working through a six-week programme that has encouraged us to develop resilient faith. Using the Sermon on the Mount as the foundation, we have been brought back to look at the words of Jesus and consider their counter-cultural message for his church today.

Girls' Brigade

Our Girls' Brigade continues to meet each Monday evening and this year our theme is "Promises". The girls enjoy a packed programme of activities but also make time



Harvest Decorations from Kilskeery Parish Church.

to learn about faith too. Towards the end of November we will gather for our Girls' Brigade enrolment service in Trillick Parish Church and we look forward to making our promises there before God and our families.

Guitar Class

We have been blessed with a good number of committed budding guitarists over these last few weeks representing ages from primary school to, let's say, our older and more mature generation. We have travelled down country roads, gazed at a castle on the hill, walked a line or two and are depending on God's amazing grace as we go under twinkling stars.

Prayer Meeting

No prayer – no blessing. Little prayer – little blessing. Much prayer – much blessing. Someone once stated that you can live three weeks without food, three days without water and three minutes without air. Fellowship might be the three weeks part, bible reading the three days part but prayer is the three minutes part. Prayer is the breath of the church and without it we go unconscious and then die. Our prayer meetings might be small but we are still breathing and we pray that the Lord will increase those recognising this important aspect of church life.

Worship Him

The first of our monthly Sunday Night worship evenings took place at the end of September in Trillick. The theme was prayer and we looked specifically at the Lord's Prayer thinking about its relevance and importance for the church today. We worshipped and prayed and declared the goodness of God and the evening finished with a cup of tea.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

The year is moving on and the countdown to Christmas is not too far away. We are

once again supporting the annual shoebox appeal and boxes are available at both of our churches. The filled boxes are requested to be returned to the church on or before Sunday 5th November.

Harvest Services

Our Harvest Services were held in Trillick on the morning and evening of the 8th October and in Kilskeery on Friday 13th and Sunday 15th October. We were blessed to have had Mr Peter Booth, a student for the ministry of the Church of Ireland be the guest speaker in Trillick Parish and Revd. Henry Blair as our guest speaker in Kilskeery. It was great to see so many come out to our Harvest Services and enjoy the Harvest suppers as well as the services themselves. This year the various organisations did their bit in decorating a church window, we enjoyed the pieces so ably presented by our Singing Group and appreciated all who served in any way to make our Harvest Celebrations the success they were.

Times and 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:

R.O.A.R. Boy's Club at 6.30 – 8.00pm
Midweek Fellowship at 8.00 – 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)
Worship Him (Praise and Worship Evening) monthly at 7.30pm

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Looking Back

We've had a busy and industrious start to the new term across the Parish with sincere thanks owing to parishioners and the community for the support in getting behind our endeavours.

Fundraising Parish Coffee Morning and Cake Sale

This important Parish Fundraiser to help offset the recent significant lightening conductor work expenses around the Parish Church was a huge success. A brilliant team effort and thanks are due to everyone in the Parish and community who got behind this initiative! The final amount raised was around £2000.

Harvest Services

The end of September and early October saw our five traditional Festival Harvest Services take place at Coolbuck on a Sunday afternoon and Monday evening and in Lisbellaw Parish over a Festival weekend starting on a Friday evening and continuing with two further services on the Sunday. The Sunday morning service having a children and youth focus.

Once more the amazing gifts and talents in flower arranging and appropriately decorating Coolbuck and Lisbellaw for our wonderful Harvest Festival Services were there for all to see and to Almighty God be all the Glory! Thank you to the good folk of Coolbuck and Lisbellaw for your faithfulness. God Bless you.

It was a particular joy and lovely surprise when the inspirational Ruby McNair travelled from her home in Hillsborough to join in worship at Coolbuck. You'll always be very welcome Ruby!

Christian Burial

Maureen Noelle Crawford recently passed away and her funeral service of



Scenes from the Concertio Concert in Lisbellaw Church.





Some of the harvest decorations.

thanksgiving followed by committal took place on 3 October. Our love and prayers extend to Maureen's family and friends. May Maureen rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Christian Marriage

30 September was a most joyous occasion in the life of Lisbellaw Parish Church which witnessed the marriage of Leah and James. Our prayers and very best wishes extend to the happy couple. God Bless you both.

Harvest Musical Concert

A huge thank you to Mr J Ireland and the very talented Conventio Chamber Choir from Belfast who headlined our Harvest Concert on 30 September. We were



treated to a feast of beautiful music, and it was also a wonderful opportunity to showcase the singing talent in our two village primary schools (Lisbellaw and Tattygar) who came together on the night to sing two lovely yet contrasting pieces. Thanks also to our own Lynda Lindsay (Church Organist) who sang a lovely hymn on the evening accompanied by Mr Ireland.

A total of £1632.65 was raised and from this amount, gifts of £500 to each village primary school (Lisbellaw and Tattygar) were presented by the Rector with £632.65 going to Parish Funds.

Looking Forward

Confirmation Class 2023 continues to run on a Monday evening in Lisbellaw Parish Church from 6.15pm to 7pm. A Service of Confirmation with Bishop Ian is due to take place on 5 November DV at 11am. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

We look forward to reporting on the Confirmation Service as well as Remembrance Sunday Services in the Parish and three Holy Baptisms planned



during November in the next edition of the Clogher Diocesan Magazine. We have so much to be thankful to Almighty God for...

**Every Blessing,
Rev'd William**

Services

Wednesday 1 November

1030am HC Lisbellaw – *All Saints' Day

Sunday 5 November

11am Confirmation Service inc. HC Lisbellaw

3pm HC Coolbuck

Wednesday 8 November

1030am HC Lisbellaw

Sunday 12 November *Remembrance Sunday

1050am Parish Remembrance Sunday Service Lisbellaw

3pm Veterans Remembrance Sunday Service Lisbellaw

NB *There is no service in Coolbuck this afternoon. Coolbuck worshippers are cordially invited to one or other or both Remembrance Services taking place in the Parish Church today.

Wednesday 15 November

1030am HC Lisbellaw

Sunday 19 November

945am HC Lisbellaw

11am SOTW and Holy Baptism Lisbellaw

3pm SOTW and Holy Baptism Coolbuck

Wednesday 22 November

1030am HC Lisbellaw

Sunday 26 November *Christ the King

11am SOTW and Holy Baptism Lisbellaw

3pm EP Coolbuck

Wednesday 29 November

1030am HC Lisbellaw

Sunday 3 December *Advent

11am HC Lisbellaw

3pm HC Coolbuck

Wednesday 6 December

1030am HC *Coolbuck



The coffee morning and cake sale in the Parish Centre.





The Rector with representatives of Lisbellaw and Tattygar Schools.



The wedding of Leah and James.

Lisnaskea



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Services for November

SUNDAY 5th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 8th

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

SUNDAY 12th

10.30 a.m. Service of Remembrance

SUNDAY 19th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 26th

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

Marriage

Friday 29th September - Donna Louise



The wedding of Donna Louise Walmsley and David Adam Duncan.



Walmsley and David Adam Duncan.
Congratulations to the happy couple.

Burial

Sunday 8th October - Margaret Ann
Elizabeth (Pearl) Abbott, Attybarn, Lisnaskea.
Our sympathies and prayers are with the
Abbott family circle at this time.

Despair, loneliness, depression, anger, grief...

The list could go on and on. The world that
we live in today is not very positive as many
would have you believe. People are more
conscious of the "financial crisis" or more
commonly known as "the cost-of-living
crisis".

The war in Ukraine continues to go on and

now we have the Gaza Strip and Israel.
Where and when will it all end...?
And yet Jesus is the same yesterday, today
and forever (Hebrews 13:8).
We read on Sunday past, 15th October,
from Philippians 4:1 - 9 and verse 8 gives us
an answer which lifts us out of the despair,
loneliness, depression, anger and grief.
Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever
is true, whatever is noble, whatever is
right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable—if anything is
excellent or praiseworthy—think about such
things. (Philippians 4:8).
So this is where we get to choose.
You CAN choose to remain in despair,
loneliness etc. or you CAN choose to
THINK ABOUT what Paul says: true, noble,

right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy THINGS.

The cost of living and wars may still remain and continue to go on but they will NOT affect you as you choose the right, proper and godly thing to think about. Jesus is the CONSTANT in our lives and He will never leave us nor forsake us. Thinking on these things from Philippians 4 enable us to stay close to Jesus.

I pray that Jesus will be your choice.

Harvest

Our Harvest Thanksgiving weekend has been and gone for another year with good attendance at both the Friday night and Sunday morning services.

Thank you to everyone who supplied fruit, vegetables, flowers etc. for the many displays and to the ladies who decorated the church so beautifully.

We were delighted to welcome Revd. McWhirter from Rossorry parish as our guest speaker at both services and Letty Downey as our organist. It was also encouraging to see some of the Sunday School children taking part on Sunday Morning and we thank them and their parents for coming along.

Sunday School

As these notes are being prepared plans are being put in place for Sunday School to resume on 22nd October from 11.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and will continue every alternate Sunday. We are very grateful to the parents who have made this possible and encourage others to come along and help out also.



Harvest decorations.



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.**

Services for November 2023 with Revd Alison Irvine

5 November

9.30 am Holy Communion 1
11.00 am Holy Communion 2

12 November

9.30 am Morning Prayer 1
11.30 am Remembrance Service

19 November

9.30 am Morning Prayer 1



Young people taking part in the family harvest service.

11.00 am Morning Prayer 2

26 November

9.30 am Morning Prayer 1
11.00 am Morning Prayer 2

Parish Register

17 September 2023 - Patricia Valerie Kathleen Nixon (nee Blair). Our sympathy and prayers are with her husband Edwin,



son Julian (Michele), daughter Sharon (Richard) and grandchildren Matthew, Mark and Justin.

Pilates

This continues each Monday morning from 9.30 am – 10.30 am in the Archdale Hall. Suitable for new and experienced abilities. £5 per class.

Baby and Toddler Group

This continues each Tuesday morning at 10.00 am in the Archdale Hall.

GFS

GFS continues each Tuesday evening at 6.30 pm in the Archdale Hall. New members from 3½ years old will be most welcome.

Mothers' Union

The group met in the Archdale Hall on Thursday 5 October. Branch leader Norma Scott welcomed everyone present including three new members. Our speaker for the evening was Julie Hardy from Esker Farm Daffodils, Dromore. Julie gave a very interesting presentation

about how the Daffodil farm evolved and we were amazed to see the number of different varieties of daffodils available. We then had the opportunity to purchase packages of these beautiful flowers to plant at home.

Our next meeting will be on 2 November when Heather Ellis, our Diocesan President, will be the speaker. Everyone welcome.

Select Vestry

The November meeting of the Select Vestry will take place on Tuesday 7 November 2023 at 8.00 pm in the Parish Room.

Harvest Service

We had a lovely Family Harvest Service at 11.00 am on Sunday 8 October with the Sunday School taking part. The Sunday School read the lessons and led the prayers. They also sang a lovely song called 'I want to be a Farmer'. Well done to the Sunday School teachers and children. Thanks also to Rita and the Church Choir who sang an Introit and two beautiful pieces.

An Evening of Gospel Praise

This takes place on 4 November 2023 at 7.45pm in the Archdale Hall, Ballinamallard. Artistes taking part include; Ballybay Country Gospel Band; Silver Tones Male Voice Choir; Woods Family & Friends; Kathryn Mitchell; Gordon Quinn and Mitchell family.

Fundraising and short talks about the following Christian outreaches: Wills Lynch's work in Moldova, Romania and Ukraine; Alastair McFarland's work with the Scripture Union in Fermanagh Schools and Ballinamallard Gospel Outreach. Admission: Adults £10; Concessions £8 and Children £4

Christmas Fair

This will take place on Friday, 1 December 2023 after the switching on of the Village Christmas Lights with a special visit from Santa. There will be a charge of £1 for each child to receive a small gift. All the usual stalls will be there with tea/coffee available.

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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Some of the Scout group at their investiture evening.



Scout group members and leaders at their investiture and promise evening.

1st Magheraculmoney Scout Group

The Investiture and Promise evening was held by 1st Magheraculmoney Scout Group on 11th October in the Fountain Centre, Kesh. The evening was exceptionally well attended by family members of the Beavers, Cub Scouts and Scouts.

Included in the photographs are the Beavers, Cub Scouts, Beaver of the Year Award to Jack and Cub Scout of the Year Award to Billy. The Scout of the Year, Jack was unable to attend.



Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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Harvest scenes from Derrybrusk.

'Love the Lord you God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbour as yourself'
Luke 10:27

It is remarkable how swiftly we have moved from Harvest Thanksgiving into the season of Remembrance. This season is much quieter than the busy season of Harvest. Remembrancetide allows us to shift our focus, to settle our hearts, and to take time to remember all that was lost, whilst still holding fast to what has been achieved in the freedom we have today. The season of





Remembrance is so important because it encourages us to stop, to remember, to reflect and to renew our commitment to work toward lasting peace, and indeed calling out injustice where it is present. It is a time to be thankful, for the freedom we have, and for the men and women who gave so much for that freedom. We are grateful for the prosperity of this country, the young people that are growing up in relative peace, and the opportunities that now exist for them, and for us, as a result. Just as the season of Harvest reminds us of the importance of being thankful, so Remembrancetide teaches us the importance of loving God and one another. When we love God completely, we will seek to support and share that love with those around us. When we see need, we will respond generously to it. When we see fear, we will seek to bring the calming words of Christ so that his perfect love can drive out that fear. When we see injustice, we have a duty to call it out and to work to find a better way. We do all of these things for God, as our love for him overflows into the world around us in our deeds of faith and our active service. This is our way of thanking God for his love and blessing of us. But we fulfil this call better, when we remember the horrors of the past – the injustice, the oppression, the violence and the fear that was so prevalent across our world, and much of it as recent as the last century. This is why it is so important to remember, to reflect and to renew our commitment

to work harder to build a better world, one in which the love of Christ can be seen in our actions and in our behaviour. We have the power to put his love into action, and we do it by committing to Him first, and then by working out our love for Christ as we engage with others and seek to improve and build the world that Christ calls for. This season of Remembrance I encourage you to take time to remember, to reflect and to renew your commitment to God. Remember the past, reflect in the present, and renew your commitment to build a better world through the sharing of the gospel, and bringing the love of Christ to those dark corners where it is needed most.

Parish Activities

Sunday School and Family Services

We welcomed the return of both Sunday Schools in September, and a return to family services as we celebrated Harvest. It was so encouraging to see so many out in support of our young people at these services. A genuine word of thanks to our organists and Sunday School leaders for their steadfast commitment to build up such a powerful understanding of the faith in our young people.

Derrybrusk Big Harvest Weekend

Our big weekend began with our special service of Harvest Thanksgiving on Friday 22nd September. Our preacher was Canon John McClenaghan, and our soloist was our very own Lisa! It was a wonderful service of praise to God, which

was very much enhanced by the beautiful harvest decorations, and the Sunday School artwork!

On Saturday 23rd September we had our annual harvest walk from Derrybrusk Church, through Belle Isle estate (kindly granted), and back to Belle Isle hall (kindly granted) for refreshments. The walk was well attended, and despite the threat of bad weather, the rain held off and all stayed dry! We very much enjoyed time together outdoors, and treats in the hall afterwards! It was encouraging to see so many from both parishes. All proceeds were split between both Churches, with around £1,000 raised to date. Thank you so much for your continued support. We completed our big weekend with a family harvest on Sunday. This was well attended and many of the children took part. A wonderful weekend of celebrations, and all in thanksgiving to God!

Harvest in Maguiresbridge

On Friday 6th October we welcomed Canon John Woods as the preacher at our Harvest Thanksgiving service in Maguiresbridge. The Church was decorated beautifully and it was so encouraging to see so many in attendance. Our organist and choir sang a number of specially prepared pieces, and the service was followed by refreshments. It was a very uplifting service of thanksgiving to God. We also celebrated with a family Harvest on Sunday 8th October, with all of the young people taking part. It was



The harvest walk.





The praise evening in Christ Church Hall on Friday, 10 November at 7.30pm when proceeds are for Christ Church.

wonderful to see so many in attendance as we came together to complete our weekend of thanksgiving!

From the registers

BAPTISM

In mid-September we celebrated the baptism of Brooke Jayne, who was baptised in Maguiresbridge. We continue to pray for her as she begins her journey in faith.

MARRIAGE

On Thursday 28th September, Mr Alan Lawrence and Miss Joanne Armstrong were married in Maguiresbridge. We pray for them as they begin this new chapter as husband and wife.

We also look forward to the wedding of Mr Andrew Beatty and Miss Kenzey Downey in Maguiresbridge on Friday 20th October 2023.

DEATH

We remember in prayer all from our parish who have lost loved ones recently, and especially the family of Jim Shaw, whose funeral took place in Maguiresbridge on Monday 9th October. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted' Matt. 5:4

Looking Ahead

By the time this goes to print, our auction will have taken place at Derrybrusk. A word of thanks to all who helped with the auction, to those who contributed items for sale, to those who provided baked goods, and to those who helped with refreshments. Thanks also to all who



attended the fundraiser. We are thankful for all of your support!

Light Party

Following the success of our 'Light Party' last year, we are holding another on Friday 27th October 2023 at 7pm in the Christ Church hall. This is open to all primary aged children. There will be games, quizzes and crafts! Please come along for a great evening of fun!

Mothers' Union

Meeting in Christ Church hall on Monday 6th November 2023 at 8pm. The topic is 'History about the Workhouse' and the guest speaker will be Catherine Scott. Mothers' Union Prayer Breakfast takes place in Maguiresbridge Church hall on Saturday 25th November 2023.

Music Celebration 'Praise Him' Our music celebration takes place in Christ Church hall, Maguiresbridge on Friday 10th November 2023 at 7.30pm. A number of local bands will be performing, along with our parish choir and our Sunday School. There will also be some congregational singing. Everyone is very welcome as we come together to praise God!



The baptism of Brooke Jayne.



Mr Alan Lawrence and Miss Joanne Armstrong following their wedding in Maguiresbridge



Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

12th November Third Sunday before Advent

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

19th November Second Sunday before Advent

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

26th November Sunday before Advent

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

3rd December First Sunday of Advent

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

Harvests

The harvest season for the group has ended for this year. We are thankful to all who helped and decorated for our services.

In Kilmore to the Breakey family for singing and Revd. Ken Robinson from Monaghan Methodist Church for preaching.

In Ballinode again to the Breakey family for singing and it was good to welcome back as our preacher Revd. David Moses, Rector of Keady, Armaghbreague, Derrynoose and Newtownhamilton who had served as our deacon intern.

In St. Patrick's our thanks to the Sunday School for helping to lead our worship and to all who helped to organise and cook for the congregational lunch afterwards.

We were also happy to host Monaghan Methodist Church for their harvest services on 15th and 16th October

Mothers' Union

Members met on Tuesday 3rd October when the speaker was Muriel Treacey. The next meeting is on 7th November when Lorna Soden will speak on Christmas Crafts

Ladies Group

This group met on Tuesday 17th October when the speaker was Louise Dempsey, a clinical nurse specialist for bereavement. Their next meeting is on 21st November with a talk and demonstration of products by Kieran Carley from Brian Skincare.

Christian Institute meeting

On Wednesday 11th October Monaghan Elim Church hosted an evening with David Gillespie from the Christian Institute to talk about their work in Ireland. It was good to hear of the Institute's work in setting up in Ireland and speaking to the issues here. You can find out more about them in the RoI part of their website <https://www.christian.org.uk/news/republic-of-ireland>



Condolences

We offer prayerful sympathy to wider Corbett family on the death of Keith.

Illness

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

Looking ahead

Ladies Group Interdenominational Carol service will take place in St Patrick's on Tuesday 12th December at 8pm.

Faith mission bus

from 30th November to 3rd December, along with other churches in the town, we are hosting the Faith Mission Gospel Truck for some outreach activities. This will be the third year we have hosted this ministry and we hope, subject to council approval, to have the located in the shopping centre carpark beside St Patrick's. On the Sunday the truck will move down to behind First Monaghan Presbyterian Church for a drive-in carol service at 7.30pm.

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Services

Sunday 5th November

The Fourth Sunday before Advent

9.00am - Holy Communion
10.30am - Holy Communion with Baptism

Saturday 11th November

7.30pm - A Celebration of remembrance

Sunday 12th November

The Third Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday
9.00am - Holy Communion
10.30pm - Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th November

The Second Sunday before Advent

9.00am - Holy Communion
10.30pm - Morning Prayer

Sunday 26th November

The Kingship of Christ

9.00am - Holy Communion
10.30pm - Morning Prayer

Weddings

We have been enjoying the last of this season's weddings with the marriage of Nial Wallace and Claire Irwin. They enjoyed a lovely warm and pleasant day in early autumn, fortunate, as the bride walked to church! We want to also congratulate Connor Donaldson on his marriage to Hannah Reeve at the beginning of September in Hannah's home church, St Mary's, Woodleigh in Devon. We wish both couples every blessing in their lives together.

Harvest Services

Rossorry enjoyed a celebratory time over the harvest season with well attended services and the opportunity to welcome visitors. For me it was particularly gratifying as I've now completed all of



The wedding of Nial Wallace and Claire Irwin in October.



Connor Donaldson and Hannah Reeve after their wedding in St. Mary's Church, Woodleigh, Devon.

the major services we celebrate and enjoy throughout the year. In light of it being my first Harvest here I preached myself. The congregation can however look forward to guest preachers in future years. I can hardly believe this year has gone so quickly. Thank you to all who worked so tirelessly in the decoration of the church and the preparation of worship and especially to the Catherine Irwin and the choir for the work in preparing for the "Bread of Life" Service.

Remembrance is always a moving time. This year we especially remembered Matt Lilly following the 50th anniversary of his death last month; our prayers continue for his family.

Kizzy took a greater interest in Remembrance following her enthusiasm in studying World War II in school this year. She's been listening to the 'D Day Girls' singing the war time songs and particularly likes 'Run Rabbit Run', made famous initially by Flanagan and Allen. She's fascinated that, 'On the farm ev'ry Friday. On the farm it's rabbit pie day, - so run rabbit, run rabbit, run, run, run!'

In homage to her new interest I dug her

out a simple war time recipe. If you're feeling adventurous why not have a go? If you can get a rabbit that is. If that proves to difficult you can use chicken as a substitute as you have a go at war time fare.

Simple Rabbit Stew (original war time recipe)

Ingredients

1 rabbit

1lb/450g of carrots

1 turnip

1 small onion

2 tblspns of flour

2 tblspns of dripping

salt and pepper

Method

Soak the rabbit in salt and water for one hour. Take it out, dry it and cut it up into joints. season the flour with salt and pepper, coat each piece of rabbit in it.

Melt the fat, put in the floured rabbit, fry lightly, then pour in enough hot water or hot stock to cover. Bring to the boil, then lower the heat and simmer for one hour.

Put in the vegetables, thinly slice and cook again for 30 minutes.

Small dumplings may be made

and served with the dish as an accompaniment.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Congratulations to all involved in the Macmillan Coffee Morning organised by Joy, Kizzy, Sonya and Lorraine. We enjoyed the company of both humans and dogs, a great day of fellowship and chat which was busy throughout the day. A huge thank you to all who supported the smooth running of the event and in the donation of cakes, scones and traybake. We had enough left over to enjoy refreshments following the service on Sunday. A grand total of £1261.72 for Macmillan and £301 for Bright Eyes. We also wish to thank our sponsors, Lidl NI for a hamper and gluten free snacks and Jollys Pet Store, Enniskillen for the doggy treat bags.

Let us pray

HARVEST

God our Father, we thank you for the world and for all your gifts to us: for the sky above, the earth beneath our feet, and the wonderful process which provides food to maintain life. We thank you for our



Rossorry Rainbows at their activities and with their new flag.





The Rector with Naomi Kells and Anna Erwin who handed over a painting in memory of Miss Ena Graham.

crops, and for the skills and techniques needed to grow and use them properly. help us to use your gift in the spirit of the giver, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lord Jesus, you have shown us how great is the price of freedom by giving your life to deliver us from evil. Teach us to give to the uttermost; to respect that which others have secured for us; and to pursue peace in obedience to your will, until the kingdoms of this world all give you their full allegiance. Amen.

Confirmation

We are starting to enrol the candidates for our 2024 Confirmation. If you are about year 9, please contact the office for an



Working with young people.



The painting.

enrolment form or speak to the Rector.

Sunday School

We have been learning about obedience where the kids got to watch a short lesson about Jonah and the whale on Youtube. We then got to play games where the kids had to listen to their leaders' instructions. Claire gave a lesson on how to be prepared to be last of all in God's Eyes and servant of all. She brought in some gifts, photographs and certificates of her life and showed the kids the journey from when she was born right through to an adult and how you try to do your best at everything and how Jesus always wants us to be our best. The kids loved it. We have ended September with a song practice for the Youth Parade where kids performed 'I'm in the Lords army' for the congregation. We're all looking forward to our All Saints Day Disco.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Rossorry Rainbows started again on the 18th September with an additional five new Rainbows, ready for play, crafts, learning and tons of fun. The first few meetings have seen our Rainbow reds get involved in a wide variety of activities and games including learning some new campfire songs with Makaton, and even making edible campfires to sing round. We have made story telling sticks based on the three little pigs story, with a twist



Some items made by Rossorry MU members.

of coco-pops involved and played lots of new games including stars and stripes and cat and mouse. Finally, to celebrate 35 years of Rossorry Rainbows, the original leader, Yvonne Bowles, very generously purchased a Rainbow flag for the unit, which was dedicated during the Youth Service on 1st October. Brooke Livingstone proudly carried the flag at the front of the parade.

Rossorry Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club celebrated their 25th Anniversary with Anna Erwin cutting a cake in Church which everyone enjoyed as they left. Congratulations to all who support and enjoy the Wednesday Club. As part of these celebrations Anna, along with Naomi Kells, also presented the Select Vestry with a painting, both in memory of and painted by, Miss Ena Graham, a faithful and much missed member of Rossorry's Wednesday Club.

Mothers' Union

The September meeting of Rossorry Mothers' Union was held on Thursday 15th September and the speaker was Noreen Little, MU Unit Co-Ordinator on the Action and Outreach committee who had brought with her baby blankets, hats and cardigans which have been made by Mothers' Union members of Clogher Diocese and their friends. These lovely items will be given to the maternity ward in SWAH. Also included were 'fiddle muffs' to be given to nursing homes. Noreen said these would be well received and were most welcome and were made with care and love.

The next meeting of Rossorry MU will be on 16 November when there will be a speaker from Women's Aid. New members always welcome.

The Parish Office

The Office is open with reduced hours at present, please do leave a message and someone will return your call as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Edna Keenan with Noreen Little(right) looking at some of the baby blankets.



Anna Erwin cutting a cake to mark 25 years of the Wednesday Club.

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BAPTISM

■ AHU-WOODS, Tiaki Francis, son of Akira Ahu and Nicola Ahu-Woods at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 1st November 2023. Service conducted by Revd. Stephen McWhirter.

MARRIAGE

■ WALLACE, Nial and Claire (née Irwin) on Saturday 7th October in Rossorry Parish Church, service conducted by Revd. Stephen McWhirter.

Dates for the Diary

■ Sunday 5th November
 Family Service with Baptism
 Please bring along your Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes

Remembrance Day

■ Saturday 11th November 2023, 7.30pm; 'A Celebration of Remembrance'
 Sunday 12th November 9.00am Holy Communion, 10.30am Remembrance Day Service.

Advent Carol Service

■ Sunday 3rd December 2023 at 7.30pm

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Baptism

■ 17 September 2023 - Joel Albie Domer, son of Stuart and Lydia Domer, Annagh Road, Clogher.

■ 15 October 2023 - Gabriella Elizabeth Long, daughter of Scott and Cheryl Long, Gary Hill Meadows, Clabby.

We pray that God would bless these children and their parents that they will be guided by God to carry out the promises made at their baptism.

Funeral

■ 14 October 2023 - Leslie Walter James McCrea, Ummer Road, Tempo.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to his sisters Geraldine, Olive, Doreen,

Irene and Sandra, also his brother Gordon, and all the family circle. Leslie was well known and respected in the local community and was a helpful neighbour. He had been caretaker in Tempo Primary School and grave digger at Tempo Parish Church until declining health issues caused his retirement from both roles.

Burial of Ashes

■ 15 October 2023 - Kathleen Audrey (Kath) Turner, Camgart Road, Clabby. Our Sympathy and prayers are extended to Kath's daughter Dawn-Marie, Son-in-law Stephen, Sister Joy, Brother William and Aunt Audrey.

Kath had moved from England 1995. She had been a member of St. John Ambulance brigade and continued to serve in the local Clogher branch, she had a hobby of breeding dogs attending dog shows and also judging at dog shows. In the Parish she had served on the Select Vestry, had been on a few occasions a Churchwarden, helped with parish F.W.O. recorder and magazine distributor, she was one of the founder leaders of the Scout group. Kath came along to look after First Aid for the Mums and Toddlers Group

Clabby Tractor Run

Thank you to those who organised the event, helped on the day as collectors at the hall, the street collectors in Fivemiletown, those who came along with their tractors, and those who provided

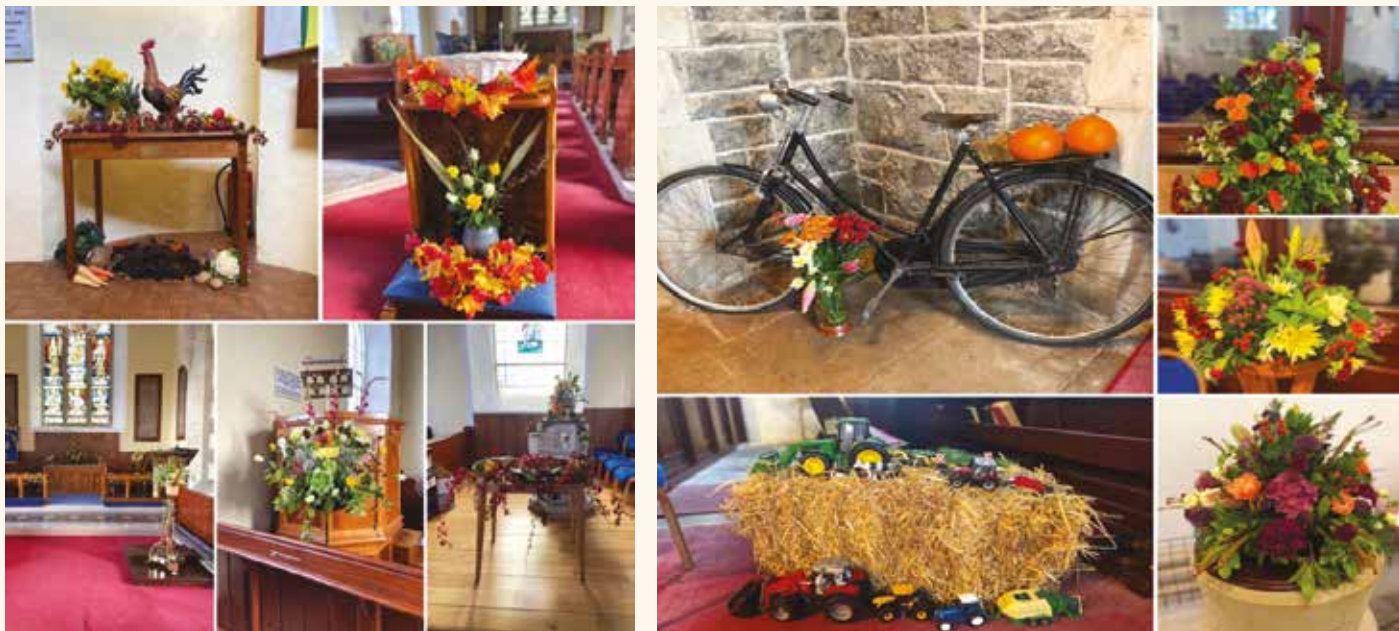


Mr Walter Bottom on his 100th birthday with the Rector and Bishop.

refreshments. £2329.00 raised on the day for church funds.

100 NOT OUT

Congratulations and best wishes and God's continued blessing to Mr. Walter Bottom who celebrated his 100th Birthday on 25th September at the Tilery Care Home. He enjoyed a weekend of celebrations surrounded by family members. He received many cards including one from the King and Queen and a letter from the President of Ireland. The Bishop and the Rector called with him



Some harvest scenes from Tempo Church.

Scenes from the Clabby harvest.

on the day of his birthday and enjoyed a lovely afternoon of clear conversation with a real gentleman who served his community faithfully as a teacher and member of Newtownhamilton Parish Church prior to moving to Clabby along with his late wife around 16 years ago. He was also a lay reader in Armagh Diocese for 50 years. The Rector presented him with a card and photo of Clabby Church on behalf of the Parishioners, Select Vestry and himself.

Tempo Harvest 24th September

Thank you to everyone who provided the items for decorating the Church and those who decorated the Church. Also thanks to our organist Carol Graham and choir for leading the praise and singing O Worship the Lord. Thank you Mr. Jim Beatty for reading God's Word and to Mrs. Ann Armstrong, Mollie and Mia White for reading poems 'It's Always Harvest Time' and 'When we see the Harvest.' The prayers were led by Mrs. Ann Woods, Alice and Leah Crawford, Jay Trimble, Joseph Goodwin, Mrs. Noelle Forde, Mrs. Rosemary Whiteman and Sarah Armstrong. Our special thanks to Mr. Roy Crowe who was our preacher and who sang a solo. It was wonderful to have Roy back with us once again. Thank you to those who provided refreshments before the service and serving them it was greatly appreciated. A special feature of the harvest weekend was when the Church was opened on the Saturday morning with prayer points on Praise and Thanksgiving, God's promises, Pray for our Church, our organists and choir, our link missionaries and E3 Schools Worker, our children's and youth ministry, our

parents, for those with controlling spirit and our senior members of our Church family.

Clabby Parish Harvest 1st October

Again thanks to everyone who contributed to the Harvest, those who provided items for decorating of the Church and those who decorated the Church. Thanks to our organist Mrs. Ann Bloomfield and the choir for helping to lead our worship and for singing 'Shout for Joy to the Lord'. Our thanks to Henry Follis for reading God's word. Thanks to Arianna Gardiner, Ewan Stronge, Mrs. Lydia Domer, Rose Adams, Mrs. Gretta McCutcheon, and Ryan Crawford, Chloe and Sophie Robinson for leading the prayers and to James Bloomfield and Jessica and Isabella McDowell for reading poems 'Its Always Harvest Time', and 'We See the Harvest.' Thank you to William Robinson for typing and arranging the PowerPoint and to those who provided refreshments after the service. Again on the Saturday morning the Church was opened with all the prayer points with a special word of thanks to Sophie Robinson in Clabby for drawing the outline of Clabby Church for our Prayer point on our Church family.

November Diary

■ 14 November 2023 - Mothers' Union Crafts with Sharon 8pm in Tempo Church Hall.

■ 17 November 2023 - Gospel and Musical Evening at 8pm in Clabby Church Hall with Murley Silver Band, Valley Voices, Roy Crowe and Ann Bloomfield. £10 admission.

■ 26 November 2023 - Visit of our Link Missionary, Trevor Watson.

Without the central aspect of prayer in our personal lives and as a Church we become merely a social gathering or a club, we are just going through the ritual with no real living of a personal relationship with God as our Father, Christ as our Saviour and the Holy Spirit to make us grow, become more Christ like and bear His fruit Galatians 5 v 22. If we are to have real growth and maturity in the Christian faith and life, and in our Churches then we must get back to one of the basics – **PRAYER**.

P. U. S. H. – Pray until something happens

When everything goes wrong - **P. U. S. H.**
When your job/life gets you down - **P. U. S. H.**

When people don't react the way you think they should - **P. U. S. H.**
When your money is gone and you still have bills to pay, When your resources are at rock bottom - **P. U. S. H.**
When people just don't understand you. - **P. U. S. H.**

When we pray, remember:-
The Love of God, that he wants the best for us.
The Wisdom of God that knows what is best for us.
The Power of God that can accomplish it.
Read Ephesians 3 v 14-21. Paul's prayer for the Christians in Ephesus, our deep roots in Christ and his ability to provide for us far more than we can ask or imagine and give Him the glory in our lives and living for Him.

Trory and Killadeas



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A reminder of our usual parish activities

MONDAY

- 7pm Mothers' Union (2nd Monday of each month)
- 7pm Holy Strollers walking club (weekly)

TUESDAY

- 2pm Tuesday Fellowship Group (1st Tuesday of each month)
- 7pm Killadeas Choir (Priory Church, weekly, termtime)

WEDNESDAY

- 10am Baby and Tots (weekly, termtime, Trory Schoolhouse)
- 2pm Trory Choir (St. Michael's Church, before major festivals)

Thursday

- 7.30pm Trory Bowls (Ballycassidy Hall weekly, termtime)

Accordion Band

Trory Accordion Band, Trory LOL, Killadeas Pipe Band and Killadeas LOL have also asked that we mention that new members are welcome.

These activities bringing us together, and they are the backbone of how we create



The Tuesday Fellowship Group quiz.



and continue to have a cohesive church community, not just a few people who come together for worship on a Sunday morning. Please do support them if you can. And if there is something else you would like added to the list of regular activities (and you are willing to lead it) please speak to Revd. Mark.

Other Notices

Please note, the Ballycassidy Hall Epic Gameshow Fun Night originally planned for 10th November is postponed until after Christmas.

Harvests, Baptisms, Radio Broadcasts, and the restart of the Tuesday Fellowship Group made for a very busy October as can be seen from the photos, and the live Radio Ulster Morning Service broadcast can be heard on BBC Sounds until 14th November. At the time of writing notes of congratulations have been sent to Priory

Church on their broadcast service from all six counties of NI, some ROI counties, England, Milan, Spain, Tennessee and New York. Many thanks all who took part in and led aspects of all of the service. Thanks must also go to Archdeacon Paul Thompson, Dean Kenny Hall, and Mrs Sarah Maguire for their excellent Harvest addresses, and to and all who decorated, sang, read lessons, provided suppers, or otherwise made an extra effort at the special services over the last month. It was great to see the churches looking so well, and so well attended.

Christmas Lights

Advent will see our usual Trory Christmas Lights Switch On, 'All Church' interactive Nativity Play Sundays, Carol Services, and midweek acts of worship. Please come to church to hear the announcements and follow @troryandkilladeas on Facebook to



Scenes from Killadeas Harvest Services.





keep up to date, especially for bits which may fall before you get your December magazine.

From the registers

HOLY BAPTISM

- 24th September Harrison Allen, Priory Church, Killadeas
- 8th October Cohan James Cassidy Bell, Priory Church, Killadeas

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

- Olive Fleming 14th October, St Michael's Trory

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 5th November

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

Tuesday 7th

- 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship Group

Sunday 12th November

- 10am Morning Prayer with an act of remembrance in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Morning Prayer with an act of remembrance in St Michael's, Trory

Monday 13th

- 7pm Mothers' Union. Speaker Mrs Ruth Blair "Armchair Exercises"

Sunday 19th November

- 10am Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism in Priory Church, Killadeas, followed by tea and chat

- 11.30am Morning Prayer in St Michael's, Trory

Sunday 26th November

- 10am Morning Prayer in Priory Church, Killadeas

- 11.30am Morning Prayer in St Michael's, Trory

BBC Radio Ulster Morning Service Live Broadcast.



Trory Harvest Services.

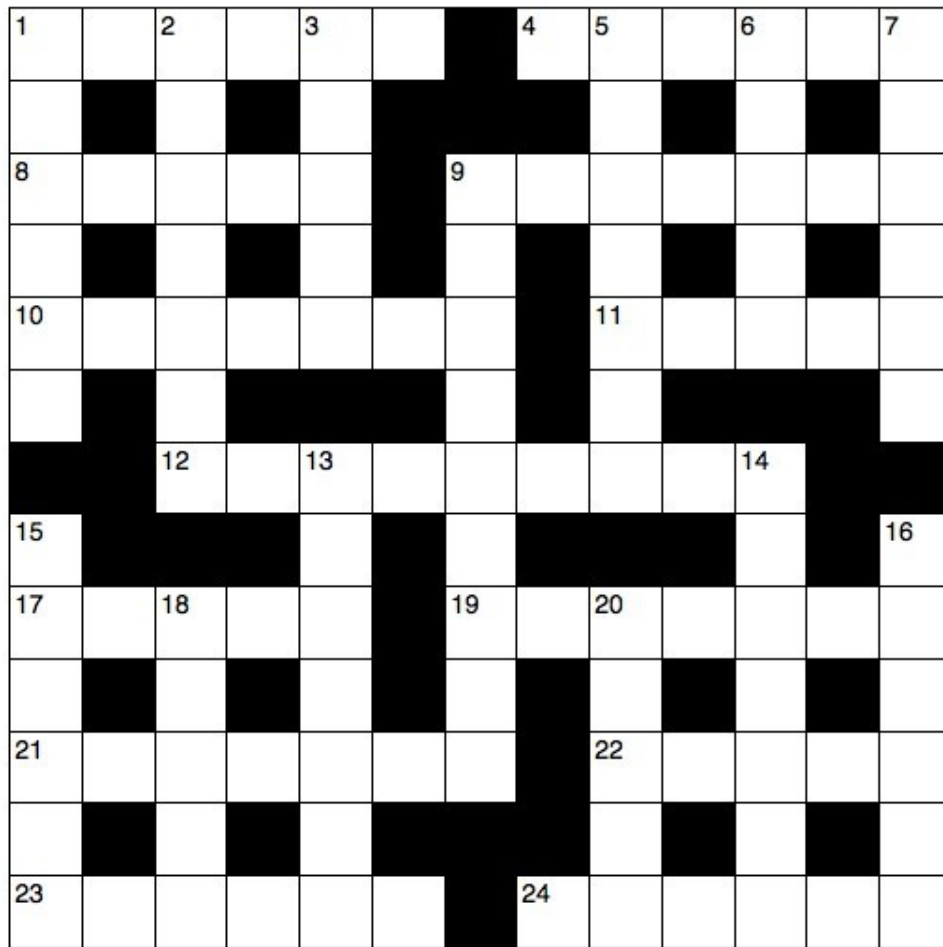


Baptism of Cohan James



Baptism of Harrison.

PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

DOWN

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 71



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Eight players on Connacht U18/U19 squad 22/23
Three girls selected for Connacht U16/U18 Girls Rugby squad

MATHS

Comórtas Sóisearach Matamaitice Éireann Award for Junior Maths for top 0.1% in Ireland



ART

Participants in the BLAST Residency Initiative



HOCKEY

Six players Capped for Connacht and one Irish Hockey Cap



IRISH

University of Galway Award for Excellence in junior Cert. Irish



DEBATING

Prize-winners in Connacht and National Finals of Schools Mace Debating Competitions

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CHILDREN'S SECTION

The Tale of the TWO BUILDERS



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

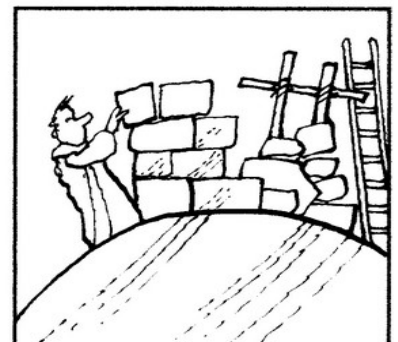


ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES



THE FIRST BUILDER SEARCHED HIGH AND LOW FOR A GOOD SOLID ROCK ON WHICH TO BUILD HIS HIS HOME.

AT LONG, LONG LAST HE FOUND THE IDEAL SPOT.



SO HE BEGAN TO BUILD.

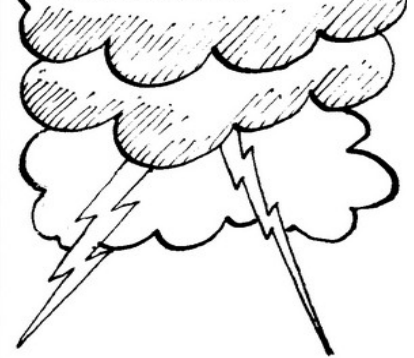


THE OTHER BUILDER DIDN'T CARE WHERE HE BUILT HIS HOUSE

HE THOUGHT SOME NICE FLAT SAND WOULD BE AN EASY PLACE TO BUILD.



BUT ONE DAY THE STORM CAME...



...AND THE WIND BLEW...AND THE RAIN FELL...

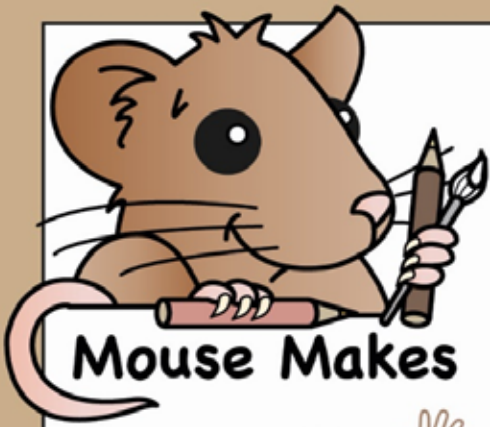


...AND THE HOUSE ON THE SAND COLLAPSED!

BUT THE HOUSE ON THE ROCK STOOD FIRM.



JESUS EXPLAINED - IT'S IMPORTANT OUR LIVES HAVE A FIRM FOUNDATION!



Mouse Makes

"Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by
_____ and

with thanksgiving, present your
_____ to God."

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

"The _____

is _____

to all who _____

on him in _____"

Psalms 145:18

"For where two or three _____


in my name, there
I am with them."

Matthew 18:20



PRAISE GOD

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

NIV

Look up the Bible verses,
fill in the blanks then
find them in the
word search

Find these words too:
APPROACH
MEDITATE
HEAR • LISTEN
BLESS • PRAISE
FORGIVE • NAME
CRY OUT • AMEN

C O N F E S S P K R Q C
N E A R M D P E H E A R
T I M E E D A T E Q M Y
I Q E J D T P I P U E O
F P V O I R P T R E N U
O R D I T U R I A S K T
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G I V E T H A N K S R A
I S O S E S C A P R A Y
V E T G A T H E R U Y E
E L E C A L L I S T E N
M U B L E S S R L O R D

" _____
always, _____
continually, _____
_____ in all circumstances."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Therefore, _____
your sins to one another and
_____ for one another,
that you may be healed."
James 5:16

" _____
yourselves
to prayer, being
watchful and
thankful."
Colossians 4:2

MOTHERS' UNION



The delegation from Clogher Diocese for the weekend conference in Armagh.

Local members enjoy Womens' Weekend 2023

There was excitement and warm reunions as Mothers' Union members from around the dioceses in Ireland, met in Hotel Kilmore, Cavan, for the 'Women's

Weekend' 2023.

The All-Ireland Chaplain, Venerable Dr Stephen McBride, led the worship and shared a little of his life through an

interview which included his wife Helen. All-Ireland President, June Butler and the team from Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh Diocese shared in the weekend bringing help and support to the organizers, Liz Greer and Wendy Halligan, Young Members' Representatives.

Melanie Douglas, the guest speaker, gave an introductory talk about her life, which encouraged members to think what 'Living an Abundant Life' would mean. Her personal reflections and experiences as well as the beautiful songs she sang reflected how she was living an abundant life through her faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, her Saviour and Lord. She reminded those gathered of many truths from scripture.

Melanie had experienced many difficult times in her life and she ended her reflections by asking everyone to take some quiet minutes to be with God and lay concerns and hurts at God's feet.

Melanie challenged everyone present to look at their life and faith.

The weekend next year, 11 and 12 October 2024, in Armagh City Hotel should be put into your diary as an event to look forward to and encourage friends to attend.

'Changing the Story' conference



Some of the speakers at the Mothers' Union Changing the Story conference in Dublin: All Ireland President June Butler; MU Domestic Abuse Manager, Emily Brailsford; Revd Dr Helen Paynter; Mary McDermott of Safe Ireland; Rector of Athlone, Revd William Stacey; Bekah Legg of Restored; Lydia Monds of CMH:i; Lesley Bayley, Emma Lynch of Tearfund and Jacqui Armstrong of Mothers' Union. The Mothers' Union had organised two conferences, one in Portadown and Dublin on the theme of ending domestic abuse.



Members enjoying the tea party in Donacavey.

Indoor Members' Holy Communion and Afternoon Tea

The Indoor Members' Event, on 7 June in Donacavey Parish Hall, Fintona brought together over 60 members. It began with a Holy Communion service where Bishop Ian Ellis brought an encouraging message. Revd Charles Eames and Canon John Woods assisted the Bishop to distribute the Holy Communion and Ms Anne Thompson accompanied the singing during the service. The members of Donacavey and Barr Mothers' Union had prepared well for the event with comfortable seating for the service, easily accessible tables for the tea and tasty sandwiches and scones. The

delicious Afternoon Tea was enjoyed by everyone present and a sincere thank you is due to all leaders and drivers for their help with the catering and encouraging members to attend. Ms Anne Thompson then accompanied some community hymn singing. The MU Diocesan President, Heather Ellis spoke to the members and Irene Boyd ended the afternoon by distributing a small gift to each member; a raffia cross with a short attached message 'Hang it on the Cross,' and then she presented thank you gifts to Bishop Ian, Mrs Heather Ellis and Anne Thompson.



2023 Mothers' Union Annual Gathering in York

The 13-strong contingent from Mothers' Union Ireland gathered at the York Barbican for the Annual Gathering, writes Mrs Heather Ellis, Clogher Diocesan President. "Once inside the large Conference Hall we were welcomed by Bev Jullien, CEO and the opening prayers were led by Bishop John Parker, York Provincial Chaplain. Jane Horton, York Provincial President and Hilary Castle, York Diocesan MU President welcomed us to York." The highlight of the day was Sheran Harper, Worldwide President's keynote speech.

Sheran Harper spoke from the heart, as she always does, saying that she was sorry she had missed being with us in person last year in Belfast and was excited at being on the stage in York with us all. She encouraged us to trust in God for our transformation which will be 'a transformation that will take root and bear good for all seasons'. She told of her recent travels throughout Africa, particularly in the Diocese

of Mombasa, and in Zambia. She encouraged Mothers' Union members to use their gifts, MU tools and to stay connected to make a difference. In the afternoon there was also a presentation by Diocesan chaplains from across the islands and an Interactive session from the MU Gathering and Operatic Society! Canon Jennifer starred in this performance. The delegates walked to the Minster for the MU Service of Evensong which was led by the Archbishop of York.



Mrs Heather Ellis, Clogher Diocesan President and Mrs Iris Sutor, World-wide Trustee taking a break at the conference.



Mrs June Butler, All Ireland President and Mrs Sheran Harper, World-wide President in the Minster.



The scene inside York Minster.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Right Rev Dr. Gordon McMullan fondly remembered in Clogher Diocese

The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, was among church leaders to pay tribute to one of his predecessors, Right Revd Dr. Gordon McMullan, who died on 15 October aged 89. He had served as Bishop of Clogher from 1980 to 1986 and as Bishop of Down and Dromore from 1986 to 1997.

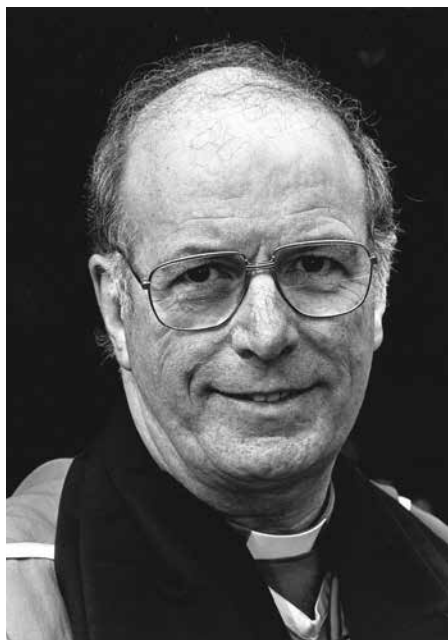
The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis stated; "Bishop Gordon McMullan is remembered fondly here in Clogher Diocese. He was a very pastoral bishop who was across the detail of diocesan life and kept an attentive watch over the flock in his care. His deep interest in learning meant he gave considerable time to young people and education in this diocese.

"We offer our sincere condolences and the assurance of our prayers to his children and the wider family circle at this time of loss."

Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd John McDowell who served as Bishop of Clogher from 2011 to 2020 said; "Bishop Gordon McMullan was a conscientious pastoral bishop with a lifelong love for learning and scholarship, each aspect of his ministry enlivening and informing the other. Gordon was my sponsoring bishop when I went forward for selection for ordained ministry, and I will never forget the quietly searching interviews that I had with him before being sent off to the Selection Conference.

"When I first went to live in the Diocese of Clogher, following my election as bishop, one very experienced clergyman who had served with Gordon, when he was bishop there, told me: 'Bishop McMullan, he could see round corners', meaning he had the gifts of wisdom and foresight which allowed him to be well-prepared for what was experienced by those around him as an unforeseen crisis.

"Gordon had a cool and measured intelligence and an insatiable curiosity about the spiritual life as well as the realities of life around him. He never forgot his roots in working class Belfast. He understood the people he ministered to whether in St Brendan's, Sydenham, leafy Knock, or rural Fermanagh and Monaghan. His scholarship helped him understand more deeply the great movements and



upheavals of life in the twentieth century, but his trust was always in the Lord of History, who Himself had hurried on events on a world scale.

"He had a deep sense of the distinctive role which the Church of Ireland could play in the religious and civic life, particularly of Northern Ireland, and never tired of proving good relationships and a sense of hope.

"My thoughts and prayers are with Gordon's sons, Philip and Stephen, as they mourn the loss of a wise and caring father and grandfather, just as we in the Church of Ireland mourn the loss of a great bishop."

The Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, who was Bishop of Clogher from 2002 to 2011 also paid tribute; "Having lived in Clogher Diocese when Bishop Gordon McMullan was bishop, I remember with affection his own care for the people of the diocese in what were troubled times. He is remembered for facilitating an administrative structure for the diocese that stood the test of time and enabled both parishes and the diocese itself to flourish with calm confidence. His untiring work ethic and attention to detail ran hand-in-hand with his commitment to learning and the education of others. It was an honour and a pleasure some years later to succeed him as bishop.

Bishop Robin Eames, who was Bishop of Down and Dromore (from 1980 to 1986) and subsequently Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland (from 1986 to 2006):

"I am very saddened to learn of the passing of Bishop Gordon McMullan and express my deepest sympathy to the members of his family.

"As a colleague for many years, I saw at first hand his devoted pastoral ministry firstly as a parish priest and then as a bishop in Clogher Diocese and then in Down and Dromore during years of suffering and violence for the community. His gifts of pastoral compassion for so many people will be long remembered. In particular I recall his support and care for clergy in those years.

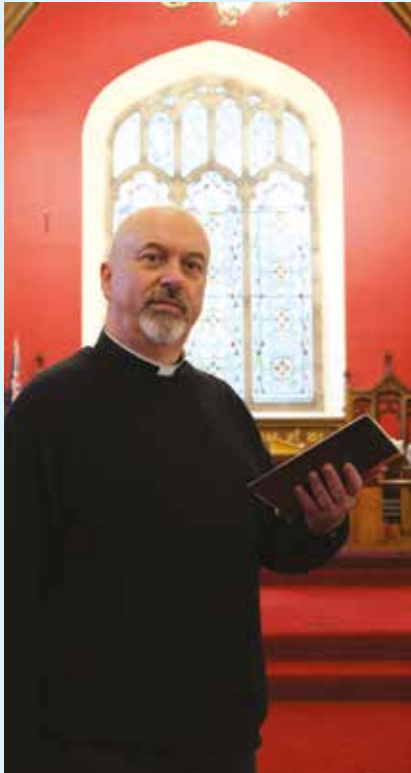
The Right Revd Dr Gordon McMullan was born in 1934 and grew up in the parish of Willowfield, in East Belfast, and worked in the aircraft manufacturing and petroleum industries prior to his ordination in 1962. He initially served as Curate and Rector of parishes in the Belfast area and was Archdeacon of Down before being elected Bishop of Clogher in June 1980.

He was elected as Bishop of Clogher in June 1980, and was consecrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, in September of that year on the same day as Bishop James Mehaffey as Bishop of Derry and Raphoe. Bishop McMullan was subsequently elected as Bishop of Down and Dromore in March 1986. He was deeply involved in cross-community bridge-building and mutual understanding, pastoral care, and active concern for the unemployed and people living in areas of social and economic disadvantage. He retired in 1997. He was predeceased by his wife, Kathleen, in 2006 and is survived by their two sons, Philip and Stephen.

He was an accomplished author on Christian discipleship whose publications included *A Cross and Beyond*, *We are Called ...*, *Everyday Discipleship*, *Growing Together in Prayer*, and reflections on the gospels of Mark and Luke.

Bishop McMullan always kept in touch with events in Clogher Diocese and was a postal subscriber of the Clogher Diocesan Magazine since leaving the diocese.

Archdeacon of Clogher actively involved in diocesan work



The new Archdeacon of Clogher is the Venerable Canon Paul Thompson (pictured left), Rector of the parishes of Derryvullen North, Irvinestown and Castle Archdale.

The announcement was made at the Diocesan Synod by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis. He succeeds Archdeacon Brian Harper, who moved to Connor Diocese to be Rector of Dunluce Parish in August.

Bishop Ellis described Canon Paul as having gifts of administration and pastoral care and is a much-respected Rector in his parishes of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale. Archdeacon Thompson is currently the Warden of Readers and Support officer for Lay Ministry. He is also a member of Diocesan Council, a Diocesan Nominator and as Prebendary of Donaghmore, is the Diocesan Representative Canon to the National Cathedral of St. Patrick, Dublin. He is also a Clogher representative on the RCB and on the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Board.

Archdeacon Thompson serviced in parish ministry in the Dioceses of Down and

Dromore and Connor before moved to England where he served as a Prison Chaplain in the Church of England for 18 years before his appointment to Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale in 2017.

Working closely now with Bishop Ian, both of them know each other well, having trained together for ministry in Theological College.

The new Archdeacon received warm applause from the Synod members and thanking the Bishop for his words, said he felt nervous approaching the role but pleased to share in this ministry as he finds out more about it.

"It is a pleasure and an honour in the present day to continue ministry in the parishes and wider diocese," he said. He said he has discovered that he is not the first Archdeacon of Clogher from his parishes Derryvullen North. The first from the parish to hold that title died in 1441. Archdeacon Thompson and his wife, Lorraine, have two sons, Hugh and Oliver who live in Dorset and Hampshire in England.



Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and Bishop's Medal Competitions 2023-2024

Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education invites children and young people to enter the following competitions. This year's theme is:

The Parables of Jesus

During His earthly ministry Jesus frequently used parables to teach his listeners about the Kingdom of God. The competitions this year offer an opportunity for our children and young people to explore a number of these stories, identify the key messages contained in them and explore their relevance for their lives today.

Archdeacon Ruddell Prize

1. Choose and list any **six** parables of Jesus that are recorded in the gospels. (Please include the Bible References)
2. Using illustrations to help, retell any **three** of these parables.
3. Explain what you think Jesus was teaching his listeners, including us, through **each** of these **three** parables.



This competition is open to children of primary school age and can be either an individual or a group entry

Bishop's Medal

1. Choose and list any **ten** parables of Jesus that are recorded in the gospels. (Please include the Bible References)
2. Retell and illustrate any **five** of these parables and identify the hidden message contained in **each** of them.
3. What relevance do you think **each** of these messages has to your life and to the lives of others today?
4. Why do you think Jesus used parables to teach people about God?



This competition is open to young people of secondary school age and must be an individual entry

The sections should be covered in the order given above please.

Use whatever media you choose - handwriting, cartoon, story board or IT, including video etc

All entries must be original, the work of those entering.

All entries should please be left in the Diocesan Office by **Wednesday 24th April 2024**



Parish representatives who attended the RCB Roadshow for Clogher Diocese in Lisbellaw Parish Centre.



Janet Maxwell addressing the audience.

RCB Roadshow proved beneficial for parish officers

A RCB roadshow for clergy and parish officers in Clogher Diocese, took place in Lisbellaw Parish Centre on 11 October. Staff from the Representative Church Body at Church House, Dublin, gave presentations on finance, charities and compliance and property issues during a very informative evening.

There was a good attendance from across the Diocese.

Following the opening by the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, the main presentation on finance was given by Kate Williams, RCB's Head of Finance, who outlined trustee responsibilities, how the RCB can support them, explained the rules of the Charities Acts and Revenue rules, thresholds for NI, how to set out Receipts and Payments and Accrual accounts, explained restricted and unrestricted funds, Assets and Liabilities and Balance Sheets, accounting for church property and parish investments.

Kate encouraged the diocese to support the formation of local treasurer networks to share learnings and for Select Vestries to set up a parish email address for communicating with the charity bodies and the RCB so that when the personnel changed, the email address remained the same.

Janet Maxwell, Head of Synod Services and Communications, gave an overview of the charities legislation and said the charity regulator empowered churches to think about tomorrow.

Pauline High, Head of Property, gave a presentation on the practicalities of administering property in parishes and explained how some property from parishes was vested in the RCB. She said the RCB were the legal owners of church property vested in it and that this property was held in trust for the benefit of the parish. She said the RCB need to know what major works are proposed in parishes. The approval process is first discussed at Vestry, then taken to Diocesan Council via the



Bishop Ian Ellis with (from left); Glenn Moore, Diocesan Secretary; Kate Williams, RCB Head of Finance; Pauline High, RCB Head of Property and Janet Maxwell, Head of Synod Services and Communications.



Kate Williams, Head of Finance giving her presentation.



Pauline High, Head of Property at RCB.

Glebes Committee, then to RCB Property Committee and finally the Executive Committee.

If parishes were considering selling property, there needs to be a resolution from the Vestry first before going to Diocesan Council for approval to sell, with two independent valuations and confirmation of title.

The RCB manage over 20,000 trusts which could be bequest money from sales of property. Eighty per cent is held in trust by parishes or groups and 20 per cent of sales of church buildings go to the Church Fabric Fund.

To refurbish church property, there must

be full approval before beginning as well as the engagement of suitable qualified consultants with proof how it will be funded. Any contracts are between the RCB and the contractor.

Pauline also itemised what parishes needed to seek advice from the RCB for, such as removal of trees reordering of churches, graveyard improvements, church plate and telecommunications where a mast might be sought for a church tower.

There are a range of grants available; Church Fabric and Development Fund, Marshall Bereford Fund, National Lottery, National Churches Trust, Benefact Trust and well as local council initiatives.

Local church involved in creation of prayer garden



Attending the official opening of the sensory and prayer garden at Belleek Primary School are (from left); Nicola Young, Principal; Sue Deacon, designer; Revd Rebecca Guildea, Rector of Garrison Group of Parishes who led the fundraising and John Ovens, Chairman of the Board of Governors.



Some of the pupils singing at the opening.

A colourful garden featuring sensory plants and a prayer space has been created at Belleek Controlled Primary School involving the entire school community but also the Church of Ireland parishes from the Garrison group. One of the driving forces behind the environmental project was Revd Rebecca Guildea, Rector of the Garrison Group and who has children attending the school, who completed a series of sponsored runs over three months last year to raise part funding to be matched by the Church of Ireland Board of Education.

As a result of the fundraising, Revd Rebecca raised well in excess of the target, with £1500 donated to towards the project. The official opening of the garden took place on Tuesday, 26 September when

Bishop of Clogher's statement on explosion at Gaza hospital

As the conflict between Israel and Hamas continues, there was condemnation of the explosion at the Al Ahli Anglican Episcopal Hospital in Gaza. The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis, in a statement said; "Members of the Diocese will remember the link Clogher Diocese had with the Al Ahli Hospital during the episcopacy of Bishop Michael Jackson (now Archbishop of Dublin). In 2009/10 the diocese responded to an appeal from the Archbishop of Jerusalem for help and support for the hospital as it dealt with demands upon it due to the conflict at that time.

"In addition, several Diocesan Pilgrimages to the Holy Land brought a large group of parishioners from the diocese to experience being in the land of our Lord's birth and ministry. They gained an insight into the complexities of the political situation in that land and the lived suffering and danger experienced by both the people of Israel and Palestine.

"Many of us in Clogher Diocese can therefore identify with the suffering and death of those caught up in this explosion at the Al Ahli Hospital, and in the wider region. We assure Archbishop of Jerusalem, Most Revd Hosam Naoum, of the thoughts and prayers of the clergy and people of Clogher diocese and for all people in the land of the Holy One at this most terrifying time.

"We share the statement issued today by Archbishop Jackson who retains close contact with the hospital and join our prayers with others from the wider Church of Ireland and the Anglican Communion."

the ribbon was cut by local woman, Sue Deacon, who had been assisting with garden design since the initial idea was suggested. Also participating in the opening was the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. John Ovens, as well as principal, Mrs Nicola Young and Revd Rebecca Guildea, who led the prayers. Revd Rebecca said there were a lot of challenges along the way but their trust was in God that it would be created. She thanked everyone getting involved with digging and moving soil and described it as a beautiful space for everyone to enjoy and to take care for.

Diocesan Advent Carol Service

with the Installation of
*The Venerable Paul Thompson
as Archdeacon of Clogher*

will be held on Advent Sunday,
3rd December 2023 at 7.00pm in
St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.





Attending the talk on “Cost of Living Crisis” were (from left); Revd Alison Irvine, Revd Charles Eames, Chairman, Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action; Ian Bingham, Head of CARE; Bishop Ian Ellis, Revd Mark Gallagher and Canon Alan Irwin.



Attending one of the talks were (from left); Captain David Hamilton, Revd Mark Gallagher, Tim Cairns, Senior Policy Officer and Ian Bingham, Head of CARE and Revd Charles Eames.

Diocese examines social issues

A series of talks on topical issues affecting people in society took place in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen recently hosted by CARE, Christian Action Research and Education.

The talks on “Cost of Living Crisis,” “Abortion in Northern Ireland – the Story so Far,” and “Tackling Northern Ireland’s Gambling Addiction” were organised by the Clogher Diocesan Board for Social Theology in Action and involved Ian Bingham, Head of CARE in Northern Ireland.

Ian, a former teacher, was joined for the talk on gambling addiction by Tim Cairns, Senior Policy Officer, CARE.

Ian firstly explained the background to the charity which was established 40 years ago and operates across the UK.

He said they wanted to engage the church and equip politicians and empower future leaders.

CARE watch out for new government policies and then reach out to politicians with a response to give a Christian voice.

In the first talk on the Cost of Living Crisis, Ian said some families have been making a choice between either heating or eating. He illustrated how the high costs of school uniforms, for example were causing real concern for some families and now parents worry more about the summer school holidays than Christmas in terms of costs. The reasons have been the high costs of fuel, energy and running a home but yet wages have largely stayed the same. Food banks have become lifelines for some of these families and that reliance is increasing. The Trussell Trust, which oversees a large number of food banks across all regions of the UK allocated almost three million food parcels.

He said the catalyst for this increasing cost of living was the Covid-19 pandemic. There was a shortage of electronic chips which are required in many machines from cars to appliances and when demand rose again



The talks in progress with Ian Bingham.

after lockdown, there was not enough to meet demand. There were also supply chain issues, such as global food shortages, evidenced by empty supermarket shelves and a global energy crisis because of high fuel costs. The Russian invasion of Ukraine was another factor and the rises of inflation hitting 11 per cent. The increase in interest rates resulted in higher mortgage and rent costs.

“All of this has been creating a perform story where families are struggling,” said Ian. He also said it has been found that underachievement at school is linked to poorer families, the so called poverty gap. These were people who were more likely to become ill.

This also leads to a deterioration in mental health.

Asking if there is a Biblical response, Ian said God has a heart for the marginalised and quoted passages from Deuteronomy, Leviticus, Isaiah, Matthew and Acts.

He said CARE’s position was to try and enact change in policies at Stormont and other political institutions in the UK, they were examining how the school uniform problem could become more affordable, tackling educational underachievement and raising the child benefit gap. They also signpost clients to other organisations such as “Care for the Family,” “Christians Against Poverty (CAP),” the “Trussell Trust Foodbanks,” “Your Local Pantry,” “Aspire NI”



and “Citizens’ Advice.”

He said in terms of churches, he wondered if they could support more local charities rather than giving all their donations to worldwide causes.

In the second talk of the series on Abortion in NI – the Story so far, Ian gave the background in Northern Ireland to the legislation now which forms the most liberal laws in the UK and Europe.

In October 2020, the Abortion(NI) Regulations came into effect which he described as dark day in the history of the province. This allows for abortions permitted up to 12 weeks for any reason, up to 24 weeks where continuing the pregnancy would risk injury physically or mentally, abortions permitted to full term for cases of severe fetal impairment such as Down’s Syndrome and for cases of severe fetal abnormalities if there is risk of grave injury by continuing the pregnancy.

He quoted several Biblical phrases. He said people could pray and contact their MLAs, MPs and ask how they voted.

In the final talk on gambling addiction, Ian said this was a massive issue. He noted how this has shifted to become online 24 hours a day using just a credit card.

He said gambling in Great Britain was worth £14.1 bn with just under half coming from online betting. There is one suicide each day linked to gambling but in Northern Ireland there is no legislation or reviews.

DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023

Election Results - Diocesan Synod 2023

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 Miss Irene Knox
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 Mrs Ethne McCord
 Mr Glenn Moore
 Mr Henry Robinson
 Mr David Scott
 Mr Michael Skuce MBE
 Mr Robert Thompson
 Mr Robert Watterson
 Vacant
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Supplementals

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 Revd A Ajuka
 Revd H Blair
 Revd Canon A Irwin
 Revd A Irvine

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Bishop Ian Ellis with Glenn Moore, Diocesan Secretary and Lord Stephens of Creevylooughgare, Assessor.



Bishop Ian Ellis congratulating Canon Paul Thompson, on becoming Archdeacon of Clogher.

Parish representatives applaud new Archdeacon announced at Diocesan Synod

This year's Clogher Diocesan Synod in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, brought members together from across the diocese on Thursday, 28 September. The Synod began with a Service of Holy Communion in St. Macartin's Cathedral where the celebrant was the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis. The Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel readings were by Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, representing the Holy Catholic Church; Revd Gunther Andrich, from the Presbyterian Church and Revd Ian Cruickshank, Rector of Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh. The intercessions were led by Revd Canon Jennifer McWhirter, Rector of Cleenish and Mullaghduin.

At the Synod meeting afterwards, the Bishop appointed Right Hon. Lord Stephens of Creevylooughgare as his Assessor.

Following a Scripture reading by Mr. Michael Skuce MBE and prayers by Revd Alison Irvine, Diocesan Curate, the Presidential address was given by the Bishop. The main part of his address was printed in the September Diocesan Magazine.

In his address, the Bishop announced that Canon Paul Thompson, Rector of Derryvullen North, Irvinestown and Castle Archdale would be his new Archdeacon. He succeeds Archdeacon Brian Harper, who moved to Connor Diocese to be Rector of Dunluce Parish in August.

Bishop Ellis described Canon Paul as having gifts of administration and pastoral care and was a much-respected Rector in his parishes of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale.

"Within the diocese he is currently our Warden of Readers and Support officer for Lay Ministry. He is a member of Diocesan Council, a Diocesan Nominator



The top table at the Diocesan Synod.

and is our representative Canon in St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin. Canon Paul is a Clogher representative on the RCB and on the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Board. Canon Paul has many other gifts; he maintains a very creative Facebook presence for his parishes, and I know will

bring to this role not only experience of parish ministry in Ireland but also many years as Prison Chaplain in the Church of England. The new Archdeacon and I trained together for ministry in Theological College and we have known each other a very long time! I look forward to working closely with



Revd Rob Jones, speaking about Pioneer Ministry.



Attending the Diocesan Synod.

Canon Paul in his new role and sharing in the ongoing work of this diocese,” the Bishop said.

The appointment received warm applause from members of Synod.

During the Synod, a series of reports were presented. The 152nd report of the Diocesan Council was proposed by Revd Canon Alan Irwin, seconded by Mrs Ethne McCord; the Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education proposed by Miss Joyce Clingen and seconded by Miss Frances Boyd; the Clogher Board of Mission proposed by Revd William Jeffrey seconded by Miss Joyce Clingen; Clogher Diocesan Board of Society Theology in Action proposed by Revd Charlie Eames, second by Mr. Neville Armstrong; Ministry of Healing presented by Revd Canon John McClenaghan and Mrs Eileen Cutler and Clogher Diocesan Glebes Committee proposed by Mr. Henry Robinson seconded by Revd Canon John Woods.

During the Synod, an outline of the new



Attending the Diocesan Synod.

Pioneer Ministry initiative was presented by Revd Rob Jones, Director. He said this initiative was aimed at reaching people that the normal church was not able to do. He said the aim was to “reach those with

little or no connection to church” in fresh and innovative ways.

This will be done through the establishment of pioneer leadership teams and a council and creating Pioneer Ministry hubs.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Pioneer Ministry gains momentum

Pioneer Ministry is a growing movement within the Church of Ireland to reach those with little or no connection to church. One of the organisers said much has been happening to communicate the vision since it's formal launch in February of this year.



“As part of this vision we are now looking to start identifying the first of the new full-time funded pioneers and also accepting applications for new funded pioneer ministries. The first intake of these funded pioneers will be in Autumn 2024, but the selection of these people will start in each diocese over the next few months.

“If you are interested in becoming a Church of Ireland pioneer minister, or in developing a new funded pioneer ministry, please get in touch with us to register your interest. We would love to hear from you. We as a pioneer leadership team are here to help support and guide you through this process as we work with each Bishop and their associated diocese.

Much more comprehensive information will be available during November at www.pioneerministry.org and you also can register your interest by emailing info@pioneerministry.org.

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Archbishop Justin Welby addresses MindMatters conference in Dublin

The first phase of the Church of Ireland project, MindMatters, to promote mental health awareness concluded with a conference in Dublin on Friday, 20 October. This marked the completion of the three-year initiative to respond to the mental health needs of communities across Ireland. Such was the demand from people across all dioceses to attend the Conference in the Radisson Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin that a waiting list was compiled.

The project received a significant grant from the Benefact Trust supported by the RCB and House of Bishops.

The keynote speaker at the conference was the Most Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, who took as his theme, Faith and Mental Health.

Due to an impromptu pastoral visit to Israel following the Israel-Hamas war, the Archbishop was unable to attend in person but gave his presentation via a live video link from Jerusalem.

Archbishop Welby gave his own personal account of being affected with depression. "A few years ago, I realised I was feeling different. I had experienced bouts of what I might now recognise as depression before. Sometimes I felt absolutely awful, even though everything was, objectively, fine. But these feelings always seemed to pass, and I did not feel the need to talk to anybody or do anything about it. This, though, was different. I felt utterly hopeless.

"It was my daughter who helped me – she has been incredibly open about her own experiences with mental health and her experiences of depression and suicidal ideation. And she helped me to see that there was nothing to be ashamed of, and getting help was the right thing to do. So, I began taking antidepressants – which I still take – and talking to someone.

"I 'announced' the fact that I was suffering with depression on BBC Radio 4's Thought For The Day. Most people think just telling their families over dinner is enough, but I thought I would go all out. It was the same day we were hosting a mental health conference at Lambeth Palace in London. And it got me thinking about how the Church has historically dealt with mental health issues – and the answer, we all know, is not necessarily very well.

"A 2022 study of mental health disorders in the Republic of Ireland found that 42.5% of people met the criteria for a mental health disorder. 11.1% had a lifetime history of attempted suicide, more than one in 10



Bishop Ian Ellis with Tanya West and Naomi Armstrong at the MindMatters Conference in Dublin.

people. According to data from the Central Statistics Office, which The Samaritans published in 2022, there were 11 deaths by suicide per hundred thousand individuals per year in the Republic of Ireland. For men, it was 17.6 per one hundred thousand.

"We are encountering novelty, uncertainty, and uncontrollability in new ways," he said referring to global politics and conflicts and the climate crisis.

"The threats and dangers we must live with are hugely different. They are less acute, but they procure the same biological response that makes us feel as though we are on the edge. Such extended periods of high stress are extremely demanding on our physical and mental health, so it is no wonder we are seeing people suffering from burnout, chronic stress, and exhaustion, as well as more serious mental health issues.

"And that's as true in the Church as it is in any other sector. Clergy are present with people during the most stressful and painful periods of their lives. The emotional burden

is heavy – it is the greatest privilege of my life, but it takes its toll without adequate support and self-care.

"We must reduce the stigma of mental health issues. It's gotten better, there's no doubt about that, but it still exists. We start with our willingness to talk about it, to share our experiences.

"In churches, one of the ways we find that community is in small groups that meet and share.

"But, of course, faith can also be a great support in times of mental health difficulty. I've heard of sharing groups being set up particularly to talk about living with mental illness," he said.

The next phase of the project will prioritise four areas, primarily through training and awareness-raising activities. These are: Promoting connections, Reducing stigma, exploring the role of clergy and the supports and training that would be useful for them and exploring the role of faith in promoting positive mental health.



Archdeacon Justin Welby addressing the conference live from Jerusalem.

Shoeboxes to be delivered this month

The annual shoebox appeal through Operation Christmas Child co-ordinated in Fermanagh by Mrs Irene Boyd from Drumkeeran Parish, reaches its conclusion this month.

Irene has asked those contributing shoeboxes filled with gifts for the needy and marginalised children, to have them delivered directly to Drumkeeran Parish Hall by arrangement during collection week of 13-20 November. She said all boxes must be with her by 21 November at the latest.

If you would like further queries on this project please contact: Mrs Irene Boyd at 028 6863 1009.



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ACROSS: 1, Thanks. 4, Banner. 8, Esher. 9, Azariah. 10, Compare. 11, Ishma. 12, Doorposts. 17, Oaths. 19, Galatia. 21, Papyrus. 22, Frail. 23, Listen. 24, Hyssop.

DOWN: 1, Trench. 2, Ashamed. 3, Karma. 5, Ananias. 6, Neigh. 7, Reheat. 9, Areopagus. 13, Observe. 14, Satraps. 15, Compel. 16, Gallop. 18, Tapes. 20, Lofty.



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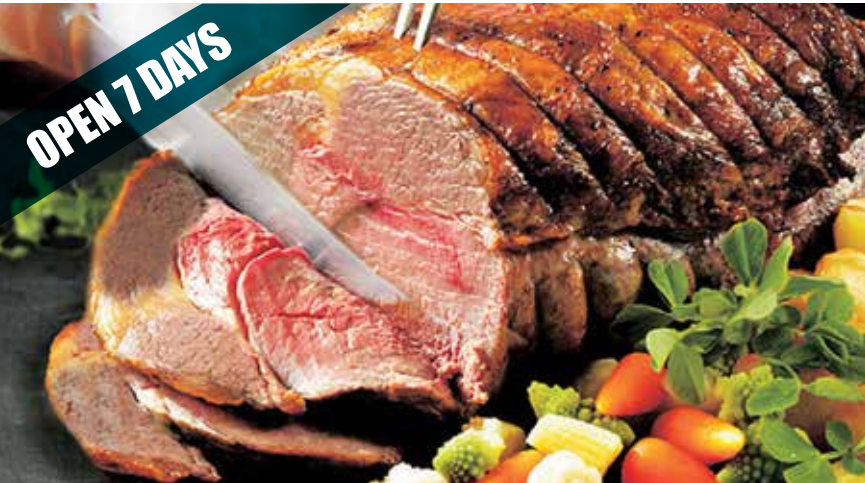
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