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Front Cover - Parishes have been busy organising events throughout the Easter season which continues this month.

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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



A Message from the Bishop

'Seek those things which are above'

The Collects in the Book of Common Prayer for the season of Easter cause us to reflect on what the resurrection of Jesus Christ might mean for living out the Christian life. The Collect for the 4th Sunday of Easter for example develops this theme:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: Raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

My eye is drawn to the phrase - **'that we may seek those things which are above'**. This takes me back to my school days when I was in sixth form in Friends' School Lisburn. The school motto is that same phrase in Latin - *quae sursum sunt quaerite* (Seek what is above). The motto is on the school badge of the blazer and on the front of the Bible presented to each student when they left school.

I also appreciated the ethos of the school which was founded by the Religious Society of Friends or Quakers. There are



School badge for Friends' School Lisburn

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only two such schools in Ireland; the other is Newton School, Waterford. Quaker schools traditionally have a very strong sense of equality in all things – a belief that everyone is valued as of equal standing before God. They also have a profound sense of social awareness which is encouraged through service to others.

Of course, this motto derives from a verse in the NT – Colossians 3.1 *'So if you have been raised with Christ, seek those things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth...'*

St Paul is echoing the words of Jesus to his disciples – *'seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness'*.

I was thinking about how the school motto was well chosen as a code for pupils to live by as they leave school and move on to make their way in the world and encourages them to govern their lives by the patterns of the kingdom of God. It's really a motto about aims and values – upon what do we place the greatest worth? What is our driving conviction in life? We need wisdom to put the important things first and then other things will fall into place. It's about having our values in the correct priority.

It has been said that in modern society it's as if thieves have broken into a jeweller's shop and swapped the price tags ...things that are priceless often today are dispensed with cheaply, and the valueless items are prized – sacrifice, courage, patience, quietness are too often today supplanted by self-seeking, easy gains, immediacy and brash celebrity.

The Collect for this season of Easter asks God to: Raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. It's about raising our values and aims from their lowest level in our sinful nature and through the death of Jesus, putting that self to death by faith and raising our vision and lifestyle to a life of righteousness.

This applies in all aspects of our lives; at a personal level it's about a life set on God with our eyes focussed on Jesus, and following him, looking forward to a life to come in the fullness of eternal life with the risen Christ.

On a social level – it directs us to seek the good and wellbeing of others, beginning with our family life and then broadening out to seek community development that others may prosper and succeed. This will mean that Christians should be at the forefront of promoting social justice, helping the needy and vulnerable, and ensuring that the poorest in society get a fairer slice of this world's goods.



Elizabeth Fry – Quaker social reformer (1780-1845).

It is for this reason of course that the Quakers have such a noble track record in developing social justice; they were involved in the abolition of slavery and establishing workers' rights in the industrial revolution. Elizabeth Fry who lived in the 18th Century, was a Quaker prison reformer who transformed the lives of countless thousands of prisoners, and homeless people, and whose ideas on criminal justice are still followed today.

In the everyday it is so easy to focus on the things of the earth 'the daily round the common task' and these things can take our full and unabated attention. Setting our minds on things above just for a few minutes each day helps us to sense the nearness of God and to reset our priorities.

In this season of Easter, let us take that little motto 'seek what is above' and learn the practice of lifting our minds above everything which seems so pressing and urgent and rest a little at heaven's pace. It could transform our concerns as we learn to live our lives in the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Yours in Christ's service,

+Ian Clogher

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Clogh 10.45am Holy Communion
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Holy Communion

Sunday 14th April

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer
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Sunday 21st April

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
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Easter Vestry Meetings

These were taking place in Aghadrumsee and Clogh at the end of March with



Mothers' Day in Aghadrumsee Church.

Drumsnatt on Sunday 7th April following the 3.00pm service.

Confirmation Classes

These continue in Aghadrumsee Old School at 7.00pm on the 11th and 25th April.

Clogh Mothers' Union

The MU will hold their visitors' night on Monday 15th April at 8.00pm in Clogh Hall when the speaker will be Mrs Sandra Campbell, retired Marie Curie Nurse. All ladies welcome.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the Forster and Hall families on the death of Jack Hall, Newbliss, Co Monaghan.



Mothers' Day at Clogh Church.



Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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7th April

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11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion

14th April

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer

11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

21st April

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer

11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

28th April

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer

3.00pm Colebrooke Friends' Service

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5th May

9.30am Cooneen Holy Communion

3.00pm Colebrooke Friends' Service

Colebrooke Friends' Service

The next Friends of Colebrooke service will be on Sunday 5th May 2024, at 3.00pm in Colebrooke Parish Church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend and welcome the Friends who have so generously supported the parish for many years. Tea and refreshments will be provided following the service.

Mullaghfad Service

The next service at Mullaghfad will be on Sunday 19th May 2024 at 3.30pm for our annual Friends' Service. Everyone is most welcome at our service, following which refreshments will be provided.

FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY

On Friday 16th February 2024, Miss Zena Wilson and Mr Paul Elliott were joined in Holy Matrimony in St Ronan's Parish Church, Colebrooke. The Bridesmaids were



Photos from the GFS trip to W5 in Belfast.



Alison Kettle and Danielle Davies and the Groomsmen were Gary and David Elliott. Katie Grant and Jonathan Knox were the witnesses and The Revd John Hanson led the prayers. We wish God's Blessing on the happy couple for the years ahead.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

On Monday 11th March 2024, a service of thanksgiving for the life of Marion Neely was held in St Ronan's, Colebrooke. The service was conducted by the Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong, with grateful thanks from the rector, and our prayers are with Marion's family for the days and months ahead.

GFS – Girls Friendly Society

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

On Saturday 9th March 2024 the girls, leaders and a number of parents travelled to W5 at the SSE Arena in Belfast for a fun filled day of exploration. As well as a



packed lunch, the group enjoyed a meal on the way home. Thanks to those who organised the day and provided transport.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

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

The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 – 8 years)

Cubs (8 – 11 years)

Scouts (11 – 14 years)

At present Scout leaders are endeavouring to complete initial and refresher training to allow the group to reopen. Further details in due course.

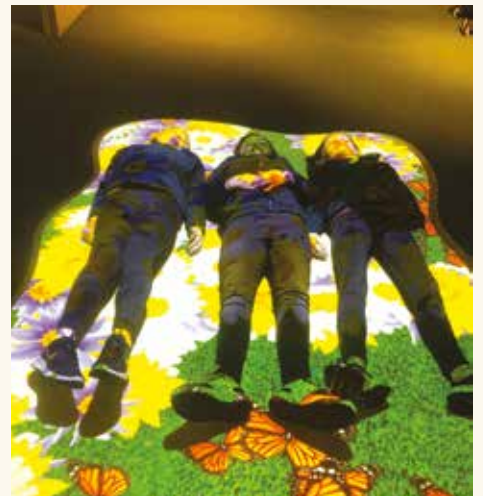
Bowling Club

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

New members are very welcome, whether new to the sport, or an absolute beginner. If you do not have your own bowls, but would



Photos from the GFS trip to W5 in Belfast.



like to have a try, come along, spend some time with us, and see if you catch the bug. The season has now ended, and the club has closed for the summer break, but will resume again in September.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union members shared in the midweek fellowship meetings being held each Wednesday during Lent. On 21 February the members shared a discussion on the Worldwide aspects of the work where many projects are developed to

support health, education, agriculture, skills for work and tackling gender violence. The yearly contributions members give is used to support such projects.

In March there was continued discussion on mission using a video and powerpoint. The next meeting on 17 April at 7.30 pm is 'How to Listen Effectively' with speaker Joy Graham. Everyone is welcome.

The seniors enjoyed the entertainment from Brookeborough Primary School at the Friendship and Food event in March. The senior class, of 29 pupils, had joined a 'Big

Sing' at the SSE Arena in February, where almost 3000 pupils formed a huge choir led by a large orchestra to sing the songs together. The pupils sang some of the songs with actions and it was obvious from their faces and voices that they enjoyed singing and performing.

Mr Young, the principal, also encouraged some pupils to share their 'Magic Box' poetry which was interesting and funny. The next Friendship and Food is on 16 April when Mr Roy Crowe plans to sing some gospel songs.



Brookeborough Primary School pupils performing at the Friendship and Food event.



Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Holy Week and Easter in Ballybay Group of Parishes

Our Holy Week liturgies this year were truly prayerful and reverent and our services on Easter Sunday were joyous! Many thanks to all those who participated in our liturgies and also to those who helped to prepare and decorate the churches - your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

World Day of Prayer 2024

Services to mark the annual World Day of Prayer were held in Muckno Parish Hall, Castleblaney, on Friday 1st March at 8pm and in Tullycorbett Hall, Ballybay, on Friday 1st March at 8.30pm. Material for this year's service was prepared by women from Palestine based on Ephesians 4:1-7, a letter written by St. Paul.



A display prepared for the World Day of Prayer Service in Castleblaney on Friday 1st March



Donna Geary's missionary work in Papua New Guinea.



Update from Donna Geary

It's not far into 2024, but I'm excited to be sharing with you what has been happening in the last few weeks and months!

On 4th January, I headed back up to Papua New Guinea. It has been almost a year since I've been here and this time I made the journey to witness the beautiful union of my dear friends, Megan and Hetahu. Megan, who embarked on the same volunteering journey as I did back in 2021, has been a valued friend along this winding road. Seeing her walk down the aisle was a special moment and it warmed my heart to be a part of her day. Despite some last-minute changes to the wedding plans, the ceremony took place at our campus in Port Moresby, surrounded by the love and support of family and friends. At our Port Moresby (nicknamed "Jetty") campus, growth and development are constants. During my stay, right before the wedding festivities kicked off, the team undertook a significant project - laying down flooring throughout the building - until then, it had been bare concrete flooring! Witnessing

this transformation was remarkable. Additionally, since my last visit, there were three new bungalows, constructed from shipping containers, offering long-term accommodation for some of our staff. These bungalows are a testament to the commitment to provide comfortable living spaces for a lot of our full-time volunteers. After the wedding festivities concluded on the 13th, I made my way back on board the ship, anchored just outside Port Moresby near our "Jetty" campus. I'm currently on board and will remain here until the end of March. We headed out to Western Province on 17th February, returning to the Bamu River with a ship filled with doctors, nurses and dedicated volunteers.

We've been actively engaged in the Bamu area for over a decade and, in the last few years, we have been sending teams there every quarter, some with the ship and others without. During periods when the ship wasn't available, small land-based patrol teams have headed out to the area, mainly comprising YWAM nurses and local healthcare workers. I was able to be part of one of these teams at the start of last



Donna Geary's missionary work in Papua New Guinea.



year. It's incredibly exciting to bring a larger and more diverse team to the Bamu this time around. I'm particularly thrilled about having a dedicated group of local and international volunteers focusing on youth and community engagement, including health promotion, bible studies, discussions on healthy relationships and much more. Education on these topics is invaluable in such remote areas. Our ship's lab is also operational, empowering a local lab worker to conduct tuberculosis tests right in the heart of the Bamu community. This adds another layer in our mission to provide essential healthcare services to those in need. One of the most meaningful experiences for me during my time on board has been venturing out on our small boats to reach villages we haven't previously visited. During one such expedition, we went to a village which had numerous very young babies, one of whom appeared quite sickly. The villagers expressed a keen desire for healthcare assistance but faced challenges such as lack of transportation and fear of crocodiles on their journey to the nearby clinic scheduled for the following week. Our ship and clinic manager were able to put a plan in place to ensure that these babies have a way to reach our clinics to get the immunisations and care that they require. It's moments like these that remind me of the profound impact we can make by bridging gaps in healthcare access and ensuring no one is left behind. As we journey into 2024, I've been reflecting on the reminders from God to hold my plans with open hands and trust in His guidance in every aspect of my life. The year ahead brims with countless possibilities, and I'm eager to embrace each one with a spirit of faith and anticipation. Here's to stepping into the unknown, hand in hand with the One who holds the future in His loving embrace.

Thank you from the depths of my heart for your unwavering support - whether it's through prayers, friendship, or your generous contributions, be they regular or one-time gifts. It's truly humbling to have such a strong community rallying behind me, making it possible for me to fulfill what I believe to be God's calling in my life. Your support isn't just a donation - it's a lifeline that sustains me on this journey. Without you, none of this would be possible, and I pray that you find immense encouragement in the stories and experiences I've shared, knowing that our journey is intertwined because of your partnership with me. If you feel led to support financially, whether for specific expenses or day-to-day needs, please consider donating via the link below. Every contribution, no matter the size, is a powerful investment in the work I'm privileged to be a part of. Thank you once again for your remarkable generosity and steadfast belief in this mission. Together we're making a difference that extends far beyond what we can imagine.

***With deep gratitude and warm regards,
Donna.***

Supporting Donna Geary and her work

If you would like to support Clontibret parishioner, Donna Geary, and her ongoing missionary work in Papua New Guinea, you might consider donating a regular sum of money on a monthly basis or a once-off amount. You can set up a recurring monthly donation or a one-off donation through the following link (make sure to include the name "Donna Geary" in the additional comments box): <https://ywamships.org/donate/medical-ship/> You can also donate through PayPal using the following link: <https://www.paypal.me/donnageary1533> If you would prefer to donate in another way, please email

Donna at donnainmissions@gmail.com

Mothering Sunday 2024

Many thanks to the children who made, and distributed, beautiful gifts to all the ladies in the congregation at the Family Service in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblayney, on Sunday 10th March. Thanks also to the Sunday School teachers.

Birth of Baby Matthew

Congratulations to Julia and Daniel, Castleblayney, on the birth of their son, Matthew (a brother for Jessica, Theo and Aaron), on Saturday 3rd February. We look forward to Matthew's baptism in St. Maeldoid's Church on Sunday 21st April.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Diane Tate,



Gifts made by the Sunday School children for distribution on Mothering Sunday



Speakers from "Safe Ireland" Cavan-Monaghan with the MU Branch Leader, Julie Crawford.

Members of the Mothers' Union at their meeting on 21st February in Clontibret Parish Hall

Clontibret, following the passing of her brother-in-law's brother, William (Bill) Berry, on Tuesday 13th February 2024. His funeral service took place in Tynan Parish Church on Thursday 15th February and he was buried in the adjoining churchyard.

Sympathy is also extended to the Jordan family following the passing of Mags' father, Seán Foster, on Friday 16th February. His funeral Mass took place in St. Patrick's Church, Cootehill, on Monday 19th February and he was buried in the adjoining cemetery.

We offer our condolences to Glenda Leatham, Clontibret, following the passing of her uncle, William Dickson, on Saturday 24th February. His funeral service took place in McKelvey's Grove Presbyterian Church on Tuesday 27th February and he was buried in the adjoining churchyard.

Condolences are also offered to the Jenkins family, Castleblayney, following the passing of Jolene's father, Thomas John (Jackie) Dodds, on Monday 11th March. His funeral service took place in Garmany's Grove Presbyterian Church on Thursday 14th March and he was buried in the adjoining churchyard.

Sympathy is also offered to Deborah Tate, Clontibret, on the recent death of a relative.

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

Easter Vestry Meetings

The annual Easter Vestry meeting for each of our parishes will be held this month:

Clontibret – Monday 8th April at 8pm in the Parish Hall

Ballybay – Tuesday 9th April at 8pm in the Parish Hall

Castleblayney – Monday 15th April at 8pm in the Parish Hall

During these meetings, elections for the

following positions will take place:

- A People's Churchwarden
- A People's Glebewarden
- Up to 12 members of the new Select Vestry.

Prayers

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

Remembrances of Emmanuel College, Cambridge

Rev. James Stevenson who assists in our group of parishes and who has resided in Ballybay for many years since he retired from full-time ministry some time ago, has kindly written an article about his time at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. You can read it below;

"I took my second Degree in Theology at Cambridge. My base there was Emmanuel College. I remember indeed the lovely grounds and buildings of the college. The main garden was called "The Paddock". In its centre was a duck pond. Another fine place was the Fellows' Garden. It was circled by old trees and it had a good outdoor swimming pool. Inevitably, the most impressive part of the College was the Front Square. It was built in the 17th century. Its most impressive building is the chapel. It was built by Christopher Wren. He built the Emmanuel Chapel shortly before he constructed St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

"Good gardens and buildings are very pleasing, but it is the people you meet that make the most impression on you. I got to know quite well some of the Fellowship of the College. The two Classical Fellows come to mind – Frank Stubbings and Robert Coleman. Frank was a friend of John Luce of Trinity College, Dublin. Robert was a friend of

the Trinity educated classicist, John Killen. "I knew (a bit) Ron Gray, the linguist, and the mathematician, Stephen Watson. I was in the company, occasionally, of the two chemist scholars, George Porter and Ronald Norrish. They were friends of the chaplain, Rev. Martin Coombs. They were so distinguished they became Nobel Laureates.

"Perhaps I got to know best the Dean of the College, Don Cupitt, as he was my Director of Studies and one of my supervisors. Being Don Cupitt, he was very searching and challenging in his supervisions - I don't regret that! It is good to have one's faith tested and challenged. Indeed, I enjoyed reading Don Cupitt's first book entitled "Christ and the Hiddenness of God".

"I end these notes by praising the helpful Morning and Evening Prayer services in the Chapel, the fine singing of the choir and the meaningful communion services on Sunday mornings.

"I trust these remembrances of mine of Emmanuel College have been interesting and will be thought-encouraging."

Rev. James Stevenson

Mothers' Union

On 21st February, Clontibret Parish hosted the meeting and a very interesting presentation was given by two support workers from "Safe Ireland Cavan-Monaghan" (formerly "Tearmann"). We were advised that the organisation provides a range of services to women, including local crisis helpline supports, one-to-one emotional and practical support, information, advocacy, Garda and court accompaniment, therapeutic supports, housing, and welfare advice. They are currently in the process of developing much needed crisis accommodation in Cavan and Monaghan. "Safe Ireland" is a national development


and co-ordination body working to eradicate domestic violence. They have five distinct functions:

1. Investigating the causes and effects of violence and coercion based on sex, gender and sexuality.
2. Delivering frontline refuge support and outreach services.
3. Supporting the development, delivery and coordination of frontline domestic violence member services.
4. Developing best practice guidelines for skilled community-led domestic violence responses.
5. Influencing civil society and national

strategic policy. Their functions are achieved through collaborations with their network of affiliate independent frontline domestic violence services, local communities, professionals, public bodies, academic institutions, philanthropists and corporate partners. Their core strategic focus is to change culture, transform responses to sex, gender and sexuality-based violence in communities across Ireland, and to progress towards creating a Safe Ireland for women, for young people and for children. After a question-and-answer session

(which was very informative), everyone enjoyed light refreshments and fellowship. Members also took part in the World Day of Prayer (prepared by the Palestinian WDP Committee) hosted by Castleblayney. In addition, members enjoyed the "Visitors' Night" in St. Patrick's, Monaghan, where the Diocesan President, Mrs. Heather Ellis, gave a very interesting presentation on the history of the Mothers' Union in Ireland and in Clogher Diocese. Each event concluded with a hearty supper which was enjoyed by all.
Jennifer Leathem

Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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is a school where everyone's contribution is valued. We pride ourselves on our caring, family type atmosphere and child centred learning. The school is situated beside Dún an Rí Forest Park and within walking distance of after-school facilities and Kingscourt itself. It is co-educational and operate under Church of Ireland ethos but welcome pupils from all religions and none. The school has a low pupil teacher ratio and has a separate play area for each age group. There is no uniform to keep costs down. Buses transport pupils to and from Kingscourt, Shercock, Carrickmacross, Meath and further afield. The school is actively involved in the Green Flag and Amber Flag initiatives and has a vibrant Student Council and a very supportive Parents' Association.



at 10am in Carrickmacross, called 'Stuck in Saturday'. It gives us an opportunity and space to recognise that we can get stuck in circumstances or situations that we don't want to be in, and time is needed for us to work through. The disciples didn't move directly from Crucifixion to Resurrection they had Saturday to work through. So, it can be with us. If you want support in that space of working through it would be great to see you.

Cabra National School Kingscourt

There has been a strong connection between St Finbarr's Parish and Cabra National School going back generations. If you are aware of families with children at school starting age why not mention this great school. Are you looking for a school with a difference? Cabra Central National School

The School would love to chat to you about enrolment for September 2024! Please contact the office at 0429667194, email cabracentral20@gmail.com or visit our website at cabracentralns.ie All enquiries welcome!

Easter Services to note

Following on from last year, we will again be holding a time on the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Dawn Gathering

We know from the gospels that it was women who went to the tomb first without the men. Matthew 28:1-81 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary



Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Part of our Easter Celebrations gives us the opportunity to attend a Dawn Service on Easter Sunday where we gather to

celebrate the discovery by the disciples, that Jesus had risen from the tomb. I have been to a number of Dawn services which I have enjoyed and found them to be a beneficial experience. However lately I have wondered if there has even been a Dawn Service where the setting of the original event is celebrated by having only women in attendance. I'm not suggesting that all Dawn Services should be restricted to women only, but why not just once give more recognition to the fact, and celebrate that it was women who were compelled to make the journey to the tomb of Jesus Christ that Easter Dawn. So, this year I'm asking for a time when women can celebrate the Dawn Gathering. Some men (hopefully) will gather at St.Finbarr's to prepare some breakfast for the returning women. After a light breakfast a short time of celebration together singing a few hymns, reading a few passages.

What to do with extra packs of Shortbread

- EASTER CHOCOLATE SQUARES

Ingredients: 1, 2oz Butter 2, 6oz Chocolate, 3, 3Tsp of Golden Syrup, 4, 1 Packet Shortbread, 5, Pinch of Salt.
Method; Melt 1,2,3,and 5 together in a bowl over a saucepan of gentle simmering water. Combine with full pack of crushed shortbread. (You can also add handful of crushed nuts and fruit). Press mixture into a small, lined tin and allow to cool before putting into fridge. When biscuit mixture is cool melt 8oz of chocolate and spread on top..... decorate with melted white chocolate and mini eggs. Cut into small squares and ENJOY



Cleenish & Mullaghdun



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The big snow.

Canon Jen writes...

I am sure that none of us was expecting the snow we had in early March. A shock opening the curtains to the sight that greeted me, followed by the excitement of a snow day!! Much sledding was done, well, not by me for obvious reasons, but Kizzy and her wee friend two houses up were sledding down the hill behind the houses here to great hilarity.

As we face into the Easter season may each of us know the power of the resurrection.

Founders Day/Thinking Day

We held our Founder's Day/Thinking Day service in Cleenish on Sunday 18th February. The children and young people from the uniformed organisations paraded across the road and the flags



Attending the Founders Day/Thinking Day service.



were received during the first hymn. The children read the lessons and led the prayers, with able help from leaders. Everyone renewed their promises, including those who were past members of the organisations.

The Rector told the story of stone soup and spoke about the importance of working together, encouraging the children to enjoy the sense of belonging that comes from membership of the organisations but also the family of God.

Thank you to everyone who helped make



The quiz night in progress.

this service such a success.

Mothers' Day

Mothers' Day was celebrated in both churches with the children taking part in the services, reading lessons and leading prayers.

The ladies in Mullaghduon were presented with a bookmark each and the ladies in Cleenish were given hearts that had been made by the Sunday School children.

Mothers' Union

April seems to be the month for Visitors' Evenings! We look forward to hosting members from other Branches to Cleenish Hall on Tuesday 16th April at 8.00 pm when our speaker will be Dean Raymond Ferguson.

Date for the diary

29th June - Ukulele Band Concert and Barbecue, Cleenish Parish Hall. Time TBC

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Easter General Vestry Notice

2nd April 2024 8pm St. Mark's Newtownsaville
4th April 2024 7.30pm St. Mark's Augher
9th April 2024 7.30pm St. Mary's Errigal Portclare
11th April 2024 7.30pm St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher

Easter General Vestry meetings are open to everyone in the Parish, however, only those individuals who are listed in the respective Parish General Vestry Register are eligible to vote or have their names nominated to potentially serve on the new 2024/25 Select Vestry.

Mothers' Union are Celebrating 120th Anniversary

This April, St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher Mothers' Union Branch will be celebrating their 120th Anniversary. Our branch was the third to be formed in Clogher Diocese. There will be a special Anniversary Service in St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher on Sunday 14th April at 3.30pm and everyone is invited, you do not have to be a member of a Mothers' Union branch to come along, however, it would be great to see as many branches represented as possible. Murley Silver Band will lead our hymns and the RUC Women's Choir will be singing and the Mothers' Union All Ireland President Mrs June Butler MBE will also be joining us. Afternoon tea will be provided in the Cathedral Hall following the service. Please come along and help us fill our beautiful Cathedral with praise and thanksgiving.



St. Macartan's Cathedral will be hosting the 120th anniversary of Clogher Mothers' Union.

Coffee Morning

St. Mark's Newtownsaville will be holding a coffee morning in Eskra Community Hall on Saturday 20th April 2024 from 9am – 1pm. Please put the date in your diary. All proceeds towards Parish Funds.

Knit, Stitch & Natter Dates

Thursday 11th & 25th April 10.30am – 12noon
Thursday 9th & 23rd May 10.30am – 12noon



At Mark's, Newtownsaville will be hosting a coffee morning on 20 April.



Mrs Linda Blackledge welcomed as a new member by Branch leader, Mrs Lynn Winslow and Rev. Olie.



A crown for the Coronation is shown to the MU members.

Mothers' Union

A meeting of the Mothers' Union was held on 21st February 2024 following the mid-week Lenten service. The guest speaker for the evening was Mrs Kirsty McCartney, one of three Children's Officers working in Northern Ireland for the Church of Ireland. Kirsty currently works in Derry and Raphoe Diocese. Her main objective is to 'plant faith' in an assessable way for children to understand. She was able to show the group a range of activities suitable for Sunday School as well as packs of seasonal resources. Kirsty also spoke of how she helps parishes run events to encourage families to come together. She uses innovative methods to encourage families to develop and grow their faith. Kirsty's enthusiasm for her work was evident in everything she said. Kirsty also shared with the ladies her love of all things crocheted and brought some examples with her including a crown she had worked on for Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee.



to have our Bishop and Mrs Ellis drop in as well. A special mention must go to our Glebewardens William and Hilary Crawford. William used his auctioneer talents for the day ensuring every item went for a good price and Hilary diligently kept everything running smoothly. Very well done everyone, a great team effort by all.



Enjoying Mothering Sunday.

Mother's Day

Well done to everyone, especially our Sunday Schools who took part and made our Mother's Day services very special, we had a lot of very happy ladies at our services as they were presented with little tokens of appreciation from our young people.

Parish Auction, Coffee Morning and Cake Sale

A big thank you to everyone who helped make our recent Parish auction a huge success, through your support on the day, donations, and all the behind the scenes preparation. It was great to have members from our wider community not only support the event, but also help out in various ways, your assistance was greatly appreciated and



Bishop Ian Ellis with Hilary Keys.



Enjoying the coffee morning.



Keeping the auction going.



William Crawford taking bids during the auction.



Helping with the tea.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Church Services

7th April

Newbliss 11.00am: Joint Group Worship for The Second Sunday of Easter

14th April

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

21st April

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

28th April

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

5th May

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

Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to Barbara Hall as well as to all the family and friends of Jack Hall, whose funeral was held in a packed Killeevan Church on 7 March, 2024. Jack was a lifelong member of Killeevan Parish who inspired many around him with his deep Christian faith and he will surely be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union held their latest meeting on Thursday 21 March, when Helen Ritchie, a former parishioner of Killeevan Parish gave a fascinating talk on "motherhood". All present had a lovely evening, which finished with the usual tea, cakes, and convivial conversation.

Our next Mothers' Union meeting will take place in Killeevan at 8.00pm on 25 April, and further details will be announced in church in due course. Members old and new are all very welcome.

Easter in our Group

We had a number of Joint Group services



for Easter, all of which were highly moving in their different ways and brought people together from across our four parishes. In preparation for Easter, we all gathered in Currin Church for a special Palm Sunday Service – during which our 10 confirmation candidates read with real feeling a dramatised version of the Passion Gospel according to St Mark. Then, on Good Friday, everyone met for worship in Killeevan Church – where, through a series of Bible passages and poignant meditations, we were drawn into a deep contemplation of Jesus as he suffered on the cross. On Easter Sunday, parishioners from the whole Group came together in Clones Church for Easter Communion, when we joyfully sang God's praises and celebrated Christ's resurrection. We now look forward to Sunday, 7 April, when we will have the opportunity to join together again for a Joint Group Service in Newbliss Church as we continue to offer our Easter praise. Many thanks to all those who took part in these services – and helped to make them so special.

St. Tighernach's Day Celebration

The Parish of St. Tighernach and the people of Clones, along with the wider community, are all set to celebrate "The Clones Saint" in their annual ecumenical service to remember a figure who made such a contribution to Christianity in this area. This cross-border, cross-community, and interdenominational celebration will take place in Clones Church of Ireland on Thursday 4 April 2024 at 7.00pm, and it is being organised as usual by the Clones Community Forum. The guest speaker will be the Right Revd Laurence Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg, whilst music will be provided by the Graham Memorial Pipe Band and the Different Keys Choir (of which our Rector is

also a member). At the end of the service there will be a torchlit procession to St. Tighernach's sarcophagus in the Round Tower Graveyard, after which refreshments will be served in the Cassandra Hand Folk and Famine Centre. This promises to be a very special evening indeed, and all are invited to come and join us.

Easter Vestry Meetings

Easter Vestry meetings will take place in April across the churches in our Group. The meetings will be advertised in the usual way in church as well as on our WhatsApp forum, and we hope that as many parishioners as possible will be able to attend.

Confirmation on Sunday 19th May 2024

We are delighted that Bishop Ian Ellis will lead a service of confirmation at Pentecost in our Group of Parishes. This year Pentecost falls on Sunday 19 May, and the service will take place in Clones Church at 11.00am. We have 10 confirmation candidates, and they have all been working hard to prepare for this special occasion when they will take the next step in their journey of faith. Please pray for all our confirmation candidates; Jacob Irwin, James Moore, Katie Moore, Katie Rusk, Chloe Hall, Zoe Jordan, Jenny Hall, Millie Hall, Isla Keating, and Noah Keating as they draw near to this major milestone in their lives. Please also put the date in your diary, and do your utmost to make sure you attend the service. Confirmation is an important occasion for the whole church community as we offer our welcome and support to this next generation of young and talented Christians who have now made their own decision to commit themselves to a life of faith.

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Services

APRIL

7th - Morning Prayer 11.30am
14th - Family Service 11.30am
21st - Morning Prayer 11.30am
28th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

MAY

5th - Holy Communion 11.30am
12th - Family Service 11.30am
19th - Morning Prayer 11.30am
26th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

Christian Baptism

18th March 2024 - Molly Grace Stewart,
daughter of James and Emma.

As you read these notes, Easter will be over. Where, or on what will our focus be upon, the mission of church, its call to go forth and share the good news of Jesus Christ. Will it be to echo the words of 1 Peter 1: 3 ff, "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of*



Attending the Rural Deanery meetings.

God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." Will our eyes be on the author and perfecter of our faith, Jesus Christ. While it might seem that chocolate eggs are a must, the images of bunny rabbits, lambs, and brightly coloured flowers are a welcome sign that spring is here. However, they are a reminder of new life emerging as winter comes to an end, of the promises of God, "*While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, and day and night Shall not cease.*" Genesis 8: 22. May it encourage us that we can have a new life in Christ, "*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*" 2 Corinthians 5: 17. That is if we are willing to turn to Him in faith, with sins confessed, and with the assurance of forgiveness, that the old has passed, and we are a new creation in Christ Jesus. So where will our focus be post-Easter? Can we concur with the words of Paul, "*... while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*" 2 Corinthians 4: 18

Women's Fellowship

The open night and 'Bring and Buy' sale with speakers from Drop Inn ministries saw around 70 plus ladies in attendance. With worship and an update on the

missionary aspect of Drop Inn ministries that revealed the unseen work of its worldwide footprint, this was followed by a scrumptious supper. The successful 'Bring and Buy' sale has added much to the missional outreach of the Women's Fellowship fundraising during this season's activities. On behalf of the Women's Fellowship, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who came along, brought items for sale, bought some to take home, give donations, etc, thank you all. To the committee for organising the night, and all who assisted in whatever way, please accept our sincere thanks. The meeting on the 8th April will welcome guest speaker, Naomi Fox.

Rural Deanery

A few parishioners attended all three nights of the scheduled evenings, from the Theology of Suicide, Self-Care, and Life after Lockdown, all of which were delivered by Revd Charlie Eames. There was good attendance at each of the nights and many found them beneficial and enlightening, as well as encouraging. Our thanks to those who organised the evenings, held in Colaghty, Tubrid, and Derryvullen North church halls.

Young @ Heart

The last meeting touched on those living with Dementia, and the areas of support that exists, of how we should approach



The Womens' Fellowship evening which had a good attendance.

and engage with anyone who lives with it. Members heard from those living with the condition and the groups that offer support and the benefits of help they have received. Some of the members have taken part in a second round of Pottery classes and enjoyed developing their creative skills.

Parish Auction

As we prepare for our parish auction

and cake sale on May 4th beginning at 12.00noon, we give you a warm welcome to come along and enjoy the crack and the thrill of the auction. Please put the date in the diary, you know you don't want to miss it.


Confirmation

This year's confirmation class will be, DV, confirmed on Sunday 16th June 2024 at 11.30am when Bishop Ian will be in

attendance. Please pray for them and their families and all who will be confirmed this year within the church. Please pray that they will grow in their faith and love of the Saviour and will live out their faith in the example that Christ has taught us, in serving Him and serving others.

Please keep an eye on announcements in church for any changes or updates.

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Public Worship

Wed 10th April

11.00am Shoppers' Service and refreshments in Irvinestown Parish Centre

Sun 14th April

10.30am Derryvullen North (Informal Morning Prayer followed by refreshments)
11.45am Castle Archdale (Informal Morning Prayer)

Sun 21st April

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)
11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

Sun 28th April

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)
11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

Sun 5th May

10.15am Castle Archdale (Holy Communion)
11.30am Derryvullen North (Holy Communion and Baptism)

As we progress through the Easter season, we are reminded of the profound truth that lies at the heart of our Christian faith—the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This glorious event fills our hearts with hope, for it is a powerful testament to God's victory over sin and death. The Easter season invites us to reflect on the transformative power of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, urging us to embrace a renewed sense of purpose and a deeper relationship with our Saviour. Let us remember that even in the midst of uncertainty or adversity, the resurrection assures us that God's grace is sufficient and his love is unwavering. May this Easter season be a time of spiritual growth, renewal, and a joyful celebration of the ultimate triumph of light over darkness.

Boys' Brigade

The Company Section of the Boys' Brigade attended a Volleyball Competition in Fintona on Thursday 15th February, in place of their usual evening in Derryvullen North Hall. Thank you to all the drivers and well done to all the Boys. A group of our Boys' Brigade Company attended the Battalion annual parade and church service at Mountjoy, Omagh on Sunday 3rd March. Thank you to the Boys who attended, to the Leaders and to

all who helped with the transport <https://boysbrigadeni.org>

World Day of Prayer

This is a worldwide inter-church service organised by women from our local churches and each church hosts it in turn. This year it was held in the Sacred Heart Church Roman Catholic Church, Irvinestown on Friday 1st March at 8.00pm. It was open to anyone to attend; men and women and folk from any or no church background. Thank you to the members of the local organising committee - they come from the local Presbyterian, Methodist, Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland church communities and the group is chaired by Carol from Derryvullen North.

The Worship Service this year shared stories of three Palestinian Christian women, who witness to the power of bearing together in love. Their stories illuminate the experiences of Palestinian women from three different generations. The symbol of an olive tree was used throughout the worship service. This represents the three generations through the trunk, branches, and leaves of the



The singers at the Castle Archdale Mothering Sunday service.



People arriving for the Derryvullen North Mother's Day service.



Sophie reading at the Derryvullen North service.

olive tree. <https://worlddayofprayer.net/index.html>

Book Nook

Here are a few of the new books we had available at the Book Nook, Sat 24th Feb 10:00 to 12:00 in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown. While folk may browse and borrow books at any time, this last Saturday of the month is a special time to drop in for a chat, browse the books, have a free coffee or just relax.

"Somebody I used to know"

This is both a heart rending tribute to a woman and brave affirmation of the person dementia has seen her become.

"The Garnett Girls"

The captivating debut novel from Georgina Moore asks whether children can ever be free of their parents mistakes

"The stable boy of Auschwitz"

A heart wrenching and inspirational true account of a courageous little boy who, against all odds, after losing almost everything a human being can lose,

survived.

"Little Wing"

Between London, Essex and the wild unpredictable Outer Hebrides, three lives collide as secrets surface. Why is Dougie so reluctant to return home? How can Nell make peaces with the lies she's been told? And what happened to Florence all those years ago?

"What I wish people knew about dementia"

Wendy Mitchell was just 58 when she was diagnosed with young-onset dementia. In this witty, practical and life affirming guide she combines personal anecdotes and research to help you understand what it is truly like to live with dementia

"Now"

I didn't know about my grandfather Felix's scary childhood. I found out what the Nazis did to his best friend Zelda. I understand why Felix does the things he does.

Mothers' Union

The guest speaker at our parishes' Mothers' Union on Wednesday 28th February was Gwenan who was joined by her friend Els from Belgium and

also by Emile, a 14-week-old Border Collie. Gwenan, who is also one of the organists in Castle Archdale Church, told us of how she became involved in Sheep Dog Trialling and explained what was involved in training dogs and then participating in events. She showed us a range of beautifully crafted shepherds' crooks, all of which were made by her uncle in Wales. Gwenan and Els demonstrated how the whistles are used to give commands to the dogs. Emile is beginning to learn verbal commands and it was great to see how he responded when Els spoke to him. Gwenan also spoke about her interest in crafts and showed a selection of the wide range of greeting cards she has produced. The presentation was very interesting and kept everyone enthralled throughout and the lovely supper was prepared and served by Avril and Eileen.



The SANDS event by the Women's Group.



Gwenan who spoke about her sheepdog trialling at the Mothers' Union.



Els and Emile at the Mothers' Union meeting.



Enjoying the Pizza Night.



Having a laugh at the Sam Cree play night.

Women's Group: Pizza Night

Here is a message from Elaine and Caroline about the Women's Group meeting held on Wednesday, 21st Feb, in the Parish Centre Irvinestown:

"All the ladies had a really enjoyable evening last night as Kieran presented Mozzarella Fellas to us. Very interesting to hear how a local business starts out, how they learned to diversify to survive the pandemic and how they support local employment, charities, schools and organisations. Darren then arrived with a wide selection of pizzas and giant cookies for us to sample! The gents gifted us this food and we really appreciated it. Please support this local business their food is delicious. We wish Kieran and Darren every success as their business continues to thrive." *Elaine and Caroline*

Women's Group: Craft Fair and Coffee Morning

The members held a special Craft Fair and Coffee Morning on Saturday 9th March. It was a great day and thank you to everyone. This was in aid of the SANDS Forget-me-not Suite at the SWAH. To date the sum raised stands at £1910.

Sam Cree Play

It was a great night in Derryvullen North Church Hall on the evening of Saturday 9th March when the Irvinestown Orange Community Group hosted the Sam Cree Play "Separate Beds" performed by the wonderful Moycraig Young Farmers. The hall was packed and the performance was "fantastic" and those who attended will know how much that word featured in the play. Well done to Moycraig for the

performance and to the organisers.

Mothering Sunday

At the 10.30am service in Derryvullen North, the music was by Rachel on the keyboard, the soloist was Paddy, the Bible readings and prayers were let by Marion and Lorna. There are always refreshments after the Second Sunday Service but today those who were kindly catering went over and above to put on a delicious Mothering Sunday treat. Thank you everyone.

At the 11.45am Castle Archdale Service the music was by Wendy at the organ, the group sang "Majesty," the Bible readings were by Alan and Sophie and the prayers were by Wendy. The children gave flowers, kindly gifted to the church, to all the ladies of the congregation. Thank you everyone.

Derryvullen South and Garvary

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

Services

Sunday, 7 April 2024

10.30am Morning Prayer Garvary

12 Noon Morning Prayer Derryvullen South



Garvary Sunday School making Mothering Sunday crafts.

Sunday, 14 April 2024

10.30am Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12 Noon Morning Prayer Garvary

Sunday, 21 April 2024

10.30am Morning Prayer Garvary

12 Noon Morning Prayer Derryvullen South



The finalists at the Garvary Bowling Tournament with winners, Gary McNabb and Steven Stafford (right).



Sunday, 28 April 2024

10.30am Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
12 Noon Morning Prayer Garvary

Garvary Bowling Club

The Bowling Club held their Annual Pairs Tournament on Tuesday to Thursday, 27-29 February with the finals on Friday, 1 March.

Over 70 pairs from local clubs and clubs in counties Tyrone, Antrim, Cavan and Monaghan took part.

The winners were; Gary McNabb and Steven Stafford from Fintona Club with Michael McGrade and Niall Cox from Mullaghduin Club, runners-up. Our thanks to all the Club members who helped out where needed, especially the ladies who provided the lovely supper each night.

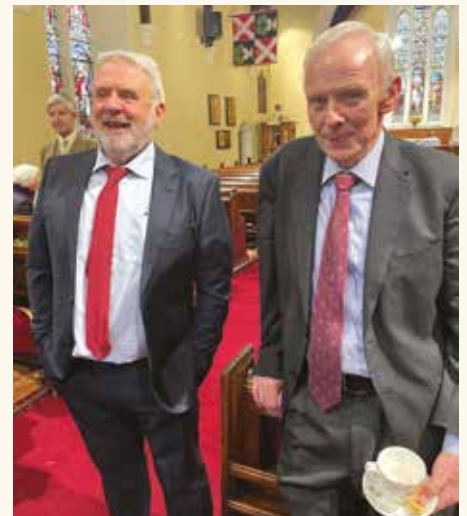
Men's Breakfast

The first Men's Breakfast which was held on Saturday, 9 March proved to be a successful venture. This was organised by Philip and Helen McCullagh and



Men's Breakfast held in Garvary Parish Church Hall on Saturday 9th March. Thanks to Philip, Helen and Lorna, a delicious breakfast was served.

Lorna Hicks assisted with the cooking. All present enjoyed a tasty meal and it is hoped that this will become a regular event in future.



Sympathy

We extend sincere sympathy to Mrs Ann Rowley and her family following the recent death of her aunt. Sympathy is also extended to Mr. Ian McGoldrick following



Taking part in the Mothering Sunday crafts.



Taking part in Mothering Sunday crafts.



Mothers' Union members making Easter egg decorations.

the death of his sister.

Prayers

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

Please also remember those who are receiving treatment at present.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union branch met on Monday 19th February when members

joined in making Easter Egg decorations in Garvary Parish hall.

Also thank you to P.S.N.I., for a very informative presentation on personal security, on Monday 18th March in Derryvullan Parish Hall.

Devenish & Boho



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Services

Sunday 7th April 2024

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

Sunday 14th April 2024

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

Sunday 21st April 2024

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

Sunday 28th April 2024

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

Burial

Heather Jayne Cathcart, Lenaghan House,



Derrygonnelly Road, Enniskillen. Following a Service in Ballycassidy Funeral Home, Heather was buried in Devenish Parish Graveyard.

We extend our sympathy to Heather's husband, Malcolm; son, Peter; daughter Judith; brother Derek, sister Sandra and wider family circle.

Easter Vestries

Devenish Parish, Thursday 11th April 2024 at 8.00pm in the Reade Hall Boho - To be announced.

Mothers' Union

There was a good attendance at our meeting on Thursday 14th March to hear Catherine Scott, Enniskillen Castle Museum, speak on the restoration of the Enniskillen Workhouse, a project which was very close to her heart.

Pearl, Branch Leader, read a passage of scripture from Matthew chapter 25 verses 31-46 "The Sheep and the Goats" and Vivienne read a poem written by William Tiff Matson 1833-1899.

Pearl then welcomed Catherine, who

spoke passionately about her journey from getting the Enniskillen Workhouse, along with the Yew trees, listed over a decade ago to seeing the Workhouse now as a place where the past meets the present following a joint restoration project between Fermanagh & Omagh Dis-trict Council and South-west College. Catherine also told many riveting stories of the Workhouse's inmates, the Famine period, and the lives of those within it up to its closure in 1948. Vivienne proposed a vote of thanks to Catherine.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th April. If you are interested in needlework, please come along to hear our speaker, Diane Donaldson who is also bringing along her needlework display.

Coffee Morning

Devenish Parish and Devenish and Boho Mothers' Union are holding a coffee morning on Saturday, 25th May 2024 in the Reade Hall, Monea in memory of the late Margaret Barton and Robin Ferguson. All donations are going to Cancer Charities. Further details later.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Divine Service and Dates for the Diary

Sunday 7th April - The Second Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough - A Celebration of the Holy Communion with sung Gloria, sermon and hymns
12 noon St Sillian's, Tyholland - a Celebration of the Holy Communion order one with hymns and sermon

8th April

8.00pm Tyholland with Errigal Truagh
Easter General Vestry in the home of Mrs Elizabeth Garland

Friday 12th April

8.00pm Billis National School Parents' Association Table Quiz at Saint Patrick's Parochial Hall Monaghan

Sunday 14th of April - The Third Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough - Morning Prayer Order 1 with hymns sermon and Sunday school
12 noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh - a Celebration of the Holy Communion order 1 with hymns and sermon

Tuesday 16th April

8.00pm- Donagh Easter General Vestry in Parochial Hall, Main Street

Sunday 21st April - The 4th Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough - Morning Prayer Order 2 with hymns sermon and Sunday school
12 noon St Sillian's, Tyholland - Morning Prayer Order 1 with hymns and sermon

Wednesday 24th April

8.00pm St Sillian's, Tyholland - Donagh Mothers' Union, Closing Service - Celebration of The Holy Communion with sermon order 1

Sunday 28th April - The 5th Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough - All



The Donagh Choir with guests performing at the Clogher Diocesan Big Hymn Sing in Enniskillen Cathedral.

Age Family Service of Morning Prayer for use on Sundays during Easter with sung canticles hymns and all age sermon
12 noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh - Morning Prayer order 1 with hymns and sermon

Friday 3rd May

8.00pm St Salvator's, Glaslough - Mother's Union Area Service

Sunday 5th May - The 6th Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough - A Celebration of the Holy Communion with sung Gloria hymns sermon and Sunday school
12 noon St Sillian's, Tyholland - A Celebration of the Holy Communion with sermon and hymns

Mothers' Union

Members of our Mothers' Union had a great evening when Mrs Anne McKenna came to instruct us in the art of painting. Some of us had a little bit of experience at what a parishioner in a previous parish of mine used to refer to as "a bit of daubing", but some of us were complete

novices. Anne was a wonderfully warm and encouraging instructor and we all had a wonderful evening under her tutelage. Needless to say, the evening concluded with a most excellent supper. Thank you to Dorothy Keith for arranging the evening.

Message from the Choir Mistress

It was a great privilege from members from our Donagh Mothers' Union and Donagh community choir to be able to participate in the Diocesan Mothers' Union Big Sing in Enniskillen Cathedral where we are always assured of a warm welcome. I wish to thank all those who took part including those who had gathered in from Clogher and Aghadrumsee, not forgetting Jane from the Enniskillen Cathedral choir who joined us as a guest soloist. Despite problems with the recording on the website caused by certain microphones not being switched off, I can assure the choir members that I received very positive feedback from all those present on the night, with "superb" being the most



The Junior Choir singing at St. Salvator's church.



The painting class.



common adjective used. A special thank you to Gerard, our trusty accompanist, to Eileen for arranging the minibus which made the journey there and back less tiring, and to the cathedral ladies for providing the much-appreciated refreshments afterwards. We have received a lovely letter from Mrs Heather Ellis thanking us for our contribution and we are delighted that it turned out to be such a successful night for the Clogher Diocesan and Mother's Union.

An addendum

Thank you as always to our ever humble and self-effacing Choir Mistress Ethne McCord for all the effort which she put in to gathering the choir together, for rehearsing us and getting us all there on time... even though she did accidentally steal the keys to a choir member's car which almost prevented two of the choir arriving on time and the prevention of the purchase and transport back to Glaslough of a very attractive vintage chair that the choir member had spotted for sale in Enniskillen... but such are the little comedies of life.

Maundy Money

Each year on Maundy Thursday the British monarch ceremonially distributes small silver coins known as Maundy money as symbolic alms to elderly recipients at a special service at a Cathedral. It was with enormous embarrassment that our wonderful Ethne McCord discovered that she was to be a recipient of Maundy Money at Worcester Cathedral this year. Ethne was embarrassed not only because she is, as we have already mentioned, a modest self-effacing woman who always shies away from the limelight, but she was also shocked to discover that she was now officially classified as "elderly"! Her husband Dr David McCord was equally tickled and greatly bemused to discover that he was to accompany Ethne to Worcester Cathedral in his capacity

as her "carer". As we are all very aware, Ethne needs little assistance as she is one of the most capable and competent individuals that one is ever likely to meet, and it is for her energy and enthusiasm in quietly and unobtrusively assisting and facilitating others that she was nominated for this honour. We hope that Ethne and David will have a wonderful time at the ceremony and even though she was very embarrassed to have been singled out for nomination for such a prestigious award, we do hope that, in a moment of private reflection, Ethne will take some small satisfaction in this recognition of all that she does so generously and unassumingly for the benefit of so many of us.

Mothering Sunday

Our thanks to the Junior Choir for reminding us during our Mothering Sunday Service of just how important it is to give your mum a hug and tell her how much you love her. Thank you also to Eileen Coulter for arranging the Mothering Sunday gifts which the children were able to give to their mums and to those whose mothers are now in the nearer presence of God who were able to enjoy for themselves the Mothering Sunday gift in memory of the wonderful love that they received from their mums.

Billis National School

It was wonderful news to hear that a second member of staff was added to our before and after school club at Billis. Not only is this an important service for busy working parents it's also a wonderfully stable and supportive environment for our children. Our thanks to our Principal Ruth her staff, the Parents' Association and the Board of Management for all their efforts to have this wonderful resource available to our young families and their children.

At the very heart of our faith lies Jesus' teaching that God's love is for all people

and it's no surprise that this is reflected in the ethos of Church of Ireland schools which are welcoming and accepting of families and children of all faiths and none. The Billis NS offers an exceptionally supportive, encouraging and nurturing learning environment which is available to all who wish to be part of our wonderful school community.

We were delighted to hear of the arrival of baby Evie to one of our wonderful teachers, Mrs Noelle Ritchie and her husband Glen and a little sister Fia who is almost three. May God bless you and keep you.

Condolences

We extend our condolences and sympathies to Mrs Dolly Breakey and the Breakey family on the death of her brother-in-law John (Maxie) Breakey; to Miss Alexandra McCullins and the McCullins family on the recent death of her grandfather Robert McCullins; and to Mrs. Elizabeth Garland and her family on the death of her late husband Wilfie's sister-in-law Faith Garland. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.



Dromore

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Power of Prayer

'I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer' Psalm 17:6 (NIV)

The saying 'Prayer changes things' is certainly true. We believe that all things are possible with God and so we communicate the burdens of our heart in prayer. Quite often we approach prayer with the attitude that God should change things to the way we want them but often find that as we pray about issues and situations it is our attitudes which are changed. Prayer brings us closer to Jesus as we converse with Him. It opens our hearts and shows that we need Him. It helps us think more about God and others instead of being focused on ourselves. We have a great opportunity to learn more about prayer at 'The Prayer Course' by Pete Greig (24-7 Prayer), an eight-week journey through the Lord's Prayer, kindly facilitated by Karl Saunders. It begins on Wednesday 10 April at 8pm in the Committee Room. The Prayer Course is for anyone who wants to grow in their relationship with God and everyone interested will be very welcome to join us.

Pre-Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Party

The Mothers' Union hosted a wonderful Afternoon Tea Party on Friday 8 March with a delicious range of homemade treats and a great opportunity for conversation. Fifty-five guests attended and enjoyed the event and our sincere appreciation goes to the team of ladies who organised it, made sandwiches, baked scones and traybakes, prepared the hall and welcomed and supported in any way - it was 'a perfect afternoon'!

CMSI Commissioning Service

A large group of parishioners and friends were privileged to attend the CMSI Commissioning Service of Revd Andrew and Joanne Quill in Christ Church Primacy, Bangor on Sunday 18th February. Denise Wilson, the community pastor and former mission partner in Uganda, welcomed everyone to the service. Bishop Ken Clarke gave a very encouraging and challenging message, speaking of his own experiences



Four generations enjoy the Mothers' Union tea party.

of mission in South America and using CMSI as an acronym to describe Andrew and Joanne as Called and Christ-like, Missional people who are taking up Selfless, Sacrificial Service with Integrity. He drew attention to the three 'GPs' that accompany all God's people - God's Presence with us, God's Power working through us and the dependability of God's Promises. Before the commissioning Jenny Smyth, CMSI Mission Director, spoke of God's calling to each of us to go, to love and to serve. She prayed for God's blessing on Revd Andrew and Joanne, their families, work and ministry as they share His love, life and light in Ibba Diocese. After the Commissioning Service we had a great opportunity to speak to Revd Andrew, Joanne and his parents at a lovely tea served in the Church Hall. (The Commissioning Service is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YmSFNvZg5d8>)

We continue to keep Revd Andrew, Joanne and their family at home in our prayers as they partner with Bishop Wilson Kamani and his staff team in holistic discipleship and ministry in Ibba Diocese, using their gifts in pastoral ministry and counselling as God's kingdom work continues in South Sudan.

Services

7th April

11.00am - Family Service (Joan Nelson)
Guest Choir: Seven Towers Male Voice Choir, Ballymena

14th April

11.00am - Morning Service (Karl Saunders)

21st April

11.00am - Holy Communion Service (Canon William Johnston)

28th April

11.00am - Morning Service (Harry Anderson)

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 within 48 hours.
- Get a recording of the service on CD every week.



Enjoying the MU tea party on the weekend to celebrate Mothers' Day.

Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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When you read these words Easter Sunday will have passed for another year while of course we will still be in the season of Easter. I hope that the Season of Lent has been meaningful for everyone and that it was marked in an appropriate way as a penitential season when we reflect on our lives and our walk with our Saviour.

We look forward to some good weather in the months that lie ahead and hope that this will be a good year for the farmers and indeed for all of us.

I want to share a thought that formed part of a sermon a couple of weeks ago. I was sharing a particular memory which I used to make a salient point about life. I have shared this in the magazine previously but I thought it worthwhile to do so again.

I shared a memory from a clergy conference a few years ago where one of the speakers was Lord Carey (former Archbishop of Canterbury) who shared an experience from which we can learn. Lord Carey shared the memory of the first time he met the late Queen something which he did once a week if my memory is correct. He left the meeting and got into his car and immediately began to think about his next appointment.

Lord Carey said that he suddenly stopped and said to himself, you have just met the Queen, take a moment to savour what has happened.

I think that is a lesson for us all in the busyness of life in the modern world. We spend so much time looking forward that we do not enjoy the moment and as a result time seems to pass at an ever-increasing speed.

I want to use some words from scripture to briefly expand on this thought.

This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.



Attending the farm family first aid workshop in the parish hall.



These words from the psalmist remind us that every day that we live is a gift from God and that we should enjoy every day for what it offers. We cannot do that if we are always looking forward.

I am not saying that looking forward is wrong and that hope is not a good thing but I am trying to say that looking forward all the time means that we can miss the blessings that we receive today.

Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

These words from James remind us that this life is temporary and that it will draw to a close. While there is nothing wrong with enjoying ourselves and taking time out to pursue pastimes, to travel or to do anything else that we might enjoy it is important that we think about our walk with Jesus which is what we hopefully did over Lent.

I want to leave that question with you – ***What is your life?***

Women Together

Our ladies group met on Monday 26 February 2024 when they visited Tickety Moo at Killadeas. The ladies enjoyed some of Tickety Moo's delicious ice cream, they made some seasonal crafts and the evening was rounded off with tea/coffee and some nibbles. There was also plenty of conversation which is the ultimate aim of this group to form friendships.

Farm First Aid Training

We held a farm First Aid training session

recently when a number of parishioners and others from the area availed of training which should equip them in the event that they have to deal with an injury in the future.

Our thanks to Global Horizon Skills for facilitating the training and to CAFRE for the funding which allowed us to have this training. I have attached some photographs which show the skills on display.

Parish Register

On Saturday 24 February, John Loane, late of 94 Castlederg Road, Drumbarron, Ederney, passed away following a spell in hospital. John's remains were laid to rest on Tuesday 27 February at Tubrid. Our deepest sympathies to John's sisters, nephews and nieces and wider family circle at this time.

Diary

Sunday 7 April 2024

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 7 April 2024

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Sunday 14 April 2024

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckross, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 21 April 2024

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 28 April 2024

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckross, 11.30 Tubrid

Ematrix with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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

Revd Tim Irvine chairs the Select Vestry meetings.

Aughnamullen Condolence

Our Deepest sympathy to Marjorie Beattie on the death of her husband Revd George Beattie, who was a former rector in charge of our parish, and to all others in the parish who have recently been bereaved. We were saddened to hear of the death of the late Victor Webster who was a parishioner and lived in Cormeen and moved to Kells, Co Meath years ago but always appeared at our services if he was in the area. His funeral service took place in Kells and the interment in the family plot in Aughnamullen.

We continue to remember those in our parish who have recently been in hospital and wish them a speedy recovery.

Aghabog Mothers' Union

Drum/Ematrix Mothers Union held their meeting in Drum on Thursday 15th February. The meeting was opened in prayer by Maureen and a bible reading by Shirley. The business of the meeting was to organise for our Visitors night in Aghabog on March 21st. Our thanks to the ladies who travelled to MU Big Sing in Enniskillen on Sunday 25th February which was a very enjoyable evening, and also those who went to Monaghan visitors night. Our grateful thanks to the Drum ladies for serving a lovely supper and the meeting was closed in prayer by Revd Margaret Pringle.

Easter Vestry

General Easter meeting will be held in Aghabog on Thursday 11th April at 8.30pm.

Prayers

Please remember in our prayers those who have been ill in hospital or recovering at home and wish them a speedy



Scenes from the successful social evening for St. Patrick's weekend in Aghabog Hall.



recovery.

Social evening

A St. Patrick's night of fun and games was held in Aghabog Hall on Friday 15th March at 8pm. A very big thank you to Walter and Revd Margaret Pringle for all the work they put into organising same, also the people who helped to set up the hall and tidy up afterwards, to all the people who brought hot food, sandwiches, pastries etc. It was a good evening of singing hymns, prayers and fun quiz. Also our thanks to all musicians and singers who took part; Sandy, Megan, Davy, Anita, Ruby, Cassie and Andrew. Our thanks to all who gave a voluntary donation on the

night which will go to Cancer care.

Rockcorry and Dartrey Death

We were all saddened to learn of the recent passing of Revd. George Beattie. His time among us as priest-in-charge is remembered with great affection. Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with Marjorie and his family.

Thanks

We owe a debt of gratitude to all who help out in a voluntary capacity throughout the parish. George Phair looks after the recorded music in Dartrey and in Rockcorry and Audrey Doogan serves

us faithfully Sunday by Sunday. We are delighted to be able to add the name of Ruby Wilkin, who helps out when required, to our music list. Also deserving of praise are our parish treasurer, parish secretary, Sunday School teachers, church cleaners, flower arrangers, Select Vestry members all who contribute generously to the parish finances and all who keep the grounds in order. A big thank you to one and all.

Holy Week and Easter

On Good Friday, there will be a service in Rockcorry Church at 8pm. On Easter Sunday there will be a Service of Holy Communion in Aghnamullen at 9.45 am followed by Service of Holy Communion in Aghabog Church at 11 am.

General Easter Vestry

This takes place on Tuesday 9th April at 8.30pm in the Sexton's House, Rockcorry. We wish all parishioners and friends all

the blessings of Easter.

Rockcorry N.S.

Some of the children from the senior room competed in the Ulster Championship in Table Tennis. Both the under 10s and under 12s teams came in third place. Well done to all the players. The official opening of the new school playground and sensory area will take place on Friday 12th April. Everybody is welcome to attend.

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April Services

Thursday 4th April

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 7th April –The Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 11th April

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 14th April –The Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 18th April

11.00am – Holy Communion



The Confirmation group with Dean Hall, Revd Edwin Aiken, Bishop Ian Ellis and churchwardens.

Sunday 21st April - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 25th April

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 28th April The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Family Service (End of Sunday School Year and Distribution of Prizes)

Holy Baptism

■ 10th March - Harry Keith Brownlee

■ 23rd March - Sadie Evelyn Waters

Christian Burial

■ 12th February - Sheila (Mary) Rippey, The Graan Nursing Home, formerly Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown.

■ 21st February - Laura Jean Downey, Lackaboy View, Enniskillen.

■ 4th March - Pearl Margaret Kilfedder, Cavandale Park, Cavanaleck, Enniskillen.

Messy Church

Messy Church is open to all children of Primary School age or younger and their parents and guardians. Even if you aren't a member of the Cathedral, you are very welcome to join us at any of the

sessions. To ensure there are enough resources, and food for participants, you must contact Gwyneth Blair by email at gwyneth.blair@gmail.com or 07753522324 as soon as possible. Participants must complete a registration form. The next Messy Church will be held on Thursday 25th April from 4.00-6.00pm.

Sunday Lights and Café

Our Sunday Lights/Sunday Lights Café (Sunday School) will end on Sunday 28th April. This will take the form of a Family Service and gifts will be distributed to all who attended throughout the year. Thank you to all involved and to the parents for bringing their children to Church. It would be nice if we had a higher percentage turn out each Sunday! A special thank you, to all the teachers and helpers. We as a church appreciate the time and effort of those who prepare and teach. The new season will begin again on Sunday 22nd September, but in the meantime please continue to attend Church.

The Parenting Wellness Group

The Group will meet on Saturday 20th April in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm. Glenn Heasley from 'Go Fly Your Kite' will join us for a fun workshop.

St. Macartin's Cathedral
Enniskillen
Parenting Wellness Group



20th April: 'Fly your Kite'

For further information, to reserve a place or to be added to the What's App Group, please contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474

Parents and children will design and fly a kite if weather permits. Refreshments provided afterwards. Children aged 5 upwards and their parents are welcome to attend. For more information or to reserve a place, please contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474.

Confirmation

A Service of Confirmation with Holy Communion took place on Sunday 3rd March at 11.00am. Ten young people were confirmed by our Bishop, Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis.

Roger Allen, Solenn Beeson, Teddy Beeson, Hannah Gault, Mya Gault, Eli Irvine, Poppy Schofield Weir, Holly Shaw, Alice Thompson and Ethan Woods are pictured above with The Bishop, the Dean, Revd Edwin Aiken and the Churchwardens, Vanessa Elliott and Arnold Graham. (Alfie Jones and Lily Crawford will be Confirmed at a later date).

Adult Confirmation

A private Adult Confirmation Service will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral on the eve of Ascension Day, Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm. If you are not Confirmed and would like to be, please contact the

Dean or the Curate.

Presentation to Alanna Williamson

The Dean made a presentation to Alanna Williamson, on behalf of the Select Vestry, after the monthly meeting on Monday night 4th March. Alanna is getting married to James West in the near future. We wish them every blessing as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Presentation to Sam and Marie Morrow

A presentation was made at the Easter General Vestry on behalf of the parish to Sam and Marie Morrow to mark their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 20th March. Sam has been a member of the Select Vestry for 56 years and Secretary of the Select Vestry for 35 years. We wish Sam and Marie every blessing in the years ahead. Honorary Treasurer, Mrs Hope Kerr is also in the photograph.

Pilgrim

What is the Bible and how should we read it?

Our Lenten Pilgrim course has now run for two sessions. Revd Edwin leads the course as we get to grips with one of the most important foundations of our faith: the Bible.

Each week we discuss a little about what the Bible is, and how we can best read it to apply its message to our lives. So far we have thought about the different types of literature we find in the Bible and just what we might mean when we say that the Bible is 'inspired.'

We approach the Bible with an open-minded perspective and everyone's opinions and views are welcome. Our course is suited to people from any background. No prior knowledge



A presentation is made to Sam and Marie Morrow.

is assumed and everyone is free to contribute and ask questions, though there is no pressure to do so. Tea and coffee are available! We meet in the Hilliard Room at 7.30 pm on every other Tuesday, and you would be very welcome to attend! Next meeting will be on 9th April.

Mothers' Union Visitors' Night

The Dean opened the Visitors' night on Monday March 11th with a warm welcome and prayer. Jenifer, Branch Leader introduced Noelle McAlinden, guest speaker to a great turnout of members and visitors'. Noelle spoke on celebrating life at every turn, her words reflected on the importance of enjoying and embracing what life brings. She spoke about her role as County High Sheriff, the opportunities it brought and the people she met. Although not a native Noelle is a great ambassador and champions our County at every opportunity. After a delicious supper served by the committee, Jenifer closed the meeting with a poem entitled 'Love is Magic' and the Mothers' Union prayer. For the next meeting members are asked



At the visitors night at Mothers' Union.

to attend the Church Service on Monday during Holy Week.

Tuesday Club

The Club met on 27th February. Eleanor invited the Revd Edwin to open with prayer. An afternoon of fun and fellowship was enjoyed, with Norma from 'Chest, heart & stroke' at the helm beginning with chair exercises and continued with a very competitive game of 'Bocce' (chair bowls). Many thanks to Norma who has now become an annual guest visitor. Tea was then served and the Revd Edwin closed with The Grace.

As the last Tuesday in March falls in Holy Week (26th), the Dean will celebrate Holy Communion for all the members, and in particular for those who are unable to attend church. The mini-bus will collect those who do not have transport. Please phone the Cathedral Office in advance of the day.

The Revd Edwin has been invited to speak at the meeting on April 30th.



New members are most welcome.

Prayer

God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose arms stretched wide on the cross



At the visitors night at Mothers' Union.

to embrace us, by your spirit stretch us to welcome and embrace others more freely in our parish, our community and our land. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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Sunday School Pastoral Report

from Heather Kirkpatrick

'Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.' Proverbs 22:6

Our Sunday School continues to grow

and deliver an important message to the Children of our Parish. We currently have 100 registered children within Sunday School and this includes crèche. 'Sparks' (P1 – P4) is taught by Deborah Hanlon and Zena McQuigg. Zena Joined Sparks in September assisted by Gail Campbell, Dorothy Maguire, Joanne Humphrys and two junior helpers Alex Coote and Jessica Stronge.

The junior section of the Sunday School (P5 – P7) is taught by Heather Kirkpatrick and Norma Kerr, assisted by Samantha Kennedy and junior helper Sarah Bell. Senior Sunday School (Years 8 – 10) is taught by Yvonne Cunningham, Melissa Harpur and Heather Gordon.

We are greatly encouraged by our junior helpers and how much confidence they have gained through their work in Sunday School.

Crèche remains under the careful leadership of Mrs Kathryn Wilson and her team. I know this is a +facility which is most appreciated. Crèche is availability on Sunday School Sundays only.

Sunday School follows the following format: Welcome and prayer; Bible story/teaching; workbooks/craft/Bible verses, quizzes/games and closes with prayer. The children and young people are encouraged to actively engage throughout the lessons. Sunday School is generally held every two weeks.

Children's Day was held on 11 June. Children and teachers worked hard to deliver a lovely service in St Johns Parish

Church based on the theme of miracles. This was due to the tireless work involved when children entered the Bishops Medal Competition. Claire Holmes was our guest speaker. After a wonderful service, prizes were given out. The Select Vestry kindly provided a very tasty BBQ for all those involved. It was lovely to spend time with our Church Family.

On the 8 December we held our Christmas Sunday School Party. This was a traditional Party with the twist of our senior Sunday School/Connect leading the games. This was very much enjoyed. Food was served and Santa even made an appearance. On 17 December in the Parish Hall, families met for our version of messy church. We enjoyed games, teaching, food and Lantern making - Finishing the evening with a lantern walk around

Fivemiletown. This was a lovely way to share our message of Jesus. This proved extremely popular with all age groups. Families enjoyed taking part in this interactive session.

On Christmas Eve our Sunday School children led the service. All children took part. It was lovely to watch senior Sunday school perform their version of the Nativity with a creative script they had written themselves.

Once again thank you to all the families who trust and allow us to guide your children. Children's ministry is essential at Fivemiletown Parish, and we are excited for another year of continued growth and

meaningful ministry.

'Every word of God proves true.' Proverbs 30:5

Knit, Pray, Love

Pastoral Report from Michele Magee

With the rhythm of our stitches we pray. This year through our quiet, contemplative, prayerful ministry we have been able to share God's love through the work of our hands...

The first few months of the year saw us continue to meet in Coffee House 95 and then we were on the road! Not too far at first, just across the main street to The Valley Hotel in Fivemiletown.

We celebrated our fifth birthday at Corick House where we were warmly welcomed and looked after so very well by Florence. In July we headed back to The Croft Farm Shop near Garvary on a super-hot sunny day! And in August we returned to Fivemiletown, where we were welcomed by Sharon and her team at The Potter's Hand. Hats, of all shapes and sizes, were our main project this year. Beginning with tea cup sized hats for premature babies, we have prayed for their health and development, for love, hope and strength for their parents and families, and for skill and dedication of all those involved in their care.

Projects

Children's blankets, clothing, etc:

Children's clothing and toys were gifted to Ukraine via Hearts of Hope, UK. Two parcels of blankets, jumpers, cardigans and hats were sent to Hand in Hand for Aid; Development, for their 'Knit for Syria' Appeal. Some colourful hand knit baby blankets, cardigans, hats and scarves were sent to Little Cherubs in England.

Blankets: Christmas Tree Blankets were gifted to the residents of nursing homes in Brookeborough and Clogher and were gratefully received. Knee Rugs were gifted to SWELL Fermanagh Cancer Support in Enniskillen to be used by those who are undergoing chemotherapy treatments. Platinum Jubilee Friendship Blankets were gifted to two of our most senior members of the Parish and were very gratefully received. A colourful blanket was given to Patrick to gift while on his mission trip to Uganda and a Christmas Tree Blanket was gifted to Ronnie as he convalesces at home.

Cotton cloths: 100% Cotton dishcloths were gifted to Kiltermon, St John's Parish Hall and The Potter's Hand. Cotton washcloths were also given to Sharon for customers to take away, several donations were given in return.

Adult hats: Warm woolly hats were gifted to Mission to Seafarers in Belfast. Praying for those who work on the seas, for safety and protection in all weathers.

Bunting: For this project we knit colourful triangles for this year's 'Yarndale' Worldwide Creative Project. As we stitched, we prayed for the work of OXFAM throughout the world.

Scarves: We were delighted to learn that this year's Lewy Body Society's 'A Scarf For Lewy' campaign was coming to Belfast! Raising awareness of Lewy Body Dementia by wrapping a huge 'Scarf For Lewy' around the Waterfront Hall in October! Michele was able to attend a very moving day as lots of the scarves and pompoms had names attached of those who are affected by this disease. There were also families in attendance with their loved ones who are living with Lewy Body Dementia. Specialist Admiral Nurses were also present sharing the work that they do, along with researchers from Dublin. Not only did the scarf wrap around the Waterfront Hall once but it wrapped around it three times!! The Lewy Body Society sent a message of thanks to all who took part and to those who knitted a scarf. The scarves have been given to those in need this winter.

Simba Teddies: Pairs of little teddies were sent to the 'Simpson Memorial Memory Box' Appeal.

Twiddlemuffs: A colourful selection of Twiddlemuffs were sent to a specialist care unit for people living with dementia. We also received several special requests for Twiddlemuffs throughout the year and these have been given to those in need locally. We pray for each person, their families and all of the health and social care staff involved in their care.

Christmas tree hats: Hats of all shapes and sizes were lovingly stitched in prayer throughout this year with the goal of decorating our metal Christmas Tree frame! Lots of fun was had by the ladies as Chicks, Bears, Snowmen and Owls were created as special projects, with Cupcake Hats being a favourite! Having received several requests for our Christmas Tree to be placed outside the Parish Hall it was decorated just in time for the Vintage Tea, Antiques and Crafts Fair and the Seniors' Lunch. Christmas bunting was added to decorate the hallway and the hand knit nativity scene was set up to welcome the children as they arrived for their Sunday School party. Throughout December the Christmas Tree lit up the darkness, reminding us that Jesus is the LIGHT of the World.

It was enjoyed by all ages and there was much interest, especially from the younger users of the hall!

Future Dreams: During our winter break we were stitching some very special flowers. Raising funds for Future Dreams, a charity that provides practical and emotional support for those diagnosed with breast cancer, promotes health awareness and funds vital secondary breast cancer research. In October 2021 the charity opened Future Dreams House, the only dedicated breast cancer support centre in the UK. These beautiful flowers will be part of the Breast Cancer Awareness Month installation at Future Dreams House in March 2024.

Events

In March, Michele was asked to join the members of the Friendship Club, Fivemiletown where she shared with them Knit Pray Love's journey from June 2018 to the present. Later in October, she was welcomed by the ladies of Brookeborough Wednesday Club who were very interested in the work of our hands and especially the prayer aspect of our stitching.

'Come to the Waters' Creative Prayer

Morning: This was a powerful and moving morning where a small number of our congregation gathered together and shared different aspects of prayer life. Michele shared how the ladies of Knit Pray Love pray through craft in the rhythm of the stitches...

Autumn Fest: we were invited to Fivemiletown College where we had an enjoyable afternoon alongside ministries and organisations from local churches. There was lots of interest in our items and we had several inquiries about knitting classes for adults!

Youth Workshops: Michele is currently tutoring three teenagers who are learning to crochet. Their first projects being Granny Square Blankets.

Creative Christmas Night: In December we enjoyed our first Creative Christmas Night and after a delicious meal we had fun making simple Bobble Hat decorations to remind us of our year of hats!!

Thank You...

Thank you for your very generous yarn donations throughout the year. They have been used in so many of our projects this year. We also received yarn donations from customers of The Potter's Hand via a yarn basket set up for us by Sharon. Thank you for your unfinished projects... no patterns to follow, some with enough yarn to finish, others not! Frances took



Attending the ladies brunch with Catherine Campbell.

on these challenges and managed to complete each one! Thank you, Frances! And thank you to Betty who completed an unfinished crocheted blanket too. All items have been gifted. Thank you so very much for your monetary donations. We have used these monies to purchase the yarn for our Christmas Tree Project hats, as well as the special edition wool for the 'Future Dreams' Flower Fundraising Project organised by West Yorkshire Spinners. Thank you to Ann who gave us two huge crochet tutorial files which will be

Senior Adults' Ministry

Leprosy Mission useful for future projects. In December we received 150 vintage patterns which we hope will inspire lots of

new projects next year. Thank you, ladies, for your faithful service throughout this year. Thank you to Precentor Hanlon and Betty, for your continued help, advice and encouragement. If you would like something hand stitched with love and prayer for a family member or friend, please let us know and we will do our best through the work of our hands. God Bless, Michele She finds wool and flax and busily spins it...She sews for the poor, and generously gives to the needy. Proverbs 31 v 13, 19, 20.

Ladies Brunch with Catherine Campbell

Last December a group of ladies from St John's Parish Church led by Mamie



Alexander gathered to plan for a 'Ladies Brunch' with Catherine Campbell. Saturday 27th January was a successful morning with a large number of ladies attending. They enjoyed a brunch of fresh fruit cocktail, butter croissants with smoked bacon, orange juice, tea and coffee. Catherine received a warm welcome and spoke to the ladies in a clear and encouraging manner inspiring everyone to develop a closer walk with Jesus. A range of Catherine's book were on display and she explained how they focus on life's challenges and what the Bible has to say in response. We are thankful to Catherine for the message she brought and to all the ladies who came along. A relaxed and peaceful morning of worship and fellowship was had by all.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Sallaghy Sunday School.

Under the Care of the Good Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pas-tures and He leads me beside

still waters. He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with



Harri and Abbie (two of our confirmation candidates) distribute flowers for Mothering Sunday.



Galloon Sunday School led us in a poem "Mothering Sunday".



Mother and daughter (Dawn and Esther) read a lesson.



Prayers led by Zoe, Esther, Zara and Matthew.



Helen and her two sons, Alfie and Hugo read the Gospel reading.



Eileen and Petula with beautiful flowers for Drummully Mothering Sunday.

me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:1-4. (Part of the Psalm for the Fourth Sunday of Easter).
 Psalm 23, one of the best-known portions of Scripture. In this short portion above we see a shepherd who provides (lack nothing); a shepherd who leads; a shepherd who refreshes and guides; a shepherd who is with us and a shepherd who brings us comfort. If we're honest, we all have some measure of wrong believing in our lives. Just ask yourself, "Have I often felt anxious, worried, or fearful that the worst would happen to me and my loved ones?" These negative, exhausting emotions are merely flags that indicate what we truly believe about ourselves, our lives, and God.
 When we are fearful and worried all the time, we are living as if we don't believe that we have a strong and able Shepherd who is tenderhearted toward us, who leads us to good places, who protects us and lovingly watches over us. So if worrying or being fearful seems to be your natural default mode, what you need to do is to keep hearing and learning about how much God loves you, and how precious you are to Him.
 That is why the way out of constant worrying is not a matter of just thinking positively; it's birthed out of knowing you have a personal (He is My Shepherd) and

intimate relationship with a loving Saviour who watches over your needs and tends to you as a loving Shepherd. The more strongly you believe that He is taking care of you, the more it will change your thoughts and feelings, and the less you will fall victim to unhealthy emotions and behaviours.
 Today, if you need freedom from a bad situation, see Jesus, your good Shepherd, leading you out of it by His Word that brings life and illumination. The psalmist says it this way: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps. 119:105). In The Message translation, it says, "By your words I can see where I'm going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path."

Services in April 2024

Sunday 7th April 2024 - The Second Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday 14th April 2024 - The Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer
 10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st April 2024 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church: Family Service
 10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Family Service
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Family Service (All confirmation candidates to attend this service and remain behind afterwards for a rehearsal in preparation for their Confirmation Service).

Sunday 28th April 2024 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.30am: Galloon Parish Church: Confirmation Service with Bishop Ian Ellis (Group Service).

Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters

Revd Lorraine was delighted to welcome members from the Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters to Galloon Parish. The Society had arranged the visit to see our beautiful Lewis organ. Mr Geoffrey McConnell delighted us all with his six short preludes and postludes from the organ works of Charles Villiers Stanford. The society were remembering the centenary of CV Stanford's death.

USOC President, Matthew Owens, gave a vote of thanks. He is one of the lead-ing organists and choirmasters in the UK and also gives recitals abroad and conducts choirs in USA. Thanks to Mrs Primrose Robinson and Mrs Helen Noble for making a welcome cup of tea and to Mr Willie Heaslip for opening up the church and ensuring we had heat. Thanks also to our young music students who attended the recital. We hope they were all inspired to keep up their musical talents.

World Day of Prayer

Despite the very cold evening we went ahead with the World Day of Prayer in Galloon. The theme this year is: "I beg you, bear with one another in love" and had been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. We welcomed people from: Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully as well as the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. Revd Lorraine led us in a short reflection noting that Paul (the writer of Ephesians) implores or begs (which is a strong language) the believers to walk in a manner that is worthy of their calling. Revd Lorraine encouraged us to bear with one another, 'showing tolerance for one another in love'. A huge thanks to our two Mothers' Union Branch Leaders; Mrs Petula Stephens and Mrs Beulah Whittendale who organised and worked so hard behind the scenes. The Mothers' Union also provided a beautiful supper.

Mothering Sunday

In all three parish churches we celebrated the contribution of our mothers, foster parents and adopted parents and to all who had cared for us in our lives. Each congregation was



Beulah (Mothers' Union Branch Leader, Sallaghy) reads at the World Day of Prayer.

asked to bring something that reminded them of their mother/carer. A huge range of items arrived from beautiful antique jewellery to a sweeping brush, various knitted and embroidery pieces, photographs, shoes and ornaments. Revd Lorraine reminded us all to be thankful to our mothers and carers for the impact that they had and continue to have in our lives. In Sallaghy Parish the Sunday School children assisted by Jennifer and Cameron sang a beautiful piece: "We are Here Together". In Gal-loon Joshua, Matthew, Hugo, Rubie, Esther, Zara, Alfie and Jonathan led us in a poem: "Mothering Sunday". Prayers were led by Esther, Zara, Matthew and Zoe. For our readings, we had a mother and daughter team (Dawn and Esther) and a mother and her two sons team (Helen, Alfie and Hu-go). Well done to all who took part in our services. Flowers were given out to every lady present.

Mothers' Union

Galloon and Drummully Mothers' Union had a great fun evening as members



Elizabeth reads at the World Day of Prayer.

brought in an item that meant a lot to them and each member shared why it held importance in their lives. A huge range of items were brought from a wedding dress, shoes and rings. Sallaghy Mothers' Union welcomed Mrs Doreen Earls who shared the world-work of Mothers' Un-ion. Members of our Mothers' Union were delighted to attend the "Big Sing" in Enniskillen Cathedral.

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to John Hall and his family on the passing of his father, Jack; to George Little and family on the passing of his sister, Audrey; to Heather Fleming and her family on the passing of her brother, Ross; and to Henry Johnston and his family on the passing of his brother-in-law, Ross.

"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

Dates for Your Diary

Car-boot Sales in Drummully

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

Auction

Our next auction will be on Saturday 6th April 2024 at 12 noon in The Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler. We look forward to welcoming you all back. This is an auction with something for everyone and should not to be missed. Come along, bid, get yourself a bargain and enjoy the "craic". Refreshments will be on sale. Viewing is on the morning of the auction from 11am.



Hollie (organist) and Petula (Mothers' Union Branch Leader, Galloon and Drummully) at the display at the World Day of Prayer.



Little Charlotte (and her daddy) gives her mummy a beautiful plant at Drummully Mothering Sunday Service.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Church Services Diary

APRIL

Sunday 7th April

Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 14th April

Kiltyclogher 10am HC

Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 21st April

Confirmation service in Garrison at
11.30am

Sunday 28th April

Kiltyclogher 10am MP and FS

Belleek 11.30am MP and FS

Sunday 5th May

Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Weekly Diary

Monday: Youth Group at the Rectory at
6.30pm

Tuesday: Mothers' Union monthly as
detailed.

Wednesday: Parish Prayers at the Rectory
at 9.30am

Thursday: Confirmation Classes at the
Rectory at 6.30pm

Notes from the Rectory

I'm writing this mid-March, post the Six Nations match between Ireland and England, just as the community here is gearing up for St. Patrick's Day. I feel I can connect with St. Patrick. He was a blow-in, an English person abroad, as I am. Like me, he moved to Ireland, returned to England, and then felt God calling him back to preach to the Irish people. I imagine it wasn't a particularly comforting call to receive.

When I moved to Dublin in 2010, there was a mild culture shock. The language



Mothers' Union March meeting with the speaker, Norma Ferguson.

was the same, but the culture felt different. Adaptation was needed. For St. Patrick however, there was not only a different language, but a pagan culture, ruled by tribal chiefs who would happily kill you or take you as a slave if it suited them. To receive a calling to preach the gospel, to call people to repentance, to baptise, in this inhospitable environment, must have felt like being thrown to the lions. And yet he did it, with outstanding effectiveness, walking hundreds of miles to convert tribe after tribe. He raised up a generation of leaders who, in turn, built monasteries, became missionaries, and spread Christ's message across Europe. I am awed by what he achieved, with so little resources, through the grace of God. For me, his ministry serves as a reminder that God's work is not meant to be comfortable or easy; that outreach involves stepping into foreign territory, either literally or metaphorically, putting yourself in the danger zone, risking something, in order to gain the kingdom. My prevailing thought when I look at the lives of those monks and priests is 'my goodness they must have been uncomfortable.' I like soft sofas and warm fires. To me, beehive cells do not look very inviting, standing knee-deep in lake water while reciting the book of psalms sounds, well, cold, and walking the country in all weathers, to preach to far flung villages of people who may welcome you, or may kill you, is not something I would relish. And yet we see Patrick's followers embrace these sacrifices. I wonder did Aidan gripe internally when he gave his newly-acquired horse to a beggar? Did he moan inwardly at the thought of sore feet? So often, I expect comfort and provision from God, but do I hold these things too tightly? Do I put them ahead of ministry or outreach?

I think this is the question that St. Patrick's life demands of me. I wonder what your answer would be?

Every blessing, Rev Rebecca

Mothers' Union

We were very pleased to welcome Norma Ferguson in her role as a coordinator for Chest Heart and Stroke to the March Mothers' Union Meeting. Norma gave a very interesting and informative talk with a PowerPoint presentation and also distributed excellent literature to everyone. We were told about a balanced diet, portion sizes, looking at food labels, the importance of even small amounts of exercise and '10 Gems of knowledge for a healthy you.' Norma's role also involves after care of patients recovering from heart attacks and strokes. A very enjoyable and educational meeting with supper afterwards provided by Dot And Revd Mo.

A number of members travelled to the Diocesan Big Sing in the Cathedral in Enniskillen on Sunday 25th February. All commented on the wonderful uplifting service it was.

The April meeting will be our closing service on Tuesday 23rd April. The service will be conducted by Revd Rebecca at 7pm in Kiltyclogher church followed by a meal provided by members in Garrison Church Hall. Any friends of MU are welcome to come along, just give your name to Dot for catering purposes.

The MU Area Service for our branch is on Wednesday 8th May in Derryvullan North Church. Arrangements were made with members for attendance.

Presentations In Belleek

On 25th February at Belleek Church, two presentations were made. Lorraine Boyd has retired as Church Treasurer after six years in the role. Helen Thompson has completed 11 years as Church Secretary. Revd Rebecca acknowledged the valuable work they had both done and expressed thanks on behalf of everyone. The presentations were made by Gill Sheehan (new treasurer) and James Pye (new secretary).

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone in our group of parishes who have been unwell in hospital or at home in recent weeks. We pray for Betty Johnston who has been in hospital.

We also pray for Lowry Somerville who has been unwell at home for some time and we especially pray for his wife May, as his main carer.

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Lisa and Gareth Beacom on the birth of their first child, a baby son. We look forward to welcoming him to the church family. May God richly bless this little baby boy and his parents.

Confirmation

There will be a morning service of

Confirmation for our young people in the group on Sunday 21st April in Garrison Parish Church at 11.30am where our Bishop, Right Revd. Dr. Ian Ellis will administer confirmation rites to our candidates.

We remember our five boys in our prayers: Scott, Robin, Henry, Zach and Joe as they prepare for this important event in their lives.

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Lorraine Boyd, Revd Rebecca and Helen Thompson.

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Vacant

Revd William Jeffrey, Rural Dean, is in charge of the parish.

Revd Sampson Ajuka is providing emergency pastoral cover.

Service cover arrangements will be announced in the parish.



Photos of Mothers' Union members and other parishioners who helped with the refreshments at the Derrygonnelly 5k walk.

Mothers' Union

We were pleased to have Doreen Mullan as our February speaker. Doreen gave us an insight into events in her life and how this led to a development of her faith and life skills which she uses in her work as a health and wellbeing officer. She has helped and supported many people through her work; young families who often feel isolated and individuals who have experienced tremendous trauma and loss in their lives.

Although challenging, Doreen has always felt her work gave her many privileges as she has supported and 'walked beside' these people on their road to acceptance and recovery.

In summarising, her inspirational message was to, 'Love life, be thankful for all good that comes your way, and learn from the challenges.'

Some of our members were pleased to attend Garrison Church Hall and join with the MU there to hear the guest speaker, Mrs Linda Johnston, who gave advice and tips on decluttering wardrobes and homes.



A few members attended the most enjoyable Diocesan Big Sing in the Cathedral in Enniskillen at the end of February.

In March our members met to join in the

Holy Week midweek service in church and in April look forward to listening to the Palmers, who will speak on their decision to move from London to Derrygonnelly.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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What about doing some “Wilderness Time”?

Before Jesus began his ministry he took some time out, in the wilderness to fast and to pray. These 40 days involved a confrontation with the devil who tried to derail Jesus’ ministry before it had even begun. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness after his baptism, with the Holy Spirit resting upon him, but after the 40 days in the wilderness, having been in face-to-face conflict with the devil, he appears out the wilderness once again victorious over evil and now empowered by the Holy Spirit for the task ahead. Although these 40 days were not about ministering to the lost and the broken, the captives and the sick, these 40 days were not accidental nor inconsequential in what ministry followed. We might even say that something significant and essential happened in these 40 days before Jesus’ ministry began that caused the ministry that followed to be the success that it was. Before Jesus’ ministry started,

40 days were needed to get ready, to overcome the enemy, to stand firm upon the promises and word of God, to trust the leading of the Holy Spirit, and confirm the commitment to what lay ahead. We read in 1 John 1:8, that Jesus came to destroy the works of the evil one. We see this most clearly in the cross which the apostle Paul writes to the Colossians, is the place of ultimate triumph over the enemy. Jesus echoes the words of Psalm 22 with his closing breath, “It is finished”. And so, after this phase of ministry has been completed, Jesus ends this period of ministry with another period of 40 days. The first, to prepare himself for the task ahead, in Israel; and perhaps we might think of the second as a period to prepare to disciples for their task that would lie ahead, of not just taking the gospel to Israel, as Jesus did, but they would now be taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. During these 40 days Jesus appears to his immediate inner body of disciples but also to many, many others confirming that he has again and ultimately overcome, through direct conflict, the opponent, the accuser, the deceiver, as without doubt he proves that he has beaten death and the grave itself. During these 40 days between the resurrection and his ascension, Jesus gives further instructions to his disciples which involves the reinstatement of Peter, the special visit for Thomas’s sake, instructions to wait in Jerusalem until they would receive the Father’s Promise, and instructions about going into all the world to preach the good news and demonstrate the power of the Kingdom of God that is breaking in. Could it be that we today, could benefit greatly by taking stock during the 40 days between Resurrection Sunday and the Ascension, to consider how our ministry is going, to evaluate how our relationship with the Lord is, to perhaps look and see that the

fields are white for harvest, to confirm our commitment to the good works that the Lord has prepared for us to do, and to position ourselves in remembering the Lord’s death until he comes again along with prayer, worship, reading his word, fasting? We can be strong in affirming our belief in the sovereignty of God and his ability to make happen what he wants but extremely weak in affirming the we understand that there is an expectation placed upon the disciple to play their part in the outworking of God’s mighty plans. The 40 days between Resurrection Sunday and Ascension will be upon us when this magazine reaches the shelves – how will we – how will you spend those 40 days? Could there be an opportunity and a reason to organise time out or away, a few minutes or hours of “wilderness time” each day and seek the empowering and enabling presence of the Holy Spirit to overcome our struggles and wayward minds and hearts and help us in the work of the ministry that lies ahead for each of us?

The Alpha Course

Our Alpha Course continues to run each Wednesday evening and we have greatly enjoyed the subjects presented as well as the good company from those attending. We look forward to the remaining weeks that are yet to come.

World Day of Prayer

On Friday 1st March, Christ Church Parish, Trillick hosted the World Day of Prayer for 2024. We were blessed with a good turnout and an enjoyable time together. We were encouraged to pray as we looked at three different case studies from three different places and ministries where prayer has made a difference in a community, in a house of prayer retreat centre and with 24/7 Prayer movement.

Faith Mission Rally in Trillick

The Faith Mission have a long and welcomed history in Trillick and have held an annual rally in Christ Church, Parish for many, many years. We were blessed, once again to have the West Irish District branch organised their rally in Trillick with a retired Faith Missionary, David Bennett as the guest speaker, Amanda Reid as the guest singer and a report on the work presented by Heather Wilson. It was a most encouraging evening by way of attendance but most of all by the message given, the worship offered and the fellowship enjoyed by all. The tea and coffee and traybakes were a most welcomed and not insignificant bonus at the end.



Table Quiz

On Friday 15th March Trillick Parish ran its annual table quiz in Trillick Hall. It was a night suitable for all of the family, although all of the family might not agree depending on how difficult they felt the questions were but at the end there was a team who were the clear winners and each were presented with a large Easter egg. The evening was accompanied with fine food, a warm cuppa, good company and craic.

Messy Easter

We held our Messy Easter event for primary school age children on Saturday 16th with a good many children and mums in attendance. There were a selection of Easter crafts along with refreshments, Easter eggs and a chance for parents to catch up and chat too.

Weekly Schedule

Monday: Girls' Brigade at 6.30pm (as arranged after 22nd March)

Mothers Union at 8.00pm (3rd Monday of the month)

Tuesday: Senior Citizen's Club at 2.00pm

Wednesday: R.O.A.R. Boys' Club at 6.30 – 8.00pm

Midweek Fellowship (Alpha Course) at 8.00pm

Thursday: Prayer Meeting at 9.00am

Friday: Bowling Club at 8.00pm

Sunday: Christ Church Parish, Trillick at 10.30am

Kilskeery Parish Church at 11.45am

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Looking Back

As I write these notes, we have travelled significantly through the penitential season of Lent with Passiontide just around the corner. And wish to take this opportunity to thank all who have faithfully attended our Wednesday evening Lenten Compline Services from the very special and poignant Ash Wednesday Service right through each week you have attended in encouraging numbers. Observing Lent including holding additional midweek Lenten Services is very much part of the received Anglican tradition and we all benefit by maintaining this important aspect of our mission and outreach.

During our midweek Lenten services we have drawn on the excellent 2024 Lent Book entitled, 'Lent with the Beloved Disciple' written by Bishop Michael Marshall. It has been enriching to develop our understanding and further insights through the eyewitness John – the Beloved Disciple.

Our 2024 Lenten Appeal is in support of Mission through the Church Mission Society Ireland (CMSI) which has strong links to the Church of Ireland and the World-Wide Anglican Communion. Thank



At the Founders Day service.

you to parishioners from Lisbellaw and Coolbuck who have taken CMSI Mission Boxes, and I should be very grateful if these could be brought back during the season of Easter – with a return date*tbc.

Holy Baptism

It gives me much joy to report on another baptism within the parish. On Sunday 18 February 2024 baby Charlie Wilfred Basil James Beacom was baptised. May God bless and protect Charlie and his parents Lee and Stephanie as he grows and is nurtured in the Christian faith.



Baptism for the Beacom family.

Thinking Day

It was a great privilege and pleasure to invite Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies, their Leaders, and parents to the annual Thinking Day service in Lisbellaw Parish Church on the afternoon of 18 February. Much credit should go to the dedicated leaders in these wonderful organisations. As the children and young people renewed their promises, we pray that the organisations go from strength to strength. To that end it would be great to get Guides off the ground again in Lisbellaw, for the healthy number of girls in Rainbows and Brownies to have Guides to progress to. The challenge is to identify potential Guide leaders. If you are interested in knowing more or think you may be able to assist in resurrecting Guides in the community, please speak to any of the Lisbellaw Brownie or Rainbow leaders.

On the day the plate collection at the Thinking Day Service was £182.00 and this amount was presented to Alan Potters at Fermanagh Fun Farm to support the excellent work undertaken by the Farm for the betterment and good care of vulnerable animals as well as the excellent



At the Founders Day service.

educational outreach to local schools, groups, and the community.

Thank you!

It was very special to welcome Revd Canon Eric McGirr and his dear wife Sheila to Lisbellaw on Sunday 3 March to lead Morning Prayer. It is always a pleasure to have Canon Eric and Sheila with us. Thank you, Canon Eric, for once again sharing your terrific teaching, experience, and wisdom with us. God Bless you, Sheila, and the family.

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday, 10 March was a day of much joy in the Parish. It was good to have Sunday School and Bridge take part in the morning service and our thanks go out to our dedicated Sunday School teachers and Bridge leaders for preparing the children and young people so well - not to mention the lovely artwork produced by our super young people. All ladies at Lisbellaw and Coolbuck received a garden plant as a token of appreciation.

Looking Forward

We look forward to reporting on further Holy Baptisms planned for after Easter Day in forthcoming editions of the Clogher Diocesan Magazine. Additionally, we hope

to report on life within the Parish during Passiontide, Holy Week and Easter Day in due course.

I should like to take this opportunity to

wish everyone a Holy and Blessed Easter Season.

Every Blessing,
Revd William



At Mothering Sunday.





Attending Mothering Sunday in Lisbellaw.



Services

Sunday 7 April

11am MP Lisbellaw

NB *No afternoon service in Coolbuck today. All Coolbuck parishioners warmly invited to MP in Lisbellaw.

Sunday 14 April

11am HC Lisbellaw

3pm HC Coolbuck

Sunday 21 April

9.45am HC1 Lisbellaw

11am SOTW and Holy Baptism Lisbellaw

3pm EP Coolbuck

Wednesday 24 April

10.30am HC Lisbellaw



A presentation is made to Fermanagh Fun Farm.

Sunday 28 April

11am SOTW and Holy Baptism Lisbellaw

3pm EP Coolbuck



A welcome for Canon Eric McGirr and his wife Sheila.

Wednesday 1 May

10.30am HC Lisbellaw

Sunday 5 May

11am HC Lisbellaw

3pm HC Coolbuck

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Services for April 2024

Sunday 7th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Wednesday 10th

3.00 p.m. Holy Communion in Trinity Hall

Sunday 14th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer



Colourful flowers presented on Mothers' Day.

Sunday 21st

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

(Collection for sponsored children)

Burial

17th February - Maurice Sidney Cathcart, 4
Cherryhill, Lisnaskea.

Our thoughts and prayers are with

Maurice's wife and family at this difficult time.

The Season of LENT

We are in the Season of Lent, approaching Holy Week with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and ending on Sunday - Easter Day.

This is stating the obvious as everyone knows that. But how much time do we spend considering the Why's and the



Preparing for the World Day of Prayer.

What's of the things we do in this time of the Church year?

Many people talk about WHAT they are giving up for Lent and during Lent. But WHY do they do this? Is it because of what they believe? Or, "It's what people do"? And WHAT exactly is it that people "Give Up" or "Go Without" for 46 days, from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter Sunday.

Or maybe it's just 40 days from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Palm Sunday?

Now this idea of "40 days" sounds familiar but WHY would you STOP before Holy Week? Is that not the time when our Lord Jesus suffered the most? Surely we would want to continue with our "Fast" during that time, to help us identify most with our Lord Jesus, wouldn't we...?

So now you will have noticed that I have mentioned another term into my discourse. Let me list them all:

Fast

40 days

Go without

Give up

There may be other terms and phrases

that people can think of or use at this time of year and the list is certainly not exhaustive. But WHAT does it all mean? And WHY do people do it?

I want us to focus on the "40 days" which, for me, refers to the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness after His baptism by John the Baptist, in the river Jordan. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights and during this time He ate NOTHING and only had water to drink. During this time and most likely at the end of this time Jesus was tempted by the Devil, when He probably was at His weakest.

Now STOP

And think about what I have just written... ONLY water for 40 days and nights How does giving up "chocolate" really compare with that...? Some people think they would literally DIE if they missed ONE meal...

WHY did the Holy Spirit lead Jesus into the wilderness? Was it so that He could be tempted by the Devil? I don't believe so. YES - that did happen but I believe the wilderness experience was so that Jesus could have fellowship with the Father

and the Holy Spirit. A time of preparation, if you like, before He started His earthly ministry of preaching "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2) with signs and wonders following. So what is our expectation of celebrating this time of Lent? What do we see as the end goal? Do we experience a deeper relationship with God? Do we become strengthened in our faith and preach repentance and belief in the kingdom of heaven with renewed enthusiasm? Do we expect to see miracles and the power of God flow out of our lives? What does it really mean to say that we believe in God...

World Day of Prayer

This year it was our turn to host the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March and despite the cold weather we welcomed over 50 people to the church. Letty Downey and Marina Elliot kindly came along and provided the music and our readers came from the local Methodist, Presbyterian and Catholic churches as well as our own parish. A lovely cup of tea was enjoyed by everyone afterwards. Thank you to all those who attended and helped in any way.

Beetle Drive

Sunday School leaders have organised a "Beetle Drive" for Friday 5th April in The Archdale Centre at 7.30 p.m. There will also be other entertainment for the children and everyone is welcome. Admission £5 per adult and children go free.

Easter Vestry

The General vestry is scheduled for Tuesday 16th April in The Archdale Centre at 8.00 p.m. and we would encourage everyone to come along.

Magheracross

Vacant

Administrative Charge: **Rural Dean Canon John Woods;**

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Pastoral Care, funerals, weddings, baptisms and occasional services: **Revd Alison Irvine;**

DPA: **Wendy Kerr.**

Services for April

Sunday 7 April 2024

9.30am Holy Communion 1
11.00am Holy Communion 2

Sunday 14 April 2024

9.30am Morning Prayer 1
11.00am Morning Prayer 2

Sunday 21 April 2024

9.30am Morning Prayer 1
11.00am Morning Prayer 2

Sunday 28 April 2024

9.30am Morning Prayer 1
11.00am Morning Prayer 2

Parish Register

BURIAL

15 February 2024 – Christina Elizabeth (Christine) Hughes

Our sympathy and prayers are with her husband Cyril, daughters Sharon (Derrick), Gwen (Noel) and grandmother of Luke, Callum, Gemma, Zoe and Noah.

Pilates

This continues in the Archdale Hall on Mondays from 9.30am – 10.30am.

Walk & Talk

Mondays 10.00am – 12 noon at



Three new members of the Mothers' Union were enrolled at the special service on Mothering Sunday; Ann Fitzpatrick, Josephine Harbron and Tanya West.



Mrs Noreen Elliott (centre) received a long service certificate for 70 years in Mothers' Union, what an achievement. She is pictured with the Diocesan President, Heather Ellis and Branch Leader, Norma Scott.



Mrs Valda Beatty who received a long service certificate for 40 years with Mrs Heather Ellis, Diocesan President.



Members who received certificates for 30 years membership of Mothers' Union.



Members of Magheracross Mothers' Union with Revd Alison Irvine and Mrs. Heather Ellis, Diocesan President on Mothering Sunday.

Ballinamallard Utd Football Club. This is an organised walk, where people of the community will gather, walk and talk together. (They walk around the pitches in groups.) It is followed by a wholesome cup of tea/coffee to warm up the hands and roughly lasts an hour. It's a good way of meeting people. Contact Glen Latimer: 078 1809 5133 for more information.

Baby and Toddler Group

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

GFS

Continuing each Tuesday evening from 6.30 pm.

Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry will take place on Monday 15 April 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Archdale Hall. Everyone welcome.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union met in the Archdale Hall on Thursday 7 March. After we sang the opening hymn, Iris Hurst read the Bible Reading and Liane Armstrong led the Prayers. Our speaker was Revd Canon Jen McWhirter who spoke of her many trips to Kenya. She also spoke of the Waterdrops charity led by Ronnie and Maggie Briggs and the work of the

Mothers' Union all over the world. Arrangements were made for our Mothers' Union Enrolment Service and presentation of long service certificates on Sunday 10 March when the speaker was Mrs Heather Ellis, Diocesan President. The April meeting will take place on Thursday 4 April when Eveline Smith will speak on Spring Planters.

Mothering Sunday Celebration

On Sunday 10 March 2024, we had a special family service along with the enrolment and presentation of long service certificates with Mrs Heather Ellis, Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union President. Mothers' Union members Ann Fitzpatrick, Linda Hamilton and Vivien Clarke read the lessons. The Sunday School children took part with a special Mothers' Day message and prayers.



Photos from the Youth Social on Friday, 2 February in the Archdale Hall with Embrace.



Mothering Sunday celebration.

Magheraculmoney



Vacant:

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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Spring Devotion

By the time this article is published, Easter will be past and spring will be well and truly underway!

Springtime is a time of looking forward, a time of expectation. It is that wonderful time of year when we begin to think of new beginnings. We move from the cold dark days, and this year's extremely wet season of winter, into warm and longer days, hopefully full of sunshine.

Spring is also a time of rejuvenation and rebirth causing plants, animals and humans alike, to "spring forward". *(Isaiah 43:19) "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."*

Sometimes to move into a new season, and for us to spring forward in faith of what the Risen Christ has done for us on the cross, we must let go of the old season. (Isaiah 43:18) tells us; *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past."*



Attending the Founders and Thinking Day Service to mark their celebrations which was exceptionally well attended by current and past members. Scout flag bearers



Guide flag bearers.



Taking part in the service were (from left): Caroline Neville, Fermanagh Guide Commissioner; Revd Abraham Storey, who conducted the Service; Paul Dickson, Board member of UK Scout Association and former Leader with 1st Magheraculmoney Scout Group; Liam Mc Mulkin, Scouting Ireland representative; Stephen Hey, former Scout Leader; Mrs Rosemary Forde, Fermanagh County Scout Commissioner; Mrs Liz Hogg, Fermanagh Girl Guide President; Mrs Karen Mc Alister, NI Girl Guide President and Maurice Lee, Founder Leader and Group Scout Leader.

It is virtually impossible for anyone of us to drive along the road through life without hitting bumps or potholes, like regrets, disappointments, and tragedies. When we do, it is all too easy for us to get stuck, and sit looking into our rearview mirror gazing into the past. It is never easy for us to *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past."*

(Isaiah 43:19) is a message of hope and encouragement, reminding people that God is always doing new things and making a way for them even in difficult times.

Over the recent season of Easter, we celebrated this 'New Thing' that God has done for us, in the sending of his son Jesus Christ who suffered death by crucifixion for all our past sins on Good Friday, and arose from the tomb in the glorious 'Resurrection' of Easter Sunday! So that all people who believe in him can have eternal life.

That same 'Risen Christ' tells us in *(Matthew 11:28-30) "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you*

and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

This is the only sure way we can *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past."* - Abraham.

Services in April 2024

Sunday 7th, 14th and 21st April - Morning Worship at 11.00am

Sunday 28th April - Family Service at 11.00am

Sunday 14th, 21st and 28th April - Children's Church at 11.00am

Founders Day/Thinking Day

The annual Founders Day and Thinking Day Service was held in St Mary's Parish Church, Ardess, Kesh, on Sunday 25th February 2024. This year the service was also celebrating 40 years of Scouting, 35 years of Guiding and 25 years of Ranger Guides, in the Kesh area.

Revd Abraham Storey conducted the service. Present were; Mrs Karen Mc Alister, Mrs Liz Hogg, Mr Paul Dickson,

Mrs Rosemary Forde and Liam Mc Mulkin.

A new flag for use by the Rainbow Guides was dedicated by Revd Abraham Storey. The Guide and Scout renewal of promises were led by Caroline Neville (Fermanagh Girl Guide Commissioner), Maurice Lee (Group Scout Leader), Stacey McCleary (Beaver Scouts) and Brian Noble (Cub Scouts). Caroline Neville presented three Ranger Guides with their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze awards – Jane Magee, Abi Johnston and Ruby Ellis.



Mrs Rosemary Forde, on behalf of Chief Scout Bear Grylls, presented awards to five Scouters' in acknowledgement of their service to Scouting; Brian Noble, Beth Mc Creedy, Neville Woods, Jose Sastre and John Patrick McCaldin. All members were presented with a special badge to acknowledge the special year for both Scouting and Guiding in Kesh.

Maurice Lee recapped the history of Scouting and Guiding over the years within the Kesh area and advised that a special publication is now available. The lessons were read by Natalie Ellis (former Guide) and Mrs Dorothy Morrow (former founding Leader with the group).

The address was given based on Baden Powell and the Scout and Guide promise "Do your best- help other people" was given by Revd Abraham Storey. Members from all the Scout and Guide sections led the prayers and the organist for the service was Stephen Hey. Afterwards at Ardess Parish Centre everyone had the opportunity to enjoy refreshments and view the considerable display of Scouting and Guiding Memorabilia gathered over the years. Maurice Lee on behalf of the Scouting and Caroline Neville on behalf of Guiding cut a cake marking the special Service. In attendance were numerous former members and leaders from the Scouts and Guides.



Maurice and Caroline cutting the anniversary cake.



The baptism for the Topping family in Ardess Church.

Parish Register

BAPTISM

■ Sunday, 18 February 2024 in Ardess Parish Church, Freddie Martin Noel, son of Richard and Shauna Topping, conducted by Revd Abraham Storey.

BURIALS

- 2nd January 2024 - Margaret Mairead GRAY
- 14th January 2024 - Ethel Vera STEWART
- 15th January 2024 - Viola Frances Noelle LOANE
- 24th January 2024 - John Gerard ENTWISTLE

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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'He is not here. He is risen!'

The image of the cross has been one of the most enduring symbols of our faith. Down through the generations many

have used the cross as a focal point for their belief. The cross was the instrument that held Christ in his final moments, and which indeed brought about his death. But as his followers, we do not cling to that harrowing image of the Son of God suffering on such a simple yet harsh construction. I find Good Friday one of the most difficult days of the year. There is something so deeply moving in that quiet act of worship that takes place on that day. The readings are lengthy. The detail in profound. The emotion within this special service is almost palpable. And this service comes towards the end of a busy week of activity for Christ. As his followers we have journeyed with him, through the delights of Palm Sunday as he was welcomed with shouts of joy on the road into Jerusalem, to the cleansing of the Temple, the washing of the disciples' feet and then the difficult journey to the cross. It has been a deeply emotive week



as we journey with Christ and his disciples through the sights and sounds, the joy and the jeers. All of this emotion reaches crescendo on Good Friday as Christ hangs on the cross with the curtain in the Temple torn in two. The detail makes the events almost palpable, to the point that so many on that day raised the question, 'Surely this was a righteous man.' But we are not people who hold to the events of Good Friday because the story of our faith does not stop there. Easter brings us fresh hope each year as we peer with Mary Magdalene into the empty



An aerial photo of Maguiresbridge Church.

tomb, and we are greeted with the words, 'He is not here. He is risen!' The empty tomb provides the hope that all of the promises made by Jesus Christ have come to pass. And so today, as this news arrives afresh in 2024, we too can take our place and plant our hope in a God who speaks only truth, who keeps his promises and who gives hope of a better time which will yet come. Our call this Eastertide is to carry this hope to those who have yet to believe the good news of the empty tomb, and enable them also to experience the true joy of knowing Jesus Christ.

Parish Activity

Maguiresbridge annual dance took place on Friday 16th February 2024. It was a wonderful night, with a great number in attendance. Thanks to all who helped in the organising of this event, and to our catering team for the refreshments. Thanks also to all who provided raffle prizes, and to all who helped in any way. Thanks also to Curtis Magee and his team for a great night of music. Looking forward to next year already!

World Day of Prayer 2024

We celebrated the 2024 World Day of Prayer with a special service in Maguiresbridge. It was wonderful to see so many in attendance and taking part from across district. The service had a special focus on Palestine, which is so timely. We were given a deeper insight

into the difficult way of life in this region, and most especially of the depth of faith. Fellowship continued after the service as we shared refreshments together in the hall. Thank you to all who made this service so special, and so uplifting.

Lenten Services

Midweek services have taken place throughout Lent, moving between both Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk. This year we are looking at the Lord's Prayer. These services have provided a special time of quiet during the week as we take time with God during this Lenten season.



A Lenten resource.

Mothering Sunday

There were special family services in both Churches to celebrate Mothering Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many of our young people taking part. Thanks to our Sunday School teams in both Churches for your support in these services. It is also encouraging to see so many families in Church as we come together to worship God. Your presence makes such a difference to our young people, and it is a powerful encouragement to them as they take their place in Church life.

New Lectern Bible for Derrybrusk

Mothering Sunday took on extra meaning in Derrybrusk as the Nixon family presented a new Bible for the lectern. The Bible was dedicated to God in memory of their parents; Lily who had passed away 40 years ago, and George who had passed away 20 years ago. The Church was packed with both family and parishioners who were delighted with such a special gift.

Photographic Talent!

One of the younger members of Maguiresbridge parish, John Taylor, kindly took some photographs of the Church with his new camera. Sometimes we forget how special God's house is!

From the Registers

On Sunday 18th February 2024 - Harry David George Parkinson was baptised in Maguiresbridge, son of William and Sarah. On Sunday 25th February 2024 - Harriet Alison Kilpatrick was baptised in Maguiresbridge, daughter of Alistair and Debbie. We wish them both God's richest blessing as they begin their journey in faith.

Looking ahead

As I write these notes our catering team are preparing another special meal for



Mothers' Day in Derrybrusk.



Mothers' Day in Maguiresbridge.

our over 60s. We look forward to sharing food and fellowship together on 18th March. Sincere thanks to our fantastic team who work so hard to make this time so special!

Mothers' Union

Meeting in Belle Isle Hall on Monday 8th April at 8pm. Speaker is from SWELL Cancer Support.

Confirmation

As I write these notes our Confirmation classes are continuing. We have 15 young people who are preparing for this important step on Sunday 14th April. This will be a joint service at 10.30am in Maguiresbridge, with no service in Derrybrusk that day. Rehearsal takes place on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 7pm in the Church. Please keep all of our young people in prayer at this time; Kaitlyn, Zoe, Leah, Eva, Katie, Luca, Archie, Andrew, Lily, Karl, James, Callum, Chloe Louise and Rihanna, and Faith.



Baptism for the Kilpatrick family.



The Parkinson family baptism.

Easter General Vestry Meetings

Maguiresbridge Easter General Vestry meeting takes place on Monday 15th April 2024 at 8pm.

Derrybrusk Easter General Vestry meeting takes place on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 8pm.

All parishioners are welcome to attend

these meetings.

Table Quiz!

Derrybrusk Church are holding a Table Quiz in Belle Isle Hall (kindly granted) on Friday 26th April 2024 at 8pm. Everyone is very welcome. Refreshments will be served. £5 per head – all proceeds in aid of the Church. Hope to see you there!



A new Lectern Bible is presented to Derrybrusk Church.



The dinner and dance night.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

14th April Third Sunday of Easter

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

21st April Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

28th April Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter 31st March Easter Day

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

Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Our Lenten Bible Study and services have focused on Zechariah on Wednesday night and the words of the disciples during that first Holy Week on Thursdays.

By the time this issue is published we will

have had our joint Holy Week services in the Elim Pentecostal Church along with Monaghan Methodist Church, First Monaghan and Ballyalban Presbyterian Churches and Shalom Christian Fellowship. We will also have met at Monaghan Collegiate School for an early morning Easter Service (especially early with the clocks changing) followed by breakfast.

Mothering Sunday

This was marked with gifts of flowers from Mothers' Union, crafts from Sunday School and Simnel cake from the Rector to have with after church tea/coffee. All were greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes are continuing as we work our way through the "I believe" course from the Church of Ireland Youth

Department. Please pray for those who are to be confirmed and we look forward to welcoming Bishop Ian for the confirmation service at 11am on 26th May.

Mothers' Union

The visitors' night took place on Tuesday 5th March welcoming members from other local branches along with members of sister groups in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. The guest speaker was Mrs Heather Ellis. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 2nd April with "Spring Basket" with Ruby Heasty.

Ladies Group

Unfortunately the talk planned for 19th March on Gola House has been postponed until October. Instead there was a talk on services provided by HSE at Co hospital and St Davnet's. The next meeting will be the AGM at a venue to be arranged.

New Irish Arts Concert

We were pleased to host the New Irish Arts Senior Choir for a concert organised by Ballyalban Presbyterian Church. This was great night of worship with choral, congregational and instrumental pieces.



Condolences

We offer prayerful sympathy to those who have been recently bereaved, especially Iris Hackett on the death of her brother and Trevor Breakey and Heather Stirrat on the

death of their uncle,

Illness

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

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Sunday Services

Sunday 7th April 2024

The Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Family Holy Communion

Sunday 14th April 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st April 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th April 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am - Morning Prayer

Following the heavy shows of mid-March how delightful it is to see the first signs of Spring.

I often think that Spring bursts upon us firstly in yellow, in daffodils and gorse and are often our first signs.

Our Sunday School have been working hard since towards the end of last year on the Archdeacon Ruddell Prize for Sunday Schools.

This year they have been looking at the parables of Jesus and as part of their learning they planted miniature daffodils in October of last year. Their great hope was that these would be in bloom as gifts for their Mums on Mothering Sunday. I'm delighted to say that they achieved this with all planted bulbs growing and blooming successfully.

This is a good opportunity to thank Nicola and the team of teachers for their dedication and creativity in their teaching of our children and the sharing of their faith.



Founders / Thinking Day

During our annual Founders Day and Thinking Day service we were delighted to be able to congratulate Catherine Irwin on being awarded the Silver Fish Award - this is the highest award attainable in the Girl Guide movement.

The Silver Fish has existed from the beginning of the Guiding movement. The choice of the silver fish was as a result of Lord Baden-Powell visiting Japan, where



Sunday school working on their projects.

he learnt that when a son was born, parents would hang a small silver fish on their door, signifying the boy would be able to successfully 'swim upstream' through life's challenges. If a daughter was born, a tiny doll was used. This indicated a girl's sole aim was to raise a family. Lord Baden-Powell decided to make a Guide's highest honour a silver fish, to show that girls are just as capable of battling against the odds as boys. During the service I talked about the potential of every young person, every girl. We are very proud of Catherine in this achievement and honour and she stands as a testament to all our girls that they too might one day be awarded a Silver Fish.



Word Day of Prayer Service

This year it was Rossorry's turn to host our local World Day of Prayer Service. This is an important service in the church's year as it is entirely lay lead and involves participation from our neighbouring churches. Thank you to Lorraine for managing this service on behalf of our own Mothers' Union and to Sarah for the leading of worship. Thanks also to Alison Humphreys who is the local co-ordinator and of course to our Mothers' Union for providing and service a lovely supper.

A prayer of Blessing in Spring

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,

Where your streams of abundance flow,
 blessed be your name.
 Every blessing you pour out may we turn
 back to praise of you,
 O God when the sun's shining down on
 us when the world's 'all as it should be'
 Blessed be your name.
 Blessed be the name of the Lord.
 Blessed be your name.
 You give and take away our hearts will
 choose to say Lord,
 Blessed be your name.

Sunday School

We have had another busy month preparing for Mothering Sunday with some lovely craft. The children have been making some felt flower brooches and some felt flower stems for their mummies. Back in October the children planted bulbs which have now flowered for Spring! This has coincided with teaching the children about the parable of the sower. This has helped them relate to how we can plant the bulbs/seeds but it's our Lord who makes them grow!



Rainbows enjoying one of their meetings.



The Rector with Catherine Irwin, who has been awarded the Silver Fish for services to Guiding.



The Communion Table laid out.

Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Rossorry Rainbows continued working on our theme “Make a difference to help your community and the wider world,” and lots of girls were out helping round the house and demonstrating their promise values of being kind and helpful. And we should also not forget the one year anniversary party that we had to celebrate the relaunch of Rossorry Rainbows after the break due to the Pandemic – we are delighted to say that we now have 23 Rainbows. It was an exciting time to welcome both Enniskillen and Florencecourt Rainbow Units to join us for Thinking Day and had a great evening bringing our teddies around the world and even making their own individual teddy passports. We completed a relay assault course in



Rev Canon Jennifer McWhirter, speaker at the Mothers' Union on her visits to Kenya, with Nicola Purdy. Right: Some of the handmade clothing from the trips.



Dawn at Rossorry Church.

Australia, made newspaper Eiffel Towers and decorated our own Royal Crowns for visiting England. Finally we finished our Thinking Day celebrations with a service in Church, where we did our own individual Rainbow prayer, paraded and carried our new Rainbow Flag.

Mothers' Union

A meeting of Rossorry Mothers' Union was held on Thursday 15 February when the speaker was Revd. Canon Jen McWhirter, Rector of Cleenish and Mullaghduin Parish Churches. Canon Jen gave a very informative talk illustrated with a PowerPoint presentation about their mission trips to Kenya with Revd. Stephen and their daughter Kizzie. They are now involved with Waterdrops Charity which provide water containers for people in the Kajiado District. Canon Jen also brought along some handmade clothing and jewellery items from their trips which were very colourful. Members enjoyed the Big Sing in St. Macartin's Cathedral on Sunday 25 February 2024.

The World Day of Prayer service was held in Rossorry Parish Church on Friday



The Rector is welcomed at Trory Jetty after his kayak from Portora Castle by Revd Mark Gallagher.

8th March (being postponed from 1st March due to inclement weather). This was organised by Lorraine (branch leader) and the service was led by Mrs Sarah Maguire, Parish Reader, with representatives from other churches taking part in the service. Supper was enjoyed in the hall after the service. The next meeting is on Thursday 18 April when the speaker is Catherine Scott who will give a history of the Workhouse. This is also our Visitor's evening for local Church groups to attend.

Mini-Pilgrimage

Mini-Pilgrimage, in preparation for Holy Week the Revd. Mark Gallagher of Trory and Killadeas engaged upon a mini-pilgrimage. Revd. Mark walked from Trory to celebrate at our mid-week Communion service and following that I canoed from our side over to Trory Jetty to meet Mark and preach at his mid-week service of Evening Prayer. We enjoyed ourselves in a great day sharing in ministry, you may read the fuller story elsewhere in this magazine.

Holy Week and Easter

We enjoyed our usual full programme of services throughout Holy Week, a big thank you to Catherine and the Choir for their usual commitment, along with all who volunteered who read at the various services. Over the week we concentrated on Christ's use of wine throughout his ministry, at those most significant times, from the Wedding at Cana to the Last Supper and his dying on the cross. Thank you to Nicola and our Sunday School leaders for their hosting of Messy Church in the hall on Good Friday and indeed all who visited me throughout



The Elliott family with the Rector at the baptism.

Saturday. We began the Easter celebrations with Holy Communion at Old Rossorry on a chilly Easter morning at dawn, followed by Family Holy Communion later in the morning.

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Parish Registers

BAPTISMS

Elliott Archie Jordan, son of Jordan and Rebecca, Sunday 3rd March, service conducted by Revd. Stephen McWhirter.

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April Diary

- 7 April** - Pre-Confirmation service at both morning services.
- 9 April** - Mothers' Union 8pm.
- 10 April** - Tempo Annual General Vestry meeting Tempo Church Hall. 8pm.
- 11 April** - Clabby Annual General Vestry meeting Clabby Church hall 7-30
- 14 April** - Confirmation service at 7.30pm in Clabby Parish Church. Please pray for the following candidates in the final period of preparation:- Jamie Adams, Lexie Bell, Leah Carroll, Alice Crawford, Henry Follis, Alec-James Gardiner, Jessica McDowell, Thomas McDowell, Chloe Robinson, Sam Robinson, Nathan Robinson, Ewan Stronge, Jay Trimble, Lucie-Mae Vance, Charlotte Vance and Mia White and also for their families.
- 20 April** - Family Service – Katherine Hillcox (Bible Society).

Tempo Parish Variety Concert

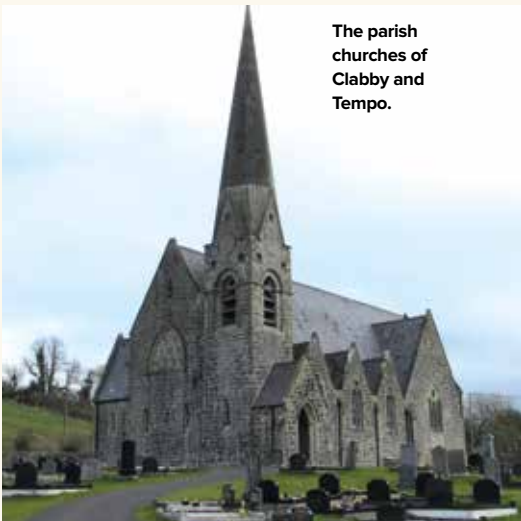
Our thanks to everyone who supported this parish fundraising event, to all the artists and all who sold tickets. The amount raised was £1820.

Christ is Risen

The great message of Easter is victory, hope, joy and peace. The message given to women at the tomb "Why do look for the living among the dead? He is not here, he has risen". (Luke 24 v 5) The message of victory by Christ over death, a victory, assured to all Christians now and one day when Christians will be given a new transformed bodies "We shall all be changed for the perishable must clothe itself with the impossible, and the mortal with the immortality" 1st Corinthians chapter 15 v 52-53. The disciples and women followers had lost all hope because as far as they were concerned Jesus' death had brought an end to all their hopes. But Jesus' resurrection pointed them and us to turn to a greater hope of life eternal, something certain as Jesus reminded the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24 v 17-27) Jesus spoke words of peace to his disciples in the upper room twice peace in their troubled spirits and peace as words of commission. Jesus before his

Funeral

16 February 2024 - Robert Derek Morrow, Killyliss Road, Clabby. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Derek's family and friends.



The parish churches of Clabby and Tempo.



death in John 14 v 27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid". The risen Jesus brought joy to his troubled disillusioned, hopeless

disciples". The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Joy is one of the fruits of the spirit, a gift to every Christian from God. Whatever our circumstances or situation we can know God's inner joy which nothing can take away. Jesus said it would be complete joy. Peter writing

to the persecuted Christian spoke of the inexpressible and glorious joy (1st Peter 1 v 8). Because of Jesus resurrection we can claim all these benefits and blessings from him and through faith in him alone today.

Trory and Killadeas



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Revd Mark Gallagher

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St. Patrick's Weekend Celebrations

A great time was had on Friday 15th March with a celebration of St Patrick's Ulster roots and heritage in Ballycassidy Hall. We all ate our fill of a unique version of that great staple of the Ulster Scots tradition, the Ulster Fry, but served as unique themed canapes (see photos) as well as a variety of tasty desserts. Entertainment included pipers from Killadeas Pipe Band and some well-known sing-along numbers too, as well as a St. Patrick's themed quiz, with some spot prizes for correct answers to the tougher questions. On St. Patrick's day itself (Sunday) we celebrated our most famous patron saint with All Age themed services which were followed with tea and some tasty treats in both parishes.



St. Patrick's Fun and Fellowship evening.

Easter in the Parishes

Once again we had a fantastic Lent, Holy Week and Easter in our parishes. Our midweek services had a fantastic turnout, with dozens of parishioners turning out every week. It was also great to see so many people coming out for the dawn communion at the edge of the lough followed by the traditional delicious bacon baps, and even more wonderful to see so many of our families out on Easter Sunday enjoying the Easter Egg hunts, after the All Age Holy Communion Services.

Easter General Vestries

The Easter General Vestry for both parishes will take place between 15th-18th April. Please follow announcements in both churches, and online for exact dates.

Building Friendship Bridges Across the Lough

On Wednesday 13th March Revd Stephen McWhirter (Rector of Rossorry) and Revd Mark embarked on a mini pilgrimage from Trory to Rossorry. At 7.30am Revd Mark left Trory Parish Church on foot and walked to Rossorry Parish Church in time to celebrate the 10.30am midweek service of Holy Communion. This began a church swap for the day. Revd Mark presided at Holy Communion in Rossorry before Revd Stephen continued the pilgrimage on water, taking a kayak across Lough Erne to Trory jetty before sharing a couple of meals together and Revd Stephen brought the day to a close by preaching on the 'I Thirst' word of Christ from the cross at the evening Lent midweek service in Killadeas Parish Church. It was great to see be able to top and tail the day with the congregations in both churches, as well as the virtual engagement on Facebook throughout the day on both sides.

Trory and Rossorry parish churches have a historic link through their stained-glass windows. The Te Deum window in Rossorry and the Ascension window beside the pulpit in Trory were both created and installed in memory of Andrew Johnston and made in Dublin in the Purser studios circa. 1920. We will hopefully get more opportunities in the months and years ahead to work towards deeper and meaningful connections between our two parishes.

Trory Mothers' Union is 120!

We are delighted to be joining with the three other parishes in the diocese who are celebrating their 120th Anniversary of Mothers' Union this year and joining

in the celebrations in Enniskillen cathedral

We will also be marking the anniversary as a parish in May, but at the time of going to print details still need to be finalised. We look forward to letting you know in next month's magazine what the plans are.

Confirmation Classes

If you would like one of your young people to be considered for confirmation, please register your interest with Revd Mark. If you have not yet registered your intention for your young person/people to be confirmed please do so ASAP. Likewise, if you know of anyone who is coming to age for confirmation and does not get this magazine (or attend church regularly enough to have heard the announcements) please let them know about the dates as soon as possible. An attendance of 80% or more of the classes, as well as regular church attendance is expected from all candidates wishing to be confirmed. The announcements for these classes have been made for three months now in preparation them starting, so there is no excuse for families not knowing, or neighbours or friends to not have passed the message on by now to those who are not out at church regularly. 'I didn't know it was happening' and expecting to come be confirmed with minimal church engagement prior to confirmation, and only starting the classes more than halfway through the sessions makes a mockery of the important promises which are to be made by the candidates.

Confirmation classes will be running after Easter in Ballycassidy Hall at 7pm on the following dates... 10th, 17th, 24th April, and 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th May, with a run through of the service in St Michael's Church, Trory on 5th June. Classes will last 50 mins -1 hour. Confirmation of those who at the end of the classes and having attended church regularly are now ready to take on the responsibility of their faith for themselves from both parishes will be on 9th June in the 11.30am Morning Service in Trory.

Finally, in order to keep our numbers correct for Safeguarding Trust, parents will be asked to stay and sit in for one session each during the course of the classes. There will be a rota to sign up at the first couple of sessions.

Call for Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers to



The Morrison family at the baptism.

help in both parishes with the count team (counting collection money after church) and parish communication deliveries (delivering Free Will Offering envelopes, parish letters, statement of accounts, etc. to those within your area.) Please can you make yourself known if you would be willing to assist or be put on a rota to assist with these essential tasks.

Trory Smarties Tubes

The annual Smarties tube Lent fundraiser for Trory is now ready for collection. I am sure the contents of the tubes were enjoyed long ago. Please remember to now complete the second half of the task, and return the tube filled with 20p's or £1 coins as soon after Easter as you can.

Dates for the Diary

(*Please note due to the combination of Easter falling on 31st March, March having three celebrations of Holy Communion, and Revd Mark taking the Sunday after Easter off, the the next celebration of Holy Communion service will be on 6th May)

Tuesday 2nd April

- 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship Club in Ballycassidy Hall (Date subject to change with Easter Holidays. In church announcements and Facebook updates will clarify if there is a move.)

Sunday 7th April

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

Monday 8th April

- 7pm Mothers' Union in Ballycassidy Hall

Wednesday 10th April

- 7pm Confirmation class in Ballycassidy Hall



Sunday 14th April

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

Wednesday 17th April

- 7pm Confirmation class in Ballycassidy Hall

15th-18th April Easter General Vestries

Sunday 21st April

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

Wednesday 24th April

- 7pm Confirmation class in Ballycassidy Hall

Sunday 28th April

- 10am Morning Prayer in Priory Church, Killadeas



From Trory to Rossorry mini-Pilgrimage.

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

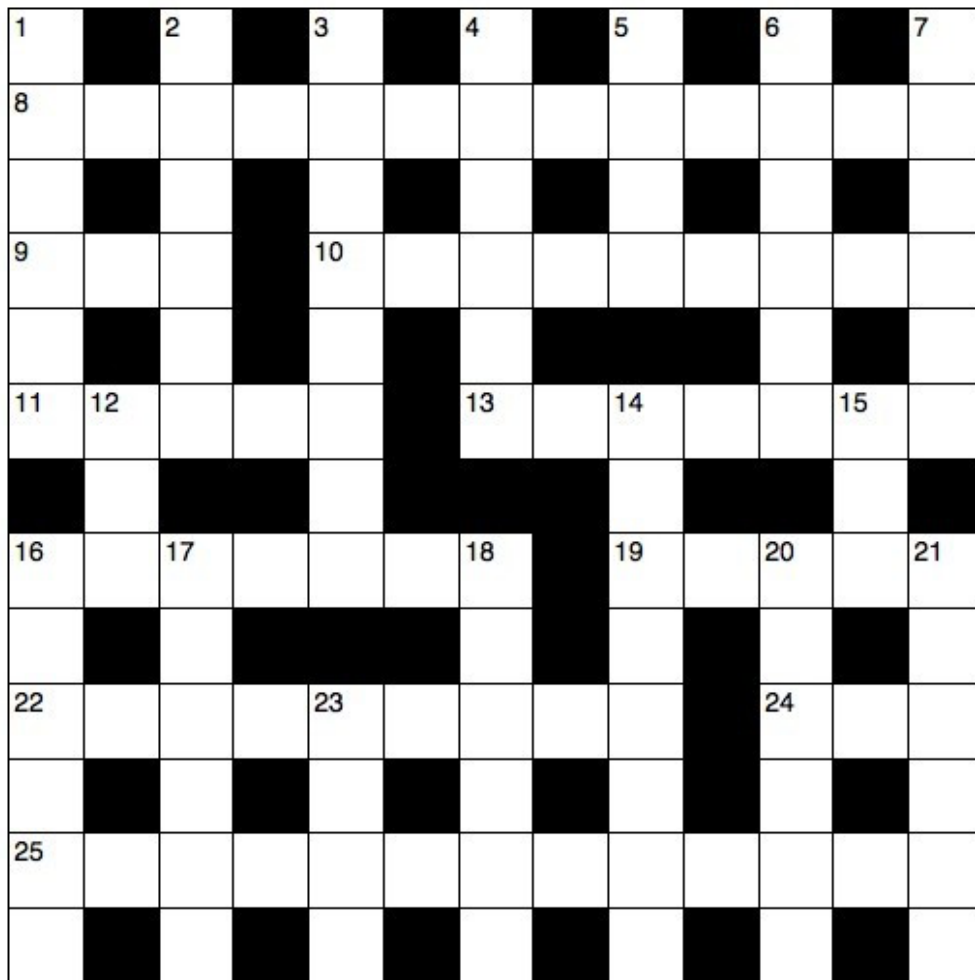
Wednesday 1st May

- 7pm Confirmation class in Ballycassidy Hall

Photos from the mini-pilgrimage between Revd Mark and Revd Stephen. Full story and more photos on P58.



PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

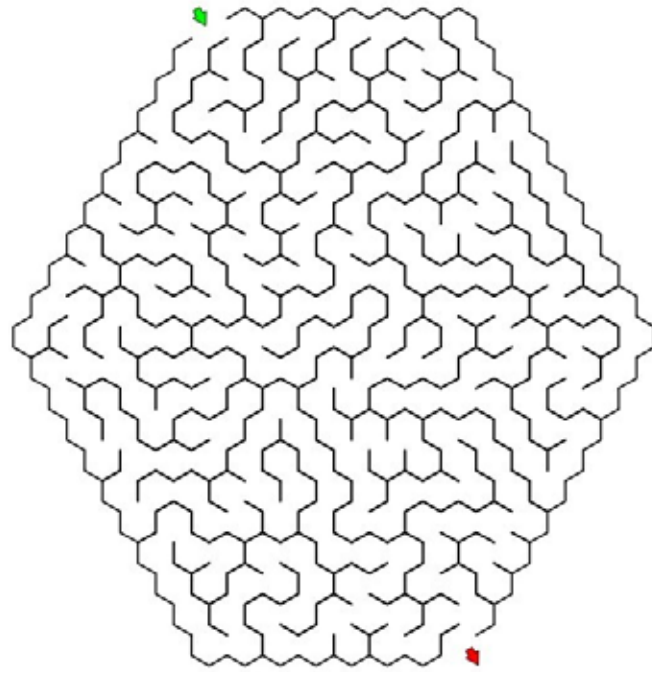
- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
 13 Muslim holy month (7)
 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
 24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

DOWN

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
 7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 63

CHILDREN'S SECTION

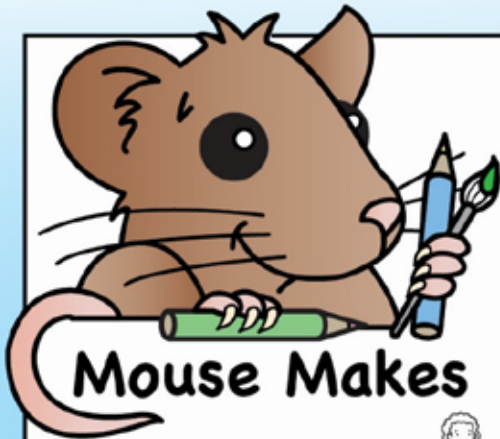


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You abundantly water the ploughed fields,
You settle its furrows and soften the earth
with showers. You bless its growth. Ps 65:10





Mouse Makes

Some time after Jesus had risen a few of His disciples met together to go fishing.

They fished all night but caught nothing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked;

"Have you caught anything?"

"Not a thing" they answered.

He said to them "Throw your net out onto the right side of the boat and you will catch some."

So they did and they and they caught so many fish they could not pull in the net.

Then John recognised the man, "It is the Lord!"



How many times had the risen Jesus revealed himself to the disciples before this?

Read John 21:14



How many disciples were there? Who were they?

Read John 21: 11

How many fish did they catch?

Read John 21: 11



READ the story in **John 21**

A large illustration of a fishing net containing many fish. The net is filled with a word search grid. The words are: DISCIPLES, TIBERIAS, SEA, SIMON PETER, THOMAS, NATHANAEL, JOHN, DAY, FISHING, BOAT, NIGHT, CAUGHT, NOTHING, WATER, SHORE, FISH, CAST, NET, RIGHT, FIND, HAUL, LORD, FULL, LAND, FIRE, BREAD, BREAKFAST, JESUS.

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Colour in all the fish

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MOTHERS' UNION



The Donagh Choir with guests performing at the Big Hymn Sing

Diocese well represented at Big Hymn Sing



Bishop Ian Ellis, speaking at the end of the service.

St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen resounded to the voices of hundreds of people on Sunday evening as they took part in the Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Big Hymn Sing.

The event was organised by Clogher Mothers' Union in conjunction with parishes and choirs across the diocese.

Many of the popular hymns were aired, starting off with "Be Thou My Vision" and "O Lord my God!"

The welcome and opening prayer was by Dean Kenneth Hall and the introduction was given by Mrs Heather Ellis, MU Diocesan President.

The reading was by Mrs June Butler, MU All-Ireland President, the collects were read by the Curate at St. Macartin's, the Revd Dr. Edwin Aiken and the prayers were led by Mrs Valerie McMorris, Diocesan MU Unit



Judith Anderson with Ellen Bloomfield performing.

Coordinator - Faith and Policy.

Other congregational hymns included "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah," "Amazing grace how sweet the sound;" "How deep the Father's love for us;" "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine;"



Revd Rebecca Guildea speaking about the Mums in May project.



Lynnea who sang a solo.



Revd William Jeffrey playing the Londonderry Air on the flute.



The Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union choir singing.

and "What a friend we have in Jesus." The organist and accompanist was Mr. Glenn Moore. Other singers and groups taking part included the Donagh Choir, Lynnea Hardy, Judith Anderson with Ellen Bloomfield, Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Trustee Choir accompanied by Mrs Diane Simpson; Revd William Jeffrey, flautist playing the Londonderry Air and soloist Jane McKinley.

During the evening, Revd Rebecca Guildea, Rector of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher spoke about the Mums in May Project and the collection was taken up in aid of the Mums in May Project.

Bishop Ian Ellis gave a reflection before the Processional Hymn. There has been a very positive reaction to the event and a recording of the Big Hymn Sing can be watched on the Enniskillen Cathedral's website; <https://enniskillencathedral.com>



Jane McKinley, soloist.



Visiting choirs singing at the event.

DIOCESAN NEWS



Revd Mark Gallagher arrives at the entrance to Rossorry Church on his walk from Trory Church.



Revd Mark Gallagher welcomes Revd Stephen McWhirter to Trory jetty after his paddle from Portora.



Revd Stephen making his way from Devenish Island to Trory Jetty.



RECTORS TAKE TO WATER AND ROAD IN MINI PILGRIMAGE

A mini Lenten pilgrimage to build friendship bridges across the lough between Trory and Killadeas parishes and Rossorry Parish took place in March in preparation for Holy Week.

On 13 March, Revd Mark Gallagher, Rector of Trory and Killadeas parishes, walked from Trory Church to Rossorry Church in time to preside at the weekly Wednesday morning of Holy Communion. Then around lunchtime on the same day, Revd Stephen McWhirter, Rector of Rossorry, got into his kayak and paddled from Portora Castle to Trory jetty via Devenish Island. Revd Stephen then preached at the Killadeas Midweek Service on Wednesday evening. The weather was dry for Revd Mark's early morning walk and it was calm for Revd Stephen's canoe on Lower Lough Erne.



Revd Mark Gallagher launches Revd Stephen McWhirter into Lough Erne at Portora Castle.



Revd Stephen McWhirter welcomes Revd. Mark Gallagher to the midweek service at Rossorry Church following his walk.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

April 2024

- Thursday 4th April – **Annual Celebration of St. Tighernach**, Patron Saint of Clones and Bishop of Clogher, in St Tigherach's church of Ireland, The Diamond, Clones, Co. Monaghan followed by a procession to St. Tighernach's Sarcophagus. Refreshments afterwards in the Cassandra Hand Folk and Famine Centre, Clones. Guest speaker - Right Revd Mgr Laurence Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg. Music by the Different Keys Choir and Graham Memorial Pipe Band. Organised by Clones Community Forum as a cross-border, cross community and interdenominational annual event.
- Friday 5th April – **Curtis Magee** appearing in evening of Country Gospel Music in Aghavea Parish Hall at 8pm. Admission £10 with proceeds to Parish Funds. Contact Yvonne Tel. 028 895 31304 for further information.
- Friday 5th April – **Beetle Drive** organised by Sunday School leaders in Lisnaskea Parish in The Archdale Centre at 7.30 p.m. There will also be other entertainment for the children and everyone is welcome. Admission £5 per adult and children go free.
- Saturday 6th April – **Galloon Parish Auction** at 12 noon in The Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler. A wide selection of items include antique furniture, delph, clocks, other furniture, linen, bed-linen, hand tools, household items, bathroom fittings, collectables, mirrors, pictures and boxed lots ideal for car-booters or traders. This is an auction with something for everyone and should not to be missed. Refreshments will be on sale. Viewing on the morning of the auction from 11am.
- Saturday 6th April – **Seven Towers Male Voice Choir** in concert at 8.00pm in Holy Trinity Church, Dromore. A special event not to be missed!
- Sunday 14th April – **120th Anniversary Service of St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher Mothers' Union** at 3.30pm in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher with special music featuring the RUC Women's Choir and Murley Silver Band. Afternoon tea in the Cathedral Hall, Clogher following the service.
- Saturday 20th April – **Coffee Morning** organised by St. Mark's, Newtownsaville in Eskra Community Hall from 9am - 1pm. All proceeds towards parish funds.
- Thursday 25th April – **BCMS Crosslinks Regional Meeting** at 7.30pm in Teemore Church Hall, Derrylin featuring an interview with Trevor Watson serving in Sweden and video news from Rick and Alanna Creighton serving in Nigeria. Come and hear about Crosslinks' wider ministry including short-term mission and camps. RSVP by emailing; vgibson@crosslinks.org
- Friday 26th April – **Table Quiz** in Belle Isle hall with proceeds in aid of Derrybrusk Church! Everyone welcome!

- Sunday 28th April – **50th Anniversary Service in memory of late TD and Senator Billy Fox** at 3pm in Christ Church, Aughnamullen. This will be a cross community event and all are welcome.

May 2024

- Saturday 4th May – **Colaghty Parish Auction and Cake Sale** in the Parish Hall beginning at 12.00noon. The parish gives you a warm welcome to come along and enjoy the crack and the thrill of the auction.
- Sunday 5th May – **Friends of Colebrooke Service** at 3.00pm in Colebrooke Parish Church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend and welcome the Friends who have so generously supported the parish for many years. Tea and refreshments will be provided following the service.
- Thursday 9th May – **Annual Junior Church Football Tournament** at Fisher Park, Ballnamallard. For Year 12 or below, 5-a-side football competition open to denominations in Fermanagh and open to boys and girls. Further information from; ballnamallardycministry@gmail.com
- Friday 10th - Saturday 11th May 2024 – **2024 General Synod** will be held in Armagh with the third day's business to be conducted remotely on the evening of Tuesday 14th May and the evening of Thursday 16th May (if required).
- Sunday 19th May – **Annual Mullaghfad Friends' Service** at 3.30pm. Everyone is most welcome at the service, following which refreshments will be provided.
- Saturday 25th May – **Coffee Morning** organised by Devenish Parish and Devenish and Boho Mothers' Union in the Reade Hall, Monea in memory of the late Margaret Barton and Robin Ferguson. All donations are going to Cancer Charities. Further details later.

June 2024

- Saturday 1st June – **Car Boot Sale** at Drummully Church. Gates open from 8am.
- Saturday 29th June – **Ukulele Band Concert and Barbecue** in Cleenish Parish Hall. More details later.

August 2024

- Saturday 3rd August – **Car Boot Sale** at Drummully Church. Gates open from 8am.

December 2024

- Friday 6th - Sunday 8th December 2024 – **Christmas Tree Festival** in Cooneen Parish Church celebrating their 150 year anniversary. Viewing will begin on the Friday and the weekend will conclude with a Carol Service on the Sunday. More information will follow.



How Patrick's life speaks into living in Ireland today

Archbishops John McDowell and Michael Jackson shared a joint reflection on how Patrick's life and faith resonate with the challenges of life across our island and the wider world at this time:

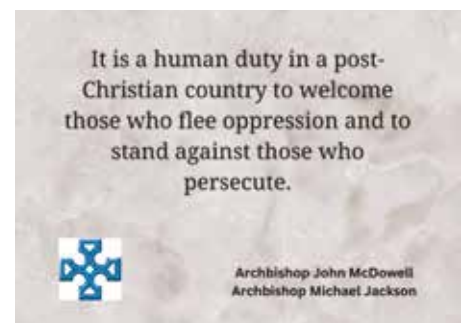
'St Patrick's Day is a day on which to reflect on Gospel and on Ireland. It is also a day on which to ask what connects them to one another in the contemporary world. St Patrick came to Ireland and came back to Ireland to share the Gospel, to live the Gospel, and to teach the Irish to live by the Gospel. He was not at the top of the social pile but at the bottom. He was a captive and a refugee, trafficked and enslaved. He did worthy and menial work. Yet the glory of God shone through his person in his teaching, his example and his writing. And he loved the Irish.

'There is every reason to be sad and to be angry in a world where we readily feel helpless. And helplessness feeds hopelessness. Inequalities and injustices are part of the wallpaper of our world. Their protagonists occupy the front rows of seating in our world. Our frustration at institutions and acronyms that promise so much and deliver so little mounts daily and readily spills over into cynicism. The pulsating danger for our world on St Patrick's Day is that cynicism morphs into apathy. And apathy opens the door to anarchy, polite and impolite, whether to left or to right, it matters not.



Archbishop John McDowell and Archbishop Michael Jackson.

'Our world, and indeed our Ireland, is a place of jarring and jagged contrasts. On the one hand, we welcome strangers and on the other hand, we set alight the accommodation that might have been their home and inflict shame on the community in whose midst they might have begun a new life holding to the lifeline of human dignity. Vast tracts of housing, which those who live in them will never be able to buy because they are built not to sell, but solely to rent, sit edgily alongside people for whom living in a tent on the street is not even an option. 'Israel-Palestine, Russia and Ukraine are places of war and unsettlement, of disease



and contagion. So also are Yemen and the Democratic Republic of the Congo along with countless other countries. Alienation and irrelevance show their faces differently but they show their faces nonetheless at home and abroad. It is a human duty in a post-Christian country to welcome those who flee oppression and to stand against those who persecute. Failure to speak against an anti-immigrant and a racist narrative creates a new level of tolerance of what only weeks before was intolerable. 'The Gospel for St Patrick's Day (St John 4.31-38) speaks of the fields being ripe for harvest. This is a creative and a generous prospect. In the midst of desolation, there is the hope of harvest mediated through love. It speaks also of: one sowing and another reaping. Those who benefit do so on the back of the hard graft of those who went before them. Our world is a world where self-image triumphs over self-understanding. St Patrick's life gives us food for thought and food for generosity about who we are and about who we might yet become. We have still a lot to learn from one who was an enslaved serf and a trafficked foreigner in Ireland 2024.'

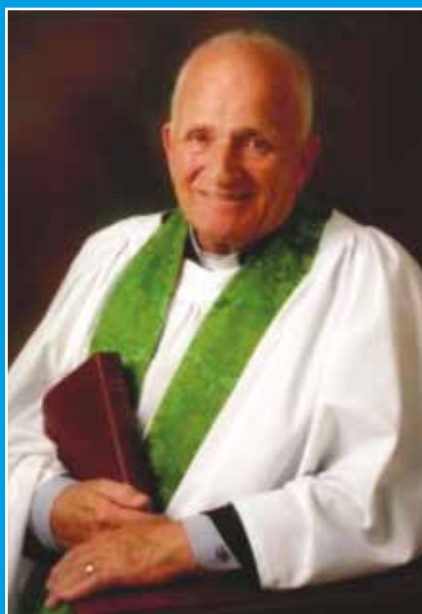
REVD GEORGE BEATTIE

It is with sadness that we learnt in recent days of the death of Revd. George Beattie. George served in this Diocese of Clogher for a number of years in the Ematrix Group of Parishes and is fondly remembered by parishioners.

A particular highlight of his ministry was the highly successful Flower Festival in Dartrey Church in 2015.

The Diocese extended its condolences to his wife, Marjorie and the family and thanked God for every remembrance they had of George and his ministry among them.

His funeral service took place in St. Patrick's Church of Ireland, Jordanstown Road, Newtownabbey, BT37 ONT on Monday 4th March 2024 at 12 noon, followed by a private family committal.



CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

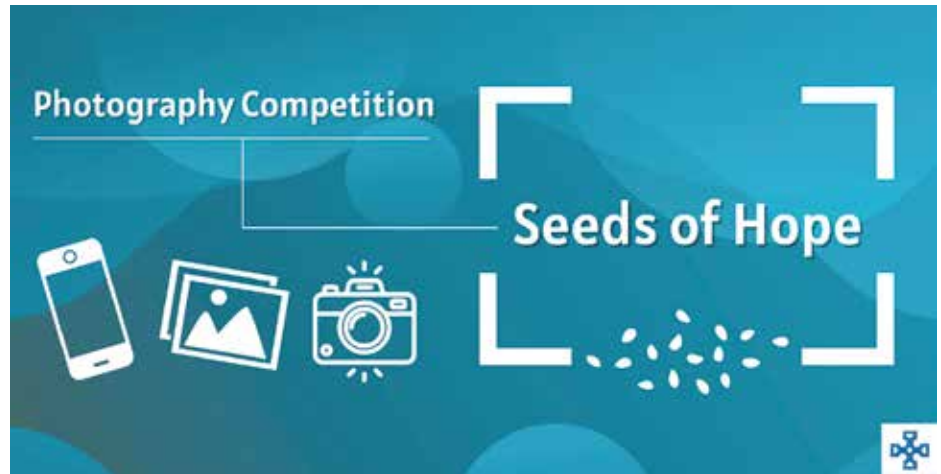
SEEDS OF HOPE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION NOW OPEN

This year's Church of Ireland Communications Competition, run by the Central Communications Board in the lead-up to General Synod, is now open and invites entries for photographs on the theme of 'Seeds of Hope'.

The competition will run until 5.00pm on Tuesday, 23rd April 2024, and applicants should email the Church of Ireland Press Office – at pressoffice@rcbcoi.org for an entry form, and then send a photo of their choice to the same email address.

If you wish to request a printed application form and submit a photo by post, please write to Church of Ireland Press Office, Floor 2, 18-22 Hill Street, Belfast, BT1 2LA.

Winners will be announced at this year's General Synod, which is taking place in person in Armagh on Friday, 10th May, and Saturday, 11th May. The Central Communications Board alternates the scope of its competitions each year between print, photography and online media; this year's competition will therefore focus on



photography with the print competition returning in 2025.

Bishop Pat Storey, who chairs the Central Communications Board, remarked: "As we look at the world around us, we all long to have hope that things will turn out well for those closest to us and others in need who may live further away. So let's see

how scenes that picture this sense of hope, even in its earliest beginnings, can give us a chance to be creative and encourage others in our walk of faith. We look forward to seeing what you send through, and how it will indeed share and grow hope."

Please remember: the closing date for entries is Tuesday, 23rd April.

Invitation to discuss faith, education and school governorship

Clergy and members of local Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist congregations are invited to take part in a series of events, in early April, to discuss the role of the Church and local schools in Northern Ireland. The three Churches in Schools events are organised by the Transferor Representatives' Council. Each will be an opportunity to share the current issues in the relationship between faith and education, and churches and schools, and for TRC to support churches in their role in nominating school governors. The three events will take place as follows:

Lisburn: Tuesday, 9th April: 10.30am – 12.30pm.
Venue: Vic-Ryn, T3 Conference Centre, 5 Rathdown Walk, Lisburn BT28 2RE

Coleraine: Wednesday, 10th April:



2.00pm – 4.00pm

Venue: New Row
Presbyterian Church, New Row, Coleraine BT52 1LA

Enniskillen: Thursday,
11th April: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Venue: St Macartin's
Cathedral Halls, Hall's Lane,
Enniskillen BT74 7DR

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Children's Ministry Conference in three venues

The Building Blocks Children's Ministry conference is back in person! But this time it is back in not one venue but three. The conference takes place on Saturday, 13 April from 10am - 1pm in Dublin, Cork and Antrim costing 15 Euros.

This year they will be joined by Jo Gordon (founder of Daniel's Den and 1277) as the keynote speaker and there will be workshops looking at different ways that they can connect with families during the summer holidays.

For booking see the details below; Click below to choose which venue you want to attend.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Quills begin mission work in South Sudan

Revd Andrew Quill, former rector of Holy Trinity Parish, Dromore in Clogher Diocese and his wife, Joanne, are now settled into their new surroundings in Ibba Diocese in South Sudan where they have begun serving as mission partners with CMSI. After leaving their parish last autumn, they have been busy establishing contacts with link churches in Ireland as well as training for their new roles.

Writing before leaving Ireland on 11 March to fly to Juba in South Sudan, Andrew and Joanne (pictured right) said they have been humbled and filled with gratitude as they spoke with many people who have offered their prayerful support.

“To hear stories of your intentions to journey with us as we go to South Sudan, that our prayer card marks a pertinent passage in your bibles or that our photo is on your fridge as a memory aid for prayer – this knowledge is helping us enormously as we prepare to go. We trust that God goes with us and because of your prayers we depart with gladness,” they said.

“At our commissioning service in Christ Church Primacy, Right Revd Ken Clarke drew attention to the three GPs that accompany all God’s people – God’s presence with us, God’s power working through us in the form of his Holy Spirit, and the dependability of God’s promises. Of course, for us this message is particularly encouraging. However, Bishop Ken challenged all present to recognise that each of us is a missionary, called to be living sacrifices wherever we are. While this will look different for every person, our calling is the same.

“Since the earliest moments of discerning this call to go as CMSI’s mission partners to South Sudan, we have been encouraged by the prayers and support of our 19 link parishes, as well as through many individuals who have partnered with us. We hope to bring that same encouragement Paul spoke of, and which we have felt so much during our time of training and preparation, to our friends in the Church in Ibba

“With our previous experiences working in Kenya and Uganda, of church leadership and community health empowerment programmes, there are lots of ways we can draw alongside and encourage the local church. As we will be staying near to the Bishop Levi Bible College, we hope to spend time there empowering, equipping and encouraging those who come from



around the diocese to learn at the college. We, along with the Christians in Ibba, will be looking forward to hearing about what the Lord is doing in and through congregations and individuals across Ireland and beyond. Sharing life together, praying with and for one another, investing in God’s Kingdom work – for all these things we pray and give God thanks.”

The Quills’ commissioning service took place in the Primacy Church, Bangor, on Sunday 18 February. A large group from across Ireland gathered in solidarity and prayer as this pair made vows before God and committed to serving under Bishop Wilson in Ibba Diocese for the foreseeable future. This step of faith was celebrated with a recognition of the personal and communal sacrifice involved. Andrew and Joanne are leaving behind family, friends and everything familiar to them in order to partner with our global church family in South Sudan.

Denise Wilson, Primacy’s community pastor, hosted the event. As an erstwhile CMSI mission partner in Kiwoko, Uganda, she fully appreciates the joys and challenges that lie ahead for Andrew and Joanne. Bishop Ken Clarke spoke too, of the community involved when people are called to cross-cultural mission. With his own experiences of living and ministering in South America, Bishop Ken used CMSI as an acronym to describe the Quills – he declared that they are both called and Christ-like, missional people who are taking up selfless sacrificial service with integrity.

As Bishop Ken challenged the congregation to recognise that each of us is a missionary, called to be living sacrifices wherever we

are, he drew attention to the three GPs that accompany all God’s people – God’s presence, God’s power, God’s promises.

Andrew and Joanne have written from their new home in South Sudan, saying they arrived safely, firstly flying into Juba and then an onward flight with Mission Aviation Fellowship to Ibba where they said it was cooler, especially finding the shade of the Mango trees the best place to sit and chat. They met the diocesan staff before having breakfast in Bishop Wilson Kamani’s house.

ABOUT IBBA DIOCESE, SOUTH SUDAN

Ibba Diocese is one of the newest of CMSI’s Global Partners and is by far the poorest and least resourced of our four partner dioceses in South Sudan, having suffered from its remote location and poor communications, as well as the conflicts in Sudan and DR Congo.

The diocese is situated in the State of Western Equatoria and covers an area that is approximately 180 miles by 65 miles; that’s slightly bigger than the Province of Ulster. Ibba Town is on the main road between Maridi and Yambio.

For those living in the area covered by the diocese, life is hard. Abject poverty, poor infrastructure, limited education provision, inadequate healthcare and the constant threat posed by the Lord’s Resistance Army – these are just some of the challenges for those in Ibba. It is in this context that the Church is seeking to offer hope, healing and help.

Check out Revd Andrew and Joanne’s updates on the CMSI website; <https://www.cmsireland.org/mission-personnel>

New youth work audit for Church of Ireland parishes

The Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD) is undertaking a research audit of youth work over the coming months to find updated numbers and information about young people and youth work in parishes and dioceses across Ireland.

This is very timely as so much of our children's ministry and youth work was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, and it is only in the past year or so that parishes and dioceses have been able to start the recovery process for children's ministry and youth work. The research will enable CIYD to ascertain the current levels of youth work and the involvement of young people in parish activities and compare this with the data from the last audit, which was conducted in 2008.

Every parish will be contacted by email shortly and provided with a link to a Google form to complete before Saturday, 12th July 2024. We encourage every parish to take the time to complete the form. CIYD will be able to make use of the information to provide relevant support to youth work happening in parishes around the country, and to report more accurately to funders and other organisations with whom it works and serves.



CROSSWORD ANSWERS *from page 53*

ACROSS: 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.

DOWN: 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.

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