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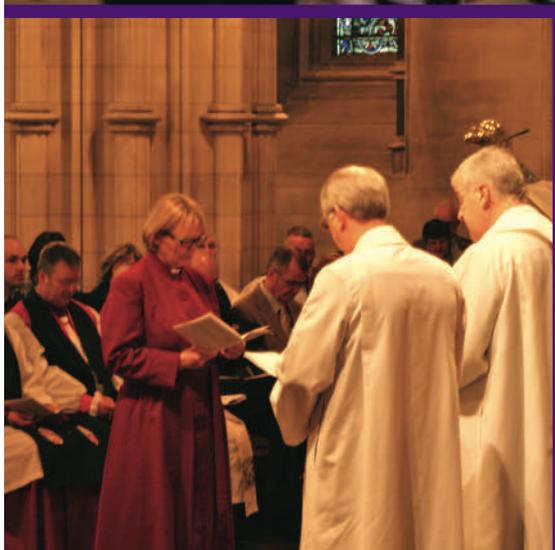
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**Main Photo:** Six newly commissioned Diocesan Pastoral Assistants pictured at their commissioning in Clogher Cathedral on Advent Sunday with Bishop John McDowell and the Revd Captain Issac Hanna, who prepared them. They are Mrs Sue Hogg, Mrs Joan Nelson, Mrs Ann Irwin, Mr Roy Crowe, Miss Isobel Stewart and Mrs Irene Boyd.

**Bottom Left:** Bishop John McDowell, Bishop Pat Storey, Bishop Ken Good and Archbishop Michael Jackson pictured at the consecration of Bishop Storey in Christ Church Cathedral Dublin.

**Bottom Right:** Mr Nathan Barrett, Organist and Director of Music of Rossorry Parish, conducting some members of Enniskillen Cathedral Choir and Rossorry Parish Choir at the Diocesan Advent Carol Service in Clogher Cathedral.

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Gail Campbell, left, and Christine Baxter, from the St. John's, Fivemiletown, Company of the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade are pictured with the Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Reverend Dr Richard Clarke, and Commanding Officer, Melvyn Lockhart, at the Brigade's Annual Dinner at Brownlow House in Lurgan.

## A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



One of the more bewildering features of television discussions these days is the need which everyone feels to introduce a lot of statistics no matter what is being discussed. I was never particularly good at maths at school (to put it mildly) and I have always found it difficult to have to take in reams of statistics about the state of the economy, or the health service or rugby matches or

whatever is under discussion.

It was probably Mark Twain (who else) who said "there are three types of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics", although he was careful to attribute it to a dead politician - Benjamin Disraeli.

Probably it all has to do with "evidence based" decision making. So, like it or not, statistics can be helpful as being one way of considering how we should plan for the future. In my view it is not the only way, and there are all sorts of other considerations which need to be taken into consideration, especially where the church is concerned.

Nevertheless, it was for the practical reason of simply trying to get some sort of accurate picture of the numbers of people attending church on an average Sunday that the recent census was conducted across every parish in the Church of Ireland.

Strange as it may seem, until then, if I had been asked the question "Roughly how many people go to church every Sunday in the Diocese of Clogher" I would not have been able to give an answer with any degree of confidence. Now I can say "about four thousand".

I'm not quite sure if that number seems big or small to you. I suppose it depends on what the overall Church of Ireland population of the Diocese is (I think about 16,000), which would mean that not much over a quarter of those claiming to be Church of Ireland are in church on Sunday. And of course we should add to that figure those who have been faithful attending church in the past but are now not able to because of illness or infirmity.

The only other statistic that I want to mention at this time is that around 30% of those attending church on an average Sunday are under the age of twenty-five. I mention it because it is easy to think that a younger generation has abandoned the Church, but, in fact, many are at worship week by week and that gives us an opportunity to make an impression on minds and habits of devotion which could be critical for the future of the Church of Ireland (and to some degree for the whole Christian Church) in this part of the world.

A great deal of analysis still needs to be done on the figures to see what other encouragements and warnings

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that they might yield but I want to make a few general remarks to put the figures in a wider context.

The first is that size isn't everything. There are some very small Church of Ireland communities where a very high percentage of the population are very faithful in church attendance and in providing a witness in the communities where they live. Equally there are places where we are numerically very strong but where attendance is not so good and where our vocation as witness to the resurrection life is not good. We need to learn the lessons of these examples and not to shy away from them. Not least we can learn that a small number of people committed to being examples of the love of God in their community will have an influence far beyond their number.

Of course deep beneath the attendance figures lie living, believing and praying people. Our people: you and me. And statistics shouldn't be allowed to draw our attention away from the fact that we are surrounded by people who have a spiritual (indeed and an eternal) aspect to their lives which is often tender and always sacred.

As our horizons have expanded through the findings of science and the use of technology, there is always the danger that we will, consciously or unconsciously, assume that we are not significant to God as individuals. In a cosmos of hundreds of thousands of galaxies most of which are bigger than our own, what difference does it make if I believe or live out my beliefs.

In a world that is so complexly inter-related that a trader over-confidently selling a particular type of mortgage in New York can cause the collapse of half a dozen European economies, what does it really matter how I behave?

Even at a personal level where we now know that we inherit many characteristics and tendencies both in health and temperament more or less from the moment of our conception, what can I do to make that different (or to make a difference) amidst all the other struggles which life brings?

But against all the statistics in the world and all of the forces that seem to leave us little room for personal responsibility or initiative, we need to set the promises of the Gospel and the gift of the Spirit.

It is both individuals and communities who have the courage and the determination to say that we will not allow anything to be an excuse for not reaching out through the love of God and with all the values of His Kingdom, who will not be slaves to statistics or to other deep-seated forces which the gospel gives us assurance can be marginalised and overcome.

+John

## Bishop John McDowell and his daughter, Dorothy, reflect on C.S. Lewis as the 50th anniversary of Lewis' death is observed

### C.S. Lewis – the Belfastman, the writer

By Bishop John McDowell



Because he died on the same day that President Kennedy was assassinated (22<sup>nd</sup> November 1963), the passing of C. S. Lewis, one of the great prophets of his age, passed almost unremarked. Perhaps the only random connection between the two events was that the fatal shots in Dallas were fired from a Book Depository. The

succinct beauty of Austen Farrer's eulogy at Lewis' funeral would only ever be known to a few enthusiasts. On a sunny day in early September in 1971, I went to a cupboard outside the Headmaster's study in the Belfast school I attended which contained a small library of books thought to be especially suitable to supplement the reading of pupils studying for public examinations to look for something interesting to read.

The collection of books had been the inspiration of the only female teacher in an all boy's school and my motives were mixed. I chose two thin paperbacks. One was the first volume of Evelyn Waugh's *Sword of Honour* trilogy and the other was C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. In my ignorance I thought a book by a female author might put me in fine favour along with the Lewis, who I knew was an Belfastman.

He must also be the only man or woman who underwent at least the final phase of his conversion while travelling in a motor bike sidecar on his way to Whipsnade zoo.

They were among the first books that I found true delight in, even joy, to use a favourite word of Lewis. Both were revolutionary in their own way.

Waugh's literary technique numbered him (believe it or not) among the modernists for a time, and his ability to establish a character in two or three lines of dialogue still seems to be almost a miracle to me.

Lewis' book was really a collection of Broadcast talks he had been asked to make during the Second World War, and they still bear the marks of the issues which war can raise. But the technique of broadcasting religious topics, especially by a layman, was rather unusual especially in an organisation like the BBC.

Disliked then and now by many academic theologians, Lewis was always understandable (but never easy). His children's fiction was also thought to be a bit under par by his friend J.R.R. Tolkien, but is read with real happiness by millions of children today, and has the merit of not attracting po-faced zealots in the way that *The Lord of the Rings* has.

Lewis has, however, attracted a legion of academic researchers and biographers, the latest being the

noted Northern Irish theologian, Alistair McGrath, whose recent biography of Lewis is genuinely novel, authoritative and readable.

Remembered and read today for his children's books and his Christian apologetics, especially in the USA (where they are less sniffy about intelligible theology than in Europe), his greatest works are those in his academic speciality - Medieval and Renaissance Literature. To read his wonderful *History of English Literature in the Sixteenth Century* is to be transported to the English School in Oxford in the 1940s and to appreciate why he was such a star turn as a lecturer.

In more recent years, Lewis became something of a living presence to me. St Mark's, Dundela, where I was rector for almost ten years, was the place of his baptism and confirmation. His grandfather was rector there and on the south side aisle there is a very unusual stained glass window which Lewis and his brother Warren had erected in memory of their parents, both parishioners of Dundela, his mother dying tragically young.

Many people (some of whom said that they owed him their soul) made pilgrimages to the church, indeed often boatloads of Americans arrived, usually joining in our worship if they were there on Sundays or Saints days.

Almost all of them were shown around by a parishioner, the late Tony Wilson, an incomparable guide and gentleman. One of Lewis' few remaining blood relatives was a faithful parishioner and I continue to sit on the Trustee Body of a sporting association with one of the descendants of Lewis' longest-lasting friend, Arthur Greeves.

Every day in those years, I walked or drove past Little Lea, the house of "long corridors and empty rooms" which inspired an important scene in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and looked up at the Castlereagh Hills where Lewis loved to walk during his annual trips home. It had been built by his father and was, according to Lewis, a good example of his father's gift for being swindled.

Probably mistakenly, I feel I know him.

### A Teenager's Account of C.S. Lewis

By Dorothy McDowell

A lion, a lamppost and a girl named Lucy, what do they have in common?

Much as it sounds like the start of a very bad joke, it's actually the formula for one of the greatest children's novels of all time. And a winning formula it turned out to be because now, some seventy years after it was written, you'd be hard pressed to find someone who hasn't read *The Lion The Witch And The Wardrobe*.

But why has C.S. Lewis' work survived so long? How has a novel that could so easily have become outdated managed to connect with children born decades after its author's death?

If asked, practically everyone could give you a different answer to this but life's too short to go stopping random people in the street, so I shall attempt to cover the question on my own.

The Narnia books stand, if not alone, in a sparsely populated area of children's books where it isn't always evident that there's going to be a happy ending. About

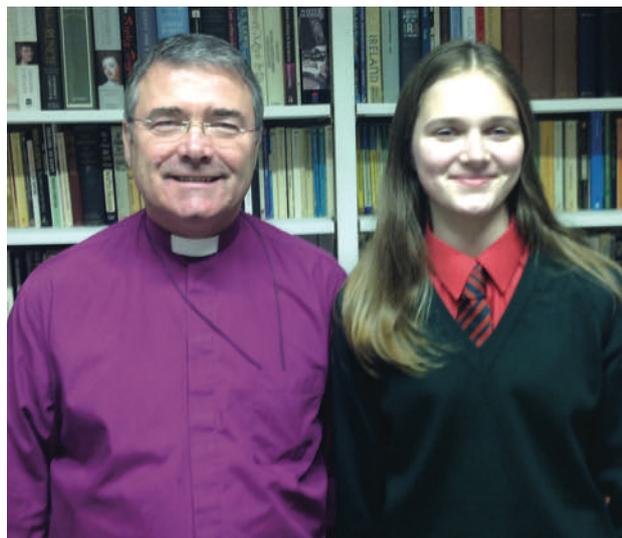
halfway through you have to stop and think, 'Hang on, I'm not sure they're going to get out of this'.

This is helped, in no small part, by the presence of genuinely scary villains – I should be several years too old for being scared of characters in books, but the thought of meeting Queen Jadis still sends shivers down my spine. And this, though it may not sound it, is a good thing: nothing's predictable, nothing's obvious, you want to keep reading to see what happens.

They are also almost completely free from figures of authority – parents, teachers, anything of that order. There's the Professor and his housekeeper, but they don't really count, there are older siblings, but they're still children.

This not only widens the limits of what the main characters can do but it also has a certain appeal to young readers - the idea that, no matter how disastrous the consequences of it may be, people like them are in control.

But, above all else, what makes these stories special is that they are believable. Yes, they're set in a place with an eternal winter; yes, they're about centaurs and fauns; yes, one of their main characters is a talking lion; but when you're reading them you really feel like you could get up, climb into the nearest wardrobe and walk straight in to Narnia. And, even more than that, you want to.



You want to meet Aslan, and Mr Tumnus, and Beaver, and Lucy, and Edmund, and Susan, and Peter. You want to inhabit their world. Granted you'd probably be turned into a stone statue by the end of the week, but still...

Narnia survives because we want it to, and I have no doubt that in another fifty years' time someone else will be sitting trying to think how to start an article on the magic of a lion a witch and a wardrobe.

## ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

### Church leaders call on rich nations for food security



Archbishop Barry Morgan

The Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Derby have written to the UK Government to press their Australian counterparts to ensure that a priority for the G20 in Brisbane this year will be ending the scandal of 1 billion people going hungry every day.

Most Revd Dr Barry Morgan of Wales and Rt Revd Alastair Redfern, who is the Church of England's spokesperson on

international development, have written to Prime Minister David Cameron on behalf of the Anglican Alliance, which brings together development, relief and advocacy across the Anglican Communion.

Food security is a priority for the Anglican Alliance which supported the work of Anglicans in responding to the famine in the Horn of Africa in 2011, and to the food crises facing communities in Asia and the Pacific. In their letter, the two leaders said that progress had been made at the 2013 G20 Summit giving priority to food security, with a focus on smallholder and family

farmers, and the empowerment of women, who are the majority of small scale farmers.

"We in the Anglican Church, which is present in many of the world's poorest countries, have as a key part of our mission to overcome poverty and injustice, a commitment to ensure that no-one has to go hungry in a world of such plenty. We see it as a priority that the world's 20 richest nations should do everything in our power to overcome the hunger that still affects so many of our fellow human beings," they said.

The Anglican Alliance is a charitable company and part of the world-wide Anglican Communion with 88 million members in over 160 countries, including a major presence in 13 of the G20 countries. About half of all Anglicans are in Africa, including in some of the poorest countries where hunger and poverty are major problems.



### Archbishop of York claims church is more popular than football

The Archbishop of York has claimed the church is more popular than football.

In a Christmas message, Dr John Sentamu, said an estimated 15 million people in England go to church on Christmas Day.

Writing in The Sun, the Ugandan-born cleric said: "Churchgoing is often associated with words like 'decline' but it is still the biggest weekly gathering there is in our



**Archbishop John Sentamu**

country, outstripping combined attendance at football matches every week - and we don't even get a supplement on Monday with all the best bits!"

The archbishop said the Church of England conducts 1,000 weddings, 2,000 christenings and 3,000 funerals every week, and one million children go to 5,000 Church of England schools every day.

The church supports communities over the festive period with food banks, domestic refuges, hospital visits and homeless shelters, Dr Sentamu said.

Inviting people to church, the former Yorkshire Man of the Year added: "Faith is woven so deeply into our society that those who seek to write it off are often confounded by the way in which the church is involved in all areas of life."

## Anglican Church in Namibia admits its first nuns



The Diocese of Namibia of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa made history recently when it admitted its first celibate nuns during a ceremony held at the Onekwaya West Mission Station in the Ohangwena Region.

The Church's secretary and treasurer, Father Lukas Kaluwapa Katenda, said three young Namibian women took their vows of celibacy, poverty and obedience as Sisters of the Order of the Good Samaritan, a new religious order in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. "This is the first in the history of the Anglican Church in Namibia," he said.

## Archbishop Welby affirms his commitment to reconciliation between Eastern and Western churches

The Archbishop of Canterbury affirmed his commitment to the reconciliation of Eastern and Western churches during a meeting with His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in Istanbul.

During their meeting Archbishop Justin said that Patriarch Bartholomew had been "an example of peace and reconciliation, politically, with the natural world, and in his historic visit to the installation of His Holiness Pope Francis I. "Such reconciliation is very dear to my heart and is one of my key priorities. It is the call of Christ that all may be one so that the world

may see. We want to carry the cross of our divisions, but be filled with the hope and joy that comes from the grace and the love of Jesus."

Archbishop Justin travelled to Istanbul at the invitation of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who occupies the First Throne of the Orthodox Christian Church.



**The Archbishop of Canterbury and All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.**

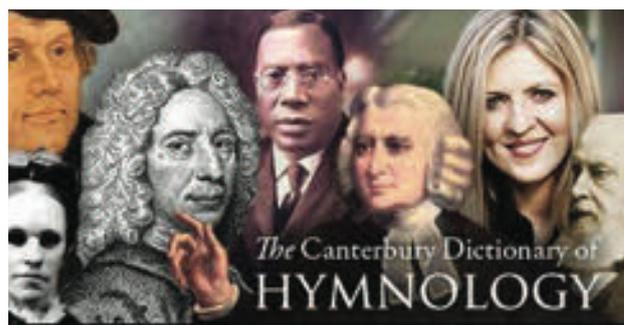
## Australian Priest presides at her centenary Eucharist

There have been many 'firsts' for Anglican women in recent years, but the Eucharist celebrated by the Revd Elizabeth Alfred must outshine them all, as she presided at Holy Communion on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!

The service took place in Melbourne, Australia. Frail after some weeks of illness, she had feared she might have to abort her long-held dream of presiding on her 100th birthday.

After the service she said during her recent illness "she had been upheld by the prayers of all her friends, and the knowledge that Jesus was always beside me."

## Hymnology dictionary launched



A new web-based resource called "The Canterbury Dictionary of the Hymnology" has been launched. It is the first attempt to replace John Julian's "A Dictionary of Hymnology" (first publishing in 1892) in more than a century.

It is intended to be an essential reference resource for scholars of global hymnody, with information on the hymns of many countries and languages.

The dictionary includes more than 4,000 individual entries on writers, composers, hymns and songs, and feature articles on major figures and movements in worldwide hymnology.

# CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

## Statement on Haass proposals by the Archbishop of Armagh



Archbishop  
Richard Clarke

'Although deeply disappointed, as so many must be, that full agreement between the five political parties of Northern Ireland on the Haass proposals has not been reached at this juncture, we still hope for future rapprochement. We are truly grateful to the huge efforts put in by Dr Richard Haass, Professor Meghan O'Sullivan

and their team. We continue to pray that their careful groundwork will indeed come to valuable fruition in the future.

One of the most powerful biblical concepts that we can reflect on is the word "forbearance". It is not the same as patience, although it is clearly associated with it. Forbearance essentially means not demanding everything we believe we could legitimately or even reasonably demand of another person; it is a "holding back" of ourselves in a spirit of generosity. It describes God's dealings with humankind and it is what God therefore demands of us in our dealings with one another. A spirit of forbearance within us all is assuredly a prerequisite to a good and wholesome future in 2014 for Northern Ireland.

Dr Haass used an interesting phrase when he said that the time had come "to fish or cut bait". The origins of this phrase in the nineteenth century suggested a third option - "to fish, cut bait, or leave the boat". Further time cutting bait may be necessary for our political leaders but none must metaphorically leave the boat. The people of Northern Ireland deserve a renewed and strenuous collaborative effort for an authentic peace from all those involved in its political processes.'

## Pat Storey consecrated as Bishop of Meath & Kildare

The Service of Ordination and Consecration of the Revd Pat Storey as Bishop of Meath and Kildare took place at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin on 30th November 2013, the Feast of St Andrew.

The service – an historic event as the first woman bishop was consecrated in these islands – was led by the Archbishop of Dublin, The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson and the preacher was the Revd Nigel Parker, Rector of the Parish of St Comgall, Bangor.

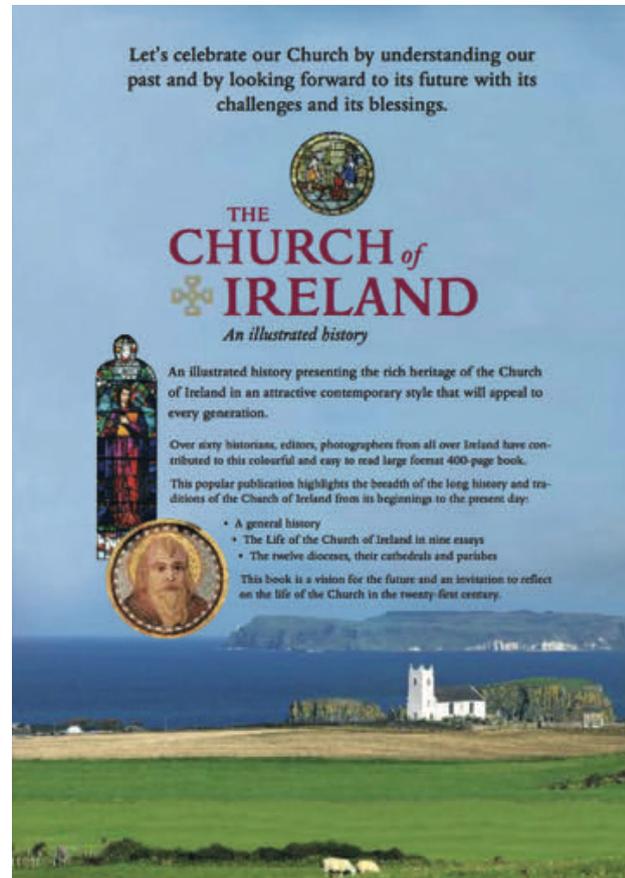
The congregation brought together over 500 people drawn from across the Church of Ireland and wider Irish society.

A reception was held in the State Apartments at Dublin Castle following the service.

## Church of Ireland illustrated history



A superbly produced, colourful and comprehensive new book entitled *The Church of Ireland – An Illustrated History* published by Booklink has been launched in both Belfast and Dublin.



The new 400-page book is produced in hardback and full-colour. The Archbishop of Armagh and Archbishop of Dublin state in their foreword to it: "This volume comprises the work of over sixty historians, editors and photographers from all over Ireland with a diverse range of interests and approaches.

"Each tells the story of the Church in his or her own way and the variety of this material reflects the diversity within the Church of Ireland itself. This book achieves the remarkable task of covering every group of parishes, with illustrations of over two thirds of all the churches."

Copies of the book can be purchased from the Diocesan Office (telephone 028 66 347879) for a reduced price of £20.

## Campaigner's posthumous gift given to Ireland's first woman bishop

A cross which was left as a gift by one of Ireland's foremost campaigners for the ordination of women was presented to the Bishop of Meath and Kildare, the Most Revd Pat Storey.

Daphne Wormell left the cross in her will in 2001 with the request that it be presented to the first woman



bishop in the Church of Ireland. Bishop Storey received the cross when she launched Daphne's biography "With Dignity and Grace" by Daphne Wormell and her daughter Julia Turner.

Daphne Wormell first made the case for women priests in 1970. In 1996 she was awarded an honorary MA degree by Dublin University for her work in this area and for her contribution to Trinity College Dublin. In November 2000 she and four other women celebrated the 25th anniversary of their commissioning as female lay readers in the Church of Ireland. She was also chair of the Women's Ministry Group.

### Church of Ireland E-Bulletin

The Church of Ireland Press Office has launched a new free monthly e-bulletin.

It highlights a selection of items of interest relating to the witness and work of the Church of Ireland from around the dioceses and across the island and leads to various new articles on the Church of Ireland and Diocesan websites – to receive the e-bulletin directly to your mailbox as it is issued, simply go to [www.ireland.anglican.org/eBulletin](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/eBulletin)

### Bishops meet with Political Leaders

The bishops from the Northern Province of the Church of Ireland had the opportunity to meet with the leaders of the five main political parties in Northern Ireland in a series of individual meetings during January 2014.

These were informal discussions exploring themes of peace making, reconciliation and working together for the good of the whole community. The bishops welcomed the opportunity to meet and discuss these topics with them.

### Overwhelming response to Typhoon Haiyan Disaster Appeal

The Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal would like to thank all parishes and individuals who have contributed to the Philippines emergency relief fund. Nearly €120,000 and nearly £40,000 has been received by Bishops' Appeal

for the Philippines and these figures are being added to daily. The money is being released to Christian Aid and Tearfund partners on the ground in different parts of the Islands and the feedback has detailed the shock and devastation of the people who, amidst their suffering, are full of gratitude for the international support.

Money donated is being used to provide basic food, water, water purification tablets, tarpaulin, soap, hygiene kits and medical supplies.

Donations can still be made by sending a cheque to: Bishops' Appeal, Church of Ireland House, Church Avenue, Dublin 6 or by contacting Lydia Monds on 00 353 1 4125610.

### Standing Committee News

The Standing Committee of the General Synod met during November 2013 in Dublin and was chaired by the Archbishop of Armagh and the Archbishop of Dublin. The meeting was opened with a scripture reading and prayers led by Archdeacon George Davison.

Members congratulated the Revd Pat Storey with applause on her election as Bishop of Meath & Kildare, and the Bishop of Connor was congratulated on his recent election to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

### Guide Promise

The Honorary Secretaries reported that they are to meet with the Chief Guide of Girlguiding UK, Ms Gill Slocombe, and other Guides representatives, relating to the new Girlguiding promise. They will be joined by the Bishop of Down & Dromore, Mr Andrew Brannigan and Mrs Hilary McClay.

### Legislation

Submissions by the Church of Ireland to the Irish Government in relation to the Employment Equality Acts 1998–2001, and also the Constitutional Convention and Blasphemy were considered.

### Clergy Pensions Board

Mrs Brigid Barrett was appointed to represent General Synod on the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Board.



### Reports

A number of reports were received: an interim report of the Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief; a report from the Church of Ireland Historiographer, Dr Kenneth Milne; a report from the Revd Ása Björk Ólafsdóttir on the Methodist Conference held in Carrickfergus; a report from the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church which took place in Edinburgh from the Venerable George Davison and a report from the Revd James Harries (of the Church in Wales, representing all of the Anglican Celtic Churches in an observer capacity) on the Meissen Commission Meeting held in Bradford, England.

# DIOCESAN NEWS

## Diocesan Ministry of Healing

The Diocesan Ministry of Healing are holding a support and information evening on the subject of depression. The speaker will be Mr Raymond Farrell. The evening is open to anyone, and will provide information to sufferers of depression, anyone who feels they may be suffering from depression, or family members, also anyone who wishes to know about the illness. It is hoped that advice on places where help may be given will also be provided.

The event will be held in the Hillard Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 8:00pm on Thursday 13th March 2014.

The committee would appreciate support from clergy and parishioners across the Diocese.

## Diocesan Missionary Sunday

Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission are proposing that the 2nd Sunday in February be known as Missionary Sunday throughout the diocese, which falls on 9th February in 2014. Another Sunday in February could be used if for some reason the 9th is not suitable for certain parishes. On this Sunday it is hoped that the theme of Mission will be addressed at Church services, or a speaker from a recognised Missionary Society be invited to take part in Church services.

## Kesh Rural Deanery Praise Service



A large crowd of young, and the young-at-heart, from Kesh Rural Deanery and beyond gathered in the Fountain Centre, Kesh for a praise service on the evening of Sunday 24th November. The service was organised by the clergy of Kesh Rural Deanery, namely Archdeacon Cecil

Pringle, Canon Glenn West, Revd Henry Blair, Revd Alan Irwin and Revd Ngozi Njoku. The parishes of the Rural Deanery include Belleek, Castle Archdale, Colaghty, Derryvullen North, Drumkeeran, Garrison, Kiltyclogher, Magheraculmoney, Muckcross, Slavin and Templecarne.



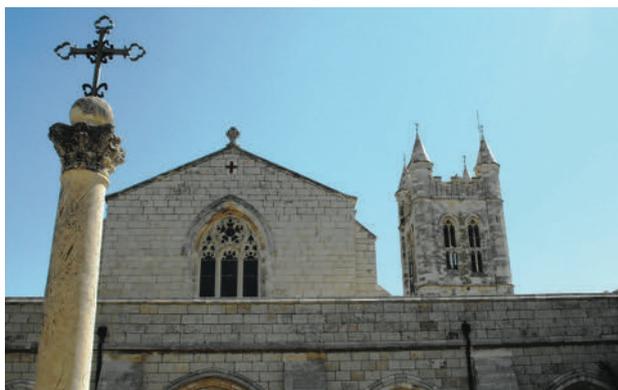
The Rural Dean, the Revd Canon Glenn West, opened the evening with a word of welcome, and introduced the praise band 'Committed' from Colaghty Parish, who led the worship. Comprising of eight talented young musicians, including vocals, keyboard, accordion, violins, guitars, bass and drums, the band's lively music provided a great opportunity for those present to join together in praise and worship. The prayers were led by Jason Blair and Rachel Crawford of Maghaculmoney parish, and the Revd Ngozi Njoku, Rector of the Garrison Group of Parishes, read a lesson from John 10 about the Good Shepherd, and preached an inspiring address on the subject. Revd Ngozi also gave her own personal testimony and spoke about the abundant joy which Jesus gives when we live a life devoted to him, removing the mask of our own dignity, and living instead in the integrity of Jesus.



A retiring collection of £396.90 was raised for Bishops' Appeal going to support the Philippines disaster.

The evening concluded with refreshments and fellowship. The clergy of the rural deanery are hoping to jointly run other events in the future.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land



St. George's Cathedral Jerusalem

Clogher Diocese are organising a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land during Lent 2015. This will be led by the Rt. Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, the Revd Canon David Skuce and the Revd Canon Glenn West.

For further details contact Revd Canon David Skuce on 028 677 21250.

# DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## February 2014

Saturday 1st February – **St Brigid (white)**.

**Sunday 2nd February – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (white)**.

Sunday 2nd February – **Marriage Matters** evening with Bishop Ken Clarke and his wife Helen in Holy Trinity Parish, Dromore at 8.00pm. Book your place by contacting James on 028 82898246 or jamessthegrey@hotmail.com

Thursday 6th February – **CMSI Annual Project Pit-Stop ‘God’s Big Family’** at 4.30pm in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. The event offers a chance for people to ‘drop-in’ (at any time between 4:30pm and 6:30pm). Further information on the Annual Project is available on CMS Ireland’s website or by contacting their office in Belfast on 028 90775020.

Thursday 6th February – **Clogher Clerical Association** in St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen at 10.00am commencing with a service of Holy Communion and followed by the AGM. Speaker: Bishop John McDowell.

Friday 7th February – **Parish Dance** in the Unionist Hall, Enniskillen. Proceeds in aid of Cleenish Parish.

**Sunday 9th February – The Fourth Sunday before Lent (green)**.

Sunday 9th February – **Clogher Diocesan Missionary Sunday**: Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission is encouraging each parish throughout the Diocese to focus on Mission on the second Sunday of February and if this is not suitable on another Sunday in February. Clergy are asked to either speak on mission or invite a speaker from a recognised Missionary Society.

Thursday 13th February – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in St Macartin’s Cathedral from 1.05-1.35pm.

Friday 14th February – **Concert** in Aghadrumsee Orange Hall with ‘Wee Tom’.

Saturday 15th February – **MU Prayer Breakfast** in the Killyhevlin Hotel from 9.30–11.30am. Speaker: Revd Canon Kathy Trimby. All welcome (including men!). Cost £8/€10 paid in advance. Details from your Branch Leader or Valerie Stewart (Vice President Faith and Policy Unit) tel: 07753253397.

Saturday 15th February – **Annual Beetle Drive** in Aghabog Parish Hall at 8.00pm. Organised by the Bowling Club. All are welcome.

Saturday 15th February – **Table Quiz** in Tempo Church Hall at 8.00pm.

**Sunday 16th February – The Third Sunday before Lent (green)**.

Sunday 16th February – **Special Evening Service of Top 10 Favourite Hymns** in St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.00pm.

Monday 17th February – **Booking available for MU General Meeting**. Contact your branch leader to register as soon as possible as places go quickly!

Monday 17th February – **Ardess Historical Society** meeting in Ardess Parish Centre, Kesh. Speaker: Neil Armstrong.

Wednesday 19th February – **Can’t Cook Won’t Cook** event at 8.00pm. Organised by Dromore Parish MU. The Chef for the evening is Shirley Kerr and the contestants are Derek Thornton and Revd James Boyd. Any donations will assist the Fields of Life Team from the parish.

**Sunday 23rd February – The Second Sunday before Lent (green)**.

Sunday 23rd February – **Commissioning Service for the MU Trustee Body** at 7.00pm in Garvary Parish Church. All members are welcome to attend this Service and support the members of the Trustee Body. The Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, will be the preacher.

Thursday 27th February – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in St Macartin’s Cathedral from 1.05-1.35pm.

Friday 28th February – **Aghavea Annual Gospel Concert** at 8.00pm in the Church Hall. James Strange with Justified and supporting artists. Tickets £6 including supper are available from members of the Select Vestry or the Rectory (028 8953 1210).

Friday 28th February – **Invitation to Anniversary Meal** at 7.30pm in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen to mark the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Cathedral Halls. Tickets are available (adults £7.50 and children £5.00) from the churchwardens or the Cathedral Office.

## March 2014

**Sunday 2nd March – The Sunday before Lent (white or green)**.

Wednesday 5th March – **Ash Wednesday (Violet)**.

Friday 7th March – **Women’s World Day of Prayer** in Cleenish Parish at 8.00pm.

Friday 7th March – **Women’s World Day of Prayer** in St Finbarre’s Parish, Carrickmacross. Theme: ‘Streams in the Desert’ by the women of Egypt.

Friday 7th March – **Women’s World Day of Prayer** in St Macartin’s Cathedral, Clogher at 8.00pm.

Friday 7th March – **Women’s World Day of Prayer** in Derryvullen North Parish at 8.45pm. Speaker: Miss Kate Doherty.

**Sunday 9th March – The First Sunday in Lent (Violet)**.

Thursday 13th March – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in St Macartin’s Cathedral from 1.05-1.35pm.

Thursday 13th March – **Support Information Evening on Depression** organised by Clogher Diocesan Ministry of Healing in the Hilliard Room, St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 8.00pm. Speaker: Raymond Farrell.

Friday 14th March – **Concert** with Monaghan Gospel Choir and Murley Silver Band in St Macartin’s Cathedral, Clogher at 8.00pm. Proceeds to the Cathedral Repair Fund.

Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd March 2014 – **Marriage Preparation Course** hosted by Fivemiletown & Dromore Parishes. Friday 21st from 7.30-9.30pm. Saturday 22nd from 9.30am-1.30pm. Venue: Fivemiletown Parish Hall. Cost: £60 per couple. To register please contact your minister or phone 028 9146 8846 or email admin@cguidelines.org.uk.

Sunday 23rd March – **Special Service** to celebrate the re-opening and refurbishment of the Garrison Parish Church.

Sunday 23rd March – **Eve of Saint Macartin’s Day Choral Evensong** in St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.00pm. Preacher: The Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Revd Richard Clarke.

Thursday 27th March – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral from 1.05-1.35pm.

## April 2014

Sunday 13th April – **Kesh Rural Deanery Easter Praise Service** (featuring the joint choirs) on Palm Sunday in Derryvullen North Parish Church, Irvinestown at 7.00pm. Hospitality to follow in the parish hall.

Saturday 26th April – **Galloon Parish Auction** at 12.00noon in the Church Hall, Newtownbutler. We need a supply of sell-able items so please start looking now. Collection and storage can be arranged. Contact William Little on 028 677 38676.

## May 2014

Friday 2nd May – **MU Area Service** in St Maldoid's, Castleblayney at 8.00pm.

Friday 16th May – **MU Area Service** in Aghavea Parish Church at 8.00pm.

Friday 16th May – **MU Area Service** in Inishmacsaint Parish Church at 8.00pm.

## June 2014

Friday 6th - Sunday 8th June 2014 – **Cleenish Flower Festival**

Sunday 8th June – **Pentecost Sunday Ecumenical Gathering** at St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher at 3.00pm. Led by the Bishops of Clogher, The Most Revd Dr Liam MacDaid and the Rt Revd John McDowell.

Wednesday 18th June – **Deadline for Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and Bishop's Medal 2014 competition.** All entries should be either left in the Diocesan Office or sent to the CDBRE secretary: Joyce Clingan, 37 Meadow Farm, Garvary, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, BT74 4QS. Organised by Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education.

Saturday 21st June – **MU General Meeting** in the Waterfront Hall, Belfast at 10.30am. Click for more details

## July 2014

Tuesday 22nd - Saturday 26th July 2014 – **Annual Massive Second-hand Book Sale** in the Church Hall, Newtownbutler.

This is an event not to be missed by any one who likes books. We would welcome donations of books of all kinds. We can arrange to accept your delivery or we can arrange to collect large amounts. Contact William Little on 028 677 38676 to arrange.

## August 2014

Friday 1st - Monday 4th August 2014 – **Commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War** with displays, events and a special service in Lisbellaw Parish Church.

## September 2014

Sunday 21st September – **Tercentenary Service of Celebration** at 7.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. In 2014 USPG (now called Us) celebrates 300 years of overseas mission. The first president of the society in Ireland was, the then Bishop of Clogher.

Thursday 25th September – **Diocesan Synod** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 4.30pm.

## MOTHERS' UNION NEWS



Dear Fellow Members  
It is difficult to think that we are at the start of another year in the Mothers' Union calendar. Thank you for your support and care for the Mothers' Union over the past year, and especially to me as I attempt to come to grips with my role as Diocesan President. As

we start this New Year, it is wonderful to remember that God is with us at all times, not just as we remember the God made flesh in the incarnation of his Son, Jesus, but throughout our journey into a New Year, - to shepherd us, to guide, direct, even to rebuke us, but still, like a loving parent to welcome us with loving and caring arms when we need forgiveness.

"Thou shall call him Emmanuel" – God with us, so spoke the Angel to Joseph. He is with us; he understands what we are going through, whatever that may be; he not only sympathises with our pain, he empathises with every situation.

May you each be aware of his presence and peace in 2014 and at all times, and may we all be aware of his guidance as we "Sow the future together", our theme for 2014.

Yours in Christ  
Margaret

## Prayer Breakfast

The Faith and Policy Unit is organising a Prayer Breakfast in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 15th February from 9.30-11.30am. The Speaker will be the Revd Canon Kathy Trimby, All Ireland Faith and Policy Co-ordinator. Cost: £8/€10. Please contact your Branch Leader or send your booking to Valerie Stewart (Vice President Faith and Policy Unit) with a cheque made payable to Clogher Diocesan MU Account. We would be very pleased to welcome non-members and men!

## Commissioning Service

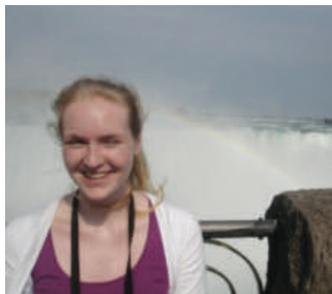
A Commissioning Service for the Trustee Body will be held on Sunday 23rd February at 7.00pm in Garvary Parish Church. All members are welcome to attend this service and support the members of the Trustee Body. The Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, will be the preacher.

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held, this year, in the Waterfront Hall on Saturday 21st June preceded on Friday evening 20th June by a service in St Anne's Cathedral. Tickets are required for both these events. Cost £8.50. Please contact your Branch Leader for more information.

# YOUTH NEWS

## My Trip to Canada!



I arrived in Toronto Airport on the 28th June with my three friends, (Sophie Robinson, Alice Rooney and Jane Simpson). I was surprised to see that it was raining, and so I felt right at home!

Pastor Anne picked us up at the Airport, and we headed off to our new home in Brampton, Ontario!

The First week we spent our time sightseeing, visiting the CN Tower, Toronto Zoo and of course- Niagara Falls. It was fantastic! When I stood beside the Falls I got completely soaked, which was lovely as it was 30 degrees that particular day!

On Sundays we went to the Church of the Nazarene where we would be taking part in the Vacation Bible School. I could not believe how culturally diverse the church was as there were people from Spain, Trinidad and Tabago, Scotland and Canada! We were greeted with open arms and kisses and felt really welcome. We even got the nickname 'JARS' by Hugh!

Every Tuesday evening we attended a Bible study at the Church of the Nazarene. I was surprised to hear that all the people sang the songs in Spanish. I found this really effective as I really thought about the words I was singing! We focused on the book of Exodus.

Once a month the Church get together and pray for the area of Brampton by holding a Breakfast Morning. Each member of the church brings an item to share. It was the biggest breakfast I have ever eaten with a variety of fruit, toast, croissants, cheese and cinnamon rolls! I thought this was a brilliant idea which I think would work well in my church.



The Vacation Bible School started on the 8th July. I was really excited but very nervous as I was doing the Bible Story and memory verse. It turned out that so many children came I

had to do the story three times a day! We had nearly one hundred children. By doing VBS I saw how God answered my prayers, because I didn't think I would be able to remember the Bible story in detail, but the story was on Paul's missionary journeys which I had studied in RE. Also I didn't know why God was telling me to keep on History of Art for A Level but VBS was themed on Athens and all of the Temples there, and the children in Canada were curious about it and I could tell them all about them! Finally, I could not believe how little the children knew about God and Christianity at the start of VBS and then I could not get over how much knowledge they took in throughout the five days. It was amazing.

To finish off Vacation Bible School I decided to have a quiz - boys v girls. The children were excited as they knew I would have sweets as prizes.

For the quiz, I found a little house with loads of doors on it. I decided to put points inside each door and sweets. It was funny as the boys were winning and then on the last question the girls opened a door with 50 points and won!

The last day of VBS was sad as I knew I would probably never see these children again. So they decided to get my autograph!

To finish off VBS there was a Barbeque. All of the leaders were there and we played games. I have never had so much fun. We played consequences, Mafia and Pyramids.



My trip to Canada was a worthwhile and memorable experience. I loved working with the Church of the Nazarene and the children from the area. I could not believe how God had answered all of my prayers and how well the children responded to my teaching. I would love to do something like this again in

the future as I have gained so much spiritually from it. Thank you so much to the Diocesan Board of Mission for their donation towards my trip and for all your prayers. They were really helpful!

Rosalind Saunderson

## Young Adults Retreat Weekend

A sleepy west of Ireland town seemed the ideal place to arrange a quiet retreat weekend for young adults. But as we arrived it was quite clear that Ballybofey was far from a backwater. Evening traffic had created a city-like back log of traffic and the streets were full of shoppers and people in a festive spirit. Could it really be six weeks to Christmas.



Alain Emerson

However true to their nature the young adults, all 54 of them, embraced the setting and made the most of what was happening. The cosy fire in the hotel reception, the Johnny Cash Tribute band, the 300 wedding party and of course McElhinney's!





But these were only incidentals. We had gathered to go deeper in our faith together. To be challenged and inspired and that truly was the outcome. Our speaker for the weekend was Alain Emerson the former Crusader's footballer and now church leader. As we gathered for our first session on the Friday evening Alain explain the "Way of Grace". He spoke about God's unconditional love for us and His purposes in our lives. How He seeks to not only "bring us out of Egypt but also, as with the children of Israel, bring Egypt out of us!" Alain encouraged us to journey through the weekend to discover what God's plan was for us and to begin living it.

Breakfast the following morning was welcome after falling asleep to the strains of yet another Johnny Cash ballad from the function room below. This was not a prayer and fasting weekend but one designed to allow time for rest, relaxation and reflection. Alain's second section, "The Way of Intention", allowed us to see the importance of intentionality in our lives. God is calling us on a journey with Him which begins by our deciding to give time and space for him to speak to us. Time to

spend alone with Him to hear His voice. Time to allow Him to speak into our lives and encourage and challenge us. This will require a disciplined approach, as without an intention it will always remain an unfulfilled hope. The morning ended with time for us all to "get away"

to a place with God and take time to reflect on the call for time alone with our Lord in the busyness of our lives. This message proved to be a very apt for us all as work and life so often makes heavy demands on us and it is too easy to neglect our relationship with Christ. This was a weekend with the perfect balance. Time to be reinvigorated spiritually, to worship and fellowship together with Alain. Making new friends. Walk in the woods, or searching the shops together. Stopping for tea and coffee and hearing each other's stories.

We departed excited and refreshed; eager for our next meeting and resolved to make time more often for the grace of God in our lives.



## CHILDREN'S SECTION

### Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education

Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education invites children and young people to enter the following competitions. Rectors and Sunday School Superintendents have copies of the relevant entry forms – please contact them for more details. Prizes are awarded at Diocesan Synod in September.

#### Archdeacon Ruddell Prize 2014

Using Matthew's gospel, describe in your own words and illustrate the birth, life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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

#### Bishop's Medal 2014

Using Matthew's gospel, describe and analyse the teachings of Jesus as in the parables in chapter 13 and the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5-7).

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

For both the Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and the Bishop's Medal, all entries must be original, the work of those entering and must be handwritten.

Relevant pictures, diagrams, photographs etc can be included.

Entries should be on A4 paper.

No reference should be made to the parish to which the entrant belongs.

All entries for both competitions should be either left in the diocesan office or sent to the CDBRE secretary: Joyce Clingan, 37 Meadow Farm, Garvary, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 4QS, by Wednesday 18th June 2014 please.

**COLOUR IN**



**MY EYES HAVE SEEN  
YOUR SALVATION**

# READ

## Jesus Presented in the Temple

(Luke chapter 2 verses 22-40)

Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem and took baby Jesus to the temple to say 'thank you' to God. When they were in the temple they met a man called Simeon. Simeon was a good man who loved God. God had told Simeon that before he would die, he would see Christ. Simeon took the baby Jesus in his arms and he felt really happy. Simeon realised that this was a very special baby - this baby was Christ, the Son of God - this baby had come to give people a way back to God. Simeon was so happy and he praised God for sending Jesus. Also in the temple that day was an old lady called Anna. She too was very happy. She thanked God and told the people there about Jesus.

# WORD LADDER

Fill in the missing words on the word grid (all the words you need are in the story on the left)

1. The temple was in the city of \_\_\_\_\_
2. God promised Simeon that he would see \_\_\_\_\_ before he died
3. Mary and Joseph took Jesus into the \_\_\_\_\_
4. Simeon could \_\_\_\_\_ that the baby really was God's son
5. Simeon was a \_\_\_\_\_ man
6. A lady called \_\_\_\_\_ was also in the temple that day

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Look at the 'ladder' in your grid. What was the name of the man who realised that the baby Jesus was God's son and that he had come to be the Saviour? \_\_\_\_\_

# WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?

Simeon was one of the few people who understood why God had sent His Son to earth. Sadly, even today, many people still do not really understand why Jesus came. Meeting Jesus made Simeon really happy and he praised God. Sometimes in church we sing the words Simeon used when he saw Jesus (we do this when we sing the canticle called Nunc Dimittis). We have lots of hymns and songs we use in church. Use this space to write out a verse of one of your favourites - or draw some of the things that make you happy.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Farm Diversification

CAFRE Business Start Course - this programme is aimed at farmers and farm family members who are thinking of setting up a new business. It covers issues such as marketing/e-commerce, financial planning, getting planning permission and a range of legislative issues. The programme will be run on six consecutive Thursday nights starting 6th February at 7.30pm in the Newtown Stewart 2000 Centre.

CAFRE Business Development Course - this programme is aimed at farmers and farm family members who have already set up a new farm diversification business from their family farm and are interested in seeing how they can grow it. Similar to the Business Start it will cover issues such as marketing, financial planning and a range of legislative issues. It will also look at how to access new sources of finance, selling skills and how to grow your business via the internet. - Fermanagh Area: starting Thursday 30th January @ 7.45pm in CAFRE Enniskillen Campus.

Please contact: Eamon O'Harte Tel: 028 66343100, E-Mail: eamon.oharte@dardni.gov.uk

### Count Your Blessings



As Lent approaches our thoughts often turn to what we can give up. However Lent should also be a time to reflect, pray and be thankful for the goodness of God. 'Count Your Blessings' is Christian Aid's Lent resource which contains daily reflections to help inspire people as they give thanks for God's blessings in their lives.

This year 'Count Your Blessings' focuses on the story of Wahid Fatir Mohammed Babakr and his family, living in Zanan Bchuk. Like much of northern Iraq, this village has lived through decades of conflict. After fleeing to safety during Saddam Hussein's violent campaign against the Kurdish people, Wahid returned to find the devastation to be so great he couldn't even identify his own home. Now, with the help of Christian Aid partner REACH, the village has been transformed. Through the rebuilding of homes and the building of a new reservoir, tarmac road and greenhouses, Wahid and the Zanan Bchuk community have been able to create new and better lives for themselves. "Five years ago this place was just buildings. There wasn't grass, no green, no trees" Wahid explains. "You can see the difference in our lives now. It is unimaginable."

More of Wahid's story can be read in the 'Count Your Blessings' leaflet and, by joining us on this journey, you can help bring an end to poverty for people like Wahid and his family. Starting on Ash Wednesday,

'Count Your Blessings' leads you through 40 thought-provoking reflections, uplifting stories and practical actions which can be taken in solidarity with the world's poorest people. A special version is also available for children and for those aged 16-25.

Christian Aid is also launching a 'Count Your Blessings' app. Available from Google Play or the Apple Store, the app delivers these daily reflections, along with inspirational photographs, straight to your smart phone, iPad or tablet. More information about these, and Christian Aid's other Lent resources, is available by contacting Christian Aid Ireland on 028 9064 8133 (NI) or 01 611 0801 (ROI) or by visiting [www.christianaid.ie/lent](http://www.christianaid.ie/lent)

So this year, rather than giving up treats for Lent, why not also think about what you can give?

### Young Families at Risk of Fuel Poverty

Cold damp homes affects children's health. They are more likely to suffer from respiratory illnesses, poor weight gain as infants, higher hospital admission rates, more time off school, and multiple mental health problems in adolescence.

Measures that will make homes warmer are available at no cost if you own or rent your home from a private landlord.

You may be entitled to help with: Loft and Cavity Wall Insulation; A Free Benefit Entitlement Check; A New Central Heating System.

For information on how you can make your home warmer call the Bryson Energy Advice Line 0800 1422 865.

### Local Stroke Support Group

If you or someone you know has had a stroke, you'll understand the impact it can have on daily life, from mobility problems and communication difficulties to emotional changes.

You are not alone. Come along to your local stroke group and meet others who have been affected by stroke. The group meets on Tuesdays from 11am - 1pm in Fermanagh House, Enniskillen.

### CMS Ireland Annual Project Pit-Stop

On Thursday 6th February, CMS Ireland will host an Annual Project Pit Stop in St Macartin's Halls, Enniskillen. The event offers a chance for people to 'drop-in' (at any time between 4:30pm and 6:30pm) to have a look at the new Annual Project pack and enjoy a cuppa and chat with CMS Ireland staff. Packs will be available for those wanting to pick up a copy for their Sunday School.

### God's Big Family



CMS Ireland Annual Project 2014

This year's project God's Big Family, explores what it means to be part of the worldwide church and offers a glimpse into life and faith in the 9 countries where CMS Ireland currently

work. Using Bible stories from Acts about the Early Church, the resource pack looks at how we can worship and work together in our world today.

As part of CMS Ireland's 200th Anniversary, the 2014 Annual Project aims to support all of our Global Partners, as we celebrate and work together as part of God's Big Family.

Further information on the Annual Project is available on CMS Ireland's website or by contacting their office in Belfast – 90775020.

## Churches' Community Work Alliance Rural Programme is up and running!

Churches' Community Work Alliance (CCWA) and Rural Community Network (RCN) are pleased to announce a new support programme to promote and enhance good community work in churches and faith based organisations across rural Northern Ireland.

Is your church aware of increasing social needs in your area as individuals and families struggle to cope with the pressures of everyday life? Are you interested in looking at practical ways in which your church may be able to further engage with and support local people by helping to tackle issues of poverty and disadvantage? Churches and faith based organisations have a central role to play in promoting social inclusion, equality and cohesion on their doorsteps, especially in rural areas where need is often hidden and churches remain at the core of community life. Faith based organisations have significant expertise in dealing with local issues as and when they arise. Whilst each area will have differing needs and discussions, actions may include linking into existing community services, supporting food banks and dealing with debt, social contact for the elderly and vulnerable etc.

The programme will also be promoting opportunities which arise within CCWA such as access to Flourish, a churches initiative on suicide and within RCN, a range of seminars and events, supporting rural community organisations.



Anne Donnelly and Neville Armstrong have recently taken up positions as Training and Development Officers within the programme and they are based in the offices of RCN in Cookstown.

The new programme will develop awareness, relationships and partnerships between Churches, faith based organisations, government and other community voluntary sectors. A priority will be to support the involvement of churches and faith based volunteers in social action projects which aim to alleviate poverty and improve the quality of life for people from all sections of the community living in disadvantaged rural areas. This programme will also provide a platform to bring those experiences, as well as, new innovative solutions to emerging local poverty issues to the relevant policy makers.

The programme has been funded by Department of Agriculture and Rural Development via the Department of Social Development.

For further information about this programme contact Anne or Neville on 02886766670 or email [anne.donnelly@ccwa-ni.org.uk](mailto:anne.donnelly@ccwa-ni.org.uk) or [neville.armstrong@ccwa-ni.org.uk](mailto:neville.armstrong@ccwa-ni.org.uk)

## New Data Resource from ICBAN

The Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN) have developed a new free and easy to use data resource available on the ICBAN website, to support those undertaking research, community audits, village plans or for supporting funding applications.

The site consists of 3 main sections, namely:

DataMAPPING – This interactive map-based section features a range of topics such as demography, employment/unemployment.

DataPROFILE - An electronic document containing extensive high-quality data for each Council area, with a detailed commentary on the statistics and also supplementary hyperlinks.

SummaryPROFILE – Provides data specific to each of the Council areas.

To explore this resource go to [www.icban.com/Data-Central/Overview](http://www.icban.com/Data-Central/Overview)

## Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament

Older people from across Northern Ireland can have their say on the issues that matter to them. There will be a Local Parliament held in each county across Northern Ireland, with the Fermanagh Parliament taking place in Enniskillen on Friday 7th March 2014. If you would like to attend the County Fermanagh Parliament, or request hard copies of the survey questionnaire, contact Age Sector Platform by phoning 028 90312089 or emailing [info@agesectorplatform.org](mailto:info@agesectorplatform.org). The survey can also be accessed online by visiting [www.pensionersparliament.org](http://www.pensionersparliament.org).

## Make the most of your money

Advice NI is running a free Money Advice Support Programme to help people manage their money effectively and assist those who have experienced debt to take control of their financial situation. It covers Budgeting and maximising income; Borrowing money and good/bad credit; Coping with money problems; Raising the issue of debt in the home.

The programme will run 1 evening a week (6.30pm to 8.30pm) for 4 weeks and can be attended in either February or March 2014. Individuals interested in participating on the programme can contact Michelle on 028 90645919 or email training@adviceni.net

### Be Safe Stay Safe

Leonard Cheshire Disability offers training sessions to help disabled people in Northern Ireland to feel safer in their homes and out n' about in their communities. The training is free of charge and it is a one-off session lasting just over 2 hours (including breaks). It is very informal, using activities to promote discussions between participants. A free resource pack is given to each person who attends – these contain a number of items which people can use in their homes to help improve their safety.

The training is available to all disabled people and their families, carers, friends are encouraged to attend. It is fully accessible for people with visual impairments, hearing impairments and learning disabilities. For further information go to [www.besafestayssafe.org](http://www.besafestayssafe.org) or contact Maria on Tel:07827995597 or E-mail: [Maria.mcbrearty@lcdisability.org](mailto:Maria.mcbrearty@lcdisability.org)

### Crime Prevention

Any business or retailer that would like to receive advice in relation to retail crime, security or crime

prevention should contact the Crime Prevention Officer on 0845 6008000.

### New Chapter for Northern Ireland's Charities

Compulsory charity registration began on 16th December 2013 in Northern Ireland for the first time. The move will see the Charity Commission, the independent regulator of charities, begin the process of registering the thousands of charitable organisations that are currently operating in Northern Ireland.

It also marks the opening of the Commission's new register of charities, the first official list of registered charities in Northern Ireland – a directory which will continue to grow as registration is rolled out over coming years.

The Commission's new, online registration system is now live and the first tranche of charitable organisations has been called forward by the Commission to apply for registration. Frances McCandless, Chief Executive at the Commission, added: 'I would urge any charities out there, who are perhaps a little daunted by the registration process, not to worry. Registration for charities should be a straightforward process as the information required is information that charities should be keeping anyway.' You can find out more information on registration, including checking the Commission's registration lists, at [www.charitycommissionni.org.uk](http://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk).

## PARISH NOTES

### Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt



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Please remember in your prayers all who are sick, whether in hospital, nursing homes or recovering at home.

On the 30th November and 1st December St Mark's Church Aghadrumsee was awash with colour as they held a Christmas Tree Festival. The organisers would like to thank all who worked so hard to make it such a success before, during and after the event. A special thank you must go to the Leary Family of Skea Flowers for their assistance and to the Ferguson Family



for leading the music. The Ladies Guild also express thanks to their members and to all who decorated trees and helped in any way.

We will be having a study group again this year at The Rectory. It will take place on the second, third, and fourth Mondays of February and March. We will be looking at 'Grace' and helped to do so by Max Lucado who says "We talk as though we understand the term. The bank gives us a "grace" period. The seedy politician falls from "grace." Musicians speak of a "grace" note. We describe an actress as "gracious," a dancer as "graceful." We use the word for hospitals, baby girls, kings, and pre-meal prayers. We talk as though we know what "grace" means. But do we really understand it?

Have we settled for wimpy grace? It politely occupies a phrase in a hymn, fits nicely on a church sign. Never causes trouble or demands a response." Max Lucado asks a deeper question: "Have you been changed by grace? Shaped by grace? Strengthened by grace? Emboldened by grace? Softened by grace? Snatched by the nape of your neck and shaken to your senses by grace? Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off."

Clogh Mothers' Union began 2014 with a quiz night on 6th January, their next meeting will be on 3rd February when the speaker will be the Revd Rob Clements Curate Assistant of Enniskillen Parish. Please make a note in your diary for our Speaker's night on 3rd April when we will be welcoming Joanne Dobson to speak to us about organ donation.

A concert will be held in Aghadrumsee Orange Hall on Friday 14th February, when we are looking forward to having 'Wee Tom' entertain us.

Subscribers to this Magazine are reminded that their subscription is now due.

Congratulations to Ronald and Sarah Jane Egerton on the birth of their fourth child, a daughter. Our best wishes and prayers go to them at this special time.

Over the past couple of months we have been delighted to have the joy of a number of baptisms in our group. William Keith son of Keith and Andrea Nelson was baptised in Clogh Church, Jamie Joseph son of Gary and Vanessa McVitty and Eliza Faith daughter of Adrian and Kim Forster were baptised in Aghadrumsee Church. We are delighted to welcome William, Jamie and Eliza into the church family and uphold them and their parents in our prayers.

We extend our sympathy to the McCartney family on the death of their brother Herbie in England and to Valerie Forster on the death of her aunt Mrs Moore.



Aghadrumsee Sunday School at their Carol Service

## Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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### Services

**February 2nd** 10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion; 12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion.  
**February 9th** 10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer; 12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer.  
**February 16th** 11.00am Family Service at Colebrooke.  
**February 23rd** 10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer; 12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer; 7.00pm Praise Service Colebrooke - Music led by SAS.

### SNATCH

(Sunday Night At the Church Hall) Youth Ministry Aghavea & Colebrooke  
**Sundays 2nd & 16th February at 7.30pm in Aghavea Parish Hall.** All young people of secondary school age welcome. Facebook: [www.facebook.com/snatchyf](http://www.facebook.com/snatchyf)  
Website: [snatch.colebrookeparish.org](http://snatch.colebrookeparish.org)

### GFS – Girls Friendly Society

Every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and upwards.

### Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Group meet every Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-14 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)**



Clogh Sunday School at their party, they led the Carol Service in Church the following day

## Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meet in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7.45pm. New members will be very welcome.

## Mothers' Union



Colebrooke Mothers' Union members who had a pre-Christmas visit to Crannog Antiques and had a wonderful evening hosted by David and Evelyn Hassard.

A delicious meal and laughter-filled evening at Corick House on 10th January concluded the 50th Anniversary celebrations for branch members.

On 21st January everyone was warmly welcomed to a service of Holy Communion in Colebrooke Church and afterwards to Aerobics with Lorna Mitchell.

On 18th February we will visit the Valley Fold in Fivemiletown to bring supper, entertainment and a message to the residents.

## Aghavea



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## February 2014

**Sunday 2nd** 10am Sunday School; 11am Holy Communion; 7.30pm SNATCH - Aghavea.

**Sunday 9th** 10am Sunday School; 11am Missionary Sunday - speaker: Mr Colin Morris (Crosslinks); 7pm Evening Prayer - Brooke Hall.

**Sunday 16th** 10am Sunday School; 11am Church Family Service; 7.30pm SNATCH - Aghavea.

**Sunday 23rd** 10am Sunday School; 11am Morning Prayer.

Dear friends,

Have you ever wondered what it was like when the first generation of Christians began to die out? The first disciples had walked and talked with the Lord Jesus. But they were beginning to die, mostly by martyrdom. The next generation hadn't met Jesus during the days of his life on earth; they depended on the apostles' teaching. So what do you do when the apostles are dying?

It's this very circumstance that prompts Peter's second letter. He knows that his own death is imminent (1:14), so he writes to the Christians who will come after him. What can they depend on? What should they hold on to? Peter's resounding and repeated answer is to hold on to God's word as the means to growth in the 'grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.' (3:18)

God has granted us 'his precious and very great promises' (1:4) which assure us of sins forgiven, our entrance into the eternal kingdom, and spur us on in the path of sanctification - adding to our faith virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection and love. (1:5-7).

Peter is making sure that these promises are recorded and remembered after he has put off his body (presumably through Mark's Gospel), because Peter was an eye-witness and an ear-witness of the events of the Transfiguration: 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.' (1:17) Yet we have something more sure - the prophetic word, spoken by men carried along by the Spirit (1:19-21).

Just as in the Old Testament there were false prophets alongside the true, so the ongoing life of the church will have false teachers exploiting and corrupting. But don't worry - Peter reminds his readers of how in the Old Testament God was able to rescue his people while punishing the unrighteous - Noah and Lot as prime examples. (2:4-10)

Holding to God's word (by remembering the predictions of the prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Saviour 3:2) through the apostles will help us answer the scoffers who ask what has happened to the promised return of Jesus. (3:4) God made the world by a word, the same word that now reserves the heavens and earth for judgement and destruction. But we shouldn't be fooled into thinking that God is slow to fulfill his promise - that supposed slowness is actually patience, in giving opportunity for repentance, but the day of the Lord will come, suddenly, unexpectedly.

Even as the earth is destroyed by fire, we have the promise of new heavens and new earth - where righteousness dwells. Holding on to this promise spurs us on to be ready for the new world - just as Paul in writing the scriptures has urged us.

From start to finish and beyond, God's precious and very great promises give us everything we need for life and godliness - forgiveness, hope, clarity, witness to the person and work of Jesus, safety in the midst of false teaching, and the certainty of our eternal future with Christ. It's all in God's word, written for us, so keep reading, and keep going, and growing.

Yours in Christ,

Gary

## Annual Gospel Concert

Friday 28th February at 8pm in the church hall. James Strange with Justified and supporting artists. Tickets £6 including supper - available from members of the Select Vestry or the Rectory (028) 8953 1210.

## Sunday School

Sunday School continues to meet each Sunday morning at 10am in the church hall.

## Bowls

Bowls meets on Monday nights at 8pm in the church hall. If you'd like to have a go, why not drop in some Monday night?

## Mothers' Union

The January meeting of Mothers' Union began the new year with a Communion service in the parish church. The Rector spoke from Galatians 6:9 on not growing weary in doing good. Members shared some refreshments after the service.

In February we look forward to welcoming Joy Graham, who will be telling us about the work of the Horizon West Hospice. The meeting will be on Tuesday 11th February at 8pm. New members are always welcome.

## GFS

GFS meets on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm - 7.30pm in the Church Hall for all girls aged 3 and up. The new season is well under way with badgework, Bible study, games, crafts, cookery and lots more! For further information, please speak to Sharon Clarke or any of the other leaders.

## SNATCH

SNATCH (Sunday Night At The Church Hall) is our new youth group for secondary school age young people, in partnership with Colebrooke Parish. This term we're meeting in Aghavea church hall, on the 2nd and 16th February from 7.30pm until 9pm.

## Bible Study

Bible Study continues on Wednesday evenings running up until the Lent Midweek services begin on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March. In this short burst, we're focusing on the little book of Ruth. You're welcome to join us on the 12th and 26th February at 8pm in the church hall.

## From the Parish Registers

### Baptism

Sunday 22nd December 2013: Ruby Latisha Joan Hurst, Arlish, Brookeborough.

Sunday 12th January 2014: Ben James McElroy, Currin, Maguiresbridge.

## Funeral

Sunday 15th December: Margaret Edith (Pearl) Boles, Doon, Tempo.

## Find us on Facebook

The best way of keeping up to date with what's happening at Aghavea is our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/aghavea](http://www.facebook.com/aghavea) There you'll find news, notices, sermons, photos, prayer points and lots more!

## Ballybay, Clontibret and Mucknoe

### Vacant.

During the vacancy the Revd Canon Ian Berry, Rural Dean, is in charge, and Mr Walter Pringle, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant, is providing service and pastoral cover.

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## St Colman's Clontibret

### Celebrating the Birth of our Saviour

The congregation were treated to an excellent drama and musical interpretation of the real Christmas story by the 43 children from Clontibret National School who delivered their lines and managed to take their places in the production without any prompting. The performance flowed in sequence as the drama unfolded for over 20 minutes. The event was a great credit to everyone concerned and to the teachers Mrs Julie Crawford and Mrs Joy Gilmour. The children's performance was the highlight of the carol service for which the church was packed. We were delighted to have Sharon Lancashire along to play the organ which we appreciate so much having to rely on CD's each Sunday. Walter Pringle with his usual good wit added to the service by performing the role of the inn keeper and putting on record how due to pressure on his limited accommodation which was packed to overflowing with people lying on the floors the only help that he could offer Joseph and his heavily pregnant wife Mary was the corner of his stable and how he had procured the services of the local midwife and his wife to assist in the delivery. After the service we all adjourned to the Church hall for light refreshment which everyone enjoyed. This was the first of the carol services in our group and we look forward to sharing the events in our sister churches.

### Condolences

The death occurred on 28th December in Cavan General Hospital of William Robert Falls following a period of illness. Robert was born in 1942 and was the eldest son of the late David and Aileen Falls of Shanmullagh, Clontibret. Robert spent all his life on the family farm. He was known as a man of quiet disposition, who enjoyed the outdoor chores of farming and had a great love for animals. In his youth he was a keen member of the local Scotch Corner air gun club in which he won a number of trophies.

He was predeceased by his brother Wesley in 2001. There was a large attendance at the funeral service which took place on 30th December 2013 in St Colman's Parish Church. The service was conducted by the Revd Margaret Pringle assisted by her husband Walter Pringle. In his address, Walter spoke about Robert's life of hard work, honesty, patience and being a good neighbour. We extend our sympathy to his four sisters, Yvonne Donaldson, Eileen Gillanders, Hilda Montgomery and Dorothy Carleton and all the family circle.

### **Congratulations**

We were delighted to hear that Alison and Nigel Donaldson have been blessed with the birth of their third son Harry John. Harry arrived on Friday, 3rd January weighing 8lb 7oz. Harry's brothers are Thomas and Callum.

We would take the opportunity to wish all our friends throughout the church family a Very Healthy and Happy New Year. God Bless You All.

## **Christ Church Ballybay**

### **Baptism**

On 17th November we welcomed into our Church Community baby Aloise Leonard, who was baptized by Revd McCollum. In spite of a power outage in the town 10 minutes before proceedings the service was carried out very professionally by Revd McCollum in candlelight. His sermon was most appropriate when he discussed coming from darkness into light. We pray that Aloise will grow with us.

Our Church hosted the Community Carol Service on Wednesday 18th December at 8pm. To prepare for this each family took a candle and decorated it with greenery and flowers and returned it on Sunday to church, some were placed on the windows and some on the tables. It was lovely to see all the different arrangements. The children had a wonderful time decorating the Christmas Tree and the church looked very well. Despite the stormy evening the service was well attended and we are very grateful to Mr Walter Pringle for conducting the service and to Revd Laurence Flynn PP for preparing and producing the Order of Service and conducting the Community Choir. We are also very appreciative of George Wallace who always donates mince pies and cake for the tea after the service which was very welcome and enjoyed by all. Our Christmas Eve Communion Service was at 9.30pm and was conducted by Revd McCollum and the organ was played by Alannah Crawford.

We thank Walter for his ministry, advice and help to us in this time of vacancy and to all the Clergy who travel to us once a month to ensure that we receive communion. We wish them and their families a Very Happy and Peaceful 2014. We would also like to wish all the housebound members of our congregation a very Happy and Healthy 2014.

## **St Maeldoid's Mucknoe, Castleblayney**

### **Happy New Year to All**

**Thanks:** We would like to express our grateful thanks to Walter Pringle and Revd C. McCollum for their continued dedication to us over the past 12 months. Thanks to Revd Margaret and Walter Pringle for their Christmas Communions to the housebound.

We, like everyone else in the Parishes had a busy December. It all started on the 11th December when the Ladies of the Mothers Union joined Castleblayney PW for "Christmas with Cantilena" in the Market House theatre in Armagh. A lovely evening was had by all, the mulled wine and mince pies were a treat!

On 18th December we had a Community Carol Service in St Maeldoid's. We thank all the Readers especially those from neighbouring Churches who all read so well. We thank Jacqueline Prentice and her Mum for travelling to sing two very nice Christmas pieces. Thanks to Charlotte from First Castleblayney and members of the choir for coming to help us with the singing. A well deserved cup of tea along with warm mince pies and other Christmas goodies were served by the ladies and the 'odd' gentleman! The collection on this occasion went to the Castleblayney Cancer Society.

Then on Saturday afternoon, 19th December we had the usual Children's Christmas party when the long awaited Father Christmas made a guest appearance bringing with him lots of goodies.

On Sunday 22nd, there was a Special Carol Service organized by Walter Pringle, in St Mary's Care Hospital. Thanks again to all those who came and helped make the day such a happy and joyful occasion. The room was packed to capacity. Thanks to the dedicated staff of St Marys for their care and attention to those in their care. Thanks to Paula the Liaison Officer who decorated the room so lovely.

**Christmas Morning:** It was very nice to see so many people at Church for this special day; we were especially delighted to see Mr Eddie Robinson and his family. A small gift was presented to Revd C. McCollum.

**Farewell:** We wish our neighbouring Presbyterian Minister, Revd C and Mrs R. Irwin and Nathan best wishes as they retire from First Castleblayney and Frankford Churches. We appreciated their tremendous support to us on many special occasions within the Church. Also, his ministry and friendliness to the elderly in St Mary's Hospital will be sincerely missed. A presentation evening was arranged for Friday 17th January to which we are all invited.

**Congratulations** to Joan and Barry on the birth of their baby son, Joseph.

**Deepest Sympathy** is extended to all those who lost a loved one over the Christmas period, especially to the Falls family in Clontibret for the sad passing of Mr Robert Falls.

**Diary:** Women's World Day of Prayer, Friday 7th March. Venue to be decided.

## Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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### Sunday Services

**Sunday 2nd February** The Presentation of Christ in the temple - Carrickmacross 10.30am HC; Magheraclone 11.45am MP; Ardragh 1.00pm HC.

**Sunday 9th February** The Fourth Sunday before Lent – Carrickmacross 10.30am MP; Magheraclone 11.45am HC.

**Sunday 16th February** The Third Sunday before Lent – Carrickmacross 10.30am MP; Magheraclone 11.45am MP; Ardragh 1.00pm MP.

**Sunday 23rd February** The Second Sunday before Lent - Carrickmacross 10.30am MP; Magheraclone 11.45am MP.

Since a new comer to the group at the beginning of December, I was delighted on my arrival on the first Sunday in Advent to discover that the children of the Sunday school in Carrickmacross had prepared a beautiful Advent wreath. Sunday by Sunday at the outset of the services the children lit the candles and we looked at the relevant symbols of the candles and their colours.

It was with a great sense of welcome that there were so many parishioners present on my first Sunday in all three churches. Perhaps it was to see the “new comer on the block”. Time will tell!

My thanks to all who decorated the churches for Christmas and those who participated in the Carol services. Thanks also to those who Sunday by Sunday over the past year have been working in the background keeping the Churches looking well and functional, particularly during the vacancy.

We celebrated Christmas Eve with a joint service of Holy Communion in Magheraclone. Sadly the event was overshadowed with the sudden death of a parishioner.

The Christmas Day joint service was held in Carrickmacross, while the Sunday school party took place on 8th December.

### Holy Baptism

The infants of Matthew and Jacqueline Norris and Graham and Catherine Howell were baptised in St Finbarre’s Parish church. We wish both families every blessing in the future.

Jesus said “Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he/she shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms put his hands upon them, and blessed them” Mark 10:13

### Condolences

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Henri Babington whose funeral took place in St. Molua’s, Magheraclone on 28th December.

Henri had been ill for a short time, but his sudden passing came as a tremendous shock to his family and the surrounding area. The massive attendance at the funeral was an indication of how well he was respected as a father, family member and a neighbour.

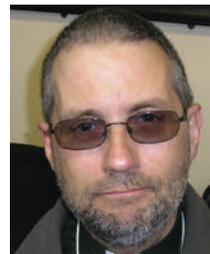
### Women’s World Day of Prayer

On Friday 7th March, it is the turn of St. Finbarre’s church to host the annual service. The theme this year is “Streams in the Desert” by the women of Egypt.

### Roxanne and Omya

This beautifully written and illustrated story by Lorna Lewis in Carrickmacross, who is a very creative and imaginative 16 year old, is about a young bird and her family who live in a tall tree in Denwood Forest with a lot of other animals. It is suitable for 6-8 year olds and it is for sale in Keegan’s Newsagent in Carrickmacross and from the author herself at a very reasonable price of €6.

## Cleenish and Mullaghduin



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### Church Services for February

#### Sunday, 9 February

10:00 H.C. One Mullaghduin Parish Church  
11:30 H.C. One Cleenish Parish Church

#### Wednesday, 12 February

10:00 H.C. Service Mullaghduin Parochial Hall

#### Sunday, 16 February

10:00 M.P. One Mullaghduin Parish Church  
11:30 M.P. One Cleenish Parish Church

#### Sunday, 23 February

10:00 H.C. Two Mullaghduin Parish Church  
11:30 H.C. Two Cleenish Parish Church

#### Sunday, 2 March

10:00 M.P. One Mullaghduin Parish Church  
11:30 M.P. One Cleenish Parish Church

## Cleenish Christmas Family Service



The Childrens' Family Service conducted by Rowena, took place on Sunday morning 15th December. Introduction was by Alex Keys. 1st Reading, Andrew Elliott. 2nd Reading, Alex

Keys. Hymn, We Three Kings, was lead by Kody Foster. Sunday School Poem, said by Andrew Elliott. The offertory was taken up by Sarah & Grace. Concluding prayers were said by Andrew Elliott & William McCusker. Anna Dowson assisted Joan at the organ, by playing two hymns.

## Mullaghduin Christmas Family Service

Mullaghduin Sunday-School is considerably smaller following the recent Confirmation but despite that, the remaining children, under the leadership of Ruth Collum and Caroline Little, prepared a special Christmas Service. The Service, on Sunday 15th December was led by Lydia and consisted of singing, Bible reading, poetry and prayer. The children sang "Away in a Manger" and "Little Donkey" with Emma and Peter singing solo parts. William, Jessica, Emma and Peter also recited a number of Christmas themed poems, and led a time of Prayer. Caroline read the Bible reading, and a Christmas address was given by Heather Wilson. The offering was taken up by Emma and Peter and to conclude the Service, Ruth read a Christmas Blessing.

## Cleenish Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

The Service in Cleenish was held on Sunday evening 15th December, and conducted by Parish Reader, Rowena Sheridan.

Lessons were read by Rosemary Forde, Ethel Kingston, Rosita Bridle, Robin Hogg, Ian Crawford, Pauline Smyth, Youth Choir, Owen Wilson, & Rowena.

Mrs Joan Brownlee played the organ.

Tea and biscuits were served to all by the Choir Ladies after the Service .

## Mullaghduin Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

The Service in Mullaghduin was held on Sunday evening 15th December. The Choir sang "Carols Sing", "We Three Kings" and "Who is He in Yonder Stall" and Ruth Hazlett sang the solo "As Joseph was a Walking". The Lessons were read by George Carson, Jim Gamble, Desmond Coalter, Cathy Gibson, John Hazlett, Caroline Little, Caroline Scott, Eli Scales, and the Rector.

## Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Saturday 15th February at 9.30am Instead of a meeting in February, members will attend the Prayer Breakfast in the Killyhevlin Hotel.

Friday 7th March 8pm. Women's World Day of Prayer will be hosted by Cleenish Parish.

## Cleenish Brownies

Brownies re-opened after the Christmas break on Wednesday 15th January in Cleenish Parish Hall. Girls aged 7 to 11 years will be made welcome.

## Parent and Toddler Group

The group meets on Tuesday mornings 10am - 11.30am in Cleenish Parish Hall.

Parents/Carers with children under school age are welcome. The group gives parents/carers the opportunity to socially interact and children to avail of a variety of play, craft and music activities.

## Audio Sound System

An audio sound system is operated in Cleenish Church every Sunday, to record morning services on CD. The system is operated on a voluntary basis by Craig Kingston. CD'S can be obtained by contacting Ruby on 6634 9886.



## Mullaghduin Family Fun Night

This function, on Friday 27th December, was arranged on behalf of the Parish by Caroline Scott and Eveline Clements; and what an enjoyable occasion it turned out to be! With games and music organised by "BB Socials" it really was a fun night for all the family. Commencing at 7pm, parishioners and friends with ages ranging from six months to almost eighty years enjoyed taking part in or watching others take part in challenging and energetic games. We had a welcome opportunity to catch up with Henry and Helen Blair and their "boys" (how they have grown!!) and with June and Jonathan Graham and their children. Following the games, the "Light Refreshments" which were to be served would be more properly described as a feast. We thank Caroline and Eveline, and all who helped to make this a memorable event.

## Morning Classes in Cleenish Parish Hall

The FACT Project is now running classes for the over 60's as follows:-

Boccia a form of Bowling, Wed 5th Feb for 8 weeks ex Wed 26th Feb. 11am to 12.30pm.

Exercise through Dancing, Fri 31st Jan to Fri 21st March for 8 weeks. 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Booking is essential, contact Ruby 6634 9886 or Maureen 6634 8806

A Health & Wellbeing Day will be held in the Hall, on Wed 26th Feb. 11am to 2pm.

## Fundraising for Cleenish Parish Church



**Cleenish Parish Supper Dance** on Friday 7th February 2014 at 8pm in Fermanagh Unionist Hall. Dancing to "The Singing Digger Man." £15 entry, proceeds to Bellanaleck Hall repair fund)

**Flower Festival** in Cleenish Church on 6th, 7th and 8th June 2014.

## Illness

A number of parishioners are suffering illness which prevents them from attending Worship. They are regularly remembered in Prayer during our weekly services, and also at our monthly Holy Communion Service in the Parochial Hall. To all who are ill, at home, in hospital and nursing homes, we miss your presence from your familiar place each Sunday, and extend Prayerful good wishes for your recovery to better health.

## Obituaries

### Desmond Little

Dessie was baptised in Mullaghduin Church and having chosen his wife, Gladys Elliott, from his home parish, they were married in August 1970 in Mullaghduin Church. Dessie was a regular volunteer with the team who keep Mullaghduin Churchyard neat and tidy throughout the year. Sadly, Gladys died in September 2011 following a short illness. Life was never the same again for Dessie without his beloved wife, and following a time of ill health he died peacefully in the South West Acute Hospital on Saturday 7th December. The Church was filled to capacity for Dessie's Service of Thanksgiving on 9th December. We extend sympathy to Lorraine and her husband Robert, to Keith and his wife Arlene, and their daughter Emma, and to all who mourn Dessie's death.

### Tommy Johnston

One of Cleenish Parish's oldest residents, Tommy Johnston, Derryhowlaght, passed away peacefully in the South West Hospital on Saturday evening 21st December. Born on 16th May 1922, and after leaving Mullanaveigh School, Tommy moved a short distance from his childhood home to a nearby farm where he commenced farming with a two cow byre. He gradually built up the family farm, mainly involving milk cows, which in later life he handed over to his son Norman. Tommy's wife Brenda passed away five years before him, and he was also predeceased by his brothers Willie, Henry and Frank. After Brenda's death

he remained in the family home with his youngest son John. Prior to going into Hospital on 1st February, he was cared for on a daily basis by his daughter Susan with whom he was able to reside for a short period. As well as an active farmer Tommy joined the Home Guard during the war years, before transferring into the Ulster Special Constabulary. In later life he enjoyed playing and watching indoor bowls. He was also a lifelong member of Granshagh LOL 1709.

His Funeral Service conducted by the Rector took place on Christmas eve in Cleenish Church, which was filled to capacity, the organist was Joan Brownlee. The ladies of the Parish served tea to all in the Parish Hall after the Service.

To his sons, Leslie, Noel, Norman, John, and daughters Susan & Caroline and the entire family circle, we express our deepest sympathy.

### Olive Bridle

Our Rector's mother, Mrs Olive Bridle passed away peacefully in the Tilery Nursing Home, on the afternoon of Wednesday 1st January. Having previously resided at Knocklofty Park, Belfast, the couple moved to Fermanagh to be nearer their only son. Widowed by the death of her husband Eric, she resided in The Rectory, before being admitted to the Nursing Home. Her funeral Service which was well attended took place in Cleenish Church, on Monday morning 6th January, followed by cremation in Belfast. During the Service which was conducted by Revd Ivan Ruiters, grandson Jonathan paid tribute to his grandmother a former School Teacher. Bishop John give the blessing at the end of the Service, and Joan Brownlee played the organ. The ladies from Cleenish & Mullaghduin served tea to all in the Parish Hall.

Both Parishes send their sincere sympathy to Revd Geoff, Rosita, and grandsons Jonathan, Christopher, & Adrian, to Olive's sisters and the wider family circle.

Rowena conducted both morning services on Sunday 5th January

## Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Cleenish Choir member George Stephenson, whose Aunt Mrs Emily Elizabeth Stephenson, formally of Derrin Road, Enniskillen, passed away on Thursday 12th December. Mullaghduin Parish express sympathy with John and Nicola Patrick, and their family circle following the death of John's Grandmother, Margaret Patrick, on Saturday 21st December. Also to Emily & Tommy Gallagher and their family circle, following the death of Emily's sister-in-law, Vera Elliott on Monday 23rd December.

## Cleenish Centre

A very successful Dinner and Auction took place in the Centre on Saturday evening 7th December. Many thanks are due to the voluntary staff for their hard work in providing and serving an excellent four course meal. Sincere thanks to the Kingston family for their part in organising the evening, and their contribution to the items for Auction.

The Centre will continue to operate with volunteers, who will ensure it continues to reach across borders, and divisions in reaching young people, and whole communities for Christ.

Bookings are now being received for the summer months. To contact "The Centre" enquiries@cleenishcentre.com or call 028 6634 9647.

## Bellanaleck Community Group Meeting

A very busy programme was on the agenda for the monthly meeting on Wednesday 27th November.

Arrangements were made for the Christmas tree and Childrens' Party which was held on Saturday afternoon 7th December.

The AGM was arranged for Wednesday 22nd January, and the 5K Fun Run for Saturday 31st May.

The local Council may be asked to consider entries for the Best Kept Village Award.

It is hoped to have defibrillator training for about six members during January.

A number of events took place during the past month as follows:- Several members and children assisted with Spring flower bulb planting on top of the retaining wall at Waterhen Lane, on Saturday morning 30th November. The sub group were blessed with favourable weather.

A sub group attended the West Cavan/West Fermanagh Forum in Dowra, on Wednesday evening 4th December.

As already mentioned, approximately 100 children along with their parents attended the Christmas tree and Childrens' party in the Parish Hall. Thanks are due to all who took part, including members of Letterbreen Silver Band who were guests for the event., Julian Fowler, Group Chairman, thanked all for their support, including Ossie and Derrick who erected the lights on the tree, and those who provided food and drinks.

A sub group attended a meeting with Fermanagh District Council officials in the Townhall, Enniskillen, on Thursday afternoon 12th December. The aim is to kick start provision of the Car Park, and to upgrade the nearby Quarry site.

Members express their support to group member John Brownlee and his Family, whose home was ransacked and robbed, on Friday evening 13th December.

Next meeting Wednesday 26th February

## Christian Burials



### Mullaghduin Parish Church

Monday 9th December 2013

**John Desmond (Dessie)**

**Little** Killycat, Boho Road Enniskillen. Aged 69 years.

### Cleenish Parish Church

Tuesday 24th December **Thomas Sheridan Johnston** Derryhowlaght, Bellanaleck. Aged 91 years.

## Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes (Clogher, Augher, Newtownsaville and Errigal Portclare)



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**Sunday 2nd February** 10.00am Errigal Portclare; 10.00am Augher; 11.30am Clogher; 11.30am Newtownsaville.

**Sunday 9th February** 9.00am Clogher; 10.00am Errigal Portclare; 10.00am Augher; 11.30am Clogher; 11.30am Newtownsaville.

**Sunday 16th February** 10.00am Errigal Portclare; 10.00am Augher; 11.30am Clogher; 11.30am Newtownsaville.

**Sunday 23rd February** 9.00am Clogher; 10.00am Errigal Portclare; 10.00am Augher; 11.30am Clogher; 11.30am Newtownsaville.

## Diocesan Advent Carol Service

The Diocesan Advent Carol Service was held in a candle-lit Cathedral on 1st December. Music was provided by Mr Glenn Moore at the organ and by the choirs of St Macartan's Cathedral Clogher, St Mark's Augher, St Mark's Newtownsaville, Rossorry Parish Church, the Priory Church Killadeas, the Donagh Group of Parishes and St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen. The service included the commissioning of six Diocesan Pastoral Assistants by Bishop John McDowell. Each of the DPAs read a lesson. Among those commissioned was Mrs Ann Irwin from Clogher Cathedral Parish. Congratulations to Ann on the completion of her training and her commissioning. The service also marked the 275th anniversary of the granting of the seal of the Dean and Chapter of Clogher in 1738.

## Community Carol Service

This service, which has become an annual event in recent years, was held on 5th December and incorporated the switching on of the Christmas lights in the village. Choirs from local schools and youth groups delighted the large congregation with their singing and representatives of various community organisations read the lessons. Mrs Diane Whitaker

was at the organ. Canon Noel Regan led the service and Father Noel McGahan, Parish Priest, took part. The Cathedral was beautifully decorated for the occasion by Miss Shirley Fannin. A collection was taken up in aid of Cancer Focus.

## Christmas

On 13th December the Cathedral was the venue for a musical evening in aid of Riding for the Disabled and on 19th December St Mark's in Augher hosted Augher Primary School's Carol Service, which was very well attended. Carol services were held in each of the churches on 22nd December. A party from the group of parishes attended "A Winter's Tale" in St Salvator's Church, Donagh on 23rd December. A very enjoyable event was followed by mulled wine and mince pies at Castle Leslie. Christmas Eve services ended with a midnight service in the Cathedral and on Christmas morning the Bishop was the celebrant and preacher at Holy Communion.

In the run up to Christmas Sunday School parties were held in each of the parishes and Holy Communion was celebrated in St Macartan's Nursing and Residential Home.

## Mothers' Union Notes

After several years of valuable leadership of St Macartan's Mothers' Union, Mrs Margaret McCloughlin has stepped down and Mrs Iris Moffitt has taken on the role of Branch Leader. The next meeting will be at 8pm on Wednesday 19th February in the Parish Hall, Clogher.

## Black Santa Annual Sit out

Canon Noel's sit out on 21st December was very successful, raising almost £1,900 for Horizon West Children's Hospice. A very big thank you to all those from the group of parishes and community for their support and generosity.

## New Year Bells

The Cathedral bells heralded the New Year as has been the custom since 1877. Mr John Hull the Cathedral verger sounded the joy bells to welcome 2014 just after midnight on the last day of the old year. The tradition was begun in 1877 by the rector, the Revd Dr Bailey, who was a distinguished musician and hymn writer. The sexton, Andrew McClelland and then his son George carried on the practice for over 50 years. In more recent years Mr Walter Taggart and now Mr John Hull have faithfully maintained the tradition.

## Diary Dates

**Friday 7th March** – Women's World Day of Prayer, St Macartan's Cathedral, 8pm

**Friday 14th March** – Concert with Monaghan Gospel Choir and Murley Silver Band at 8.00pm, St Macartan's Cathedral, proceeds to the Cathedral Repair Fund.

# Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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## Services in February

**2nd February** Candlemas: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - 10.00 Clones (Cassandra Hand Centre): Morning Prayer; 11.30 Newbliss: Morning Prayer.

**9th February** The Fourth Sunday before Lent (Mission Sunday) - 10.00 Currin (Scotshouse): Holy Communion; 11.30 Killeevan: Morning Prayer.

**16th February** The Third Sunday before Lent - 10.00 Clones (Cassandra Hand Centre): Morning Prayer; 11.30 Newbliss: Morning Prayer.

**23rd February** The Second Sunday before Lent - 10.00 Currin (Scotshouse): Morning Prayer; 11.30 Killeevan: Holy Communion.

**2nd March** The Sunday next before Lent - 10.00 Clones (Cassandra Hand Centre): Holy Communion; 11.30 Newbliss: Holy Communion.

**5th March** Ash Wednesday - 8.00pm Currin (Scotshouse): Evening Service.

'O God,  
you know us to be set  
in the midst of so many and great dangers,  
that by reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
Grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'  
*(Collect of the Fourth Sunday before Lent)*

## Study Group

The Bible Study group will meet on the 3rd of February in the Rectory, Scotshouse, and on the 17th of February in the Protestant Hall, Clones. Both meetings start at 8.00pm All welcome, please bring a Bible and a friend.

## Lenten talks

The Lenten talks will take place on Thursdays in Lent, commencing on Thursday the 13th of March at 8.00pm in the Cassandra Hand Centre. The theme this year is: 'hold fast to the mystery of faith' – exploring faith through the words of worship. This year our focus for Lent is on the faith that lies behind some of the most familiar and well-known words we say as part of our worship. These memorable phrases are common to many Churches and denominations and have become

part of our identity as Christians. Our speakers this year will explore what these phrases mean, what insights they reveal about God and the consequences for our daily lives as disciples.

We much look forward to welcome parishioners as well as friends from the wider Diocesan family. Light refreshments served. Please contact the rector for a programme.

## Confirmation

The confirmation on Sunday the 12th January in St Laebhan's Church, Killeevan, was a wonderful occasion. Eight candidates were confirmed. Please pray for Geoffrey, Harry, Stephen, Natasha, Jason, Joshua, Jamie and Aaron as they continue as disciples of Christ.

We were all greatly encouraged by Bishop John's sermon based on David and Goliath and the importance for us to wear our own clothes, and not someone else's. Or in other words, be proud of who you are and don't try to be someone else. The bishop also reminded us that we all are called to serve God in the parishes where we are and to do it according to our gifts. The music was led by the choir and organist Miss Averil Crowe. After the service the parish had organised cake and tea for candidates, supporters and parishioners.



## Multidenominational Memorial Service for Victims of Conflict

In January, Largey College together with the Revd Stanley Stewart, Fr Dick Mohan and Canon Helene Steed organised a memorial service to mark World Holocaust Day and at the same time remember victims of conflicts worldwide, past and present. At the service, we also recognised those who lost their lives as a result of the Troubles. The students had prepared the service and participated by reading poems and reflections. Student Michael Lawson sang, as did the school choir and also Melanie McCabe (from x-factor). The memorial service was an occasion 'for us to learn from the past, so that we can make a better tomorrow' said student Nicole Mullan.

It was a poignant occasion, attended by students from Largey College, primary schools in the area, local town councillors and local TDs.

## Clones Christmas Fayre

Thank you for support. The excellent result of €5,900 is wonderful. Our sincere thanks to all who supported the Fayre and to all those who worked so hard preparing it and on the day.

## Bereavement

Our sympathies are with those who grieve the passing of a family member and relative, or a friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Jean Genoe and her family on the death of her sister Frances. We also remember Mrs Sadie Hall and her family on the death of her sister Mrs Edith McClean.

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## February

2nd Holy Communion 11.30am  
9th Family service 11.30am  
16th Morning Prayer 11.30am  
23rd Morning Prayer 11.30am

## March

2nd Holy Communion 11.30am  
5th Evening Prayer, Ash Wednesday, 8.00pm  
9th Family service 11.30am  
16th Morning Prayer 11.30am  
23rd Morning Prayer 11.30am  
30th Morning Prayer 11.30am

## Baptism

**24th November 2013** Katherine Naomi Irvine, daughter of Paul and Denise, 4 Cedar Court, Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

**29th December 2013** Hannah Heather Woods, daughter of Neville and Heather, sister of Jacob and Joel, 21 Roscah View, Kesh.

## Shoebox Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the shoebox appeal, due to your generosity 118 boxes were forwarded to the coordinator of the charity for distribution.

## Gift Day

Once again, our sincere thanks to everyone who supported the annual parish gift day in November.

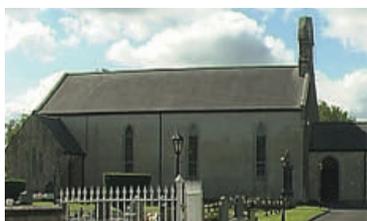
## North Fermanagh Remembers

The concert held in the hall at the end of November, was both enjoyable and a moving tribute as we looked back to the events of the First World War. Acts included The Tin Hat Tenors, Inniskilling Fusiliers Flute band, Nicola and the Moodettes with an act of remembrance to end the event. Thanks to the organisers for their foresight and initiative in running this event as we approach the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the Great War, 1914-1918.

## Christmas

At the time of writing, all of the pre and post-Christmas activities such as Christmas parties, dinners, carol services and much more are at an end and we thank everyone who contributed to the Christmas services and other activities over the season.

## Nativity



The Sunday School Nativity 'The Innkeeper's Tale, An Opportunity Missed', performed by the children, endeavoured to deliver the

Christmas message to make room for Jesus in our lives. Suitable music and readings added to the occasion. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the service and enjoyed by all.

## New Year's Eve

The New Year's Eve party was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to the band 'Committed' for sharing their musical talents and leading the worship at the beginning of the night and for Jason who organised the Social later and for the pipers who piped in the New Year. Thanks to the select vestry for providing the refreshments on the night.

## China

At the family service in January, Marcus Graham shared with us of his experiences in China, as he participated in the distribution of bibles to fellow Christians who are crying out for copies of God's word, where in all possibility we have the freedom to read freely and without fear of persecution, but sometimes choose to ignore. Also present were William Sayers, Everett Irons and Joanne Irons who were part of the mission group.

## Dates for the diary

**Sunday 13th April** - Kesh Rural Deanery Easter Praise Service (featuring the joint choirs) on Palm Sunday in Derryvullen North Parish Church, Irvinestown at 7.00pm. Hospitality to follow in the parish hall.

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## February 2014

**Sun 2nd Feb** Holy Communion

**Wed 5th Feb** Monthly Evening Prayer Derryvullen North 7.30pm

**Sun 9th Feb** Service of the Word 1 & Junior Church

**Sun 16th Feb** Morning Prayer

**Tues 18th Feb** Quiet Holy Communion Derryvullen North 11.30am

**Sun 23rd Feb** Morning Prayer

## March 2014

**Sun 2nd Mar** Holy Communion – Anglican Church of Kenya

**Wed 5th Mar** Ash Wednesday Derryvullen North 7.30pm

## Stir-up Sunday

Our morning service on Sunday 24th November had special significance; a new display cabinet for our parish silver and 'Derryvullen North Parish Church – A Statement of Significance', a short history of our church written by the Rector were dedicated in memory of the late Mervyn Somerville by his wife Ethel and daughter Wendy. Copies of the church history were distributed to every home in the parish. We were also delighted to welcome Kilskeery Silver Band who provided our music and to a very high standard. Our Sunday School children were also present for a special talk by the Rector on the significance of 'Stir-Up Sunday'.

## Rural Deanery Services

On the evening of Sunday 24th November a Rural Deanery Praise Service for the young and the young at heart was held at the Fountain Centre in Kesh. This was well attended and now there are plans for an Easter

Praise Service with the joint choirs and of course as many others as possible in Derryvullen North Parish Church on the evening of Palm Sunday, 13 April 2014 at 7pm. All the clergy, Archdeacon Pringle, Canon West and the Revds Blair, Irwin, Mansley and Njoku extend an early invitation to all their parishioners.

### Parish Sale

The Parish Sale on Friday 29th November was once again very successful and thanks is extended to all who helped in any way. Santa was in attendance for the children.

### Tuesday Club

27 members attended the Christmas Holy Communion on 10th December. The members then enjoyed a festive afternoon tea.

### December Services

Both our Sunday Schools, Derryvullen North & Castle Archdale made appropriate seasonal presentations at our respective services on Sunday 15th December. The children from Derryvullen North Sunday School brought gifts for distribution to the elderly especially those in Nursing Homes, Hospital and those confined to their homes. Over 80 parcels were delivered and we thank the Sunday School for their generosity. Our services of Lessons & Carols took place on Sunday 22nd December. Our thanks to all who contributed and assisted, and to those who decorated our churches and provided hospitality after the service in Castle Archdale.

Our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services were well attended with our additional services, the 9pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion in Derryvullen North and 9am Christmas Day Holy Communion in Castle Archdale particularly well attended. May I (the Rector) take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

### A Reflection on Christmas 2013 – Reason for the Season

With each passing year the kick-off to the Christmas holiday season seems more like a market-tested, pre-packaged gift as many businesses and retailers keep their shops open and their minds closed to anything other than squeezing a little more profit out of embattled consumers. There is a barrage of holiday sales, gift ideas and plastic do-dos perhaps made by wage slaves in Asia. It is an understanding of Christmas that is full of emptiness and which peddles religious tradition as a mere product.

This is the so-called Prosperity Gospel, a money changing, profit making and strangely competitive cultural holiday which is diametrically opposed to the real reason for the season. So often the marketing wrings out the religious teachings and replaces them with the corrosive effects of materialism. But what about the religious, ethical and anti-materialistic themes

associated with Jesus, HIS LIFE and HIS GOSPEL? What about the admonitions against hoarding wealth and worshipping mammon?

There is clearly a tension and hypocrisy in linking the man who gave the Sermon on the Mount with a frantic feeding frenzy and a troubling, often desperate consumer competition of greed and jealousy that sees more and more people divorcing religion and ethics from the holiday.

Christmas can never be regarded as a market opportunity to be exploited. The real spirit and meaning of Christmas is to be found in a meaningful celebration of the birth of one of the great champions of the poor and weak. It is a time for humble reflection, effusive charity and financial modesty. Could Jesus, be any less of a fit for Christmas 2013? Remember the words of the song, 'HE IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON'.

### Diary Dates

**Thurs 6 Feb** Launch of CMS Ireland Annual Project – God's Big Family in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 4.30pm.

**Tues 11 Feb** Tuesday Club at 2.30pm.

**Sat 15 Feb** Diocesan Mothers' Union Prayer Breakfast in the Killyhevlin Hotel – please see Diocesan MU notes.

**Wed 19 Feb** Women's Group – Speaker from Women's Aid at 8.30pm.

**Wed 26 Feb** Mothers' Union – Speaker Revd Canon West will speak on his book 'Connections'.

**Fri 7 Mar** Women's World Day of Prayer in Derryvullen North at 8.45pm – Speaker Miss Kate Doherty.

### Christian Burials

**19 Nov 2013** Helen Anne Duncan - 42 Stralongford Road, Trillick.

**30 Nov 2013** Kathleen Creighton – Ashbrooke Care Home (late of Brownhill Meadows).

**20 Dec 2013** Margaret (Peggy) Weir – Trevenna Residential Home (late of Hazelwood).

We remember prayerfully all those who have been in hospital, those receiving various treatments, all who are experiencing difficulties at this time and all who have been bereaved. May the presence and peace of the Risen Lord be with each one.

### Prayer

May I become at all times, both now and forever  
A protector for those without protection  
A guide for those who have lost their way  
A ship for those with oceans to cross  
A bridge for those with rivers to cross  
A sanctuary for those in danger  
A lamp for those without light  
A place of refuge for those who lack shelter  
and a servant to all in need  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### Calendar

**9th February** 10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South;  
12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary.

**16th February** 10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary; 12.00  
Holy Communion Derryvullen South.

**23rd February** 10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen  
South; 12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary.

**2nd March** 10.30 Holy Communion Garvary; 12.00  
Holy Communion Derryvullen South.

### Holy Baptism

On Sunday 1st December 2013 in the parish church of Holy Trinity, Garvary, the sacrament of Holy Baptism was ministered to Henry Gabriel son of Niall and Victoria Elliott, Hilltop, Killyvilly, and on Sunday 29th December 2013 in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, the sacrament of Holy Baptism was ministered to Thomas John William, son of Leanne Downey and Lee Kemm-Irvine, c/o 8 Killyreagh Road, Tamlaght. In the absence of the Rector, these services were conducted by the Very Revd Raymond Thompson. We pray that they will continue to grow in the Christian faith.

### Holy Matrimony

On Saturday 4th January 2014 the marriage of Lynne Jane Phair, Feddans with Alan Robert Fannin, Dartry, Co Monaghan was solemnised in Holy Trinity parish church, Garvary. In the Rector's absence the Officiant was Canon Bryan Kerr. Our best wishes on their future together.

### Bereavements

We express our sympathy to all who have been bereaved including Thomas Phair, Feddans, on the death of his aunt Edie Cruickshank, Australia.

### Loss

The thoughts and prayers of the rectory family and of all our parishioners are with Derek Quinton and Sadie Curran who recently each lost their homes and personal possessions as the result of fire.

### Well Done

In December a number of events took place which are worthy of record. A very successful Concert by the Police Choir took place in Garvary parish church

where a packed congregation greatly enjoyed the music by the choir and supporting artists and the humour of the compere. The event realised the sum of £1480. Our thanks to all who were involved in the preparations and to all who gave it their support by attending or by purchasing a ticket or through a subscription. The annual services of Nine Lessons and Carols were once again popular and successful events in our calendar. Full congregations enjoyed the traditional singing, and music by the choirs accompanied by the organists, Gillian Ewing in Garvary and Diane Whittaker in Derryvullen South. As usual there was participation by the Sunday School children. Our thanks again to all who read the lessons. Following the service in Derryvullen South, the Sunday School provided morning coffee, tea and mince pies as a fund raising event. This realised £480 to be divided equally between the Sunday School and the Philippines Appeal.

### The Wells Project



Mr Jonny Phenix has been guiding us in our development of youth ministry in both parishes. We are now at the stage where a group, initially under the leadership of Miss Alison Irvine and Gwen Wilson will be established. Registration will take place on Monday evening 3rd February 2014 and the group will meet for the first time on Sunday evening 9th February 2014. While both

these events will take place in Garvary parish hall, as agreed by representatives from both parishes, the Wells group is intended to provide an opportunity for young people from both parishes to meet.

### Mothers' Union

A diocesan Mothers' Union Prayer Breakfast will take place in the Killyhelvin Hotel on Saturday 15th February between 9.30am and 11.30am. The speaker will be the Revd Kathy Trimby, All Ireland Coordinator of the Faith and Policy Unit. The cost is £8.

The next branch meeting is on Monday 17th February 2014 in Garvary parish hall at 8.00pm when the speaker will be Frances Boyd on the subject "Experiences with a Camera."

A Commissioning Service for the newly elected Trustee Body of the Mothers' Union in Clogher Diocese is to be held in Holy Trinity parish church, Garvary, on 23rd February 2014. The preacher will be our bishop, the Rt Revd F J McDowell. Everyone is very welcome.

## Devenish and Boho



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### Holy Baptism

Sunday 24th November in Devenish Parish Church. Oscar Joseph McHugh son of Chris and Wendy McHugh.

We wish God's blessing on Oscar Joseph, his parents Chris and Wendy and his godparents.

### Christmas Services

**Boho Carol Service** was held on the evening of Sunday 15th December. The church was full with many people present from the wider community. The readers were Enid Redmond, Danny Redmond, Trevor Irwin, Keith Sidberry, Trevor Smith, Albert Cluff, Austin Stronge, Nigel Irwin and Revd Sampson Ajuka. Special thanks to soloist Rebecca Irwin, the choir and the organists Kathleen and Catherine Irwin. After the service a lovely supper was served to the congregation.

**Devenish Sunday School Christmas Service.** We wish to thank Devenish Parish Sunday School children for their Christmas Service 'Countdown to Christmas.' It was good to see all members participating. Awards for Church attendance were given out during the Service.

**Devenish Carol Service** was held on the evening of Sunday 22nd December. The choir sang the Anthem Gold for a Manger Bed. The readers were Pearl Bell, Angus McKee, Raymond Bell, Leanne Harpur, Norma Ferguson, David Ferguson, David Scott, Dorothy Scott and Joan Cathcart. Eloise Gault and Leanne Harper accompanied by Stephanie Harpur played a Flute Duet 'Away in a Manger, no crib for his bed. Special thanks to the choir and organist Mrs. Gill Spence for their musical contributions. After the service the congregation enjoyed tea and fellowship in the Reade hall.

**Holy Communion Services** were held on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day in both Devenish and Boho.

### Sunday School Party

The Sunday school children had a very enjoyable party on Monday 17th December. Thanks to the Sunday school teachers who organised it and to Santa Claus, who appeared as usual.

### Thank You Evening

At a very pleasant event in the Reade Hall, Revd Sampson thanked all leaders of the parish organisations for their work throughout the year.

Afterwards everyone one enjoyed a beautiful supper.

### Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Rhonda Cathcart on her engagement to Jonathan Wright.

### Devenish and Boho Mothers' Union

On Tuesday 19th October our guest speaker was Mr. Gordon Deazley from Fields of Life. Gordon showed some very interesting slides of his trip to Uganda and outlined the great work and practical help carried out by Fields of Life throughout the world.

We were delighted to have a large attendance for our Visitor's night which was held on 19th November when our guest speakers were Brian and May Gault. Brian gave a very moving talk on his childhood. He is one of 480 survivors of the miracle drug Thalidomide. His book 'Look No Hands' is sold to raise funds to provide support and raise awareness of the plight of children in Brazil who are still being born with Thalidomide related disabilities. Brian and May work tirelessly travelling to countries all over the world.

We were encouraged on the night by their message of hope and inspiration.

The evening concluded with supper.

## Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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### Services

**Sunday 2nd February 2014** The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Donagh 10.30am HC; Tyholland 12.00 noon HC.

**Sunday 9th February 2014** The Fourth Sunday before Lent - Donagh 10.30am MP; Errigal Truagh at 12.00 noon HC.

**Sunday 16th February 2014** The Third Sunday before Lent - Donagh 10.30am MP with Holy Baptism; Tyholland 12.00 noon MP.

**Sunday 24th February 2014** The Second Sunday before Lent - Donagh 10.30am Service of the Word; Errigal Truagh 12.00 noon MP.

**Sunday 2nd March 2014** The Sunday before Lent - Donagh 10.30am HC; Tyholland 12.00 noon HC.

**Wednesday 5th March 2014** Ash Wednesday; Penitential Service at 8.00pm in Donagh.

I began my ministry in Donagh, Tyholland with Errigal Truagh on the 17th December 2014 a very busy time to commence in a parish. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the members of the select vestries and parishioners for their warm welcome. I look forward to the months and years ahead working in the group of parishes and pray that God will send his blessing on all that we do to further his kingdom.

## Girl's Brigade

On Sunday 17th December at 3.00pm the Enrolment Service took place in St. Salvator's Church, Glaslough. The service was well attended by both girls, parents and friends. Lizzie Allen was the special speaker and the theme was HEROES. The Juniors and Seniors and the Explorers played their part in the service.

May I sincerely thank Margaret Dudgeon the Captain for the work she does week by week with the girls. Also thanks to Diane Singleton, Ann Dudgeon, Vanessa Irwin and Janet Lynn Leaders in the company and Lyn Graham, Sharon Heatrick, Christine Johnston, Lynn Williamson and Alison Johnston Lieutenants in the company for their commitment to the task.

The aim of the Girls Brigade is to help girls to become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and, through self-control, reverence and a sense of responsibility to find true enrichment of life. There are a total of 70 girls in the company and may I take this opportunity to wish them and their captain and leaders every blessing as they begin a new term.

## Advent

During the season of Advent the Sunday School children lit the candles on the Advent wreath each Sunday and thanks goes to Marina and the Sunday School teachers for organising this.

Thanks to those who decorated the churches for the Christmas period.

## Carol Services

On Sunday 1st December at 3.00pm the Community Carol Service took place in Tyholland Church. The church was packed to capacity and the Donagh Community choir under the direction of Ethne McCord, the musical director, led the worship. It was great to have St. Patricks Church Children's choir to sing at the service. Monsignor Joe McGuinness read one of the lessons. The children were given a small gift from the parish. Thanks to Ronnie Wilson for printing the order of service. Also thanks to all those who read lessons. Refreshments were served after the service and thanks to all who contributed to making this a most memorable occasion.

On Sunday 8th at 3.00pm Errigal Truagh Parish Church was the setting for the Lessons and Carols. Again the church was packed to capacity and the music was by Blackwater Voice and Donagh Group Choir with musical directors Emily McMeel and Ethne McCord. Refreshments were served in the Blackwater Valley Learning Centre, Ballyosin and we thank all who made this possible.

On Saturday 14th December the Children's Christmas outing took place to 'Kool kids' in Cavan. Thanks to Marina and the Sunday school teachers and the parents for their help and support. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

Sunday 15th at 4.00pm the Glaslough Community Carol Service took place in the village. It was a rather cold day but the open air service was well attended by everyone in the Community. Thanks go to Diane Wright Kendrick for organising this and to Ruby Wright for the mulled wine and to all the ladies who brought mince pies and shortbread and served this after the service. The gentleman in the red cloak paid a visit to the delight of the young folk.

Sunday 22nd December at 10.30am Festival of Lessons and Carols was held in St. Salvator's Church. The Sunday school children played their part and thanks also to the choir and Ethne for the very uplifting music and the children for singing and reading. Gifts were given to express gratitude for work during the year. My thanks to the parishioners and select vestry for their very generous gift to me.

Monday 23rd at 8.00pm the Winter's Tale took place in St. Salvator's Church. It was a tremendous success with a packed church. Thanks to our visiting organist Glenn Moore, Ethne McCord and the Donagh Church choir together with the Donagh Community Choir for a delightful programme. Thanks also to the soloist and the harpist. Afterwards everyone was invited to Castle Leslie for mulled wine and mince pies. This was a lovely occasion and thanks to Samantha Leslie for the hospitality offered and to the stewards for the work they done in relation to lighting the path to the Castle and to Ron for supplying the transport to the Castle from the Church. The retiring collection was in aid of Bishops' Appeal for the Philippines.

## Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve at Tyholland Church was a lovely occasion. Thanks to the ladies for supplying the delicious supper afterwards and for a very generous gift to me from the parishioners and select vestry members.

## Christmas Day

Christmas Day service in St. Salvator's was again a celebration of the Birth of Christ. It was well attended and the children once again played their part.

## A Watch Night

A Watch Night service was held in St. Salvator's Church on the 31st December. Thanks to Lynn for playing the organ. It was a most fitting way to bring 2013 to a close and start the new year as a Church family.

## Christian Burial

Evelyn Sherry, Cornacrieve, Emyvale 30th October 2013.

## Condolences

Condolences to Mrs. Doris Wilson on the death of her Mother. We remember all who have been bereaved in our thoughts and prayers.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Diane and Clayton Coulter on the birth of a lovely baby daughter on the 14th November and we look forward to her baptism.

## Holy Baptism

Dylan Geoffrey Keith son of Geoffrey and Celina Keith baptised on 3rd November 2013. We congratulate his parents on having him baptised and wish Dylan and his parents God's richest blessing.

## Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those parishioners who are in Residential and Nursing Homes also those who are ill at home or in hospital. This can be a lonely time for the housebound and we remember them in our thoughts and prayers.

## Good Wishes

I take this opportunity to wish Revd Margaret Pringle every good wish and God's blessing as she begins a new phase in her ministry.

## Dromore



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Every Sunday 11.30am  
(First Sunday of the month 9.00am Holy Communion)

February is often described as the month of love because there is one day in the middle that is celebrated by many to express their love. It's a day that either you make a fuss of or you allow it to pass by as if unnoticed.

In the gospel of John Chapter 10 and verse 11-13 Jesus says "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep.

His love for you will never stop – but are you allowing it to simply pass by unnoticed?

Every Blessing  
James

## Christmas Events

There were many events to celebrate the Christmas season. From dinners to parties, from prayer times to services, we have been blessed by the time we spent together. Thank you to all who made each and every part of this possible.

## Regular Organisations and Events

We have many organizations and events that run on a regular basis to suit a wide range of ages and interests. Some of these happen on a weekly basis and others on a monthly cycle – CLB, GFS, Junior Sunday School, Ignite, Mother Union, Bowls Club, Prayer meetings/events, Study groups as well as many more which will be detailed below. We would appreciate your prayers and if you feel that you might like to join in then please do find out more details about them.

## Marriage Matters

I read a great quote by Nicky Gumbel this morning - A great relationship doesn't happen because of the love you had in the beginning, but how well you continue building love until the end.

Often the church is good at the actual wedding ceremony, sometimes good at the preparation beforehand yet we then neglect to invest in the marriages that have begun.

Holy Trinity Dromore is having an informal evening on Sunday 2 February at 8.00pm. This evening will be hosted by Shirley and me and the keynote speakers will be Bishop Ken and Helen Clarke. This couple has many years of practical experience helping other couples grow in their relationships.

What they have to say is inspirational and life changing. I have facilitated this kind of event with them before and relationships that where good became fantastic, marriages that were on the rocks where restored and love that had grown dim over many years was reignited. Often we perceive that we only need to attend these kinds of events when something has gone wrong. Yet this is exactly the kind of evening that will build the tools in your marriage to ensure that the relationship with your spouse continues to flourish and grow.

## Can't Cook Won't Cook

The Mothers Union is hosting an evening on Wed 19 February at 8.00pm called Can't Cook Won't Cook. The Chef for the evening is Shirley Kerr and the contestants are Derek Thornton and Revd James. Any donations will assist the Fields of Life Team from the parish.

## Spinsters are Sly

The Dromore Players are once again in action in a four act comedy called 'Spinsters are Sly.' The Play is taking place over three nights Wed 26th, Thurs 27th, Fri 28th February starting at 8.00pm each evening in Dromore Orange Hall. Tickets are £6 and can be purchased from James on 82898246 or Gordon on 82898005. All proceeds are for Fields of Life.

## Annual Guest Tea

Tuesday 5th March at 8.00pm in Dromore Orange Hall – come along for a night filled with an interesting and varied line up of artists.

## Ash Wednesday Service

On Wednesday 5th March at 8.00pm as we begin to reflect our standing before God during this season of Lent. This series will be continued each Wednesday evening during Lent.

## Church of Ireland Evangelical Fellowship

CIEF are hosting an event called 'Growing Rural Christian Communities' in Fivemiletown Parish Hall on Wed 26th February at 8.00pm. The speaker will be Bishop Ken Clarke. Everyone is welcome.

## Women's World Day of Prayer

We are hosting this event on Friday 7th March. The theme this year is 'Streams in the Desert'. The evening begins at 8.00pm and everyone is welcome.

## From the Register

**Baptism** 29th December - Fraser James Edgar

**Burial** 14th December – Margaret Bleakley

## Social Networking

Find us on Facebook using the name Holy Trinity Dromore, simply 'Like' our page to receive regular updates on what is happening.

## Drumkeeran, Templecarne and Muckross



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### Services in February

2nd 10.00 am Templecarne MP  
11.30 am Drumkeeran HC

9th 10.00 am Muckross HC  
11.30 am Drumkeeran MP  
7.00 pm Dernasesk

16th 10.00 am Templecarne HC  
11.30 am Drumkeeran MP

23rd 10.00 am Muckross MP  
11.30 am Drumkeeran HC

### Services in March

2nd 10.00 am Templecarne MP  
11.30 am Drumkeeran HC

5th 8.00 pm Ash Wednesday service in Drumkeeran

As two months have passed since the previous Magazine there are quite a number of events to mention.

## Christmas Communion

The Christmas Eve Communion Service was held in Drumkeeran at 10.00 pm and the Christmas Day Communion in Muckross at 10.00 am. There was a good attendance at both services. The plate collection for the Bishops' Appeal for World Hunger amounted to over £550. Thanks to all who contributed. In the period leading up to Christmas I had the opportunity of having 'home communion' with house bound parishioners and visiting those from the group of parishes in Nursing Homes and Care Homes.

## Carol Services

Carol Services were held as follows. Dernasesk on the 8th December. Templecarne and Drumkeeran on the morning of the 15th. Muckross on 22nd. Thanks to organisers, readers, organists and all who participated. And thanks to those who added the Christmas decorations in each of the three churches, giving a Christmas feel.

## Children's Service

A Christmas Sunday School Service was held in Drumkeeran on 8th December, followed by lunch in the Parochial Hall. Children from all three parishes in the group took part. And they did exceptionally well. Thanks to the Sunday School teachers from the three parishes. Thanks to Mandy Aiken who did most of the organising of the service. Thanks to the ladies who prepared and served lunch in the Hall afterwards. And thanks to Santa who came to the Hall with his bag of gifts.

## Baptism

During the Sunday School Service in Drumkeeran on 8th December Martha Ivy Jane, daughter of Mark and Janice Thompson, 737 Boa Island Road, Kesh, was baptised. It was good to welcome family members from different places for the baptism and to renew friendship. We pray that God's blessing will be with Martha, with her parents and godparents and with all who will have the care of her in the years ahead.

On Sunday 22nd December, Riley William, son of Paul and Judith Irons was baptised in Drumkeeran. The family now live in South Africa. May God be with Riley, with his brother and his parents in the years ahead.

## Sympathy

Mrs Peggy Brogden, formerly of 5 Crevenish Park, Kesh, who had been in the Ashbrook Nursing Home for some time, died on 17th December and after the funeral service in Drumkeeran Church was laid to rest in the adjoining graveyard on 20th. Peggy had grown up in the sextons house beside the church. In her late teens she went to work in England, married John Brogden and there remained until in retirement

they came back to live in Kesh. John and Peggy were faithful supporters of the church and its ministry. To their son Graham we extend our sympathy.

### Templecarne Concert



I am delighted to report that the Concert in November raised well over £2,000. Well done to all, particularly to David and Hilda Johnston who organise the event year by year. And thanks to the artists, most of whom provided their services free. The newly refurbished Methodist Hall added to the pleasantness of the evening's entertainment.

### Shoebox Appeal

Each year Mrs Irene Boyd makes a magnificent effort with the Shoebox Appeal, sending gifts to children in need. Thanks to all who help Irene with this project, and to all who contribute to the appeal from within the group of parishes and beyond. And thank you to the great number of men who came along on December 7th for the loading of the container truck, over 7,000 boxes. In this part of the world, despite the gloomy forecasts, we all live comfortably. This practical reaching out to the less fortunate is to be warmly commended. As a parish we feel honoured to be associated with the project. And 'Thank You' to Irene.

### Rural Deanery

A special service for the eleven parishes in Kesh Rural Deanery was held in the Fountain Centre, Kesh, on 24th November. There was a good gathering of people from all the parishes. Thanks to the Rural Dean, to the young people from Colaghty who led the music and to the Revd Ngozi Njoku, rector of the Garrison group who was the preacher. The next such service is planned for Palm Sunday in the parish church in Irvinestown at 7.00pm.

### Party

Each year the Pettigo Community Association organise a New Year's Dinner and Entertainment for Senior Citizens. This year the party was held on 8th January and the dinner was excellent. It is always a most pleasant event and it is great to see a community coming together in such an enjoyable way. Thanks to the organisers and to those who fund the event.

### Community News

A Cardiac Defibrillator has been acquired for use in the Kesh area. Congratulations and appreciation to the organisers who have made this possible. A support group is being set up. Also a new Walking Club has been formed with a trained leader. Appreciation of those who give of time and skill for the benefit of the community.

### Looking Forward to Lent

This year Lent begins on 5th March. To mark the beginning of Lent there will be a service in Drumkeeran Church on Ash Wednesday at 8.00 pm. I hope that a good number from all three parishes in the group will make the effort to come along, join in worship, marking the beginning of the season of Lent.

### Sunday School

No Sunday School on 16th February, school half term. Sunday School service on Palm Sunday, 13th April. No Sunday School on Easter Sunday 20th April or on 27th April. A group Sunday School service will be held in Drumkeeran at 11.00 am on 1st June to mark the beginning of the summer break.

### Pettigoe Methodist Church 175th Anniversary



Many of our parishioners attended the celebrations on the weekend of 15th/17th November to mark the 175th anniversary of the opening of the Methodist Church in Pettigoe and to celebrate the completion of the restructuring and renovations of their Church Hall. We offer our good wishes to our friends in the Methodist Church and appreciate the sharing of the facilities, and the BB and GB organisations held in the Methodist Hall which many of our young people attend.

### Cover

Thanks to the clergy of Ardess who provided emergency pastoral cover from 26th to 28th December.

### Letter received by the Diocesan Magazine Committee

During the months of September and October Pettigo Girls' Brigade met in Drumkeeran Parochial Hall due to extensive work being carried out to the Methodist Hall in Pettigo. I would just like to place on record my sincere thanks to Archdeacon Pringle and the Select Vestry for allowing us to use their premises during this time. It was a great hall and every corner of it was used during those two months! We were very well looked after and had the use of all their facilities. A big thank you to Mrs Mabel Armstrong for all her help in getting us settled in and thanks also to the Archdeacon for popping in to us see us on several occasions just to check that we had everything that we needed. Thank you from the Captain (Mrs Margaret Noble) and officers of Pettigo Girls' Brigade.

## Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum



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### Aghabog

#### Carol Service

Annual carol service held on Sunday 15th December was well attended. Our thanks to Ethel and to all the readers and to the Revd George for conducting the service. Also thanks to all who helped to serve refreshments in the hall afterwards.

#### Thanks

Thanks to Mr Roy Crowe for conducting our service on Sunday 5th January while the Revd George was on holidays.

#### Beetle Drive

The bowling club are having their annual beetle drive in the Parish hall on Saturday 15th February at 8pm. All are welcome.

#### Get Well Wishes

Get well wishes to all who have been ill at home or in hospital and we wish them a speedy recovery. Also to Marjorie Beattie we wish her well.

#### Social

A social will be held in Drumate Orange hall on Friday 14th March. Music by Wee Tom.

### Aughnamullen

Our Carol service on 8th December 2013 was well supported by neighbouring churches and we were pleased to have the Revd Wm. Buchanan Presbyterian Minister of Ballybay and Rockcorry and members of his congregation join with us for the service. Our guest soloist Mr Roy Crowe sang two very inspiring pieces unaccompanied as our organ went out of order at the beginning of the service and we had to revert to our CD player. Out thanks to Revd George for arranging the service, to Mrs Ethel Ritchie for coming to play the organ and to the readers. Also thanks to Mrs Josephine Patterson for providing the Christmas tree and to her and Mrs Teresa Carey for putting up the decorations for the service.

### Crossduff

We had a very large turnout for our Annual Carol service on Sunday 1st December and this year we were able to provide refreshments for everyone after the service in the refurbished stables. Our thanks to Revd George Beattie who arranged and conducted the service with the able assistance of Mrs Doreen Monahan, parish reader. This year we were delighted to have back again Revd Jean Mackarel who addressed both the children and adults with inspiring messages. Our special soloist Mrs Arlene Scott sang two beautiful pieces and a special word of thanks to Manuel Mackarel who played the organ for the carols and also to Mr Cyril Meegan who accompanied the organist by playing the trumpet for the carol "Silent Night".

We were also delighted to have Father Shane McCaughey and Revd Christy Irwin taking part in the service. Thanks to everyone who came to the service and to all who helped in providing refreshments after the service.

A special word of thanks to the F.A.S. workers for their work throughout the year especially at the refurbishment of the stables.

### Drum

#### Carol Service



On this festive night, the church was almost full with neighbours, friends and many visitors from near and some from afar. Revd George conducted the service, and we were delighted to welcome Churchill Silver band, who made the long journey from Derrygonnelly, to

provide the lovely music for our carols, they really enhanced our evening and added to the Christmas feeling. The Sunday school children recited a poem "the kings from the east" whilst donning their crowns they decorated themselves in Sunday school for the occasion, and they said some closing prayers. Well done to them for doing their job so well, and they all received a gift which they well deserved. Afterwards a time for catching up with friends over some festive treats was enjoyed. Sincere thanks to Churchill Silver band, the readers, the children, all who prepared the church and bought the food and helped to serve and clean up.

#### Group Service

A Group Service was held on 29th Dec; again we were treated to more musical talent from the Dawson Family, who sang 2 pieces during our service. Many thanks to them for coming to enhance our morning worship.

#### Get Well Wishes

Get well wishes, again we wish speedy recovery to Billy Reilly who is still in Dublin hospital; we trust he

will soon be back home and feeling better. And also Marjorie Beattie, wishing a speedy recovery after her fall.

### Thanks

Thanks to Mr Roy Crowe for taking our service on 5th Jan during Revd George's absence.

### Dartrey and Rockcorry

#### Sale of work and Coffee Morning

Sale of work and Coffee Morning on the 30th Nov. was very well supported. Thank you to everyone who supported and helped in any way.



#### Annual Carol Service

The Annual Carol Service took place in Dartrey on Sunday 22nd Dec. Thank you to Ballyreagh Silver Band for providing the music and to Rockcorry School children for singing. Thank you to Denise Fannin for supplying and making the "Mulled Wine" and to everyone who brought food which everyone enjoyed.

### Christmas Party

Dartrey & Rockcorry hosted the children's Christmas party which was enjoyed by all on the 21st Dec. Thanks to Walter Pringle for providing the entertainment.

### Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Alan Fannin & Lynne Phair on their marriage on the 4th Jan in Holy Trinity Church Garvary. Wishing them Health and Happiness in their future life together.

### Mother's Union Dinner

Mother's Union Dinner is to be held on Thursday 23rd Jan in the Errigal Hotel, Cootehill.

### Best Wishes

Best Wishes to all who have been ill and recovering and condolences to those who have been bereaved recently.

### Rockcorry Church of Ireland National School Enrolment for September 2014

Parents interested in enrolling their child in our school for September 2014 are invited to visit the school and meet the staff on Wednesday 19th February at 3.30pm. Application forms and a copy of our school prospectus will be available on the day. Please contact the Principal, Mrs Hazel Speares, on 042-9742554 if you have any further queries. We look forward to meeting you and your child.

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### Services

**Sunday 2nd February** The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9.00am - Holy Communion  
11.00am - Holy Communion  
7.00pm - Evening Prayer

#### Thursday 6th February

11.00am - Holy Communion

**Sunday 9th February** The Fourth Sunday before Lent

9.00am - Holy Communion  
11.00am - Morning Prayer (Clogher Diocesan Missionary Sunday)  
7.00pm - Evening Prayer

#### Thursday 13th February

11.00am - Holy Communion  
1.05pm - Healing Service

**Sunday 16th February** The Third Sunday before Lent

9.00am - Holy Communion  
11.00am - Holy Communion  
7.00pm - Evening Prayer (Favourite Hymns)

#### Thursday 20th February

11.00am - Holy Communion

**Sunday 23rd February** The Second Sunday before Lent

9.00am - Holy Communion  
11.00am - Morning Prayer (Family Service)  
7.00pm - Holy Communion

#### Thursday 27th February

11.00am - Holy Communion  
1.05pm - Healing Service

## Holy Baptism

24th November – Grace Madison Allen Beresford  
 15th December – Jordan Ian McClure  
 15th December – Harry David Funston  
 15th December – Ferne India Funston  
 12th January – Kirsty Eva Olivia Elliott  
 12th January – Kayley Louise Hicks

## Christian Burial

15th December – Elizabeth Emily Stephenson  
 17th December – Caroline Mary Guy

## Thanks for December Events

As a Parish we are deeply indebted to many people, too numerous to mention, for all the hard work and endless hours they spent in organising the following events:

The Parish Auction  
 The Great Cathedral Bake Off  
 The Senior Citizens Party  
 The Nativity Play  
 The Community Carol Service  
 The 90th Anniversary Service  
 The Nathan Carter Christmas Concert  
 The Carol Service  
 The Christmas Day Services  
 We hope to build on the success of all events next year.

## Community Carol Service

On Sunday 8th December a memorable community carol service, in aid of Cancer Focus, was held jointly between St Macartin's Cathedral and St Michael's Roman Catholic Church. The carol service commenced in Saint Michael's Church and then midway during the service the choirs, clergy and congregation processed the short distance across the town's Church Street to St Macartin's Cathedral for the second half of the service. In a sense the pathway Her Majesty The Queen journeyed by crossing the road, was further cemented in a most significant way with again over 400 people doing likewise. Many became rather emotional as all joined in the singing of 'Silent Night' continuously until all the congregation had made their way from one church to the other. It was a truly spectacular occasion, with Christian voices proclaiming the good news in a continuous link across the street, with the Carol resounding in St Michael's and St Macartin's and on the street simultaneously. This no doubt gave witness to the unity in Christ in a very public and powerful way.

## Hall Together Now

In November 2012 we outlined the need for extensive work to be carried out on the Cathedral Halls to repair and maintain our inheritance for continued use. We had an original target to raise at least £200,000 over a period of 2 years based on estimates made at that time. December is a busy month in the life of any Parish and St. Macartin's was no exception. Ruby

Elliott's Parish Recipe book has raised £385 to date and proved a popular gift; our thanks for all the hard work. Copies are still available for a donation of at least £5. Christmas at Coalter's was an amazing event which added £1600 to the Fund; we thank Norman, Helen, Matthew, Jordan and Sophie for all their hard work and generosity. Final figures are not available yet for the Nathan Carter Christmas Concert but this sell out success raised over £6000.



We thank all the organisations and individuals who have supported our fundraising to date with a total for the year estimated at just over £90,000. Members of the Committee continue to work hard on grant applications and other fundraising ventures. We must all realise the importance of the suite of Halls in the life, work and worship of our Parish and take responsibility for their future. We need, as a Parish, for everyone to make an effort to contribute in some form, whether it is supporting events, running a fundraiser yourself or donating through Hall Development Envelopes. We don't expect everyone's financial situation to permit it but if:

100 families gave £3/week it would raise £15,600  
 200 families gave £5/week it would raise £52,000  
 100 families gave £10/week it would raise £52,000  
 Giving a total of £119,600 with gift aid adding £30,000  
 If you feel you have a fundraising idea you would like to share with the Committee, or an event like a coffee morning advertised in the Pew News please contact the office.

## Invitation to Anniversary Meal

Our next event will be held on Friday 28th February at 7.30pm in the Cathedral Halls. This will mark the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Cathedral Halls. It will take the form of a meal, entertainment from talented parishioners and an auction of gifts and talents with the opportunity to view the renovation plans. As this is a sit down meal there numbers will be limited to 200. Tickets are available (adults £7.50 and children £5.00) from the churchwardens or the Cathedral Office.

## Clogher Diocesan Missionary Sunday

The Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission is encouraging each parish throughout the Diocese to focus on Mission

on the second Sunday in February and if this is not suitable on another Sunday in February. The missionary focus on Sunday 9th February will be on US United Society (formerly USPG) and Linda Chambers their National Director and secretary of the Association of Missionary Societies will be our guest preacher. On Sunday 23rd February at our Family service Ronnie Briggs will be the preacher and at that service he will launch the Sunday School Project for 2014.

## Top 10 Favourite Hymns

For the last Sunday in January and the first two Sundays in February all parishioners who attend church will be given a ballot paper to vote for their favourite Hymn chosen from the 719 Hymns in our Church Hymnal. If you attend on all three Sundays or more than once on any of those Sundays you will have a vote each time you attend. The votes will be counted and the top ten Hymns will be sang at a special evening service on Sunday 16th February at 7.00pm. This will be an hour of Hymn singing only and the collection will go towards the newly opened 'Organ Fund'. Please make every effort to attend, bring friends as well, and enjoy the count down to see what Hymn is number one! An enjoyable evening not to be missed – come and see if your Hymn has made the top ten!

We especially welcome any readers of this Diocesan Magazine to the service, and of course you are always welcome to any of our services!

## Messy Church



For those new to Messy Church, it is a monthly service for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. It is a fun way for families from the church and community to build fellowship and find out a bit more about God. St Macartin's held its second Messy Church in

December with 75 turning up to a day of Christmas craft, celebration and food. The children made box nativities, Christmas stars and shepherds, decorated gingerbread men, designed Christmas cards and had their faces painted. We then learned a new song called 'Let go!' and heard a short story about the real meaning of Christmas. All of the frolics were topped off by some delicious lasagne (again courtesy of the Mothers' Union).

There is a blog about Messy church, where readers were invited to respond to the open statement, 'Messy Church is great because ...'

Some of the responses were as follows:

Because people learn well through activity.

Because it means our building and people are not just about Sundays.

Because it is inclusive, accessible church for people in our community.

Because it is a safe place for families to 'fit' no matter what shape they are.

Because it is welcoming, involves parents, develops leaders. Sows seeds, changes the church. It's fun. Helps us share Jesus.

Our next Messy Church is from 4:00pm till 6:00pm on Thursday 30th January with craft and celebration on the theme of the Good Shepherd and then in February we meet at the same time on Thursday 20th. All are welcome!

## Xplore

Xplore is a programme seeking to meet the spiritual needs of teenagers (14+) in the parish. Currently it takes the form of a monthly late night alternative service in the Cathedral. This involves music from our resident group of musicians, audio-visual offerings and multi-sensory prayers / reflections.

Our Advent Xplore reflected on what it means to wait on God, using a baby bath filled with soil amongst other things. Our hope is to be creative and relevant with our exploration of faith.

All are welcome, and encouraged to bring friends. Forthcoming meetings are 26th January, 16th February, and 16th March meeting at 8:30pm

## Mothers' Union

The New Year commenced with a service of Holy Communion administered by Dean Hall, there were thirty two members in attendance. The AGM followed, with the Dean presiding over the election of officers and the committee which remains unchanged. Estelle Latimer, Branch Leader, thanked Dean Hall for the continuous support which he gives to Mothers' Union. The next 'Messy Church' takes place on 30th January, Mothers' Union take a practical part in this outreach project to the community by helping with the provision and serving of food. It is intended that this project will grow and encourage reaching out to others. The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th February at 8.00pm in the Hilliard Room. Karen Caswell from 'Homestart' is guest speaker.

## Tuesday Club

Members attended the 60+ party before Christmas. A thoroughly enjoyable evening with delicious food, fun and fellowship. Our thanks to all those who worked so hard behind the scenes to make it happen.

After the festivities the Club meet again on January 28th at 2.00pm when the guest is Margaret Owens who will no doubt enthral everyone with her latest travel escapades. Violet Rutledge is the speaker on 25th February and the topic will be 'Health in General'. Come along to the Hilliard Room at 2.00pm for a chat and afternoon tea. You will be very welcome. Transport can be arranged by contacting Eleanor Lynn on 6632 4603 or the Office on 6632 2917.

## Holy Baptism

If there are any children who are not baptised, the parents should contact the clergy to arrange a suitable time. All Baptisms are held in the context of a Sunday Service and can be at either the morning or the evening service. For older children who may feel self-conscious about being baptised in front of their friends, it is possible to baptise them after a Sunday Evening service.

## Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy or fill in a questionnaire available from the Parish Office and a member of the Clergy will contact you.

## A New Year Prayer

Loving God, inspire us with courage and hope as we embark on this New Year. May our lives throughout the coming months be an example of your love in our relationships with family, with friends and with those we meet in the community. Bless us with fruitful opportunities this year, grant us the wisdom to grasp them and the resources to realise them, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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Church Times on Sundays  
9.30am Kiltermon  
11am St John's  
7pm Evening Praise 1st and 3rd Sundays

## Mothers' Union

The AGM of Fivemiletown Mothers' Union was held on 11th December at the home of outgoing Enrolling Member, Mrs Margaret Bothwell. The new Enrolling Member for 2014 is Mrs Elvina Funston. At a Committee Meeting on 16th December

Mrs Emily Kells was appointed Secretary and Mrs Sheila Burke, Treasurer. The theme for 2014 is "Sowing the Future Together". The opening service for the year was held on 8th January and the speaker for the February meeting will be Mr Peter Hilton from The Leprosy Mission.



Mrs Elvina Funston, Enrolling Member of Fivemiletown Mothers' Union being welcomed by Mrs Margaret Bothwell the outgoing Enrolling Member.

## MOPS

Time Out on Monday for Young Women, with breakfast and a supervised crèche held on 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. February 10th Topic: "Flower Arranging", February 24th Topic "Watercolour Painting".

## CLB Church Lads Brigade

CLB Church Lads Brigade for P1-P7 boys, continues each Tuesday at 6.30-8pm, in the Parish Hall

## GFS Girls Friendly Society

GFS Girls Friendly Society for P1+ girls meet at 6.30-8pm each Wednesday in the Parish Hall.

## Bowling Club

Bowling Club continues each Thursday evening at 7.30pm.

## Senior Members

Senior Members had a very successful year meeting four times. Over 70 members attended the December meeting and enjoyed a delicious festive lunch. The speaker was Mrs Lisa Bullick from Hearing Loss NI. We will meet again on Wednesday 19th March at 12 noon for Holy Communion and Lunch.

## "What on earth am I here for?"

This course continues at 8.15pm on February 4th 'Fellowship' You were created to become like Christ and February 25th 'Ministry' You were shaped to serve God.

## Marriage Preparation Course

A weekend course hosted by Fivemiletown & Dromore Parishes on Friday 21st March from 7.30 to 9.30pm, and Saturday 22nd March 2014 from 9.30am – 1.30pm, in Fivemiletown Parish Hall, costing £60 per couple. For further details contact Revd Kyle Hanlon. It is important to register for the course, contact your minister or phone 028 9146 8846 or email admin@cguidelines.org.uk. Payment must be made before the course commences to 'Christian Guidelines.'

# Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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## Service Times

09:00 Drummully; 10:30 Sallaghy; 12:00 Galloon.

## Sunday School Times

Drummully: 9:00-10:00am, in Drummully Church Hall  
Sallaghy: 10:30-11:30am, in Sallaghy Church Hall  
Galloon: 12:00-1:00pm, in Galloon Church Hall

## Monthly Cycle of Services

Service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month, celebrated in all three Churches.

A Family Service on the third Sunday in the month, in all three Churches.

Service of Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays in the month.

A United Group Service on the fifth Sundays in the year (with a cup of tea afterwards, rotating between the three Parishes).

## Christmas

Thanks is expressed to all those who helped with the decoration of our churches for Christmas, those who took part in the Carol Services, provided the refreshments after the Carol Services and all who helped in every way.

## TAG (Teens and God)

The TAG Group will meet on Sunday 26th January 7:30 – 9.00pm in the Church Hall Newtownbutler. Membership £6 per child and if you are a new member please bring a parent on the first night to fill out a form. TAG will meet in Newtownbutler on the 9th and 23rd February and in Sallaghy on 9th March, 23rd March and 6th April. Everyone of Secondary school age from Drummully, Newtownbutler and Sallaghy are welcome to TAG on all dates and in both places!

## Women's World Day of Prayer

A Women's World Day of Prayer Service will be held in Newtownbutler Methodist Church on Friday 7th March 2014 at 8pm. The Speaker will be Revd Anita Kerr and the theme is "Streams in the Desert". This service is open to all.

## Galloon Parish



### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Jenny, Amy and Megan Wilson, Gortgommon Park on the tragic death of George, a devoted husband and father. George died in a tragic accident at his workplace in Lisnaskea on 7th December 2013. His funeral service was conducted by Father Michael King assisted by Revd Anita Kerr in St Mary's, Newtownbutler and burial was in the adjoining graveyard. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family circle.

We also remember the family of the late Cecil Burke, his widow Marjorie, son John, daughter Patricia and his grandchildren and great-grand children. Cecil was a butcher in Newtownbutler from the early 1950's until he retired in 1989. He and Marjorie moved to Moira about 11 years ago to be nearer their family. His funeral service was in Lisbellaw Presbyterian Church on Tuesday 7th January and burial was in Drummully Churchyard

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Neville Leary, Tantybulk on his recent marriage. We wish Neville and Sarah every happiness in their future life together.

### Sale of Work Bird Quiz

Winners of the Bird Quiz: 1st Miss Mary Elliott, Clabby; 2nd Mrs Doreen Best, Brookeborough; 3rd Sylvia Johnston, Brookeborough. Thanks to all who bought sheets and supported the cause. Thanks also to Maisie Phair for all her hard work selling the sheets.

### Illness

Please remember in your prayers all those from our parish who are unwell at this time, those in hospital, those undergoing tests and treatment, those convalescing at home and those in residential care or nursing homes. Please also remember all their families and carers. We thank Revd Anita for her diligent pastoral care and remind you to let her know of those who are ill.

### Future Events

The next Parish Auction is planned for Saturday 26th April 2014 at 12.00 noon in The Church Hall Newtownbutler. We need a supply of sell-able items so please start looking now. Collection and storage can be arranged. Contact William Little, phone 028 677 38676.

Our Annual Massive Second-hand Book Sale is planned for 22nd to 26th July 2014 in The Church Hall. This is an event not to be missed by any one who likes books. We would welcome donations of books of all kinds. We can arrange to accept your delivery or we can arrange to collect large amounts. Contact William Little to arrange.

### Galloon & Drummully Mothers' Union

A Branch meeting will be held on Monday February 24th at 8pm in the Trinity hall. We look forward to welcoming Mr. Raymond Farrell as our speaker. He will be speaking on "Mental Health". This meeting is open to everyone.

If anybody is interested in attending the Prayer Breakfast on Feb 15th 2014 or the General Meeting and Service in June please contact Branch Leader, Myrtle Allen for details on 07872600474.

### Sallaghy Parish



#### Tidy Up

Thank you to all who helped tidy up around the church and hall at the start of November when the main task was removing all the fallen leaves.

### Bowling Tournament

The annual Sallaghy Parish Pairs Bowling Tournament is scheduled to take place in the week commencing Monday 10th February with play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights with the finals on Friday 14th February.

### Mothers' Union

In February there will be no Branch meeting but members will be attending the following events: Lisnaskea Mothers' Union Visitors evening on Thursday 6th February at 8.00pm when the focus will be on CMS Ireland and Bishop McDowell will be present in his role as Mothers' Union Diocesan Chaplain.

On Saturday 15th February 2014 they will attend the Diocesan Prayer Breakfast in the Killyhevlin Hotel which runs from 9.30 – 11.30am. The speaker will be Canon Kathy Trimby, who is the All-Ireland Faith and Policy Co-ordinator. All Welcome including Men! Cost £8/€10 paid in advance. Further details from the Branch Leader.

### Sunday School Outing

At the time of writing the Sunday School children are looking forward to their visit to the Pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk" in the Ardhowen Theatre in Enniskillen on Saturday 18th January.

### Parish Dance

A parish dance in the Church Hall has been arranged for Friday 7th March 2014. Music will be by "Sweet Harmony". Tickets are on sale. Please keep this date free and invite your friends to attend. All support will be greatly appreciated.

## Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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**Sunday 2nd February** Garrison 10am HC; Slavin 11.30am HC.

**Sunday 9th February** Kiltyclogher 10am MP; Belleek 11.30am MP.

**Sunday 16th February** Garrison 10am MP; Slavin 11.30am MP.

**Sunday 23rd February** Kiltyclogher 10am HC; Belleek 11.30am HC.

**Sunday 2nd March** Garrison 10am HC; Slavin 11.30am HC.

### Mothers' Union

The December meeting was a cookery demonstration by Joy Graham on Wednesday 4th December in Garrison Church Hall. The Branch Leader Mrs Elizabeth Ovens was delighted to welcome some other members of our congregation for this event. Joy cooked a starter, main course & dessert which was sampled by everyone.

The members have decided to attend the Prayer Breakfast in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 15th February for their February meeting. The guest speaker is Canon Kathy Trimby, All Ireland Faith & Policy Co-ordinator. Please let Elizabeth Ovens know if you are attending by Sunday 9th February at the latest to book your place.

### Confirmation Service



On Sunday 24th November a service of Confirmation was held in Garrison Parish church which was packed with family and friends. Ten young people were confirmed by the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell. The Rector prepared the candidates for their confirmation and assisted the Bishop in the service. Rebecca Nelson & Alan Ovens read the lessons. The organist was Mrs Joy Graham.

Please continue to pray for the following young people after their confirmation: Darren Carson, Neil Graham, Amy Kettyles, Jamie Kettyles, Arianne McCordick, Rebecca Nelson, Adam Ovens, Kathy Ovens, Laura Thompson & Lee Walker.

### Illness

We think of those in our group of Parishes who have been ill. We pray for continued improvement in all those in our Group of Parishes who have been unwell, whether in hospital, at home, or nursing home. We wish Mrs Doreen Earls a speedy return to mobility after sustaining a broken bone in a fall. Doreen endured surgery at Altnagelvin Hospital but is doing well now and recovering at home.

### Bereavement

Sympathy is extended to Houston Elliott on the death of his wife Vera who passed away on 23rd December in the South West Acute Hospital. The funeral service took place in Ballycassidy Funeral home on Monday 30th December, followed by cremation in Roselawn Crematorium.

### Dedication Service

Please keep free Sunday 23rd March 2014 at 3pm for a special service of thanksgiving & dedication for the renovations and improvements to Garrison Parish Church and also to dedicate all the gifts that have been given in memory of loved ones by present & past parishioners.

### Bowls

The bowling club continues for the winter season every Tuesday night at 8pm in Melvin View Orange Hall. New members always welcome.

### Sunday School Party

The annual party was held in the Wark Hall on Friday 20th December at 7pm. Thanks to the all the Sunday School teachers who organised and co-ordinated this event.

### Christmas Services

There was an excellent turnout at all the Christmas Services this year. Thanks to all who helped to read or took part at any of the services.

### Christmas Family Service

The Sunday School members from Slavin, Garrison and Belleek took part in the Christmas Family Service on Sunday 15th December in Slavin Parish Church. The children acted out the Nativity, entitled 'The journey of the Wise Men'. The Wise Men travelled a long way to find the baby King. They were guided by the star and by five riddles until they arrived with their gifts for the baby Jesus. On



the way they had to deal with horrid Herod but they were very wise, because they continued their journey to Bethlehem without him.

The narrators were, Kathy Ovens, Lee Walker, Neil Graham, Adam Ovens, Laura Thompson, Jamie Kettyles, Amy Kettyles, Avril Thompson and Aoife

Gregg. Mary was Emma Kettyles and Joseph was Glen Brock. King Herod was acted by Adam Ovens and Aoife Gregg carried the star. The wise men were Clare Thompson, Oisín Gregg and Levi Love.

Prayers were led by Amy Kettyles, Glen Brock, Emma Kettyles, Cameron Duffy, Abi Brock, Avril Thompson, Connie Redcliff, Oisín Gregg, Levi Love, Ethan Johnston, Skye Love and Sarah Johnston.

At the end of the Service the Rector Revd Ngozi Njoku, thanked all the children who had taken part; she thanked them for their faithful attendance at practices and the parents who provided transport. She also thanked the Sunday School teachers: Florence Earls, Doreen Earls, and Lorraine Kettyles. She also conveyed thanks to the organist Ethne Earls who also helped prepare the children for the service.

The service concluded with the children singing, 'Great day in Bethlehem'.

### Kiltyclogher Carol Service

Kiltyclogher Carol Service took place on Sunday 22nd December. Our group Carol Service was held in Kiltyclogher Parish Church conducted by the Rector. A full congregation of both parishioners and community enjoyed the atmosphere created by the singing, readings and candlelight. Thanks is due to all the readers who read so well. The organist was Mrs Joy Graham.

A special thanks to our soloist for that evening, Miss Rose Saunders from St Macartan's Cathedral Parish who sang the 1st two verses of Once in Royal David's City. She also sang a beautiful version of "In the Bleak midwinter", accompanied on the piano by her sister Clare. The choir also sang two pieces accompanied by Mrs Sadie Moore. The collection was taken up by Amy Kettyles and Laura Thompson.

A lovely seasonal supper of mulled wine, mince pies & shortbread was served in the church following the service.

### Christmas Eve

Belleek Church was the venue for the Service of Holy Communion on Christmas Eve. Neil Graham & Mark Debaerdemaeker read the lessons & the choir sang "The Little Drummer Boy". The organist was Mrs Sadie Moore.

### Christmas Day

Garrison Church was the setting for the Family Service including Holy Communion on Christmas morning. The children brought up some of the toys they had received from Santa Claus and sang "Away in a Manger". The choir sang "Mary's Boy Child".

The readers were Keith Kettyles and Lisa Acheson. The organist was Mrs Joy Graham.

### Sunday after Christmas

This was a Fifth Sunday Group Service in Kiltyclogher Church. The readers were Edwin Earls & Mark Debaerdemaeker.

Following the service, soup, sandwiches, scones & biscuits were served in the Rectory in aid of the Sunday

School Society of Ireland. To date £170 was donated to this worthy cause. The Rector is most grateful to all who donated money and brought food for this event.

### Choir

Many thanks to the choir for attending practices on some nights when the weather was anything but favourable!

The Choir Christmas night out was on Friday 6th December where they enjoyed a delicious seasonal dinner served in the Riverside Bar, Garrison. Thanks to Dot Barlow who took care of all the organising.

### Parish Website

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on [www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org](http://www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org)

The web manager is Jenna Clarke.

Photos & articles etc. for the website to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls at [doreenearls@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:doreenearls@yahoo.co.uk)

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Inishmacsaint Mothers' Union and Methodist MWA outing to Traceys Hotel, Waterford, with Graham Tours on 30th May – 2nd June. £255 for 3 nights B&B and evening meals. All welcome. A good weekend in store. For further information please contact Sylvia Bourke on 02868641638 or [sylviabourke@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sylviabourke@yahoo.co.uk)

## Kilskeery and Trillick



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### Holy Baptism

Blayne Paul Neil son of Neil and Kylie Armstrong, great-grandson of Robert and Evelyn Armstrong, Kilskeery on Sunday, December 15th.

*God our Creator, thank you for  
the waiting and the joy,*

*Thank you for new life and for Parenthood.*

*Thank you for the gift of Blayne entrusted to our care.*

*May we be patient and understanding ready to guide and forgive that in our love Blayne may know your love. May he learn to love your word and the whole family of your children; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## Burial of the Dead

*'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.'*

Albert Crozier, Trillick on December 18th.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Albert and we extend our deepest sympathy to his loving brother, Cecil and all the family circle.

*O God our Father, we pray for those whose life is saddened by the death of a relative or friend especially the family of Albert and we remember in our prayers all those in our parish who have recently been bereaved.*

## Girls' Brigade



Enrolment Service took place, by candle light, during our Advent Carol Service on December 1st with collection in aid of Bright Eyes Animal Sanctuary, Ballinamallard and GB funds. The girls raised additional funds with a 'Coffee Evening and Sale' on December 11th and thanks to all those who gave so generously.

## Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Club



Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Club held their second 'in-house' Annual Christmas Dinner in Kilskeery Parish Hall on December 10th – a truly wonderful event with sincere thanks again to all those who helped in any way – Gwen and her 'Team' especially! The hall is open for Boccia/New Age Curling and other games every Tuesday from 2 – 4.30pm.

## Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union enjoyed their 'in-house' 'Night at the Movies' and thank all concerned – our projectionist, Art, in particular (even though he did manage to burn the popcorn!)

## Queen Elizabeth II Primary School Carol Service

Queen Elizabeth II Primary School, Carol Service took place in Kilskeery Parish Church on December 19th with 'new staff member' Art, looking after the music – he was adventurous but the children delivered – warmest congratulations to all! Tea and mince pies were provided by parents and staff in our hall following!

## Messy Kids Club



Kicked off on December 21st, was exceptionally well attended, exceptionally well received and exceptionally uplifting – well done Clare, Jemma and Alison (Leaders)! At the time of writing we look forward to our second gathering – January 18th, 'Creation' and invite you to our February gathering – February 15th, 'Love'. For all children aged 4 – 10 years.



## Groups/Organisations have resumed

**Boys' Brigade** Wed: Anchors 6.30 – 8.00pm, Juniors 7.30 – 9.00pm with the BB Company meeting on Thurs: 7.30 – 9.00pm.

**Girls' Brigade** Wed: 6.30 – 8.00pm.

**Youth Club** Our Youth Club meets on Friday evenings from 7.30pm

**Bowling Club** Our Bowling Club on Saturday evenings, with plans for their Annual Tournament, in Kilskeery Parish Hall, well under way.

**Guitar Group/Choir** Tuesday evenings: 6.30 – 9.30pm.

## Operation Christmas Child

We thank all those who got involved here, Gwen Crozier, Edie Brunt and Jean Funston especially who gathered the boxes and Jill Funston who coordinated our efforts.

## The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army thanks us for sending the lovely gifts to add to their appeal, telling us how much they, together with those who received the gifts, appreciated our kindness.

## Christmas 2013

We again thank all those who helped in any way with our wonderful celebrations, those who created the very beautiful displays in our churches; our organists Elizabeth, Wendy and Art; our choirs and also those who help in any way in the running of our churches.

Art and I thank all those who sent cards and gifts or who called at the rectory over the Christmas period – your kindness was very much appreciated.

## Real-Life Bookshop

‘Shop in a Box’, available in Trillick Parish Church, through Eileen Mills and in Kilskeery Parish Church, through Gwen Crozier.

## Faith Mission Conference

Trillick Parish Church, Saturday, March 8th at 8.00pm.

## Lisbellaw (including Coolbuck)



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## Holy Baptism

Sunday 29th December 2013 - Ella Orr, daughter of Thomas and Gillian, Queen’s Park, Lisbellaw.

## Christian Burial

*“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord”*  
24th November 2013 - Esther Little, Bramley Cottage, Gola, Lisbellaw.

12th December 2013 - James (Jimmy) Johnston, Station Road, Kesh, formerly of Lisbellaw.

## Scout and Guide Parade Service

Sunday 23rd February at 3.30pm.

## Cafe Church in the Parish Centre

Sunday 23rd February at 6.30pm.

## Advance Notice

During the weekend 1st-4th August the Parish will be commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War with displays, events and a special service. Please make a note of these dates in your diaries. More details to follow.

## Lisnaskea



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## Services for February

**Sunday 2nd** 11.30 am Holy Communion

**Sunday 9th** 11.30 am Morning Prayer

**Sunday 16th** 11.30 am Morning Prayer & Holy Baptism  
Speaker: Mr John Doherty-The Bible Society

**Sunday 23rd** 11.30 am Founder’s Day Service

## Burial

**5th December** George Derek Morrison, 8 Castlebalfour Park, Lisnaskea.

**Friday 13th December** Mervyn Farrell, Drummack, Lisnaskea.

**Wednesday 15th January** James Charles Brady, Castlebalfour, Lisnaskea.

## Our Sympathies

Our sympathies and prayers are with the Morrison, Farrell & Brady family circles & all who have been bereaved recently.

## Mothers’ Union

Instead of a formal meeting in December, 12 members and friends went to the Ardhowen Theatre to see “Anything Goes”. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all. In January Canon David Skuce conducted a Holy Communion service assisted by the branch leader after which he showed a Powerpoint presentation of his three month sabbatical in South Africa. He had already told us about this trip at the November meeting so we enjoyed seeing pictures of what he had experienced. Some found it hard to believe the conditions that people live in in the black townships.

On Thursday 6th February we have our visitor's night when representatives of CMSI will come along to give us an update of their work overseas. As this is the 200th anniversary of CMSI it is hoped there will be a good attendance. Our Bishop Rt. Revd John McDowell the MU Chaplain will also be present to give us a short address. The market place stall will have many beautiful handmade crafts for sale so it is hoped this will be well supported. "Saddlers" are doing the catering so if you plan to attend please telephone 028677 21583 and inform Winnie Smyth as soon as possible. In March we plan to have our annual dinner.

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### Services for February

#### February 2nd

9.30 am Morning Prayer  
11.00 am Holy Communion  
7.00 pm Healing Service

#### February 9th

9.30 am Holy Communion  
11.00 am Morning Prayer  
7.00 pm Methodist Church

#### February 16th

9.30 am Morning Prayer  
11.00 am Morning Prayer  
7.00 pm Holy Communion

#### February 23rd

9.30 am Morning Prayer  
11.00 am Founders Day Service  
7.00 pm Methodist Church

### BUFC 1st Team Home Games

Sat Feb 2nd: Crusaders (Home, League, 3pm)  
Mon Feb 10th : Sligo Rovers (Home, Leon Carters Testimonial, 7.30pm)  
Fri Feb 21st : Ards (Home, League, 8pm)  
Mon Feb 24th : St Patricks Athletic (Home, Setanta Cup Quarter Final 1st Leg, TBC) (televised!)  
Sat Mach 15th : Glentoran (Home, League, 3pm)

The Fisher Park 3G pitch is almost complete and will soon be available for hire by groups when not in use for training.

### Community News

There will be a meeting of the Festival Committee on February 3rd (Monday) at 8pm. If you have any ideas or would like to be involved in this year's festival (provisionally 1st-8th June) please attend or contact Craig Moffitt.

### Mothers' Union

6th February @ 8.00pm in the Archdale Hall: "Jewellery Making" by Margaret McCauley. A small charge of £5 will apply to cover the cost of materials used. Any member of the congregation who would like to join us will be very welcome.

6th March @ 8.00pm in the Archdale Hall: The Revd Jean Mackeral - who will speak on "Life, Ministry and Motherhood". The Revd Mackeral is a Presbyterian Minister in Co Monaghan. Alongside her Church work she hosts a programme on the radio, Northern Sound on a Sunday night and is a popular compere at local concerts. This promises to be an entertaining night and an open invitation is to extended to all to come along.

3rd April @ 8.00pm in the Archdale Hall: John Ennis - "Sowing and Growing Daffodils" John is well known for his prize winning displays of daffodils at local shows. So if you want to improve your gardening skills this is a night not to be missed.

49 members and friends including Dr Margaret Knox, the Diocesan President, enjoyed a wonderful meal in Mahon's Hotel Irvinestown. Santa paid a visit and presented a small gift to all present. The evening concluded with Carol singing accompanied by Joan Quinn on the accordion.



Baby Jesus at the Magheracross Nativity played by 3 day old baby Scarlett Anderson

### The Sit-Out

Thank-you to all those who supported the recent pre-Christmas sit-out through wind and rain. You raised over £3000! This year, the chosen causes were Aware-Defeat Depression NI, and Bishops' Appeal (Philippines Aid).



Some of the participants and their dogs at the Parish Ramble on Boxing Day in Castle Archdale

## Worship through Lent

There is an opportunity for worship throughout Lent each Wednesday at 8.00pm. These are informal events which will include prayer, reflection and address. They should last approximately 45 minutes and are a useful addition to our worship in Lent.

## Bishops' Appeal (General Funds)

With the Church News there is an envelope enclosed for your Bishops' Appeal contribution. Bishops' Appeal was set up by the Bishops of the Church of Ireland and is the Church of Ireland's own world aid and development programme. To fund this, the appeal is dependent on parishes throughout the Church. This fund is available when world disasters strike.

A retired Bishop quoted 'The Bishops' Appeal is the best barometer we have of the authenticity of our claim to be a caring church.'  
Thank you, in anticipation, for your contribution for 2014, which can either be placed on the collection plate or given to your Parish Visitor to return.

## Farewell

In January the Methodist congregation bid farewell the Revd Robin Toner who takes up a new ministry. Robin supported the Methodist Church during Ken's time as President and we are grateful for his ministry and contribution.

## Healing Prayer Service

The evening service in the Parish Room on February 2nd will include a time of prayer for healing and the "laying on of hands" for those who wish it. This ministry occurs at regular intervals throughout the diocese and in the Cathedral and is a very simple, personal and devotional time of blessing. Please feel welcome to attend or mention to Helen Humphries that you would like to be included in our prayers.

## News from the Select Vestry

Two pieces of work on our property have recently received approval from the diocese and our headquarters in Dublin.

The first follows a recommendation from our quinquennial inspection that we should provide easier access to the tower. This will involve replacement of the ceiling in the porch and a drop down ladder which is higher than usual. The project is being gifted by the family of the late Robert and Stella Elliott who also donated the church doors.

The second project will open up the baptistery with minimal disruption. The railings will be "reversed" and mounted against the wall to provide a backdrop to the font rather than enclosing it.

## Youth Information

2014 has arrived! It's time to finish off those last remaining chocolates and drop the Xbox controller, because we've got plenty to look forward to over the next couple of months.

## Evening of worship with the YF

On Sunday 2nd March, Youth Fellowship and church will be coming together for a night of praise and teaching in the Magheracross parish room. We'll aim to combine the informality and energy of YF with the more traditional elements of church, and allow parents to experience the form of worship that their young people helped develop through 'Build-a-Church' in November. It would be great to see this service well supported by both young and old.

## Soul Mates 2014

We hope to take a group of our young people to Soul Mates in Lurgan from 7th – 9th March. It's a brilliant weekend of worship, learning, drama, very little sleep and, of course, mighty banter! Early booking costs are lower (£33) so get your young people signed up as soon as possible – it's also a great chance to see the TOM Team again!

## YF Programme

As for Youth Fellowship itself, we'll be delving deeper into bigger questions and stories from the Bible as we start our 'God Is...' programme. Each week, our leaders will present a different aspect of God's character ('God is Powerful', for example) and then invite our young people to get stuck in to some group discussion and creative interaction – we hope to prompt a bit of fresh thinking about who our wonderful God is.

## Visitors from Saintfield

The Youth Fellowship from Saintfield Parish Church stayed in the Archdale Hall over a weekend in January and our own YF had the opportunity to spend time with them on the Saturday. In particular we shared in a "photo challenge" in which we prowled Ballinamallard looking for opportunities to take pics with a particular theme eg "a scene from a movie" or "performing an act of kindness".

## Scouting

During January, the Scouts began their season with an examination of the issues around internet use. The parents were given a preview of the material provided by CEOPS (a section of the PSNI) which highlighted the importance of internet security, privacy and supervision.

Also this term, the scouts will be participating in a wall-climbing competition and an archery competition. Hopefully there will be photographs of them with their trophies in the next edition.

Founders Day will be celebrated in church on the morning of February 23rd when the scouting groups will be taking part in our 11am worship.

## GFS

One of the primary focus points of this term's GFS programme will be the completion of their Scripture work and the competition which accompanies this. In particular, they will be looking at the "lost and found" stories about the sheep, the coin and the son. Alongside this work, they will be preparing for the diocesan craft competition. As with the scouts, we look forward to seeing their photos with their trophies!

And as always, please prayerfully remember our young people and the programmes they'll be taking part in, because nothing we do will succeed without God at the helm.

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The start of a New Year brings with it new challenges and opportunities and as I write these notes, I am very aware of the repairs and improvements that are being planned for the church. As you read these notes you will have had an opportunity to attend the parish centre and here about the plans. The plans are hopefully going to ensure that the church building remains a warm and comfortable place for the worship of God that will be attractive to the young people of today and the youth of tomorrow not yet born.

We want to remove any barriers that would prevent people from coming to worship God and make it easy to meet with God during our worship whether you are

someone who prefers a traditional or more informal style of worship.

We need to be mindful that at the heart of it all are the words of psalm 127v1.

## Diary

**Healing Prayer** every Friday evening 7.30-8.30pm

**Prayer for the Youth** every Tuesday evening 7-8pm, Fountain Centre

**Revival Prayer** every Monday, 8pm

**Wednesday Prayer** Meeting 9.30 –11am

**Children's Church** during 11 am service for children 3-14 years

**Ardess Little Lambs** Mother & Toddler Group Mondays 10 – 12 noon. During school terms

**Christian Book Exchange** in Parish Centre after 11 am service every 1st Sunday. Pick up a book or books free of charge

**Ardess Historical Society** Monday 17th Feb Neil Armstrong (Curater/Manager) An insight into The Innskillings Regimental Museum

**Ardess Community Association** Fri 21st Feb celebrating the anniversary of Ardess National School 1914-2014 including an exhibition on the school's history

**Friends in the Afternoon** Tuesday 11th Feb Recycling - Stewart Burns from FDC. Tues 25th Feb - Favourite Hymns - Helen Blair

**Life Groups** meet weekly, either evenings or daytime. Please see Revd Henry for details about a group that would suit you and help you apply your faith to your life and help you walk in your journey with God in the company of others

**Mothers' Union** Thurs Feb 20th The Mansley family story - Revd Caroline & Nigel

**Alpha Course** Thursday's in the Mayfly Inn, Main Street, Kesh

## Fountain Centre

### Junior Youth

**Club** for all P5,6 & 7 ages every Thursday 6.30-8pm £1 entry fee.

### Senior Youth

**Club** for all secondary school age Years 1,

2, 3: every Friday 7-9 pm £1 entry fee. Years 4 and upwards 9-11 pm £1 entry.

**CONNECT** (Fountain Youth Fellowship) Sunday night for all secondary school age from 7-8.30pm. See Gillian Robinson for details.

**After Schools Club** for all secondary school age 4.30 - 5.30pm Monday - Wednesday.

**20's Life Group** Mondays 7.30pm in Fountain Centre.



## Ash Wednesday

There will be a service at 8pm in the church on Wednesday 5th March to celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

## Easter Praise

This year the Kesh rural deanery are going to come together for a special service of readings and songs for Easter on Palm Sunday evening the 13th April @ 7pm in Irvinestown parish church. It will be a mix of traditional and contemporary music and will involve all the choirs in the rural deanery taking part. Please do put this date in your diary and plan to be there.

## Registers



### Marriage

Marriage of Dara Murphy & Wendy Carleton, 3 Camplagh Road, Drumbaron, Ederney on 20th Dec 2013.

### Baptisms

We ask that God will bless each family as they bring their child for Baptism and they will take seriously the promises they make.

**17th Nov 2013 Alexander Andrew Ross** - son of Alastair & Emma Ross, 8 Fincairn Cottage, Drumahoe, Londonderry

**8th Dec 2013 Katie Jane Likely** - daughter of James & Pamela Likely, 80 Pettigo Road, Banagh Beg, Kesh

**22nd Dec 2013 Bella Louise Law** - daughter of Timothy & Gillian Law, 76 Killsmullin Road, Lack

**5th Jan 2014 Anna Catherine Graham** - daughter of Brian & Helen Graham, Deerpark, 85 Rehall Road, Ederney

**12th Jan 2014 Charlie Thompson** - son of Paul & Martina Thompson, 142a Coolness Road, Irvinestown

**12th Jan 2014 Lea Eileen Johnston** - daughter of Alvin & Alison Johnston, 141 Makenny Road, Irvinestown

### Bereaved

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are bereaved particularly the families of :-

**Olive Irvine** Age 93 buried 20 September 2013 of Letterkeen Kesh

**Caroline May Guy** Age 80 buried 17 December 2013 of 5 Benaughlin Park Enniskillen

**Margaret Weir** Age 98 buried 20 December 2013 of Hazelwood Irvinestown

**Elsie Beacom** Age 88 buried 27 December 2013 of Causeway End Park Lisburn

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## Christ Church, Maguiresbridge

### Baptism

17th November, 2013, Ben James Graydon, 8 Harryville, Maguiresbridge

### Wedding

29th December, 2013, Jacqueline Benson and Joe Mercer, 191 Morley Avenue, Morley Green, London

### Burials

18th December, 2013, Irene Elizabeth Armstrong, Drumgoon Road, Maguiresbridge

31st December, 2013, Doreen Prescho, Gortacharn Nursing Home, Lisnaskea formerly Drumeer Road, Maguiresbridge

4th January, 2014, Sarah Dorothy (Dolly) Magee, Gortacharn Nursing Home, Lisnaskea, formerly Main Street, Maguiresbridge

## St. Michael's Church, Derrybrusk

### Burial

15th December, 2013, Eileen Hogg, Derryhowlaght, Lisbellaw

We are delighted to welcome Ben James Graydon into the fellowship of Christ's Church. We would like to wish Joe and Jacqueline every happiness in their future life together. Sadly over the Christmas period we had four sudden deaths. It is always sad to lose a loved one over the Christmas period. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Armstrong family on the death of Irene, the Prescho family on the death of Doreen, the Magee family on the death of Dolly and to Robert Hogg on the death of his wife Eileen.

Services in the lead up to and after Christmas were well attended. Christmas past we decided to have an evening carol service at Derrybrusk and there was a very good attendance. The darkness of the evening added to the atmosphere. The Christingle service at Christ Church was enjoyed by all and the singing was excellent. After the Christingles were handed out and the lights switched off, it was wonderful to look down the Church and to feel the calmness and the joy on the face of the people as the candles were lit. What was evident at all our services was the talent of our young people.

We look forward to our bishop coming along on Sunday 23rd February to both of the services. We are delighted that he will be dedicating a silver bread box in memory of Sadie Chartres which has been

presented to the parish by her family. We thank too the Chartres family for their very generous gift in memory of a dedicated member of Derrybrusk parish and who was a member of the Mother's Union and select vestry for many years.

As the March edition of the magazine comes out, we will almost be into the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is pretty late this year and our services for Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, 5th March, 2014. The first service at 10.30am, in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge will be a service of Holy Communion and at 8.00pm in St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk we will be using The Second Alternative Form of Evening Prayer.

### Maguiresbridge Mother's Union

The first meeting of the New Year took place on Monday 13th January with a service of Holy Communion, followed by a business meeting. During 2013 we were saddened by the death of two of our Indoor Members – Ethel Graydon in June and Dolly Magee in December who was a founder member. This year Maguiresbridge MU will celebrate sixty years in Clogher Diocese.

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### 2nd February The Presentation of Christ

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion

Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

### 9th February Fourth Sunday before Lent

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word

Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer

### 16th February Third Sunday before Lent

St Patrick's 10.30am Morning Prayer

Kilmore 12.15pm Morning Prayer

### 23rd February Second Sunday before Lent

St Patrick's 10.30am All Age Worship

Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

### 2nd March The Sunday before Lent

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion

Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

### The Irish Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Children

The Annual food appeal was held on Sunday 24th November and the 1st & 8th of December. At Christmas time it is good to remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves, particularly children. We express grateful thanks to all who donated food or gave a subscription and to Mrs Muriel Treacy for making the arrangements.

### Bishops' Appeal Philippines

Special collections were made on Sunday 24th & Sunday 1st December resulting in a cheque for €471.08 being forwarded to Bishops Appeal – we are very grateful to all who donated to the worthy cause.

### The Mothers' Union

Held their Christmas dinner in the hall on Tuesday 3rd December with catering provided by Caroline's catering. It was a very enjoyable evening with good food, in house entertainment & fellowship. The February meeting will be on Tuesday 4th February in the Hall at 8pm when Raymond Wilkinson will be the guest speaker.

### The Ladies Group

Christmas party was on Wednesday 11th December in the Coach House, Castleblayney, this was a new venue for them and everybody had a very enjoyable night. The February meeting on Tuesday 18th is in the hall at 8pm, there will be a talk on Nutrition by Alexia Treanor. Non-members will be welcome to attend with subscription being €5.

### Condolences

We offer prayerful sympathy to Ms' Sandra O'Toole & Family on the death of her Uncle. Mr Norman Campbell & family on the death of his sister and Moore Heasty & Family on the death of his Aunt. Please uphold them & all who have been recently bereaved in prayer.

### Advent Services

Advent Services were held at different times each day throughout Advent, finishing on Monday 23rd December.

### Christmas Services & Party

The Carol Service for the group was in Ballinode Church on Sunday 19th December & our thanks are due to the choir & reader for their lead in worship. We had our first parish Christmas party on Sunday 15th December enjoying an afternoon of games, fun, craic and food with parishioners there from 2 months to 80+.

The services for the Group on Christmas day were a traditional Communion Service at 9.30am followed by an All Age Communion service at 10.30am.

### Churches Together

We joined with other churches in the town on the Monday before Christmas to do free Christmas present wrapping in Monaghan Shopping Centre, wrapping a variety of shapes of gifts.

## Illness

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

## Play Away

Play Away had their Christmas party on 19th December with small numbers, but all had great fun. Thanks to Jim, Imelda, Rosie and the 'tea ladies' for all their help.

## Vortex

Vortex began again in January for all secondary school aged children and will meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of term time.

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## Christmas 2013

A very big "Thank You!" to all those who made our worship during Advent and Christmas so special. To the Choir and Organists, to those who decorated our church so beautifully, to the Sunday School children and Leaders for the Nativity Play, to those who read lessons and led prayers, to those who provided refreshments and hospitality, to our Sexton and Churchwardens, and to all who contributed in so many ways.

Again, thank you for all that you give – it is very much appreciated.

## Sunday School Party

The Sunday School held their Christmas Party on Thursday 12th December in the Parochial Hall. There was a big turnout and the children had a ball! Food and games followed by a disco and a great fun evening for all. Thanks to the Sunday School Teachers for all of their work and commitment (as well as some pretty light footwork from them at the Disco!)



Children and teachers tripping the light fantastic!

## Big Sing Sunday

On Sunday 9th February 2014 at the 11.00am service we are going to have a "Big Sing" – a service dedicated to the joy and worship of God through singing hymns. There will be a mix of classics, favourites and a couple of contemporary hymns, during which we shall be 'encouraged' to sing up and sing out. "O come, let us sing unto the Lord"!

## Founders Day Service

On Sunday 23rd February 2014 we look forward to welcoming the Uniformed Organisations to the 11.00am service, at which we traditionally remember and give thanks for the life and service of the founders of the Scout and Guide movements. There will be tea and coffee served in the Hall after this service

## Farewell to our Ordinand on placement

On Sunday 15th December 2013 we said 'Farewell' to Olivia Downey, following her 10 week placement with us in Rossorry. Olivia is a second year Ordinand at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. During her time in Rossorry she assisted in worship and preached, visited parishioners at home and in hospital, learned about the administrative aspects of the parish, took part in baptism preparations and participated in baptism services, and assisted with pre-Christmas Home Communion. All who met with her in Rossorry were very impressed with her friendliness and easy manner, as well as her warmth, compassion and commitment to service of our Lord Jesus Christ. We wish Olivia the very best for her continued studies, and pray that she will be richly blessed as she journeys the not always easy route of training for ministry.



Olivia Downey receives a gift from the parish presented by Nathan Armstrong and Canon Arthur Barrett

## Rossorry Choir Farewell

In recent months, a number of choir members have decided that the time is right to retire from regular participation in the choir. Patsy Long, Daisy Mills and Olive McFadden retired some time ago, and Ethel Doherty retired earlier in 2013. Christmas 2013 marked the retirement of Vera Devers, Sadie Farrell,

Anna and Johnston Erwin. We are deeply saddened to lose these wonderful and dedicated members of our choir, but are also deeply grateful to them all for the years of service which they have given to Rossorry Parish. Between them, they have given over 200 years of service! It is a remarkable achievement. At the Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December 2014, the Rector presented those present each with a Royal School of Church Music Certificate, acknowledging their many years of dedicated, committed and talented service to God through worship in Rossorry Parish. We wish them all a very happy retirement from choir life, but are assured that we shall continue to be blessed by their voices in the congregation!



Sadie Farrell, Anna Erwin and Johnston Erwin receiving Certificates from Canon Arthur Barrett. Not in the photo were Patsy Long, Daisy Mills, Ethel Doherty, Olive McFadden and Vera Devers.

## Services in February 2014

**Sunday 2nd February** 9.00 am Holy Communion; 11.00am Holy Communion; 7.00pm Evening Prayer.

**Sunday 9th February** 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Big Sing Sunday.

**Sunday 16th February** 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Morning Prayer; 7.00pm Evening Prayer.

**Sunday 23rd February** 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Founder's Day Service.

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## Wedding

18th October 2013 Samatha Jayne Robinson, Belfast Road, Fivemiletown and Kenneth Gerald Shorten, Clabby Road, Clabby.

## Funerals

24th November 2013 David Francis Stronge, Camgart Road, Clabby.

6th December 2013 Eveline Maude Toland, Bohulkin, Tempo.

3rd January 2014 Rebecca Elizabeth Coulter, Tattykeenan, Tempo.

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 11th February - Mothers' Union,** 8pm, Clabby Church Hall, Members own.

**Thursday 13th February - Table Quiz** 8pm, Tempo Church Hall. Everyone welcome.

## Christmas Carol Services

Thank you to all the young people who took part in our carol service on 15th December. In Clabby they led the prayers, had a nativity play and read the scriptures. Thank you also to Mrs. Ann Bloomfield and the music group who led the worship. Gifts were donated for use by the Salvation Army for their Christmas appeal.

At the service in Tempo, young people read the scriptures and prayers. Thank you to the organist Mrs. Carol Graham and the choir for leading the worship and to Mr. Mark McDonald for playing two Christmas selections of music on the flute.

On Sunday 22nd December the service of lessons and carols was held in each church. Again thanks to our organists, Mr. Ryan Crawford and Miss Audrey Woods (Clabby) and Mrs. Carol Graham (Tempo) for leading the worship and to those who read the scriptures.

## Lent 2014

The services commence each Wednesday from Ash Wednesday (5th March) at 8pm, alternating between each Church.

**Tempo** - Ash Wednesday and on 19th March and 2nd April.  
**Clabby** - 12th March, 26th March and 9th April.

The theme will be "Three" when we shall be examining some of the places we come across three in scripture.

The season of Lent is soon dawning upon us. The Church has always used it as a time to meditate and reflect upon the suffering of Christ. The Psalm most closely associated with Ash Wednesday is Psalm 51. King David wrote this Psalm as his personal and public repentance for his sins committed against God in his extra martial affair with Bathsheba. The Psalm recounts:

- 1) The problem of sin David's request in verses 1-2, what is sin? Shows what God has and what he needs.
- 2) The seriousness of sin: David's repentance in verses 3-4. Genuine repentance involves the need to admit sin's presence, confront its seriousness and acknowledge its depth.
- 3) The answer to sin: David's restoration in verses 7-9. David asks God to de-sin him, restore him and pardon him.
- 4) The victory over sin: David's renewal verses 10-14. As a result of God's forgiveness, he looks to become a new person, have a new testimony and engage in a new mission.

For through the shed blood of Christ on the cross and his perfectly accomplished work there by his costly sacrifice we too can experience the same as David. Our sin may not be as great, but we are all sinners in God's sight. We all need to confess and repent of sin. Then the old has passed away and we become a new person in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-19).

## Trotry and Killadeas



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Dear Parishioners,

The first Sunday of February 2014 is the Feast of The Presentation of Christ in the Temple. The infant Jesus is brought according to the traditions of the Jewish faith to the Temple at Jerusalem for circumcision and to be consecrated to the Lord like every first born Jewish son.

From this rite of the Jewish faith in Luke's gospel we meet an old woman Anna a prophetess who told all who would listen about the child and what he would do as she gave thanks to God.

We also meet Simeon, who declares that wonderful passage of scripture we today call the Nunc Dimittis. "Lord now let your servant depart in peace." Anna declares what is to come while Simeon almost like a sigh declares the time of Salvation he, his people and the world have waited on has come to be. In Baptism we too are dedicated to God and we are called to seek the Holy Spirit. The children we have and especially those we are God parents to are our responsibility in preparing for the Holy Spirit to be revealed in them. That is a duty of love but also a duty of prayer and thanksgiving. May we be reminded in the simple faith of Simeon and Anna of the grace of God that is upon us in our Baptism calling to faith.

### Trotry Coffee Morning and Wreath Sale

This regular Christmas event was very successful in 2013 raising over £1100. The parishioners under the supervision of Mrs. Barbara Irvine produced almost 50 wreaths of outstanding beauty and quality. Not only that but the two nights of producing them saw much fun and craic in the parish hall. Many thanks to all who helped or supported this event.

### Trotry Organ

The organ was dedicated on the Sunday before Christmas at a favourite carols and hymn service. The organ was played by Mr. Billy McBride and dedicated by the rector. The music was delightful and the mixture of old and modern hymns permitted a lovely atmosphere to our worship. Thanks to gifts to the parish, donations in lieu of flowers and fund raising the £8000 outlay for the organ has been paid with little draw on parish finances.

### Nine Lessons and Carols

Killadeas: A delightful carol service was organised and led by the Sunday school with contributions from the Parish Choir led by Mrs. Joan Nelson. All the children who read did so with fluency and special thanks to Rhoda Farrelly for preparing them so well.

### Trotry

Again we had a beautiful musical contribution from the Sunday School and parish choir under Mrs. Barbara Somerville. Thanks to all the readers who delivered their readings with clarity.

Both services were well attended with almost 50% of our parishioners in attendance at these services.

### Trotry Lodge Collarettes and Carols

Thanks to all who came to the Lodge carol service from far and wide. The collection for The Macular Society raised £367. The lodge greatly appreciate our own Trotry band and Letterbreen silver band along with the parish organist Mrs. Somerville and choir in leading the wonderful music at the service.

During the service Mr. Derek Farrell (Worshipful Master Trotry 647) was presented with a Bible for work he has undertaken in the School House for the benefit of the parish and the lodge. Tea was served by the parish ladies and the lodge members who wish to thank Mrs. Doris Byers for providing the mince pies.

### Trotry School House

Work should have commenced on refurbishment of the toilets at the school house. The corrugated iron roof is to be replaced with slates and insulated. The toilets are to be decorated and the sanitary ware replaced. It is hoped that the work can be completed without "inconvenience at the conveniences."

### Killadeas Priory and Hall

The hall has had work carried out to absorb sound when in use by the parish at social functions. The work has involved fitting sound absorbing tiles to the hall and the improvement is remarkable.

The Church is due to have some works undertaken in and around the font over the next few months to improve its visual appearance.

### Tuesday Club

On January 14th 2014 the Tuesday club had a meal in Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown. The Rector and Mrs. Watson were guests of the club. A wonderful meal and time was had by all who attended. The club sent best wishes to Miss. Marie McCordick who has been indisposed. Apologies that the event photographs could not be included due to technical problems.

### Lent

Details of our Ash Wednesday services and our Lenten services will appear in the March diocesan magazine.

Let's celebrate our Church by understanding our past and by looking forward to its future with its challenges and its blessings.



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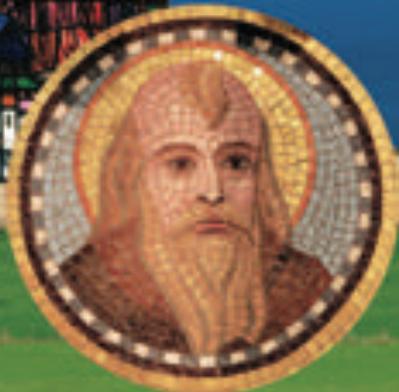
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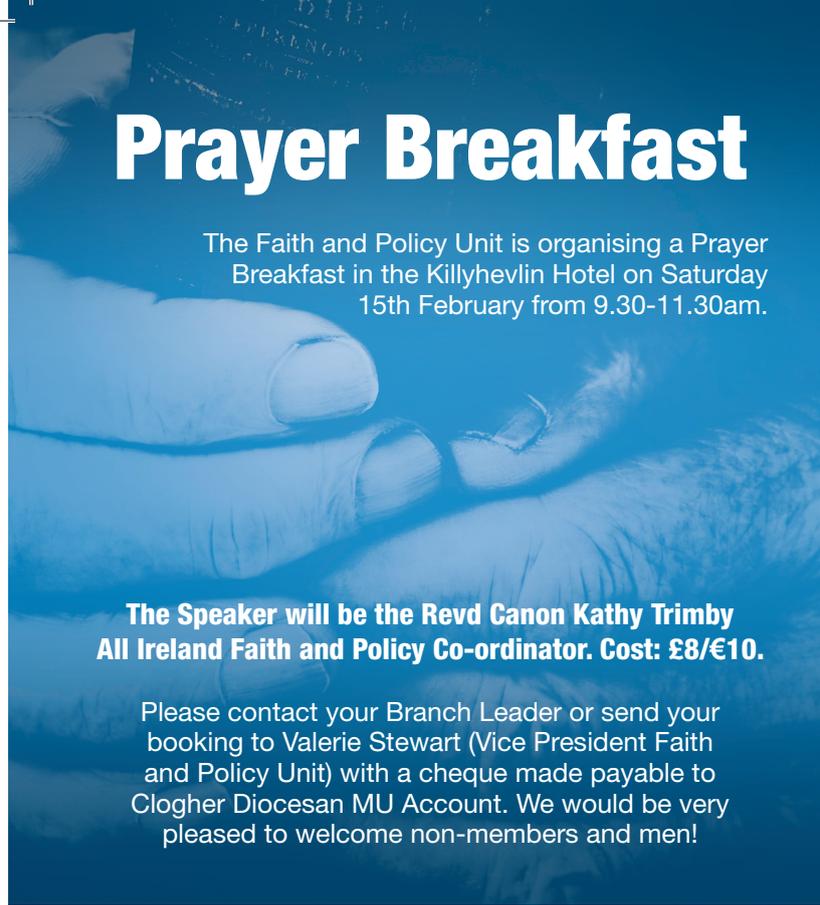
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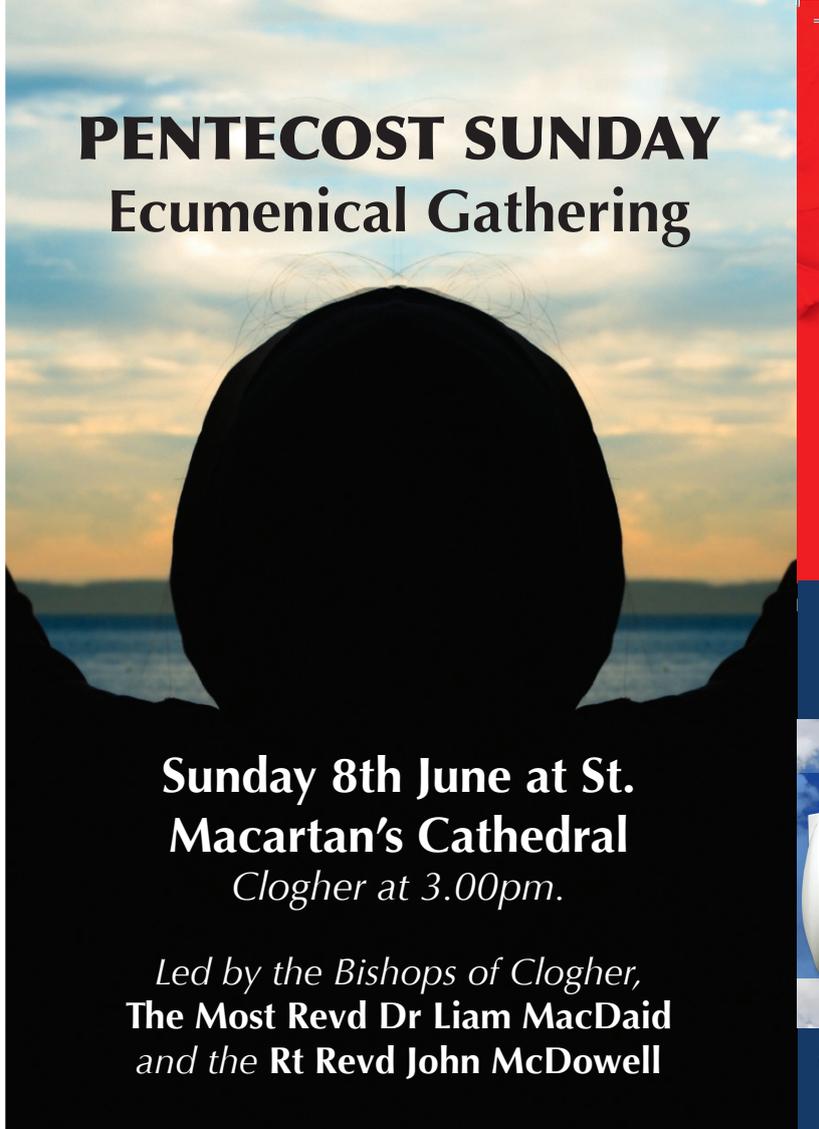
# Prayer Breakfast

The Faith and Policy Unit is organising a Prayer Breakfast in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 15th February from 9.30-11.30am.

**The Speaker will be the Revd Canon Kathy Trimby  
All Ireland Faith and Policy Co-ordinator. Cost: £8/€10.**

Please contact your Branch Leader or send your booking to Valerie Stewart (Vice President Faith and Policy Unit) with a cheque made payable to Clogher Diocesan MU Account. We would be very pleased to welcome non-members and men!

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY Ecumenical Gathering

**Sunday 8th June at St.  
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*Clogher at 3.00pm.*

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The Most Revd Dr Liam MacDaid  
and the Rt Revd John McDowell*



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## EASTER PRAISE SERVICE

**Sunday 13th April**  
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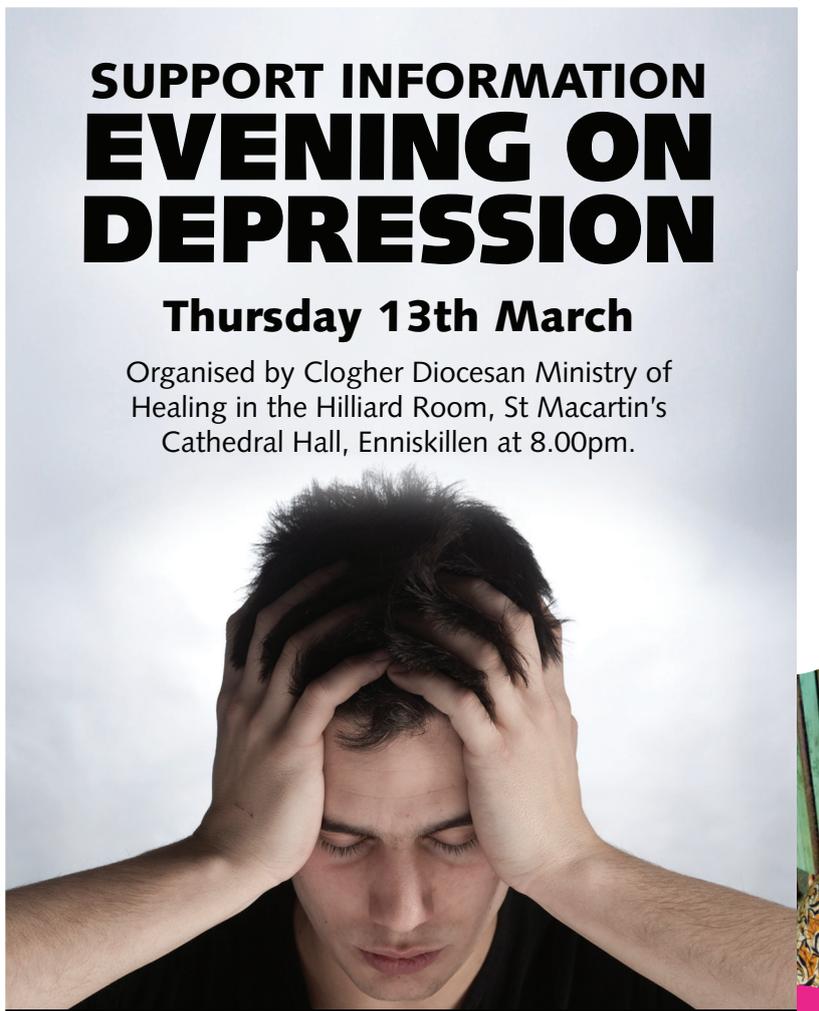
in Derryvullen North Parish Church,  
Irvinestown at 7.00pm.

**Hospitality to follow  
in the parish hall**

## SUPPORT INFORMATION EVENING ON DEPRESSION

**Thursday 13th March**

Organised by Clogher Diocesan Ministry of  
Healing in the Hilliard Room, St Macartin's  
Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 8.00pm.



**Speaker: Raymond Farrell**

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**Saturday 24th May**  
(10pm-9pm)

**Sunday 25th May**  
(2pm-9pm)

**Monday 26th May**  
(10am-6pm)  
Praise Service 8pm  
(Rev Andrew Kingston)

**Morning Coffee,  
Afternoon Tea,  
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**Information & Bookings**

**Contact Ruth  
T: 0778750062**

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