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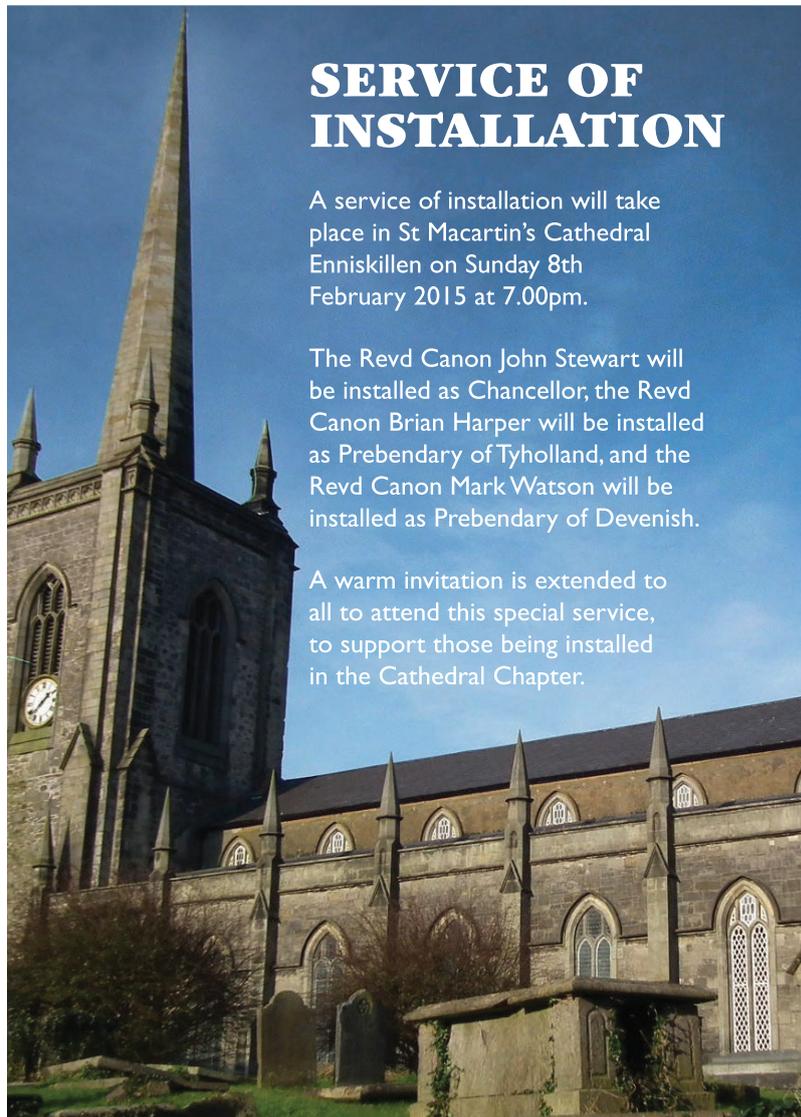
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SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

A service of installation will take
place in St Macartin's Cathedral
Enniskillen on Sunday 8th
February 2015 at 7.00pm.

The Revd Canon John Stewart will
be installed as Chancellor, the Revd
Canon Brian Harper will be installed
as Prebendary of Tyholland, and the
Revd Canon Mark Watson will be
installed as Prebendary of Devenish.

A warm invitation is extended to
all to attend this special service,
to support those being installed
in the Cathedral Chapter.



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Front Cover Photos

Top - The Revd Kyle Hanlon, Claire Holmes (SAMS Mission Partner - Paraguay) together with Sandy and Thelma Atwell who helped to organise the Music and Flower Festival in St John's Parish Church, Fivemiletown from 12th -14th December 2014.

Bottom Left - Cutting the celebratory cake during the Clogher Cathedral Mothers' Union dinner in Corrick House Hotel are from left, Mary McCloughlin, Dr Margaret Knox (MU diocesan president), Martha Fannin and Iris Moffett (branch leader). Photograph courtesy of the Tyrone Constitution.

Bottom Right - Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Lisbellaw Sunday School Christmas Colouring Competition. They all did a fantastic job and it was very, very difficult to choose the winners. The P4/P5 winners this year were Tommie Phair and Eva Johnston and the P6/P7 winners, Lloyd Dane-Evans and Kerri Graham. They were presented with their prizes by Canon Riddell in church on Sunday 18th January 2015. Well done, everybody!

Clogher Diocesan Board of Missions

Encourages Parishes and Parishioners to mark Clogher Diocesan Missionary Sunday on Sunday 8th February

A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Friends,
As you know the Clogher Diocesan Magazine (I wonder should we run a competition to give it a more catchy title?) issues a double edition to cover the months of December and January. Because of the importance of the events around Advent and Christmas the contents usually concentrate on those seasons and poor January can be left out.

I know in the past I have written about Epiphany but I have not yet had an opportunity to say anything about another important celebration which always falls in January- the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. I am particularly conscious of it this year as I had been kindly asked to preach during that week in St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral in Belfast and in St. Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity or something very like it has been celebrated internationally since about 1935, but really has its origins in the great Missionary Convention held in Edinburgh in 1910. In that year mission societies from the Reformed traditions got together to confer on how best to advance overseas mission.

They came to the conclusion that one great stumbling block to the mission of the Church was the picture of competition and disunity which was being presented to the unbelieving world. It wasn't long before this realisation and a degree of thawing in inter-church relations led most of the large Christian denominations to look for concrete ways of expressing some degree of penitence for disunity and, at least an aspiration towards greater co-operation.

The World Council of Churches (WCC) was founded in 1947 and the Church of Ireland has been a longstanding member, even at times when there were sharp differences of opinion over some WCC policies. No doubt you will have your own views about what is sometimes referred to as the Ecumenical Movement just as there is a very diverse range of opinions throughout Ireland.

However I think it is true to say that, setting formal ecumenical theological dialogue aside for one moment, there are very few people who would not welcome the better relations between different Churches and Church communities. As a process of ordinary good neighbourliness the improved relationships both personally and between organisations has been a positive thing.

It wasn't that long ago that Churches and Church leaders simply shouted at one another in print or in sermons or in debate. It was sometimes called the dialogue of the deaf, because nobody was really listening to what the other person had to say.

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In the past these dialogues sometimes took the form of set piece debates. Very early on in the history of the reformed Church of Ireland our most accomplished scholar, Archbishop James Ussher (he was known throughout the European academic world as "Stupor Mundi", "The Wonder of the World") took part in public debates with leading Irish Roman Catholic scholars. However even then, bitter as those debates were in the opening decades of the seventeenth century, it didn't prevent Ussher from borrowing manuscripts from Father Luke Wadding a very learned Franciscan scholar.

Debates of that kind continued (perhaps may still happen for all I know) for many centuries. However it is very doubtful if controversial debate is a good means to uncover truth. It is in the nature of such things that "debating points" are more highly valued than the patient listening to and sharing of viewpoints which respects the complexity of truth. Probably we have come to acknowledge the wisdom in the little phrase that "only the whole Church holds the whole truth" and that at any given time most of us will over emphasise some aspects of the truth and perhaps totally forget others.

It is not that everybody agrees on everything; far from it. However we have, partly deliberately and partly by simply getting to know those with whom we disagree, come to the point where it is possible to listen to a conversation rather than be pumelled by an argument. As you may know I have a bit of an interest in boxing and, if it doesn't sound too belligerent or far fetched I think there is a parallel between the history of boxing and the history of inter church dialogue.

In the early days of boxing in America and Britain there simply were no rules beyond the rough idea that the protagonists had to have a rest once in a while. Bare-knuckled fighters could fight for hours on end with the odd round break, and it wasn't unusual for fighters to die or be severely and permanently damaged as a result of the intensity of the contest.

Then around 1867 the Queensbury Rules were introduced. They were so named because John Douglas, 9th Marquess of Queensbury publicly endorsed the code, although they were written by a sportsman named John Graham Chambers. As a result boxing became much more skilfull and, right up to today, boxers almost always end fights with a show of respect for their opponents. There could be no unfair punches (below the belt debating points) and the whole contest took place within an understood framework of pugilistic courtesy.

Boxing is a very limited parallel with inter-Church and community relations and I hope we have moved far beyond looking upon our fellow Christians from other traditions as boxing opponents. However just like

boxing we have had to frame and develop our rules of inter-Church relationships through learning from the experiences of horribly brutal and uncivilised (never mind un-Christian) relationships in the past. So perhaps it is fitting that I give the last word to a representative of another Christian tradition, in this instance an Irish Presbyterian, who wrote in 1953:

The unity of the Church will come quickly enough once men have become independent enough to think for themselves and humble enough to allow others to do the same; and it will be a unity, not of intellectual or aesthetic standpoints, but a moral unity of brotherhood, tolerance and sympathy - in other words, a unity of love

+John

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

Archbishop of Canterbury condemns attack on French newspaper



Following the terrorist attack at the Paris offices of the satirical magazine, Charlie Hebdo, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said:

"This is an act of the most extraordinary brutality and barbarity. This violence is demonic in its attack on the innocent, and cowardly in its denial of the basic human right of freedom of speech. The people of France, a country in which I have lived, which I know and love, will rise courageously above the challenge of this vile attack and continue to demonstrate strength and confidence arising out of their great history. Our prayers and thoughts are especially with those who have been killed and injured and their families. I pray also for those involved in pursuing the terrorists."

Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message

Filmed at the National Memorial Arboretum and broadcast on BBC on New Year's Day 2015.

The National Memorial Arboretum is a place of reflection, remembrance and prayer, dedicated to those who have served, suffered or sacrificed for this country.

To those who are remembered here, we owe a debt of unspeakable gratitude.

This New Year is particularly significant, marking the end of one of the longest wars that our modern services have fought. There is a danger that the sacrifice and suffering of those caught up in war and disaster will slip from our minds.



Each day brings its toll of bad news, of disasters inflicted on the innocent by war and disease.

In 2014 we saw so much of that in the Middle East, in north-east Nigeria, with the persecution of Christians and other minorities. And in the week before Christmas itself, there was the horrendous massacre of children in Pakistan. There is so much suffering that at the New Year it is tempting to look inwards in despair. But we are not a country that turns our back on the suffering and the weak and the helpless.

In the week just before Christmas I was in Sierra Leone, very briefly. There I saw the result of British generosity, of aid poured in to support a country torn apart by Ebola, and the extraordinary dedication of British service personnel, working with charities, funded by our aid budget.

I saw the profound heroism of local people dealing with something that none of us understand which makes lethal the basic instincts of touch and embrace for the sick and the dying.

The week before that I was in the South Sudan, and saw again the open-handedness of the British people who have contributed to a programme that has saved one and a half million sufferers, war-battered, from starvation.

We are a country formed in a Christian heritage, which calls us to sacrifice and self-giving, to open-handedness and hospitality.

In the last year, travelling all over the world to see Anglican Churches and to meet their leaders, with my wife, we've seen the impact of this country both historically and today. When we are at our best, living out the generosity of Jesus Christ, as that has formed itself in our national character; when we turn outwards and use our best resources to change this world in which we live; we see what a wonderful heritage we have - and the hope we can bring to the poorest, and those with the greatest suffering on the face of our planet.

So what do we hope for in 2015? My hope and prayer is that we are the kind of country that goes on looking outwards; that is full of a generous spirit. Because when we're generous we find joy and others find comfort and hope.

So may that joy and comfort be yours in this coming year.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS



First World War Story Competition

The Church of Ireland Historical Commemorations and Centenaries Working Group has announced the winners of its First World War Short Story Competition. The entries were judged by a panel chaired by the renowned author Glenn Patterson and including the historian Prof. David Hayton; Bishop John McDowell, Chairman of the Working Group and Dr Paul Harron, the Church of Ireland Press Officer.

First prize: Carys Aldous-Hughes for 'An Inhumane Humanity'

Praised for the originality of its prose and because it makes the reader think, this is a story which keeps the reader highly focused. The judges felt that the writer had fully imagined the story in a convincing way.

Runner-up: Alice O'Donnell for 'One Woman's War'

This well written, highly engaging and touching story inspired by the writer's Great-great Aunt who was a nursing assistant during the First World War.

Highly Commended: Kathryn-Anne Frazer for 'Recall'
The author's interplay between diary entries and specific events during and after the War created a poignant and well-conceived piece of writing.

In addition, the following short stories were selected on their merit for online publication on the Church of Ireland website:

'Silenced Thoughts' by Emma Jones

'The Hills' by Enya O'Connell-Hussey

'On the Sound of a Gun' by Christy Grattan

'Hear them Cry' by Helen Moriarty

Liturgical Advisory Committee News

The Hymnal Supplement ("Thanks and Praise") should be published in time for General Synod 2015. All sales will be through the RCB office in Dublin, with a 15% discount being offered on purchases made before General Synod in May.

A Consultation Day is being planned for April 27th 2015, drawing together those involved in different expressions of worship within the life of the Church. It is hoped to bring together those involved in Messy Church, Church Planting, Café Church, New Monasticism and others, to explore how these "fresh expressions" of worship, alongside the orders of service authorised for use in the Book of Common Prayer, can help the Church of Ireland express itself in worship whilst retaining its recognisable Anglican identity.

The Resources sub-committee is producing supplementary resources to the Remembrance Material for the upcoming Centenary Celebrations of the Somme and Jutland, and new material for commemorating the 1916 Easter Rising. These will be available as an on-line resource on the Worship web page in early 2015. The International Anglican Liturgical Consultation takes place in August 2015.

The Electronic and Web sub-committee have reported on the number of people accessing the web pages and using the resources provided there, in particular the Daily Prayer service. The possibility of creating an 'app' which will enable people to access Daily Prayer from their mobile device is being explored.

Lent through the Movies

The Church of Ireland Theological Institute announces that throughout Lent (2015), six evening workshops exploring "Lent through the Movies" will be hosted at the Institute.

Running over six Thursday evenings 19th February to 26th of March, the series will explore and show how films such as "The Passion of Christ", "The Mission" and "The Shawshank Redemption" speak of Christ's journey towards the Cross.

To register email davidbrown@theologicalinstitute.ie

Lantern slide show of Boer War and Great War images online

The RCB Library's commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War continues with the online presentation of lantern slides relating to "The Great European War" and related items from the Boer War.

The collection reveals the important role that the church and church personnel played in disseminating visual materials in times past when photography was a relatively privileged and rare occupation.

The lantern slide show is available at www.archdrawing.ireland.anglican.org.

The Church of Ireland's short commemorative film about the Great War and ten letter writers from the trenches, The Boys From East Belfast, continues at www.ireland.anglican.org/about/196.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Thursday Morning Holy Communion

Thursdays at 11.00am, Service of Holy Communion followed by a cup of tea/coffee in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

Alzheimer's Evening

The Diocesan Ministry of Healing and Board of Social Responsibility are jointly hosting an information and support evening about Alzheimer's. As we are all aware there has been an alarming increase in the diagnosis and spread of the illness. We hope to have speakers from the Medical profession as well as the

local support group to speak on the illness and offer support and information particularly to anyone whose relative may have been diagnosed with the illness or who are caring for a family member.

The evening will be held on Thursday 5th March 2015 in the Hilliard Room at St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall Enniskillen. Everyone will be most welcome.

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.

Clergy Changes

the Revd John Marsburg has retired as Rector of Donacavey and Barr and the Revd Canon Glenn West has been appointed to become Rector of Carnteel and Crilly parishes in the Diocese of Armagh.

Appointments to Clogher Chapter

The Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell, has announced three appointments to the Chapter of St Macartin's Cathedral Clogher and St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen. The Revd Canon John Stewart, who is rector of Derryvullen South and Garvary Parishes, has been appointed Chancellor, the Revd Canon Brian Harper, rector of Magheracross, has been appointed Prebendary of Tyholland, and the Revd Canon Mark Watson, rector of Trory and Killadeas, is to become Prebendary of Devenish.

Commenting on the appointments, the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenny Hall said "it is very appropriate that Chancellor John Stewart as Registrar of the diocese should become Chancellor in recognition of his many years of service to successive Bishops of Clogher. I also welcome the new appointments to the Chapter of our Cathedrals. Canon Watson has served in the diocese for a number of years and is involved in many aspects of the community which shape the life of County Fermanagh. Canon Harper, although a more recent arrival in Clogher, has a great deal of pastoral experience in the Church of Ireland and has quickly gained the confidence of his fellow clergy, as seen in his recent election as a Clerical Honorary Secretary of the Diocesan Synod and Diocesan Council. We wish them well in their new offices."

A service of installation will take place in St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen on Sunday 8th February 2015 at 7.00pm.

New Rector appointed to Rossorry Parish

The Revd Dr Ian Ellis had been appointed as Rector of Rossorry Parish.

Rossorry, which is the second largest parish in the diocese of Clogher, is located on the outskirts of Enniskillen. The vacancy arose during the early

summer when the previous incumbent, the Very Revd Arthur Barrett, took up the position of Dean of Raphoe. Dr Ellis is currently Secretary to the Church of Ireland Board of Education NI. He graduated from Queen's University Belfast in 1979 with a BSc in Physics, completed a PGCE and taught in Antrim Grammar school until 1986 when he began training for the ordained ministry. He graduated from Trinity College Dublin and the Church of Ireland Theological College in 1989 with a BTh and was ordained to serve as curate assistant in St Mark's Armagh from 1989-1991. He was then appointed rector of the grouped parishes of Loughgall and Grange also in Armagh diocese, where he remained until taking up his current position in 2002. He completed a Doctorate in Education at the School of Education at

Queen's University Belfast in 2013 and his topic was a study of the relationship between pupils' spiritual development and school ethos.



Ian & Heather Ellis

In his current role he advises the Board of developments in education and represents it at all levels of education in Northern Ireland. He works closely with the education secretaries of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches through the Transferor Representatives' Council (TRC) of which he is secretary. He also provides advice to parishes and dioceses on the implementation of Safeguarding Trust the Church's child protection code. His work also supports children's ministry including being a member of the organising group for the Building Blocks Children's ministry conferences.

His other interests include: being an occasional contributor to BBC Radio Ulster's 'Thought for the Day', sketching / watercolour painting, travel and music playing the guitar in an amateurish way!

Ian is married to Heather and they have three grown up children: Mark, Timothy and Naomi. They live in Portadown and worship in Seagoe parish in the Diocese of Dromore. Heather is a Human Resource professional and has retired from the Southern Health and Social Services Trust. Heather is currently Coordinator of Fund raising and Communications for Down and Dromore Diocesan Mothers' Union. Her other interests include: Rotary International, volunteering with: the Trussell Trust Food Bank, and

'Roots of Empathy' - a classroom programme for primary school children.

Ian comments: 'I am really pleased and honoured to be appointed to Rossorry parish and look forward to getting to know the parishioners. It will be a great privilege to live and serve God in the beautiful surroundings of Enniskillen'.

Commenting on Ian's appointment, the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell, said "I am

delighted that Dr Ellis is to become the rector of Rossorry. He brings many gifts to the parish and to the diocese. Along with his many friends throughout the Church of Ireland I wish him well as he and Heather settle into parish life."

Dr Ellis will be instituted in Rossorry Parish Church on Friday 20th March 2015 at 7.30pm, at which the preacher will be the Rt Revd Lord Eames OM.

DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2015

Sunday 1st February – The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany or Saint Brigid or Brid, Abbess of Kildare. circa 525 (white)

Sunday 1st February – Joint Methodist/Church of Ireland Youth led praise service at 7.00pm in Magheracross Parish Room. The guest preacher this month is the Revd Rob Clements.

Monday 2nd February – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (white)

Tuesday 3rd February – Board of Education meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 10.00am.

Tuesday 3rd February – Glebes Committee meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 11.00am.

Tuesday 3rd February – Diocesan Council meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm.

Friday 6th February – A Country Social and Worship Evening for all young people secondary school age upwards at 8.30pm in Colaghty Parish Hall, Lack. The theme has a country flavour and all are asked to dress accordingly for the night. Refreshments will be provided during the evening. Organised by Kesh Rural Deanery/Clogher Diocesan Youth Council.

Saturday 7th February – Annual Beetle Drive in Aghabog Parish Hall at 8.00pm.

Sunday 8th February – The Second Sunday before Lent (green)

Sunday 8th February – Clogher Diocesan Missionary Sunday

Sunday 8th February – Installation of Chapter Members in Enniskillen Cathedral at 7.00pm. Installation of The Revd Canon John Stewart as Chancellor, The Revd Canon Brian Harper as Prebendary of Tyholland, and the Revd Canon Mark Watson as Prebendary of Devenish. All are welcome to attend.

Thursday 12th February – Table Quiz in Tempo Parish Hall at 8.00pm.

Thursday 12th February – Lunch Time Healing Service in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 1.05pm.

Friday 13th February – Cleenish Parish Supper Dance in the Unionist Hall, Enniskillen at 8.00pm.

Friday 13th February – Aghadrumsee Parish Dance at 9.30pm with Wee Tom.

Saturday 14th February – Garvary Parish Auction at 2.00pm.

Sunday 15th February – Deadline for all submissions to Clogher Diocesan Magazine. Email entries for March issue to: editor@clogher.anglican.org

Sunday 15th February – The Sunday before Lent (green)

Sunday 15th February – Soccer Service for Ballinamallard FC in

Magheracross Parish Church at 7.00pm. The theme is "Walk alone? Never!" and will be a celebration for all the community of friendship, football and faith. All friends and supporters of BUFC are invited to this informal event. The speaker is club chaplain, the Revd Canon Brian Harper.

Monday 16th February – Ardess Historical Society meeting in Ardess Parish Centre at 8.00pm Speaker: military historian, Oliver Breen on 'Fermanagh Men in the Battle of YPRE'.

Wednesday 18th February – Ash Wednesday (violet)

Friday 20th February - Monday 2nd March 2015 – Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Saturday 21st February – Food Hygiene course in Lisbellaw Parish Centre from 10.00am-4.00pm. To book contact Frances at Fermanagh Rural Community Network on 028 66327006.

Sunday 22nd February – The First Sunday in Lent (violet)

Monday 23rd - Saturday 28th February 2015 – Bowls Tournament in Kilskeery Parish Hall. Organised by Kilskeery Bowling Club.

Thursday 26th February – Lunch Time Healing Service in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 1.05pm.

Friday 27th February – **Aghavea Annual Gospel Concert** with Kenny Archer and other artists.

Friday 27th February – **Concert in Colaghty Parish Hall** at 8.00pm with Thiepval Memorial Pipe Band, also featuring Glassmullagh Accordion Band, Blue Thistle Highland Dancers, Rebecca and Grace. Tickets on sale from Vestry members, cost £10, children payable at the door. For Tickets contact the Rector on 028 68631689, David 028 68631015 or Marcus 028 68631238.

Friday 27th February – **Ardess Parish Dinner Dance** in the Killyhevin Hotel, Enniskillen. For tickets contact Pat: 07890 594312 or Helen: 028 68633068.

March 2015

Thursday 5th March – **Information and Support Evening on Alzheimers** in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 7.30pm. Speakers from the medical profession and local support groups. Organised by Clogher Diocesan Ministry of Healing and Clogher Board of Social Theology in Action. All welcome.

Friday 6th March – **Women's World Day of Prayer** in Colebrooke Parish Church at 8.00pm.

Friday 6th March – **Women's World Day of Prayer** in Castleblayney Parish Hall at 8.00pm.

Saturday 7th March – **Modern Day Tractor Run** at 11.00am in Clabby. Contact Jim Monteith after 6pm 02889521167.

Sunday 8th March – Ballyclare Male Voice choir performing in Holy Trinity Church, Lisnaskea at 7.30pm.

Friday 20th March – **Institution of the Revd Dr Ian Ellis** in Rossorry Parish Church at 7.30pm. Preacher: The Rt Revd Lord Robin Eames OM, Former Archbishop of Armagh.

Saturday 21st March – **Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union event with Bishop Ken Clarke as special speaker** - theme for 2015: 'United in Prayer' in St Margaret's Parish Church, Clabby between 10.30am

and 3.00pm. Morning Coffee and Lunch included. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 29th March – 'Songs of Praise' Group Service in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dartrey at 3.00pm with Dr. Philip Knowles, Dean Emeritus of Cashel. Also featuring Donagh Choir and Rockcorry National School Choir Refreshments will follow in the new school.

April 2015

Saturday 25th April – **Killeevan Parish and Missionary Sale** in the Hall from 11.00am – 1.00pm.

Friday 17th April - **10K Clabby Run**. Contact Colin Stronge 02889521830 or Alan Robinson 02889522193.

Wednesday 29th April – **Deadline for submission of entries for the Archdeacon Ruddell Prize 2015 and Bishop's Medal 2015**. All entries should be left in the Diocesan Office, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. Rectors and Sunday School Superintendents have copies of the relevant entry forms. Please contact them for more details. Prizes will be awarded at the annual Diocesan Synod in September.

May 2015

Tuesday 5th May – **Board of Education meeting** in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 10.00am.

Tuesday 5th May – **Glebes Committee meeting** in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 11.00am.

Tuesday 5th May – **Diocesan Council meeting** in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm.

Saturday 9th May - **Vintage Bike Ride** in aid of Clabby Parish. Contact Jim Monteith after 6pm 02889521167.

Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th May 2015 – **General Synod in the City Hotel, Armagh**.

Sunday 17th May – Mullaghfad Annual Friends' Service at 3.30pm.

Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th May 2015 – **Flower Festival celebrating "The Journey of Life"** in St. John

the Evangelist Church, Dartrey. The official opening will be conducted by Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht at 3.00pm and the opening service will commence at 8.00pm on Friday with Bishop John McDowell as special preacher. The festival will remain open from 11.00am–7.00pm on Saturday and from 3.00pm–7.00pm on Sunday. The Ven. Helene T. Steed will preach at the closing service at 7.00pm on Sunday. Morning Coffee, Afternoon Tea and Pre-Booked Lunches will be available. For further details and bookings, please contact Marion on 086 3976840 or marionfannin@gmail.com.

June 2015

Saturday 6th June - **Clabby Fun Day** at Clabby Church Hall.

Friday 26th June – **Mullaghduin Parish BBQ** with music provided by Curtis Magee.

September 2015

Tuesday 1st September – **Board of Education meeting** in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 10.00am.

Tuesday 1st September – **Glebes Committee meeting** in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 11.00am.

Tuesday 1st September – **Diocesan Council meeting** in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm.

Thursday 24th September – **Diocesan Synod** in St Macartin's Cathedral and Halls at 4.30pm.

November 2015

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NEWS FOR VESTRIES

Parishes should be aware that there have been a spate of break-ins at Church premises recently. Before Christmas three Churches were broken into. Of particular concern is that they are all similar in how the premises were broken into with a focus on getting to the safe. It would therefore be appropriate for Churches to be vigilant.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS



Dr Margaret

New Year's Letter

*"He will be called Immanuel"
(which means 'God is with us')
Matthew 1 v 23*

Dear Fellow Members,
"A friend in need is a friend indeed"! How wonderful that we have a friend in Jesus.

As we enter another year, it is a time to remember events which have taken place in 2014, and to look forward to 2015. Many of you will have happy memories, others sad. In Mothers Union, it has been a momentous year with the General Meeting held in Belfast in June 2014 when we welcomed many visiting members. Several Branches have had anniversary celebrations throughout the year.

However, we do prayerfully remember those families who have lost loved ones, some of whom served at All Ireland and Diocesan level.

As Christians and Mothers Union members, we are a people of faith and hope, and as we enter another new year, we place ourselves in God's hands, assured of his guidance and presence at all times.

I am reminded of Brian Doerksen's little song:

Faithful one, so unchanging;

Ageless One, You're my rock of peace.

Lord of all, I depend on You,

I call out to You again and again.

You are my rock in times of trouble,

You lift me up when I fall down;

All through the storm, Your love is the anchor

My hope is in YOU alone.

As we "Unite in Prayer" in 2015 may God be with you all.

Regards

Margaret

Clogher Diocesan Mothers Union

A Meeting with Bishop Ken Clarke as special speaker, speaking on our theme for 2015 'United in Prayer' will take place in St Margaret's, Clabby, on Saturday 21st March 2015 between 10.30am and 3.00pm.

Morning Coffee and Lunch included Everyone is welcome, men and women. You don't have to be a member of the MU!!



Susan Cathcart

Tribute

We were all so sorry to hear of the untimely death of Susan Cathcart on 11th December. Susan had so much to offer, at home, in the family business, in her Church and in the Mothers' Union.

Susan served as Diocesan Secretary for 7 years during which time many interesting and exciting events took place in the Diocese. With her meticulous planning and attention to detail, Diocesan Family Fun Days were organized at Castle Coole, The Bawnacre and the Airport; she assisted with training courses for Diocesan Officers and helped run Treasure Hunts and Easter Egg Hunts for Young families. There was even an 'Action Man' evening for the menfolk! During this time she was instrumental in launching the Clogher MU Diocesan Website. She also arranged Diocesan Trips for many years to the MU Annual Meetings in Wales, Scotland and England.

Susan then served as All Ireland Marketing Co-ordinator for 6 years and also was a member of the Marketing Committee at Mary Sumner House. Her flair for Marketing led to the revamp of the All Ireland Focus magazine, updating of the All Ireland website, the launch of the 'Bye Bye Childhood' postcard campaign and many other fund raising initiatives. She led the committee that ran the 'Mums in May' event when almost €100,000 was raised for MU initiatives at home and Overseas.

In 2013 Susan was appointed as All Ireland Treasurer for Mothers' Union. She had many skills to offer and because of her love of working with figures, was looking forward to settling in to this role - sadly, her health deteriorated, but she was resilient to the end. Mothers' Union in Ireland has lost a trustworthy, dedicated and loyal member and friend.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Alan, Lisa and Emma.

MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE NEWS

100 of Us

The United Society is a Church of Ireland mission and development agency encouraging and enabling parishes and individuals here to help and support Anglican churches around the world. In Ireland we have a special relationship with the Diocese of Swaziland, working alongside them in capacity building, with diocesan schools and on an income-generating agricultural project. We also actively link schools in Swaziland with parishes and schools in Ireland.

We need you to help Us reach out. Be part of something wonderful - something valuable to other people and to you. Instead of giving up something for Lent, join us and raise €1000 for the work of the Society. One lucky participant will get to travel to Swaziland to see first-hand what the church is achieving there - and how we are helping. There are only 100 places available. Sign up or find more information at www.100ofUs.com

An opportunity to minister to a lost and hurting world

Every day, boys and girls worldwide suffer from war, poverty, disease, and natural disaster. Operation Christmas Child (OCC) makes it possible for millions of these children to experience God's love through shoe boxes filled with gifts by caring individuals, families, churches and other groups in the UK and 12 other sending countries. OCC distributes the gifts to children in over 100 countries and works in and through local churches. These gifts are unconditional and require nothing from the child, in order that they receive a gift. Where possible after the boxes have been distributed, children are offered Gospel literature and culturally appropriate evangelistic and follow up programmes. The shoe box gift opens doors for presenting the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Last year I had the privilege of distributing these amazing gifts in Swaziland with 3 other people from Northern Ireland and 4 from the UK mainland. We were humbled by the great joy that these children expressed as they received and then opened their gifts... gifts which they will treasure, gifts which have brought some love, hope and joy into very desperate situations... thank you for your support, please be encouraged that your gift and our tremendous Volunteers across Northern Ireland are making a difference in the lives of children in every country where these gifts are distributed.

Connect Volunteers are serving year-round in their local communities to reach those hurting children. They are mobilising churches, community groups, prayer support and media coverage in order to recruit and enrol churches and groups to participate in OCC by giving shoe box gifts. Your efforts in your local community can make the difference to a child overseas! If you would like to find out more about how to support us in this way, I would really welcome an opportunity to discuss this with you. Last year Operation Christmas

Child gift-filled shoeboxes were sent from Northern Ireland to children in Kosovo, Belarus, Romania, Bosnia and Swaziland... we could not have done this without the tremendous commitment of volunteers across Northern Ireland... people like you...if you would like to find out more, please contact me at 07920 825 755 or alternatively through our volunteer email address connect@samaritans-purse.org

Thank You

A very sincere "Thank You" to everyone who contributed in any way to the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal. To the Churches, organisations and individuals who contribute boxes or gave other donations; those who collected, transported, checked, sorted and packed boxes; those who helped with the finance and administration tasks - whatever your role very many thanks.

The Fermanagh & West Tyrone appeal realised 5288 boxes and these were sent off in early December to children in Romania.

The Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission is an International Christian Development Organisation serving the needs of people affected by leprosy in 26 countries worldwide. The organisation was founded in 1874. The Leprosy Mission Northern Ireland, motivated by the example of Jesus Christ, exists to join in partnership with people affected by leprosy; to share resources and expertise; and to work together towards the eradication of the disease and its effects on individuals, families and communities.

We seek to educate, challenge and involve the people of Northern Ireland in the Christ-like and unique mission of The Leprosy Mission world-wide, and to contribute to its overall operations and development.

The Leprosy Mission NI, travel across Northern Ireland to various Church and School groups to share our message - Leprosy Defeated, Lives Transformed.

The Very Revd John Hay is available to speak on behalf of TLMNI. He can be contacted on 07909530084 or 02882840377 or johnhayfintona@btinternet.com Visit The Leprosy Mission website. www.tlm.ni.org

Count Your Blessings

We observe the season of Lent to remember the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness. This Lent Christian Aid invites you to journey with Count Your Blessings into the wilderness of rural Ethiopia, a place in which it is enormously hard to scrape a living in a barren landscape, the women who have to provide for their families (and it is mostly women who do it), often have to walk many miles through dry land to fetch water. And as Jesus did, during lent we often try to follow a spiritual discipline of prayer and reflection on what it might mean for us to love God and to love our

neighbours; to think about the cost of discipleship. As part of their spiritual practice (not just at Lent but at other times too), some Christians fast, either giving up food altogether for a day, or eating more sparingly than usual.

To help Christians reflect throughout Lent on our many blessings Christian Aid has created the Count Your Blessings resource providing a series of bite size reflections to inspire and a variety of prayers, actions and donation ideas to help transform lives of some of the poorest people in the world.

Christian Aid's Count Your Blessings resource can be downloaded at www.christianaid.ie/lent or you can telephone 02890648133. Count Your Blessings is also available for your smart phone or tablet - search 'Count Your Blessings' in your app store.

Bishop of Swaziland visits Enniskillen

The Rt Revd Ellinah Wamukoya, Bishop of Swaziland, visited Enniskillen on Sunday 25th January 2015, and preached at a service in St Macartin's Cathedral. Bishop Ellinah was consecrated in 2012, the first woman bishop of the Anglican Church in Africa, and before the first women bishops of the Church of Ireland or Church



Bishop Ellinah

of England. She was previously a non-stipendiary minister and CEO of Manzini City Council in Swaziland. Her ambition for her term in office is to leave the diocese better equipped, financially and spiritually, than she found it. Swaziland is a small country between South Africa and Mozambique. It is an absolute monarchy, and has the world's highest rate of HIV infection. 75% of the population live below the poverty line, and 15% of households are headed by a child. Bishop Ellinah's visit to Ireland was hosted by The United Society, a mission agency of the Church of Ireland which works alongside the Diocese of Swaziland. In 2012, under the auspices of The United Society, a team from Rossorry Parish visited Swaziland and assisted parents and local community members to carry out improvements to two primary schools: An unused storeroom in Ingwempisana was converted into a library, and a new veranda was built at St Aidan's. Both Rossorry Parish and Enniskillen Cathedral Parish support the work of The United Society, with a special interest in Swaziland.

YOUTH NEWS

AMAZE



Monaghan and Clones Rural Deanery Youth Event

November can be a rather gloomy month as the excitement and busyness of our Christmas festivities has not quite begun and we experience the darkening of our evenings. What a joy then to experience a new and novel event with our diocesan young people in the lead up to Christmas. The "Amaze" event was an interactive prayer experience hosted by Monaghan Parish and organised by Clones and Monaghan rural deaneries' youth leaders.

As the young people gathered in the church hall there was an air of fun and yet of expectation as they participated in group games and activities. This sense heightened as they made their way into the church via the small vestry door by candlelight. As they pressed into the main body of the church they gathered to take in the light and colour of the

Chancel and main body of the church. Canon Ian Berry greeted the young people and explained the maps to the labyrinth that filled the church. He explained how the church had been set out in many "prayer stations" where the young people could pray in an interactive way.

The next hour was passed as the young pilgrims made their ways through prayer stations looking at confession by writing their thoughts on a large blackboard, thanksgiving by placing a tile in a block, the Word of God by eating a chocolate bar to remind them of its sweetness and intercession as they put place names on a map of Ireland. Their journey in prayer continued throughout the church as they lit candles to remind them of Christ as the light of the world, made colourful loom bands to remind them of the part they play in the many parts of the church and just knelt in stillness and quiet.

Having completed the labyrinth of prayer we gathered at the front of the church to reflect on what we had learned and to quietly share our experiences. Bursting out into the winter darkness and making our way back to the nearby hall there was a sense of fulfilment and still strength gained from the past hour of prayer. As we entered the hall to enjoy a hot supper it was encouraging to see the young people remaking acquaintances with each other, an additional benefit as our young people meet in their rural deanery events.

It was equally rewarding to see the joy and excitement on the faces of so many as they made their way home from what had proved to be another very worthwhile youth event. Thanks to the youth leaders of the rural deanery who planned and worked to make AMAZE such a success.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

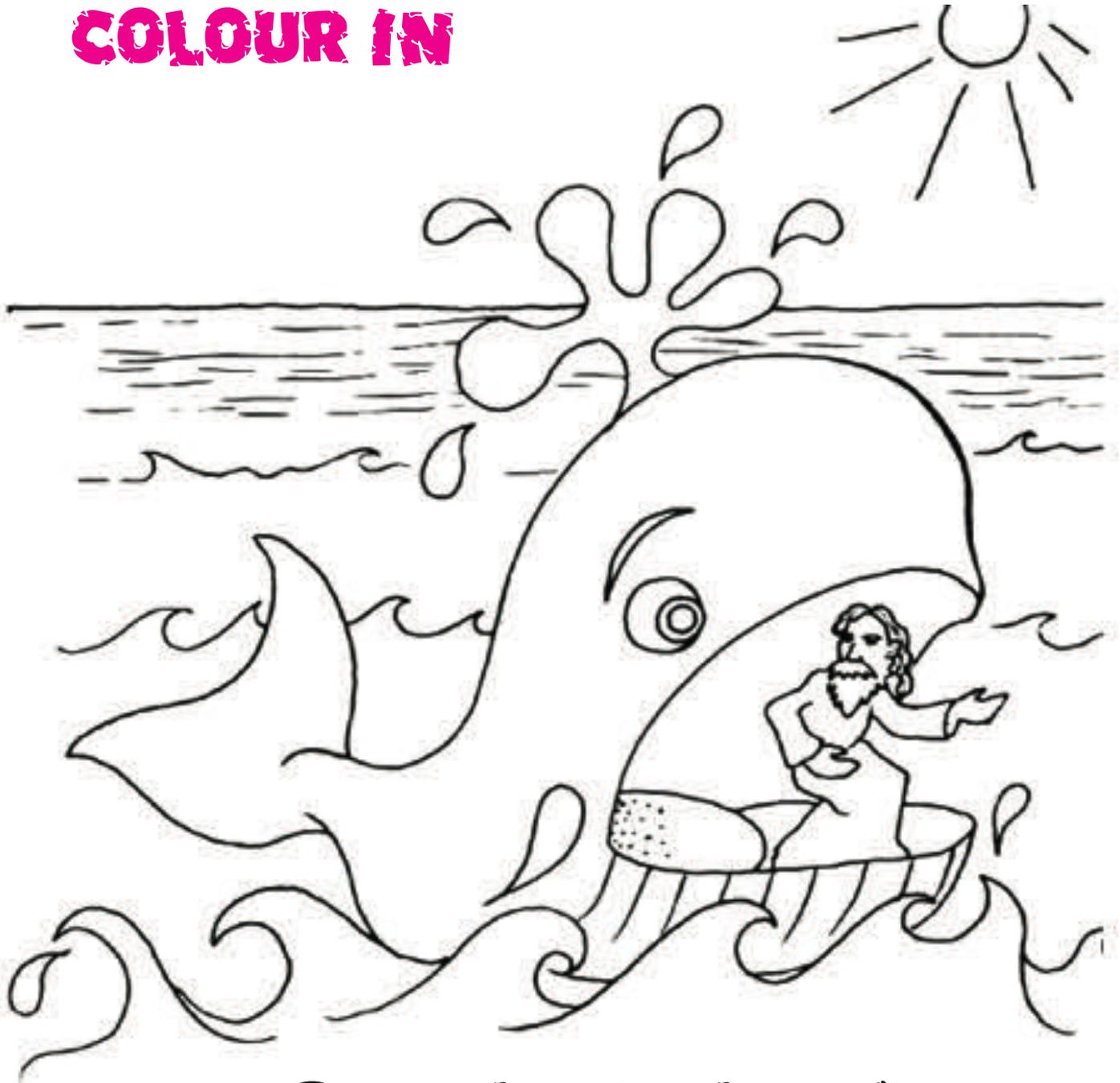
Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education

Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education invites children and young people to enter the Archdeacon

Ruddell Prize and Bishop's Medal competitions. The theme this year is THE LORD'S PRAYER. All entries should please be left in the Diocesan Office by Wednesday 29th April, 2015. Rectors and Sunday School Superintendents have copies of the relevant entry forms. Please contact them for more details.

www.clogher.anglican.org

COLOUR IN



JONAH AND THE BIG FISH

READ

JONAH AND THE BIG FISH (YOU CAN READ THIS IN JONAH CHAPTERS 1-4)

One day God asked a man named Jonah to go to a place called Nineveh and tell the people living there to stop being bad. But Jonah didn't want to help the people there so instead of listening to God, Jonah decided to run away. He got on a boat that was going to another city. Shortly after the boat left the shore, a very bad storm started. Everyone was very frightened.

The captain told Jonah to get up and pray to his god for help. The captain didn't know that Jonah didn't just believe in just any god but the one true God. The other sailors decided that the storm was Jonah's fault and they asked Jonah what he had done and how could they make this storm stop. Jonah told them, "I believe in the one true God. I am running away from something God asked me to do. If you throw me into the sea the storm will stop."

The men didn't want to hurt Jonah so they tried to row the best they could, but the storm just got worse. So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea.

The storm immediately stopped and the sea became still. The men on the boat realised that Jonah believed

in the one true God and so they prayed to God. God sent a huge fish to keep Jonah from drowning. The fish swallowed up Jonah. Jonah stayed in the fish for three days and three nights. While Jonah was trapped inside the fish he asked God to forgive him for running away and he thanked God for not allowing him to drown.

After the third day God told the fish to spit Jonah out onto dry land. Then God told Jonah again to go to Nineveh and tell the people there to stop being bad. God had given Jonah another chance. This time Jonah obeyed God and he left for Nineveh right away.

When Jonah got there he told the people what had happened to him. He warned them that God said that they should stop doing bad things or in forty days the city and everything in it would be destroyed. To Jonah's surprise the people listened to him and they prayed to God and they said sorry for all the bad things they had done. Soon the king of Nineveh heard about all this and he ordered that everyone listen to God and to stop doing bad things. When God saw that they were trying to be good instead of bad He did not destroy their city. However Jonah was angry that God didn't punish the people and he went to a hill and sulked. God saw Jonah and knew how he was feeling so he explained to Jonah that He loves everyone. He doesn't like to destroy people who are doing things bad, God would rather see us turn from our bad ways and do good again.

FIND THE WORDS FROM THE STORY IN THE WORDSEARCH

(the words might go up, down, forwards, backwards or diagonally)

- JONAH
- NINEVAH
- BAD
- DESTROY
- RUNNING
- BELIEVED
- GOD
- BIG FISH
- SORRY
- GOOD

G	O	D	J	B	U	A	L	A	B
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Make a **RESOLUTION** to listen to and follow God (just like Jonah and the people of Ninevah)



Did you make a New Year resolution? Have you kept it? People make resolutions so they can do things better but it can be difficult and often we very quickly give up. We don't have to wait until next New Year to try again. People (even adults) are always learning how to do things. It's easier if we have a good example to follow

and someone to help us. God is both – a good example and he will help us if we ask. We need to copy how God does things, but how do we know how God does things? We read our Bible, we look at how Jesus did it. Draw round your hand. Write on it reminders to help you learn about God and grow in your faith – here are some ideas to get you started: read my Bible, talk to God, listen carefully in Sunday School, join in at church every week. Display your artwork as a reminder of your resolution to listen to and follow God.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mental Health

Salus which means 'well-being' in Latin, is a project run by Action Mental Health in partnership with National Learning Network. It works with young people aged 12 – 25 in Fermanagh, Donegal, Derry and Cavan. Nearly 4,000 young people have already participated in the training. Salus are offering training to promote awareness and understanding of mental health issues and challenge stigma and misconceptions. As well as providing a 'Provoking Thought' workshop on mental health, sessions can be tailored around topics such as exam stress, body image, bullying and confidence & self-esteem. To book a workshop please contact Pauline on 02866323630 or salus@amh.org.uk.

The Church's Ministry of Healing

The Church's Ministry of Healing's mission is to bring Christ's healing presence to those in need; in body, mind or spirit.

Revd Dr Pat Mollan was appointed in March 2004 as CEO and Director of Ministry. Based in Belfast, she travels extensively, lectures on Christian healing, and offers a range of courses and Quiet days. Training days, Alpha Days away, Spiritual days away and respite time can be arranged.

Healing Services can be arranged and prayer teams provided, distance is not a concern. Those with more specialised needs or concerns should speak to Dr Pat directly by phone. Spiritual direction, discipleship and mentoring for men and women are also offered by the qualified and experienced volunteers.

Visit the website www.cmh-themount.org/

Prayer ministry teams provide prayer throughout the week for those who have requested it, and the intercession list is prayed at the healing services. There is an Emergency Prayer Line which provides a rapid prayer response.

Prayer for the Nations is offered twice monthly.

There is a Healing Service every Friday at lunchtime in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, and on alternate Tuesdays at the Ministry of Healing Centre at 10.00am where Holy Communion and laying on of hands with prayer is offered.

Individual Prayer Ministry and Prayer Counselling can be arranged by appointment.

The telephone number for the Intercessory Prayer or Emergency Prayer line is 02890795832.

The counselling service provides a soundly managed, ethically based, professional and competent counselling service to all those in need of emotional support regardless of colour, faith, creed, nationality or sexual orientation. The Core values are: Accept the client as a unique individual regardless of background or life history; Be empathetic, respectful and non-judgemental; Uphold and adhere to the highest ethical standards of sound practice; Maintain and uphold clear and robust boundaries between professional contact and personal involvement with

the client; Continually enhance our knowledge and awareness of developments within counselling and associated issues.

The emergency counselling phone is maintained 24/7 on 07842925433.

The Ministry of Healing Centre offers hospitality to those who simply want to visit or join one of the activity groups. There is a chapel for reflection and prayer, rooms for small meetings, and the prayer garden is a place of God's peace and beauty. For clergy visiting Belfast you will find a welcome, hospitality, a room to work in and space to reflect.

Contact information: 02890795832 or cmohbel@btconnect.com. Emergency Counselling 07842925433.

Biblical Association for the Church of Ireland

Bible Studies for 2015 which the BACI team have produced as a contribution to the current "listening process on human sexuality". The Bible Study notes appear in a 36-page booklet available to download from www.bibliahibernica.wordpress.com.

Communicating your vocation in a changing world



Bishop Richard

The Church of Ireland Theological Institute has announced that Bishop Richard Henderson will facilitate a "mini-retreat" on the 20th and 21st of February 2015 at the Theological Institute, Dublin. Designed to allow Diocesan and Parish Readers or those who exercise a Lay ministry authorised by a Diocese, (such as a Healing Ministry), an opportunity to reflect on your vocation amidst a changing world, the "mini-retreat" will provide time and space for Biblical reflection, discussion and prayer.

The retreat costs €50/£40 per person (Residential) or €25/£20 per person (Non-residential). All bookings should be made via davidbrown@theologicalinstitute.ie (Reservations must be received by 12 noon Tuesday 16th February 2015).

Fermanagh Friends of Hospice Group

Horizon West Children's Hospice cares for children with life-limited illnesses and supports their families. Thanks to the generosity of local people, the Children's Hospice in Killadeas is now helping local children with life-limiting illnesses. There is a schedule of events planned for 2015 for which we will need volunteers. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should contact Gladys on 07968917619.

Volunteer Management Health Checks

Would you like a free Health Check to see how you are managing your volunteers? Are you an organisation with an annual income of under £100,000? Would you like to get one step closer to achieving Investing in Volunteers? If the answer is yes, a limited number of free 'Health Checks' with organisations in relation to their volunteer management practice are available. Contact 02890232020 or sandra.faulkner@volunteernow.co.uk or go to www.investinginvolunteers.org.uk.

Oil Buying Clubs

The Housing Executive has appointed Bryson Energy to establish a network of 27 oil buying clubs across Northern Ireland. We are looking for community organisations etc to contact us so we can help them formally set up and establish oil clubs. Contact 0800 1422865 or info@brysonenergy.org or www.brysonenergy.org.

Youth Enterprise Programme

Are you aged 16-30? Have you recently started a business or are you thinking about starting one? Fermanagh Enterprise Ltd has received funding from the Royal Bank of Scotland to deliver an exciting new Youth Enterprise Programme. Email info@fermanaghenterprise.com or 02866327348.

Hear to Help clinics

'Do you wear NHS hearing aids? Come to our FREE drop-clinic for advice on: how to use and maintain your aids, information on hearing loss/tinnitus. If you have a concern about your hearing we offer a free hearing check. NHS batteries distributed. Clinic in Drumcoo Centre Enniskillen on 1st Mondays of the month until June from 4-5pm. Contact Lisa 02882251446.

Cavan Monaghan Healthy Families

Cavan Monaghan Healthy Families is a new way of supporting families with overweight children aged between 8-11years old. It is a fun family based programme with lots of activities for children and parents. HSE funded, it is a joint initiative with a variety of voluntary organisations and is free. It involves attending 8 weekly group sessions with other children and families. These sessions are a mixture of fun activities based on healthy eating, cooking, confidence building, play and active games with motivational incentives for participant families. Contact 04730461 or Rachael.Treanor@hse.ie

Sing Out Loud!

Free Singing Workshops on Thursdays from 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm in the Aisling Centre, Enniskillen. These classes are aimed at young people who love to sing, or who would like to be able to and are keen to develop their skills and talents. Contact 07562638499 or valwhitworth@btinternet.com.

TV Licensing

TV Licensing will be contacting homeowners across county Fermanagh as part of a campaign to ensure address records are correctly matched on the TV Licensing database. As a result of address changes made in Fermanagh last year, TV Licensing is aware of a small number of homes that may be covered by a valid TV Licence, but have not been matched to a licensed address on the TV Licensing database. The postal campaign will ask these home owners to confirm their licence number and address in order to match old details with new. Customers who receive the letter will be asked to call 0300 7906083 with their licence number so the licence can be attributed to the correct address. Anyone without a licence should visit tvlicensing.co.uk/payinfo or call 0300 7906083 to buy a licence if one is needed.

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt



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Illness

At present a number of our parishioners are unwell so we would ask that you please remember them in your prayers, whether they are in hospital, nursing homes or recovering at home.

Diocesan Magazine

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

Christmas Sale

Thank you to all who came to Clogh Christmas Sale on Friday 5th December. A lot of effort was put in by the stall holders and a good number of people

attended despite other attractions on the night. The sum raised which includes donations was £1,567.80.



Clogh Christmas Sale

Christmas

The Christmas season was well and truly celebrated in the united Parishes. Carol Services took place in both Aghadrumsee and Clogh with the Sunday School children playing quite a part in telling and reading the story of the birth of our Saviour Jesus. The Sunday School children also enjoyed the annual parties and Santa was able to attend both. We thank all who took part in the services and those who provided foodstuffs for the parties. It was very fitting that the celebrations found their conclusion in Drumsnatt Parish Church on the last Sunday of the year with a united service once again in family tradition.



Clogh Choir at Drumsnatt Christmas Sunday Service



Children at Aghadrumsee



Children at Clogh

Bible Study

Our Bible Study continues each week at the Rectory as we explore the course 'If You Want to Walk on Water, You've got to Get Out of the Boat', by John Ortberg.

Parish Dance

We are pleased to welcome Wee Tom back to Aghadrumsee on Friday 13th February for a parish dance.

Baptism

On Sunday 4th January we were delighted to have the baptism of Alice Poppy Annon daughter of Brian and Ellie in Aghadrumsee. We welcome her into our church family and uphold her and her parents in our prayers at this very special time.



Clogh Mother's Union pictured with Jaeguen Bae from Seamen's Christian Friend Society who visited recently to tell about the work being done with seafarers at Dublin Dock.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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SERVICES

February

- 1st 10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion
8th 10.45am Colebrooke Holy Baptism
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer
15th 11.00am Family Service at Cooneen
22nd 10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

Lent Services (Wednesdays in Lent)

- 18th 8.00pm Colebrooke Ash Wednesday Holy
Communion Service
22nd 8.00pm Colebrooke Lent Service

Bereavement

On Thursday 20th November 2014, a service to celebrate the life of Mrs Joyce Downey was held in St Ronan's, Colebrooke. Our condolences and prayers are with Mervyn and Joyce's sisters, Edna, Ena, Eileen, Sandra, their families and all the family circle at this time.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 23rd November 2014, Ewan Johnston, son of Marcus and Melaine was baptised in St Ronan's, Colebrooke.

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations to Vanessa Morrison and Adam Elliott on their wedding at St Ronan's, Colebrooke, on Friday 12th December 2014. We wish God's richest blessing on this young couple as they begin married life together.

Mothers' Union

An memorable evening in December ended our 2014 year when many senior citizens from the parishes joined us for a most enjoyable seasonal supper (provided by the members), followed by a programme of entertainment. Many thanks are due to our rector Revd John, who led an entertaining and sometimes challenging quiz and finished with everyone singing many beautiful Christmas carols accompanied by

Isobel. Of course 'The Man in Red' made his usual appearance bringing much laughter and gifts for everyone.

The theme for 2015 is 'United in Prayer' and the ladies are looking forward to their opening night on Tuesday 20th January. The rector, Revd John McClenaghan, plans to lead a service of Holy Communion and bring some reflections on 'Personal Prayer' to all gathered.

On Tuesday 17th February at 8.00 pm we welcome Miss Frances Boyd, who will share her Faith and show us how she reflects this through her many inspiring photographs.

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be hosted in Colebrooke Parish Church on Friday 6th March at 8.00 pm. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

Meetings are open to all ladies so we would warmly welcome parishioner and their friends to join us for fellowship and bring mutual encouragement to everyone.

SNATCH

(Sunday Night At the Church Hall) Youth Ministry
Aghavea & Colebrooke
Sunday 8th and 22nd February at 7.00 pm in
Colebrooke Parish Hall
All young people of secondary school age welcome.
Facebook: www.facebook.com/snatchyf
Website: 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) Meet on Fridays at 7.00pm

Bowling Club

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

Aghavea



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February 2015

Sunday 1st

10am Sunday School
11am Holy Communion
7pm Evening Prayer - Brooke Memorial Hall

Sunday 8th

10am Sunday School
11am Morning Prayer
7pm SNATCH - Colebrooke Hall

Sunday 15th

10am Sunday School
11am Church Family Service

Sunday 22nd

10am Sunday School
11am Morning Prayer
7pm SNATCH - Colebrooke Hall

Sunday 1st March

10am Sunday School
11am Holy Communion

Dear friends,

We're at the start of the second month of 2015, and already the year seems to be flying. By now, the resolve of your New Year Resolutions has well and truly been tested. You may be in the small proportion of people who do keep your resolutions, so you're still rising before dawn to run 5K, have completely cut out the chocolate biccies, reading a book a day because you've stopped watching the TV, and sleeping 12 hours a night! For the rest of us, after a positive start which lasts the whole way through until the 3rd January, the weight of failed resolutions can be a heavy load to bear. Things had started so well, but then real life happened again. You were back to work and had to deal with 'that' person. Your craving for chocolate or coffee or crisps returned with a vengeance. The weather was too cold/windy/frosty/icy/snowy/damp/wet/rainy/stormy to go for that run. Another day slips by and you haven't read your Bible, so that by the end of the second week you're so far behind you doubt you'll ever read through it all in a year.

Perhaps your resolution was to not make resolutions (and you'd broken it as soon as you'd made it!). But even without making resolutions, there are ways in which we find we fail ourselves and our own standards, let alone anyone else's, never mind what God wants of us. How do we cope with failure? How can we pick ourselves up to get going again?

Lamentations 3 is a passage you might have heard or shared around the New Year. It's a great passage to bring in the new year, so it's popular at Watchnight services. But it's not just for 1st January. It's got a message for every day, a reminder of God's faithfulness whatever day it is.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lam3:22)

Why not use this as you wake each morning? Before your feet hit the floor, preach this to yourself, and remind yourself of his new every morning mercies. How would that change your day?

Yours in Christ,

Gary

Annual Concert

Friday 27th February at 8pm in the Church Hall. Featuring Kenny Archer and other artists. Tickets available from Select Vestry members, or the Rectory (028 8953 1210).

Mothers' Union

Aghavea MU began a new year of meetings with a service of Holy Communion. On a very wintry night in January, we were delighted that Revd Ngozi Njoku was able to join with us and to share her testimony. In February, we look forward to welcoming Valerie McMorris, from the Diocesan Faith & Policy unit on Tuesday 10th at 8pm.

GFS

Aghavea Branch meets on Wednesday nights in the Church Hall from 6.30pm - 7.30pm. The girls enjoyed a visit to see Mother Goose in the Ardhowen Theatre over the Christmas holidays, and are now working on their crafts and badgework. New girls are always welcome to join us.

SNATCH

SNATCH is our youth fellowship, being held in Colebrooke Church Hall this term. Following our Christmas party, we enjoyed a Movie Night in Clabby Rectory over the holidays - thank you to Maurice & Jean for opening their home to us. In February, we meet on Sundays 8th and 22nd, starting at 7pm for food, fun, games, Bible study, praise and prayer.

Lent

On Wednesday nights in Lent, we'll be tackling the book of Proverbs in our special series 'Wisdom for Life'. What can Proverbs teach us about living in God's world? Come along and find out. The series begins on Wednesday 18th February at 8pm in the Parish Church.

Bowling Club

The bowling club meet on Monday nights from 8pm - 10pm. New members are welcome to come and have a go!

From the Parish Registers

Funeral

Tuesday 2nd December Kenneth Redknap, Ederney
Friday 12th December Eileen Allen, Tanyard Lane, Brookeborough

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The best way of keeping up to date with what's happening at Aghavea is our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/aghavea There you'll find news, notices, sermons, photos, prayer points and lots more! Our sermon podcasts are now available on iTunes. Search for 'Aghavea Church' and subscribe to have them automatically delivered to your computer or device.



Aghavea had an unexpected visitor at the door after the Christmas Eve Communion service. Here he is with David Atwell (Parish Reader) and Revd Gary McMurray



Aghavea Choir with their Christingles in the Brooke Memorial Hall



Aghavea Sunday School perform their nativity.

Ballybay, Clontibret and Mucknoe



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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week of prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated every January. So it was fitting to have our combined service with our Presbyterian Friends in early January in Christ Church Ballybay. In Muckno, the local initiative

was with St Mary's Church, where Fr Pat McHugh PP came and preached for us on Sunday the 18th and the Rector preached in St Mary's the night before at their 7pm service. In Clontibret, the Revd David Hagan, the local Presbyterian Minister and the Rector are planning to swap services some Sunday, but it didn't materialise during January due to both Ministers being on holidays at different times.

Clerical Support

Many thanks to Canon Adam Johns who very kindly took the three services after Christmas and deputised for the Rector at the baptism of Zach McShane in Killany.

Ballybay Notes

Christmas Services

The Community Carol Service in Christ Church was a great success. It was a lovely start to the festive season with the church filled to capacity. Many thanks to everyone who took part and to Fr La and the Community Choir for coming along and singing for us. Also many thanks to members of the Camphill Community who came along and played a beautiful tune on their hand bells. Thank you also to Crossduff parish for giving us their lovely Christmas Tree and to George Wallace for supplying the mince pies. The collection was split between Christians in Syria and the Camphill Community.

The Christmas Eve service at 11pm was also very well attended by parishioners and members of other churches. A big thank you to Alannah Crawford for playing the organ for that lovely service.

Combined Service

On Sunday the 4th of January we had our special annual combined Holy Communion service in Christ Church with the local Presbyterian Group of Parishes, 1st and 2nd Ballybay, Drumkeen and Rockcorry. Again the church was filled to capacity and it was a lovely way to begin the New Year by worshipping and partaking in Holy Communion with one another. A big thank you once again to Alanah Crawford for playing for this important service and to Revd Buchanan for preaching.

Club Diversity

The youth club started back in Christ Church Hall on the 10th of January with a great number of children attending. Many parents stay and enjoy a cup of tea, coffee, hot chocolate and a good chat! It begins at 6pm and finishes at 7pm. Arts and crafts take place and also lots of games in this wonderful spacious hall. So come along and take your children (up to the age of 12 approx) and stay for some refreshments. Any volunteers welcome to help out. Dates for February are the 7th and 21st.

Church Tower

The scaffolding on the Church Tower has now been taken down with the works been completed. We hope and pray it has been a successful operation.

Church Notice Board

The church Notice Board has now been put back up in the church grounds. We hope to have Revd Phair's name and new telephone number on the sign asap.

Muckno News

Christmas Tree Festival: Word of Thanks

Revd Neal Phair and the Parishioners of St Maeldoid's Church want to publicly send a huge thank you to all those who came and participated in any way to our recent Christmas Tree Festival. We really appreciated your kindness. Thanks' to those who kindly exhibited their wonderful creations and those who sponsored us in any way. Thanks to Minister Heather Humphreys for going out of her way to assist with the opening of the festival.

Our visitors enjoyed their tour of the 30+ Christmas Trees and the stories they had to tell. An amazing €6,500.00 was raised and all the proceeds from the weekend were to be shared with MS Ireland, Castleblayney Cancer Society and Parish funds.



Christmas Tree Festival

Presentation

On the 18th December at our Annual Community Carol Service we were delighted to present to Kevin Curran of MS Ireland and Mairead McGuinness and the team from Castleblayney Cancer Society, who both do tremendous work in the community for those who are ill or incapacitated, cheques to the value of €2100 each. The other third of the money raised was retained to aid Parish funds and help defray festival expenses. We thank all those who came to our Carol Service, to those who read lessons and to Miss Charlotte Adair for playing the organ on the night. All present enjoyed the refreshments that were provided.



From left to right: back row: Tracey Liddy-O'Connor (CCS), Janet Hill, Father Pat McHugh, John Montgomery, Doreen Lawson-Smyth, Harriet Hill, John Adair, Revd Neal Phair (St Maeldoids) Middle row: Teresa McGuigan (CCS), Margaret Flack, Doreen Hearty, Shirley Rusk, Martha O'Connor (St Maeldoids) Front: Ursula McGuigan, Mairead McGuinness (CCS) Ethel Coulter (St Maeloids), Kevin Curran (MS Ireland).

The collection on the night of €300.00 was presented by Revd Phair to Mrs Margaret Flack for the LATCH-ON group.



Margaret Flack and Revd Neal Phair

Christmas Party

The Children and adults all enjoyed the Christmas party held in the Church hall on Saturday 20th December. It was great to see so many children. As usual the guest of Honour (Santa) arrived up the stairs to the delight of all present.

Christmas Morning

On Christmas morning we had a huge turnout of family and friends for the celebration of Holy Communion and the Birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Revd Phair welcomed everyone present and wished them all a peaceful and joyous Christmas. At the end of the service Mr John Adair presented the Phair family with a lovely Christmas Hamper.

Thank You

Thank you to Canon Adam Johns for coming to celebrate morning worship on Sunday 28th December.

Other News

A number of parishioners from Castleblayney attended the Annual Carol Service at Corduff were Revd G. Beattie officiated and Revd Andrew Watson- stated supply for First Castleblayney and Frankford was the special speaker. Best wishes: We wish Revd Watson and his family health and happiness as he take up his new position in Dunfanghey Presbyterian Churches in Co Donegal.

Mothers Union News

On the 19th November in the Church Hall, Castleblayney a number of Ladies enjoyed an evening of crocheting with Sarmite, who is from Lavitia and now lives in Castleblayney. She had on display many garments that she has crocheted and some of the jewellery she makes.

On the 4th December the Mothers Union was invited by the PW to join them at the Old Coach Inn for a social evening of dinner, fellowship and fun. A game of Charades turned out most enjoyable for all those who took part. At the end of the evening all the Ladies went away with a small gift from the secret Santa bag.

On Monday 22nd December 11 Ladies from Castleblayney and 1 Lady from Clontibret went to hear the Donagh Community Choir perform "a Winters Tale" in St Salvador's Church. It was a night to reminisce about Christmas time with music, song, poetry and reflection. Afterwards they went to Castle Leslie for mince pies and mulled wine! A really enjoyable night was had by all. Congratulations and Well done to Mrs Ethna McCord and all involved with the event.

Looking Forward

On the 11th February at 8pm, in the Church Hall, Castleblayney, Mrs Lucy Phair will be the guest speaker. She will speak on her work as a Medical Consultant in Health Protection. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

Women's World Day of Prayer

On Friday 6th March the World Day of Prayer takes place in the Church Hall Castleblayney at 8pm. A guest speaker to be decided. All Ladies and Gentlemen are very welcome. Refreshments served.

Baptism

Little Zach McShane was welcomed into Christ's Church by the sacrament of baptism on the 27th of December. The baptism took place in Killany Chapel and Zach is the son of Eimear and George who live in Cul Daragh, Castleblayney. Canon Johns took part in the service, deputizing for the Rector.

For those who are unwell

We continue to pray for all those known to us who are unwell at present especially Ian, Eddie and Mary.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh



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Services

Sunday 1st February 2015 (White) The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Carrickmacross 10.30am H.C.

Magheracloone 12 noon M.P.

Ardragh 1.15pm H.C.

Sunday 8th February (Green) The Second Sunday before Lent

Carrickmacross 10.30am M.P.

Mgheracloune 12 Noon H.C.

Sunday 15th February The Sunday before Lent (White)

Carrickmacross 10.30am M.P.

Magheracloone 12 noon M.P.

Ardragh 1.15pm M.P.

Sunday 22nd February The First Sunday in Lent (Violet)

Carrickmacross 10.30am M.P.

Magheracloone 12 Noon M.P.

Once more we have begun a new year. It is an opportunity for new beginnings not only by individuals, families, the business world, governments and the Church. It is a time to say good bye to the old and welcome the new, with all its opportunities and challenges, usually with the aim of making a difference.

How can we as Christians, church members make a difference in the coming year? What preparation can we make to influence the world and those around about us? We began the new liturgical year by looking at the mission of John the Baptist which was 'to prepare the way' Was there ever a greater time in history that people needed to prepare a way for the Lord than we do now?

We live in a time when people are looking and searching for physical wellbeing, exercise and mindfulness. There is also a great need for spiritual health and spiritual mindfulness. We have the same calling as John the Baptist in our fast-paced world of global change. We say the world is a very small place because of technology, but yet it is in chaos searching for new moorings, feeling after a new order. Without God no new order will be found. What this world needs more than anything are a people who will 'prepare the way'. Men and women

like John the Baptist, who prepared himself first, and then went out and prepared others to know God. No more important questions can be asked by each Christian as we have begun this New Year. Am I spiritually fit for what lies ahead? Am I willing to be part of preparing the way and making the paths straight?

Carol Services

Looking back it seems a long time since the 1st of the carol services took place within our group of parishes. The community Carol service in St. Finbar's had a full church. We had the Farney singers come and help us celebrate the birth of Christ through lively singing.

Magheraclone also drew a large gathering of people from their area with the added attraction of a live nativity scene which included a live donkey and sheep. There was more excitement to come when Santa clause dropped in at the end of the service as people were having Christmas refreshments.

Ardragh too had their service of carols with the celebration of Holy Communion.

I want to say thank you to those people who decorated the churches respectively, supplied the music, read lessons, provided and served food and of course for transporting the animals to and from the church in Mageraclone. They had trouble convincing me that it was possible to have well behaved animals around the church!

The joint candlelight Christmas Eve service in Magheraclone was well attended as was the Christmas day service in Carrickmacross

Sunday School Party

Thank to the teachers who organised the games and the food for the party, not forgetting Santa Clause who dropped in to the boys and girls with gifts so beautifully wrapped and labelled.

Registers

Holy Baptism

Sunday 4th January, the baptism of Rhys Finnegan took place in St. Finbar's, son of Peter and Dawn Finnegan. We commit little Rhys and his family to God's care and protection in the future.

Christian Burial

We remember those who have been bereaved during the past year parochial and nationwide. We offer our sympathy to John Simpson, St. Finbar's parish on the recent death of his mother whose funeral took place in Dublin, also to Margaret Babbington, Magheraclone on the passing of her aunt Betty in Co Offaly.

Illness

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our parishes who have been bereaved and those who are unwell at home or in hospital. We think of

those who recently have had unfavourable results of health tests and are now in the midst of or are facing treatment.

Bowls

Up to the present there have been a number of friendly matches played at home in Carrickmacross and other clubs. The matches are due to begin weather permitting playing for the cup.

Table Tennis

This event continues to be popular among adults on a Monday and young people on Friday nights.



St. Molua's at Christmas

Cleenish and Mullaghduin



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Church Services for February

Sunday 8th February

10:00am Holy Communion, Mullaghduin Parish Church
11:30am Holy Communion, Cleenish Parish Church

Wednesday 11th February

10:00am Holy Communion & Healing Service,
Mullaghduin Parochial Hall

Sunday 15th February

10:00am Morning Prayer, Mullaghduin Parish Church
11:30am Morning Prayer, Cleenish Parish Church

Wednesday 18th February

8:00pm Ash Wednesday Service, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 22nd February

10:00am. Holy Communion, Mullaghduin Parish Church
11:30am Holy Communion, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 1st March

10:00am Morning Prayer, Mullaghduin Parish Church
11:30am Morning Prayer, Cleenish Parish Church

Special Evening Service of Prayer and Meditation

This Service was held in Cleenish Church, on Sunday evening 7th December. It was a Service without hymns or music, and began with REFLECTION from Psalm 23. This was followed by Psalm 31, and a Bible reading from Psalm 46. The congregation were then asked to stand for MEDITATION, followed by the Apostles Creed and the Lords Prayer. The Service concluded with the Receiving of Bread & Wine.

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Mullaghduin

The above Service was held on Sunday evening 14th December. The choir with Elizabeth at the organ sang "The Story Has Broken" "Away in a Manger" and "We Three Kings" with Nyomi Scales singing the first verse of Away in a Manger.

The lessons were read by Elaine Maguire, John Hazlett, Desi Coalter, Lisa Lindsay, Eli Scales, Robert Gibson, Robert Watterson, George Carson, Heather Carson & the Rector.

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Cleenish

The above Service was held on Sunday evening 21st December.

Lessons were read by Owen Wilson, Emma Brownlee, Rowena Sheridan, Ian Crawford, George Stephenson, Diane Coulter, Rosemary Forde & the Rector. The Choir sang two anthems, "New Life" & "Starry Night". The organist was Mrs Joan Brownlee.

Childrens' Christmas Service



Members of Cleenish Sunday School

The Childrens' Christmas Service was held in Cleenish Church, before a full congregation augmented by a number of visitors, on Sunday morning 21st December. The Service was conducted by Parish Reader Rowena Sheridan, who also conducted a very interesting

question & answer session with the children. After the bible reading by Alex, the Childrens' choir sang the Sunday School song. This was followed by a poem said by Alex & William. The Sunday School occasional prayers were read by Alex, Andrew & Ethan. Mrs Joan Brownlee played the organ & piano, and was assisted on the organ by Anna Dowson.

Monthly Service of Holy Communion

This Service is held in Mullaghduin Parochial Hall on the second Wednesday of each month from September to June. It combines a shortened form of Holy Communion with an opportunity for prayer for the sick and bereaved, followed by a cup of tea and time to chat. The next Service is on Wednesday 11th February.

UCB Word For Today

Bible Notes have been enjoyed in both our Parishes for a number of years. Although these booklets are provided free of charge, there is an obvious cost of printing and delivery which is covered by voluntary donations. Anyone who would like to contribute to the valuable work of UCB can put a donation in an envelope marked "UCB WORD FOR TODAY" and place it on the collection plate or alternatively give their contribution to any of the Church-Wardens, and these donations will be forwarded to UCB.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Tuesday 17th February 8pm, Cleenish Parish Hall. Safe Driving tips, with Gary McCreevy.

New members will be made most welcome.

Friday 6th March 8pm, Women's World Day of Prayer. This year the service will be held in St. Mary's Arney.

Cleenish Brownies

Brownies have now re commenced after their winter break. New girls between the age 7 to 11 years will be welcome on Wednesday evenings, at 6.45 to 8pm, in Cleenish Parish Hall

Parent and Toddler Group

The group meets Tuesday mornings 10am – 11.30am during term time. Parents/Carers and children can interact and avail of craft, play and music activities.

Presentation to Keys Family

A cheque for £1,000 was received by the Keys family on behalf of the Children's Heartbeat Trust. It was presented by the organising committee of the Cleenish Flower Festival held in June. This is to assist the family who continue to travel to the Childrens' Hospital, Birmingham for heart operations for young Alfie. On Friday 28th November, Alfie's mother Jennifer held a very successful Coffee morning in Cleenish Parish Hall, at which over £1000 was raised. Jennifer would

like to sincerely thank all who gave generously and supported this event.



Leslie Nixon, Sue Hogg, Jennifer Keys, Nigel Keys, Rosemary Forde, Revd Bridle. Front Alfie Keys, & Alex Keys.

Mullaghduin Parish Sale

We thank all who contributed in any way to the Parish Sale, held on Thursday 27th November. The sale realised £676 for Parish funds.

Cleenish Supper Dance

Keep free for the Parish Supper Dance to be held in the Unionist Hall, Enniskillen, on Friday 13th February 2015. Proceeds in aid of Parish Hall Repair Fund. See advert

Mullaghduin BBQ

Keep free Mullaghduin Parish BBQ to be held on Friday 26th June 2015.

Graduation

We congratulate Tanya Vance who has recently graduated from Queen's University, Belfast with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The former Florencecourt Primary, and Collegiate Grammar School pupil, has taken up employment in the Trauma Unit of Craigavon Area Hospital.

Sympathy

The members of Mullaghduin Parish express sympathy to the following:-

To Caroline Little and her family circle following the sudden death of her brother, Stanley Irwin on Sunday 16th November. Stanley, who lived at Alderwood Road, Fivemiletown, had for many years been sexton of Kiltermon Church.

To Joy Sherlock and her family circle following the death of her father, Walter Blakeney at Ard Na Greine Nursing Home in Enniscrone, on Tuesday 25th November.

To Paul Holder (proprietor of the local Spar store) and his family circle following the death of his father, John Douglas Holder, at the South West Acute Hospital, on Friday 26th December.

To Hannah Coalter and her wide family circle, following the sudden death of her grandmother, Betty Crozier, on Thursday 8th January at Drumcard, Derrylester.

Members of both congregations will remember Canon A S O'Connor, who passed away peacefully at his home in Stewartstown, on Monday 12th January. Alfie as he was better known, carried out vacancy duty taking Sunday morning service in both Churches. A former Rector of St Johns, Florencecourt, he was predeceased by his late wife Eileen, and is survived by his only daughter Susan.

Cleenish Centre

The Management of the Centre wish all a very happy and blessed 2015. The shrubbery around the Centre is now complete and already the bulbs are appearing, reminding us that Spring will soon be here. During the Christmas period some of the interior of the building has been repainted and repair work carried out, in readiness for the start of the sixth year. Over these years many people have begun their Christian journeys, and others have been encouraged and developed in their faith. We give thanks to God for all of this, and we look forward to where He is leading us this year. Bookings are coming in fast for day conferences, weekends and week long camps. The staff at the Centre are looking forward to the privilege of serving these Groups from all over Ireland. To contact The Centre enquiries@cleenishcentre.com, or call us on 028 6634 9647.

Bellanaleck Community Group

At the monthly meeting of the Group on Wednesday 26th November, members enjoyed a very interesting lecture by Giles Knight from Derrygonnelly, entitled "Magnificent Meadows" complete with graphic illustrations. In his lecture he commented that the large grassed area in the Community Garden because it is in public ownership and not under the economic constraints of farming, provided an ideal opportunity to provide a practical example of wildflower regeneration. This was a reminder of the ideas we had already expressed about this untouched area of land. Final preparations were discussed for the annual Childrens' Party, which took place on Saturday 6th December. The pedestrian gate giving access to the Moorings restaurant is now complete, and will be accessible during opening hours. The Annual Childrens' Party was again very successful with a total of 88 children attending. Many thanks to all who assisted, including the members of Letterbreen Silver Band, Santa Clause, Fermanagh District Council for the Santa train, and the PSNI motor cycle escort team who escorted Santa to the Hall.

Next meeting Monday 25th February. See Community notice board at Cathcart's shop, or Face book, bellanaleck@gmail.com.

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



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Services

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11.30am Clogher Cathedral H.C.
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Baptisms

St. Marks, Augher

November 23rd. Maddison Louise Rankin, daughter of Andrew and Jacqueline Rankin

Clogher Cathedral

January 4th. Yvie Denise Bond, daughter of Richard and Denise Bond.

Bereavements

On Friday 9th January the funeral service of Mrs. June Hackett was held in the Cathedral. June had been ill for some time and during her final days was cared for in St. McCartan's Nursing Home. We extend sympathy to her sons, Bill, Richard and David, their families and her three surviving sisters.

Carol Services

On Sunday 30th November the Diocesan Advent Carol Service was held in Clogher Cathedral. This service is proving very popular and it was delightful to see people attending from across the Diocese.

Our thanks to Mr. Glenn Moore who presided at the organ and also the choir from St. Macartin's Enniskillen together with their conductor Miss Jayne Haslett who were in attendance.

The Community Carol Service has become an established part of the lead up to Christmas. There was a real atmosphere of celebration as the choirs from the local schools and also the churches came to worship in this magnificent building. The collection which realised nearly fifteen hundred pounds was in aid of Cancer Focus N.I. Father Noel McGahan led the bidding prayers while the rector pronounced the blessing. A sincere thank you to the readers and collectors and also those who served seasonal refreshments prior to the service. All involved were representative of the community. We also thank our organist, on this occasion Mrs Diane Whitaker.

Our parish Carol Services were held in all four churches on Sunday 21st December. In all cases the Sunday School children participated and again it was so nice to see large congregations. My thanks to those who organised readers for these services and also arranged and provided music and refreshments.

Augher Central Primary

Due to the number of pupils attending the school having increased to ninety one, the Governors requested the use of the Cathedral for their Carol Concert on Thursday 18th December. A very large crowd of parents, family and friends attended. The venue proved very satisfactory and the extra space was much appreciated, a wonderful event with the entire school participating. The acting Principal, Miss Armstrong thanked the Precentor and select vestry for the use of the Cathedral.





The children of Augher Central Primary School, who held a carol service in the Cathedral at Christmas

Sunday School Parties

All four parishes held very enjoyable Sunday School parties with games, food and of course a visit from Santa Claus who had something for everyone. The visit by Clogher Sunday School on Sat 29th November in Omagh to see Cinderella was a big hit, though perhaps a little frightening for some of the little ones. A big thank you to all those who organise these events so professionally and well.

Black Santa

On Saturday 20th December a Sandyman Port like figure took up his position on the Main Street, complete with black cloak and hat to collect for the Bishops Appeal and Feed the Minds. As always people gave generously not only of their money but of their time. There was the usual good humoured banter among the people and while this activity may seem solely for the purpose of raising funds it has a much broader aspect, that of the Church interacting with the community. My sincere thanks to everyone for their generosity and encouragement.

Confirmation

Classes have commenced in preparation for confirmation on Sunday 19th April in Clogher Cathedral. Please remember and pray for our sixteen candidates as they prepare to take on the responsibility taken on their behalf at their baptism by their God parents. This is a very serious step for young people who need all the support and encouragement we can give them. We pray that this is just the beginning of a journey that continues throughout their life.

Youth Club

The Youth Club meets on Tuesday evenings and the numbers have increased considerably. 6.45pm for Juniors and 7.45 pm for Seniors. The very dedicated leaders are working hard to introduce activities which are fun and also provide an opportunity for different clubs to meet. Thirty five of our members together with six leaders travelled to Todds Leap and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Mothers' Union

St Macartan's Cathedral Mothers' Union celebrated a significant milestone in its history at a Church Service

and Dinner to mark 110 years since the start of the M.U. in Clogher. We were pleased to welcome Dr Margaret Knox, MU President, as the speaker at the Anniversary Service in the Cathedral and as our special guest at the Dinner in Corick House Hotel.

A very pleasant evening was held at our Christmas Party in The Court House, Clogher when we were entertained by the Guides and Brownies with their leaders. Mrs Lynn Winslow also brought materials and instructions for a fabric brooch and all the ladies went home with a completed brooch.

The Branch Leader, Mrs Iris Moffett, distributed the new 2015 programme which will begin with an Enrolment Service in the Cathedral on 21st January. We look forward to the February meeting when one of our members, Mrs Sylvia McClung, will give a talk on her experiences in the Women's Royal Naval Service.

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Services in February

1st of February: The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: Education Sunday

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

8th of February: The Second Sunday before Lent

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

15th of February: The Sunday next before Lent

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

18th of February: Ash Wednesday

8.00 pm Clones: Evening Service

22nd of February: the First Sunday of Lent

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

1st of March: The Second Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Clones: Morning Service: Thinking Day with the Silver Birch Brownie Pack
11.30 am Newbliss: Morning Service

*O God, our teacher and our judge:
Enrich our hearts with the goodness of your wisdom
and renew us from within:
that all our actions, all our thoughts and all our words
may bear the fruit of your transforming grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Collect ii: The Sunday before Lent.)*

Discussion and Bible study group

The Group will meet on Monday the 2nd of February at 8.00 pm in the Rectory, Scotshouse and the theme for the evening is: What does it mean to follow Jesus? Mark 8:22-9:1. All warmly welcome.

Blaze and Shine

Our youth and children ministry has resumed and continues to meet in Killeevan Hall for Shine and in the Market House, Newbliss for Blaze. Ahead of us awaits a term of fun and learning about the Christian faith. The groups meet fortnightly on Thursdays and the youngsters are given a snack during the evening. Both groups start at 7.00 pm and finish at 8.30 pm. The leaders look forward to see everyone back and would be delighted to welcome new members. For more information, please contact Miss Averil Crowe, tel: 047 - 51647 or Mrs Diane Smyth, tel: 086 - 8182416.

Lenten talks: Meeting God in Hymns

This year our focus for Lent is on hymns. Many of us have our own favourite hymns that for various reasons appeal to us and bring both comfort and strength, as well as build up our faith. Our speakers this year will share their favourite hymns with us and explain why these sung words and the thoughts behind them have provided personal inspiration and guidance in their Christian life. We look forward to listen to personal reflections and insights that will stimulate our thinking and understanding of some central Christian beliefs as they are expressed through the poetic words sung in our churches. During the course of Lent we will contemplate the cross, how God is our faithful rock and the one to hold on to no matter how stormy life may be, how God calls us to various tasks. Our speakers come from the Diocese of Clogher and we are delighted to welcome them to Clones.

Thursday the 26th of February

'Crown him with many crowns' and 'Faithful one'. Speaker: Canon Ian Berry, Monaghan

Thursday 5th of March (NB. Venue: The Protestant Hall, Cara Street)

'Will your anchor hold'. Speaker: Revd Margaret Pringle, Carrickmacross

Thursday the 12th of March

'When I survey the wondrous cross'. Speaker: The Very Revd Raymond Ferguson.

Thursday the 19th of March:

'Here I am Lord, is it I Lord'. Speaker: Canon David Skuce, Maguiresbridge.

Thursday the 26th of March

'The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended'. Speaker Canon Brian Harper, Ballinamallard.

All talks, apart from the second one (5th of March) are held in the Cassandra Hand Centre at 8.00 pm. The evening begins with the talk, followed by tea and a discussion.

All warmly welcome!

For more information, and a programme, please contact Archdeacon Steed, 047-56962.

The series is part-funded by The Priorities Fund.

Clones Lenten Appeal to the Leprosy Mission

As in previous years, Clones Parish encourages all to support the work of the Leprosy Mission. For information and a Lenten box, please contact Mrs Etta Crowe, tel. 047 - 51647.

Killeevan Parish and Missionary Sale

On Saturday the 25th of April at 11.00 am - 1.00 pm you are all warmly welcome to the Killeevan Parish and Missionary Sale in the Hall. As usual, there will be many different stalls, something for the children, and refreshments will be served. We look forward to meet you there!

Nativity Play 2014

On behalf of us all, I would like to express our thanks to the children and leaders of Newbliss and Killeevan Sunday Schools for the wonderful Christmas play in Newbliss before Christmas. We look forward with anticipation to the next play.

Illness

Please pray for those from our parishes who are in hospital or are unwell at home.

Congratulations

Miss Alice Rusk and Mr Ian Wells on their engagement. We rejoice with Miss Alice Rusk on the completion on passing her doctoral exam.

Mr William and Mrs Jean Genoe on the arrival of their grandson Ethan William, son of Eric and Louise, Melbourne, Australia.

May God bless you all.

Bereavements

During the last few months there have been several bereavements in the group of parishes and our thoughts and prayers are with all who grieve a loved one.

Mr George Bleakley was buried after a service in Aghadrumsee Church. Mr Bleakley was a supporter of Clones Parish. We sympathise with the Irwin family.

We remember in our prayers the family of Mr Barry O'Brien, Scotshouse who died in England just before Christmas and is buried in Scotshouse on the 4th of January. We remember his wife Irene, children, grandchildren and his mother-in-law Mrs Meta Martin. We sympathise with Mrs Cynthia Stewart and her family on the death of her brother-in-law Mr Noel Cleary.

We remember in our prayers the family and friends of Mr Eric Hall, the uncle of Mr Stanley Hall and Mr Norman Hall.

We pray for Mr Norman Hall and his family on the death of his aunt, Mrs Mary Holden.

We remember in our prayers Mr Francis Carleton and his family on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr Flanagan.

We sympathise with Mrs Kate Lendrum and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Mr Cyril Devine.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Kiera Rusk and her family on the death of her uncle Mr Victor Beatty.

We pray for Mrs Margaret Crawford and her family on the death of her brother Mr Joe McCoy.

Our sympathies are with those who grieve the passing of a family member and relative, or a friend. Pray for them.

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Services

February

1st Holy Communion, 11.30am

8th Family service, 11.30am

15th Morning Prayer, 11.30am

18th Ash Wednesday, 8.00pm

22nd Morning Prayer, 11.30am

March

1st Holy Communion, 11.30am

8th Family service, 11.30am

15th Morning Prayer, 11.30am

22nd Morning Prayer, 11.30am

29th Morning Prayer/Palm Sunday, 11.30am

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

We offer sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Shoebox appeal. One hundred and sixty-two shoeboxes were filled, dispatched and distributed just before Christmas in time for delivery.

Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Truce of 1914 was remembered as part of the Christmas Carol Service with lessons and carols, both traditional and modern, complimented by the tastefully decorated church and ambient lighting, setting the scene for the evening. The first verse of Silent Night was sung in German; the rector then spoke on the 1914 truce and the words spoken to the shepherds 'do not be afraid' followed by a video clip before all joined in the singing of Silent

Night. We express thanks to our readers, organist, violinists, and drummer, the choir for leading the praise, the IT and sound team, and to the Women's Fellowship for the delightful mince pies and other tasty treats. All present enjoyed a wonderful evening of worship and praise.

New Year's Eve

The New Year's Eve Social was very well attended and enjoyed by all ages, with much sought after local band 'Committed', providing the music for the worship. The guest speaker, George Barkley from Ballymena, brought a practical, challenging and uplifting message. The members of the select vestry, to which we would offer our thanks, provided the refreshments once again for this annual event. Thanks to Jason for arranging the social activities and the mini pipe band for piping in the New Year. Our best thanks to everyone involved with the evenings worship and social.

Kesh Rural Deanery/Clogher Diocesan Youth Council

A Country Social and Worship Evening will be held on 6th February at 8.30pm, for all young people secondary school age upwards in Colaghty Parish Hall. The theme has a country flavour and all are asked to dress accordingly for the night. Refreshments will be provided during the evening.

Thiepval Memorial Pipe Band

A concert will be held on Friday, 27th February 2015 at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall featuring Thiepval Memorial Pipe Band, current grade 3b Ulster, UK, British, Scottish, All Ireland, World Champions, Champion of Champions & Supreme Champion of Champions who are competing in Grade 2 in 2015. The band took part in the St Patrick's Day events in Romania in 2014 and will be returning again this year and in the Russian Tattoo in Moscow for 10 days in September 2014. Also taking part on the night will be Glassmullagh Accordion Band, Blue Thistle Highland Dancers, Rebecca and Grace. Tickets on sale from Vestry members, cost £10.00, children payable at the door. For Tickets, contact the Rector on 02868631689, David 02868631015. Marcus 028 68631238

Young@Heart

The New Year activities have begun again with various classes and projects being undertaken. The pre-Christmas events were well attended, the Stew Night was a great success with requests for more. In December, Davina Johnston spoke in particular to the elderly on 'Slips and Falls' and in January, Stephen Ingram spoke on the work of the RNLI, with the next meeting planned for 18th February. Plans are also in place for the club's trip to meet with the Still Active Club in Ballymena in March.

Colaghty Bowling Club

Members continue to meet on Thursdays nights for continual fellowship on the mat. The club has been quite successful in the Churches League with members enjoying the fellowship and fun visiting and playing host to other clubs. The clubs singles competition was won this year by Noel Curtis, beating Alan Curtis into second place. Mr John Walker proved to be the man of the mat on the night, narrowly missing out for a place in the final and provided some of the best spectator thrills of the evening. The doubles match was an equally contested competition, with some exceptional playing, eventually Alan Curtis and Alex Gibson won, defeating Joe Kilfedder and Nadine Curtis.

Women's Fellowship

The December meeting had wonderful floral displays created by Heather and Muriel. At January's meeting the speaker will be Ruth Edgar on music and crafts, with Joe Keys on Crime Prevention on 8th February 8.00pm. The visitors night will take place on 9th March 8.00pm, with speaker Stephanie Allen, Cancer Focus, Stephanie also was part of a group who went out with Habitat during 2014. The visitor's night will also be the 'Bring and Buy sale.'

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*'Getting people from where they are
to where God wants them to be'*

All Sunday Services at 10.15am (Castle Archdale) and 11.30am (Derryvullen North) except 2nd Sunday of each month – 10.30am (Derryvullen North) and 11.45am (Castle Archdale) and other special/occasional services listed below

February

Sun 1st Holy Communion
Wed 4th Monthly Evening Prayer – Derryvullen North at 7.30pm
Sun 15th Morning Prayer
Tues 17th Quiet Holy Communion – Derryvullen North at 11.30am

Wed 18th Ash Wednesday – Service in Derryvullen North at 7.30pm
Sun 22nd Morning Prayer
Wed 25th Lenten Service – Derryvullen North at 7.30pm
March
Sun 1st Morning Prayer

Diary Dates

Fri 6th Feb Rural Deanery Youth Social in Colaghty Hall at 8pm
Tues 10th Feb Tuesday Club at 2.30pm
Tues 17th Feb Faith & Friendship in Mahons Hotel at 8pm
Wed 18th Feb Women's Group at 8.30pm

Presentation

Sunday 28th December 2014 was a significant occasion in Derryvullen North, the book returned by Mr Richard Verschoyle was placed in a newly dedicated display cabinet presented by Mrs Violet Hughes and family in memory of the late Stanley Hughes, husband and father. The cabinet was placed in the Verschoyle box in the church. A portrait of the late Chancellor Verschoyle was hung in the vestry.

Other Notes

In view of the Verschoyle article other parish notes including Baptisms and Burials will appear in the March issue.

Prayers

We prayerfully remember all those who are ill in hospital, at home or in nursing homes and extend our prayerful sympathy to those families who have been bereaved.

Derryvullen North Parish Church

Revd Canon Chancellor Richard Verschoyle (1809 – 95) Root And Stem

The Verschoyles originated from the Netherlands. As Calvinist's and subject to religious persecution they eventually found their way to Ireland in 1568. Listed among the landed Gentry of Ireland they had a strong pedigree. The family coat of arms features three boars' heads on a chevron with the motto 'Steadfast and Constrained'. This motto gives some insight into their identity and history.

Steadfast and Constrained

The ideal was to leave indelible footprints for citizens yet unborn.

1 Defenders of the Faith: Gentry families frequently put the Reformed faith at the centre of their identity. They acknowledged that knowledge of God was the beginning of wisdom, in scriptural terms they should stand strong for the Lord (Colossians 1 23–25). They placed their hope in the Gospel and continued firmly in the faith.

2 Defenders of the State: Asked not what their country could do for them but what they could do for their country. Loyal, brave, patriotic, convinced that God would protect and that their cause was noble and just there was little separation of religion and politics.

3 Defenders of the Moral and Social Order: They had a code and a family name and they sought by word and deed to protect the moral soundness of that name; integrity, truthfulness, honesty, self-discipline, protocol and convention were important standards of behaviour.

4 Visionary In all things there was an appreciation of duty and status. They knew their place and goals in life. Through hard work, ingenuity and influence they did not just seek to maintain the status-quo but would conscientiously strive to go the extra mile in pursuit of these goals and objectives.

Richard Verschoyle 1809 – 1895 from Tullyclonnel, Co Donegal his first wife 1841 was Mary Davenport, daughter of Revd Bartholomew Lloyd, Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. His second wife was Emily 1853, daughter of Major James Kynaston Edwards of Old Court, Co Wicklow.

Richard was a distinguished prelate who devoted the best energies of his life to the service of the church. He moved to Clogher after Curacies in Armagh Diocese and was appointed Prebendary of Kilskeery and later Chancellor of the Cathedral Chapter.

He was instituted in 1864 as rector of Derryvullan. In 1870 the Parish of Derryvullan was divided by the Diocesan Synod into Derryvullen North and Derryvullan South. Richard Verschoyle continued as rector of Derryvullen North until 1891, an incumbency of 25 years and continued to reside in Tullycleagh House, Ballinamallard until 1894.

James Verschoyle 1750 – 1837 was a member of the Irish House of Lords, a Privy Councillor, Dean of St Patricks Cathedral, Dublin and Bishop of Killala. He married Frances Walsh, a sister of Canon Henry Lomax Walsh.

Joseph Verschoyle 1783 – 1862 was Dean of St Patricks Cathedral, Dublin and Archdeacon of Achonry and Killala. Interested in geology his maps and documents are held at Oxford University and the Museum of Natural History in London. He married his cousin Frances, daughter of Bishop James Verschoyle (above)

Hamilton Verschoyle 1803 – 1870 was a Canon of St Patricks Cathedral, Dublin, Dean of Ferns and Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh. Born in Cashelshanaghan, Co Donegal he was described as a 'judicious and brilliant preacher'.

Sir John Kirk 1832 -1922 by marriage a member of the Verschoyle family, Kirk was a close friend of the explorer David Livingston and together they were the first white men to see the Victoria Falls in East Africa. He was an accomplished botanist, zoologist and photographer. Described as one of the best diplomats ever. As British Consul in Zanzibar perhaps his most important achievement was helping to end the cruel slave trade in that part of the world.

Major General Henry Brooke Hagstromer Wright Kirks daughter Helen married a minister's son Henry. He was a veteran of Burma, the China – Lishai Expedition, the North – West frontier (India), South Africa and World War 1. He was on Field Marshal Allenby's (High

Commissioner of Egypt, Sudan and of Palestine and nicknamed the Bloody Bull) staff. He was a friend of T.E. Lawrence (of Arabia) and is mentioned in the book the "7 Pillars of Wisdom".

Sir Almroth Edward Wright the son of a minister he was a nephew of General Hagstromer Wright (above). Though educated abroad he was a fellow of Trinity College, Dublin (Hon Sc.D. Dublin, Hon LLD Belfast, Hon. Burgess of the City of Belfast). Hailed as the originator of the System of Anti Typhoid inoculation he became Principal of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London where the medical research unit is call the Wright Fleming Institute.

Lieutenant – Colonel Harold Denis Edwards – Verschoyle awarded an O.B.E. in 1951. Harold was a member of the Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers. Having survived a 'friendly fire' incident when the prison was bombed by the Canadians and having spent almost the entire war in SPANGENBERG prisoner of war camp (near Hestia) he seldom spoke of the war.

Captain Terence Verschoyle born 1894, son of Stuart Joseph Verschoyle and Enid Norah of Tullycleagh House, Ballinamallard. He served with the 5th Battalion, Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers during both world wars. He served at Gallipoli, was twice mentioned in despatches and was awarded the Military Cross. During the Home Rule controversy Captain Verschoyle became active in the formation of the Ulster Volunteer Force in Co Fermanagh conduction training exercises for a mounted squadron based at Tullycleagh.

Having acquired Tullycleagh House, the former Rectory, Terence considerably enlarged the building. As an accomplished horseman and owner of several racehorses he rode with Fermanagh Harriers. He took a leading role in organizing the annual hunts and kept their pack of hounds at Tullycleagh.

Terence kept an extensive dairy and beef herd. He was a former High Sheriff of Fermanagh and a Justice of the Peace. He sat on the bench at Irvinestown Petty Sessions and served on Clogher Diocesan Synod for many years. He was one of the early pioneers of the inter – church ecumenical movement organizing meetings and services involving both the Church of Ireland and Methodist Clergy (in an effort to improve relations between the churches).

When his son John emigrated to Australia in the 1950's the Fermanagh – Verschoyle residential connection came to an end.

The Goold-Verschoyles Neil was a tireless campaigner for the right of the common Irish people. As a member of the Irish Communist Party he was interned in the Curragh, and the Manor House, on the Main Street of Dunkineely, near Donegal town was sold and the monetary proceeds given to the party.

After a visit to Moscow brother Brian was recruited into Soviet espionage. He couriered reports from Foreign Office Clerk John Herbert King and other U.K agents to Russia. As a poet he fell in love with a German Jewish refugee and poet, Lotte Moos, and took her to Moscow against orders. Sent to the Spanish Civil War he again fell foul of the Soviets and was eventually kidnapped and taken back to Russia where he spent 8 years in LUBYANKA KGB prison in Moscow.

William Henry Foster Verschoyle 1882 – 1972 was a Dublin Solicitor whose first wife Frances died in 1924. The couple lost two sons in the war in France and it was said Frances, who had been born in France, never recovered from the tragic loss. Another son, George was a Rector in Co Wexford (1944 – 54)

In 1926 William married an English clergyman's daughter Winifred Letts. They lived in Dublin and Winifred is known for her poetry, novels and plays. While working as a nurse in 1916 she first published poems of the war. Her poem 'The Deserter' described the feeling and fate of a man terrified by the war and is often used in collections of World War 1 poetry. Six of her poems were set to music by C.V. Stanford, including 'A Soft Day'. Her plays included 'The Eyes of the Blind' and novels and children's books included 'The Company of Saints and of Angels'. Hope Verschoyle worked in the foreign office and was personal assistant to Duncan Sandys 1908 – 1987. Lieutenant Colonel Duncan Sands was in service 1937 – 46 and took part in the Norwegian campaign. As a politician and diplomat he married Diane Churchill (daughter of Winston Churchill) and exerted considerable influence. He was chairman of the War Cabinet Committee for defence against German flying bombs and rockets. He held a number of ministries including Supply, Works, Housing, Defence, Commonwealth and other colonial offices until 1964 and was made a companion of Honour in 1973. Hope's estate was to provide facilities for disadvantaged clergy and musicians in the city of Bath.

William Denham Verschoyle 1868 – 1944 was the fifth son of Richard John Verschoyle. He worked as a mining engineer in New Zealand, China, Canada and Alaska. As a self taught inventor and writer he developed an extensive workshop at his home where, amongst other items he invented The Verschoyle Patent Mandrel – a multipurpose hand operated lathe which came with a wonderfully illustrated instruction book. In 1929 he applied for a patent on an invention, an Aerometer which could fly at a speed of 600 miles per hour. While it never got beyond the experimental stage the scientific theory involved was largely in accord with modern mathematical theories of gravitation as propounded by Dr. Albert Einstein and the electronic theories of Sir. J.J. Thompson.

Derek Hugo Verschoyle 1911 – 1973 was the son of William Denham Verschoyle. He was conscripted into the R.A.F. and became a Wing Commander. His first marriage to journalist and author Anne Eleanor Scott lasted only a few months. He was a diplomat and was First Secretary of the British Embassy in Rome 1946 – 50. He is best known as a literary journalist and poet. As editor of The Spectator Magazine 1932 – 40 his essays, sketches and short stories can be viewed and appreciated. He was author of 'xxx poems' 1931 and editor of The English Novelist 1936 which included essays on Charles Dickens, Jane Austen, and Daniel Defo. Well connected it was said he used to sit at his desk looking out the window with a .22 rifle beside him shooting at passing cats.

OCTOBER 2104 – AN APPRECIATION OF RICHARD AND HILARY VERSCHOYLE 16th to 19th September 2014 Richard Verschoyle great grandson of the former rector returned for a visit to Fermanagh. He visited

Derryvullen North Church and Tullycleagh House. His lives with his sister in Okehampton in Devon. Hilary breeds sheepdogs and is a judge for the World Sheepdog Trials and Richard through business knows politicians, celebrities and news reporters. He played Winston Churchill's driver in the film 'The Wilderness Years'. He is knowledgeable in Church music. Richard was accompanied by his two dogs; Bagshot, named after Bagshot Park the former home of the Royal Army Chaplain's Department and now the home of Prince Edward, The Earl and Countess of Wessex and Frimley named after Frimley Park, the home of the Army Cadet Force. 123 years after the retirement of Canon Richard Verschoyle Hilary returned his portrait to the church and Richard returned the Address presented by parishioners on his retirement.

The painting in this Address is by Marcus Ward of Belfast. The Wards were an enterprising family who established a company that gained an international reputation for the quality of its products. Beginning with the use of German chromes usually mounted on card with lithographed borders in gold and colours of home manufacture they were without rival. From their paper mill in Belfast they mass produce calendars, greeting cards and other stationary. They had a London office at Covent Garden and their work in colour lithography won a medal at the Great Exhibition of 1851.

Further Family Details: Virginia Mason is the family historian - (publication) 600 years of the Verschoyle Family by Virginia Mason, Verschoyle Mason Publications, Whitehall 2001 (particularly part 3 – those who settled in Dublin). ISBN 0-9540759-0-0

(publication) The Goold Verschoyles: The Family on Paradise Pier by Dermot Bolger.

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Calendar

8th February

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

15th February

10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary

12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

22nd February

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

1st March

10.30 Holy Communion Garvary

12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

Christian Burial

On Monday 24th November 2014 a funeral service for the late Isabella Ireland, Graan Nursing Home, formerly Tamlaght, was conducted in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, by Canon David Skuce in the rector's absence, and the committal took place in the adjoining churchyard. On Saturday 3rd January 2015 a funeral service for the late Eliza Jane Toland, County Nursing Home, formerly Mulrod, was conducted by the rector at Elliott's Rest Home, Drumclay, followed by the committal in Derryvullen South churchyard. This was in accordance with the wishes of Betty in keeping with the quiet nature of one who was fondly remembered by her neighbours at Mulrod. We extend our sympathy to all family members and friends of Isabella and Betty.

Bereavements

We extend sympathy to all who are bereaved including Sam Cobain, Carrybridge, on the death of his father, Sam, Belfast; Stanley Clarke, Tamlaght, on the death of his sister, Violet Henderson, Lisbellaw; Tommy and Harry Kenny, Tamlaght, on the death of their cousin, Iris Kenny, Lisnaskea; Gillian Ewing, one of our organists, on the death of her mother Joan Ewing, Ballinamallard; and to Gail Graham, Maguiresbridge, on the death of her uncle, Frank Elliott, England.

Thank You

The rector and Mrs Stewart wish to thank the select vestries and parishioners of Derryvullen South and Garvary for their expressions of sympathy following the death of the rector's mother, Iris Stewart, Belfast, wife of the late Reverend A T L Stewart, originally from Donacavey parish, Fintona. They would also like to thank Dr Leary, Lisnaskea, along with the staff of Colorado PRH for their kind attention to Iris over five years and also the staff of Gortacharn PNH for looking after Iris in her final few days with them.

Chancellor

Following in the footsteps of Chancellor McFarland who served in Derryvullen South between 1906 – 1946, and who had also been Prebendary of Tyholland, the rector, Canon J W Stewart, formerly Prebendary of Tyholland, has been appointed Chancellor within the Cathedral Chapter in the diocese of Clogher and is to be installed on Sunday evening 8th February 2015 at 7.00 pm in Enniskillen Cathedral. A warm welcome is extended to any of our parishioners who would like to attend.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting will take place in Derryvullen South parish hall on Monday 16th February at 8.00 pm when the speaker will be our diocesan president, Dr Margaret Knox, who will speak on the theme for this year "United in Prayer".

Fund Raising In Garvary

A parish auction is being organised in Garvary for parish funds. It will be held on Saturday 14th February 2015 at 2.00 pm. Garvary parishioners will also be involved in bag packing on Saturday 14th March 2015 between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm in ASDA. If you can help please mention your name to Kathleen Murphy.

Diocesan Magazine

Those who receive the diocesan magazine through the parish are asked to give their annual subscription of £10 to Jean Hunter at their earliest convenience. Anyone who would like to receive the magazine for the first time, feel free to mention your name to Jean or one of the churchwardens who will pass on your name.

Garvary Rota

If anyone feels they could help with the cleaning rota of Garvary parish church please mention your name to Miss Hilda Lucy. This would be much appreciated.

Lent

The annual Ash Wednesday penitential service this year will take place in Garvary parish church at 8.00 pm. During the midweek services the rector will be reflecting on "Mission and ministry in the local church".

Devenish and Boho



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Christmas Services

Boho Carol Service was held on the evening of Sunday 14th December. The church was full with many people present from the wider community. The church had been beautifully decorated by Austin Strong. The music was provided by St Eugenes Brass and Reed Band, Omagh. The readers were Enid Redmond, Innis Redmond, Trevor Irwin, Keith Sidberry, Trevor Smith, Albert Cluff, Alan Gault, Joan Cathcart and Revd Sampson Ajuka. 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; 'Christmas Alphabet.' It was good to see all members participating.

Devenish Carol Service was held on the evening of Sunday 21st December. The choir sang 'Lo. How rose'er

blooming.(M Pretorius,16th Century), Cradle Song – John Rutter 21st Century and Calypso Carol – Michael Perry The readers were Raymond Bell, Angus McKee, Leanne Harpur, Carole Whittaker, Vivienne Ferguson, David Ferguson, David Scott, Dorothy Scott, and Joan Cathcart . 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 Years Day in Devenish. Unfortunately due to flooding in the area, the Christmas morning service in Boho had to be cancelled. The collections at all the Christmas Services in Devenish were given to Save the Children Fund .

Sunday School Party

The Sunday school children had a very enjoyable party on Monday 15th December. Thanks to the Sunday school teachers who organised it and to Santa Claus, who appeared as usual.

Flower and Cleaning Rotas

The flower and cleaning rotas for 2015 have been placed on the church noticeboard and also can be found on the parish website. The Select Vestry wish to thank all the ladies that provides flowers for the Holy Table on a fortnightly basis and all the ladies that clean the church on a weekly basis.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday service will be held on 18th of February at 8.00pm in the Boho Church, and then Lenten and Holy week services will follow alternately at 8.00pm in both churches.

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Jill Connor on her engagement.

Donacavey and Barr

Vacant.

During the vacancy the Revd James Boyd, Rural Dean, is in charge, and is providing pastoral cover together with Mr Will Stevenson, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.

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Confirmation at Barr Parish Church

On Sunday 23rd November 2014 a Service of Confirmation followed by Holy Communion was held in Barr Parish Church. The service was led by Archdeacon Pringle and confirmation of candidates by Bishop McDowell. A large congregation of friends and family gathered to witness the candidates confirm their faith. Six candidates were confirmed, Nicola Browne, Jayne Hilditch, Alex Johnston, Nathan

Baxter, Mark Beatty and Andrew Surphlis. Organists, Rachel Beatty, Linda Surphlis and Alistair Browne accompanied the hymns which included O worship the king all glorious above and One more step along the world I go. The lessons were read by Nicola Browne and Nathan Baxter and collection for the Diocesan Ministry Fund was taken up by Mark Beatty and Andrew Surphlis. Holy Communion followed the confirmation of the candidates. On completion of the service the congregation joined together in fellowship with tea and tray bakes provided by the ladies of the parish. Thanks are extended to Mrs Jill Surphlis for her dedicated preparation of the candidates for confirmation, to Archdeacon Pringle for his guidance through the process and to Mr Abraham Storey and Mr Will Stevenson for their pastoral care.



Archdeacon Pringle and Bishop McDowell with the candidates

Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Calendar for February

Sunday 1st February The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Donagh 10.30am A Celebration of Holy Communion
Tyholland 12.00noon A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 8th February The Second Sunday before Lent

Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer
Errigal Truagh 12.00noon A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 15th February The Sunday before Lent

Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer
Tyholland 12.00noon Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd February The First Sunday in lent

Donagh 10.30am Family Service
Errigal Truagh 12.00noon Morning Prayer

Ash Wednesday

A Penitential Service for Ash Wednesday at 8.00 pm in Donagh

Girl's Brigade

On Sunday 16th November the Enrolment Service took place in St. Salvator's Parish Church. This was a memorable occasion as it was the 35th Anniversary of the Glaslough Girls Brigade. There was a large attendance and the girls played a leading role in the service. Thanks to the Captain Margaret Dudgeon and all the leaders who give of their time each week to give leadership, instruction and encouragement to the girls.

Boy's Brigade

On Sunday 23rd November the Enrolment Service took place in Glennan Presbyterian Church this was well attended with many of the boys taking part. Thanks to all the leaders for their encouragement to the boys throughout the year.

Billis NS Christmas Celebration

On Tuesday the 16th December the school held their Christmas Celebration of Music and Readings. This was a lovely occasion. Thanks to the Principal Ruth Williamson and the Teachers for their hard work in preparing the children for this occasion. And also well done to the pupils for a great programme.

Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner

This was held in the Oaklands Centre in Glaslough on Tuesday 16th December. It was a most enjoyable occasion and thanks to all who organised this and helped on the day.

Sunday School Party

This was held in the Parish hall on Friday 19th December. It was a fun packed evening and thanks to Marina Waller and the Sunday School teachers and leaders for their input into making the evening a success. The evening concluded with a special visitor and each child received a present.

Carol Services

This year the first of the Carol Services was held in Tyholland Parish church at 3.00 pm on Sunday 7th December. The church was packed to capacity and it was a most uplifting service with special musical items by St. Patrick's School Choir and the Donagh Community Choir. After the Service refreshments were served in Tyholland Community Centre. Thanks to the ladies for organising this. The second of our Carol services was held in Errigal Truagh at 3.00 pm on Sunday 14th December. Again a large number attended this service and it was very enjoyable with music by Blackwater Voice Choir and Donagh Community Choir. Refreshments were served in Blackwater Valley Learning Centre. Thanks to

the ladies for organising this and supplying the food. The third Carol Service which incorporated the children's Nativity play took place on Sunday 21st December. The Nativity play was a tremendous occasion. The children were excellent and acted out the Nativity story very well. The Junior Sunday School Choir sang and two of the children played musical instruments. At 4.00 pm on 21st December the Glaslough Community Carol Service took place in the village. Thanks to all who organised this and to everyone who participated in the service. It was a very cold afternoon and everyone enjoyed the mince pies/shortbread and mulled wine provided by Diane, Ron and Ruby. A special visitor arrived in a large truck to the delight of the children present.

Thanks to Ethne McCord and the Donagh Community Choir, St. Patrick's School choir and Blackwater voice Choir for the singing and the music and to all who supported these services by their attendance and participation.

Winter's Tale

This is now an established event. Thanks to everyone who took part in a wonderful evening of music and verse. Thanks also to those who had the task of lighting the area around the church and down to the Castle with candlelight. Also thanks to Samantha Leslie for hosting the mulled wine and mince pies in Castle Leslie. Thanks is also due to Ron for providing the transport to and from the castle.

Christmas Eve Carol Singing

Donagh Church Choir entertained the guests at Castle Leslie with carols and Christmas music in the afternoon. Again thanks to Ethne and the choir for taking the time to do this on such a busy day.

Christmas Eve in Tyholland Parish Church was a lovely occasion and thanks to Elizabeth Garland for organising the supper and to all the ladies for supplying and serving a lovely supper at the conclusion of the service. Christmas Day Service in Donagh Parish was well attended and it was great to have so many children present. After the service the Secretary of the Select Vestry presented me with a lovely Christmas gift on behalf of the parishioners. This was very much appreciated.

The Rectory

Thanks to the members of the Select Vestries of Donagh, Tyholland with Errigal Truagh for their work in cleaning and bringing the Rectory up to standard. Thanks also for cleaning up the grounds around the Rectory. It is great to have a base in Glaslough.

Mother's Union

The next meeting of the Mother's Union will take place on Wednesday 21st January at 8.00 pm in the Rectory.

Bereavements

In the early hours of Sunday morning 28th December, the death occurred of Cecil Magee in the Valley Nursing

Home, Clogher where he had been a resident for some years. Cecil was a member of Donagh Parish and was well known in the Glaslough area. His funeral service was held on Tuesday 30th December and conducted by Revd B. Thompson. We offer our sincere sympathy to his daughter Annabell and Son William, Cecil's brother and granddaughter and the wider family circle.

Baptism

14th December, 2014 Bobby Denis Jordan was baptised in Donagh Parish Church. We welcome him into the fellowship of Christ's Church and congratulate Robert and Denise in having him baptised.

Dromore



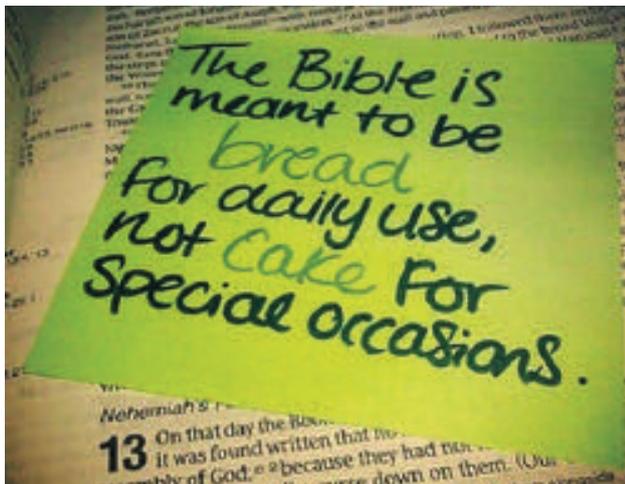
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Services

11.30am Each Sunday
(9.00am Holy Communion - First Sunday of Month)



I found this photo some time ago and have been challenged by its directness. As Christians the word of God is ultimate authority and should permeate every aspect of our lives. It can only do that if we know what it says and to know what it says we must spend time reading it. 'For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts

and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.' Hebrews 12-13

As 2014 drew to a close the challenge was laid in Holy Trinity to read through the Bible in one year during 2015. A group of people have taken up this challenge and are finding it very rewarding as they spend more time in God's word every day.

Our prayer in Holy Trinity for 2015 is that we would mature even more into a church that sows the seeds of Gospel and grows a vibrant community of faith - Sowing Seeds Growing Community.

In His service
James

Harvest Monies

Each year we distribute our harvest monies to other charities and organisations. This year the Select Vestry has chosen that the monies be donated to Dromore Primary School to aid the purchase of technology equipment for the pupils educational needs. The money will be handed over to the Principal on Sunday 1 February.

Annual Guest Tea

The Annual Guest Tea is happening on Shrove Tuesday 17 February at 8.00pm. This year our host will be Revd David McBeth. Davy is Rector of All Saints, Clooney and is a well known country gospel singer. Everyone is welcome.

Lent 2015

This year Ash Wednesday is on 18th February and we will begin our lenten programme that evening at 8pm and continuing every Wednesday night with the exception of 11th March. Lent is great time to refocus our thoughts and lives on God. A time of reflection and repentance as we journey towards the Cross and the events of Easter.

Let's Stick Together

We are partnering with Care for the Family to run a one off event called Let's Stick together towards the end of February. This is an informal evening for those of us with younger children. You will not be asked to speak out or share information but you will receive some very helpful tips for family life. You can find out more details from the Rector and watch the website and Facebook page for more details closer to the time.

Regular Organisations

Tots Powerhouse - Creche during the 11.30 service
Junior Sunday School (4-11's) – Sunday morning during the 11.30am service
IGNITE (12-18's) – meets during 11.30am service and also socially on 2 + 4 Saturday nights 8.00pm, they also meet in a peer led cell group during the week
CLB – Mondays 7.00-8.00pm

The ARK - Tuesdays 10.00am - 12Noon
 Bible Study - Tuesdays 8.00pm
 GFS – Wednesdays 7.00-8.00pm
 Mothers Union - Third Wednesday of the Month
 8.00pm
 Bowls – Thursdays 8.00pm

Baptism

Sunday 7th December
 Matilda Grace Callaghan
 Joel William Armstrong
Sunday 21st December
 Olivia Ann Virtue

Keeping up to date

There are a number of ways that you can keep up to date with everything that is going on in the parish:

- Get a recording of the service on CD every week
- Visit our website www.holytrinitydromore.org
- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore

Drumkeeran, Templecarne and Muckross



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Services

February

1st 10.00am Templecarne MP
 11.30am Drumkeeran HC.
 8th 10.00am Muckross HC
 11.30am Drumkeeran MP
 7.00pm Dernasesk. Speaker, Mr Ken Dobbin.
 15th 10.00am Templecarne HC
 11.30am Drumkeeran MP
 18th 8.00pm Ash Wednesday - Drumkeeran.
 22nd 10.00am Muckross MP
 11.30am Drumkeeran HC

March

1st 10.00am Templecarne MP
 11.30am Drumkeeran HC
 5th 8.00pm Ash Wednesday service in Drumkeeran

As two months have passed since the previous Magazine there are 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 Templecarne at 10.00 am. There was

a good attendance at both services. The collection was given to the Bishops' Appeal for World Hunger and it was generously supported. 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. Muckross, Drumkeeran and Dernasesk on the 14th December. Templecarne on 21st. Thanks to organisers, readers, organists and to all who participated. And thanks to those who added the Christmas decorations in each of the three churches, giving a more Christmas feel.

Children's Service

A Christmas Sunday School Service was held in Drumkeeran on 7th December, followed by a light lunch in the Parochial Hall. The Sunday School children and their teachers conducted the service. And they did exceptionally well. Thanks to all the teachers, perhaps particularly to Mandy Aiken who did much of the organising of the service, even if she was unable to be present on the day, and who organises the classes and materials and the rota for each year. Thanks to all who prepared and served the lunch in the hall. And thanks to Santa who came to the Hall bearing gifts.

A meeting of the Sunday School teachers was held at the beginning of January with 100% attendance. Again, thanks to the teachers for their enthusiasm and commitment. A number of those confirmed in November assist with the classes and this is greatly appreciated by the teachers. At present there are forty-five on the Sunday School roll.

There will be no Sunday School on 15th February due to school half-term. Classes will break for Easter with a Palm Sunday service in church on 29th March, resuming again on 19th April.

Sympathy

The parish community was shocked by the unexpected death of Norma Fitzpatrick at the beginning of December. As a result of a car accident many years ago Norma had been handicapped. But she bore her cross without any complaint or self pity. Templecarne Church was filled for the funeral service on 8th December, an indication of the esteem in which she was held and of the depth of sympathy in the community for the family in their sudden tragedy and sadness.

Templecarne Concert

I am delighted to report that the Concert in November raised over £2,500. 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 from far beyond. And thank you to the great number of men who came along on 6th December for the loading of the container truck, with 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 a special 'Thank You' to Irene.

The collection at the annual Carol Service in Tubrid Orange Hall on 4th January, amounting to over £520, was given to the Shoebox Appeal.

Rural Deanery

A Youth Concert for the eleven parishes in Kesh Rural Deanery was held in the Parochial Hall, Irvinestown on 14th November. It was a most enjoyable evening for the young people and well supported. Thanks to the young people from Irvinestown and Lack who organised and ran the event.

Party

Each year the Pettigo Community Association organise a New Year's Dinner and Entertainment for Senior Citizens. This year it was held on 7th January. The dinner was excellent. It is always a most pleasant event and it is great to see it in the setting of a local community, people coming together to share in such an enjoyable way. Thanks to the organisers and to those who fund the event.

Lent

This year Lent begins on 18th February. 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, and 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, 29th March. No Sunday School on Easter Sunday or on 12th April.

Organ

A generous 'Thank You' to the Select Vestry of Lisbellaw for their offer to Muckross Church of an organ which was no longer required in Lisbellaw. It has now been set up in Muckross church and will be greatly appreciated for special occasions like Harvest Thanksgiving or Marriage Services. Normally in Muckross at ordinary services it is recorded church music.

Cover

Thanks to the clergy of Ardess who provided emergency pastoral cover from 26th to 30th December, and to Dean Raymond Thompson who conducted a group service in Muckcross on the Sunday after Christmas.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum



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Happy New Year



Make Your Resolutions a Reality. Every year you set new goals for yourself. If you're like most People, by February, your resolve is waning, and by May you don't

even remember your resolutions. Then, on Dec. 31, you berate yourself saying, How did I waste a whole year?

This year can be different! Pick only two or three strategies from the list below and implement them today. Then, instead of scolding yourself on Dec. 31, 2015, you'll be able to say, Look how much I accomplished this year!

Write it down. You've heard it before, but the truth is writing down your goals forces you to get clear about what you want. Use a pen and paper (you can transfer it to your computer later). That simple physical act helps cement the desire in your brain.

Find a replacement. In The Compound Effect, Darren Hardy explains one way to break a bad habit is to replace it with a good one. What can you choose to add to your life that will fill the void left by eliminating a bad habit? For example, replace TV time with family time, candy with fresh fruit, talk radio with inspiring audios.

Tell someone. Talking about your goal—even if it seems huge and impossible—allows others to encourage and help you by providing resources and information you may need.

Take baby steps every day. Even small steps taken toward your goal consistently will move you in the right direction. Once you experience a few small wins, taking bigger steps becomes easier.

Take some BIG steps. Don't take all year to do what you can accomplish in a day. Once you've written down your list of goals for the year, figure out which goals could be accomplished this month—or even today.

Decide and act. Mental hurdles may keep you from making decisions and taking action. Get over it! Make a list of all the reasons you want to accomplish your stated goal. Refer to that list when indecision or inaction threatens to take control.

Team up. Even if you don't share the same goal, having a "success buddy" can keep you accountable. Meet weekly (in person or by phone) to check in on and encourage each other.

Celebrate your successes. Every time you reach a milestone, acknowledge your accomplishments in a positive way. For example, if you drop a dress size, buy a new outfit. If you pick up a new client, have dinner with a mentor. Celebrating your success will keep you focused on the larger goal.

Remember: To thank God every day for his guiding hand in all your successes, to read his word daily and as a "success buddy" he will listen and help you when you listen for his word.

Aghabog

Carol Service

The annual carol service was held on Sunday 21st December at 7.30pm. It was good to see a packed church. Our thanks to Ethel, the choir and to all the readers and to Revd George for conducting the service. A special word of thanks to Charlotte and Laura Gordon for their input to the service. Laura played the violin and sang two carols. Everyone enjoyed refreshments served in the hall afterwards and our thanks to all who prepared the church, brought food and helped to serve and tidy up afterwards.

The Group Christmas Party

was held in Aghabog Parish hall on Saturday 20th December and was very well attended.

Our thanks to Mr Walter Pringle who came to help to organise the games and of course Santa came with gifts for all the children. Our thanks to all who helped Walter and to all the ladies who brought food and helped with supper and to those who helped to tidy up afterwards.

Beetle Drive

The bowling club are having their annual beetle drive in the Parish Hall on Saturday 7th February at 8pm. All are welcome and bring a friend.

Get well wishes

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

Aughnamullen

Sunday 14th of December our Christmas Carol Service took place, there was a good attendance even though

it was a very cold afternoon. Gods House was very welcoming and warm.

Our Thanks to those who came and decorated the Church so tastefully for the occasion

A special thank you to Mrs Ethel Richie our Organist, Mr Roy Crowe the soloist, Revd George' who organized and led the service.

We enjoyed tea and mince pies after the service in the school house and we thank all who provide the food and our ladies who as usual came to the fore in making the tea and giving everyone a warm welcome. And lastly but not lest the readers of the lessons a big thank you to them, it is no mean feat to stand and read at the front of the Church when you are not used to doing it.

Table Quiz

Our next big event will be a Table Quiz in Latton Resource Centre. The date and time will be announced later.

Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers go to all who have been bereaved, are ill at home or Hospital

Crossduff

The annual Carol Service took place on Sunday 7th December. As always there was a very good turnout at the service. There were refreshments served in the refurbished stables. The building is very well finished as is the Church and well worth a visit.

The three families who are left work very hard to keep the Church in the condition that it is in, here we pay tribute to Mrs Doreen Monahan who works very hard at raising the money needed to upkeep the Church. She runs sales of work, and attends car boot sales through the year.

The Church was closed on 26th September 1976 and was handed to a committee in 1992 to keep it as it is, it is still consecrated and can be used for weddings, burials and baptism.

This year we would like to thank our preacher Revd Andrew Watson, our organist Mrs Wendy Sloan who was accompanied by her husband on flute, our soloist Mrs Alison Oliver and to all who provided food and helped in any other way to make the service a success.

Rockcorry/Dartrey

Christmas Tree Festival

It was a big undertaking for a small parish but what a weekend it turned out to be! The parishioners rose to the challenge with great enthusiasm, generosity and hard work. St James' Church, with its twenty-two decorated Christmas trees and other seasonal adornments looked spectacularly beautiful.

We are grateful to all who helped in any capacity before, during and after the festival. Names are too numerous to mention – you know who you are.

Songs of Praise

We now look forward to our "Songs of Praise" Group Service in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dartrey on

Sunday, 29th March at 3pm with Dr. Philip Knowles, Dean Emeritus of Cashel. Dr. Knowles is well-known in church music circles having produced numerous services for radio and television down through the years. The service will be conducted by Reverend George and the hymns will be chosen by the parishioners. The hymns will be introduced by Dr. Knowles, who will also preside at the organ, alongside resident organist, Mrs. Agnes Phair. We are also looking forward to having Donagh Choir and Rockcorry National School Choir with us for the occasion. Refreshments will follow in the new school.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the following

Mrs Carol Carleton and family on the death of her uncle Andy Adams, Bertie Moore and family on the death of his brother in law Sam Brown (Canada), Jacqueline Hall and family on the death of her uncle Sam Brown (Canada), Ian Harrison and family on the death of his cousin in U.S.A. Linda McPhillips and family on the death of her mother in law Mrs McPhillips.

Get Well

Get well wishes to all those who are unwell at present at home or in Hospital

Congratulations

Congratulations to Revd George and Mrs Beattie on the birth of their new granddaughter

Drum

On the 30th November we had a group Christingle Service. The Sunday Schools from the group took part with the children reading the lessons and leading the prayers. It was a great opportunity to have the young people take part in their Church and service to God.

I know that this was a first for the group, so what does Christingle mean?

Christingle means 'Christ's Light' and it is a symbol of the Christian faith. Lots of churches hold Christingle services around Christmas time. The custom of giving out lighted candles in these services began in Germany in 1747 but it wasn't introduced to the Anglican Church in England until 1968.

Christingles are made up of different parts, each one being there to remind us of something.

- The orange represents the world.
- The candle reminds Christians of Jesus who they believe to be the light of the world.
- The red ribbon goes all round the 'world' and being the colour of blood, reminds Christians that Jesus died.
- The four cocktail sticks could have either of two meanings; the four seasons or the four corners of the world.
- The sweets (or sometimes dried fruit) remind Christians of God's gifts to the world including kindness and love.

My Thanks to Mrs Maureen Howe and Ms Sharon Lancaster for helping to get the children organized and Sharon for playing the organ.

A Night of Carols

On Friday 5th December we held "A Night of Carols" With the Churchill Silver Band along with "Ms Stephanie Jebb

and Friends." The children of the Sunday School presented a short play about the angels coming to see Jesus. The evening ended with a very fine supper served by the ladies of the parish. To them and all who helped, brought food, a big thank you. A special thank you to Sharon who spent a lot of time organizing the evening.

Note: I am sorry I have no photographs of the evening, I left My camera out it the rain and ruined any photos I had.

2015 Lent Study Group

This year we will be studying over 5 Wednesdays.

Journeys of Faith

We begin with a Group Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday 18th February in Aghnamullen at 8.00pm.

1st Study Group Wednesday 25th February, Aghabog at 8pm.

2nd Study Group Wednesday, 4th March, Aghnamullen at 8pm.

3rd Study Group Wednesday, 11th March, Rockcorry at 8pm.

4th Study Group Wednesday, 18th March Dartrey at 8pm.

5th Study Group Wednesday 25th March Drum at 8pm.

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion in Drum at 8.00pm.

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Services

Sunday 1st February: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas Day transferred from 2nd February)

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 5th February

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 8th February: The Second Sunday before Lent

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Morning Prayer (Clogher Diocesan Missionary Sunday)

7.00pm – Installation of new Chapter Members

Thursday 12th February

11.00am – Holy Communion
1.05pm – Healing Service

Sunday 15th February: The Sunday before Lent

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

Thursday 20th February

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd February: The First Sunday in Lent

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

Thursday 26th February

11.00am – Holy Communion
1.05pm – Healing Service

Christian Burial

21st November – Olive Mary Geddes, 12 College Park Lane

29th November – Thomas Beacom, 28 Barbour Court

13th December – Margaret Crawford, 5 Windmill Drive

21st December – Eleanor Elizabeth Graham, 21 Chanterhill Road

23rd December – Evelyn Oxley, The Tilery Private Nursing Home

27th December – David Harold Donaldson, 44 Silverhill Park

5th January – Roland William Beatty, 30 College Gardens

12th January – Margaret Elizabeth Nixon, Millcroft Nursing Home

15th January – Margaret Elizabeth McCullagh, 31 Rathvarna Avenue, Lisburn

18th January – Alan Charles Cecil, Innishmore, Lisbellaw

Welcome to the Revd Olie

We welcome the Revd Olivia Downey who joins the Cathedral staff.

Here is a note from Revd Olie....

Hello, and it's good to be back!

Although it has been just over two years since I was on placement with you last, and even then it was only for three weeks, I still feel a sense of 'being home.'

Many of you will be aware that I am a Fermanagh girl, growing up my home parish was Aghadrumsee, and many long nights I spent in the Cathedral Halls when I served as secretary to Clogher Diocesan Youth Council many years ago.

A lot has happened since then! I went to England and having studied at the University of Surrey I graduated and qualified as a nurse. Specialising early on in cardiology I worked in Chichester, West Sussex until returning in 2006 to continue my career in cardiology nursing at Belfast City Hospital.

However, for some time even before leaving England I was aware of a familiar yet uneasy sense within me. I was sixteen when I first felt God calling me to

ordained ministry, a sense of call that never quite left me despite a very happy and successful nursing career. As a teenager I felt deeply inadequate to even consider this path, some years later the feelings of inadequacy remained, but my experience walking with God over the years had made me realise that we are just the vessels, it is he who works through us.

On the 14th September last year I was ordained as a Deacon in the Diocese of Tuam. In many ways it has been a long and at times difficult road to this point that I now find myself completing my final year of training among you. However, it has also been a time that I have known God's provision, grace and faithfulness like no other, John 15:16 says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you." I don't think you can argue with that!

I am genuinely delighted to be with you and to be working alongside the Dean and Revd Rob, I very much doubt the next six months or so will be dull.

I look forward during my internship to getting involved in Cathedral life as much as possible and to getting to know as many of you as possible. I will be completing my dissertation during the next few months, this is the final written work required for my training which I would be very grateful for your help with – but more about that soon!

During my time with you I will endeavour to do and be the best I can, but please be patient with me as I most likely will make some mistakes, please hold me in prayer as I will you, and I pray as we travel this part of our journey together may we be a blessing to each other. God bless you.

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 Senior Citizens Party

The Nativity Play

The Community Carol 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.



Nathan Carter singing O Holy Night at the Christmas Concert
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Community Carol Service

On Sunday 7th December a community carol service was held jointly between St Michael's Roman Catholic Church and the Methodist Church and we were delighted to be invited and take part in the event. The carol service commenced in St Michael's Church and then midway during the service the choirs, clergy and congregation processed the short distance to the Methodist Church for the second half of the service. It was a truly spectacular occasion, with Christian voices proclaiming the good news in a continuous link along the street, with the Carol resounding in St Michael's and the Methodist Church and on the street simultaneously. This no doubt gave witness to the unity in Christ in a very public and powerful way.

From Winter to Spring!

Each year holds the promise of Spring, a time of refreshing and renewal; a time to move from lying dormant to new life. Winter can be a time to sit and be still before the Lord while Spring is a time to be awakened. The birds begin to sing and the bulbs and plants are ready to begin their growth. We cannot see the growth of their root system, because it is underground but soon little shoots will begin to push up through the soil and even through snow in some areas. Then, flowers will begin to emerge and produce a beautiful array of colours that our Heavenly Father has created. Year after year, God reminds us, through Spring, how He creates, sustains and provides new life continually for us! Likewise the seeds of faith that have been planted in our hearts, hidden like the underground bulbs, also need to blossom into something beautiful, but they can only do so if 'fed and watered' with spiritual food. We need to spend time in God's presence and allow Him to grow within us so that we can outwardly display His love to those around us.

The coming springtime holds the promise of new life. May you be reminded of God's presence in your life as the birds begin to sing, as buds appear on the trees, and as those little flowers begin to appear from the ground? For it is the desire of our Heavenly Father for you to have a new feeling of delight in your heart, and to bring forth new growth in your life as you spend time in His presence. There are plenty of opportunities in our Cathedral for encouraging Christian growth in the coming days – three services each Sunday (take your choice) and two mid-week services (that will accommodate those working on a Sunday). Two Pilgrim courses already up and running and two more beginning! See below. It is my earnest prayer that you will take up these opportunities for Christian growth in your life, be faithful to God this coming year, that you will know His presence with you and that He will abundantly bless you.

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 8th February will be on Bishops' Appeal and the preacher will be Lydia Monds, the Education Adviser for Bishops' Appeal

Mission Focus

Sunday 25th January at 11.00am we had CMSI Speakers Ronnie & Maggie Briggs. CMS Ireland Mission Director, Ronnie Briggs and his wife, Maggie, were recently accepted as 'Mission Partners in Training' with the Society and are hoping to return to Kenya towards the end of February 2015. St Macartin's Cathedral will partner with Ronnie and Maggie in their mission.

Sunday 25th January at 7.00pm in association with Us we had as preacher The Bishop of Swaziland. The Rt Revd Ellinah Wamukoya, the first woman in the Anglican Church in Africa to be elected Bishop. St Macartin's Cathedral has for the past 5 years supported the work of Us in Swaziland.

Sunday 8th February at 11.00am – Bishops' Appeal. Preacher Lydia Monds (Education Advisor). Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal is the Church's World Aid and Development Programme. It was set up by the Bishops of the Church in response to the commands in the Bible to bring good news to the poor and relief to the suffering. Aims of this role: to educate the Church at home about the needs and concerns of people in the less developed world and the causes of poverty; to encourage Church members to examine the reasons for the problems facing the less fortunate in the world and to consider what we can do to change conditions; to reach out in God's name to those who need our help

Messy Church



The Messy Church team was amazed and tremendously encouraged by the number who came to our Christmas birthday bash. We had around 150 attend and in fancy Christmas costumes! It was a very special time. The children and families made lanterns and then

on a cold dark December evening walked up the steps to the Cathedral. There by candle light, Messy Church was greeted by members of the choir singing Christmas carols. Many parents reflected on how meaningful the experience was for them.

The group then returned to the hall for games and food (thanks to the folk from the Mothers Union who continue to make this happen). Also thanks to the mums at Lough Erne Cakes for making the most amazing Nativity Birthday cake.

The next Messy Church is on the 19th February.

Messy Mums



If you've ever wondered about the sort of thing we get up to at Messy Mums, here's a sneaky peak of the one in December. Just chatting, spending some quality time together, drinking tea, and generally letting our

imaginings run wild with a glue gun! Look out for our next session, provisional date Friday 6th February @Lough Erne Cakes Cafe. Keep a look out on www.facebook.com/Stmacartinsmessychurch for more information.

The Confirmation Experience



Confirmation is an important stage in the life of a young person, and it's something we want to take seriously. Confirmation is the rite at which those who have been baptised seek the blessing of the Holy Spirit for their growth as Christians. However all too often in the Church of Ireland confirmation is seen as graduation from the church rather than a gate way into something deeper.

This year we are exploring a new programme for confirmation. We are using a programme called The Confirmation Experience which offers a more organic and holistic approach to confirmation. It recognises that faith is something that is caught, not taught.

Our young people are taught the basics of the faith, but they are challenged to think about what that means to them, and importantly how they can put that faith into action. Faith matters, because faith works! On top of our regular weekly meetings, we have already had a confirmation day for the young people to build friendship, we will have a service project and a confirmation café event.

Please pray for the young people going through confirmation. Confirmation like baptism only makes sense in the context of the body of Christ. Why not ask around and find out who is being confirmed this year. Will you pray for them? Will you mentor them in the faith? Will you simply ask them how they are doing, and tell them how glad you are that they are taking this step in faith? Make their confirmation experience a great one.

Xplore

Young people of confirmation age and above are invited to be part of our monthly Xplore

programme. Join us on 15th February for our next meeting at 8.00pm in the Cathedral Hall.

Pilgrim

The first pilgrim group moves on to the third pilgrim booklet looking at the Ten Commandments, while the second pilgrim group moves on to explore the Lord's Prayer. We continue to be excited about Pilgrim and have a vision to see it grow more. We plan to run a pilgrim course during the day that might suit those in the parish who are retired or available during the day. Keep a look out for more news on the pew news or have a chat to one of the clergy team.

Mothers' Union

Dr. Margaret Knox, M.U. President of the Clogher Diocese, was speaker at the January meeting with thirty two members in attendance. Dr Margaret spoke of the beginnings of MU, founded in 1875 by Mary Sumner, and in 1917 the introduction of the 'Indoor members' group for those unable to attend meetings. Each of the five objects of the Mothers' Union was defined. A welcome cup of tea was served followed by a short business meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 9th February at 8.00pm. This will be a service of Holy Communion celebrated by the Dean followed by the Annual General Meeting.

Tuesday Club

The November meeting opened with a scripture reading by Revd Rob followed by prayers from the Dean. Mrs Stephanie Hamilton (parishioner) well known to many members was introduced as our guest. What a treat we all enjoyed. Stephanie whilst cooking gave us many useful tips and recipes. Tasting the finished "goodies" was a delight. Homemade soup and savoury scones followed by a selection of mince pies. Tea brought the meeting to a close. Some members attended the 60+ Christmas Party on 9th December. A scrumptious Christmas dinner followed by entertainment was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 27th January with guest speaker Mrs Eva Baxter whose talk is entitled "Susann Wesley". Dr William Holmes is the guest speaker on 24th February and his subject "General Health".

Cathedrals offer place of peace and prayer in busy lives!

The number of people attending midweek services at cathedrals has doubled in the past 10 years, according to recent figures from the Church of England's Research and Statistics department. One of the factors attributed is the need for a place of peace in increasingly busy lives. Midweek attendance at cathedrals was 7,500 in 2003, rising to 15,000 in 2013 (compared to 12,400 in

2012). Anecdote to Evidence research published last year showed that the highest motivating factors for Cathedral attendance were peace and contemplation, worship and music and friendly atmosphere. The Dean of York Minster, Vivienne Faull, commented: "If I take a Eucharist at 12.30 in the middle of the week in the nave of York Minster, there'll be a lot of people who just slide in from the side. It's not so much about anonymity, there's the feeling there's a journey you can travel which doesn't require huge steps – it just requires one little step." Stephen Lake, Dean of Gloucester Cathedral, said: "Patterns of church attendance are different now. Cathedrals are uniquely placed to be providing greater opportunities for worship and that includes during the week."

The Dean of St Macartin's is offering opportunities for busy parishioners to consider a short Mid Week service (see below). He also wants to encourage non parishioners and town shoppers to attend, pause from a busy world outside and find spiritual refreshment. All are welcome!

Thursdays at 11.00am

Service of Holy Communion (30 minutes)
Followed by a cup of tea/coffee

Wednesdays at 7.30pm

Begins on Ash Wednesday 18th February – Penitential Service with Holy Communion
Then short 30 minute service every Wednesday (7.30pm – 8.00pm) during Lent

I was glad when they said unto me 'Let us go into the House of the Lord' Psalm 122:1

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.

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Mothers' Union

The opening service for 2015 with Holy Communion was held in St. John's Church on 7th January. The service was conducted by Revd Hanlon and attended by 33 members. The speaker was Frances Boyd who spoke on our theme for 2015 "United in Prayer". Two new members, Beatrice Funston and Sheila Fowley, were enrolled and 23 members received long membership certificates. These were presented by Dr Margaret Knox, Diocesan President.

Following supper, Branch Leader, Elvina Funston, welcomed the 2 new members and presented gifts to Dr Knox and Frances Boyd. Photographs to record the occasion were taken.

The 2014 Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were presented by Emily Kells and Sheila Burke.

Letters of thanks were read from Doreen Earls for donation of £500 for the Relief Fund, (proceeds from the Cake Sale) and from Kerrie Flood from Fermanagh Women's Aid for all the donations. Woman's Aid hope to attend and speak at our next meeting on 11th February

Revd Hanlon closed the meeting with the Grace.

Bowling Club

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our bowling members who continue to meet at 7.30pm on Thursday nights. We are halfway through the season and this week, 12-16 January, we are hosting our annual Triples Tournament with a large number of players attending. Last year this event was won by Basil Stubbs and his two sons.

Senior Adults

The Senior Adults met on 19 November 2014 with Holy Communion administered by Revd Kyle Hanlon in the Parish Hall. An appetising Christmas Lunch of Turkey & Ham, Christmas Pudding, Trifle and Tea/Coffee was enjoyed. We travelled back in time looking over the many scrapbooks produced by Margaret Cowan, bringing back many memories of special events. Revd Hanlon warmly thanked Margaret, Phyllis and Thelma who had organised the event and helped. Looking forward, we plan to meet again on Wednesday 18th March at 12 noon.

Music & Flower Festival

Held from 12-14 December 2014, this turned out to be a wonderful and meaningful occasion to remember the birth of the Christ child, in St John's Church, with many parishioners and friends from far and near enjoying the spectacle of children of all ages singing and playing musical instruments under the guidance of their teachers. Adults and families also took part throughout the 3 days in a lovely warm atmosphere (it was cold outside!!) with time for tea and a chance to chat with friends in the Church Hall. Many thanks to everyone who provided and served quantities of festive food. Not least to members of Erne Flower Arrangement Society who set the scene and portrayed their floral artistry with the Christmas theme titled Call His Name Jesus. A sincere Thank You and Well Done to everyone.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Service Times

9:00 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 will normally be on the third Sunday of the month. During the year some Group Family

Services will be held and these will rotate between the three Parishes.

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).

Confirmation

A Group Confirmation Service with Holy Communion was held on Sunday 7th December in Galloon Church. Bishop John confirmed the following eight young people, Amie Somerville, Andrew Kelly, Brian Hall (all Drummully), Angus Frazer (Sallaghy), Craig Johnston, Oran Curran, Rebecca Patterson and Robert Hutchinson (all Galloon). It was a very special day in the lives of these young people, when they took one of the most important decisions of their lives. We encourage all our parishioners in the Group to support the young people who represent the future for their church.



Photograph courtesy of Stephanie Wiggins

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.

Group Family Service

The second Group Family Service was held in Sallaghy Church on Sunday 18th January when Jonny Phenix, the Diocesan Youth Officer, was the guest speaker. He used the heading "God's Amazing Plan" to outline the work of the "Streams" project and how we could seize on opportunities available to us to work with young adults. All are asked to pray about this work and how it could be developed in our Group of Parishes. The lessons were read by Rev Anita, Charles Crawford and Janet Phenix with the Psalm being read by Holly Hutchinson and Siobhan Kerr. Sallaghy Sunday school performed and led a number of hymns/songs. The prayers were led by Darren Morrow (Young Adults Group) Brian Hall (Teens and God group (TAG)) and Caitlin Moncrieff (Sunday School). The collection was taken up by Dylan Howe, Luke Little and Cameron Smith from the Sunday School. The organist was Joyce Clingan. Tea and coffee was served afterwards in the Church Hall. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this service.



Charles Crawford, Stephanie Wiggins, Revd Anita & Jonny Phenix

Women's World Day of Prayer

This service will be hosted by Galloon Parish this year on Friday 6th March at 8.00pm. The theme, set by the Christian women of the Bahamas is; Jesus said to them: "Do you know what I have done for you?" (John 13:1-17). All are welcome to this service and to join in friendship with a cup of tea afterwards.

Galloon Parish

Galloon & Drummully Mothers' Union

The Branch is hosting their Visitors' Night on Monday 23rd February 2015 at 8.00pm in the Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler. We look forward to welcoming Dean Raymond Ferguson, our All Ireland Chaplain, as speaker. Dean Ferguson will be speaking on our theme for this year, "United in Prayer". This meeting is open to everyone and we look forward to your support and attendance. You will be made most welcome.

Sallaghy Parish

Dance

The final total raised for the Dance held in November has come to £855 to be used for parish funds. Thanks to everyone who supported the event and in particular Wray Whittendale for his organisation.

Concert

A concert was held in the Church Hall on Friday 28th November featuring the group "Radiant" from Omagh. Thank you to everyone who supported this and £500 was raised for the work of the Gideons.

Tidy Up

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

Mothers' Union

In February there will be no Branch meeting but members and any young ladies in the parish are invited to Lisnaskea on Thursday 5th February where the Guest speaker is Barbara Clarke (Young Members Representative)

Bowling Tournament

The annual Sallaghy Parish Pairs Bowling Tournament is scheduled to take place in the week commencing Monday 9th February with play on each night with the finals on Friday 13th February.

Holy Baptism

Charlotte Grace, daughter of Mr Richard and Mrs Jenna Crawford, Screevagh, Lisnaskea on Sunday 30th November 2014. Jesus said, "Bring the little children to me."

Drummully Parish

Parish Dance

Despite the frosty night our dance held on Friday 12th December was well supported and raised £388.28 and €110.40 after expenses. Thanks to all who came out and danced the night away to "Wee Tom". Also thanks to those who contributed in any way, especially to Heather Kelly who put in a lot of effort to make it a success.

Burials

The parish were saddened by the loss of Cyril and Gretta Nesbitt, who died within 7 weeks of each other. Cyril died on 28th November, 2014 and Gretta died on the 15th January, 2015. They were regular attenders of Drummully Parish Church before their health deteriorated in recent years. We wish to extend our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Cyril and Gretta.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Services

Sunday 1st February Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 8th February Kiltyclogher 10am HC

Belleek HC

Sunday 15th February Garrison 10am MP & FS

Slavin 11.30am MP & FS

Ash Wednesday 18th February - EP in Garrison Church @ 7pm

Sunday 22nd February Kiltyclogher 10am MP

Belleek MP

Sunday 1st March Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Christmas Services

The Christmas Family Service was held in Slavin Church on Sunday 14th December.

The theme of the service was the letter N, which was for 'News', 'Nativity' and 'Now'.

The service was led by Aoife Gregg, who welcomed everyone. The Readers were Ethan Johnston, Oisín

Gregg, Cameron Duffy, Emma Kettlyles, Carly Graham, Abi Brock, Levi Love and Skye Love.



Prayers were read by Sarah Johnston, Clare Thompson, Blake Duffy, Levi, Carly, Oisin, and Ryan Graham. Poems were read by Avril Thompson, Ethan and Sarah. Ethan and Avril gave us examples of what was in the Fermanagh papers on 11th December 2014 and then went on to tell us that the news of Jesus birth had been forecast by Isaiah many years. This news would change the world for ever. Gabriel also brought news to Mary, telling her that she was to be the mother of a special baby.



The Nativity was put in place as Mary (Cara Brock) and Joseph (Andries Ferreira) came to the front. They were followed by the shepherds, Callum, Blake, Glenn Brock, and Ryan. The Wisemen, (Aaron Gregg, Callum Gregg and Jake Gregg) then arrived to complete the scene. The children sang 'Away in a manger'. The final N word was placed on the board – 'Now'. We were told that Now, we have the chance to put Jesus at the centre of the Nativity and at the centre of our lives. Jesus is for Now.



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Ethan gave the final blessing and the service finished when the children sang 'Great Day in Bethlehem'. The rector Revd Ngozi thanked the children for taking the service, the parents for supporting the practices, and all the Sunday School teachers who had met to put the service together and had trained the children.

A special thanks was paid to George Love who had spent much time and effort making a stand for the board on which the children placed the key words.

Carols by Candlelight

The traditional Christmas Carol Service was held in Kiltyclogher Church on Sunday evening of 21st December. Lessons were read by parishioners and members of the community. The choir sang 2 pieces led by the organist Joy Graham.

Miss Clare Maguire sang a solo and led the first verse of the introductory carol of Once in royal and sang the first verse of O Holy Night.

Mulled wine, mince pies and shortbread were served by the ladies of the parish after the service.

Christmas Eve Service

Belleek Parish Church was packed for the Christmas Eve Service. The choir sang a piece entitled "Listen Listen" accompanied by Mrs Sadie Moore and the Rector administered Holy Communion. The lessons were read by Robert Johnston, Senior and Ethan Johnston. The Rector thanked Ernie Watson for the gift of Pew Cushions which will be dedicated by the Bishop later in the year.

Christmas Day Service

The Christmas Day Family Service with Holy Communion was held in Garrison Parish Church. A great congregation attended many with their children bearing their Christmas presents. Revd Ngozi chatted all of the children and got them to show their presents and presented them gifts from the Sunday School teachers.

The teachers and children had decorated the tree with pictures of themselves and hand-made decorations.

Neil Graham, Jamie & Amy Kettlyles read the lessons.

The choir sang one of their Christmas pieces and the Rector administered Holy Communion

Ecumenical Carol Service

Our choir was delighted to participate with other local choirs in an Ecumenical service of carols and readings in Cashel Community Centre on Sunday evening, Sunday 14th December. Louise Leonard was the director of music accompanied by Joy Graham on the piano. Louise trained the combined choirs to sing many new pieces and she extended her thanks to our members for their faithful attendance at practices.

Seasonal refreshments were served and substantial voluntary donations that were collected at the door were given to a local cancer charity.

Choir Extend a Welcome

A heartfelt welcome was extended to Mr Billy Nelson of Slavin Parish who has joined the choir and attended all of the Christmas practices and services. Thanks also to all of our present members who attended in weather which was not always too favourable!

There is always room for more...

Any others male or female are welcome to join or re-join the choir. There will be a break in rehearsals now until mid March when practices will start for Easter.

Decorations

The Rector thanked everyone who was responsible for decorating all of the churches so beautifully for the Christmas Services.

Sunday School Christmas Party



The Party was held on Friday 19th December in the Wark Hall Belleek. Games were organised by the Sunday School teachers and The Lakelanders provided music for the games. After tea, Father Christmas arrived and each child received a gift.



Holy Matrimony

Julie Watson daughter of Ernie and the late Wilma married Scott McCandless in Belleek Parish Church on Monday 29th December. The ceremony was performed by Revd Ngozi Njoku. Thanks to the Choir who were present to assist with singing the Hymns.

The newly married couple will return to live in Hong Kong

Mothers' Union

Members of Mothers' Union and friends enjoying a delicious Christmas meal at Melvin Country House, Garrison on Thurs 11th December. Thanks to the Branch Leader, Dot Barlow for organising the evening. The February meeting will be held in Garrison Church hall on Wednesday 18th February @ 8pm following on from the Ash Wednesday service at 7pm. The speaker will be Marina Hassard talking about her trip to the Holy Land. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Holy Baptism

Tom William Jason Gregg baby son of Jason & Lynsey Gregg was baptised by the Rector, Revd Ngozi on Sunday 4th January in Slavin Parish Church.

A warm welcome to the latest and youngest addition to our group of Parishes.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been unwell or in hospital in recent weeks. We think of Trevor Acheson, Florrie Hamilton & Sharon Gallagher from Garrison Parish who have been in hospital recently.

We also remember those who have been unwell at home and pray for their good health in the weeks ahead.

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and our prayers are extended to Mrs Betty Johnston, Belleek on the death of her mother, Mrs Dorothy Law in December.

Parish Website

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org The web manager is Jenna Clarke. Photos & articles etc. for the website to be emailed to Doreen Earls.

Social Networking

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

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During the vacancy the Revd Canon David Skuce, Rural Dean, is in charge, and is providing pastoral cover together with Miss Isobel Stewart, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.

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Services in February

Sunday 1st February

11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th February

11:30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th February

11:30am Morning Prayer

Ash Wednesday 18th February

8.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 22nd February

11:30am Family Service

Bereavements

It is with deep regret that we learned of the death of Mr Robin Mitchell, Irvinestown (Father of Mrs Robena Elliott, Derrygonnelly)

The funeral service took place on Saturday 10th January at Irvinestown Church of Ireland, followed by burial at Castle Archdale.

It was also with deep regret that on the 12th January we learned of the deaths of Victor Beatty Graan Nursing Home (formerly of Rossnarick Close Derrygonnelly) and Harry Golden Graan Nursing Home (formerly of Lough Shore Road)

The funeral services took place on Wednesday 14th January conducted by Revd Canon David Skuce.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Robena and the Mitchell/Elliott family circle along with the Beatty family circle and also to Margaret and the Golden family circle.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families at this sad time.

Prayer and Bible Study

Every Tuesday at 8pm in the Stables everyone welcome Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother

and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

1 John 4:20 NIV

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Holy Baptism

Poppy Mae Isabella daughter of Kenny and Karen Brownlee, granddaughter of Canon Billy and Mrs. Sylvia Johnston, at Kilskeery Parish Church on Sunday, December 28th.

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



Canon Billy Johnston at the baptism of his granddaughter, Poppy Mae Isabella Brownlee at Kilskeery Parish Church on December 28th

Burial of the Dead

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

Mrs. Vera White, Kilskeery

It was with great sadness that we learned of Vera's death on January 6th, following a short illness and we again extend our deepest sympathy to her

daughters, Frances, Lorna, Margaret, Alison and Myrtle, her son Victor, her sisters Peggy, Doris, Joyce, Isobel and all her relations and friends.

Mr. Geoffrey Meacock, Ballinamallard

And of the death of Geoff Meacock, father-in-law of Walter Porter Jnr., Chestnut Grove, Ballinamallard and we extend our deepest sympathy to Walter, his wife Karen, brother-in-law Mark and all the family circle.

Cremation took place at Roselawn Crematorium, following a Service conducted by Revd Rosemary on December 11th. Lord we thank you for the precious gift of family life, for all human relationships and for the strength we draw from one another. Have compassion on those for whom these partings brings particular pain and the deepest sense of loss. Casting their cares on you, may they know the gentleness of your presence and the consolation of your love.

Girls' Brigade

Enrolment Service took place, by candle light, during our Advent Carol Service on November 30th with collection in aid of GB funds. Additional funds were raised with a 'Coffee Evening and Sale' on December 1st and we thank all those who gave so generously.

Girls prepared gift bags, complete with hand-made Christmas Cards which were distributed by the Rector to our housebound sick and were wonderfully received!



Girls Brigade Enrolment Service

Queen Elizabeth II Primary School

Christmas Concert took place in Kilskeery Parish Hall on December 16th – warmest congratulations to all! Tea and mince pies were provided by parents and staff following!!



Primary School Christmas Concert

Messy Kids Club

Messy Kids Club celebrated their first anniversary with a very lively 'Happy Birthday Jesus' Party. It has been an excellent year which has seen tremendous growth, fun,

laughter and great enjoyment as God's Word is brought to the younger members of our church and beyond through play and praise, glue and glitter!

We again thank all those who help in any way, not least our key-players – Clare, Alison and Jemma as we look forward to 2015 – our second year!!



Messy Kids

Crèche

A reminder that Crèche is now available, during Sunday Service at Kilskeery. To enable founder members to attend at church, we are keen to form Crèche Rota and invite you (parents and grand-parents especially, presently using Crèche) to speak to Clare or Revd Rosemary.

Playgroup

Peter Pan Playgroup, Trillick – Application Forms for enrolment are available from the playgroup. (Children born between July 2nd 2012 – July 1st 2013)

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.

Salvation Army

Major Nina Wright, 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 2014

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.

Lent

Lent begins on February 18th - Ash Wednesday. Please see Pew Sheet for details of Lenten Programme.

Financial Year

We remind you that the Financial Year ended on 31st December 2014. Weekly Offering Envelopes for 2015 are being distributed. Giving is also possible via weekly, monthly or annual standing order.

If you have changed your address during the past year, please let us know for the envelope distribution as soon as possible.

We again mention the 'Gift Aid' Scheme and urge all those paying income tax to take out a deed of covenant – a simple signature from you enabling the church to claim back income tax already paid, from the Inland Revenue. You can speak to myself or our Treasurers at any time John (Trillick) 89561343 Adrian (Kilskeery) 89561735. Thank you!

Clogher Diocesan Magazine

Clogher Diocesan Magazine is published ten times in the year and is usually available in church by the first Sunday of each month.

We would be delighted to see additional parishioners take the magazine and further information can be obtained by contacting Gemma (Milligan), Kilskeery, Tel: 89561763, Pauline (Farrell), Trillick, Tel: 89561880, to whom annual subscriptions (£10) are also payable.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union enjoyed the talk and demonstration delivered by folk from 'Lakeland' on December 8th and at the time of writing are looking forward to their Annual Dinner at The Bridge Inn, Trillick and to February 16th, talk and PowerPoint Presentation by Doreen Earls (World Wide Rep. MU Trustee Body) together with Presentation of Certificates for 40+ years of membership!

Sincere thanks to members for the very beautiful Cloth for the Holy Table at Trillick Parish Church.

Kilskeery Bowls Club

Sincere thanks to members here for the very beautiful Door Curtain for use in Kilskeery Parish Church.

The Club is holding a Bowls Tournament from February 23rd – 28th in Kilskeery Parish Hall.

Lisbellaw

(including Coolbuck)

Vacant.

During the vacancy Archdeacon Cecil Pringle is in charge, and is providing pastoral cover together with Mrs Sue Hogg, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.

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Services

Sunday 1st February

11.00am Holy Communion

3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 8th February

11.00am Family Service (NB : No Sunday School)

3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 15th February

9.45am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Prayer

3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Wednesday 18th February

7.30pm Service for Ash Wednesday

Sunday 22nd February

11.00am Morning Prayer

3.30pm Thinking Day Service in Lisbellaw

NB. No Service of Evening Prayer in Coolbuck

Sunday 1st March

11.00am Holy Communion

3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Wednesday 4th March

7.30 pm Lenten Service

Friday 6th March

8.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer (Lisbellaw Methodist Church)

Congratulations

Warmest congratulations to Robert Brown and Deirdre Reid who were married on Saturday December 27th in the Scots Presbyterian Church in Enniskillen. Robert has for many years used his skills to serve the parish in a variety of ways, most recently as part of the team that counts and records the Freewill Offerings each month. We wish Robert and Deirdre every happiness in the years that lie ahead.

Deaths

Mrs Violet Henderson

Mrs Violet Henderson, aged just 54, and widow of Stephen, of Birchgrove, Lisbellaw passed away peacefully on December 15th in Altnagelvin Hospital after a period of illness.

We extend to her daughters, Charlene and Cheryl, to her grandchildren, her mother, brothers and sisters, to her mother in law, Mrs Lily Henderson and her family, to her aunt Mrs Ruby Hamilton, and to the wider family circle in Lisbellaw and beyond, our deepest sympathy. The funeral service in Lisbellaw Parish Church on 18th December was conducted by Archdeacon Cecil Pringle and the address given by the Dean, the Very Reverend Kenneth Hall.

Mr Loftus Irwin

News of the sudden passing of Mr Loftus Irwin on New Year's Eve came as a huge shock to many. Though in his 82nd year Loftus was leading a very active life. He had attended the Carol Service on December 21st and had taken Communion on Christmas morning. Loftus served for many years on the Select Vestry and had, over the years done a great deal of printing work for the parish. He had also organised a number of hugely

successful concerts to raise funds for the church, the most recent one having taken place in February 2014. To his widow, Phyllis, to his four sons, Peter, Douglas, John and Philip, his grandchildren and to the wider family circle we extend our deepest sympathy. The funeral service in Lisbellaw on Saturday, 3rd January was conducted by the Revd. Canon David Skuce.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy to all who have been bereaved over the past few months. These include the Goodall and Potters families on the death of Mrs Mabel Goodall's sister, Violet Symington in Fivemiletown, Mrs Peggy Beacom whose sister Vera died on 6th January and Mr Charles Barr and Mr Billy Lindsay both of whom have also lost family members. Our sympathy too to Mr Alan Beattie on the death of his uncle and to Mrs Ruby Doherty whose brother in law died recently in England.

Thanks

Sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs Tommy Miller, Main Street, Lisbellaw for their very generous gift of £100 in memory of Mr Jack Miller. The money went towards the purchase of pew Bibles.

Holy Communion at Christmas

A number of parishioners had Holy Communion in their homes on Tuesday December 9th. Warmest thanks to Archdeacon Pringle and to Diocesan Pastoral Assistant Mrs Sue Hogg for their ministry. It was much appreciated by all the families concerned. Many more of our senior parishioners made their way to a special Communion Service in the Parish Centre on the afternoon of Thursday 11th. This was also conducted by Archdeacon Pringle, again assisted by Sue. Lynda played the organ and sang. Warmest thanks to Jean McElroy who helped with transport and who provided beautiful afternoon tea for all.

Sunday School Party



Christmas Party Time!

The Sunday School Party on Saturday 13th December was enjoyed by everybody. Sarah-Jayne's face painting

went down a treat as did the craft activity which allowed the children to make some beautiful ceramic decorations for the Christmas Tree in the church. All the games, the food and of course Santa's visit were hugely enjoyed. Thanks to the Sunday School Teachers whose hard work made it happen!



Sunday School Teachers and Sarah-Jayne

Children's Christmas Service

The Children's Christmas Service was very well attended. Special thanks to all the children and young people who took part- to the readers, to those who read prayers and to all, who in their great costumes took part in the Nativity Play. Thanks too, to the Revd. Charles Eames who conducted the service, to Lynda, to Wendy, and of course, again to the Sunday School Teachers for all their hard work in the background.



Four Christmas Angels

Carols by Candlelight

The Carols by Candlelight Service was also very well attended. Thanks to all the readers- Audrey Potters, Wendy Kerr, Alice Lindsay, Jean Graham, Roger Callow and Rodney Doherty, to the choir who sang 'Mary's Boy Child,' to Lynda for her amazing solo, 'O Holy Night' and to Parish Reader Miss Isobel Stewart who planned and led the service. Thanks to those ladies who provided supper afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Christmas Eve at Coolbuck

Attendances were excellent at the two special services in Coolbuck on Christmas Eve. The Children's Crib Service, led by Parish Reader, Miss Isobel Stewart was enjoyed by all.

Over fifty parishioners attended the First Communion of Christmas at 11.00pm, at which the Revd. Canon William Johnston officiated.



Enjoying the Christmas Crib Service at Coolbuck

Parish Auction

The Parish Auction, held on Saturday November 29th was hugely successful. After all the hard work the amount raised for Church Funds was £5493-10. Thanks to John Gordon, the Rector's Glebewarden and his team for their great effort.

The Rectory

The work in the Rectory has now been virtually completed. At the time of writing, it is hoped to have the Rectory open to all parishioners on the afternoons of Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th January so that they can see the results of the excellent refurbishment work that has been done. The Rectory will undoubtedly provide an extremely attractive and comfortable home for a new Rector and his/her family. Thanks again to Rector's Glebewarden, John Gordon and his team for all the hard work done.



Newly re-furbished rectory

Mothers' Union

The annual dinner, which was enjoyed by all, took place in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Tuesday 27th January. Members are invited to the WI Visitors' Night in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 17th February at 8.00 pm when the speaker will be Mr Gary Wilson from the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association.

The February Meeting will be on Tuesday 24th at 8.00pm.

Ash Wednesday

It is very hard to believe that Lent is fast approaching! A service for Ash Wednesday will be held on 18th February at 7.30pm.

Thinking Day Service

The Thinking Day Service for the uniformed organisations will be held in church on Sunday 22nd February. Canon Robert Riddell will conduct the service.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Service this year will be held in Lisbellaw Methodist Church on Friday 6th March at 8.00pm. Further details next month.

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Services For February

Sunday 1st

11.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th

11.30 am Morning Prayer

Speaker: Val Irvine

Sunday 15th

11.30 am Morning Prayer

Ash Wednesday 18th

8.00 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 22nd

11.30 am Founder's Day Service (Retiring Collection for World Vision sponsored children)

Holy Baptism

Sunday 23rd November

Grace Sarah Graham, 26 Tattinderry Heights, Maguiresbridge. Daughter to Nigel & Sarah-Jane.

Sunday 28th December

Georgia Louise McElwaine, Drumbadbeg, Lisnaskea.
Daughter to Jason & Lisa.
Congratulations to both families.

Burial

Thursday 11th December

Violet Johnston, Hillmount, Lisnaskea.

Friday 12th December

Cyril Jackson Graham, Cushwash, Lisnaskea.

Wednesday 31st December

Ernest Murdock, 11 Drumnaveil, Cootehill.
Our prayers and sympathies are with everyone who has been bereaved at this time.

Carol Service

This year instead of the traditional nine lessons and carols, our family carol service focused on the 1914 Christmas truce. A booklet entitled "Silent Night Carols" which was put together by "HOPE, Tearfund and Sports Chaplaincy UK" was used. This included all the familiar carols as well as some wonderful messages from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Prince William and others.

It also told the story of how on Christmas Day 1914, German soldiers and British soldiers met in No Man's Land, played football, exchanged food and souvenirs and for that one day called a truce. Unfortunately one hundred years on wars are still raging throughout the world and we were reminded in particular of Syria where an estimated 170,000 lives have been lost.

It was very moving to think that the same service which we participated in was happening in many churches, football stadiums, schools and thousands of events all over the country.

As usual the church was beautifully decorated and the hymns led by Lisnaskea Silver Band along with our organist Karen and choir members. Children's Church sang and also performed a short sketch and prayers. Thank you to everyone involved in making this a memorable occasion. If you would like a copy of the booklet there are still some available from the Parish Office.

Mothers' Union

In our first notes for 2015 we wish everyone a Happy and blessed New Year. We finished 2014 with a service of Christmas Holy Communion for the senior and less mobile members of the parish. This was hosted jointly by the Friendship Club and the Mothers' Union. All who attended enjoyed the time of fellowship and our thanks to the Rector, the drivers who collected and left home those needing transport and the ladies who provided the tea, coffee and goodies.

February will be a busy month for us. Thursday 5th is our Visitors' Night to which all neighbouring MU Branches and Womens Church Groups are invited. Our speaker is Barbara Clarke the Diocesan Young Families Rep. There is an open invitation to all women, young and old in the parish and from other parishes,

to come and hear what the younger members of MU are doing and how our branches would benefit and be blessed if we had some young members. We look forward to welcoming all who attend. The meeting will be in the Trinity Hall at 8.00pm.

Our Branch's first meeting was held on 14th February 1955 so we are planning a 60th Anniversary Dinner in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Wednesday 11th. Unfortunately there are few of the Founder Members still with us but we hope to welcome those who can join us along with other guests on the night. We are looking forward to this event and we pray that the weather will be favourable.

Ballyclare Male Voice Choir

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Ballyclare Male Voice Choir to our church on Sunday the 8th March for what no doubt will be an evening of wonderful singing and fellowship. This will begin at 7.30 p. m. so please come along and bring your friends.

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Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes have now started with a group of 21 (Only 5 boys). Bizarrely, there were only appx 4 candidates in our usual year 10 so we have added in the 17 year 9 members as well! The service of confirmation is on May 24th.

YLP

The joint Methodist/Church of Ireland Youth Led praise service continues on February 1st at 7pm in the Parish Room. The guest preacher this month is the Revd Rob Clements.

Church Army

On February 8th, we welcome Captain Neville Barnes of the Church Army at our morning worship. The Church Army is supported by Magheracross Parish

Church and we look forward to hearing about some of the projects.

Nativity Scene



Mary and Joseph with the angel and the baby

Installation of Canons

Magheracross and our neighbouring parishes of Troyr and Killadeas and Derryvullen South and Garvary are all involved in the installation of Canons in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on February 8th at 7pm.

Soccer Service

Magheracross is hosting a special service for Ballinamallard FC on February 15th at 7pm. The theme is "Walk alone? Never!" and will be a celebration for all the community of friendship, football and faith. All friends and supporters of BUFC are invited to this informal event. The "guest" speaker is club chaplain, Brian Harper.

Mothers' Union

Despite the snow and cold the Branch had a great turn out of members and friends for our annual Christmas meal which took place on Thursday 11th December in Tullana on the Green. It was lovely that Revd Brain Harper, Revd. Charlie Eames and Mrs Shirley Eames were able to join us on the night.

There was some carol singing after the meal with Joan Quinn providing music on the accordion. A raffle was held with Valda Beatty, Nora Robinson and Rita Thompson winning prizes. There was the surprise visit from Santa who provided a laugh and everyone with a gift. Everyone enjoyed the delicious meal, fun and fellowship.

The January meeting took place on Thursday 8th of January at 8.00pm in the Archdale Hall with a good attendance of 32 members. The visiting speaker was Hazel Darragh and Sarah Vaughan who gave a very moving talk and power point presentation on the work of Jengana teams that travel annually to Kenya. The proceeds of the gift table were £150 which was donated to Jengana funds.

Our February meeting will be held on Thursday 5th at 8.00pm in the Archdale Hall. Our visiting speaker will be Eva Baxter who will talk on the life of the late Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, the well-known hymn writer. This will be an enjoyable evening of story and drama. All are welcome to come along.

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At the start of 2015 can I wish you a Happy New Year and ask you how are your New Year resolutions going. Every year we always make New Year resolutions and usually by the time you are reading this they are nothing more than a distant memory, a good idea at the time that went! But the question I am asking myself is what went wrong? The answer I come back to is ultimately my commitment to change. It sounded good, it was a nice idea but because I did not see an instant result, I gave up, I did not have the commitment to persist. Also important is that it was only a good idea and not a God idea.

This year I began the year encouraging the church family to find the time to read the bible and get to know God better. Bible reading notes like the 'Word for Today' are great but you spend longer reading what

someone is saying about the bible than you do reading the bible. I do see a great value in the 'Word for Today' and the insights are very good as long as we commit to open the bible and read the verse in the context it is written.

We need to be reminded that God really wants to speak to us through the word and to just read the bible has a transformational power of itself.

When we come to the word with an attitude of prayer taking time to stop and pray before we read, asking the Holy Spirit to open our minds to what God is saying through what we read then our reading becomes transformational. When we come to the bible with an expectation that it is able to change us from the inside out - it will, but like anything that we do we need to commit the time to it each day. The most valuable resource you have is your time, and we need to carefully look at what we do with each day.

Today in 21st century Ireland the days of doing things because that is what we have always done says you are probably 60 years old or more, we live in a world where everything is about "me", what's in it for me, and taking "me" time, because we live in a selfish world that is all about "me, me, me".

When we realise that the bible meets the deepest needs of "me time" it is a life changing moment. Are you willing to check it out and open your bible and read expecting God to meet with you.

Regular Events

Prayer Opportunities

Revival Prayer Monday 8-9pm in the Moffitt Room, Parish Centre

Wednesday Prayer 9:30-11:00am in the Moffitt Room, Parish Centre

Healing Prayer Fridays 7:30-8:30pm in the Parish Centre

24 hour prayer each month

Prayer for Mission - monthly

Friends in the Afternoon - Meets every 2nd & 4th Tuesday in month. Tuesday 10th February at 2pm in the Moffitt Room at Ardess Parish Centre: Talk and photos presented by members of the team who visited the Footprints orphanage in South Africa last year.

Mothers' Union - Meets 3rd Thursday in month. Thursday 19th February at 8pm in Ardess Parish Centre

'Painting a Picture' by Alison Brown - painting with a Christian outlook. www.alisonbrown.info

Ardess Historical Society - Meets 3rd Monday in month. Monday 16th February at 8pm in Ardess Parish Centre. 'Fermanagh Men in the Battle of YPRE' Speaker is military historian Oliver Breen. £2 admission (if not member). Tea & biscuits included. Further information from: Trevor Ewing - 028 6862 1495

Fountain Centre Activities

Thursday Youth Club 6:30-8pm every Thursday
Friday Youth Club 7-9pm for 1st to 3rd years, 9-11pm for 4th year plus
Connect YF 7-9pm for year 8 plus
Badminton Club Wednesdays at 9pm
In Stitches Thursdays at 8pm - for an evening of easy crafts and good craic

Alpha Course

Commenced Tuesday 27th January and continues until 7th April 2015. Every Tuesday evening at 8:15pm. The course is free and food will be provided.

Registers

Baptism

Chloe Joy Simpson, daughter of Alan and Lorraine Simpson, 74 Castle Manor, Kesh

Burial

16 December 2014 - Dorothy Elizabeth Law of Brownhill Meadows, Irvinestown.

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas celebrations 2014 at Ardess were a great success where we remembered that Jesus is the reason for the season. The lessons were read by individuals from several local groups: Young Farmers, Life Groups, Evergreens, North Fermanagh Club Kesh, Magheraculmoney Scouts, North Fermanagh Fitness Club and Maid of Lough Erne.

Sligo 15

New Wine Summer Conference 12-17 July. Join together with people of God from churches of different denominations, backgrounds & networks. The blessings that God bestows in one area of the land spill over and bless other parts of the land. God is stirring and people are responding. This is a brilliant week for all the family and I would really encourage you to think about going along. There are structured activities for all the family and everyone is catered for. What better way to spend a week of your holidays in the presence of God in sunny Sligo! Be a part of this annual Christian celebration! Go online at www.newwineireland.org for further information.

Ardess Parish Dinner Dance

Friday 27th February in Killyhevlin Hotel. Why not get friends / family together and book a table for your whole party. Couples and singles welcome. There will be a superb meal and dancing to your favourite tunes. A great excuse to don your glad rags and shake a leg!

Come on - enjoy yourself!

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Parish Register

St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk

Burial - 4th January, 2015 Ivan Whitsitt, Drumcoo, Lisbellaw

Christ Church, Maguiresbridge

Burial - 16th January, 2015 Ivan James Nixon Downey, Aghinure, Maguiresbridge

We were all deeply saddened to hear about the death of Ivan Whitsitt and Ivan Downey. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Ivan Whitsitt's wife Susan along with his mother Maggie, father Eddie and the extended family. To the Downey family we express our deepest sympathy Ivan's brothers and extended family on his death. Both families are in our thoughts and prayers as we thank God for their life and witness.

Christmas

I would like to thank all those who helped out with our various Christmas celebrations over the Christmas period. To all those who read and led the singing and the organists, we are greatly indebted to you. It was again great to end our Christmas festivities and before we entered the season of Epiphany, with our Christingle service. It proved a great success again and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

Lent

It is always hard to believe that we will now be, beginning to think of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday this year begins on Wednesday 16th February, 2015. In the morning we will be having a service of Holy Communion at 10.30am and in the evening at 8.00pm A Late Evening Office – Compline. Services for February and the start of March are as follows:-

Wed 18th Feb 10.30am Christ Church, Maguiresbridge; 8.00pm St Michael's Derrybrusk

Wed 25th Feb 10.30am St Michael's Derrybrusk; 8.00pm Christ Church, Maguiresbridge

Wed 4th Mar 10.30am Christ Church, Maguiresbridge; 8.00pm St Michael's Derrybrusk

Wed 11th Mar 10.30am St Michael's Derrybrusk; 8.00pm Christ Church, Maguiresbridge

Maguiresbridge Mothers' Union

In December we held our annual Christmas Party for the over 60's, around 100 people attended. They were

treated to a lovely supper and entertained by Linda Lindsay, Calum Smith with Derek Howe providing the music. Everyone was given a present from Santa Claus. Thank you to all who helped to make this such an enjoyable evening.

In January a business meeting was held and in February members will go out for a meal.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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1st February Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion

Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

8th February Second Sunday before Lent

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word

Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer

15th February Sunday before Lent

St Patrick's 10.30am Morning Prayer

Kilmore 12.15pm Morning Prayer

22nd February First Sunday in Lent

St Patrick's 10.30am All Age Worship

Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

The Annual Food Appeal was held on Sunday 23rd and 30th November and the 8th December with a generous response from our members. We are very grateful to those who donated food items or gave a donation, and to Mrs. Muriel Treacy for making the arrangements.

The Mothers' Union

Held their Christmas Party on Tuesday 3rd December in the Westenra Arms Hotel and the food and entertainment was of a very high standard. This was also the Branch's A.G.M. and the following were elected for 2015:

Branch Leader	Mrs. Dorothy Adams
Hon Secretary	Mrs. Hilary Workman
Hon Treasurer	Mrs. Frances Ebbs

The opening meeting to New Year was a Communion Service in Ballinode Church on Tuesday 13th January with refreshments afterwards. The February meeting will be held in St. Patrick's Hall on Tuesday 3rd February, the guest speaker will be Revd Stephen McNie, Presbyterian Minister Ballyalbany and he will give a talk and show slides of his visit to Malawi.

The Ladies' Group

Held their Christmas Party in the Batch Loaf Restaurant, Monaghan on Wednesday 10th December, it was a very enjoyable evening with good food. Their February meeting will be on Tuesday 17th in Hall at 8pm and will be a talk on health issues.

The Ladies' Group Interdenominational Carol Service

Was held in St. Patrick's on Tuesday 16th December with readings in English, Irish and Lingala.

The singing and music was led by Gaelscoil Ultain, Donagh Community Choir, Beech Hill College Choir, Monaghan Community Gospel Choir and the congregation. The members provided mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall immediately after the service. We congratulate Mrs. Trudy Taylor and the members on a very successful evening.

The collection was in aid of Latch-on Down's Syndrome and Monaghan Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Advent Services

Were held each Tuesday morning in St. Patrick's, with a short address and communion.

Christmas Services

The Group Carol Service was held in Ballinode Church on Sunday 21st December and our thanks are due to the organist, choir and readers for their lead in worship. Light refreshments were provided by Ballinode members after the service. The Group Services on Christmas Day were a traditional Communion service at 9.30am followed by an All Age Communion Service at 10.30am at which the Posada figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey made it to the crib having toured around the parish during Advent to symbolise making room in our hearts and lives for Jesus as we prepared to celebrate Christmas. There was a good attendance of members and friends of both services.

Parish Party 14th December

We gathered together in the church hall for a parish social/party. We had a variety of people and ages present for some festive games, quizzes and treats. Our thanks to Gayle for organising all and to all who brought refreshments.

Churches Together

We joined with other Churches and provided free Christmas presents wrapping in Monaghan Shopping Centre on Monday 22nd December. On Christmas eve the Churches gathered at the Courthouse to sing Carols.

Vortex

The young people commenced the New Year meeting on 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month during school term time.

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 restarted on Thursday 8th January and continues during term-time each week from 10.30am-12 noon

Christian Vision for Men Ulster Rugby Tour

With other churches in the town (and some beyond) we are welcoming this tour to the Hillgrove Hotel Monaghan on 24th February at 7.30pm. The night will feature some of the Ulster Rugby players (Paul Marshall, Ruan Pienaar & Louis Ludik) who will speak about all things rugby and share their life changing stories. All are welcome and it is recommended to come early.

Hamilton Family Bereavement

We extend our sympathy to the Mollan and Hamilton families on the death of Mr Walter Mollan who was buried in Ballinode on 27th November.

Rossorry

Vacant.

During the vacancy the Revd Canon David Skuce, Rural Dean, is in charge, and the Revd Canon Desmond Kingston is providing priestly cover, along with Mrs Sue Hogg and Mrs Joan Nelson, Diocesan Pastoral Assistants, providing pastoral cover.

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175th Anniversary of the Church at Rossorry in April 2016

Work is continuing apace to get ready for this momentous occasion. The Diocesan Architect is finalising plans for a major refurbishment and redecoration of the Church this summer which will require the closure of the Church building for 3 months (June / July and August). Services will be held as normal in the Parochial Hall.

Wednesday Club News

As usual the folks of Rossorry Wednesday Club have been ever so busy with meetings and outings. On the 5th November they held a Guy Fawkes party – great fun for all!



On 19th November the group received a cheque to help their work from the British Red Cross and the following week were busy practicing their Christmas flower decorations.



On 10th of December the Club went out for their annual Christmas Lunch at the Killyhevlin and celebrated a number of special birthdays at the same time!



The next meeting of the Club is Wed. 14th January in the Parochial Hall at 10.30 am - If you want to know more give Ethel Oldcroft a ring at 66 326339
The Club is currently planning an "Open Evening" on Friday 20th February 2015 at 7pm in Rossorry Hall to showcase the work and organisations in the Parish – so please put that date in your diary.
Aren't they the busy little beavers?!



New Rector for Rossorry

The Revd Dr Ian Ellis had been appointed as Rector of Rossorry Parish, he will be instituted by the Bishop in Rossorry Parish Church on Friday 20th March at 7.30pm, at which the preacher will be former Archbishop of Armagh, the Rt Revd Lord Eames OM. Full details on pages 7 and 8 of this magazine.



The Revd Dr Ian Ellis

Parish Register

Bereavements

On Wed 19th November 2014 - The funeral service, conducted by Canon Skuce, took place, at Rossorry, of Karl Lee MORTON, stillborn son of Sarah Morton and Paul Cox. Interment was in the adjoining Parish graveyard. There was a large congregation on this very sad occasion. Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of the family.

On 9th December 2014 - The funeral of Philomena (Gertie) DONEGAN of Carran Crescent, Enniskillen, took place at Rossorry, conducted by Canon Skuce. Her death occurred at Hospital on 7th after a brief illness. She was formerly a parishioner of Rossorry. The burial was at Cross Cemetery.

On 13th December 2014 - The ashes of the late Derek Mc Farland were committed at Rossorry in a family plot. Mr Mc Farland died on 13th October 2014 in Tauranga in New Zealand where he had lived for many years. The committal was conducted by Revd Stephen Woods of the Methodist Church. Our sympathy to family and friends of Derek Mc Farland, many of whom still live locally.

On 6th January 2015 - The funeral service and burial took place at Rossorry of Mrs Olive EVANS of The Tilery and formerly of 12, Coleshill Park. Olive was a long time parishioner of Rossorry Parish and the parish was saddened to hear of her passing, just after her 92nd birthday. Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Mrs Evans.

Baptisms

28th December 2014 Jessica Ann BENSON – infant daughter of Gary and Donna Benson.

4th January 2015 Amelia Rose BROWNE – infant daughter of Sean and Laura BROWNE.

Tempo and Clabby



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Wedding

28/11/14 Caroline Moan and Ryan Suttle Camgart Road Clabby

February Diary

Tuesday 10th Mothers' Union 8 pm Clabby Church hall – craft by Fiona.

Thursday 12th Table quiz 8 pm Tempo Church Hall. S.N.A.T.C.H. – 7pm Colebrooke Church Hall 8th & 22nd

March

Saturday 7th Modern Day Tractor Run 11 am

Advance Notice

Thursday 5th March 7-30 pm St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall Enniskillen An information and support evening on Alzheimers Disease. A variety of speakers on pastoral care, the local support group and a medical person will speak at the evening. This is open to everyone to attend.

Carol Services

The young people's Carol Services were held on 14th December in both Churches the Sunday School members performed a Christmas play, The birth of Jesus. In Clabby they were accompanied in the musical pieces by Miss Leah Armstrong. At the Clabby Service the music group lead the hymns and Carols accompanied by Mrs. Anne Bloomfield. In Tempo the choir led the singing accompanied by Mrs. Carole Graham. In both Churches members of the Sunday school led the prayers. Thank you to all the Sunday

School teachers for preparing the young people for the carol services.

The Parish Carol Services

The Parish Carol Services were held on 21st December. They were led by Canon R. Riddel on 21st December as the Rector and family were attending our great nephew's Christening. The choirs led the singing and accompanied by Ryan Crawford in Clabby and Carole Graham in Tempo. The members of the Confirmation Class with other parishioners read the familiar seasonal passages. Thank you to Canon Riddel and to all who took part in all the Carol Services.

Clabby Church Restoration Fund

We are pleased to report that after the receipt of £14,795-00 V.A.T. returned on work carried out at the Church we now owe the bank £16,453-00. We had previously taken out a loan of £90,000-00 in February 2014. This tremendous achievement has been due to generous grants, giving by parishioners and fund raising events. We have now reached the end of possible grant assistance, so we must all rally together and through fund raising and direct giving clear the outstanding loan as soon as possible. The Select Vestry have arranged a number of fund raising events over the new few months.

- They would appeal for your support on Saturday 7th March – Modern Day Tractor Run for details contact Mr. Jim Monteith after 6 pm 89521167.
- 10k Clabby Run – Friday 17th April contact Mr. Colin Stronge 89521830 or Mr. Alan Robinson 89522193.
- Vintage Bike Ride Saturday 9th May Contact Mr. Jim Monteith 89521167 after 6 pm
- Saturday 6th June Clabby Fun Day at the Church Hall.

Lent

It seems hard to comprehend that we are now moving towards this season in the Church's year as it is only a few weeks since Christmas.

Lent is a time to learn and reflect on the suffering and sacrifice of Christ for us on the Cross.

Paul writing in Ephesians Chapter 2:13 says that we were far away from God. Why were we far away? Because of man's inherited disease of sin. (Psalm 51:5) Christ shed his blood on the cross to pay the once for all price for our sins to be cleansed or removed. When we receive Christ as our Saviour and Lord, admit our Sins, believe only Christ can save us and confess them, then we are brought near to God. We then have his presence living within our lives in the form of the Holy Spirit (2:18).

During Lent it is important for us to stop and reflect upon the costliness of Christ's coming into this world, the suffering and loneliness of the cross, and the victory he achieved by his death and resurrection (Colossians 2:13-15)

We all lead busy lives, but in terms of the Christian faith and life we need to take time for God. He gave

up himself for us and our salvation, surely we can take time to learn, reflect, and respond to a “love so amazing so divine”, which calls for “our souls, our lives, our all.”

Trory and Killadeas



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Dear Parishioners,
Last Sunday as I went into Trory church a small boat was crossing the mouth of Trory bay. It was one of many who have been searching for some days for Kieran McAree. Our sympathy is with his family. The months of February (Lough Melvin) and March (Lough Erne) see the start of the new fishing season. We have many anglers and pleasure boat users in the parish and the diocese. Before the season begins can we take some time to safety check our boats and engines. Can we check and wear our life jackets. Can we be careful and finally each day we are out can we say a prayer for safety.

*Dear Lord, be good to me
the sea is so wide
and my boat is so small.”
Breton fishermen's prayer.*

Wednesday night Lenten services

These will be held in Trory church from Ash Wednesday the 18th February at 8.00pm. The theme this year is people of the faith. We will be looking at the life story of key historic people in Irish Christianity namely St. Patrick, St. Columba, Thomas Barnardo, Edward Cooney, Bishop William Bedell and Archbishop Ussher.

Lent is a time to prepare for Easter

It's a time to recommit to God our faith by action, prayer and praise. As Christ left the river Jordan after his Baptism and went into the wilderness to defeat the temptations of Satan. So may we also renew our time with God as we face the challenges that would remove and destroy our faith.

Installation Service

Sunday 8th February - Installation of Chapter Members in Enniskillen Cathedral at 7.00pm.
Along with my colleagues The Revd Canon John Stewart as Chancellor, The Revd Canon Brian Harper as Prebendary of Tyholland, I will be installed as Prebendary of Devenish at this service.

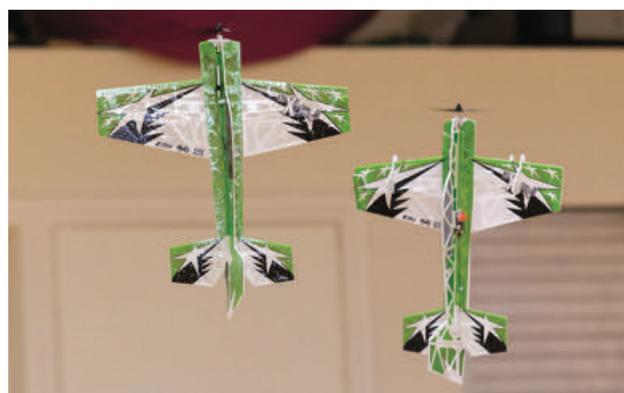
My thanks to you all for your best wishes on my appointment and to both Select Vestries for purchasing my new cassock. Everyone is most welcome to come to the service.

Model flying club

These are actual pictures taken in the parish hall at Ballycassidy. The club meet on a Monday night at 7.00pm. New members are welcome and training is given.



A helicopter about 18 inches long flying in the hall



Two aircraft hanging vertically in the parish hall



An aircraft about to fly a vertical loop in the hall

Trory tower and bell

I am glad to report that the lightning conductor has been replaced.
As parishioners know the bell has had much work done to its frame and mechanism. Yet it has shown no real improvement. At this time the select vestry are working with Peter Scott on the possibility of an electronic system. This is dependant on producing sound of an appropriate standard. However keep your ears “pealed”.

Give thanks this Lent

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CLEENISH PARISH SUPPER DANCE

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A Country Social and Worship

Friday 6th February

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young people secondary
school age upwards at
8.30pm in Colaghty
Parish Hall, Lack.



The theme has a country flavour and all are
asked to dress accordingly for the night.
Refreshments will be provided during the
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ALZHEIMER'S EVENING

The Diocesan Ministry of Healing and Board of Social Responsibility are jointly hosting an information and support evening about Alzheimer's.

We plan to have speakers from the Medical profession as well as the local support group to speak on the illness and offer support and information particularly to anyone whose relative may have been diagnosed with the illness or who are caring for a family member.

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD ON

Thursday 5th March 2015 in the Hilliard Room at St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall Enniskillen.

Everyone will be most welcome.

