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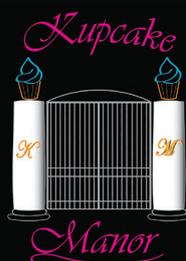
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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Friends

Before I got slightly sidetracked by Advent and Christmas I had been writing in the Clogher Diocesan Magazine about how we as Christian believers can proclaim the Gospel in a world that we are very much part of and many of whose characteristics (and faults) we share. I had tried to give a little bit of a sketch of how the vocation of the Church to witness to

the true king could fit in with our vocation to live under the authority of other kings and/or parliaments.

At the beginning of 2016 I want to go back to basics - to the very rudimentary truth that we will only be of any use to God in the world and in the Church if we do not neglect to nurture our own spiritual personality.

The spiritual health of a society or a parish depends on the personality of those who make it up and the more we are involved in our communities or our church the more we feel the need for character in ourselves and in others. And the more serious we are about the health of our own spirituality (our character) the more we realise the need for self-discipline.

The Rt Revd John McDowell

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There is an old Roman proverb that "if the vessel is not clean than everything that is poured into it turns sour". That is why Jesus sometimes speaks in what appear to us to be very extreme terms "If your eye offends you, pluck it out... if your foot causes you to stumble cut it off". It seems to me that Jesus uses this very emphatic language to drive home the point that we must be strong at the spiritual centre of our being if we are to be any use in the world or to the world.

Jesus Christ Himself could not redeem the world without first passing through the temptation and agony in the garden and in his letters St. Paul emphasises that to be a good member of the body we must be strong enough in Christ's might to win the victory in a fearful struggle. I know myself from bitter experience that this spiritual centre cannot be maintained without regular prayer. Although prayer could be described as "being with God with other people on our hearts" it can be much more than simply a list of requests. Prayer has, at its centre, a yearning of the heart for God. We have all felt that yearning at times of trouble and sorrow when we have been at our lowest ebb emotionally and physically. Our discipline is to make that yearning real in ordinary times and not just when we are in desperation. We often speak about prayer as though it is easy. Anyone who has tried to have a regular and deepening prayer life knows it is not, especially in a world where we have so many responsibilities and so many apparently unavoidable claims upon our time. There is no point being unrealistic about this. It really does take quite an effort to find a regular time for prayer; a time when we can bring our whole selves into the presence of God. It is just as unrealistic to believe that there can be any growth in the spiritual life without it. And where here is no growth there will always be decay. Very often in prayer we either struggle to find the right words or we use too many words which have the unusual characteristic of saying the same thing again and again. To some extent we in the Church of Ireland are lucky to have some very memorable prayers which we can fall back on when we are tongue-tied or which we can use to "get us started". For instance I know people who simply use the Collect of the week as the basis for the following week's prayer. The collects are often very short but they are usually very tightly packed with spiritual food which grows in the mind and in the spirit when dwelt upon for a little longer. Such a way of praying would not prevent us from offering other requests and thoughts to God but might just be helpful in helping us to approach Him in the right spirit.

Why not try that next week?

Almighty and everlasting God

*You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray
And to give more than either we desire or deserve.....*

+John

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CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Launch of the Guide to the Conversation on Human Sexuality



The Very Revd John Mann, Chair of the Select Committee, with the Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh, and Helen McClenaghan, Vice-Chair of the Select Committee, at the Dublin launch.

The Church of Ireland's Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief has launched its 'Guide to the Conversation' – a new resource designed to assist members of the Church in the on-going process of listening, learning and dialogue on the issue. The Guide outlines the process to date along with contextual essays and contributions from different viewpoints.

The Guide was launched on 18th January in Church of Ireland House, Dublin, by the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, and on the 19th January in the Northern Province in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, also by the Archbishop of Armagh.

The Archbishop said "I commend the Guide warmly. It contains an absolute wealth of material on a huge variety of issues. We are encouraged to use the Scriptures reverently and humbly, and helped in finding ways in which we may do this. We are given practical guidance on how to approach dialogue with those who hold different viewpoints from ours".

The Very Revd John Mann, Chairman of the Select Committee, explained that its members initially considered taking a broad approach to human sexuality before deciding to concentrate on same-sex issues, in the light of current debates and recent legislation. In advance of the launch, he said: 'Following a number of meetings and residential sessions, the Select Committee sought theological and biblical guidance, as well as beginning a wide-ranging listening process whereby organisations and individuals were given the opportunity to express their views and experiences in a safe and confidential manner.'

Dean Mann continued: *"The Select Committee has not sought to present the Guide as a solution to difficult issues arising from sexuality in the life of the Church. There are conflicting views voiced in the Guide but there is plenty of material to make the thinking person reflect, challenge preconceived notions, and give them a voice*

for their concerns or the confidence to search out further guidance".

Study modules will also be available to encourage discussion and personal reflection. Dean Mann concluded: "These will help all who sincerely seek to engage with the issues and to understand all whose relationship with the Church is affected by their sexual orientation".



Exciting Opportunities with the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade!



It has been an exciting year for the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade, seeing new groups opening throughout Northern Ireland and many children and families coming through the doors of our churches for the first time! We are delighted to invite you and your church to be a part of this time of growth and renewal! My name is Victoria and I am a Northern Ireland Development Worker for the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade, with Clogher Diocese being one of my key areas of focus. I enjoy the privilege of working with CLCGB groups in Parishes throughout Northern Ireland, specifically in Clogher Diocese in Holy Trinity Dromore and St John's Fivemiletown.

The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade is a Church of Ireland uniformed youth organisation for both boys and girls aged 4-21 years old. Our motto is to extend Christ's Kingdom through Fun, Faith and Fellowship so that children who come along to the CLCGB will make friends, have fun, learn new things and most importantly grow in their faith. We encourage a strong link between our groups and their parish and find that having a CLCGB group is often an excellent means of bringing new families into the church.

We have four different age sections so that the children and young people can enjoy age specific programmes. On a Brigade night the children and young people will be involved in Bible teaching, badge work, sports, crafts, games and music.

Throughout the year our members are kept busy with Regional and National sports competitions, fun days, games nights, services and parades.

Thanks to a generous grant from Youth United the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade now has the opportunity to offer support and financial help to Parishes who wish to open a CLCGB group.

This support allows us to cover the cost of membership fees and uniforms as well as providing help with sports and craft equipment. I am also on hand to help you get your group off the ground, finding you leaders and members and promoting your group in the local community and schools. Starting something new can sometimes appear daunting which is why I am here to get alongside you to train and support your leaders as well as taking the first few weeks of your programme.

We strongly recommend the benefits of a Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade for your parish, members and community, benefits which have also been recognised by the Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Reverend Richard Lionel Clarke who has said; "As the Chaplain of the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade I can highly

recommend the work of this organisation in giving children a place to belong and to grow in their faith". If you believe there is a need for a children's and youth organisation in your parish or have been looking for new ways to impact your community and bring families into the church then the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade could be just the answer you are looking for. If you would like to find out more about how you can embrace this exciting opportunity please ask your Rector or representative to contact me on tel: 07958 202724; Northern Ireland Office tel: 028 90730188; email: victoriaspeers@clcgb.org.uk. You can also find out more about our organisation through our website or Facebook page; <http://ulsterregimentclcgb.btck.co.uk/> <https://www.facebook.com/The-Church-Lads-and-Church-Girls-Brigade-Ulster-Regiment>

DIOCESAN NEWS

'Being Anglican' Talks

Many of us in the Diocese of Clogher are Anglicans because that is the Church we have been born into or married into. Some have become Anglicans by conviction and others still have found a spiritual home in one of our parishes without thinking of themselves as anything other than simply "Christian". I hope that all are made welcome! Although it may be a little less easy to define for Anglicans than for some other Christian traditions, Anglicanism has a definite identity, which varies from Province to Province but can be summed up in certain ways. As you may have heard our Bishop saying from time to time "we do not claim that the Anglican way of discipleship is superior to other ways, but simply that it is our way". The Bishop's hopes his talk will help outline what is the distinctive contribution we bring to the treasury the Universal Church and to our vocation as individual disciples and as communities of faith.

Venues:

St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher: Tuesday 2nd February at 8.00pm

St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen: Tuesday 16th February at 8.00pm

The Cassandra Hand Centre, Abbey Street, Clones: Tuesday 23rd February at 8.00pm

The Dean and Chapter are hosting these events and extend a warm welcome to all parishioners throughout our Diocese of Clogher to any one of three talks. The Bishop will give the same address in three different venues to make travelling easier but anyone is welcome at any venue.

Church Music Workshops

Armagh Church Choir Union with Clogher Diocese invite you to share in Church Music Workshops led by Gordon Appleton.

These are opportunities not to be missed, for anyone with an interest in church music. Gordon is no stranger to Armagh and Enniskillen and has travelled widely leading church music courses in continental Europe, Australia, Nigeria, Canada and the USA.

Wednesday 2nd March: Organ tuition & Choir rehearsal. Enniskillen.

Thursday 3rd March: 6.00pm: Workshop on Hymn Accompaniment. St Aidan's Church, Kilmore, Armagh. 7.30pm - 'Meet & Sing'. Easy Anthems & Songs suitable for Easter, Harvest & General use.

Friday 4th March: Organ Tuition, Clogher.

Saturday 5th March: 2.30 – 5.30pm: Organ Playing Workshop. St Aidan's Church, Kilmore, Armagh.

Workshop Part A - 2.30 – 3.30pm: 'I'd like to play the organ, but never tried'.... An explanatory talk on how it works & a chance to have a go! An opportunity for anyone at any age with basic keyboard skills.

Workshop Part B - 3.30-5.30pm 'Might I improve my organ playing skills?' Open to any organist who wants to improve technique & gain a few tips. Participants must bring a piece of music or accompaniment to play.

Sunday 6th March: Choir Practice and Choral Eucharist. Enniskillen.

For further information please email: earl.moffitt@hotmail.co.uk or tel: 07764511939.

Revd Rob Clements appointed Rector of Kiltiernan Parish



The Revd Rob Clements has been appointed Rector of Kiltiernan in the Diocese of Dublin. Rob is currently curate assistant in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, having served as a deacon in Rathfarnham parish. He succeeds Canon David Moynan who moved to New Zealand in September.

DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2016

Sunday 7th February – Service of Holy Communion for Diocesan Readers, Parochial Readers and Diocesan Pastoral Assistants at 7.30pm in Christ Church Parish, Maguiresbridge. Celebrant and preacher: Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher.

Sunday 7th February – The Sunday before Lent (white)

Tuesday 9th February – Annual Guest Tea in Dromore Orange Hall at 8.00pm. Proceeds in aid of Holy Trinity Parish, Dromore.

Wednesday 10th February – Ash Wednesday (violet)

Thursday 11th February – Table Quiz in Tempo Church at 8.00pm.

Friday 12th February – Parish Dance in Aghadrumsee Orange Hall at 9.30pm with Wee Tom.

Friday 12th February – Cleenish Parish Supper Dance in the Unionist Hall, Enniskillen. Tickets £15 each can be purchased from any member of the Select Vestry.

Saturday 13th February – CMSI Children's Resource 2016: 'The Meeting Place' Brunch event in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 11.00am.

Saturday 13th February – Valentines Celebration in Drummully Church Hall at 8.00pm. Entertainment includes a 'Mr & Mrs' and 'Dine in for two' with supper and other entertainment/music provided. Admission £5/€6.

Sunday 14th February – The First Sunday in Lent (violet)

Monday 15th February – Ardess Historical Society in Ardess Parish Centre at 8.00pm. Fred Ternan will speak on 'Wooden Boat Building on Lough Erne'.

Tuesday 16th February – 'Being Anglican' Talk in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 8.00pm.

Friday 19th February – Table Quiz in Derrygonnelly Orange Hall. Organised by Inishmacsaint Parish Church.

Saturday 20th February – Prayer Breakfast organised by MU

Faith and Policy Unit in the Killyhevlín Hotel. Speaker: Mrs Jacqui Armstrong, All-Ireland Co-Ordinator of the Faith and Policy Unit. Theme: 'A Celebration of Faith - 140 years'.

Sunday 21st February – The Second Sunday in Lent (violet)

Monday 22nd February – Sunday School Teachers' Training Evening in St Patrick's Hall, Monaghan at 7.30pm with Jill Hamilton, Children's Ministry, Connor Diocese. Click for more details

Tuesday 23rd February – Sunday School Teachers' Training Evening in Christ Church Parochial Hall, Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm with Jill Hamilton, Children's Ministry, Connor Diocese. Click for more details

Tuesday 23rd February – 'Being Anglican' Talk in The Cassandra Hand Centre, Abbey Street, Clones at 8.00pm.

Friday 26th February – Annual Gospel Concert with Crawford Bell, the Silvertones and Margaret Johnston at 8.00pm in Aghavea Church Hall. Tickets available from Select Vestry members.

Friday 26th February – 'Music in the Cathedral' concert St Macartin's Cathedral, Clogher at 8.00pm with various artists: Fivemiletown Community Choir, The Four Seasons - Bloomfield Family String Quartet, Diane Whittaker and Alf Potter (Organ), Jonathan Carter (Tenor), Gillian Davidson (Soprano), Jack Rainey (Flute) and Roughan Silver Band. Tickets: £10/€13 – available from members of the Select Vestry or donation at the event. For more details contact Audrey on 028 8554 8288. Proceeds in aid of parish funds.

Saturday 27th February – 'Deeper into God's Praise' CDYC Youth Event: organised by Clogher Rural Deanery.

Sunday 28th February – Thinking Day Service in Tempo Church.

Sunday 28th February – Choral Evensong in St Macartin's Cathedral, Clogher at 5.00pm.

Sunday 28th February – The Third Sunday in Lent (violet)

Sunday 28th February – Thinking Day Service in Tempo Church.

March 2016

Saturday 5th March – Coffee Morning and Cake Sale with lots of children's fun and games in Drumkeeran Parish Hall from 10.00am to 12.00noon in aid of the Lullaby Trust. Organised by Drumkeeran Sunday School teachers.

Sunday 6th March – The Fourth Sunday in Lent (violet)

Friday 11th March – Lisnaskea Parish Concert

Sunday 13th March – Clogher Diocese Ministry of Healing: 'He Touched Me' with Dr. Pat Mollan, CMH Director. 3-30pm-6pm in Clabby Church Hall; Tea 6-7pm; 7-30pm in Clabby Parish Church. Pat will speak on the subject of the relationship of prayer and healing. At the service there will be opportunity of prayer for the sick. Everyone will be welcome at either the afternoon session, the evening Service or both.

Sunday 13th March – The Fifth Sunday in Lent (violet)

Thursday 17th March – St Patrick. 461 (white)

Saturday 19th March – Palm Praises musical weekend with the Ferguson Family and friends in Aghadrumsee Church from 10.30am - 5.00pm, concluding with a Service of Praise on Sunday 20th at 3.00pm. Refreshments served.

Saturday 19th March – St Joseph of Nazareth (white)

Sunday 20th March – The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday) (red or violet)

Monday 21st March – Monday in Holy Week (red or violet)

Tuesday 22nd March – Tuesday in Holy Week (red or violet)

Wednesday 23rd March – Wednesday in Holy Week (red or violet)

Thursday 24th March – Maundy Thursday (red or violet/white at HC)

Friday 25th March – Good Friday

Saturday 26th March – Easter Eve

Sunday 27th March – Easter Dawn Service (outside) at Aghavea Church Hall with breakfast. Time tbc.

Sunday 27th March – Easter Day - The First Sunday of Easter (white or gold)

April 2016

Sunday 3rd April – Special Service of Thanksgiving in Rossorry Parish Church. Preacher: Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher.

Friday 8th April – 5k/10k Fun Run from Clabby Church Hall at 7.00pm. For more details contact Colin Stronge tel: 028 89521830 / 07901678180 or Alan Robinson tel: 028 89522193 / 07810258481.

Friday 15th April – The Police Male Voice Choir in Concert in Aghavea Church Hall at 8pm. Tickets available from Select Vestry members.

Saturday 16th April – Rossorry Parish Dance

Saturday 16th April – ‘Deeper into God’s world’ CDYC Youth Event: organised by Monaghan and Clones Rural Deaneries.

Sunday 17th April – Clogher Cathedral Friends Service

Wednesday 20th April – Deadline for Bishops’ Medal and Archdeacon Ruddell Prize entries. To be submitted to Clogher Diocesan Office.

Sunday 24th April – Annual Friends Service in Clabby Parish Church at 3.00pm.

May 2016

Tuesday 3rd May – Clogher Diocesan Board of Education meeting at 10.00am.

Tuesday 3rd May – Clogher Diocesan Glebes Committee meeting at 11.00am.

Tuesday 3rd May – Clogher Diocesan Council meeting at 2.00pm.

Saturday 7th May – Vintage Bike Run from Clabby Church hall at 10.00am. Details from Jim Monteith tel: 028 89521167 / 07751 803660.

Thursday 12th - Saturday 14th May 2016 – General Synod in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire.

June 2016

Saturday 4th June – Fun Day from at 12 noon–4.00pm at Clabby Parish Hall. All Proceeds to Church Funds.

Sunday 5th June – Favourite Hymns Evening in Aghavea Church Hall at 7.30pm.

September 2016

Friday 2nd September – Midnight walk from Clabby Church Hall. Details from Edwin and Hilary Armstrong tel: 028 89541852.

Tuesday 6th September – Clogher Diocesan Board of Education meeting at 10.00am.

Tuesday 6th September – Clogher Diocesan Glebes Committee meeting at 11.00am.

Tuesday 6th September – Clogher Diocesan Council meeting at 2.00pm.

Thursday 22nd September – Clogher Diocesan Synod at 4.30pm.

Friday 30th September - Sunday 2nd October 2016 – Flower Festival in Tempo Parish Church.

October 2016

Friday 28th October - Friday 4th November 2016 – Clogher Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome (5 nights) and Assisi (2 nights). For more information contact Revd Canon David Skuce on 028 677 21250.

November 2016

Tuesday 1st November – Clogher Diocesan Board of Education meeting in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 10.00am.

Tuesday 1st November – Clogher Diocesan Glebes Committee meeting in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 11.00am.

Tuesday 1st November – Clogher Diocesan Council meeting in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 2.00pm.

Friday 25th - Sunday 27th November 2016 – Christmas Tree Festival in Rossorry Parish as part of their 175th Anniversary Celebrations.

NEWS FOR VESTRIES

Marshal Beresford and Church Fabric Funds

Applications are welcome to the Marshal Beresford and Church Fabric Funds, held towards the building or repair of churches or chapels.

The next closing date is Tuesday, 1st March, and further details are available at <http://ireland.anglican.org/news/5792>

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Commissioning of Diocesan President



In spite of inclement weather a large congregation gathered on Friday 15th January at a service held in St Ronan's Parish Church, Colebrooke at 7.30pm for the commissioning of Mrs Irene Boyd as Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union in Clogher Diocese. Irene was commissioned by the Bishop, the Rt Revd John McDowell, who is also Chaplain of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese. The service of Holy Communion was conducted by the Rector, the Revd John McClenaghan, assisted by Joy Coalter, Diocesan Lay Reader. The organist was Mrs Isobel Little and during Holy Communion accompanied the choir in softly singing some well known hymns. The Colebrooke and Cooneen Branch Banner was carried by Maureen Morrison and the Clogher Diocesan banner was carried by Heather Harper, Trustee Body member. The congregation included clergy and Mothers' Union members from the diocese as well as Irene's two brothers who travelled from Scotland and Dublin. Also showing their support were friends and parishioners including the First Minister, Mrs Arlene Foster, whose family worship at Colebrooke.



Arlene Foster, First Minister, Rita Stewart and Olive Nixon, Magheracross branch members and Miss Audrey Hodge, cousin of new President

After the service, everyone was entertained to a delicious supper served by Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union in the Parish Hall.

16 days of Activism against Gender-based Violence

Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union took part in the 16 days of Activism against Gender-based Violence All Ireland Prayer Vigil. The Vigil was held in the Hillard Room in the Cathedral Hall Enniskillen from 3.00-5.00pm on 28th November.



A Representative from Christian Aid gave a very interesting account of abuse of women world wide and especially in Africa. This was followed by a representative from Ardstraw against trafficking and he gave us a thought provoking account of women being trafficked across Europe and especially in Northern Ireland. Finally a representative from the local Women's Aid Centre gave us an insight into how they help women and children escape from abusive relationships. Mrs Valerie McMorris, the Faith & Policy Co-ordinator welcomed everyone to the event. Dr Margaret Knox, the Diocesan President led the opening prayers, confession and intercessions; Mrs Margaret Crawford read a Psalm; and Mrs Diane Whittaker did the readings. It was very encouraging to have our local MP, Mr Tom Elliott at the event. Mrs Irene Boyd, President-elect gave a vote of thanks.

Although the event was not very well attended, those that were there expressed their appreciation on how informative the event was and expressed an interest in having the speakers at branch meetings to hear more about their work.

Cleenish Mothers' Union 70th Celebrations

On Sunday 17th January at 3.30pm over 50 people attended a service in Cleenish Parish Church to mark the 70th year of Cleenish Mothers Union. Canon Geoffrey Bridle led the service. The organist was Mrs Joan Brownlee, who is also the treasurer of Cleenish Mothers' Union. Following the opening hymn the Diocesan President, Mrs Irene Boyd was requested to present long-service certificates to 13 members ranging from 28 to 55 years of service. Mrs Margaret Crawford read the lesson, the prayers were led by Mrs Florence Willis and Mrs Rosita Bridle, and the offering was collected by Mrs Barbara Smyth and Mrs Ruth Cutler. Mrs Irene Boyd gave the address.

Following the service a lovely three course meal was served by the staff of Saddlers Restaurant in the church hall. Mrs Martha Loane the longest serving member of the branch maintained the traditional cutting of a celebration cake. All present were welcomed and absent members remembered. Apologies and good wishes were conveyed by absent member Mrs Ann Burleigh. A brief history of 140 years of Mothers' Union and 70 years within the Cleenish Branch was given by Branch Leader, Mrs Lettie Coulter. New members were particularly welcomed to the branch and hope was expressed that seeds were sown to encourage more new members and that Cleenish and Mullaghduin joint branches and beyond would flourish during this year of celebration of faith. Photograph albums of events of the last 70 years were on display as well as Mothers' Union Resources including a rolling PowerPoint presentation of the work of Mothers' Union, all generating interest. The programme for the forthcoming year was announced. Canon Bridle brought the evening to a close with Prayer.



Diocesan President Irene Boyd (back row centre) with members who received long service certificates. Back row left to right: Joan Brownlee, Rosita Bridle, Iris Collum, Marion Keys, Ethel Nixon and Lettie Coulter, incoming Branch Leader. Front from left: Joan Nixon, Martha Loane, Violet Gault and Shirley Sheridan.



Cleenish cake: Cutting the cake are left to right: Diocesan President Irene Boyd, Martha Loane (55 years service) and Joan Nixon, outgoing Branch Leader

A Prayer Breakfast organised by the Faith and Policy Unit of MU in the diocese is to be held in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 20th February from 9.30-11.30am. The speaker is Jacqui Armstrong, All Ireland Co-Ordinator of the Faith and Policy Unit. The cost is £8 or €11 per person and includes a cooked/continental breakfast. Any dietary needs will be looked after. Payment to be made in advance.

Everyone welcome. Numbers need to be in by 10th February. Any queries contact Valerie Stewart, email: stewartvalerie@hotmail.co.uk or tel: 07753 253397.

Acknowledgement

Dear Members

It has been a great honour to have served as your Diocesan President for the past three years. I have had the privilege of visiting so many Branches, taking part in 14 Anniversaries, and presenting so many long service certificates. It is difficult to choose a special highlight from all of these events, but I have to confess there are two ladies I shall always remember. Mrs Mabel Hassard, 88 years old of Inishmacsaint Branch braved one of the wildest mornings to attend Morning Prayer on 29th November 2015 to receive her long service certificate. Today I ended my term of office as I visited Mrs Molly Nesbitt of Fintona on her 105th birthday and shared a cup of tea and some birthday cake. These ladies and so many others, especially Founder Members are examples to us all.

My thanks to you all for your love, support and prayers. I know you will offer the same support to my successor. May God bless you all.

Dr Margaret

MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE NEWS

Christian Aid 'Count your Blessings' Lenten Resource



For Christians around the world, Lent is a time of reflection, thanksgiving and thinking of others who are less fortunate.

Christian Aid's Lent resource, *Count Your Blessings*, is a great inspirational calendar with daily thought-provoking reflections. Each day brings an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for our blessings as well as to give, act and pray for communities in need.

This year *Count Your Blessings* features stories from Bangladesh, one of the most densely populated nations in the world, with 160million people. 80% of the Bangladeshi population live on less than \$2 a day. Most of the population live in rural areas, and depend largely on agriculture to make ends meet. Efforts to fight poverty in Bangladesh

are increasingly frustrated by the disastrous effects of climate change, such as rising temperatures and increasingly erratic rainfall. The country is prone to natural disasters such as floods, cyclones and droughts, which, with poor environmental management, as well as corruption and poor governance, make life for most very hard indeed. For communities whose homes perch precariously on the bank of the Brahmaputra – known locally as the whimsical river – life is an ongoing battle with increased, and often catastrophic, flooding. Year after year, they have been forced to uproot, dismantle and carry their bamboo-built homes further inland to avoid the rising waters.

Nearly five years ago, this riverside location on the Chars became home to Joynal and his family after they fled their former home on another Char, which flooded. Joynal's wife and three children arrived in the Chars with next to nothing – just their single-roomed bamboo house and a goat - and set up home on the sandy, low-lying plain. Without fertile soil, they failed to grow food to eat and survived on just 66 pence per day. Without a means to earn a living in their rural neighbourhood, Joynal was forced to leave his loved ones behind for a year and undertake back-breaking work in Dhaka as a day labourer, earning £1.66/€2.20 for 16 hours work. In one month he saved just £12/€16. Joynal slept on the side of the road, often phoning his wife in tears and unable to send much-needed money home to buy food to feed his children.

Throughout Lent, we are asking you to reflect each day on the blessings in your life through *Count Your Blessings*, inspired by daily opportunities to give, act and pray for communities like Joynal's.

Christian Aid local partner GUK is working with the people on the Chars to help transform their lives, increasing their resilience to the increasingly unpredictable weather and floods, and helping them to become self-sufficient and prosper in the toughest of environments.

Visit christianaid.ie/lent to get your *Count Your Blessings* calendar or other Lent resources for you, your family and your church.

Crosslinks Events with Kevin DeYoung

Crosslinks is looking forward to hosting prominent bible teacher and writer Kevin DeYoung at God's Mission, Our Mission - over four events from 25th – 28th February 2016:

- **THE CHALLENGE TO MISSION** - For students and young adults
- **TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD** – For all who teach God's Word
- **DAY CONFERENCE: WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH?** – All welcome
- **SUNDAY TEACHING** – Join Kevin as he preaches




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25-28 FEBRUARY 2016
WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER
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1 'CHALLENGE TO MISSION'
For students and young adults
THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2016
7.30pm
All Saints' Church
Carnelbury Street, Belfast
BT7 1LB
Free of Charge

2 'TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD'
For all who teach God's Word
FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2016
10.00am - 12.30pm (lunch included)
St Saviour's Church, Dollingstown
BT66 7JR
Free of Charge

3 DAY CONFERENCE 'WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH?'
All welcome
SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2016
9.15am-4.00pm
Armagh City Hall
BT60 4FE
Cost £10
Lunch is not included in price
Cancellations will incur a 10% administration fee

4 SUNDAY TEACHING
Join Kevin as he teaches this Sunday
SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2016
10.30am
St. Elizabeth's Church
Church Green, Dundonald
BT16 2LP

KEYNOTE SPEAKER KEVIN DeYOUNG
Kevin has been the Senior Pastor at University Reformed Church, Michigan, USA, since August 2004. His three main responsibilities include preaching, leadership, and administration. Kevin has published a number of books including 'Taking God at His Word' and 'What is the Mission of the Church?'

It is our hope that these events provide clarity on what is the church's unique priority, confidence in the Word of God and a challenge to engage in this worldwide, lifetime's task of proclaiming Jesus Christ.

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We would love for you to join us as it is our hope that these events will further encourage us in the church's unique priority, that is, confidence in the word of God and the challenge to engage in this worldwide, lifetime's task of proclaiming Jesus Christ.
Great news - three of the four events are free of charge!

We are very happy to post copies for you to pass on to family, friends and your church family. We also recommend that for those events where booking is required you book early to avoid disappointment. Online booking is available at: www.crosslinks.org/deyoung or for further information contact Valerie Ellis, Activities & Relationships Co-ordinator at vellis@crosslinks.org

YOUTH NEWS

Alice Crawford Visits Delhi on Mission



In the summer of 2015 Alice Crawford from Ballybay, Co. Monaghan went on mission with others to the slums of New Delhi with the Indian mission association ASHA (A charity founded by Dr Kiran Martin in 1988, which works with around 50,000 people in nearly 60 slum colonies of Delhi, India. "Asha" means "hope" in Hindi). Alice travelled with a team from The Royal School Armagh. The Clogher Diocesan Youth Council (CDYC) mission bursary scheme generously awarded her £200 towards her trip.

Alice writes, "It was a very worthwhile experience and I learned a great deal. We had the privilege of visiting one of the ASHA resource centres every day and working there with the children of that slum. We did art and crafts with the children as well as teaching them some English lessons. The children were very enthusiastic and eager to learn. We also painted the resource centre and took part in the woman's group devotional meetings each morning. These ladies generously cooked us a meal, as they were eager to share the little that they had. They brought us to visit

some of their homes, which they were so proud of but they were just small concrete rooms in which a family of up to 9 people could share one bed without a mattress”.



About the ASHA charity Alice continued, “We were very encouraged that ASHA has helped some of the slum children to pursue their education to third level, which was completely unheard of in the slums before ASHA came along. Each family we visited proudly presented their ASHA health card, which contained all of their medical history” .

On her experience in India Alice commented, “New Delhi is a city of great contrasts, where terrible poverty sits alongside great wealth. It is a very vibrant city and is teeming with life. I found the whole experience exhilarating. I shall never forget all the new sights, sounds, smells and experiences that I encountered in India and I wish to thank the CDYC bursary scheme for helping me with some of my expenses”.

Each year CDYC offer mission bursaries to individual diocese young people seeking to serve God in a mission field. Applications should be submitted in late spring and are available on application to the Diocesan Office, Enniskillen.

Young Adults Centenary Pilgrimage to the Somme

Archbishop Richard Clarke along with Bishop John McDowell will be making a centenary pilgrimage to the Somme this summer. He has invited a group of 5 young adults from Clogher to join the group which will also include other bishops and young adults from Anglican and Catholic dioceses in Ireland.

At present we have asked that the CDYC rural deanery representatives seek potential 18-30yrs who may be interested in taking up this unique opportunity. The group will leave Ireland on 22nd June and return on Friday 24th June.

There will be visits to the Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin, the Somme war graves and the Messines Ridges Peace Park. The total cost will be £567 and it is hoped that young people will contribute £150 with their parishes and diocese along with possible funding from the RCB making up the difference.

The Revd Canon Shane Forster, Executive Chaplain to the Archbishop has asked that we have identified our 5 young people and secured their £150 deposits by Tuesday 1st March. If you are interested in joining this pilgrimage contact Jonny Phenix, Diocesan Youth Officer, tel: 07850 881712 or email: dyo@clogher.anglican.org

CHILDREN’S SECTION

CMSI to present new Children’s Resource at brunch event in Enniskillen

CMSI is delighted to announce its Children’s Resource for 2016, The Meeting Place, which launches on 1st February. The resource will be presented at a CMSI brunch gathering in St Macartin’s, Enniskillen on Saturday 13th February, beginning at 11am.

The Meeting Place resource explores global mission, with a particular focus on the Diocese of Madi West Nile in Uganda. Using stories from the Gospels and examples from the Global Church, the material looks

at the importance of bringing people together to learn, to play, to grow and to worship.





February 2016

The pack includes original material for four sessions, with DVD films and activity workbooks. It is aimed at 4-15 year-olds and is an ideal resource for churches who want to encourage a greater interest in global mission.

The brunch event on 13th February will be hosted by members of the CMSI staff team, who will share brief updates from some of CMSI's partners in Africa and South Asia, as well as introducing The Meeting Place material. There will be an opportunity for Sunday school teachers to collect resource packs before the event (from 10:30am) and again at 12:30pm.

For further information visit www.cmsireland.org, or contact CMSI staff at info@cmsireland.org.

Journey to Easter

Practical ideas to use with children during Lent and Holy Week



Led by Jill Hamilton

Children's Ministry Worker, Connor Diocese



Monday 22nd February 2016
St Patrick's Church Hall
Monaghan
7.30pm

repeated
on

Tuesday 23rd February 2016
Christ Church Parish Hall
Maguiresbridge
7.30pm

COLOUR



Everyone involved in Children's Ministry will be most welcome

We look forward to seeing you there

Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education



JUDAS ISCARIOT BETRAYS JESUS

READ

Judas Iscariot betrays Jesus (you can read this in Luke chapter 22)

Judas Iscariot was one of Jesus's disciples – a special friend that Jesus had chosen to help him with his work. Judas did this for a while, then one day Judas did a dreadful thing – he betrayed Jesus.

People were getting ready for the Passover and Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus's 12 disciples went to the chief priests and discussed how he could betray Jesus. The chief priests wanted to kill Jesus so they were delighted someone wanted to help them. They offered to give Judas money, 30 pieces of silver. Judas agreed and watched for a chance to hand Jesus over to them.

Jesus and his disciples met together to celebrate the Passover. This meal became known as for the Last Supper as it was the last meal Jesus had with his disciples before he died on the cross. (We remember this meal every time we celebrate Holy Communion.)

After the meal Jesus went to the Mount of Olives with his disciples. Jesus knew what was about to happen to him and he prayed to God. God sent an angel to help Jesus. When Jesus finished praying he found the disciples asleep so he started to waken them up.

While Jesus was speaking a crowd came, led by Judas. Judas kissed Jesus to let the soldiers know which man to arrest. Judas had betrayed Jesus.

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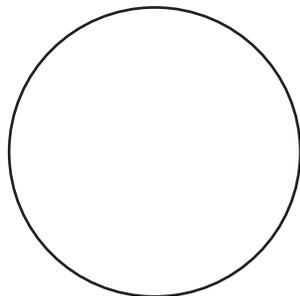
Find these words from the story in the WORDSEARCH

- JUDAS
- ISCARIOT
- THIRTY
- SILVER
- LAST SUPPER
- JESUS
- OLIVES
- PRAY
- DISCIPLES
- SLEEP
- BETRAY
- ARREST

(They can go up, down, forwards, backwards or diagonally)

We like to believe that we would never turn our backs on Jesus like Judas did. However often we don't bother the go to church, to read our Bible, to pray, to help someone, to do the right thing.... Is this turning our back on Jesus? Judas regretted what he had done but he didn't ask to be forgiven. No matter what you have done in the past you can say sorry and God will forgive you.

Has a friend ever let you down? Make this shape into a FACE to show how you feel when you're let down.



Judas was one of the 12 disciples, one of the special followers chosen by Jesus, yet he betrayed Jesus. This must have been difficult for the other disciples to understand, just as it is difficult for us to understand. We should always follow Jesus as only he was perfect, he always said and did what was right. **Other people might let us down, Jesus never does – follow him!**

COLOUR

COLOUR the squares with any of the letters of the word SILVER in them to discover how many pieces of silver Judas was paid to betray Jesus.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Are you (or someone you know) aged 18 - 30 living in the Clogher Valley / Eskra areas?



Frequently it is young adults who have left rural areas for employment, housing or education that is of interest to rural planners / policy-makers. Too little attention is given to those who have chosen to stay in the rural area. Researchers at Queen's University Belfast (Department of Planning) are undertaking a study of young adults (aged 18-30 years) who have chosen to stay in the Clogher Valley/Eskra areas and their experiences of rural living.

We are seeking volunteers (either individuals or couples) to interview. The one-off interview will last approximately one hour and will take place at a location of your choice. We are interested to hear about your reasons for remaining in this area and your experiences of growing up in a rural location. Information provided

by interviewees will be anonymised and treated in the strictest confidence.

A similar study is being undertaken in the Netherlands. The findings of the overall study will be of relevance to rural planners/policy-makers in both Northern Ireland and the Netherlands.

If you or someone you know is interested in participating in this study or wish to obtain further information about it please contact Dr Stephanie Palmer (no later than the end of February): email: spalmer03@qub.ac.uk or tel: 028 9097 4254 (Mon-Fri 9-5pm)

Do you love babies and children? Do you have a few hours per week to spare?

Tiny Life is the only charity in Northern Ireland which supports families who have had a baby born prematurely, providing a number of services to families in Co. Fermanagh and part of Co. Tyrone including Parent Support Groups, Baby Massage, Breast Pump Loan Service and a Home Based Volunteer Service. Currently they have a small number of volunteers providing weekly support to families but as they cover a large rural area more volunteers are needed. Volunteers find the role very enjoyable and rewarding, they receive Tiny Life training and mileage allowance is paid.

To register interest or to find out more information contact Catherine McManus, the local Family Support Officer email: catherine@tinylife.org.uk, tel: 07956301472 or contact Tiny Life office tel: 02890815050. You may visit their website: www.tinylife.org.uk

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt



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Bible Study

Our Bible Study Group meets each Monday in the Rectory until the 29th February and thanks to Capt. Hamilton for his hospitality. This year we are looking at Philippians – 'Jesus our joy'. It is easy to be happy when things go well, but what is it like to have a deep sense of

joy that continues even in times of trouble? Such as the deep joy the Apostle Paul experienced even in prison, he teaches us to live joyfully in every situation.

Meetings for February

Clogh Mothers' Union – Monday 1st February at 8.00pm
Young Ladies Group – Tuesday 9th February at 8.30 pm 'Let's get fit'
Aghadrumsee Ladies Guild – Thursday 18th February at 8.00 pm

Parish Dance

A parish dance will be held in Aghadrumsee Orange Hall on Friday 12th February at 9.30pm, when we welcome back Wee Tom.

Palm Praises

A musical weekend with the Ferguson Family and friends will take place in Aghadrumsee Church on Saturday 19th March from 10.30am to 5.00pm, concluding with a Service of Praise on Sunday 20th at 3.00pm. Refreshments will be served on both days and everyone is most welcome.

Sympathy

We were saddened to learn of the death of Sam Forster, a former member of Aghadrumsee Select Vestry for a number of years. Sympathy is extended to his wife Nan, daughters Esther and Myrtle, son-in-law Raymond, grandchildren Alan and Suzanne and the wider family circle. We also extend our sympathy to the Johnston family on the death of Ethel's cousin, and to the McAdoo Family on the death of their sister and aunt.



Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

February Sunday 7th

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

Sunday 14th

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st

11.00am Cooneen Family Service

Sunday 28th

11.00am Colebrooke Confirmation

Lent Services (Wednesdays in Lent)

Wednesday 10th

8.00pm Colebrooke Ash Wednesday
Holy Communion Service

Wednesday 17th

8.00pm Colebrooke Lent Service

Wednesday 24th

8.00pm Colebrooke Lent Service

Confirmation

Bishop John will conduct a service of Confirmation on Sunday 28th February at 11.00am in Colebrooke. Classes are held each Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm in the rectory.

It is very important that Confirmation candidates are regular attenders at church, and also that they attend and take part in all classes of preparation. Confirmation is not something which is just 'done,' without thought or meaning, but is the young person taking on for themselves the promises made for them at their baptism. At this service the Bishop lays hands on them and prays that the Holy Spirit comes upon them and guides them in the service of Christ.

Coffee Mornings

During Advent, three coffee mornings were held on Wednesday mornings in the Committee Room at Colebrooke Parish Hall. These were a great success, as both a social get together, and also to raise money for charity. Currently Parkinson's Disease. It has been requested that we continue this fellowship, therefore coffee mornings will recommence, being held on the first Wednesday of every month, beginning on Wednesday 3rd February from 10.30am to 12.00noon. If you fancy some home-made goodies, and fresh coffee (or tea), please drop in and join us.

Mothers' Union

Members who met on 18th November enjoyed lots of laughs and jokes as they sewed together felt material and a button to make a poppy. Trying to thread needles and getting a few pricks didn't deter the enthusiastic ladies and at the end they all proudly displayed their poppy brooch. The speaker Denise Kettyles entertained all the ladies to stories of her work and interests in craftwork. It was encouraging to welcome some ladies from the parishes who joined us for the night.

The Senior Citizens Christmas dinner on 2nd of December was a resounding success. Sincere thanks is due to the Rector, his wife Carol and their team of chefs, Malcolm and Richard. A tasty 4-course dinner was served by Mothers' Union members and enjoyed by everyone present. Lots of chatting and renewing

of friendships was the order of the day. The hall was tastefully decorated for the Christmas theme, and with colourful, attractive displays by Carol it reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas.

On Friday 15th January the commissioning service was held for the new Diocesan President, Mrs Irene Boyd, Branch leader. We, the members, wish her God's Blessing as she undertakes this new role within the Diocese. Many thanks to Bishop John and to everyone who took part in the service, and to those who prepared and served the lovely supper.



The February meeting is planned for Wednesday 17th and takes the form of Members' Celebration of Faith. Everyone will be welcome.

Special Prayer Breakfast

A Special Prayer Breakfast is planned for Saturday 20th February at 9.30am, when Jacqui Armstrong,

All Ireland Faith and Policy Coordinator will be the speaker. Keep the date free and book your place with Valerie Clendenning. Ticket £8.

SNATCH (Sunday Night At the Church Hall) Youth Ministry

Aghavea & Colebrooke
Sunday 7th and 21st February at 7.00pm in Aghavea Church 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-8.30pm 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)

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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Services

February Sunday 7th

11.00am Holy Communion & Sunday School
7.00pm SNATCH - Aghavea Hall

Wednesday 10th

8.00pm Ash Wednesday

Sunday 14th

11.00am Morning Prayer & Sunday School
7.00pm Evening Prayer - Brooke Memorial Hall

Sunday 21st

11.00am Church Family Service
7.00pm SNATCH - Aghavea Hall

Sunday 28th

11.00am Morning Prayer & Sunday School

March

Sunday 6th (Mothering Sunday)

11.00am Holy Communion & Sunday School
7.00pm SNATCH

Dear friends, With Christmas only just behind us, Easter is coming fairly quickly. That means Lent is even sooner, beginning this year on Wednesday 10th February. Each year, we have a special series of Lent Midweek services, and the Lord willing, we will continue this year as we answer God's question in the opening chapter of Job: 'Have you considered my servant Job?'

The first day of Lent is called Ash Wednesday, and it's appropriate that we begin that evening with Job on the ash heap. Through Job's suffering, his so-called comforters, and his encounter with God, Job shows us what it means to trust God through the storms of life. Please do consider coming along each week, as God speaks to us through his powerful word. Yours in Christ, Gary

From the Parish Registers

Funeral

Monday 7th December 2015: Eric McDonald, Main Street, Brookeborough.

Gospel Concert

Our annual Gospel Concert will be on Friday 26th February at 8pm. We're looking forward to hosting Crawford Bell, the Silvertones and Margaret Johnston on the evening. Tickets are available from members of the Select Vestry, or the Rectory (028 8953 1210).

Lent Midweek Services



Wednesday nights at 8.00pm in the Parish Church

10th February 'On the ash heap' - Job's calamities
17th February 'The cry of suffering' - Job's complaint
24th February 'With friends like these...' - Job's comforters
2nd March 'Holding on to hope' - Job's confidence
9th March 'Out of the storm' - Job's confrontation
16th March 'Restoration' - Job's conclusion

Sunday School

Sunday School meets at 11.00am, during the Morning Service. After the opening part of the service, the boys and girls move across to the church hall for age-appropriate Bible teaching and activities. For more information, please speak to Linda McClelland.

Bowls

The Bowling Club meets on Monday nights in the church hall from 8.00pm – 10.00pm, and new members are always welcome.

Mothers' Union

We were delighted to welcome Revd Anita Kerr, who spoke on beginnings and especially the story of our first mother, Eve, at our Opening Communion service on Tuesday 12th January.

Revd Isobel Nixon will be our speaker at our February meeting, on Tuesday 9th. We look forward to welcoming her along that evening.

GFS

GFS meets on Wednesday nights from 6.30pm - 7.30pm in the Church Hall for all girls aged 3 and up. For further information, please speak to Sharon Clarke or any of the leaders.

SNATCH

SNATCH (Sunday Night At The Church Hall) is our youth group for secondary school age young people, in partnership with Colebrooke and Clabby Parishes. This term we're meeting in Aghavea Hall, on Sunday 7th and 21st February. New members are very welcome - registration forms can be filled in by parents on arrival.

Find us on Facebook and iTunes

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.

Ballybay, Clontibret and Mucknoe



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The New Year - 2016

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown". And the man replied "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be better than light and safer than a known way". (Minnie Haskins)

Lord may we all put our hand into the hand of God in 2016.

Club Diversity

The Youth Disco was a great success on Saturday the 5th December with lots of dancing and a great spread of refreshments during the event. The youth club will meet on 6th and 20th February at the usual time of 6.00pm.

Muckno

Christmas Sunday School Party

This took place on Saturday the 12th December at 3.30pm in the Church Hall with special guest – Santa Claus! A great time was had by all.

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to everyone who filled a Shoe Box for Team Hope. This year 3 local ladies volunteered to help out in the warehouse in Monaghan. They realized there is much more work to sorting out these boxes than anyone realizes. Thank you to Margaret, Ethel and Audrey for giving up your time so freely to help the Monaghan Shoe boxes get ready for their long journey to Eastern Europe.

Community Carol Service

The Community Christmas Carol Service was held on Thursday 17th December at 7.30pm. The Special guest Soloist was Ms Jacqueline Prentice with refreshments served afterwards. €300 was raised from the offering, which goes to the Comfort Fund of St Mary's Hospital, Castleblayney.

St Marys Hospital Carol Service

St Marys Hospital Carol Service was held on Thursday 17th December at 3.00pm. A great crowd turned up for this and it was a lovely seasonal celebration of our Lord's Birth.

Get well wishes

Get well wishes to all those ill or in hospital at this time especially Ian, Eddie and Mary, also remembering our diocesan secretary at this time Mr Glenn Moore.

Mothers Union

On 3rd December our Mothers Union joined Castleblayney PW ladies for a most scrumptious dinner in the Lecture Hall, Castleblayney. Thank you ladies, for your kind invitation; we enjoyed very much the fellowship and fun together.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Mrs Doreen Hearty and her husband Frank on their sad bereavement. Also, to the Donaldson and Leathem families, Clontibret on their recent sad bereavements.

Ballybay

The Youth Disco was a great success on Saturday 5th December with lots of 'boogieing' on the dance floor and a great array for festive treats!

Flower Arranging Event

This took place in the Church Hall on Monday 7th of December at 8.30pm, by Liz Allister. The money raised goes towards the repairs to Christ Church. A magnificent sum of over €1700 was raised. A big thank you to Victoria, Hazel and Willie Vincent, Yvonne, Sandra, Shirley, Heather and to other members of the Vincent family and members of the congregation who sold tickets and helped out on the night.

Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candle lit service was held at 11.00pm in Christ Church. Many people turned up for the service from the Community in Ballybay and elsewhere to celebrate the Lord's birth.

Community Carol Service

This took place in Christ Church on Wednesday 16th December at 8.00pm. The church was packed to capacity for the service. Special thanks to Stuart Henderson from Castleblayney who played the organ and also to the Ballybay Community Choir was leading the music. The collection went to Christian Aid and the relief of the refugees fleeing Syria.

Joint Holy Communion Service

On Sunday 3rd January at 12.15pm in 2nd Ballybay Presbyterian Church we had our annual joint Holy Communion service between Christ Church Ballybay and the local Presbyterian Congregation under Revd William Buchanan. It was a lovely service, Revd Nesbitt led the service and the Rector preached the sermon and celebrated Holy Communion.

Remembering and Praying

Remembering and praying for those housebound in the parish, especially Mrs McGregor and also Mrs Harkness in St Mary's Hospital in Castleblayney.

Clontibret News

Our Carol Service

Our Carol Service on 13th December was a wonderful event with the children from the National School largely taking the service. It was great that the parents and grandparents all came along to enjoy the occasion and to share in fellowship over a cup of tea and some light refreshment. Our sincere thanks to the children and to their teachers, Mrs Julie Crawford and Mrs Joy Gilmour, for all their hard work in preparing for the service.

Santa

Santa was not the only one springing surprises on Christmas morning when the Rector and the Parish Reader were both presented with magnificent hampers. Thank you to everyone for their thoughtfulness.

Romance

Romance was in the air over the Christmas holidays and we congratulate both Darren Tate and Colin Tate on their recent engagements.

Cosy Evening

The children and a number of adults enjoyed a cosy evening on Monday 28th December. They were entertained with the video "Two By Two" and were so cosy that one of the adults had a short nap and was heard to snore loudly! A hot supper was served along with popcorn and other treats. Thank you to Alison, Diane, Dorinda, Christine and Lettie.

Condolences

We extend our condolences to the relatives and friends of Robin Knox who died suddenly on the 14th December. We remember his cousin George Knox and nephews and nieces at this sad time. Robin's mother, Mrs Rene Knox, was organist in St Colman's for a long number of years and his grandmother, the former Miss Hopper was the teacher in Clontibret National School and also taught in Sunday School.

Memorial Service

On Sunday, 10th January a Memorial service was held to celebrate the life of Abigail Thomson Mills-Franklin (nee Donaldson) late sister of Victor Donaldson, Rhoda Hill and Kathleen Bell who died on 25th November 2015 in Melbourne, Australia. Abigail had started her nursing career aged 16 in the Cottage Hospital, Drogheda and moved to England to train and qualify for her SRN in England, and in 1968 took up the post of Deputy Matron in the Royal Adelaide Hospital, Australia. In later life Abigail volunteered with the Carrum Downs Cancer Support Group in Australia being the main local contact person. A Retiring collection in Abbie's memory for Monaghan Cancer Treatment Support amounted to over €1300. The Order of Service reminded us that "Each life touches this world in a way no others can, leaving not only wonderful memories, but lasting imprints in our hearts".

Thoughts and Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those in hospital and nursing homes thinking especially of Esther Dunne and Mabel Leathem and the staff of St Mary's Nursing Home, Castleblaney, and Jim Graham and the staff in Our Lady's Hospital, Dundalk. We trust that they will know the peace of God which passes all understanding and appreciate the loving care and support that the staff in both facilities provide. We ask for God's Blessing on them all.

Sincere Thanks

We extend our sincere thanks and best wishes to Canon Adam Johns and to Ms Sharon Lancashire for their ministry to us and for playing the organ for special occasions.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh

Vacant

The Revd Canon Charles McCollum
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Services

Carrickmacross

10.30am Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays

Magheracloone

12noon Holy Communion 1st Sunday

Ardragh

9.30am Morning Prayer 1st Sunday

1.15pm Holy Communion 3rd Sunday

Holy Days and Special Occasions as per announcements.

Brutus in Shakespeare's Julius Caesar says "*There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood leads on to fortune*". The hint for us in the quotation is to know when to go with the tide or when to hesitate and hold back for something else. And then when we look back its often a case of "*if only.....*" or "*wasn't I so lucky*". If only I had taken that job, or sold my shares then or moved house before the collapse or gone to visit a sick relative before they died. Then there are the fortunate decisions; only that I had been at that party I wouldn't have met my future..... . But the "*if only*" and the "*fortunate decisions*" can only be seen with hindsight. At the time we have to get on with things, with the circumstances and knowledge we have available to us at that moment. It goes a long way though, if we teach ourselves to seek a bit of divine guidance before making the choices. These few thoughts come to mind as we are well and truly launched into 2016. Like with all fresh starts we should commit our choices, as often as possible to divine guidance.

Congratulations

Congratulations and all good wishes for the future to Bernard Finnegan and Yvonne Keenan from Carrickasedge, Carrickmacross, on their recent engagement.

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meets on Wednesdays at 8.00pm in the Jackson Hall (except when there are "away")

matches). New members are always welcome. For details contact: Dawn Farrelly on 087 2030920.

Table Tennis Club

Junior Club (Primary School Level) on Fridays from 7.30 - 9.00pm
 Senior Club on Mondays (except 2nd Mondays) from 8.00 – 10.00pm
 New members are always welcome.
 For details contact Caroline Merrin on 086 3190439.

From the Registers

Baptism

Michael Graham Howell, son of Graham and Catherine Howell, Clonseady, Carrickmacross in St. Finbarr's Church, Carrickmacross on the 10th January 2016. May God who has received this child by baptism into his church pour upon him the riches of his grace.

Cleenish and Mullaghduin



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Services

February

Sunday 7th

10:00am HC Mullaghduin
 11:30am HC Cleenish

Wednesday 10th

10:00am Monthly Healing & HC Mullaghduin Parish Hall
 8:00pm Ash Wednesday service Cleenish

Sunday 14th

10:00am MP Mullaghduin
 11:30am MP Cleenish

Sunday 21st

10:00am MP Mullaghduin
 11:30am MP Cleenish

Sunday 28th

10:00am MP Mullaghduin
 11:30am MP Cleenish

March

Sunday 6th

10:00am HC Mullaghduin
 11:30am HC Cleenish

Monthly Service of Holy Communion

This Service is held in Mullaghduin Parochial Hall on the second Wednesday of each month. It combines a shortened form of Holy Communion with the opportunity for prayer for the sick and bereaved,

followed by a cup of tea and time for a chat. The next Service will be held on Wednesday 10th February.

Nine Lessons and Carols

Mullaghduin The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held on Sunday 13th December. Thank you to Elizabeth Hazlett and the Choir who prepared some special items for the service. The Choir processed to Nyomi Scales singing the first verse of 'O Come All Ye Faithful' and the readers were Dessie Coalter, Elizabeth Hazlett, George Carson, Eli Scales, John Ryan, Caroline Scott, Jim Gamble, Robert Gibson and the Rector.

Cleenish A full congregation attended the Service in Cleenish on Sunday 20th December evening. Lessons were read by Ian Sheridan, Emma & Kerri Brownlee, Peter Keys, Lettie Coulter, Sharon Geddes, Ethel Kingston, Leslie Nixon, Rhonda Hicks and the Rector. The Choir sang two Carols and The organists were Joan Brownlee and Anna Dowson.

Children's Christmas Service

The Annual Children's Family Service took place in Cleenish Church on Sunday 13th December morning. The service was conducted by Rowena Sheridan, Parish Reader.

The Sunday School poem was read by Alex and William, the Bible reading was read by Andrew E and Occasional Prayers read by Sarah, Andrew K and Kody. Rowena give the CEF Talk, and Joan played the organ.



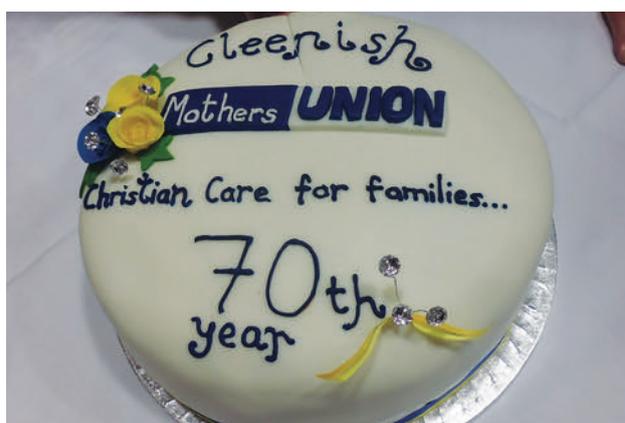
Cleenish Sunday School

Flood Appeal

Donations are still welcome to the Flood Appeal to which the Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland ask you to respond generously. Donations can be paid online to flood@ireland.anglican.org or by euro or sterling cheque to The Representative Church Body (Bishops' Flood Appeal). Please give completed cheques to any Select Vestry member.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

The 70th Anniversary Service of Cleenish Branch, took place on Sunday 17th January afternoon.



Mothers' Union Cake

The Cleenish Bannerette was carried into the Church by Joan Nixon, the outgoing Branch Leader. An uplifting service was conducted by the Rector and the organist was Joan Brownlee. Mothers' Union Certificates were then presented to those eligible. Lettie Coulter was commissioned Branch Leader, and gave a brief history of 140 years of Mothers Union and 70 years within the Cleenish Branch. The existing members were re-affirmed and two new members, Barbara Smyth & Sylvia Thornton, were commissioned into the Branch. Margaret Crawford read the Bible reading and prayers were led by Mrs Florence Willis & Mrs Rosita Bridle. A comprehensive address was given by Mrs Irene Boyd, Diocesan President. The service concluded with all present receiving Communion.



Branch Leader with organists, Elizabeth Haslett & Joan Brownlee

Approximately fifty people sat down to a beautiful carvery meal in the Parish Hall served by Saddlers Restaurant, after which the cake was cut by Mrs Martha Loane, the longest serving member. Members then posed for photographs to conclude a very successful evening.



Group with Certificates

Members who received Certificates:

Mrs Martha Loane, 55 years; Mrs Iris Collum, 51 years; Mrs Marion Keys, 51 years; Mrs Joan Nixon, 40 years; Mrs Joan Brownlee, 35 years; Mrs Rosita Bridle, 33 years; Mrs Ethel Nixon, 33 years; Mrs Lettie Coulter, 28 years; Mrs Violet Gault, 28 years; Mrs Shirley Sheridan, 28 years.

An apology was received from Mrs Anne Burleigh, 50 years.

Apologies for non-attendance from Mrs Ruby Arnold and Mrs Ethel Nixon (Sen)

Forthcoming Events:

Tuesday 16th February - Cleenish Hall - Revd Rob Clements

Saturday 20th February - Prayer Breakfast - Killyhevlin Hotel

Friday 4th March - Women's World Day of Prayer - Rossorry

Cleenish Brownies

Brownies re-commenced after the Christmas break on Wednesday 13th January and are concentrating on the 'Thinking Day' service. New girls aged between 7 to 11 years are welcome on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.45pm.

Parent and Toddler Group

Parent & Toddlers re-opened on Tuesday 12th January 10.00am – 11.30am in Cleenish Parish Hall. A total of 40 parents and children attend this very successful group each week. Extra volunteering staff would be appreciated to keep up the standard of success this group is currently achieving.

Mullaghduin Parish Sale

The Sale was held on Thursday 26th November. "Thank You" to everyone who contributed to this event in any way which raised £700 for parish funds.

Cleenish Parish Supper Dance

The Annual Parish Supper Dance will be held this year on Friday 12th February in the Unionist Hall, Enniskillen. Tickets £15 each can be purchased from any member of the Select Vestry.

Sale of Firewood

Bags of firewood are for sale, proceeds in aid of Cleenish Church Car Park. Contact Ossie Clements on 028 66 348392 / 0778 578 1215 or Balfour Hoey on 028 66 34 8914 / 0777 566 6122

Bereavements

Mullaghduin Parish graveyard has had the unique record of laying to rest four deceased since the last magazine notes were published in a period of just over two months. This must be a record for the Parish register.

Betty Henry

Betty, a native of Garrison, passed away peacefully on Sunday 22nd November 2015. Betty moved from the family home to reside for 14 years in Letterbreen after she married Eric Henry in 1970. Unfortunately Eric died aged 44 years, and 4 years later she moved back to the family home at Gurteen to reside with her mother and brothers, George and Bertie. Her funeral service took place in Garrison Parish Church on Tuesday 24th November conducted by Canon Noel Regan. She was laid to rest in Mullaghduin Parish Graveyard. Betty is survived by her brother Albert (Bertie) Millar, who remains in the home at Gurteen.

John Graham

John died peacefully at the South West Acute Hospital on Wednesday 23rd December 2015. He was born into Mullaghduin Parish in 1933. Spending all his life on the family farm at Cloonaveel, he was a valued member of the Select Vestry until he requested not to be re-elected in 2014 because of his declining health. Married to Florence who died in 2005, John is survived by his sons George and Alan, his daughters Valerie and Wilma, and his sons-in-law and grand-children, to whom we extend our condolences. Following a Service of Thanksgiving for his life, John was laid to rest in Mullaghduin Churchyard on Tuesday 29th December.

William Gordon Sterritt

Sympathy is extended to Jack Balfour, Cleenish Parish, and his family circle. Jack's daughter Lorraine's brother in law William Gordon Sterritt died as the result of a farm accident at Mountjoy, Omagh, on Thursday 24th December 2015.

Vera Coalter

Vera came to Trillick House, Letterbreen as a bride following her marriage to Cyril in 1956. Formerly Vera Monaghan, from Kinawley, became a much respected member of the local community and of Mullaghduin Parish Church. Vera and Cyril were blessed with two children, Ruth, born in 1959 and John, born in 1963. Being regular in attendance at Mullaghduin Church, Vera was also a member of the Mothers' Union and was part of a team who worked energetically to prepare for Parish functions. Following their move to Killyhevlin, Vera and Cyril maintained their allegiance to Mullaghduin, and their love of Letterbreen. Sadly Vera's health declined, and she died peacefully in the South West Acute Hospital on Sunday 28th December 2015. Mullaghduin Church was full to capacity for a Thanksgiving Service for Vera's life on Thursday 31st December when her grand-daughter Emma read the Psalm, and her grand-son James, the New Testament reading. Burial was at Breandrum Cemetery in Enniskillen. We extend our sympathies to Cyril; Ruth and Marshall, James and Mark; John and Helen, Jonathan, Andrew and Emma, and the wider family circle.

Gloria Warden

Sympathy is extended to Dessie Smyth, Cleenish Churchwarden on the death of his half-sister Mrs

Gloria Warden, Chippenham, Wiltshire, on Sunday 3rd January 2016.

Fred Collum

Fred was born into a farming family in 1928. At the age of fourteen he began working full time on the family farm, which he would later inherit from his father. Dwelling at Drumsillagh all his life, he chose his wife from his native Parish and married the former Ethel Elliott in Mullaghduin Parish Church in 1960. Fred and Ethel became devoted parents to Maurice, Margaret and Linda, and grandparents to David, Matthew, Sarah-Louise, Lydia and Peter. Following Ethel's death in June 2015 Fred's health declined steadily and following a period of care in the South West Acute Hospital he died on Tuesday 5th January 2016. Fred's Service of Thanksgiving was held in Mullaghduin Parish Church on Thursday 7th January, conducted by Canon Ivan Ruiters (due to Canon Bridle being on holiday), with Bible readings by his niece, Lorraine Simpson, and his grandson David Burleigh, who also delivered a touching tribute to his grandfather. We extend our sympathy to Fred's son, Maurice, daughter-in-law Ruth, and grand-children Sarah-Louise, Lydia and Peter; to his daughter, Margaret, son-in-law William, and grand-children. David & wife Dianne, and Matthew; to his daughter Linda, and to the wider family circle. Fred was laid to rest in the adjoining Graveyard.

Angela Hatton

Angela passed away peacefully in the family home in Chanterhill, Enniskillen, on Monday 11th January 2016. She was a native of Arney, the daughter of William and Amy Reilly. After her marriage to Alistair Hatton the family resided in Enniskillen. She was the mother of Lesley, Samantha, & Wayne, and grandmother of Jessica and Charles. Her remains were brought to Cleenish Church on Wednesday 13th January and her Funeral Service took place the following day, conducted by the Rector. Angela was laid to rest in the adjoining Graveyard.

Lena Malanophy

The whole community of Letterbreen, and beyond, were stunned to learn of the sudden death of Lena Malanophy on Wednesday morning 13th January 2016. Lena, a popular stalwart of Letterbreen Methodist Church was the wife of Wesley and mother of Wendy, Ian and Jason. Following a Service of Thanksgiving in Letterbreen Methodist Church she was laid to rest in Mullaghduin Churchyard on Friday 15th January. We extend our deepest sympathies to Wesley, Wendy, Ian and Jason; to their families; to Lena's sister, Lily and to the wider family circle.

Doris Latter

Widespread sympathy is expressed to Florence Willis, Cleenish Parish, and her entire family circle, on the sudden passing of her sister Doris, on Saturday 16th

January 2016. Doris resided with her husband Richard and three sons, in Hailsham, Eastbourne.

Cleenish Centre



Faith Mission Service in Cleenish Centre

We were delighted to see so many attended the Carol Service held by the Faith Mission in the Centre on Sunday 6th December, it was especially good to welcome our local community. What a lovely way to see out 2015, and we eagerly anticipate what 2016 will bring as we continue to focus on Mission. Judging from the response of bookings in February and March the year ahead looks very busy, and so creating an opportunity for people to serve in many ways. If you feel you are called to serve in this way please contact the Centre by email: enquiries@cleenishcentre.com or tel: 028 66 349647.

Bellanaleck Community Group

The annual Children's Christmas Party took place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 12th December, and once again, a tremendous success. A total of 110 children received presents from Santa Claus. Members of Letterbreen Silver Band provided Christmas music before Santa arrived and the disco music was played by Malcolm.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who assisted in any way, and thanks again to Ossie and June for the use of their tree.

Derrick Graham, Group Treasurer was seriously injured in an accident on the morning of Friday 4th December and was detained for a period in the South West Hospital. He is now making a slow, but satisfactory recovery at home.

Derrick, an excellent community worker, has made extensive improvements to the home and farmlands. Himself, Angela and the girls are prominent members of Cleenish Church and we all look forward to having him back at Group meetings and back in his usual seat in Church.

Next meeting - Wednesday 24th February.

Holy Baptisms

Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 22nd November 2015: Sophie Emily Eve Thornton, daughter of Julian and Leanne, 4 The Beeches, Bellanaleck.

Sunday 29th November 2015: Ellie Jane Geddes, daughter of Ian & Sharon, Rossdoney, Bellanaleck.

Both infants were presented with Baptismal Cubes on behalf of the Mothers' Union by Mrs Joan Nixon.

Holy Matrimony

Cleenish Parish Church

Friday 4th December 2015: David John Burleigh and Diane Julie Coulter.

Christian Burials Cleenish Parish Church

Thursday 14th January 2015: Angela Lucinda Hatton, 18 Loane Drive, Enniskillen. aged 62 years.

Mullaghduin Parish Church

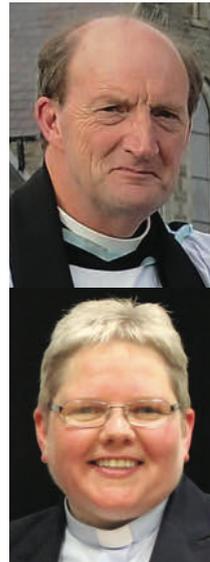
Tuesday 24th November 2015: Margaret Elizabeth (Betty) Henry, Gurteen, Garrison, aged 76 years.

Tuesday 29th December 2015: John Richard Graham, Cloonaveel, Letterbreen, aged 82 years.

Thursday 7th January 2016: Frederick Hugh (Fred) Collum, Drumsillagh, Letterbreen, aged 87 years.

Friday 15th January 2015: Helena Sarah (Lena) Melanophy, Derrins East, Letterbreen, aged 68 years.

Clogher Cathedral Group



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Services

February Sunday 7th

10.00am	Errigal Portclare HC
11.30am	Clogher Cathedral HC
10.00am	Augher MP
11.30am	Newtownsaville MP

Wednesday 10th (Ash Wednesday)

8.00pm	Clogher Cathedral
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Sunday 14th

9.00am	Clogher Cathedral HC
10.00am	Errigal Portclare MP
11.30am	Clogher Cathedral MP
10.00am	Augher HC
11.30am	Newtownsaville HC

Wednesday 17th

8.00pm Augher Lenten Service, followed by M.U.

Sunday 21st

10.00am Errigal Portclare MP

11.30am Clogher Cathedral HC

10.00am Augher MP

11.30am Newtownsaville MP

Wednesday 24th

8.00pm Newtownsaville Lenten Service

Sunday 28th

9.00am Clogher Cathedral HC

10.00am Errigal Portclare MP

11.30am Clogher Cathedral MP

10.00am Augher MP

11.30am Newtownsaville MP

5.00pm Clogher Cathedral Choral Evensong
(United Service)**Friday 26th February**

Concert in Cathedral at 8.00pm in aid of parish funds.

Baptism**Augher**

Sunday 22nd December 2015: Charlie Lee, on of Kieron and Sonya Egerton.

Bereavements

We extend sincere sympathy to Mr. Norman McFarland and family of Augher parish on the death of his mother Mrs Olive McFarland. The funeral service was held in St. Columba's Church, Omagh on 25th November. Also, to Mr Desmond Millar and family, again of Augher parish, on the death of his mother Mrs Mary Kathleen Millar. The funeral service was held on the 8th December in St. Elizabeth's Church, Moygashel, and the committal in Newtownsaville.

Illness

This winter, and particularly December, has seen unusually high levels of rainfall. It seems to have resulted in a very high percentage of people suffering from respiratory ailments and many being hospitalised. To all who are ill at this time we continue to remember you at our services and extend to all our prayerful good wishes.

We were saddened that the Revd Olivia Downey was ill over Christmas and we wish her every blessing as she continues with her recuperation.

My sincere thanks to Canon David Skuce who, at very short notice conducted two of the four services on Christmas Eve. The Bishop presided on Christmas morning in the Cathedral, assisted by the rector.

Diocesan Advent Carol Service

The season of Advent commenced with the annual Diocesan Advent Carol Service in the Diocesan Cathedral, Clogher on 29th November. It was refreshing to hear the Advent Hymns sung and the readings appropriate to Advent. As this is a Diocesan event the Readers were representative of the central committees in the Diocese. The choir sang two anthems, "Light a

candle flame" by Graham Kendrick and "Send Thy Holy breath" by John Peterson and were accompanied on the organ by Mrs Diane Whitaker and Revd Olivia Downey on the flute. The responses were sung by the Precentor and the blessing by the Bishop. The collection on the evening was towards the Children's Hospice.

Book Launch

On Monday 30th November a very large crowd gathered in Corick House Hotel for the launch of Mr Jack Johnston's book on the history of Clogher entitled 'The Clogher Story'. The numbers attending reflected the respect and esteem in which Jack is held in the community. Years of research has gone into this publication which gives a view of life and recalls the many families and characters over the years that made up the rich tapestry of life in the town of Clogher. It will be a valuable reference for many in years to come. It was launched by Dr Brian Turner, formerly of Down Museum, and who is involved in local history publishing. It is available from the traders in Clogher, Easons in Enniskillen and Flemings in Monaghan.

Cancer Focus

Once again the annual Community Carol Service saw the Cathedral packed to capacity for this very popular and enjoyable service. The Cathedral was, as always beautifully decorated and festive refreshments served prior to the service gave a wonderful 'old world' aroma. This set the scene for a representative of each of the schools present to come together and switch on the Christmas lighting in the town from the Cathedral. The service commenced with the traditional 1st verse of 'Once in Royal David's City', sung as solo by Ann Irwin. Readers were drawn from across the community and musical items came from St. McCartan's, Carrnall, Augher Central, St. Brigid's Schools Praise Group, Yahweh Nissi and 1st Clogher Girl Guides and Brownies. The anthem 'Like a Candle Flame' was sung by the Cathedral choir and a solo 'O Holy Night' was sung by the rector.

The churchwardens and representatives from St. John's Ambulance and the Fire Brigade lifted the collection. Thanks were extended on behalf of Augher and Clogher branch of Cancer Focus by the chairperson Mrs Lynn Winslow. £1,000 was raised and the evening concluded with a visit from Father Christmas who had a gift for all the children.

'Black Santa'

Saturday 19th December 'Black Santa' was joined by representatives from N.S.P.C.C., who collected on the Main Street. This is the fifth year for this spectacle to hold fort and is an opportunity for the church to interact with the community. Grateful appreciation to those who provided warmth for those taking part, be that spiritual, physical or medicinal!!! A sincere thank you to the parishioners and the community in general for their generosity which realised approximately £1,500. The proceeds are being shared between the Cathedral and N.S.P.C.C.

Organists and Choirs

A word of thanks to the organists in the four parishes who give of their time and talent so generously and contribute so much to the standard and quality of worship in our churches. Much thought and time goes into the preparation by way of practicing, together with the rector, choosing hymns and generally working out an order of service that runs smoothly. This doesn't just happen! And just to assure you that you brighten and lighten many a solemn occasion and bring a whole extra dimension to church life. A sincere thank you also to our choir members whose numbers at times may be small, but who again have such an important part to play in church life.

Parish Carol Services

Carol Services were held in all our churches on the Sunday before Christmas. These were largely organised within the parishes with readers being identified and in many cases simply told 'you are reading such a lesson'. Again, thank you to readers and those who organised and decorated.

St Macartan's Cathedral Clogher Carol Service

On the evening of Sunday 20th December the members of St Macartan's Cathedral Clogher along with friends, family and members of Murley Silver Band joined together for their annual Carol Service of Nine lessons and Carols. The organist was Mrs Diane Whittaker with Revd Precentor Noel Regan conducting the service.

The Cathedral was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. A number of traditional Carols were sang by the congregation which included 'Silent Night', 'O Come All Ye Faithful' and 'O Little town of Bethlehem'. Musical accompaniment were provided by Mrs Diane Whittaker on the organ and Murley Silver Band. Murley Silver Band also provided a musical interlude of Christmas music during the service.

Members of the congregation who read the lessons were Mrs Lynn Winslow, Mr John McKeown, Mrs Iris Moffett, Mrs Heather McKeown, Mrs Sharon Domer, Mr Oscar Clingen, Mrs Jacqui Foster and Mrs Alice Evans. The Gospel was read by the Revd Precentor Noel Regan.

Traditionally the children in the Sunday School participate in the Carol Service and this year was no different. This year they performed the play 'Just a bit of Christmas' which told the story of Jesus's birth. Hannah Creddin was Mary and Daniel McElwaine was Joseph; Jorja Robson was the angel Gabriel; Rachel Creddin, Ella Creddin and Katie McElwaine were angels; John Clingen, Ben Foster and Kyle Robinson were the Wise Men; Adam Robinson, Jack Foster, Charlie Foster and Luke McLaren were shepherds; Ben Robson was a convincing King Herod, while Robert McLaren was his advisor and Sam Brush was the Emperor. The story was narrated by Tori Robson, Abbie Lee and Joanne Clingen. The children finished their performance by singing 'See him lying on a bed of straw'. They were accompanied on the piano by Janice Clingen.

The minister thanked all those who had taken part in the service: the readers, the Sunday School, the organist and choir and Murley Silver Band. Refreshments were provided in the church after the service.

Sunday School

Sunday School parties are always a feature of the Christmas season and this year was no exception with parties organised in all the parishes bringing out the child in all of us. Our thanks to the Sunday School teachers who organise these events, not to mention communicating with Santa who always manages to arrive on time and has something for everyone.

Clogher Cathedral Sunday School December Events

December was a busy month for the children of St Macartan's Cathedral Clogher. It all started with the annual Sunday School trip to the Pantomime in the Strule Arts Theatre, Omagh on Saturday 5th December. The children, accompanied by their Sunday School teachers and Canon Noel thoroughly enjoyed the performance of 'Sleeping Beauty' before returning to the church hall for food.

On Friday 18th December the children along with their parents attended their Sunday School Christmas party. Younger members of the church from the Cradle roll were also in attendance. Before the arrival of Santa, the children enjoyed a number of games and then tucked into sausages, chicken nuggets and chips. Santa arrived to the children singing 'Jingle Bells' and gave out presents to all the children. Santa was thanked for talking time out of his busy schedule to visit Clogher!

Clogher Cathedral Mothers' Union

In December, one of our faithful members, Mrs Martha Fannin, celebrated a special birthday and the Branch Leader, Mrs Moffett along with the Secretary, Mrs Domer and the Treasurer, Mrs Keys paid her a visit to present her with flowers and a card from the members, wishing her God's blessing and many happy rewards.

During the December meeting, addressed by Mrs Lynn Winslow, members assisted with the packaging of materials for the Neo-natal Unit of the local hospital as well as for local Nursing Homes.

Our opening meeting in 2016 was a Service of Holy Communion in St Macartan's Cathedral on Wednesday 20th January.

We congratulate Mrs Irene Boyd who has been selected as MU Diocesan President and members attended Commissioning Service in Colebrooke Parish Church on Friday 15th January.

Personal from the Rector

On Tuesday 5th January, at meetings in the four parishes, I announced my retirement as rector with effect from the end of March. I feel greatly honoured in having held the position of Rector and Precentor of this ancient Cathedral for the past five years. It has

been a wonderful time in my life and I wish to thank everyone for their support, respect and the friendships which have been forged during this time. Life is like the seasons of the year, each with its own beauty. However time slips away and suddenly you find it is time to embrace the next stage or season in life.

St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher

Music in the Cathedral

8.00pm Friday 26th February

Diane Whittaker - Organ
Fivemiletown Community Choir
The Four Seasons – the Bloomfield Family String Quartet
Alf Potter – Organ
Jonathan Carter – Tenor
Gillian Davidson – Soprano
Jack Rainey – Flute
Roughan Silver Band

Tickets: £10/€13 – available from members of the Select Vestry or donation at the event. Proceeds in aid of parish funds

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

February

Sunday 7th: The Sunday next before Lent

11.00am Killeevan Confirmation and Holy Communion, followed by refreshments in the hall.

Wednesday 10th: Ash Wednesday

8.00pm Clones Evening Service

Sunday 14th: The First Sunday of Lent

10.00am Currin (Scotshouse) Holy Communion

11.30am Killeevan Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st: The Second Sunday of Lent

10.00am Clones Holy Communion

11.30am Newbliss Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th: The Third Sunday of Lent

10.00am Currin (Scotshouse) Morning

Service marking World Thinking Day together with the Brownies and the Lady Birds.

11.30am Killeevan Holy Communion

March

Sunday 6th: The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

10.00am Clones Holy Communion

11.30am Newbliss Morning Prayer

*Almighty God,
 you have given your only Son to be for us
 both a sacrifice for sin and also
 an example of godly life:
 Give us grace
 that we may always most thankfully receive
 these his inestimable gifts,
 and also daily endeavour ourselves
 to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Post-Communion, Ash Wednesday)

Confirmation

The confirmation will take place on Sunday 7th February at 11.00am in Killeevan Church (N.B. change of venue). Please pray for the candidates as they prepare themselves to continue on their journey of faith. Can I encourage all parishioners in all four parishes to support the candidates and join them at this solemn and joyous occasion. Confirmation is not a private event; rather it reminds us all about our journey as disciples. That we more than once in life need to reject the devil, renounce evil and repent of our sins and turn to Christ our Saviour, recognise that Christ is our Lord and come to Christ who is the way, the truth and the life.

Lent 2016: Great is the Mystery of Faith (1 Timothy 3:16)

This year our focus for Lent is on faith. The purpose of the talks is that we will move beyond the essentials of faith and dig deeper into what is described in the First Letter to Timothy, as the Mystery of Faith. During Lent we will together with our speakers consider faith from the point of dogma - the teaching, how we keep refreshed in our faith and how we handle faith in times of trials and difficulties. In other words, we will focus on our identity as Christians and how our faith in Father, Son and Spirit shapes our lives. An additional dimension in our Lenten study this year is that we will consider children's profound faith. Children have an amazing understanding of God and reverence for the holy and hence on one evening we will focus on what we can learn from children and how we as adults can guide and accompany them on the journey of faith through life. We look forward to listen to personal reflections and insights that will stimulate our thinking and

understanding of faith. Our speakers come from the Diocese of Clogher and we are delighted to welcome them to Clones.

Programme

Thursday 16th February: 'Fundamentals of Faith'

This evening we will move beyond the Creed and living the faith according to the Jesus' love commandment. We will consider different teachings about the Christian faith and how they can inspire us in our everyday lives. Speaker: The Very Revd Raymond Ferguson, Aghadrumsee

Thursday 25th February: 'Faith in Times of Trials'

How do we face difficulties we meet in life? This evening we will contemplate how our faith can help us in times of trials, illness and crisis and also how in those situations, we keep our faith alive.

Speaker: Canon Dr Ian Ellis, Rossorry

Thursday 3rd March: 'Freshness of Faith'

How do we avoid stagnation and routinisation and find inspiration for our faith. Together with our speaker we will explore different ways of revitalise our faith and keep it fresh.

Speaker: Revd Anita Kerr, Newtownbutler

Wednesday 9th March: 'Childhood Faith'

Children have a wonderful sense of the holy and this evening we consider different aspects of children's faith and how adults may walk with them as well as be inspired by their faith.

Speaker: Mrs Janet Phenix, Letterbreen

The talks are followed by light refreshments and questions. All talks take place in the Cassandra Hand Centre at 8.00pm. All Warmly Welcome! For more information, please contact: Archdeacon Helene T. Steed.

This series is part-funded by a grant from Priorities Fund.

Clothes Collection

If anyone is planning a spring clean you have the opportunity to pass on unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, towels and linen to the clothes collection organised by Clones Parish. Please contact Mrs Christine Rusk tel: 047 20801 before Tuesday 15th March. Thank you for your support.

Clones Lenten Appeal to the Leprosy Mission

As previous years, Clones Parish encourages all to support the work of the Leprosy Mission. For information and Lenten boxes contact Mrs Etta Crowe tel: 047 51647.

General Easter Vestry Meetings

In March General Easter Vestries will be held in each of the four parishes. These meetings can be described as the annual general meeting for each parish and they are open for all parishioners, not only for Select Vestry members. Dates, times and venues as below:

Killeevan: Monday 7th March at 8.00pm in the Hall.
Clones: Tuesday 8th March April at 8.00pm in the Protestant Hall.
Currin: Monday 14th March at 8.30pm in Killyfargue Hall.
Newbliss: Tuesday 15th March at 8.00pm in the Market House.

The official opening of the Johnny Sirr Kitchen, Killeevan



Ribbon cut by the youngest parishioner in Killeevan.

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent parishioners from all four parishes gathered in St Laebhan's Church Killeevan for an Advent celebration led by the children in the four Sunday Schools. We all enjoyed their Christmas plays they prepared, the poems and the many Carols. Our sincere thanks to all who participated and helped prepare this service.



The Johnny Sirr kitchen

After the service we all gathered in the Hall for the official opening of the Johnny Sirr Kitchen. Shortly before Mr Sirr died in June 2014 he presented a most generous donation to Killeevan parish. The Select Vestry decided that the best way of using these funds was to totally refurbish and modernise the kitchen in the Hall. This work begun during the autumn of 2015 and was completed just in time for Christmas. It is a splendid looking kitchen and we are all most

thankful for this generous gift from the late Mr Sirr. After the ribbon was cut by the youngest parishioner in Killeevan we all enjoyed tea with plenty of tasty and delicious treats.

Clones Christmas Fayre

Thank you for support. The excellent result of €6,090 is wonderful. Our sincere thanks to all who supported the Fayre and to all those who worked so hard preparing it and on the day.



Away in a Manger: Members of the four Sunday schools

Bereavement

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Mrs Esther Gray, a parishioner of Clones, who died in December 2015.

We remember in our prayers the family and friends of Mrs Massie Walsh of Currin parish, who died in January 2016.

We include in prayers the family and friends of Mr Brian Armstrong, Lisnaskea.

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Services

February

Sunday 7th

11.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10th (Ash Wednesday)

8.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 14th

11.30am Family Service

Sunday 21st

11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th

11.30am Morning Prayer

March

6th Holy Communion 11.30am;

13th Family Service 11.30am;

20th Morning Prayer 11.30am;

24th Maundy Thursday 8.00pm;

25th Good Friday 8.00pm;

27th Easter Holy Communion 11.30am

Christian Burial

16th December 2015: Rodney McCrea, 66 Castle Manor, Kesh.

Samaritan's Purse/Shoe box appeal

Sincere thanks are extended to everyone who supported the Annual Appeal in any way, the wrapping of boxes, packing, financial, and the provision of suitable gifts. For the annual appeal in 2015, we forwarded 175 shoeboxes to the coordinator of the charity for delivery.

Gift Day

Our sincere thanks to everyone who supported the annual gift day held in November with the proceeds going towards the repairs to the church, which are to commence in the spring, weather permitting.

It seems peculiar writing about pre and post-Christmas activities, but deadlines determine what is written at particular times without pre-empting the outcomes. The Christmas parties, dinners and carol services are over, and we extend thanks to everyone who contributed to each. Our best thanks to those members of the church and Sunday School who attended the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice, Killadeas to sing carols for the switching on of the Christmas Lights appeal.

The Sunday School family service this year followed an Advent theme with a sketch reminding us of how advent has gone towards chocolates and treats, as opposed to heightening our expectations of the coming of Christ into the world as saviour and Lord, and when He comes again to be our judge.

Young@Heart

At the monthly meeting of the Young@Heart in December, a morning devoted to crafts was had, with members making a snowman before enjoying a wonderful festive meal. Stitch and Chat has resumed on Tuesday evenings at 8.00pm, new members always welcome. Monthly meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and new members welcome.

Women's fellowship

The Women's fellowship held a party night at the December monthly meeting with a variety of games and a reminder of the true gift of Christmas all of which was followed by seasonal refreshments. In January, Avril Hart spoke on homeopathy, alternative treatments and the benefits of the same, sharing aspects of her faith

and call from God. The next meeting in February will welcome speaker June Graham.

Bowling Club

The club held its singles competition for members in December and after a night of challenging play, Alan Curtis emerged the winner over all. It is hoped at the time of writing to have the member's doubles competition on Thursday 4th February.

New Year's Eve

On New Year's Eve in the parish hall an evening of worship with music supplied by 'Committed', and guest speaker Kenny Rutledge, followed by refreshments and a social time before a mini-pipe band played in the New Year. We would express our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the night, to Jason and his group for the social, to the Select Vestry for supplying the supper and those who prepared and served it, and the preparation of the hall. Thanks to our worship group 'Committed' and to speaker Kenny Rutledge, to the pipers and drummers and to everyone who came along and made it a special night.

Please check weekly notices for any changes.

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale

Vacant.

During the vacancy Archdeacon Cecil Pringle is in charge, and is providing pastoral cover together with Mrs Eileen Cutler and Miss Isobel Stewart, Diocesan Pastoral Assistants.
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*'Getting people from where they are
to where God wants them to be*

"The Light shines in darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it"
John 1v5

Services

February

Sunday 7th

Castle Archdale 10.15am Holy Communion
Derryvullen North 11.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10th (Ash Wednesday)

Derryvullen North 7.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 14th (Lent 1)

Derryvullen North 10.30am Family Service
Castle Archdale 11.45am Family Service

Sunday 21st (Lent II)

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

Sunday 28th (Lent III)

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

March

Sunday 6th (Lent IV) (Mothering Sunday)

Castle Archdale 10.15am Holy Communion
Derryvullen North 11.30am Holy Communion

Lenten Services

Wednesdays 17th, 24th Feb and 2nd March at 7.30pm in Derryvullen North.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 9th February: Tuesday Club at 2.30pm. Faith & Friendship, Mahon's Hotel at 8.00pm

Wednesday 17th February: Women's Group at 8.30pm

Wednesday 24th February: Mothers' Union – Speaker Mrs Valerie McMorris, Faith & Policy Co-ordinator at 8.00pm

Thursday 11th February: An Evening of Music & Praise in memory of Tilly Walker will take place on at 7.30pm in Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown. Proceeds to Horizon West Children's Hospice and Africa Gospel Church Baby Centre. Tickets available at NI Hospice Shop, Irvinestown Primary School and Real Life Bookshop.

CMS Ireland

On Saturday 13th February: CMS Ireland Launch of Annual Project 'The Meeting Place'. This will take the form of a Brunch starting at 11.00am in the Minor Hall in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.

Christmas Parish Sale

This took place on 28th November and proved, as usual to be a very enjoyable event, despite the dreadful weather. Thanks to all who contributed items for the various stalls, also to the stall holders, Mothers' Union members for providing tea and of course Santa and his helpers. A total of £2698.52 was raised.

Castle Archdale

Parishioners of St Patrick's Church, Castle Archdale enjoyed a lovely meal in Drumrush Lodge, Kesh on 4th December. Despite the weather conditions there was a good attendance. Dr Margaret, on behalf of the Select Vestry welcomed all present, especially Archdeacon Pringle, Mr & Mrs John Irvine and Miss Isobel Stewart. The function was brought to a close singing favourite carols. Mr John Irvine expressed his thanks and we all joined him in the Grace. Our thanks to Mrs Sylvia Woods and Mrs Eileen Bleakley who organised the evening, and of course to Mr Bryan Thompson and family for their hard work and hospitality.

Tuesday Club

On Tuesday 8th December 26 members joined for a celebration of Holy Communion, conducted by Archdeacon C Pringle. This was followed by a special afternoon tea with mince pies and other Christmas fare.

Sunday School

On Sunday 13th December the Sunday School in Derryvullen North presented their Nativity play and

also supplied gifts for elderly or housebound. 60 gifts were distributed to our elderly parishioners before Christmas. In Castle Archdale, also on Sunday 13th, the Sunday School did their Nativity presentation.

Carol Services

On Sunday 20th December, in both churches, the Carol Services took the form of Nine Lessons and Carols and enjoyed by all.

Christmas Holy Communion Services

Christmas Holy Communion services were held on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. We thank all clergy and lay readers who took part in our services over the Christmas period and we are also grateful to our Sunday School teachers, musicians and choir. We are very grateful to the Archdeacon and pastoral assistants who gave Holy Communion to several housebound parishioners in both parishes. We appreciate the help and guidance given by Archdeacon Pringle in his care of the parishes during the vacancy.

Sickness

Several parishioners have been in hospital or ill at home since the last issue of the magazine. We pray that God's presence and peace may be very real to all who are ill at present. Sadly, we have had a number of deaths and we remember all those who have been bereaved, praying for comfort in their sadness.

Lindsay Farrell

We are pleased to read of Mrs Lindsey Farrell's account of her 1st semester at the Church of Ireland Theological College and also of a very successful and enjoyable placement at St Columba's Church, Omagh. Please continue to remember in prayer Keith and the children as Lindsey returns to Dublin.

Baptisms

Derryvullen North

6th December 2015: Scarlett Elizabeth Rose, daughter of Jonathan & Jessica,

13th December 2015: Jayden James, son of James & Wendy

10th January 2016: Eveanna Jean, daughter of Marcus & Elaine

Castle Archdale

13th December 2015: Patrick Samuel, son of Christopher & Rebecca

Burials

Derryvullen North

16th November 2015: Alan Hugh Woods

12th December 2015: Catherine Muriel Woods

24th December 2015: Thomas John Gormley

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures for ever" Ps 136

As we look back on the year that has gone, let us thank God for his goodness and commit ourselves to his care and guidance for 2016. We wish all our readers a blessed, happy and peaceful 2016.

Derryvullen South and Garvary



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Services

February

Sunday 14th

10.30 Morning Prayer	Derryvullen South
12.00 Morning Prayer	Garvary

Sunday 21st

10.30 Morning Prayer	Garvary
12.00 Holy Communion	Derryvullen South

Sunday 28th

10.30 Morning Prayer	Derryvullen South
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March

12.00 Morning Prayer	Garvary
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Sunday 6th

10.30 Holy Communion	Garvary
12.00 Holy Communion	Derryvullen South

Holy Matrimony

On Saturday 28th November 2015 the marriage of Julie Katherine Graham, 31 Ballintarson Lane, Lisbellaw, with Alan William Ferguson, 50 Caldrum Road, Derrygonnelly, was solemnised in the Parish Church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South. During the service Chancellor Stewart was assisted by Eileen Cutler, a diocesan reader from Inishmacsaint parish, Derrygonnelly. Our best wishes to them as they start out on their new life together.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 29th November 2015 in the Parish Church of Holy Trinity, Garvary, the sacrament of Holy Baptism was ministered to Ben Jack Thomas, son of John and Wendy Maher, 25 Feddan Road, Garvary. We continue to remember all parents and godparents as, with God's help, they bring their children up in the Christian faith.

Bereavements

We express sympathy to all who are bereaved including the Graham family, Derryvullen Parish, on the death of their

cousin, John Graham, Letterbreen; Mary Maguire, Tamlaght, on the death of her brother in law, Roland Taylor, Dublin; Simon Whitely and David Warrington on the death of their cousin Violet Elison, Fivemiletown and Joan Nixon and Kenneth Crawford, Tamlaght, on the death of their brother, Billy Crawford, England.

Acknowledgement

Garvary Select Vestry acknowledge with thanks receipt of the gift of £1000 from the late Sarah Jane McCauley as appreciation for the services of her Church.

Christmas Decorations

We trust that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas. Nicholas Watts has kindly put together a presentation of the decorations, which you can see on the Parish webpage along with other interesting material.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Clive and Sharon Weir, Dromard, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in December.

Mothers' Union

The next branch meeting is on Monday 15th February at 8.00pm in Derryvullen Parish Hall. It will be a 'Fun Evening'. A Prayer Breakfast has been organised by the Diocesan MU Faith and Policy Unit. It is to take place on Saturday morning 20th February in the Killyhevlin Hotel. The speaker is Mrs Jacqui Armstrong, All Ireland Coordinator of the Unit and her theme is 'A Celebration of Faith – 140 years'.

Lent Midweek Services

Our usual midweek services will commence with the Penitential Service on Wednesday 10th February at 8.00pm in Derryvullen South Parish Church. We will then alternate between the two parish churches each Wednesday evening. Reflecting on John Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress', the rector will be focusing on the challenges the Christian faces today.

JOINT PARISH FUN NIGHT

RED THEME! (wear something red)

Hosted By *The Mothers' Union*
St. Valentine Ceilidh

Monday 15th February
8.00pm - Derryvullen South Parish Hall

FREE - Light Supper Served
All dances called. Flat Shoes Essential.
Come & Dance or Come & Enjoy
the Music & the Craic

ALL WELCOME

Sunday School Teacher Training

The diocese is holding a training evening for Sunday School teachers in Maguiresbridge Parish Hall on Tuesday 23rd February at 7.30pm.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes will be commencing as those eligible prepare for Confirmation in Garvary Parish Church on Sunday morning 29th May.

Devenish and Boho



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Burial

Wednesday 16th December 2015: Mrs Jane Cathcart, late of Cloverhill, Springfield, Derrygonnelly. The funeral service conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka was held in Devenish Parish Church and burial was in the adjoining churchyard. Jane was our oldest parishioner being in her 105th year. She was a very active member of Devenish Parish and the Mother's Union and she was still driving herself to church, when she was 92. We extend our deepest sympathy to Jane's son, Tommy, daughters Annie and Emily and the wider family circle.

Baptism

Sunday 13th December 2015: Bethany Margaret Welsh, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Welsh in Devenish Parish Church. We wish God's blessing on Bethany, her parents Thomas and Sarah and her Godparents.

Boho Carol Service

Boho Carol Service was held on the evening of Sunday 13th December. The church was full with many people present from the wider community. The church was beautifully decorated by Austin Stronge. The readers were Enid Redmond, Danny Redmond, Innes Redmond, Trevor Irwin, Keith Sidberry, Trevor Smith, Albert Cluff, Nigel Irwin, 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 'Ready,

Steady Christmas'. It was good to see all members participating.

Devenish Carol Service

Devenish Carol Service was held on the evening of Sunday 20th December. The choir sang 'Fullness of Grace' by Keith & Krystyn Getty & Stuart Townend, 'In the Bleak Midwinter' and 'The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy'. The readers were Keith Little, James McKee, Leanne Harpur, Matthew Ferguson, Linda Saunderson, Linda McKee, 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

Holy Communion Services were held on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years Day. The collections at all the Christmas Services in Devenish were given to Save the Children Fund and NSPCC.

Sunday School Party

The Sunday school children had a very enjoyable party on Monday 14th 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 2016 have been placed on the church notice board and also can be found on the parish website. The Select Vestry wish to thank all the ladies that provide 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: Wednesday 10th February at 8.00pm in Devenish. Lenten services will continue every Wednesday evening at 8.00pm, alternating between Boho and Devenish.

Mother's Union

As these are our first notes for 2016 we would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed New Year. Our Annual Dinner will be held in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Tuesday 16th February at 7.30 pm. This is always an enjoyable and relaxing evening so please bring along a friend.

Confirmation Service

Sunday 19th June at 3.30pm. The Revd Sampson will be commencing Confirmation classes.

Thank You

Thank you to Austin Stronge for his gifts to Devenish Parish of a tea trolley, Dinner plates hamper and

Cookery book by Rachel Allen. A quiz was held with the hamper and the Cookery book as a prize resulting in £182.00 being raised for the Reade Hall project. Congratulations to Sharon Marks on winning the quiz.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Alan and Natalie Haskins on the birth of their daughter Emma Amanda Violet, a first grand child for David and Mandy Haskins and Trevor and Melanie Irwin.

Donacavey and Barr

Vacant

During the vacancy the Revd Canon Mark Watson, Rural Dean, is in charge, and is providing pastoral cover together with Mr Will Stevenson, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.
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Services

Sunday School	10.15am
Morning Service	11.30am
Ash Wednesday Service	10th February at 8.00pm

Christian Burial

30th December 2015: Mrs Noelle Stewart
We express our sympathy to the family of Mrs Noelle Stewart who died peacefully in The Southwest acute Hospital. Also prayerful sympathy is expressed to Mrs Eileen Johnston on the death of her sister Mrs Hilda Breen.

Sunday School

The Sunday school helped the Shoe Box Appeal this year by making up boxes suitable for boys and girls in other countries. A big thank is necessary to all the parents who supplied the items and helped to make this part of our giving a great success.

The party with the usual visit from Santa Claus took place on the 12th December and was enjoyed by everyone. The children's Carol Service was held the next day and the children and teachers are to be complimented on how well they led the service by singing, reading and prayers. Well done!

Christmas Praise

An evening of Christmas praise with St. Eugene's Band held on Sunday 20th December saw Donacavey Parish Church filled to capacity as we gathered to sing carols and hear readings about the birth of Jesus. We were delighted to have Mr Derrick Mehaffey who sang some lovely Christmas songs and also the choir from Denamona Primary School. Mrs Lucy Woods and Mrs Geraldine Beattie sang two pieces, 'Jesus was born in Bethlehem' and 'Silent Night', accompanied by the band. Donations on the evening were given to the

work of William Mc Girr in China. This amounted to £1500, which was very generous. Everyone then enjoyed a lovely supper in the Parish hall. We look forward to having St. Eugene's Band again next year, a night definitely not to be missed.

Christmas Services

Thank you to all our visiting clergymen who took our services during the Christmas period and especially Canon Mark Watson who did the parish Home Communion. Thank you also to him for celebrating the Senior Citizens Communion service in the hall and also thank you to the ladies who provided a lovely afternoon tea.

Mother's Union

The Mother's Union dinner took place in the parish hall on Thursday 14th January. There was a good attendance despite the snowy weather and everyone enjoyed a lovely meal provided by Moore's catering. We wish to express our congratulations to our new diocesan president Mrs Irene Boyd and wish her well as she begins her new term of office. Thank to Dr Knox for all her hard work within our diocese for the past 3 years and we wish her well as she stands down. Members are reminded about our next meeting on 10th February when our speaker will be Mrs Lyn Winslow. As a congregation we wish to offer very special birthday wishes to Mrs Molly Nesbitt who celebrated her 105th birthday on 30th December.

Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Services

7th February: The Sunday before Lent

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

10th February: Ash Wednesday

8.00pm A Combined Service in Donagh

14th February: The First Sunday in Lent

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

21st February: The Second Sunday in Lent

10.30am Donagh Morning Prayer
12.00noon Tyholland Morning Prayer

28th February: The Third Sunday in Lent

10.30am Donagh Family Service
12.00noon Errigal Truagh Service of the Word

Mother's Union Visitor's Evening

Mother's Union Visitor's Evening on Wednesday 17th February at 8.00pm in the church Hall. This is the visitor's evening and the special speaker will be Mrs Irene Boyd the Diocesan President.

Carol Services

December was a very busy month with Carol services in all three churches. This year the first of the Carol Services was held in Tyholland Parish Church at 3.00pm on Sunday 6th December. The service was very well attended and it was a very enjoyable occasion with special musical items by the Donagh Community Choir and St. Patrick's School Choir. After the service refreshments were served in Tyholland Community Centre, thanks to Elizabeth Garland and her team of ladies for organising the food.

The second of our Carol services was held in Errigal Truagh at 3.00pm on Sunday 13th December. Thanks, once again to Donagh Community Choir for their musical input. Refreshments were served in the Blackwater Valley Learning Centre and thanks to all the ladies for supplying the food and serving it. Also, thanks to Hilda Arnold for the mince pies.

In Donagh Parish church on Sunday 27th December a service of Nine Lessons and Carols with the Rite of Holy Baptism took place. This was a lovely occasion as Valerie and Paul Waters brought their baby daughter for baptism. Thanks to the Junior and Senior choir and the violinists and Ethne for the music. All three churches were beautifully decorated for the Christmas Celebrations. Thanks to everyone who gave of their time and talents to undertake this task.



Nativity Play

The Nativity Play which took place on Sunday 20th December in Donagh Parish Church was a tremendous success. The children were excellent and thanks to Ethne, Diane and Marina for the encouragement they gave to the children. Our thanks to Timothy, Colin, Alexandra, Sarah and Hannah for their musical input.



Community Carol Service

This took place in Glaslough Village on Sunday 20th December at 4.00pm. It was very well attended with the local Clergy taking part in the service. Thanks to Diane and Ron for organising the refreshment after the service. The occasion ended with a very special visitor – ‘Santa’.

Carol Singing at the Castle

Castle Leslie was the setting for ‘Carols on Christmas Eve’. Thanks to Ethne and members of Donagh Community choir for giving so much pleasure to lots of visitors to the Castle. Sir Jack requested his mother’s favourite carol to be sung and at the age of 99 joined in singing ‘O come all ye faithful’. Thanks to Samantha Leslie for her welcome to the Castle.

Winter’s Tale

At the beginning of the evening Revd Betty Thompson gave everyone a very warm welcome and then went on to compere the evening. Donagh Community choir under their musical director Mrs Ethne McCord played a leading role in the evening singing several pieces including ‘A Winter’s Tale’, ‘The Angels Carol’, ‘The Christmas Sanctus’, ‘O Holy Night’ and ‘Winter Wonderland’. The Parish Junior Choir also contributed two pieces entitled ‘Jesus, joy of the highest heaven’ and ‘How Quietly, how quietly’.

Diane Wright-Kendrick and Gareth Corrigan delighted the audience in singing a duo “All on a Bethlehem Night”. Last September three international students from Monaghan Collegiate School joined the choir and one of the highlights of the evening was the singing of ‘Silent Night’ in three languages. The first verse sung by Nausha from Thailand, the second verse by Katharina from Germany and the third verse by Zoe in Irish. This was a particularly poignant moment of the evening since this internationally renowned carol was sung simultaneously in English and German by soldiers during the Christmas Day truce of 1914 during the first World War, being the one carol that soldiers on both sides of the front line knew.

During the evening the Very Revd Raymond Thompson read poetry and gave reflections on the meaning of Christmas. Guest pianist for the evening was Mr

Gerard Toal who accompanied the choir as they sang their special pieces. Ken Atkinson, George Watson and Linnea Gutekunst, one of the German students, added considerably to the music of the evening as a trio of violinists.

Towards the end the international flavour of the evening was brought to the fore as the choir sang a traditional German carol entitled ‘While By Our Sheep’ and Katharina, accompanied by Linnea Gutekunst on the violin, sang in German another German carol entitled ‘Lo! How a rose e’er blooming’.

At the end of the evening that special person ‘Santa’ appeared and then everyone made their way to Castle Leslie led by two pipers where mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee was served, thus bringing to a close a very enjoyable evening. Thanks to everyone who made the evening so successful.

Sympathy

On Tuesday 22nd December a service of thanksgiving for Wilson Ross was held in Donagh Parish Church who died in Leicester on the 15th December. Wilson left Glaslough some 50 years ago and it was his wish, when he died, that his ashes be interred in the family grave plot. To his wife, Mary, his son and daughters, his sisters and the wider family circle we offer our prayerful support.

Deepest sympathy to parishioners who have been bereaved over the last two months.

Holy Baptism

Congratulations to Valerie and Paul Waters on having Isabella baptised in Donagh Parish Church on the 29th December 2015. We wish Isabella God’s Richest Blessing.



Dromore

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During the vacancy the Revd Canon Mark Watson, Rural Dean, is in charge, and is providing pastoral cover.

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HOLY TRINITY DROMORE

Sowing seeds, Growing Community

'Christ in you the hope of glory' Colossians 1 v 27

Services

11.30am each Sunday
9.00am Holy Communion (first Sunday of month)

Confirmation

On Sunday 29th November morning four of our young people were confirmed by Bishop John with a full congregation including family and friends. As a Parish we continue to remember the four Confirmation candidates in our prayers: Alex Patterson, Katie Crozier, Olivia Farrell and Nathan Hughes and thank you to our Rural Dean, Canon Mark Watson for preparing them prior to their Confirmation. We also thank IGNITE Youth Group assisted by Mrs Peggy Mills for the buffet lunch in the Parish Hall.

Advent Carol Service

Our Annual Advent Carol Service was held on Sunday 29th November evening, led by Dean Raymond Thompson who also gave an Advent reflection. Our sincere thanks to Dean Thompson, all the readers, the Senior Choir, the organist Mrs Beatrice Keys and pianist Mrs Lorna Thompson. Thanks also to the Senior Choir for supplying and serving seasonal refreshments in the Church Hall after the service. The retiring collection was in aid of the Bishops' Appeal.

Fields of Life Fundraising Events

Parish Auction

A team of twelve people representing Holy Trinity will travel to Uganda in July 2016. In order to raise funds to assist in building a school, teacher accommodation and to provide educational support for the teachers and pupils currently in this school a successful Parish Auction was held on Thursday 5th November evening in the Church Hall for the Fields of Life Project. The Fields of Life Project team wish to thank all from the Parish who donated items for the auction and also to those people who supported the event which raised a significant total of over £2,500.

Cake Sale and Coffee Morning

On Saturday 5th December morning a very successful Cake Sale and Coffee morning was held in the Church Hall also in aid of our Fields of Life Project in spite of very inclement weather conditions. Special thanks to the stall holders in attendance, those who provided tea, coffee, scones and tray-bakes or assisted in any other way. Many thanks to all who supported this very worthy cause which raised over £1,000.

Other Parish Events

Joint Christmas Party

The joint Sunday School/Crèche/CLB and GFS Christmas Party was held in the Church Hall on Saturday 5th December evening. Santa was in attendance and was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Valerie Jackson, Sunday School Co-ordinator for preparing the party food for everyone and to the other leaders for their assistance.

Annual Christmas Lunch

The Mothers' Union Annual Christmas Lunch was held on Saturday 12th December despite heavy snow and very inclement icy weather conditions. Mrs Frances Smyth, Mothers' Union Enrolling Member welcomed some senior members from Togherdoo Methodist and Dromore Presbyterian Churches in addition to parishioners and a beautiful lunch was enjoyed by all. We sincerely thank our Mothers' Union Branch members for their hard work in providing this lunch and hosting the event with highlights introduced by Canon Mark Watson, including the Silver Tones Group from Ballinamallard with accompanist Mrs Ruth Coulter and conductor Mrs Hazel Darragh, community Carol singing and Santa.

Evening of Christmas Praise

A very successful 'Evening of Christmas Praise' was held in Holy Trinity Church (kindly granted) on Saturday 12th December evening in aid of Dromore Primary School Parents Support Group funds. The guest artists were Colin Elliott from Live Issue Gospel Group, Paul Silcock from Lurgan and Dromore Primary School Choir also took part. Families, friends and parishioners had a very enjoyable evening, thanks to the guest artists and pupils who raised approximately £900.

Nativity Play



Sunday 20th December morning our Annual Nativity Service took place, led by the Revd Lorraine Capper who delivered a relevant and interesting Kids' Talk. Many thanks to Valerie Jackson, Sunday School Co-ordinator, and the teachers for preparing the children who gave an excellent presentation.

Carol Service

Our Annual Carol Service was held on Sunday 20th December evening. Thanks to Mr Walter Pringle, Diocesan

Lay Reader, for his excellent address and to all who read lessons on behalf of all organisations and to the Senior Choir who sang 'Hallelujah' and 'No Room'. Mothers' Union provided seasonal refreshments after the service.

Loose Collections

Loose collections received during the Christmas period was donated the Hospice Movement to support organisations such as Foyle Hospice, which provides palliative and end-of-life care for patients suffering from cancer.

Annual Guest Tea

Please keep free 'Shrove Tuesday' 9th February at 8.00pm for our Annual Guest Tea in Dromore Orange Hall (kindly granted). Our MC for the evening will be Mr Walter Pringle from Clones.

Lenten Services

We look forward to Dean Raymond Thompson as our speaker each Wednesday evening during Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday 10th February at 8.00pm.

Regular Organisations

Tots Powerhouse: Creche during 11.30am Sunday service
Junior Sunday School (4-11's): during 11.30am Sunday service

IGNITE (12-18's): during 11.30am Sunday service twice per month and also socially on two Saturdays per month from 8.00-10.00pm.

CLB: Mondays 7.00-8.00pm

The ARK: Tuesdays 10.00am - 12noon

Bible Study: during the vacancy we have been invited to join Togherdoo Methodist Church Bible Study group on Tuesdays at 8.00pm

GFS: Wednesdays 7.00-8.00pm

Mothers Union: third Wednesday of the month 8.00pm

Bowls: Thursdays 8.00pm

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

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"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord"

Services

February

Sunday 7th

10.00am Templecarne MP

11.30am Drumkeeran HC

Wednesday 10th (Ash Wednesday)

8.00pm Drumkeeran

Sunday 14th

10.00am Muckross HC

11.30am Drumkeeran MP

7.00pm Dernasesk

Sunday 21st

10.00am Templecarne HC

11.30am Drumkeeran MP

Sunday 28th

10.00am Muckross MP

11.30am Drumkeeran HC

March

Sunday 6th

10.00am Templecarne MP

11.30am Drumkeeran HC

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 10.00pm and the Christmas Day Communion in Muckross at 10.00am. 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 and Dernasesk on 13th December, Templecarne and Drumkeeran on the 20th December. Thanks to organisers, readers, organists and to all who participated. Also, thanks to those who added the Christmas decorations in each of the three churches, giving a more Christmas feel.

Children's Service

A Children's Carol Service was held in Drumkeeran Church on 13th 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 the teachers and children, who not only prepared for the service, but also created and arranged magnificent Christmas decorations in the church, which were greatly admired

over the Christmas season. And they prepared and served lunch in the Hall after the service. Thanks to Santa who came to the Hall bearing gifts.

Sunday School

Sunday School resumed on 10th January after the Christmas break. There will be no Sunday School on 14th February due to school half-term. Classes will break for Easter with a Children's Palm Sunday service on 20th March, resuming again on 10th April.

Kesh Primary School

We were delighted to welcome the children of Kesh Primary School with their parents, friends and teachers to Drumkeeran for their annual Carol Service. It was a most uplifting event and a full church. Thanks to the Drumkeeran Sunday School teachers who organised and served supper in the Hall afterwards.

Sympathy

William Barton who had lived for many years in Creamery House Care Home in Kesh was buried at Drumkeeran on 19th December. We express our sympathy with the family connection. Thanks to the staff of the Creamery House for their care of William over the years.

Shoebox Appeal

Each year Mrs Irene Boyd makes a magnificent effort with the Shoebox Appeal, sending Christmas Boxes to children in need. Thanks to all who help Irene with the sorting, preparation and packaging. Thanks to all who contribute to the appeal from within the group of parishes and far beyond. Thanks to the men who came along on 5th December for the loading of the container truck. This year there was an increase of almost 500 boxes. In this part of the world, despite the gloomy forecasts that come from time to time, we all live comfortably. This practical reaching out to less fortunate children with a Christmas Box is to be warmly commended. As a parish we feel honoured to be associated with the project. A very special 'Thank You' to Irene.

The collection at the annual Carol Service in Tubrid Orange Hall on 3rd January was given to the Shoebox Appeal to help with the associated costs.

Child Protection

A refresher meeting in connection with Safeguarding Trust, Child protection was held in Drumkeeran hall on 19th November, conducted by Canon Mark Watson. There was a good attendance of Sunday School teachers and Youth Leaders from within the parish and from surrounding parishes.

Lullaby Trust

Drumkeeran Sunday School teachers are organising a Coffee Morning and Cake Sale with lots of children's

fun and games, to be held in Drumkeeran Parish Hall, Tubrid, on Saturday 5th March from 10.00am to 12.00 noon in aid of the Lullaby Trust. This is a charity which assists parents who have been bereaved through what is referred to as 'Cot Death'. Thomas Pringle died in his sleep on 20th August 2015, aged four weeks. It is hoped that there will be good support. Drumkeeran Parish Hall is about a mile on the Pettigo side of Kesh and will be signposted on the day.

Party

Each year the Pettigo Community Association organise a New Year's Dinner and entertainment for Senior Citizens. This year it was held on 6th January. The dinner was excellent. It is always a most pleasant event and it is great to see excellent community participation, 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 10th February. To mark the beginning of Lent there will be a service in Drumkeeran Church on Ash Wednesday, 10th February at 8.00pm. I hope that a good number from all three parishes in the group will make the effort to come along, join in worship, marking the beginning of the season of Lent.

Cover

Thanks to the clergy of Ardess who provided emergency pastoral cover from 26th to 30th December.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum



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Services

February

Sunday 7th: The Sunday before Lent

9.45am Aghabog MP
11.00am Rockcorry MP
12.15pm Drum MP

Wednesday 10th Lent : Ash Wednesday

8.00pm Rockcorry Joint Group Service of Compline

Sunday 14th: The First Sunday in Lent

9.45am Aughnamullen MP
11.00am Dartrey MP

Wednesday 17th

8.00pm Aghabog Theme: 'Life for living' (CPAS)

Sunday 21st: The second Sunday in Lent

9.45am Aghabog HC

11.00am Rockcorry HC

12.15pm Drum HC

Wednesday 24th

8.00pm Aughnamullen Hall Theme: 'O my God' (CPAS)

Sunday 24th: The Third Sunday in Lent

9.45am Aughnamullen HC

11.00am Dartrey HC

Lenten Studies**Wednesday 10th February: Lent begins**

8.00pm Rockcorry (Church) Joint group service of Compline

Wednesday 17th February

8.00pm Aghabog (Hall/Church) Theme: 'Life for living' (CPAS)

Wednesday 24th February

8.00pm Aughnamullen (Hall) Theme: 'O my God' (CPAS)

Drum

The Group Family Service held in Drum took the form of a Christingle service, taking the theme 'Jesus the Light of the world'. Lively and appropriate hymns were sung, while Thomas, Skakira and Ellie read the Bible readings. The address was a joint effort with the boys and girls helping the Revd Margret make a Christingle while explaining its purpose.

At the end of the service each boy and girl from the Sunday schools presented and lit their individual Christingles. It was good to see the Sunday school teachers, parents, boys and girls involved in the service.

Carol Service

This was the first of the Carol services in the group. A full church was treated to a festive atmosphere of celebrations for the birthday of Christ by the Lisnaska band and the choir 'Men in Black'.

The Sunday school children performed a short play entitled 'A Super Christmas', depicting the story of modern day super heroes such as 'Superman and Wonder Woman'. The Hulk and Batman were preparing themselves to hunt down this new Super Hero that was to be born, but they discovered the new Super hero is baby Jesus.

Thanks to the ladies who prepared the supper, which allowed people to 'meet and greet'. Thanks also the band, choir, readers and anyone who helped in any way to make the worship on the evening such an enjoyable and meaningful occasion.

Service of Thanksgiving

On Wednesday 23rd December a service of thanksgiving took place in Drum for the life of Muriel Bestwick, England. We extend our sympathy to her husband Dennis and their family on her passing.

Baptism

On Sunday 3rd January 2016 we welcomed in the New Year with a service of Holy Baptism in Drum Parish Church of Katie, daughter of Mark and Miriam Wilkin. We wish Katie and her family every blessing in the future.



Baptism of baby Katie Wilkin with her parents Mark and Miriam, Godparents Noel Wilkin and Kelly Fannin in Drum Parish Church

Crossduff

The annual service was held in Crossduff Sunday 6th December. This is the only service held annually in the church and is very much a community service of worship, which marks the continuation of the life of the Church of Ireland and the few remaining families in that area.

The service was led by the Revd Margaret Pringle and Mrs Doreen Monahan, Diocesan Parish Reader. Father Shane McCaughey and others read the lessons. The preacher was the Revd Ian Horner, Rector of Baileborough Group of Parishes. The soloist was Mr Eugene McCaughey and Mrs Ann Niblock was the guest organist.

Supper was served in the newly refurbished stables. Once again, thanks to FAS and to everyone who makes such an effort not just on the day but throughout the year to keep the building and surrounding graveyard so neat and tidy.

Our thoughts are with Mr Robert Lynch, a parishioner of Crossduff, who was unable to attend the Carol Service due to ill health.

Aughnamullen**Aughnamullen Carol Service**

Aughnamullen Carol Service on Sunday 13th December welcomed people with lots of shapes, colours and sizes of lit candles, truly giving a seasonal atmosphere. In spite of the inclement weather the event was well attended by the surrounding community. The Latton/Bawn choir wearing their festive hats and using seasonal props treated us to a feast of Christmas music. Aurelita Eakins delivered some thought-provoking Christmas monologues, as well as singing solos accompanied on the organ by her dad. A youth group opened the service with some traditional Christmas music.

Christmas Tree

Thanks to Robert Monahan who erected a 'real' tall Christmas tree in Crossduff and then transported the same tree and erected it in Aughnamullen. Once again, we pass on thanks and appreciation for all the work that goes into such an event not only for the day decorating and providing refreshments but throughout the past year.

Thoughts and Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are unwell and those who have been hospitalized.

Rockcorry /Dartrey

On Friday 20th November in the Four Seasons hotel in Monaghan, the Board of management and Parents Association of Rockcorry Primary School organised an evening of celebration to mark the retirement of Mrs Hazel Speers as principal of the school for thirty four years. Pupils, past and present, parents, colleagues, relatives and friends assembled were treated to a short programme of entertainment following the presentation and glowing tribute to Hazel.

During her career she witnessed and embraced many changes with the school curriculum and the 'state of the art' new school in Rockcorry which remain a testament to her hard work and enthusiasm.

We wish Hazel every blessing in her retirement and good health to pursue her many hobbies and interests.

Christmas Sale

Saturday 28th November the Annual Winter Sale took place. In spite of the awful weather conditions people came and supported it. A new feature of the sale this year was the inclusion of the school children's stall, which proved to be popular and worthwhile.

Once again, a big thank you to everyone who made the effort to make the event successful both socially and financially with over €3,100 raised for parish funds.

Rockcorry/Dartrey Carol Service

A well-attended service and the participation of the Sunday school and Primary school children added greatly to the occasion. A presentation was made at the end of the service to Mrs Hazel Speers to mark her retirement and to say 'Thank you' to her for all her support to the parish over the years. Thanks to everyone who decorated the church, read lessons, provided music and the mulled wine and shortbread plus treats for the children.

Christmas Party

The party, as always, was a popular event with a big turn-out of children, parents and parishioners assembled in Rockcorry school sports hall on Saturday 19th December. There were lots of games with prizes given on the night for children with the most 'Christmassy outfit'. Santa also turned in with

a big bag of presents. Thanks and appreciation to everyone who organized the evening and also for supplying and serving refreshments.



Judging children's Christmas outfits at the party in Dartrey

Thanks

As we enter a New Year we wish all our parishioners a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year. Thank everyone who has helped over the past year in the running of the parishes during the year. It was particularly a busy year on the fund raising front and so thank you one and all.

Aghabog

Sunday 6th December 2015: Craig, son of Jonathan and Robert Norris and brother of Hannah and Lyndsay was baptised. We wish God's blessing upon this family in the years to come. Jesus said "Bless the little children that come unto me"



Carol Service

The Carol service on Sunday 20th December at 7.30pm was well attended and was delightful to see the Junior and Senior choir, under the leadership of the organist Mrs Ritchie, playing a major role in the service. The boys and girls of the Sunday school, after weeks of rehearsal, dramatized the story of 'Bossie the cow at the manger and she was bossy'. Thanks to the readers of the lessons, those who decorated the church and provided and served food.

Aghabog Bowling Club

The club are holding their Annual Beetle Drive in the parish hall on Saturday 6th February at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend.



Children at the Christingle service in Drum

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Services

February

Thursday 4th

11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 7th: The Sunday before Lent

9.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Holy Communion

7.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 10th: Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Penitential Service with Holy Communion

Thursday 11th February

11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th: The First Sunday in Lent

9.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Prayer Preacher Linda Chambers (US)

7.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 18th

11.00am Holy Communion

Friday 19th

6.30pm Ulster Project Service

Sunday 21st: The Second Sunday in Lent

9.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Holy Communion

7.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 25th

11.00am Holy Communion

1.05pm Healing Service

Sunday 28th: The Third Sunday in Lent

9.00am Holy Communion

11.00am All Age Service with Scouts and Guides in attendance

7.00pm Holy Communion

Holy Baptism

6th December 2015: Raina Lee-Ann Gallagher

20th December 2015: Bella Ashley McCusker

20th December 2015: Logan Ewan George Woods

27th December 2015: Lilija Jane Narbutas

17th January 2016: Phoebe Ella Gertrude Leonard

Christian Marriage

4th December 2015: David John Burleigh and Diane Julie Coulter

Christian Burial

20th December 2015: Sarah Jane (Sadie) Stanford, 45 Hillview Park, Enniskillen

23rd December 2015: Edna Elizabeth Young, 6 Cooper Crescent, Enniskillen

8th January 2016: Margaret Pritchard Trotter, Ashbrooke Nursing Home, formerly Andrews Terrace, Enniskillen

14th January 2016: Angela Hattom, 18 Loane Drive, Enniskillen

Action Mental Health

Action Mental Health New Horizons Fermanagh, were delighted to have an opportunity to share in the Celebration of Christmas at St Macartin's Cathedral this year. Having Northern Ireland's most unique Christmas tree, a spectacular 8ft tall, hand knitted craft extravaganza, displayed in the Church, provided a wonderful opportunity to draw attention to the importance of positive Mental Health and emotional wellbeing in the lives of people in Fermanagh. In a period when 1 in 4 people in our community are suffering with mental health problems the service created the breath-taking Christmas tree as a symbol of positive Mental Health and emotional Wellbeing.

The tree which was hand crafted by clients in the multi-skills department, led by Mary Murphy, Skills Coach in New Horizons Fermanagh is created from more than 1000 hand knitted squares and crocheted decorations. Each square represents a client, which New Horizons Fermanagh has supported over the past 20+ years.

Christmas, and the period after Christmas, can be a challenging and painful time for a lot of people, and we want to use this opportunity to get a very positive message out to the community about the strong support services which are available to people who are struggling with mental health issues and poor emotional well-being. This has been a difficult time in our local community and it's important that people know that help and support is available.

If you are one of the many people, perhaps worried about debt, uncertain about your future, concerned about the place alcohol or drugs play in your life, help is available! Maybe you are concerned about the mental health of a young member of your family, or just finding it harder and harder to cope yourself, make contact with Action Mental Health where you will find a team of people who are kind, dedicated and professional, and will help you back on the road to recovery.

Action Mental Health, New Horizons Fermanagh can be contacted on tel: 028 66 323630.

There are still places available on all their programmes for 2016.

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: Parish Auction; Senior Citizens Party; Nativity Play; Community Carol Service; Nathan Carter Christmas Concert; Carol Service and Christmas Day Services. We hope to build on the success of all events next year.

Community Carol Service

On Monday 7th December a Community Carol Service was held jointly between St Michael's Roman Catholic Church and St Macartin's Cathedral for Enniskillen Integrated Primary School and we were delighted to have jointly hosted 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 Cathedral 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 Carols resounding in St Michael's and St Macartin's Cathedral and on the street simultaneously. This no doubt gave witness to the unity in Christ in a very public and powerful way.

Curate Appointed

Curate Appointed as Rector to Kiltarnan Parish, Dublin The Revd Rob Clements' duties as Curate in St Macartin's will end on Easter Sunday, 27th March following his

appointment as Rector of Kiltarnan Parish, Diocese of Dublin. The Revd Rob was appointed Curate in Enniskillen on 1st September 2013 and served under Very Revd Dean Kenneth Hall with distinction since that time. During his curacy in Enniskillen Revd Rob became very popular with parishioners. His conduct of worship in the cathedral and his sermons were of the highest standard. At times of bereavement his pastoral care was particularly appreciated. He was a very welcome visitor in the homes of parishioners at all times. His service to the sick in hospital and to those in private nursing homes was highly appreciated. Revd Rob's success in starting the Messy Church and Pilgrim initiatives has made a very significant contribution to parish outreach. This activity involved many people who previously had no church connections.

His wife Julie has been a tremendous support to Revd Rob in his work in the parish. Julie and their children, Sophia, Gideon, and Micah who was born in Enniskillen have participated fully in many aspects of worship and parish activity. Julie was a leader in the Messy Mums which again, involved those with no previous church connections. We wish them every Blessing in the years ahead.



The Revd Rob Clements is pictured with his wife Julie and their children Sophia and Gideon (Micah had not arrived at the time the photo was taken).

Cathedral Hall Update

Following an advertisement in the three Belfast newspapers, twenty-five contractors expressed interest in tendering for the work on the hall, two of which were based in County Fermanagh. Following the public procurement process, six of these contractors were identified randomly by the Government's Central Procurement Department (CPD) using their computer programme. None were identified from County Fermanagh and the six who were identified were invited by the architect to tender for the work on the hall. Tenders were to be submitted by 3.00pm on Friday 22nd January. The tenders will be opened at a meeting on Monday 25th January at the architect's office in Londonderry. Messrs George Irvine and Sam Morrow, representing St Macartin's Cathedral will be present at that meeting. The meeting will also be attended by representatives of the Government's Strategic Investment Board (SIB) and CPD. The most acceptable tender will be identified using the CPD's formula. Assuming the most acceptable tender is within the Office of the First

Minister and Deputy First Minister's approved budget, the tender will then be scrutinised by the architect's team and then by CPD staff to ensure that it conforms to appropriate standards. If everything is in order, a meeting of the Project Board (five representatives of St Macartin's including the Dean) and representatives of OFMDFM and SIB will approve the contract. Following this very thorough process the successful contractor should be in position to start work on the hall around the beginning of March.

In the meantime, a lease has been obtained on Hall's former shop in Darling Street. It is the intention that both the Cathedral Office and Diocesan Office will move there while work is being carried out on the hall. It is also possible that some of the regular meetings which have been held in the hall can take place in the Darling Street premises. Mr Leslie Wilkin has kindly offered his premises in East Bridge Street for storage of items from the hall during the construction process. The Select Vestry is very much indebted to Mr David Hall and Mr Leslie Wilkin for their generosity at this time.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. But why 'Ash' Wednesday? The reason has to do with getting things right between you and God, and the tradition goes right back to the Old Testament. In the Old Testament the Israelites often sinned. When they finally came to their senses and saw their evil ways as God saw them they could do nothing but repent in sorrow. They mourned for the damage and evil they had done. As part of this repentance, they covered their heads with ashes. For the Israelites, putting ashes on your head, and even rending your clothes, was an outward sign of their heart-felt repentance and acknowledgement of sin. (See Genesis 18:27; 2 Samuel 13:19; Job 2:8, 30:19; Isaiah 58:5; Jeremiah 6:26; Jonah 3:6)

In the very early Christian Church, the yearly 'class' of penitents had ashes sprinkled over them at the beginning of Lent. They were turning to God for the first time, and mourning their sins. But soon many other Christians wanted to take part in the custom, and to do so at the very start of Lent. They heeded Joel's call to "rend your hearts and not your garments" (Joel 2:12-19). Ash Wednesday became known as either the 'beginning of the fast' or 'the day of the ashes'. The Collect for today goes back to the Prayer Book and stresses the penitential character of the day. It encourages us with the reminder of the readiness of God to forgive us and to renew us. The Bible readings are often Joel 2:1-2, 12-18, Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21 and St Paul's moving catalogue of suffering, "as having nothing and yet possessing everything." (2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10). The actual custom of 'ashing' was abolished at the Reformation, though the old name for the day remained. Today, throughout the Anglican Church receiving the mark of ashes on one's forehead is optional. Certainly the mark of ashes on the forehead reminds people of their mortality: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return..." (Genesis 3:19)

The Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Time to Admit you are Sorry

Have you done something which haunts you? Which makes you feel restless and defensive every time you think of it? Why not deal with it this month, and put it behind you? Whatever your mistake has been, consider what the Bible has to say to you:

"I have not come to call the virtuous but sinners to repentance", said Jesus (Luke 5.32); "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55.7); "Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing" (Joel 2:12-13).

God is inviting you to come to Him this Ash Wednesday. What a wonderful offer! Make the most of it, and remember how the prodigal son was welcomed back by his compassionate father.

Ash Wednesday (10th February)

7.30pm Penitential Service with Holy Communion

Lenten Services

Thursday 11th February 11.00am Holy Communion

Wednesday 17th February 7.30pm Compline

Thursday 18th February 11.00am Holy Communion

Wednesday 24th February 7.30pm Compline

Thursday 25th February 11.00am Holy Communion

Wednesday 2nd March 7.30pm Compline

Thursday 3rd March 11.00am Holy Communion

Wednesday 9th March 7.30pm Compline

Thursday 10th March 11.00am Holy Communion

Wednesday 16th March 7.30pm Compline

Thursday 17th March 11.00am Holy Communion

Lent 2016

This year we are taking a slightly different approach to our Lenten reflections. In keeping with previous years we will have a short service of Compline with the choir every Wednesday at 7:30pm. After the service, all are invited to join us in our temporary location, Hall's Shop, Darling Street, for a journey through the Psalms. We will be using a 5-week Lenten course written by Bishop Simon Cottrell, who is a significant contributor to the Pilgrim course. We will begin with tea and coffee as we get to know one another better, and then there will be a short presentation

on the Psalm followed by a very gentle discussion. You don't need to have any prior knowledge in order to participate, and you will not be put on the spot. We know this isn't great timing for the choir, but maybe they could join us late and miss the tea and coffee.

The Sessions are as follows

Session 1 – 17th February:
Psalm 100 Know that the Lord is God
Session 2 – 24th February:
Psalm 130 Out of the Depths Have I Cried
Session 3 – 2nd March:
Psalm 13 How Long, O Lord?
Session 4 – 9th March:
Psalm 23 You Spread a Table Before Me
Session 5 – 16th March:
Psalm 127 Unless the Lord Builds the House

Missionary Speaker

Linda Chambers from Us (formerly USPG) will be our Missioner Speaker on Sunday 14th February. Us are a church-based charity working in direct partnership with Anglican Churches around the world. For over 300 years they have been sharing God's love through practical action, and seeing lives transformed. Their goal is to help more and more people "take hold of the life that is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:19).

How they work looks different according to the culture and context of our church partners. In Zimbabwe, they initiated a national programme to tackle HIV stigma so more people will come forward to receive counselling and treatment. In Myanmar, they are supporting a programme to take healthcare into isolated rural communities. In South Africa, they have developed a programme to provide church leaders with practical development skills. Their programmes have a deep impact because they are run by local churches that are embedded in the communities they serve - communities that have often been overlooked. They do not give handouts which can create dependency. Instead, they support the development of local skills and the empowerment of communities, leading to change from within. Their programmes help people to unlock their potential and make use of the skills and resources they already have. As a result lives are being transformed. Founded in 1701 they are motivated by our Christian faith and inspired by the gospel. While their programme partners are predominantly Anglican, they work ecumenically and with other faith communities for the benefit of all people, regardless of ethnicity, gender or sexuality. As a charity Us relies on the support of people like you. Your prayers, involvement and missionary giving are helping to build a world in which every person, in every community, can have a full life. So please use the Missionary Boxes in the pews or in the porch to aid with this Christian outreach.

Messy Church

The final Messy Church in the Parish Hall before Messy Church goes on tour is on 4th February from 4.00-6.00pm. Hope you can join us for what should be a particularly 'messy' Messy church.



Messy Mums

One of the things Messy Mums has done throughout the year is listen to various pod casts on issues related to faith and life. One of the contributors so inspired a number of members that 8 of them decided to meet up together for a 12-week course by the author. The course is by Brené Brown. It's an art-journaling eCourse looking at guideposts for Wholehearted Living. It's about the journey from worrying about 'What will people think' to 'Accepting that I am imperfect' and 'I am enough'.

If you would like to be involved with Messy Mums, talk to Sonya Schofield Hammill or Julie Clements or connect through the Messy Church Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/Stmacartinsmessychurch/>

Mothers' Union

Members attended the first meeting of 2016 on Monday 11th January. A service of Holy Communion was celebrated by Dean Hall and the music provided by Angel Nawn. The AGM followed with Dean Hall presiding. The Annual Reports were given by the Hon Secretary and the Hon Treasurer. All offices were declared vacant, the Dean, on behalf of the Branch, extended many thanks to Estelle Latimer who is retiring as Branch Leader and Enrolling member after five years in Office. Thanks were also extended to Kathleen Dougherty, retired as Overseas Representative after serving since 2007. The Dean appointed Stephanie Hamilton as Branch Leader and Enrolling Member and the following elections were made - Hon Secretary: Valerie Thompson, Hon Treasurer: Eleanor Lynn, Overseas Representative Elect: Jenifer Johnston. Committee: Stephanie Hall, Hazel Hunter, Myrtle Irvine, Estelle Latimer, Avril Kee, Margaret Owens and Joyce Stewart. Other business included Messy Church catering and adding volunteers for the Flower arranging rota in the Cathedral.

Dates to remember: Next meeting, Monday 8th February, Cllr Raymond Farrell will speak on 'Stress Management'; 20th February at 9.30am 'Prayer Breakfast' at the Killyhevlin Hotel, speaker Mrs Jacqui Armstrong, All Ireland Faith and policy Unit Co-Ordinator.

Tuesday Club

The last meeting of the Tuesday Club in 2015 was opened by Revd Rob with a scripture reading and prayers. Mrs Hanna's birthday was marked with the cutting of a birthday cake and singing of 'Happy

birthday'. The speaker was David Glass from the PSNI who gave an informative talk on the prevention of crime. A sumptuous afternoon tea brought the meeting to a close.

Some members attended the 60+ Christmas Party where everyone was treated to a beautiful Christmas dinner and festive entertainment.

The first meeting of the new year was on 26th January with guest Lorna Mitchell who demonstrated chair exercises to help with mobility. We meet again on 23rd February when Sally Redman is the speaker and are sure to enjoy her talk on skin care. We look forward to seeing our friends again and encourage new members. Transport is available to get you to the meeting and back home again safely. Just ring Eleanor Lynn on 028 66 3246030 or the Cathedral Office on 028 66 3202917 and all will be arranged. Remember a stranger is a friend you have yet to meet.

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 continuing to explore 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! 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.

Adult Confirmation

Any adults who are not already confirmed and would like to be confirmed should contact the clergy. Adult Confirmation will be held in Portora Royal School Chapel on Ascension Thursday (5th May).

Xplore

Young people of confirmation age and above are invited to be part of our monthly Xplore programme. Xplore is a peer led programme for young people at St Macartin's Cathedral. You can find out more about it on the Xplore Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/Xplore-602667983206086>.

Cathedral Choir

Gordon Appleton is no stranger to Armagh and Enniskillen, and has travelled widely leading church music courses in continental Europe, Australia, Nigeria, Canada & the USA. He will be again visiting Enniskillen on the first week of March. He will conduct our Cathedral Choir practice on Wednesday 2nd March from 7.30–9.00pm and we would ask for all present and past members of our Cathedral Choir to make an effort to attend. Gordon will then play on Sunday 6th March (Mothering Sunday) at the 11.00am service. On Thursday 3rd March at 6.00pm in St Aidan's Church, Kilmore, Armagh Diocese he will conduct a workshop on 'Hymn Accompaniment'. Then at 7.30pm he will hold a 'Meet & Sing' Easy Anthems and Songs suitable for Easter, Harvest and General use. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. These are opportunities not to be missed for anyone with an interest in church music.

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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'Give us grace faithfully to bear His Name.'
from the Collect of the Naming and Circumcision of Christ

During January it was at last possible to put away the trinkets associated with the festival of Christmas. January also brings to us other festivals which are more difficult to mark: The Naming And Circumcision Of Christ, His Epiphany, The conversion of St Paul, and St Brigid. Perhaps the excess of Christmas has dulled

everyone's appetite for festival, but these days can now pass almost without notice. Perhaps that also is their value.

On the evening of the Epiphany seven of us gathered at a service of the Holy Communion. It was a joyful time. I had taken the precaution of asking a churchwarden to be present to allow the celebration go ahead. But in the event, those gathered worked hard to uphold the service, and something of value was remembered.

It reminds me that not all things of value need noise and expense and crowds to give them their place. This year I will try to mark all of the festivals acknowledged by our church, in the parish diary at least. Some will have a service for themselves. Some will be more or less attended. Perhaps you will take time at least, to look at the festivals as they are listed from p303 in the Book of Common Prayer, and include the collect of the relevant day in your own prayers.

Parish life in January mirrored the season. In its opening days we held on to Christmas as much as possible, and set aside the time to sit at open fires and with family and friends. When we did reconvene, it was initially to meet as leaders in order to plan the season ahead. On one memorable three sets of leaders and their cars came and went from the Rectory, all with plans and hopes for the time ahead. It is great that so many are so willing to uphold and develop the work and ministry here.

There were lots of pastoral visits to do, some with needs held over from Christmas, others emerging as the month passed. Either way, people were very welcoming in their homes, and it was good to spend time speaking of things of importance.

The end of the year brought the wedding days of Nigel and Cara Kells, and Joe and Kylie Wingfield nee Farrell. The end of this month promises to bring the baptism of four infants or children, and the pastoral preparation associated with that.

Also, we welcomed the Diocesan President-elect of the Mother's Union in Clogher Diocese, Mrs Irene Boyd. On the evening of writing I intend to be present at her Service of Commission in Colebrooke Parish Church.

We also look forward to welcoming Bishop John to the parish on Mothering Sunday, 6th March, to celebrate the Holy Communion in Kiltermon. He is visiting because Kiltermon is the last of the churches in his diocese in which he has celebrated the Holy Communion. At St John's Church, the Bishop will be in attendance on the same day, as Mothers' Union mark the one hundred and forty years since it began. We were also delighted to learn that Hayley Corbett plans to travel to Uganda in July on a mission trip. She will be raising the profile of her visit in the months ahead. This adds to the good news last autumn that ten young adults and their leaders are planning to visit Peru, also in July and early August.

In mid-January the Bowling Club held a very successful and well attended tournament with teams travelling a great distance to participate. Well done to their organisers.

Mothers' Union

Our Opening Service with Holy Communion was conducted by the Revd Hanlon and attended by 30 members. Mrs Irene Boyd, the new Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union President was the guest speaker and gave a very inspiring address on the 2016 theme 'A Celebration of Faith'. The 2015 Secretary and Treasurer's reports were presented by Emily Kells and Sheila Burke. Thelma Atwell was thanked for her donation to Mothers' Union funds. Thelma had made Christmas wreaths and table centre decorations and had donated the profit to Mothers' Union funds. She was presented with a gift of appreciation.

A 'Prayer Breakfast' organised by the Faith and Policy Unit is being held in Killyhevlin Hotel on 20th February from 9.30-11.30am. Cost £8. The speaker is Jacqui Armstrong, All Ireland Faith and Policy Co-ordinator. This is a Diocesan event and anyone including non-members and men are welcome.

Aughtaine Presbyterian Women have invited us to their Visitors' Night on Tuesday 23rd February at 8.00pm. The speaker is Dean John Hay from Leprosy Mission.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

The next meeting which will follow a Lenten Service is on 10th February. Some of our own members will speak at this meeting, bringing an image or object which represents God's faithfulness to us an individual through the years.

As February becomes, the diary includes **BREATHE**, the quieter time for prayer and reflection, at 7.00pm on Sunday 7th February, at which all are welcome.

Also, members of the parish and the Peru Team plan to attend the **SAMS UK and Ireland Annual Conference** to be held at 7.30pm on Friday 5th February in the Craigavon Civic Centre.

The very successful **ALPHA Course** which has been running since early winter will continue and build on the good work already achieved. Perhaps we will host another in the near future, for those unable to attend at this time.

I would like to finish by thanking those who organise the administration of the parish. December is a very busy season both in the parish office and for several members of the Vestry and parish, and I am very appreciative for the work they undertake for us in this regard.

Kind regards,
Revd Kyle Hanlon, Rector.

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Services

Drummully: 9.00am
Sallaghy: 10:30am
Galloon: 12:00noon

Sunday School

Drummully: 9:00-10:00am Drummully Church Hall
Sallaghy: 10:30-11:30am Sallaghy Church Hall
Galloon: 12:00-1:00pm Galloon Sunday School Rooms

Advent Praise Service

This service was held on Sunday 29th November in St Mary's Church, Drummully. The service was opened with the playing of 'Amazing Grace' and closed with the playing of 'One more step along the world we go!' by Mr Leslie Sodan on the bagpipes. The Group Choir sang three pieces: 'Christ is surely coming', which included a duet from Richard Bell and Stewart Kerr; 'Advent Candles tell the story' and '10,000 Reasons', with solo lines by Mabel Clingan. The focus of the address was 'The Advent Virus' with alerts for symptoms of inner Hope, Peace, Joy and Love being described in a short sketch by Rebekah Clingan and Siobhan Kerr before being developed by Revd Anita. The service was followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Carol Service

A Group Service of Nine Lesson and Carols by Candlelight was held in St Mary's Church, Drummully on Sunday 20th December. The readers represent different organisations in the group and as well as a selection of hymns and carols there were other musical items. The service opened with the Group Choir singing the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City' and they also sung 'Long time ago in Bethlehem', which included a duet from Richard Bell and Stewart Kerr. Roisin Kerr played 'In the bleak mid-winter' on the harp, Cherry Heaslip sang a solo entitled 'When we accept the dear Christ child, the light shines from within'. Alistair, Andrew and Joanna Crawford played a Christmas melody on their brass instruments and brought the service to a fitting climax as the joined organ for the last verse of 'Hark the Herald Angles sing!' The service was followed by refreshments.

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 any way.

Ash Wednesday

An Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion will be held in St Mary's Church Drummully at 8.00pm on 10th February.

Lent Bible Study

The theme will be 'What on earth am I here for?' when we will be sharing Rick Warren's 6-session study companion to our journey to get to know God better. We will meet in Sallaghy Church Hall in fellowship and friendship to find God and come closer to Christ beginning on Wednesday 17th February at 8.00pm, continuing on 24th February and 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March.

Mothers' Union

Members are encouraged to attend the 'Prayer Breakfast' organised by Mothers' Union Faith and Policy Unit on Saturday 20th February in the Killyhevlin Hotel. The speaker will be Mrs Jacqui Armstrong, the All-Ireland Coordinator of the Faith and Policy Unit. The Theme will be: 'A Celebration of Faith - 140 years'.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This service will be hosted by Newtownbutler Presbyterian Church at 8.00pm on Friday 4th March. The service for 2016 has been written by the Christian women from Cuba and the title is 'Receive children. Receive me'.

Mothering Sunday

'Make a Mother's Day – Buy a Mothering Sunday gift and help transform a life'. This year will mark the tenth time Mothers' Union have raised valuable funds for Mothers' Union by promoting our Make a Mother's Day ethical giving. Not only do the gifts and cards raise vital funds for the work, but the church services enable a wider understanding of the work of Mothers' Union.

This year our Group Mother's Day Service is on Sunday 6th March in St Mary's Church, Drummully at 11.00am. Once again we will be supporting the work of the Mothers' Union to reach out in love and service.

Galloon Parish

Galloon & Drummully Mothers' Union 60th Anniversary



Mrs Irene Boyd cuts the 60th Anniversary Cake as Branch Leader Mrs Myrtle Allen looks on

On Sunday 10th January a service of thanksgiving was held in Galloon Parish church to mark 60 years of the Mothers' Union in Galloon. The service was conducted by the Revd Anita Kerr. The special speaker was Dean

John Hay, a former rector. We were privileged to have in attendance The Mothers' Union All Ireland Chaplain, Dean Raymond Ferguson and The Mothers' Union Diocesan President, Mrs Irene Boyd. The Revd Anita gave everyone a warm welcome at the beginning of the service which began with the hymn 'In Christ Alone'.



The readings were taken from 1 Samuel ch1, read by Dean Ferguson and Mrs Boyd. Following the second reading, the Sunday School children sang 'God's Love is the best Love' under the direction of Mrs Dawn Hutchinson, Sunday School Superintendent. Mrs Grace Rickey played the organ. The prayers were led by Mrs Pearl Leary and Mrs Eileen Hall. Following Dean Hay's inspiring address the service ended with the recessional hymn 'Love Divine, all love excelling'. The offering at the service went towards the Mothers' Union Relief Fund.



Mrs Irene Boyd presents a long service certificate to Mrs Anna Crumley

After the service the guests and congregation made their way to the Church Hall for afternoon tea and some celebratory cake. The cake was cut by Mrs Boyd, assisted by Myrtle Allen, Branch leader. Following the delicious tea, which had been prepared by members, Myrtle gave a brief history of the branch in recent years. Mrs Boyd responded accordingly and reminded everyone of our theme for 2016, 'A Celebration of Faith' in this the 140th anniversary of the formation of the Mothers' Union. A long service certificate was presented to Mrs Anna Crumley for 59 years membership, the Branch's longest serving member.

The Branch leader then thanked everyone involved in making this anniversary so special and wished Mrs Boyd God's blessing in the future as she commences her role as Diocesan President. Myrtle asked the rector to end the formal proceedings by saying the grace. This has been a very important milestone not only in the witness of Mothers' Union here in Newtownbutler but also in the life of the parish.



Galloon & Drummully MU members with 60th Anniversary Service special guests

Galloon & Drummully Mothers' Union

The branch are hosting a Visitors' Night on Monday 22nd February at 8.00pm in the Church Hall. The special speakers are Mrs Sharon Breen (nee Dixon) and Mrs Mabel Black. They will be speaking on the work they do in The Ely Centre, Enniskillen as well as demonstrating craft. There will be an opportunity for visitors to purchase some of the craft on display. This promises to be an enjoyable evening and you will be made most welcome, so please come along.

Bereavements

We extend our sympathy to the Patterson family on the death of Mathew's mother Eileen Elizabeth, late of Drumclay Newtownbutler. Her funeral service was held in St Comgall's Parish Church Newtownbutler, on the 21st November 2015, conducted by the Archdeacon, The Ven. Helene T. Steed. Afterwards she was laid to rest alongside her husband in Annagh Burial Ground near Belturbet Co Cavan.

Our sympathy is also extended to William and Sinead Allen, Kilturk South, Newtownbutler, on the death of their darling infant daughter, Amy Lilian, who was laid to rest in St Comgall's churchyard Newtownbutler on the 1st December 2015 after her funeral service, sensitively conducted by the Revd Anita Kerr. Our thoughts reach out to both the Allen and McDonald families at this time and we trust that they may receive consolation from realising the fact that baby Amy Lilian now rests forever in God's safe keeping.

Sallaghy Parish

Crom Road Tractor Run and Vintage Ploughing Demonstration

An evening to present the proceeds of this year's event was held in the Church Hall.

A cheque for £2500 was presented to a representative of the Children's Cancer Unit Charity at The Royal Victoria Hospital for Sick Children.



Mrs Annie Downey makes the presentation to a representative of the Children's Cancer Unit Charity



Mrs Vera Fiddis makes the presentation to Mrs Mildred Crawford, Rector's Churchwarden

A cheque for £2000 was also presented to Sallaghy Parish Church. Thanks once again are expressed to Tommy and Vera Fiddis for their organisation of this event and for hosting it on their farm.

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.

Parish Dance

A great evening's entertainment was had in the Church Hall at the end of November dancing to Livingstone Country Music. The proceeds amounted to £560 and thanks are expressed to all

who supported the event but in particular to Wray Whittendale who led the organisation of it.

Church Hall Kitchen

The new kitchen has now been installed following a successful application to the Awards for All grant scheme. Thanks are expressed to David Morrison and Jayne Mooney for their work with the application process and the others who joined them in finalising the plans. A special thanks to David who used his experience to bring the project to a successful conclusion.

Mothers' Union

In February there will be no Branch meeting but members are encouraged to attend the Prayer Breakfast (see above).

Bowling Tournament

The Annual Sallaghy Parish Pairs Bowling Tournament will take place in the week commencing Monday 8th February with play on each night with the finals on Friday 12th February.

Burial

Monday 28th December 2015: Gertrude Helen Burham, 8 Boyhill Park, Maguiresbridge, aged 81 years.

Sunday 3rd January 2016: Ruby Trotter, 53 Clogher Road, Lisbellaw, aged 87 years.

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection of the Life".

Drummully Parish

Valentines Day

A special Valentines Celebration will be held in Drummully Church Hall on Saturday 13th February at 8.00pm. Please come and bring your friends to an evenings entertainment which will include a 'Mr & Mrs' and 'Dine in for two' with supper and other entertainment/music provided. Admission £5/€6.

Funeral

Drummully were saddened at the death of Mrs Madge Trotter who was laid to rest alongside her late husband, Mr William Trotter on Thursday 7th January 2016.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Services

February

Sunday 7th

10.00am Garrison HC

11.30am Slavin HC

Sunday 14th

10.00am Kiltyclogher HC

11.30am Belleek HC

Sunday 21st

10.00am Garrison MP & FS

11.30am Slavin MP & FS

Sunday 28th

10.00am Kiltyclogher MP

11.30am Belleek MP

March

Sunday 6th

10.00am Garrison HC

11.30am Slavin HC

Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday 10th February as announced.

Christmas Services

The Christmas Family Service was held in Slavin Church on Sunday 13th December, Garrison Sunday School presented a humorous Drama of the nativity. Avril Thompson was the narrator. The first scene told us how God sent a special baby to be born of Mary and how Joseph took her as his wife. Cara Brock was Mary and Scott Brock was Joseph. The second scene was the appearance of the angels to the shepherds and their visit to the manger scene. The sheep were Clare Thompson and Blake Duffy and the Shepherds were Abi Brock, Ryan Graham, and Andries Ferreira. Carly Graham was the angel. The last scene was the visit of the Magi, firstly to Herod and then the star brought them to Bethlehem. Cameron Duffy was King Herod, and the Magi were Glen Brock, Robin Boyd and Joe Ferreira.

The songs included in the Drama and sung by the children were, 'Mary had a little lamb', 'Go tell it on the mountain', 'Rock-a-bye-baby' and 'Away in a manger'. Abi Brock accompanied the children's singing on the keyboard.

Slavin Sunday School

Slavin Sunday School presented the 'Christmas Alphabet'. It was a humorous presentation of the letters in the word MESSIAH, with Aoife Gregg, Ethan Johnston, Skye Love, Levi Love, Oisín Gregg and Sarah Johnston taking part. The letters were then turned round to give the word MESSAGE; the Messiah came to earth with a message. When the last three letters were removed, the word MESS was left and this was the way the world was before Jesus came. When these four letters were turned round, it showed the word LOVE; Jesus came to earth with a message of love.



Slavin & Belleek Sunday School children with teachers

The Bible Readings were by Helen Thompson (Garrison Parish), Sarah Johnston, Levi Love and Oisín Gregg. Prayers were read by Aaron Gregg, Callum Gregg, Matthew Johnston, Jessica Johnston, Levi and Oisín. Sarah read a poem about the real meaning of Christmas. The hymns were announced by Avril Thompson, (Garrison) Aoife Gregg and Skye Love. At the concluding of the service the children sang a verse of 'Great Day in Bethlehem'. The offering was taken up by Ethan Johnston, Robin Boyd and Avril Thompson.

The Revd Ngozi asked for applause for the excellent presentations by all the children, and thanked them and their teachers for all the hard work which had gone into the preparation for the Family Service.

Kiltyclogher Carol Service

The service of carols and readings took place in Kiltyclogher Church on Sunday evening 20th December. The Revd Ngozi led the service with Eddie Graham read the bidding prayers and readings from parishioners and the community. The choir led the singing accompanied by the organist, Joy Graham. During the choir procession in the first hymn Audrey Ovens sang the 1st verse of Once in royal David's city. Later in the service the choir sang 2 pieces entitled 'Christmas is a time to love' and 'Listen, Listen'.



Christingle Service in Kiltyclogher

Garrison Christmas Day Service

The service in Garrison on Christmas Day was a Family Service with Holy Communion. The children sang 'It was on a Starry Night'. The children brought their toys from Santa and some of them also wore their gifts from Santa. Gifts from the children were presented to Joy Graham for her support over the year and for playing the organ for the children singing, and also to Revd Ngozi for all her help and support over the year.



Garrison Sunday School children with Rector & teachers

Belleek Christmas Eve Service

The Rector led the service of Holy Communion to a full church on Christmas Eve. The Choir, accompanied by Mrs. Sadie Moore sang two pieces, entitled, 'A Child is born' and 'The Holy City'. Solo verses were sung by Joy Graham and Robbie Johnston. Sarah Johnston, from Belleek Sunday School read the monologue part of 'A Child is born'. The lessons were read by Robbie Johnston and Billy Nelson.

Mothers' Union

The December meeting was a night of Festive Flower Arranging with Irene Armstrong, from Kesh on Thursday 10th December in the Wark Hall Belleek. This was a lovely evening and many MU members, people from within the Parishes and from the Community came along. Irene very quickly completed 5 different arrangements which were raffled at the end of the night. A lovely seasonal supper was served by the MU members. Dot Barlow thanked everyone for coming and gave a special word of thanks to Irene for all her preparation in making the night such a success.



Winners of Flower arrangements at MU Christmas meeting in the Wark Hall

MU & Choir Christmas Dinner was held on Friday 11th December in the Lough Melvin Holiday Centre. A delicious dinner was served by the staff and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. Thanks to the MU Branch leader, Dot Barlow for organising the evening. The February meeting is due to take place on Wednesday 17th February at 8.00pm in Garrison Church Hall when the speaker is Mrs Muriel Kerr.

Sunday School Christmas Party

The annual party took place Monday 21st December at 6.30pm in the Wark Hall Belleek.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been unwell at home or in hospital in recent weeks. We remember Noleen McCordick, Elizabeth Ovens and Willie Robinson.

Christian Burial

Mrs Betty Henry passed away peacefully at her home at Gurteen on 21st November 2015 with her family after a short illness. Betty was a quiet, dignified lady yet enjoyed life to the full when she was in better health. Betty was a lifelong and dedicated member of Garrison Parish Church, a member of the Mothers' Union and Garrison Select Vestry. She served for a considerable number of years as Parish Treasurer.

She will be greatly missed by her brother Bertie and our prayers and sympathy are with him and the extended family circle. The removal service and the funeral services were both conducted by former Rector, Canon Noel Regan due to Revd Ngozi being on holidays. Burial was in the adjoining graveyard.

Mrs Florence McBrien who lived in Belleek for some years passed away on 12th January 2016 in the County Nursing Home, Enniskillen. She was in her 90th year. The funeral service was on Thursday 14 January in Slavin Parish Church, conducted by the Revd Ngozi. Our thoughts and prayers are with her son David and family circle.

Sympathy

We remember Arlene Brock and her family in our thoughts and prayers on the loss of her grandmother, Mrs Cathcart from Monea.

Our prayers and sympathy go to Miss Christina Breen on the loss of her brother in Glengormley, Mr John Breen who passed away in hospital after a short illness. We also extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs Lily Graham and family on the sudden loss of her sister Mrs Lena Melanophy from Letterbreen on 13th January.

Parish Website

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org. The web manager is Jenna Earls. Photos & articles etc. for the website to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls at Social Networking: Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group

of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.

Inishmacsaint

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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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"I said to the man that stood at the gate of the year. Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown". And he replied "Go into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way". Minnie Louise Haskins, 1908.

Services

February

Sunday 7th

11.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10th

8.00pm Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday 14th

11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st

11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th

11.30am Family Service

Christmas Carol Service

This was held on the Sunday night before Christmas and was enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to the organist, choir, readers and our very own Diocesan Reader, Mrs Eileen Cutler who led the service. The collection as in past years was for the UDR benevolent fund and raised £390.20. Tea and mince pies were served after the service.

Joint Community Carol Service



On Tuesday 15th December Inishmacsaint Parish Church took part in a joint churches Community

Christmas Carol Service which involved Devenish and Boho Parish Churches, Botha Roman Catholic Parish Church and Church Hill, Derrygonnelly, Springfield and Kilcoo Methodist Church. There was a very large attendance at the Carol Service where the lessons were read by the children from the three local schools and representatives from the four churches. The singing was led by the choirs from all the churches as well as the choirs from the local primary school.

We were also delighted to welcome Mr Paul Francis from TEARFUND who spoke about the work of TEARFUND in Nepal after the terrible earthquake last April. In May 2015 the four local churches came together to organise a soup lunch in aid of TEARFUND's work in Nepal, which raised £5,762.91. Paul concluded his presentation by playing a video, where the people of Nepal thanked everyone for their kind and generous contribution. The service concluded with light refreshments and the retiring collection came to £631.47, which will go towards Horizon West, Killadeas.

Table Quiz

There will be a Table Quiz on the 19th February in Derrygonnelly Orange Hall. This should be a good evening of fun and fellowship for the parish. Everyone very welcome.

Lent Services

We are being blessed to have services every Wednesday night during Lent at 8.00pm.

Mothers' Union



Dr Margaret Knox, Mrs Mabel Hassard and Mr John Irvine

A milestone in the life of Inishmacsaint Mothers' Union was celebrated on Friday 25th September with a special service to present long service certificates to Branch members. These ranged from 20 years to 60+ years since members had first enrolled. This service was conducted by the Bishop, Rt Rev John Mc Dowell, assisted by Canon David Skuce, with certificates presented by Dr Margaret Knox, Diocesan President. One long standing member, Mrs Mabel Hassard, was missing on that occasion, due to ill-health. Following a successful recovery Mabel received her certificate on

Sunday 29th November. We were delighted that Dr Margaret Knox returned to make this presentation, fulfilling one of her final engagements as Diocesan President. Following the presentation Dr Margaret spoke of Mabel's constant encouragement and inspiration within the Branch over many years. Members of the Branch and Mabel's family were present at this very important occasion. The service was conducted by Mr John Irvine, Diocesan Reader.

Marriage

On Saturday 28th November one of our parishioners Alan Ferguson married Julie Graham from Derryvullen South. We would like to pass on our congratulations and welcome Julie into our parish.

Condolences

We extend our prayerful sympathy to Derek, Laura and Claire Elliott on the death of their son and brother Malcolm who passed away on 6th January 2016 after a short illness.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Services

February

Sunday 7th: The Sunday before Lent

10.30am Trillick Holy Communion
11.45am Kilskeery Holy Communion

Wednesday 10th: Ash Wednesday

8.15pm Trillick Joint Service

Sunday 14th: The First Sunday in Lent

10.30am Trillick Morning Prayer
11.45am Kilskeery Morning Prayer

Wednesday 17th: Lenten Mid-week service

8.15pm Kilskeery Joint Service

Sunday 21st: The Second Sunday in Lent

10.30am Trillick Morning Prayer
11.45am Kilskeery Morning Prayer

Wednesday 24th: Lenten Mid-week service

8.15pm Trillick Joint Service

Sunday 28th: The Third Sunday in Lent

10.30am Trillick Morning Prayer
11.45am Kilskeery Morning Prayer

Church Groups/Organisations

Sunday School:

During our morning services

Crèche:

During our morning services

Girls' Brigade:

Mondays 6.30 - 8.00pm (Gwen 89561763)

Mothers' Union:

3rd Monday of each month (May 89561291)

Craft Group:

Mondays as arranged (Gwen 89561763)

Kilskeery Silver Band:

Mondays 8.00pm

Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Group:

Tuesdays 2.00 - 4.30pm (Emily 66388683)

Choir:

Tuesdays 8.30 - 9.30pm (Art 89561457)

Boys' Brigade:

Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.30pm (Pauline 89561715);

Thursdays 7.15 - 9.00pm (Roger 89561254)

Youth Club:

Fridays (2nd and 4th of each month)

Bowls Club:

Saturdays 8.00pm (Marlene 89561285)

Messy Kids Club:

3rd Saturday of each month (Clare 89561196)

Holy Baptism

Sunday 22nd November 2015: Archie Ivan James Keys, son of Richard and Karen at Kilskeery Parish Church

Sunday 6th December 2015: Harvey Robert Graham, son of Keith and Julie at Kilskeery Parish Church

*God our Creator, thank you for
the waiting and the joy,
Thank you for new life and for Parenthood.
Thank you for the gifts of Archie and
Harvey entrusted to our care.
May we be patient and understanding,
ready to guide and forgive, that in our love
Archie and Harvey may know your love.
May they learn to love your word and
the whole family of your children;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Burial of the Dead

'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord'

Myra Armstrong, Ballyard Lodge, Trillick on 3rd January 2016.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Myra and we extend our deepest sympathy to her loving husband, Maurice, daughter Janet, son David, son-in-law Ivan, daughter-in-law Elaine, grandchildren Samantha, Vanessa, Kyle and John, great-granddaughter Jessica, sisters Evie, Myrtle, Mabel and brother Allenby and all the family circle.

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

Girls' Brigade



Girls' Brigade Enrolment

The Enrolment Service took place, by candlelight, during our Advent Carol Service on 29th November. Additional funds were raised with a 'Coffee Evening and Sale' on 30th November 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!

Queen Elizabeth II Primary School

The Christmas Carol Service took place in Kilskeery Parish Church on 15th December – warmest congratulations to all! Tea and mince pies were provided by parents and staff following!!

Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Club

The Annual Christmas Dinner took place in Kilskeery Parish Hall on 10th December – a truly wonderful event with sincere thanks again to all those who helped in any way – Gwen, Pauline, Violet and Kerri.

The hall is open for Boccia/New Age Curling and other games on every Tuesday from 2 – 4.30pm.

Mothers' Union

The Annual Dinner took place on 14th December. We look forward to the Revd Ngozi Njoku as our special speaker on Monday 15th February when she will share her life experiences.

Groups/Organisations (have resumed)

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

Girls' Brigade: Monday: 6.30 – 8.00pm.

Our Youth Club: meets Friday evenings from 7.30pm fortnightly.

Our Bowling Club: on Saturday evenings, with plans for their Annual Tournament, in Kilskeery Parish Hall, well under way. Choir: Tuesday evenings: 8.30 – 9.30pm. Two of our very lovely members, Marlene Lawder and Hazel Hutchinson, with 30 years loyal service each, stepped down from our choir and were presented with engraved crystal clocks at our Carol Service on 20th December. We thank them most

sincerely and look forward to their feed-back as they listen from the body of the church and also to Marlene and Hazel joining us occasionally (at choir practice especially, where they will be greatly missed).



Kilskeery & Trillick Choir

Messy Kids Club

The Christmas Party took place on 19th December at the Bawnacre Centre. Their first meeting of 2016 was on 16th January and will meet again on 20th February.

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 – forwarding 260 boxes (46 from Trillick and Kilskeery) on!

The Salvation Army

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

Christmas 2015

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.



Christmas Party Fun - Kilskeery & Trillick

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday falls on 10th February when there will be a joint service in Trillick Parish Church at 8.15pm.

Faith Mission Conference

Trillick Parish Church (March). Contact Rector for more details

Lisbellaw

(including Coolbuck)



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Services

February

Sunday 7th: Sunday before Lent: Transfiguration

Lisbellaw 10.00am Confirmation Class
11.00am Holy Communion Form 2 (Sunday School)

Coolbuck 3.00pm Holy Communion Form 1

Wednesday 10th: Ash Wednesday

Lisbellaw: 8.00pm Service for Ash Wednesday

Sunday 14th: First Sunday in Lent

Lisbellaw: 10.00am Confirmation Class
11.00am All-Age Service of the Word (no Sunday School)

Coolbuck: 3.00pm All-Age Service of the Word

Sunday 21st: Second Sunday in Lent

Lisbellaw: 9.45am Holy Communion Form 1
11.00am Morning Prayer (Sunday School)
3.30pm 'Thinking Day' Service (leaves the Parish Centre at 3pm)

Coolbuck: 3.00pm No service because of 'Thinking Day' service.

Sunday 28th: Third Sunday in Lent

Lisbellaw: 10.00am Confirmation Class
11.00am Morning Prayer (Sunday School)

Coolbuck: 3.00pm Evening Prayer

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Harriet Adams, formerly living at Millcroft Nursing Home, the late Billy Crawford, formerly of Coventry in the West Midlands, the late Stella Hetherington, formerly of Lisbellaw, the late Martha Ann Wilcox, formerly of Lisbellaw and the late Betty Thompson, formerly of Omagh.

No Family Service

No Family Service this month due to youth 'Thinking Day' service on 21st. All-Age Service of the Word will take place on Sunday 14th February at 11.00am in Lisbellaw church.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union meets on Tuesday 23rd February in the Parish Centre.

Diocesan Magazine

Diocesan Magazine costs £10 a year. If you would like to receive a copy through the church, please contact Betty McElroy on 028 663 87470. If you wish to cancel your subscription please ensure you let Betty know.

Clogher Diocesan Youth Event 'Deeper ... into God's Praise'

Clogher Diocesan Youth Event 'Deeper ... into God's Praise' hosted by the Clogher Rural Deanery. All secondary school aged children are welcome to this event and details will follow. Parents should arrange own transport and a permission form can be obtained from the rector.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a confidential and practical service run by Christians who can help individuals manage and eradicate financial debt. They can be contacted on 0800 328 0006.

Traidcraft

Contact Jane Russell on 028 895 41274. Also available online.

Book Launch

A group of committed and enthusiastic individuals from Lisbellaw, Tamlaght and the surrounding area are currently working on a book which chronicles the lives of those who left the area to fight during World War 1. Please note Friday 11th November when this book will be launched in Lisbellaw Parish Centre.

Lisbellaw Parish website

Lisbellaw Parish website is not available to us for editing. Please see our Facebook page for up to date information on parish events.



Fun at the Sunday School Christmas Party



Crib Service in Coolbuck Church

Holy Baptism

Sunday 27th December 2015: Isabelle Kate Johnston, daughter to Steven & Gail, Drumbadbeg, Lisnaskea. Congratulations to you both.

Burial

Sunday 3rd January 2016: Brian Christopher Armstrong, "Bali hai", Castlebalfour, Lisnaskea. Our thoughts, prayers and sincere condolences are with the Armstrong family at this very sad time. Indeed we remember all families who have been recently bereaved and also all who are ill at home, in hospital and nursing homes.

Carol Service & Christmas Trees

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the Church look so beautiful over the Christmas period this year and in particular Lena Benson who planned and organised a lot of the work. It was great to see the clever ideas thought up by the many organisations who supplied the lovely trees.



A member of Coolbuck Sunday School lights the candle for the third Sunday of Advent on the Advent wreath and Jane Russell reads about the angels



Some of the beautiful Christmas Trees

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Services

February

Sunday 7th

11.30am Holy Communion

Ash Wednesday 10th

8.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 14th

11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st

11.30am Founder's Day

Sunday 28th

11.30am Morning Prayer

Also thanks to the ladies who helped serve refreshments on the open day. A total of £311 was raised as a result of donations and this will be going towards the work of "The Pantry".

At our Carol Service we used a booklet similar to last year made up and supplied by "HOPE, Tearfund and Sports Chaplaincy UK." Entitled 'Not such a Silent Night'. This included all the favourite carols, some of which were led by Lisnaskea Silver Band with contributions from the choir and Children's Church. Thank you to our organist and leaders for all their work also.

Mother's Union

December has been a busy month for our branch. Our meeting was a celebration of two of our members who have been honoured for their services to the community of Lisnaskea. We are delighted to have a MBE and an OBE in the Branch. The two ladies related to us memories of their special days and showed us photos and a video. To make it all more special they were dressed in the outfits they had worn on the day, including the hats! To show how much we appreciate having them in the branch we all dressed in our finery and used the best china for the special supper provided by our tea ladies on the night (we usually have tea and biscuits).

Later on in the month we joined the Friendship Club and other parishioners and friends for a trip to the Linen Green in Moygashel and then to Viscounts in Dungannon for a Christmas Meal. We had heard about the Christmas Decorations in the Viscounts and we were not disappointed. They are spectacular and well worth a visit. We had a beautiful meal with service second to none and came out of the restaurant to discover that there had been a considerable fall of snow. This just crowned our Christmas outing. Thanks to a warm comfortable coach and an excellent driver we arrived home safely.

This year we were asked to organise a tree for the Christmas decorations for the church. We used the MU colours for our 'tree' with white twigs arranged in a blue pot. The names of all the branches in the Diocese and some of the countries where MU is active were displayed on white flags attached to the branches by blue ribbon. The words United in Prayer were printed on a ribbon attached to the pot. This year some of our crocheted and knitted blankets were sent to Kindfund. We were delighted to be able to have on the 'tree' a picture of the blankets taken at a meeting in our hall and another photograph of two recipient children sitting on one of the blankets. This was sent to us from Tearfund with their thank you note. Thanks to all the members who crocheted little decorations and those who helped to attach the flags and pictures.

Our next meeting will be our Visitors Night on 4th February. We look forward to welcoming everyone to this meeting and hope to learn about the work of the Spud Bear Ministry.

Confirmation

There will be a service of Confirmation on Sunday 17th April at 11.30am. A course of 10 classes are already under way taking place each Sunday in the Trinity Hall at 10.30am.

Upcoming events

As these notes are being prepared we are looking forward to a Parish Dinner on 22nd January in the Archdale Centre with a carvery meal being provided by Saddlers and music by Malcolm Coulter.

As well as this a Parish concert is being planned for Friday 11th March.

It is also our turn this year to host The Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 4th March, so ladies keep this date free.

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Service of Prayer

Our Wednesday Service of Prayer at 10:30am has been well-received. Each week, we pray for a small number of families in the parish and send them a card assuring them of our support. We also include any others who have requested prayer and any particular needs at the time.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union January meeting had an excellent attendance and was an exceptionally uplifting evening in which we sang a compilation of favourite hymns with brief introductions. This was followed by a belated "Secret Santa".

At our February meeting on Thursday 4th, our guest speaker will be Frances Boyd speaking on "Faith and Photography".

Founder's Day for the Scouts

Founder's Day for the Scouts will be marked on February 21st at 11.00am with a special service at 11.00am for all the scout sections, including the parade from the Archdale Hall.

Sports Service

The Sports Service with Ballinamallard United FC will also be held on February 21st at 7pm in the Parish Church. The theme this year, with a nod to the Mallard Flyers Cycling Club, is "My Chains Fell

Off". If you have an interest in any sport or enjoy the sofa and TV, you will be very welcome. This is a gathering for all denominations and celebrates the friendships forged through sport in our community.

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As we start a new year I can't help but ask, "How do you know if you are living for your dream or God's dream?" You may think you were created to get up, go to work, come home, watch TV and go to bed, to make a little money, retire, and die. Really? You think that's all God put you here for? If your dream is from God, it will somehow be connected to his Church and his plan for the world. Why would God give you a self-centred dream, unconnected to what he wants to do in the world? He wants to use you for his dream. He wants to use you for his plan.

Do you really think that living for Christ is simply going to church on a Sunday morning, is that it? And what is God's big, overarching plan? God is building a family and he's collecting family members from every nation, every tribe, every language, and every people group. When everybody's in the family that he knows will be in the family, it's over. We're going into phase two, which is eternity. That's God's big plan.

Right before Jesus went back to Heaven after the Resurrection he gave the disciples a great vision, or dream. It's called the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20 NLT). It is at the centre of our vision for the church.

The Great Commission is your commission. We've had 2000 years of God building his family. And when God gives you a dream for your life, it is somehow going to be connected to his overarching plan, the

growth of his Church and his Kingdom, and the building of his family until the day it's completed and we all go to Heaven.

You weren't put here on Earth to live for yourself, anyone who says they can live the Christian life alone is not living the Christian life as God planned it in the bible. The early church was all about community and unity of his people. Ask God to give you his dream for your life so that you can be part of the biggest, best and most important story.

"If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it" (Mark 8:35)

Revd Canon Henry Blair

Ardess Church Sexton Retires

Mrs Myrtle Wilkin, who has served as sexton at Ardess Church for over thirty Years was presented with a beautiful bouquet as a thank you for her long and dedicated ministrations over the years. We wish Myrtle good health and happiness for the future.



Christmas at Ardess



Children's Church Carol Service & Nativity

This was a spectacular success at our 11.00am service on Sunday 20th December.

Our children performed and sang beautifully in front of a full church. Three month old baby Maisy was baptised at this service so we had a real life 'baby Jesus' and, of course, mum and dad played Mary & Joseph. A unique event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Carols by Candlelight

Our Christmas carol service on Sunday 20th December was a magnificent event with the soft glow of the candles enhancing the red and green of the 'Memories' poinsettias. Each plant was purchased by a parishioner in memory of a loved one and raised a much appreciated £800 for our church funds.

Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Christmas Eve Holy Communion was attended by a good number of parishioners and children brought their presents to show at Christmas Morning Communion. After this service on Christmas Day we had a lunch in the Parish Centre for anyone who would be spending Christmas alone.

Week of Prayer @ Ardess

At the start of the year we have for the past few years met in the hall each evening to pray and seek God for the life of the church and all its organisations for the year ahead. This year as we prayed about what we should do we were led to have our week of prayer in the church and open the church for prayer each day from 9.00am to 11.00pm for people to come in and pray quietly by themselves or join in the daily routine of services of morning prayer, lunchtime communion, evening prayer, evening worship and compline last thing at night. The church was open for 121 hours over the week and I was greatly encouraged at the response and involvement of everyone in the week, which equated to well over 1000 hours of prayer by individuals in the church. With this level of prayer at the start of the year it is with a real excitement in my spirit that I look forward to what God is going to do in the parish in 2016.

The verse that overarched the preparations for the week and indeed the whole week was 2 Chronicles 7:14, which says "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land".

Regular Events

It is impossible to keep track of all our events here so please visit our website www.ardess.org for a full list of all that's going on in Ardess parish.

A snapshot of the regular events is below.

Sunday Worship at 9:30am & 11:00am in Ardess church
Children's Church during our 11.00am service
Mullaghfarne Church Service third Sunday in month at 3.00pm

Prayer Opportunities

Revival Prayer: Monday 8.00pm 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
Prayer Ministry: is available at our 11.00am Sunday service

24 hour prayer: each month

Prayer for Mission: our bi-monthly prayer sheet to help us pray specifically for the missionaries connected to Ardess parish.

Mothers' Union

Meets 3rd Thursday in month at 8.00pm in the Moffitt Room in Ardess Parish Centre

Thursday 18th February – 'Celebration of Faith'

Friends in the Afternoon - Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday in month at 2pm in the Moffitt Room at Ardess Parish Centre. Come along and bring your friends.

Tuesday 9th February – 'Favourite Hymns' with Helen Blair.

Tuesday 23rd February - Denzil McDaniel will speak on 'The History of the Impartial Reporter'.

In Stitches - Thursdays at 8.00pm in the Fountain Centre. An evening of simple

crafts, good craic and fun. Everyone welcome.

Book Club - Meets fortnightly on Monday at 10.00am in Liz & Phil Crooks' house.

Next meeting 8th February. Current book is 'Leota's Garden', Ardess

Ardess Historical Society

Meets 3rd Monday in month at 8.00pm in Ardess Parish Centre.

Monday 15th February Fred Ternan will speak on 'Wooden Boat Building on Lough Erne'

Lent

This year Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent on Wednesday 10th February, and as usual we will mark this with a service in the church at 8.00pm.

Waterworks

Tuesdays (term time) 3.15-4.15pm in Kesh Primary School for all primary school age children. Your son/daughter is very welcome to come along and learn Bible stories in a fun & active way.

Alpha 2016

Alpha 2016 starts week beginning Monday 25th January. This year is the 20th year we have been running an Alpha course in the parish. This is a great course to explore what the basics of the Christian faith are and it provides an opportunity to ask even the most basic questions around faith in a safe environment where everyone has questions.

Why attend the Alpha Course?

Guests come on the Alpha course for different reasons; some want to investigate whether God exists and some have questions they'd like to discuss. Many guests have never been to church and others may have attended church but feel they have never had a personal understanding of the Christian faith.

How Alpha Works

The course consists of a series of talks, looking at topics including 'Who is Jesus?' and 'Why and how do I pray?' The programme each time takes approximately 2 hours including a time for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Contact the Parish Office for details of times and venues.

Registers

Baptism

Congratulations to all those families who had children baptised this month.

22nd November 2015: George Brian Stronge, son of Leslie and Gillian Stronge of 115 Manoo Road, Kesh.

20th December 2015: Maisy Kyrene, daughter of David & Kyrene Moynaghan of 57 Crevenish Road, Kesh.

3rd January 2016: Jack Gordon Robert Simpson son of Alan & Lorraine Simpson of 74 Castle Manor, Kesh.

10th January 2016: Cody George Noble, son of Nicky & Ciara Noble of 7Augharainey Road, Kesh.

Marriage

Saturday 30th December 2015: Keith Samuel McAdoo of Crevenish Park, Kesh married Laura Elizabeth Become of Brookfield, Kesh in Ardess Parish Church.

Friday 1st January 2016: Alvin Charles Robert Anderson married Julie Ann Johnston, both of 38 Main Street Kesh, in Ardess Parish Church.

Burial

16th December 2015: Rodney Thomas John McCrea, aged 46 of 66 Castle Manor, Kesh at Colaghty Parish Church.

Sligo 16 - New Wine Summer Conference

God is at work in our land - lives are being transformed by the love and forgiveness of Jesus, and healed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Churches new and old are

coming together, standing together, to worship, to reach out and to respond to the renewing, restoring power of the Kingdom of God.

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Connect YF: Sunday Night 7-9pm. Age Group: Year 8+. Food, Icebreakers, Games, Interactive talks, Faith, Discussion and more. . .

Look out for more information about our activities on our Facebook page.

For further information please contact Dee at Ardess Parish Office in The Fountain Centre on tel:028 6863 2695 or email: office@ardess.org

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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It is always a great pleasure to baptise and welcome new members into the Church of God. We hope and pray that they will grow and develop in the Christian Faith and whenever the person comes of age (knowing the difference between right and wrong) they will be confirmed by the Bishop and admitted to Holy Communion. We wish Betsy and Jaydon well as they start on their journey of faith.

Sympathy

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Graham family on the death of Noel and the Wilcox on the death Martha. We thank God for their lives and witness as we leave them in God's care and protection.

Thanks

I would like to thank all those who helped out in anyway at all with the various services over Christmas and the Christmas parties. The Christingle service wrapped up all our celebrations reminding us that Christ is the light to our world of darkness.

It is hard to hard to think as we bid farewell to Christmas we will be beginning to think of the season of Lent leading up to Holy Week and culminating in the great festival of Easter when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ from the dead.

Services for lent are as follows

Ash Wednesday 10th February

10.30am Holy Communion
8.00pm Service for Ash Wednesday Christ Church Maguiresbridge St. Michael's Derrybrusk

17th February

10.30am Holy Communion
8.00pm Compline St. Michael's Derrybrusk Christ Church Maguiresbridge

24th February

10.30am Holy Communion
8.00pm Compline Christ Church Maguiresbridge St. Michael's Derrybrusk

2nd March

10.30am Holy Communion
8.00pm Compline St. Michael's Derrybrusk Christ Church Maguiresbridge

St. Michael's, Derrybrusk

Baptism

6th December 2015: Noah Robert Archie Wright, 70 Rabbit Burrow Road, Lisbellaw.

Burial

31st December 2015: Martha Anne Wilcock, Main Street, Lisbellaw was buried in Derrybrusk Parish following a service in St. Michaels.

Christ Church, Maguiresbridge

Baptism

28th November 2015: Betsy Alana Fogwill, 21 Kilmakee Road, Templepatrick.

27th December 2015: Jaydon John Browne, Fortmount House, 22 Mullybritt Road, Lisbellaw.

Burial

9th December 2015: John Noel Graham, Drumeer Road, Maguiresbridge was buried at Craghan Cemetery, Ballinamallard following a service at Christ Church, Maguiresbridge.

TIP

TIP (Together in Prayer) continue to meet in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge on Wednesday 3rd, 20th February and 2nd March. During Lent the group will meet after the service in the church.

Maguiresbridge Mothers' Union

A Christmas Lunch was held in the hall on Friday 4th December and over 100 people enjoyed a lovely turkey dinner. Special thanks goes to Elma Nelson and her team of helpers for organising this very successful lunch. Donations of £580 received on the day will go towards the repair fund in aid of St Thomas Church of Ireland, Achill Island.

Mothers' Union members meet on the 2nd Monday of the month and commenced with a business meeting in the hall on Monday 11th January at 8.00pm.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

February

Sunday 7th: The Sunday before Lent

10.30am St Patrick's Holy Communion
12:15pm Kilmore Holy Communion

Sunday 14th: The First Sunday in Lent

10.30am St Patrick's Service of the Word
12:15pm Ballinode Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st: The Second Sunday in Lent

10.30am St Patrick's Morning Prayer
12:15pm Kilmore Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th: The Third Sunday in Lent

10.30am St Patrick's All-Age Worship
12.15pm Ballinode Holy Communion

March

Sunday 6th: The Fourth Sunday in Lent

10.30am St Patrick's Holy Communion
12:15pm Kilmore Holy Communion

The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

We held our annual food appeal on Sunday 29th November and Sunday 6th December. This gave us an opportunity to remember those at Christmas time who are less fortunate than ourselves, particularly children. We are, as ever, grateful to those who donated food items or gave a donation and to Mrs Muriel Treacy for making the necessary arrangements.

The Mothers' Union

The Branch held their Christmas dinner in the Hillgrove Hotel on Tuesday 1st December. The evening was very successful with in-house entertainment and fellowship. The opening meeting for 2016 was a communion service in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 5th January. This was followed by the Annual General Meeting at which the following officers were elected for 2016.

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

The evening concluded with refreshments and fellowship.

The February meeting will be held in the Church on Tuesday 2nd when Ms Emma McAdoo will give a talk on Chiropody and Reflexology.

The Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group Christmas dinner was held on Wednesday 9th December in the Westenra Hotel. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

The February meeting on the 16th will be a visit to Monaghan Museum and will be a talk on the 1916 Centenary and St. Davnet's exhibition, 'World within Walls'.

The Ladies' Group Interdenominational Carol Service

This was held in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 15th December. The Chairperson, Mrs Frances Ebbs, welcomed the large congregation and expressed grateful thanks to all who had assisted in the arrangements, the choirs from St. Louis Secondary School, Monaghan Model School, Soloist: Mr. Roy Crowe and St. Davnet's/St. Michael's choir, Ardaghey, and to those who read the lessons. The offering was in aid of the Jack and Jill Foundation and Monaghan Cancer Treatment Support with in excess of €2,700.00 being donated. The evening concluded with mulled wine, mince pies and shortbread in the Hall immediately after the service. The Chairperson and members are to be congratulated on a very successful evening.

Condolences

We express prayerful sympathy to Mr Tommy Ballentine and family on the death of his mother-in-law.

Advent Sunday

We were honoured to have as our guest speaker, Canon Dr. Maurice Elliott, Director of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute at our Group Service in St. Patrick's.

Churches Together

We joined with other churches in the town to provide a free Christmas present wrapping service in Monaghan Shopping centre on Wednesday 23rd December. Our grateful thanks to those from our Group who volunteered to cover the two hour slot allocated to St. Patrick's.

On Christmas Eve the Churches came together to sing carols at the Courthouse in Monaghan at 3.00pm, followed by light refreshments in St. Patrick's Church.

Christmas Services

The celebrations commenced on Sunday 21st December with a Carol service in Ballinode Church and we express grateful thanks to the choir and

readers for their lead in worship and to the members for the refreshments provided after the service.

During Advent we did our traditional Posada where the figures of Mary, Joseph and donkey from our crib made their way round houses in the parish to symbolise making room for Jesus at Christmas.

The Group Services on Christmas day in St Patrick's consisted of a traditional Holy Communion at 9.30am followed by an All Age Communion Service at 10.30am. It was good to see large congregations at both services.

The celebrations concluded with a Christingle service on Sunday 27th December.

Parish Party

On Sunday 3rd January we held a 'Board at New Years' party where young and old enjoyed playing a variety of board games. All there also enjoyed 'a bring and share supper'. Thanks to Gayle for organising the party and to all who came and brought food.

Illness

Please remember, in prayer, those who are ill, or recovering and their families, the housebound and those in residential care.

Parish Organisations

All organisations have recommenced activities after the Christmas break.

Rossorry



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Services

February Sunday 7th

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

Sunday 14th

9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st

9.00am Holy Communion.
11.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th

9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Morning Prayer

Parish Register

Baptisms

13th December 2015: Jack Robert Leslie Thompson, infant son of Gary and Helen.

27th December 2015: Aidan Edward James Ellis, infant son of Mark and Judith Ellis.

Christening

A very warm welcome to the newest members of Rossorry Parish!



Baptism of Jack Robert Leslie Thompson



Baptism of Aidan Edward James Ellis

Marriage

20th November 2015: Rachael Mc Keown to Declan Garrity from Trillick, married at Rossorry Parish Church. Congratulations to the happy couple.



Wedding of Declan Garrity and Rachael McKeown

Bereavements

The Parish was saddened to learn of the deaths of 3 of our parishioners and extend our sympathy, prayers and support to their families.

17th November 2015: Robert Mervyn (Robin) Houston of Drumsillagh. The Funeral was held in Rossorry on 21st November with burial in Rossorry.

24th November 2015: Mary Jean Bannon of Ferney Rise. The Funeral was held at Rossorry on 26th November with interment in Rossorry.

30th November 2015: Dorinda Elliott of Old Rossorry Park. Canon Ellis officiated at the Funeral in Ballycassidy and the interment in the family plot in Breandrum

Rossorry celebrates 175 years

2016 is a very important year for Rossorry parish as we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the opening of the present church. We are planning a series of events throughout the year to mark this most significant milestone in our church's history. The first event will be our service of celebration on Sunday 3rd April when our bishop will be present to preach and help us to inaugurate our year of celebration.

Other events are being planned to enable our parishioners, friends and visitors to explore joyfully in a variety of ways our theme of celebration.

Events so far planned include: A Christmas Tree Festival; Anniversary Dance, Service at Old Rossorry, Concert, Auction, coffee morning, Table Quiz. A number of other ideas still under development – further news later. We are currently seeking offers of help from parishioners to take these various events forward – details will be available soon. We trust that the events will enable us all to enjoy the experience of working together as the people of God and make the celebrations successful and memorable.

Confirmation 2015

In 2015 there were 26 young people prepared for Confirmation. The Confirmation took place on Sunday 6th December in Rossorry. Bishop John Mc Dowell confirmed the 26 candidates and 1 adult reaffirmation in a packed church.

It was a beautiful service, befitting the occasion. The candidates were presented with a gift of a Bible by the Rector, who prepared the candidates, assisted by Carol Livingstone, Sunday School Superintendent.



Confirmation December 2015

Happy Birthday

Our oldest parishioner, Charlotte (Lottie) Johnston celebrated her 100th birthday on 23rd November at The Graan Nursing Home. She was delighted to be visited by the Bishop, the Rector and Canon Desmond Kingston. She is in good health and thoroughly enjoyed her day. We wish her many happy returns.



Lottie Johnston's 100th Birthday

Church Repair Fund

In order to cover the costs of the church repairs and improvements the Select Vestry took the decision to launch a Church Repair Fund. A special Gift Sunday was held on Trinity Sunday 31st May 2015 when parishioners brought their contributions to the Church Repair Fund Appeal. In addition a series of fund raising activities are being planned beginning in April 2016 in conjunction with our 175th Anniversary celebrations. We thank parishioners in anticipation of their support as we work together to enhance and beautify God's church for His worship in years to come.

At the time of writing there has been a marvellous response by the parishioners to the Church Repair Fund Appeal. There are still some more envelopes to be returned, but the response has been humbling and reflects the love that our parishioners have for our beautiful church and their commitment to improving it and passing it on to the next generation in tip top condition.

"Connecting with God. Connecting with others. Serving all."

Rossorry Prayer Group

The Prayer group closed before Christmas with a well attended meeting, which gave thanks for the life and vitality of the Parish and all who give of their time to help in the parish during the year. The group remembered and gave thanks for all those christened, confirmed and married in the Parish throughout 2015. They also took time to reflect on those who are ill, alone or troubled, as well as those who passed on in 2015. Festive fare was enjoyed at the end of the meeting.

The Group met again in the Parish Office on Wednesday 27th January at 7.30pm.

Wednesday Club News

The Club was closed for the Christmas holidays and opened again with a 'welcome back' meeting on 13th January. Members met before Christmas and made Santas and Snowmen out of a sock with rice for the filling. A good mornings fun, all figures turned out well.

The season closed with a Christmas lunch in the Killyhevlin – lots of fun and enjoyed by all.

Programme from February to May 2016:

February

10th Valentine Hearts - Ethel

17th Hobbies and Interest of books - Helen Bulter

24th Committee Entertains

March

2nd Working with people with Dementi - Carol McCoy

9th Rotary Club visit to Kenya - Kenny Fisher

16th Games and Quiz morning

18th Easter Fair in aid of Breast Cancer

23rd Holy Week – Coffee Morning in The Sheelin, Bellnaleck

30th Laughing Yoga.

April

6th Annual Sale of Work

13th Video of Esinehower W.W.2 visit to U.S. Troops - Roger Edmondson

20th Serviette Folding - Ethel

27th Games morning – Ethel

May

4th Memories of the year looking back

11th Summer Outing (Club closed to September)

The meetings of the Club are every Wednesday at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome and there is always room for new members. If you want to know more contact Ethel Oldcroft tel: 028 66 326339.

Rossorry Mothers' Union

On Thursday 3rd December Rossorry Mothers' Union welcomed a demonstration of cake decorating by Marta from Lough Erne Cakes followed by a practical session where members practiced their new-found skills. She brought cupcakes with her for members to decorate with a Christmas theme. Designs included Christmas trees, snowflakes and baubles which they were able to bring home.

The first monthly meeting of 2016 took place Thursday 21st January in the Hall. The guest speaker was Denzil McDaniel (formerly editor of The Impartial Reporter.)

Sunday School

The children from Sunday School treated us to a lovely version of the Nativity Play on Sunday 20th December - boxes hidden amongst the congregation, which when opened revealed an item that was linked to the

story of Christmas. The children were dressed up in the traditional garb and made the congregation smile with their readings and singing. Well done to them and their teachers - thank you! And yes, the sunglasses were part of the story!! (looking at the bright star over Bethlehem)



Sunday School Nativity Play

Tempo and Clabby



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Lent

The month of February marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a fresh opportunity for us to reflect on the Suffering and Sacrifice of Christ's death for us. Lent reminds us that God loved us unconditionally despite mankind's disobedience and Sin in the Garden of Eden.

The deep and real truth of the gospel message we should accept and proclaim is that "God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins". (1 John 4: 9-10).

Lent reminds us of how much it cost God and Christ to come into this world and be rejected to the point of death on our behalf. The sinless son of God shed his blood and died on a cruel cross for all mankind who deserved to be punished for their sin.

Lent calls for our response. As the hymn puts it 'Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all'. How do you respond to God's love for you? Will you take time this lent to think about what Jesus has done for you on the Cross? Are you willing to "deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Christ alone by faith alone each day"?

Baptism

13th December 2015: Amelia Rose Suttle, daughter of Ryan & Caroline Camgart Road, Clabby.

Funeral

14th January 2015: Samuel Remore Irvine, Meadowview, Fivemiletown.

Restoration fund

The Rector & Select Vestry of Clabby Parish gratefully acknowledge the gift of £400.00 from the wife and family of the late Mr John Elliott.

The Select Vestry have planned the following fund raising events towards the Restoration Fund:

5k/10k Fun Run

8th April: 5k/10k Fun Run – from Clabby Church Hall commencing at 7.00pm. Details from Colin Stronge tel: 028 89521830 / 07901 678180 or Alan Robinson tel: 028 89522193 / 07810 258481.

Annual Friends Service

24th April: Annual Friends Service at 3.30pm.

Vintage Bike Run

7th May: Vintage Bike Run from Clabby Church hall commencing at 10.00am. Details from Jim Monteith tel: 028 89521167 / 07751 803660.

Midnight Walk

2nd September: Midnight walk from Clabby Church Hall. Details from Edwin and Hilary Armstrong 89541852

February Diary

Tuesday 9th: Mothers' Union - Clabby at 8.00pm - Keep Fit

Wednesday 10th: Ash Wednesday at 8.00pm - Holy Communion in Tempo Church

Thursday 11th: Table Quiz in Tempo Church at 8.00pm

Wednesday 17th: Lent service at 8.00pm in Clabby Church

Sunday 21st: Diocesan Missionary Sunday Preacher: Leach Mckibben, Bible Society collection towards their work at 7.30pm Praise Evening - Favourite hymns

Wednesday 24th: Lent Service at 8.00pm in Tempo Church

Saturday 27th: Clogher Diocesan Youth Council 'Dig Deeper....into God's Praise' in Clabby Church Hall

Sunday 28th: Thinking Day Service in Tempo Church

March Diary

Wednesday 3rd: Lent Service at 8.00pm in Clabby Church

Sunday 6th: Mothers' Day Services

Monday 7th – Thursday 10th: Clabby - Bowls Tournament

Advance Date

Saturday 4th June: Fun Day from at 12 noon–4.00pm. All Proceeds to Church Funds.

Sympathy

On behalf of the Rectory family, Select Vestries and all the Parishioners of Tempo And Clabby we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Revd Gary and Dr Lynsey McMurray on the sad death of their very dear little niece Cariss in December. We pray God will be with her parents, older sister Korin and wider family circle.

Retirement

On behalf of the parishes of Tempo And Clabby we wish Revd Canon Noel Regan a very happy and healthy retirement.

S.N.A.T.C.H

On behalf of all the Leaders and young people of S.N.A.T.C.H. we would like to express our greatest sympathy to Gary and Lynsey on the death of their dear niece Cariss. We know she touched many people's lives in her short life. Cariss bore her illness with great courage.

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Trory and Killadeas



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Dear Parishioners,
Thank you for your support for the two recent parochial appeals. Firstly the appeal for the Hospice and secondly the Church of Ireland appeal for those affected by the recent flooding over much of the island. The Select Vestries meet the last week of January and the final figures will be known and announced.

Trory Coffee Morning and Wreath Sale

This was a very successful event this year with over £1300 raised for parish funds.

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday is the 10th February and this year it is the turn of The Priory to host the services on a Wednesday

evening at 8.00pm. As 2016 is a key anniversary year across the island of Ireland this year our midweek talks will focus on the history of the Irish church. With talks on Celtic Christianity, pre-reformation Christianity, the Irish reformation, Protestant Nationalism, Protestant Unionism and 'Who are the Christians in Ireland today?'

Rite of Confirmation

The Rite of Confirmation will be conducted by the Bishop on Sunday 12th June at 3.00pm. Confirmation classes for those aged 13 or over in the year 2016 will begin after the Easter holidays. In the mean time children should continue to attend Church and Sunday school.

World War 1 Remembrance

I am open to suggestions as to how we should remember those who left our parishes to serve in the First World War. To the best of my knowledge over 60 men and women went to serve in that war from the parochial group. July 1916 in many minds is seen as the middle of that terrible conflict and the Somme battle of that month was its darkest time for many communities.

Killadeas Priory

I would like to organise a daffodil tea or an afternoon tea dance for the beginning of spring. Hazel Allen is hoping to organise another movie evening and the dates for these will be announced in due course.

Hygiene Course

Thanks to all who attended the 'study day' in Dromard Orange Hall, Kesh at the end of January. Further thanks to the officers of Dromard Lodge for sharing their facilities and hospitality on the day.

Bums, Legs and Tums

Ladies Keep Fit in Ballycassidy Hall on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm.

St. Angelo Model Flying Club

The model flyers are back in Ballycassidy Hall on Monday evening for the next few months. If you would like to learn more about the hobby come along after 7.00pm.



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