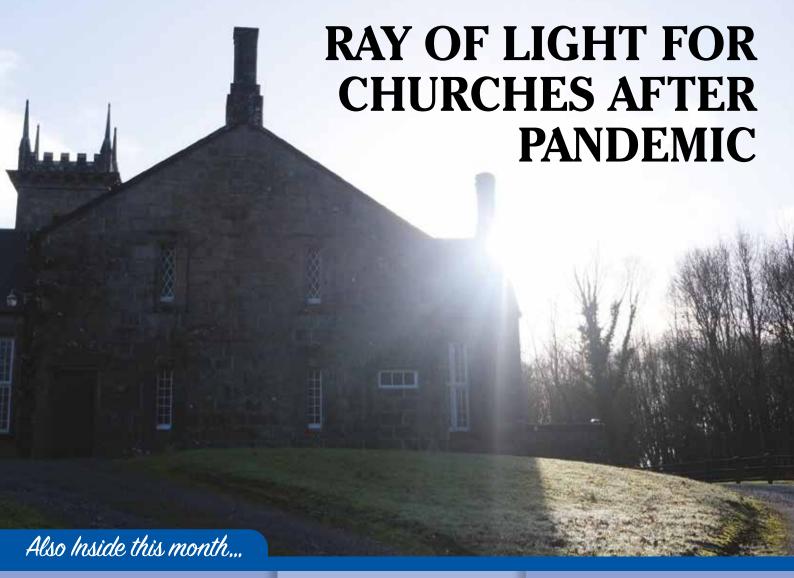


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Queen's Platinum Jubilee anniversary year

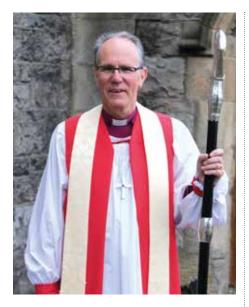
Sunday 6th February 2022 marks the 70th anniversary of the accession to the throne by Her Majesty The Queen.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated from 2nd – 5th June which coincides with her Coronation in 1953. This will be a national event, celebrated throughout the United Kingdom and Commonwealth.

Enniskillen is the most westerly community in the UK participating in The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons and its associated activities on Thursday 2nd June where Dean Kenneth Hall has invited the County Fermanagh Section, Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association, Northern Ireland Branch to be part of the cross-community Service of Thanksgiving and Beacon Lighting at St. Macartin's Cathedral, which will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee during its quadricentennial year.

Churches and groups are being invited to organise events during the Jubilee year and Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Community & Wellbeing Grant Scheme has gone online from 25th January to offer funding up to £500 to include the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration events.

A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



A Message from the Bishop

BISHOP BRIAN HANNON

January 2022 began on a sad note as we learned of the death of our much loved and highly respected former Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd Brian Hannon. Due to the Covid restrictions his funeral was necessarily restricted in attendance, however I know from the amazing number of tributes and comments posted on the Diocesan Facebook page that many from this diocese and beyond viewed the livestream broadcast of his funeral on 13th January.

Lord Eames, former Archbishop of Armagh gave a most fitting address at the funeral and summed up Bishop Brian's approach to his episcopal ministry in that lovely phrase "He cared for the people of Clogher diocese as though they were parishioners of a large parish - he knew them as individuals'. Archbishop Michael Jackson in his tribute, added amusingly that Bishop Brian 'not only knew everyone in Clogher diocese but also their cat and dog!' That is indeed how many in this diocese felt was unique about Bishop Brian's pastoral ministry.

This diocese was privileged to benefit from Brian's caring and compassionate episcopal ministry and his wise and gentle leadership for 15 years, at a time of great turmoil and disruption in our province. I am grateful to the Archdeacon and the Dean for arranging together with Maeve and the family a most beautiful and highly appropriate funeral service. He was interred in Craghan cemetery in the parish which he and Maeve joined on his retirement.

Bishop Brian's life and manner of living are an inspiration to us all and in particular to me in the early stages of my episcopal **The Rt Revd Dr Ian Ellis** The See House, 152a Ballagh Road, Fivemiletown, Co. Tyrone BT75 0QP Tel: 028 89522461

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The distant hills towards Cooneen andf Mullaghfad from the See House.

ministry. As a successor to Bishop Brian, I am very honoured to follow him; I know we face different challenges than in the 1990s, however people are still the same and certainly the landscape which I enjoy from the See House is timeless. Each day as I look out on the hills towards Cooneen and Mullaghfad, I am reminded that this this is a most beautiful diocese in which to live and work, yet change is all around us and we must learn to work in the times we are called to serve in.

Welcoming new ministry

January saw the beginning of the ministry of two new incumbents – the Revd Lindsey Farrell and the Revd William Jeffrey were instituted to the parishes of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk and Lisbellaw with Coolbuck. Due to the ongoing pandemic their Institution services were limited in number however I hope parishioners and friends were able to join on-line. Revd Lindsey and Revd William will serve in adjacent parishes and co-incidentally they trained together in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute! I wish them God's blessing for all that lies ahead in their parish ministries.

We also look forward this month to the commencement of the ministry of Rev Alison Irvine as a Diocesan Curate, with responsibility for certain vacant parishes. She will be initially assigned to the parishes of Cleenish and Mullaghdun along with pastoral care in the parish of Rossorry. We warmly welcome Alison back to her home diocese and wish her every blessing in this unique ministry. At our Diocesan Synod we welcomed Revd Chris West who recently joined the staff of St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen as Curate Assistant. We wish Chris much blessing in serving in Enniskillen and Clogher diocese.

The changing and the changeless

These changes in parish and diocesan life around occurring as we respond to the challenges of the pandemic, remind us of the vagaries of life generally. There are some aspects to change which are necessary – as GK Chesterton put it 'To make human life liveable there have to be many things in it that change a great deal, but there must be something that never changes'

What change will the church find as we emerge from coronavirus? We will have to face that 'new normal' which so much has been written about – the loss of some familiar patterns and the beginning of new ones. We may be able to re-establish part of what we were before, but I think we will all discover some new patterns of parish and diocesan life and new ways of relating to one another and the world.

Dealing with these changes in our parishes and across the diocese will take all our imagination, patience, and commitment; yet this is an essential part of living – as Chesterton suggests. We must remain open to change and to grasp those new opportunities as they emerge. But if that is the changing what is unchanging part we cling to as we face an unknown future?

We must take confidence and go forward in the strength and assurance of the One who created this changing world, who reigns in the church and our hearts and who is himself unchanging – our Almighty and eternal God, the one revealed in Christ Jesus, and whose Spirit gives us power to live for him.

There is a Collect written in the traditional language of the Book of Common Prayer, which I find very assuring, and I share it with you as together we seek new beginnings in the challenge of change in the year ahead.

O Almighty God, Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing that thou commandest, and desire the thing that thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold

changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

> Yours in Christ's service +Ian Clogher

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh & **Drumsnatt**



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Carol Services

On the 19th December we were delighted to have carol services in both Aghadrumsee and Clogh. Clogh's was at the usual service time and we are thankful to the Sunday School children for doing the readings. Later in the day Aghadrumsee held theirs in candlelight and we are grateful to the confirmation candidates for doing the readings. Thanks also must go to those who decorated the churches, sang and in many other ways made these times special despite the restrictions.

Sunday School

After being unable to have our Sunday School operating for almost two years due to Covid restrictions, we are delighted in Aghadrumsee to be in a position to cautiously resume lessons. Further details will be announced soon.

Confirmation

A Service of Confirmation is planned for May 2022. Classes continue every other Friday from 7pm to 8pm. Please remember the candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this important event.

Sympathy

We wish to express our sympathy to the family of the late Stanley Moore whose funeral took place in Drumsnatt. And to the family of the late Mrs Nora Madill whose burial took place in Aghadrumsee. Condolences are also sent to the McCoy family, the Johnston Family and the McVitty family following recent bereavements.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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- 13 10.45am Colebrooke MP 12.15pm Cooneen MP
- 20 10.45am Colebrooke MP 12.15pm Cooneen MP
- 27 10.45am Colebrooke MP 12.15pm Cooneen MP

Over the Christmas period our services were smaller and quieter than usual as we joined together to celebrate God becoming human in Jesus that first Christmas morning, and to look forward when he will come again, this time in all his glory. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our celebrations, both during the services, and in getting our churches dressed and decorated to welcome the Newborn

FROM THE REGISTERS **Holy Baptism**

On Sunday 12th December 2021, Jake Darren Robinson, son of Emma and Darren, was baptized into Christ's Church at St. Ronan's, Colebrooke. Godparents were Deborah and Dane Robinson. May God bless young Jake and his family in the years ahead.

Begin your day with Love in your heart: Expect blessings, ${\sf S}$ hare goodness, S hine like the sun & nspire someone. Never forget that God is with you all the time, so Sow seeds of kindness in the heart of others. May God's BLESSINGS be with us always.

Parish Organisations

Due to the continuing high rate of infection in the Covid19 pandemic, our parish organisations are not meeting face to face at present. When things return to normal,





Members of the Robinson family at the baptism.

they will operate as follows:-

GFS – Girls Friendly Society

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

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Scouts meet on Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and continues to 9.15pm Scouts, 11 – 14 years.

The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 – 8 years)

Cubs (8 – 11 years)

Scouts (11 - 14 years)

Bowling Club

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

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

Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union

The members of Mothers' Union enjoyed meeting together in December for a 'Christmas Fun Evening.' The leader welcomed everyone and opened in prayer. Violet read the Bible lesson and Emma a poem.

The first game involved pass the parcels 'Left and Right story'. There was much hilarity as the parcels were quickly passed left and right as the story was read by the leader. The people with the parcels at the

end won the enclosed prize. Quiz sheets

— Christmas Food and Drink and Films
and their actors, were distributed for the
members to chat over and find answers.

A seasonal supper of savoury bites, mince
pies and shortbread with tea and coffee
was then served by Valerie, Hazel and Irene.
It was most encouraging to meet together
in person.

The MU theme for 2022 is Transformation –Now. The next meeting on 16 February at 8 pm in Colebrooke Parish Hall is 'Knit and Knatter' when Noreen Little, Diocesan Action and Outreach Coordinator, plans to help everyone get knitting. All ladies in the parish are welcome so come and enjoy the fellowship and fun.

Double knitting wool will be supplied as well as knitting needles but if you have size 8 or 4 mm knitting needles and double knitting wool please bring them along.

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Thank you

This past Christmas was, once again, very different for lots of us due to Covid-19 restrictions as we were unable to gather with many of our family and friends. Thanks to everyone for their co-operation during these challenging and difficult times. Furthermore, thanks to the churchwardens and all who helped to decorate each of the churches in our group of parishes for Christmas.

Santa at St. Maeldoid's Church

The children of St. Maeldoid's Sunday School, Castleblayney, usually have a party each year shortly before Christmas. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, this was not possible this year, but Santa still paid a visit! The children were able to meet him in a socially distanced setting in the church on Saturday 11th December.

He gave each of them a selection box and promised to visit their homes on Christmas Eve to bring them what they had requested in their letters. Many thanks to the Sunday School teachers, Martha O'Connor and Lynn Cross, for all their help during the past year.

Updates from Donna Geary Update #3

We have now completed the first outreach of 2021! Reaching this point, to have the ship in the waters and the personnel on board, hasn't been easy. The last time the ship was able to come to the rural villages of Papua New Guinea (PNG) and provide this kind of healthcare was at the beginning of 2020, before COVID hit and the ship had to sail back to Australia where it remained for over a year. Being here now is a milestone worth celebrating.

Being on outreach from the ship means that we travel back and forth from the ship to different villages each day, loading up a zodiac with medical supplies and personnel each morning and returning once clinic has wrapped from the day each evening. Due to the COVID pandemic, many of the communities we are reaching haven't seen routine services for a long time, so our focus is maternal and child health clinics (think routine childhood immunisations, family planning services and antenatal checks), as well as assisting with the Province's COVID-19 response with the COVID vaccine and testing. This is enough to keep our small teams rather busy, and I'm reminded especially of how important these services are, considering we are working in areas that have seen outbreaks of vaccine preventable disease, the devastation that brings and how people are particularly vulnerable to a COVID-19 outbreak.

My role within clinic varies each day -I'm often a set of hands that can jump in wherever is needed. I spend a lot of my time helping different areas register patients for services, which comes with the challenges of obtaining accurate information, often across a language barrier. I've also been recently trained to draw up immunisations so that I'm able to jump in there to help out when that's needed. Some days it can feel like I'm just doing a bit of this or a bit of that, but in the scheme of a whole clinic running smoothly, it's actually quite useful for me to be able to jump in wherever the need is. Each day is an adventure, not only in the

villages, but even reaching them. A boat

ride to a village could be anywhere from





Christmas in St Maeldoid's Church.



30 minutes to two hours, either across the ocean fighting against waves and getting soaked through or going up a river swerving to avoid coconuts and fallen logs in the water. My favourite journey to a village was to Waidoro village. The boat ride was one hour across the ocean, 20 minutes up the river and then a three hour walk to the village over muddy swamps, rickety bridges and through long grass that would remind you of Jurassic Park!



in many blisters and an aching body, I couldn't help but be so grateful that I am able to be a part of these teams bringing healthcare to such rural villages and letting them know that they are not alone. It is also a reminder of the journeys which local Papua New Guinea healthcare workers face each day to reach rural villages and the challenges the villagers have to access healthcare.









Photos from Donna Geary's mission trip to Papua New Guinea.



Praise

- Despite many unknowns, we have been able to reach a lot of villages in the last few weeks with teams going out every day providing essential training and healthcare to these communities and supporting the local healthcare teams.
- The multi-beam hydro graphic survey equipment that was donated to the ship has come in very useful in charting our route. Each day a small boat has gone out to chart different parts of the sea, sometimes staying out for 12 hours at a time. We have been able to sail further west than the ship has ever sailed before, anchor in spots we've never been and reach villages that would otherwise not be reached.

Prayer

- Pray for wisdom and guidance for those making decisions and plans for outreach, despite unforeseen circumstances that sometimes occur.
- Pray for the crew on board in various roles who are responsible for keeping the ship running day to day and for the clinic teams who go into villages.

Thank you for keeping myself, the team on board, and the people of Papua New Guinea, in your prayers.

All the best, Donna.



Update #4

Just a quick update from me here in Papua New Guinea to give you an overview of what I have been up to and what my days out in the villages have looked like. Also some statistics to show the impact we are having here (though not all impact is able to be shown in statistics).

During our last eight weeks of ship-based outreach our teams have:

- run clinics in 55 rural and remote villages
- given 3,622 childhood immunisations



- · carried out 53 antenatal checks
- provided family planning to 214 women
- given 1,753 COVID vaccines
- taught 220 health teachings to adults and children
- collaborated and worked directly with 19 PNG health workers
- provided dental treatments for 88 patients
- tested and given medication to 260 patients for malaria
- given 159 'Days for Girls' packs to young





women, ensuring that they can remain in school and have reusable products available to them.

Praise

As you can see, we've had a very good outreach in 2021 - a lot has had to come together to make it a success and all praise goes to God as his hand is in everything we do!

Prayer

We're praying for more personnel to join us for outreach in 2022 - we are in need of maritime professionals as well as medical and general volunteers (if you would be interested in coming to volunteer, or know someone who would, I would love to hear from you).

Thank you for following what I have been doing this year - your support is much appreciated.

Donna.

Holy Matrimony

Best wishes to Hillary Gray and Gerardo Gozain Colina who are due to be married in Christ Church, Ballybay, on Saturday 19th February. We pray that God will richly bless them in their life together.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Harriet Hill, Castleblayney, following the recent passing of her uncle in England.

Sympathy is also extended to all from our group of parishes who have lost loved ones in the past year.

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to Revd. James Stevenson on the birth of another grandniece, Beatrice Imogen. Baby Beatrice is the daughter of Revd. James' niece, Anna, and her husband, Ben Wilkinson.

Email

If you have an email address and would like to receive emails relating to our group of parishes, please speak to the Rector.

Prayers

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

Please also remember all those who have been diagnosed with the Covid-19 virus, those in our community who are fearful or isolated, all frontline staff, those who have become unemployed as a result of the current crisis and all who have been affected in any way.

Clontibret News

As a congregation we would like to express our very sincere sympathy to the Hannon family on the sad death of Bishop Brian Hannon. Senior members have fond memories of his many visits to the Ballybay group of parishes over his time as Bishop. We enjoyed his ministry and wise guidance on many issues. We pray that the family will find solace and know God's comfort in the years ahead.

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SERVICES

Wednesday 2nd February

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Sunday 6th February

Morning Prayer St Finbarr's 10.30am Morning Prayer Magheracloone 12noon

Wednesday 9th February

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Sunday 13th February

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am Holy Communion Magheracloone 12noon Morning Prayer Ardragh 1.15pm



The Confirmation group.

Wednesday 16th February

Ash Wednesday Service St Finbarr's 8.00 pm

Sunday 20th February

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 9.00am Arise and Shine St Finbarr's 10.30am Service of the Word Magheracloone 12noon

Wednesday 23rd February

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30 am

Sunday 27th February

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am Holy Communion Magheracloone 12noon Holy Communion Ardragh 1.15pm

Confirmation

We were delighted to welcome Bishop lan for his first visit to St Finbarr's, Carrickmacross at the end of November to confirm five of our young people. During the service the Bishop used the sermon to encourage the young people and all of us to unlock the various keys of life we will face throughout our lives. We ensure Alex, Faith, Hannah, Jack and Tristian of our prayers and encouragement and look forward to them continuing to be a part of our church family.

Sunday School Nativity

Well done to all who took part in our wonderful Christmas Nativity, the New



'Jewel's' Christmas Art evening at the Women's Group.



Donation to 'Help our Homeless'

Star. Our Sunday School were joined by some parents who took their acting roles very seriously! The different parts were all recorded in advance before being shown on the screen during our Nativity Carol Service. Thank you to Philip and Siena who took on the roles of our two narrators.

Christmas Appeal

A massive thank you to everyone who donated gifts of hats, gloves and scarves for our chosen charity for Christmas 2021, 'Help our Homeless'. During our three Carol Services in December parishioners and visitors donated the items which were donated to the local charity to help with their work with those who are homeless.

St Finbarr's Christmas Grand Draw

Our Christmas Grand Draw took place on Tuesday 21st February live on our Facebook Page. Congratulations to all those who won prizes and a massive thank you for the winner of our first prize of €300 who donated the prize back to church funds. Thank you to all who helped sell tickets at O'Gorman's Shopping Centre and all parishioners who sold tickets to family and friends. In total just over €3,300 was raised to help meet the cost of running the parish.

Sunday School

Sunday School was put on hold in January due to the high Covid numbers. We are hopeful of Sunday School starting up again in the next few weeks.

Prayer Meetings

In January our Parish prayer meeting moved online in order to keep everyone safe. We hope to meet in person in the Rectory during February with a further time of prayer online. Prayer is the cornerstone of our Group of Parishes so we would encourage people to come along and

join us in praying for our church, our community, the wider world, the sick and ourselves.

Jewel's Women's Group

'Jewel's' our women's group met in December for an evening of Christmas Art organised by one of our very talented parishioners Michelle. The woman thoroughly enjoyed the evening, complete with the beautiful décor and everyone got to bring him a beautiful piece they had created.

'Jewel's' will meet on Thursday 17th

February. Due to a late change to our January meeting the topic for the evening is still to be confirmed. Further details of location and time will be available in early February.

Ash Wednesday Service

We meet together in St Finbarr's on Wednesday 2nd March at 8.00pm for a special service to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of lent. This will be a time of thoughtful reflection as together we begin the journey of lent towards Holy Week and the victory of Easter Sunday.



Our Nativity Christmas Stars.

Cleenish & Mullaghdun



Vacant

Diocesan Curate The Revd Alison Irvine

Will be conducting all services, providing pastoral care and chairing

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As these notes are being written, we are reflecting upon the period following Christmas, known as Epiphany - the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1–12). In our reflections, as we look forward to the new year 2022, that it will be one of HOPE as we all continue to travel through the challenging times of today's society.

Service Of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Annual Carol Services, in Mullaghdun and Cleenish were held on 19th December with both services being conducted by Canon William Johnston. In Mullaghdun, the singing of familiar Christmas hymns was led by the choir with Elizabeth Hazlett at the organ and the lessons were read by Andrew Humphreys, Emma Scott, Phyllis Lucy, Robert Gibson, Robert Watterson, George Carson, Hilary Benson, Desmond Coalter and Canon Johnston. In Cleenish, the Sunday School members participated in the reading of a poem and the singing of a verse of "Away in a Manger". Grace Hicks read a poem reflecting on Christmas and the lessons were read by Elizabeth Keys, Leslie Nixon, Eva Ewart, William Stinson, Lettie Coulter, Owen Wilson, Sharon Elliot and her daughter Sarah, Rowena Sheridan and Canon Johnston. The organist was Joan Brownlee. At the end of the Service. Rowena Sheridan, Sunday School Leader, distributed Christmas goodie bags to each Sunday School member – which they were delighted with!



Cleenish Sunday School.



Cleenish Christmas decorations.





Mullaghdun Christmas decorations.











We also express our thanks to those who used their time and talents to decorate both Churches so tastefully for Christmas (as can be seen in the accompanying photographs).

Christmas Services

We are indebted to Canon Johnston for facilitating our normal pattern of Services over the Christmas Season. It was a privilege to have members of his family circle join with the parishioners in worship in Mullaghdun at this special time of the year.

Sympathy

The Church family at Mullaghdun were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Billy Blair on 12th January. Billy was born at Moneyouragan in Mullaghdun Parish in 1934 and as his father was sexton of the Church, his interest in the parish began at an early age. This interest remained for all of his long life and he was appointed to the Select Vestry, holding the positions of Churchwarden and Glebewarden for many years and serving Mullaghdun Parish in countless ways throughout his life. A Service of thanksgiving for his life, which was held in Mullaghdun Parish Church on 14th January, was conducted by Dean Kenneth Hall. Billy's son-in-law, Jonathan Graham read Bible passages, his son, Revd Henry Blair gave a tribute to his father and his grandson, Revd Rodney Blair led the Prayers. We express our sympathy to Billy's wife, Vera; son Revd Henry (Helen); daughters Caroline (Harold) and June (Jonathan); his grandchildren; his brothers Thomas and George; sisters Gretta and Hannah and the wider family circle. We also extend our condolences to the family circle of the late Wesley Armstrong, who died on 10th December 2021. The parishioners of both parishes were

saddened on the news of the death of the late Bishop Brian Hannon and express their sympathies to his wife and his sons. During the 1990's Bishop Hannon along with a former Rector, Revd Sam Wright and others, was involved in the vision and planning of a Christian renewal facility being built on the Cleenish Glebe – today, the Cleenish Renewal Centre exists.

Christian Burial MULLAGHDUN PARISH CHURCH

12th December 2021 - Wesley William Armstrong. Sligo Road, Derryscobe, Letterbreen, aged 94 years. 14th January 2022 - William John (Billy) Blair Derryscobe, Letterbreen, aged 87 years.

Bellanaleck Community Group

There was a good attendance at the Group meeting on Wednesday 24 November. At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed the local PSNI Neighbourhood Policeman who was attending for the first time.

The main item was again speeding vehicles though the Village, especially those entering from the Enniskillen direction, and drug related issues in the area. Also discussed were speeding jet skis along the local River Erne, however the latter is being referred to the Lough Warden.

Consultation then took place about the long running problem of a section of road surface along Waterhen Lane where continuous erosion is still in existence, and the grit box policy. It was also agreed to ask Dfl Traffic Section to consider a request for a Pedestrian Crossing within the location of the crossroads.

Unfortunately, due to covid 19 the annual Childrens' Party had to be postponed again this year.



Bellanaleck community group.

At the end of the year an elderly lady accidently drove down the slipway into the river, and thankfully her life was saved by the prompt action of the Police. As a result, the Secretary contacted Waterways Ireland who promptly sealed off the site.

Next meeting is on Wednesday, 23 February. New members are welcome. Contact Owen Wilson (Sec) 66349602 or Sharon Elliott on Facebook.

Good News

During the vacancy for the parishes of Cleenish and Mullaghdun, the Prayer During the Vacancy for a Parish was printed in the monthly notes. The parishioners were delighted to receive the news from Clogher Diocese that the Revd Alison Irvine is to serve as Diocesan Curate and will be in charge of the parishes of Cleenish and Mullaghdun. We look forward to Revd Irvine's ministry from 8th February 2022. Grateful thanks are recorded to those who provided cover for Church Services - Canon William Johnston, Canon Peter Wilson and to the Diocesan Readers Keith Browne. Karl Saunders and Mrs Ellen Stevenson – all of whom were ably assisted by Parish Readers – Robert Watterson (Mullaghdun) and Rowena Sheridan (Cleenish).

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services 6 February

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

13 February

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

20 February

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

27 February

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

Christmas Celebrations

Despite the current Covid-19 restrictions, we managed to celebrate Christmas with joy in all of our Group churches in December. Although whole congregations are still not permitted to sing in the Republic of Ireland, a combination of organ, small choir,

and MP3 player allowed us to enjoy a rich variety of Christmas carols at services across the Group – for which many thanks to our singers and to our three muchtreasured organists; Audrey Doogan, May Leech, and Ivy Ritchie. We also gathered together for Holy Communion on Christmas Eve and for a Family Service on Christmas Day – all of which was much appreciated and enjoyed by everyone present. We now hope and pray that 2022 will bring rich blessings upon all our churches - and also allow us here in this Group to return to our more usual pattern / style of worship.

Sunday School – and their Group Christmas Party

We are delighted that we have been able to restart Sunday School in recent weeks, and we thank all our Sunday School teachers for the enthusiasm and skill they bring to their



An outdoor party was organised for the children



Donations for the food bank.

role. At Christmas the teachers across the Group decided to organise a one-hour outdoor Christmas Party for our children at a play park in Clones, given that indoor gatherings were not allowed. Evervone had a

wonderful time. The

children had great fun playing together; we listened to carols on an outdoor sound system; and we enjoyed mince pies, hot chocolate, and lots of other 'goodies'. We

even had a visit from 'Santa', who brought gifts for the children and gave an extra sparkle to what was already a lovely party.

HOPE Food Bank Collection

The Sunday School in Scotshouse collected food for the Hope Food Bank in Monaghan at our Parish Carol Service on Sunday 12th December. The service was well supported, and we were delighted to receive many generous donations for the food bank. Many thanks to all who gave so willingly.

Confirmation

At the time of writing we are looking forward to Sunday 30 January, when Bishop Ian Ellis

will be coming to Clones Church for the first time in his new role to confirm five young people in our Group; Kellie Irwin, Jason Jordan, Adam Keating, Ross Keating, Ethan Rusk. Please pray for our youngsters as they prepare for this important step in their journey of faith.

Mothers' Union

The Killeevan Mothers' Union has not yet been able to resume its meetings on account of the continuing Covid-19 situation. However, we look forward to being able to gather together again soon, God willing and details will be announced in church as they become available.

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Services FEBRUARY

6th - Holy Communion 11.30am 13th - Family Service 11.30am 20th - Morning Prayer 11.30am 27th - Morning Prayer 11.30am **MARCH**

2nd - Ash Wednesday 8.00pm 6th - Holy Communion 11.30am 13th - Family Service 11.30am

20th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

27th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

The parish acknowledge the death of the former Bishop of Clogher, the Rt. Revd. Brian Hannon, and extend our sympathies to his wife and family on this sad occasion. Bishop Hannon had become known to many within the parish family, with his visits during his term as Bishop of Clogher.

Christian Baptism

19th December 2021 - Henry Gareth James Ellis, son of Gareth and Chelsea.

Gift Day/Centennial of Northern Ireland

The service was an opportunity to look back and to give thanks to Almighty God for all His blessings we receive, many of which we take for granted. To thank Him for all the gifts He has given each of us to be used in the advancement of His kingdom and not hidden away. The service was one of encouragement, to give back to God as to how He has blessed us, financially and physically as we lay up in store to the Lord. It was very apt that we celebrated the Northern Ireland centenary at this

service in acknowledging all that was good and true. Keeping in mind that what we have is His gift to us, for unless the Lord builds the house, they labour in vain who build it. Not forgetting the failures, the opportunities squandered in the pursuit of selfish ideologies, power, and dominance. Suitable prayers written for the occasion and a calendar for 2022 were given out as a reminder of what we have is worthy of celebrating and giving thanks to God for all we have and are.

Christmas

Writing the notes in January gives us an opportunity to look back as it does in looking forward to a New Year and the life and witness of the church. Pre-Christmas get-togethers were held with the Sunday School children, primary and post primary in the parish hall. Although mitigations limited activities, a fun time was had, and talks given by Anne to post primary and Canon Alan to primary school ages.

The services over the Christmas period, brought much joy and hope to everyone as the gloom of Covid still lingers. From the family service were the children under the auspices and guidance of the Sunday School leaders, reminded us of Christ's

first coming in a pre-recorded video, to the beautiful worship and praise of the Carol Service. The uplifting singing, the readers, musicians, the amazing decorations which adorned the church, and all who contributed to the service we are truly grateful to each and everyone. With the Christmas morning family communion uniting us together as we celebrated God's redemptive plan, His Son Jesus Christ who died for our sins that in believing in His name we might have life. The New Year's Eve praise, with worship led by Marcus and Gary was a fitting way in looking back and looking forward as we trust in God to lead us through whatever lies ahead. The rector took as his theme, the light in the darkness, as all we need is but a glimmer to take the next step. The evening concluded with a trio of pipers playing us out of church and a rendition of the favourite piece at year's end, Auld lang syne.

Centennial Trees

We were delighted to have been considered and of being recipients of a limited number of oak saplings from the officers and brethren of Tubrid Loyal Orange Lodge 200, part of their celebrations in marking the Northern Ireland centenary and helping the environment. We were one of a number of churches within their area to have received the saplings at an evening



in Tubrid Orange Hall. These saplings were given out over the Christmas services to members of the Sunday School, who had a suitable place in which to plant, away from drains, electric wires, and homes. It is hoped that they will be a fitting reminder to the centenary year and in the years to come.

Looking forward

Sunday 5th June 2022 – DV - Platinum service celebrating Her majesty's reign. Updates on the resumption of church groups and other activities will be noted on the weekly notices in church and posted on the parish Facebook when appropriate.

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Sunday Worship 13th February

10.30am Derryvullen North (Informal Morning Prayer)

11.45am Castle Archdale (Informal Morning Prayer)

20th February

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

27th February

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

6th March

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

Other Services

The Shoppers' Service (Holy Communion) will be held in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown on Wednesday 9th February at 11.00am

The Ash Wednesday Liturgy to begin the season of Lent will be held on Wednesday 2nd March at 7.30pm in Derryvullen North.

Christmas Fair

While we were not able to hold the in-hall Christmas Fair in Derryvullen North this year we would like to thank everyone who made and purchased the lovely range of crafts and wreaths (made available online) and also all who supported the raffle for Bertie Bloomer who was hosted by Lorraine Humes in Klass Designs. The

final amount raised is not quite finalised yet but will be in the region of £1500.

Bovs Brigade

The BB is back and even though many aspects of the weekly sessions have had to be altered to take into account the restrictions and risks of these times, it is wonderful to see such good turnouts for all sections. Thank you to Captain Joe Graham, Officers, boys and parents. The current numbers per section are: Nine in Anchors (eight new starters), 11 in Juniors, 37 in Company. There were seven who moved from

There were seven who moved from Anchors to Juniors and they were presented with their certificates and there is a photograph of them along with these notes.

Mothers' Union

The MU has reopened for regular meetings and like all groups, the members are adapting to the new conditions. There was an Opening Service with a "bring your own flask" supper held on Derryvullen North on Wednesday 24th November. Then on Saturday 27th November, members joined others from the across the Diocese for a Service and

special Talk in Enniskillen Cathedral which focused on Gender violence. Branch members had also contributed items for the Enniskillen branch of Women's Aid

BEM Honour for Frances Hunter

Our hearty congratulations to parishioner Mrs Frances Hunter who has been awarded the BEM in Her Majesty The Queen's New Year Honours List 2022 for



Frances Hunter who receives the BEM.

Services to the Community in Irvinestown. Frances has served as Cleaner in Irvinestown Library for 35 years and as **Building Supervisor in Irvinestown Primary** School for 38 years. She is known, in each of these roles, as someone who is completely dedicated to what she does, who has the highest standards in her work and who wants to see the organisations thrive in contributing to the life and wellbeing of the community. Congratulations to you, Frances - the honour is very well deserved and we know you will thoroughly enjoy your visit to the Palace.

Bowling Club

It is good to see the mats once again laid out in the hall! While the number of mats has had to be reduced and other covidrelated actions put in place, it is great to see folk back again to enjoy the sport and each other's company. What has been especially encouraging is the number of new members who have come along.

NI Centenary oak tree saplings

The Brethren of Tubrid LOL initiated a special project to help mark the Centenary of Northern Ireland - an oak tree sapling for each family represented in our Sunday Schools. They were given to churches where a member of the Lodge worships. There was a presentation of the saplings to the local clergy and representatives of the Sunday Schools (Tubrid Group, Ardess, Colaghty, Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North). The Rector, Canon Paul was pleased to attend along with

Alison Thompson of Castle Archdale and Paula Thompson of Derryvullen North. The saplings were handed over from the Lodge by Wor Bro Derek Evans accompanied by other Brethren of the Lodge - thank you to the lodge for this kind gift. Several of the children have sent in photographs of their saplings being planted and there is a collage of photos here of them. We hope that in years to come we might see some more photographs of the trees getting bigger.

Christmas

While some aspects of Christmas in our churches had to be adapted and curtailed again this year it was great to be able to join together to celebrate. Our churches were each decorated beautifully and our thanks to all involved. The music too was wonderful - at Castle Archdale we were led by William McBride along with special guests from the Stephen Magee Quartet (Church Hill) while at Derryvullen North we were led by regular musicians Florence Barrett, Rachel Giles and David McDowell, a soloist and the choir who sang two anthems and then also a specially formed Parish Music Group featuring a whole range of instruments. A special "thank you" to everyone and also to all the readers of the Scripture Lessons. Then from Christmas Eve night to Christmas Morning we celebrated four very well attended Services of Holy Communion special thanks to those who very kindly fogged the churches so that we could all gather safely.













Oak tree saplings being planted.



The Derryvullen North Christmas.

Former Organist

It was sad to see the passing away of Mr Wilson Henry, who had been organist in Derryvullen North Church for 42 years from 1970. He had been such a prominent and wonderful part of the worship and life of the Church in so many ways over all those years. The Scripture says in Ephesians 5:19 that we are to address "one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart" and through Wilson's ministry at the organ that was what the worshippers in Derryvullen North were able to do.

From the registers HOLY MATRIMONY

Natasha Anderson and Andrew Lindsay, -1st January 2022 (Derryvullen North)

1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13 "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Wilson Noel Adam Henry, 16th December 2021 (Derryvullen North) Mary (Molly) Louisa Monteith, 6th January 2022 (Derryvullen North)

Revelation 14:13 "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord.'



Oak tree presentations at Tubrid Orange Hall.



Derryvullen South and Garvary

Vacant:

During the vacancy **Revd John Woods** is in charge.

Service and pastoral cover will be provided by Mr Roy Crowe DPA and Dean Raymond Ferguson.

Services

Sunday, 6th February 2022

10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday, 13th February 2022

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Garvary

Sunday, 20th February 2022

10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday, 27th February 2022

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Garvary

Garvary

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs Bella Forde, Mullyknock and her family following the death of her sister, Mrs Armstrong, Belfast.





Congratulations

We extend our congratulations to Mrs Lorna Dane, Lissan, who was awarded the BEM in the Queen's New Year's Honours List for 2022 for her services to Girlguiding and the community in Northern Ireland.

General Vestry Register

The register will be open shortly for all those



aged 18 years and over who have paid at least £50 in the previous year and are eligible to sign forms to become members of the General Vestry.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those of our parishioners who are ill at home, in hospital or receiving treatment.

Devenish & Boho



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February Services

Sunday 6th

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

Sunday 13th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 20th

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 27th

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Baptism

Saturday 20th November 2021, Archie Cunningham, son of Diarmit and Rachel Cunningham.

We wish God's blessing on Archie, his parents Diarmit and Rachel and godparents.

Saturday 11th December, Harper Lily Ferguson, daughter of Matthew Ferguson and Joanna Patrick

We wish God's blessing on Harper, her parents Matthew and Joanna and godparents.

Holy Matrimony

Saturday 4th December 2021 Rory Connolly and Hannah Spratt.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Rory and Hannah on the occasion of their marriage. We are delighted that they are living in the parish.

Confirmation

Sunday 5th December 2021. We were delighted to have Bishop Ian Ellis with us for the Confirmation Service. Rachel Cathcart, Gemma Elliott, Kathryn Haskins and Jessica Saunderson were confirmed.

Sympathy

The parishioners of Devenish and Boho parishes wish to extend their sympathy to



Mrs Maeve Hannon and her sons Desmond, Brendan and Neil on the death of The Right Revd Brian Hannon. Parishioners have fond memories of Bishop Hannon's visits to our parishes.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 and there will be a service

in Devenish Parish Church at 8.00pm. During lent, midweek services will alternate between Devenish and Boho churches.

Christmas Services

Boho Carol Service was held on 12th December and the Readers were Hilary Redmond, Enid Redmond, Albert Cluff, Nigel Irwin, Innes Redmond, Denzil Cluff, Trevor Smyth, Danny Redmond, and Revd Sampson Ajuka.

19th December and the readers were
Dorethea Kells, Kathryn Haskins, Dorothy
Scott, Florence Eames, Rachel Cathcart,
Raymond Bell, Stuart Brooker, Hazel
McIlveen and Alan Gault.
Holy Communion Services were held
on Christmas Eve in Devenish and on
Christmas Day in both Devenish and Boho.
Thank you to Rejoice, Love and Chiemela
for playing the hymns in Boho and to Gill
Spence organist in Devenish. Thank you
to all who decorated the Churches and the

Devenish Carol Service was held on Sunday

Flower Rota

Christmas tree.

The Select Vestry wish to thank everyone that put their name on the Flower Rota for providing flowers in the church.

Church Cleaning Rota

The Select Vestry wishes to thank everyone who cleans the church on a week to week basis.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh

Chancellor lan Berry is in charge.

Services and pastoral cover provided by **Revd. Margaret Pringle**

Services for February

Sunday 6th

Donagh 10.30am (H.C.) Tyholland 12.00 (H.C.)

Sunday 13th

Donagh 10.30am (M.P) Errigal Truagh 12.00 (H.C.)

Sunday 20th

Donagh 10.30am (M.P.) Tyholland 12.00 (M.P.)

Sunday 27th

Donagh 10.30am (M.P.) Errigal Truagh 12.00 (M.P.)

Bereavement

We remember our parish reader, Mrs Marina Waller and her family, in our prayers as they mourn the death of Marina's father, Raymond Russell McHugh who passed away in late December.



Remembrance Sunday at St. Salvator's Church.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday was marked with Acts of Remembrance led by Reverend Margaret Pringle in both Donagh and Errigal Truagh. In Donagh a wreath was laid at the war memorial by Mr Walter Dudgeon. In Errigal Truagh we were pleased to welcome several descendants of the Roberts family. All seven Roberts



The Roberts family grave at Errigal Truagh on Remembrance Sunday.

brothers from Drumbirn enlisted in WW1. Sadly three were killed and one was wounded. The roll of honour was read out by Michael Roberts (grandson of Albert Roberts) and a wreath was later laid on the Roberts family grave by Mrs Lovell Graham (youngest daughter of Albert Roberts).

Service of Lessons and Carols

A morning service of Lessons and Carols was held in Donagh Parish Church on Sunday, 12th December following the lighting of the Advent Candle by the Coulter family. A big thank you to Revd



readers who read so beautifully, to the Junior Choir members who sang "Soon and very soon we are going to see the King", Diane Wright Kendrick for singing "O the Valley's shall ring with the sound of Praise" and Alexandra Kendrick who sang "O Holy Night" and "Carol of the Children".

Nativity

Due to the ever-present threat of Covid 19 the usual Nativity Play was unable to take place on 19th December. However the Donagh Group Sunday School children had prepared an excellent video and through bible readings, music, poetry and coloured pictures they reminded us of the events leading up to and after the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We wish to thank our Sunday School leader, Mrs Marina Waller, the children and their parents for all the work that went into this excellent production and it shows that, whilst Sunday School has not been able to resume in its usual format, the children are still being educated in the Word of God. The children had previously produced two other videos during 2021 - one for Children's Sunday in June and the other for Climate Sunday in October. Thanks also to Diane who sang the Advent hymn entitled "Who would think that what





















was needed", Alexandra who sang "Carol of the Children" and Timothy who read from Luke 2 v.1-14 and 15-20.

Open Air Community Carol Singing

Also on 19th December members of the local community gathered – some in their cars and some socially distanced - in Glaslough Coach Garden to remind us all of the real reason for Christmas - to celebrate the Birth of Jesus. The three Bible readings were: Luke 1:26-38 (the birth of Jesus is foretold) read by Revd Father Hubert Martin; Luke 2:8-16: (the shepherds and the angels found Mary and Joseph) read by Miss Helen Irwin and the Gospel: John 1:1-14 (the Word became flesh) read by Revd Margaret Pringle. A number of musical items including "Long ago on a winter's morning", "Tell the News" and "O Holy Night" were sung by Donagh Community Choir, accompanied by Gerard Toal and conducted by Ethne McCord. A beautiful piece entitled "White is the Winter Night" was sung by Cantari, conducted by Geraldine Casey. Communal carols included "Silent Night" and "Away in a Manger" which was sung by the local children present. After the Christmas Blessing by Revd Margaret and Father Hubert, Diane Wright Kendrick and Gareth Corrigan sang the ever popular "Silver Bells" and the choir sang a seasonal medley to welcome Santa.

We give thanks for the opportunity to spread peace and goodwill within our wider community at Christmas and pray for all those who are having to "shield" during the pandemic or are absent through sickness.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu 1931- 2021

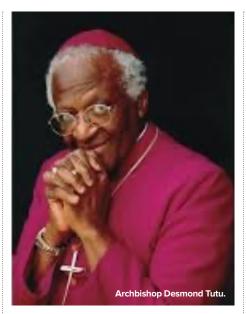
Archbishop Desmond Tutu was born 7th October 1931, died 26th December 2021 and was laid to rest on 1st January this year.

I assume because of the pandemic, like so many, the Archbishop's funeral was a low-key event. Little was said in the media about his life and his passing.

I have always admired him greatly and so I decided with the help of Google to find out more about his work and background. I also discovered some wonderful gems of wisdom attributed to him and decided to pass them on to readers. 'Food for the soul' by Brian D'Arcy.

What a legacy that he has left behind as he fought for equality of human beings. He was never afraid of taking a risk if he thought it was justified.

As a young man he followed in his father's



footsteps as a teacher and just after three years teaching, he abandoned that career after the passage of the 1953 Bantu Education Act which enforced separation of races in all educational institutions. He began to study theology and although he came from a Methodist background, he was ordained as a priest in 1960 in the Anglican Church. He further studied and gained a Master of theology degree in England from 1962-1966. From 1967-1972 he taught theology in South Africa before returning to England for a further three years as the assistant director of a theological institute in London. In 1975 he was appointed Dean of St. Mary's Cathedral in Johannesburg, the first black General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches. He became Archbishop of Cape Town in 1986. Soon after he announced, 'We refuse to be treated as the doormat for the government to wipe its boots on'. Six months later, he risked jail by calling for a boycott of the municipal elections. In a short time he was able to welcome liberalising reforms announced by President F.W. de Klerk in

Following Nelson Mandela's release from prison in 1990, one of the greatest days of Archbishop Tutu's life was the free elections of 1994 in South Africa when Mandela was elected president. It was shortly after that President Mandela asked Archbishop Tutu to set up a Truth and Reconciliation Commission. It gathered evidence of the apartheid-era crimes and recommended whether people confessing their involvement should receive amnesty. It was a most trying and emotional part of Archbishop Tutu's life and he was often appalled at the evil uncovered. He retired from public life in 2010.

We all know people who are inspirational and to my mind Desmond Tutu has got

to be one of the most inspirational people of all times. His recent passing marks the loss of a person who was recognised and honoured with the Nobel Peace prize in 1984 as a unifying leader figure in the non-violent campaign to resolve the problem of apartheid and human rights activist.

Words of wisdom by Desmond Tutu...

- Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.
- We need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go up stream and find out why they are falling in.
- Sometimes you want to whisper in God's ear, 'God we know you are in charge, but why don't you make it slightly more obvious?'
- God has such a deep reverence for our freedom that he'd rather let us freely go to hell than be compelled to go to heaven
- Children are a wonderful gift. They have an extraordinary capacity to see into the heart of things and to expose sham and humbug for what they are.
- We may be surprised at the people we find in heaven. God has a soft spot for sinners. His standards are quite low.
- Resentment and anger are bad for your blood pressure and your digestion.
- I don't preach a social gospel; I preach the gospel, period. The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is concerned for the whole person. When people are hungry, Jesus didn't say, 'Now is that political or social?' He said ,'I feed you.' Because the good news to a hungry person is bread.

Prayers

As these notes go to the editor, I have learned with sadness of the death of former Bishop of Clogher the Rt. Rev Brien Hannon

We pray for his family, the family of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and all those who have been bereaved recently.

The bereaved

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have the strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen (BCP)

Dromore



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Time to Rethink?

If people would have been asked in 1968 which nation would dominate the world in watch making during the 1990s and into the 21st century the answer would have been uniform: Switzerland. Why? Because Switzerland had dominated the world of watch making for the previous 60 years. The Swiss made the best watches in the world and were committed to constant refinement of their expertise. It was the Swiss who came forward with the minute hand and the second hand. They led the world in discovering better ways to manufacture the gears, bearings, and mainsprings of watches. They even led the way in waterproofing techniques and selfwinding models. By 1968, the Swiss made 65 percent of all watches sold in the world and laid claim to as much as 90 percent of the profits.

By 1980, however, they had laid off thousands of watchmakers and controlled less than 10 percent of the world market. Their profit domination dropped to less than 20 percent. Between 1979 and 1981, 50,000 of the 62,000 Swiss watchmakers lost their jobs. Why? The Swiss had refused to consider a new development—the Quartz movement—ironically, invented by a Swiss. Because it had no main-spring or knob, it was rejected. It was too much of a paradigm shift for them to embrace. Seiko, on the other hand, accepted it and, along with a few other companies, became the leader in the watch industry.

The lesson of the Swiss watchmakers Is profound. A past that was so secure, so profitable, so dominant was destroyed by an unwillingness to consider the future. It was more than not being able to make predictions—it was an inability to rethink how they did business. Past success had

blinded them to the importance of seeing the implications of the changing world and to admit that past accomplishment was no guarantee of future success.

James Enery White, Rethinking The Church, Baker Books, 1998, p. 20.

While the Church is not a business, and we need to be careful about bringing business models into the way we do Church, Covid-19 has shown us that we do need to rethink how we do things. The Gospel message mustn't be changed (softened in any way), in order to attract people but the way in which the message is spread has to adapt in our changing world. Reading the Gospels we see that the disciples were involved in paired fishing before they were called to fish for men and women. Then Jesus doesn't send them out one-by-one but two-by-two.

It is important for individuals to work together to reach others for Christ,but moving forward as a Church will involve more paired fishing – working with neighbouring Churches of different denominations in order to better reach people for Jesus.

Sunday School and Family Services

Once a fortnight children will go straight to Sunday School in the Church Hall, while everyone else meets in the Church for our normal Services, which continue to be streamed live on Facebook from 10.50am with the Service starting at 11am. These Services will normally be around 45 minutes in length. In the weeks in between we will have Family Services, which will be around 35-40 minutes in length. As well as the hall being used as an overflow for Family Services, the Committee Room will also have the service on the screen (for parents with young children if you feel that they are unsettled in the Church).

6th February

11.00am – Morning Service, 'The Calling of the First Disciples', Luke 5:1-11 (Children go directly to the hall for Sunday School)

13th February

11.00am – Family Service, 'Blessed', Psalm 1 **20th February**

11.00am – HC 2, "The Healing of a Demonpossessed Man", Luke 8:26-39 (Children go directly to the hall for Sunday School)

27th February

11.00am – Family Service, 'The Transfiguration', Luke 9:28-36

GFS and CLB

GFS and CLB is back to face-to-face activities once a fortnight (after a longer break over Christmas due to the new variant). This month they will meet on Monday 14th and 28th February, 6.45pm – 7.45pm, in the hall.

Keeping up to date

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

- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
- Watch our Live Streamed Services https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitydromore/live/
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCwj585CXlqOq6W6h7_2AiYg/
- Watch uploaded Services on YouTube on a smart TV, uploaded usually on Sunday afternoon (All-age Service).
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore.
- Get a recording of the service on CD or DVD every week



Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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As is always the case Christmas has come and gone in the twinkling of an eye and it seems incredible that as I write these words we are almost halfway through January.

We had the normal run of services through Advent and Christmas and while they were again somewhat different they were nonetheless enjoyable and worthwhile. My thanks in no particular order to those who decorated the churches, those who helped prepare the Sunday School for the service in Tubrid, for those who played the music over this season (and indeed throughout the year), to those who read lessons at our Carol Services and to anyone who contributed in any way. I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all who work in the three churches to sustain the life of the church. All of this work is very much appreciated and ensures that the work of our churches continues no matter what life throws in our path.

As we did last year we hope and pray that things will be better this year and that some normality will return to life. While cases have been high in recent weeks thankfully that has not translated into hospitalisations and the figures over

recent days are encouraging in that cases in Northern Ireland are falling as rapidly as they have risen while the situation in the Republic is slightly less stable. We pray that cases will continue to fall in the days that lie ahead.

There is one thing that I have tried to say through the past (almost) two years and that is that no matter what life brings we have one certainty in life and that is of course the God that we worship.

Sadly many people have lost sight of this amidst the constant diet of fear that the media and our political leaders have instilled into society on an ongoing basis. I don't want to dwell on this but I do want to use a portion of scripture that I mentioned in church recently to make a practical suggestion for the year that lies ahead of us.

The prophet Micah gives us these words, with what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

I was using these words to highlight a particular point but I want to use them to give an example of how we can live to please God. We are to act justly, we are to love mercy and we are to walk humbly with our God.

I want to make a suggestion as we begin another year which is that we should make words such as these our own and try and apply them to our lives. If we all did this then our lives, the lives of our families and communities would improve.

As Christians that is our calling – to behave differently and to show others God's love through our actions. If we strive to adopt these characteristics to our lives then we are behaving like our Saviour who should be our ultimate example.



Jesus always acted justly, he loved mercy and indeed practiced it in his life and he walked humbly by serving rather than being served. I would commend that we all should strive to do likewise.

NI Centenary

In December we were invited to receive a gift from Tubrid LOL 200 who had obtained a number of oak saplings to mark the Centenary of Northern Ireland. These have been distributed and hopefully they will all thrive and grow as a reminder of the last one hundred years as we look forward to the next hundred years.

We are very grateful to the officers and members of Tubrid True Blues LOL 200 for their generosity and I have included some photographs taken when we received the saplings.

Air Ambulance

I have also included a photograph of Tubrid Royal Marksmen RBP 1235 giving a cheque for £250 to the Air Ambulance which was raised from car parking at the demonstration on 7 August 2021 at Kesh.

Grants

I would also like to put on record the gratitude of Templecarne Parish to the All Churches Trust and to the Marshall Beresford Fund for the grants that we received to assist with the cost of the necessary repairs to the perimeter wall at





Members of Tubrid True Blues LOL 200 handing over the tree saplings to parishes in North Fermanagh to mark the NI Centenary.

Templecarne Church. Both of these grants are much appreciated.

Parish Register

On Sunday 12 December there were two baptisms in the group, one in Muckross and the other at Tubrid and it was a delight to perform both these baptisms. We welcomed Daniel Niall Ross Irwin at Muckross and we offer our congratulations to his parents Ross and Michelle and to their families.

At Tubrid we welcomed Harrison Thomas Joseph Boyd and we offer our congratulations to his parents Darryl and Karen, to his big brother Isaac and to the wider family.

It is wonderful to be able to celebrate such events particularly in

the times in which we find ourselves and be reminded that life continues and that new lives are continually coming into being.

Diary

- Sunday 6 February 2022 Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid
- Sunday 13 February 2022 Holy Communion 10.00 Muckross, Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid
- Sunday 20 February 2022 Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid,
- Sunday 27 February 2022 Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckross, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

Pastoral Cover:

Mr Walter Pringle, assisted by Canon Charles McCollum.

Revd Lorraine Capper is in charge.

Dartrey and Rockcorry Sympathy

A number of parishioners have been ill both at home and in hospital. Some, too, have lost loved ones. You are all in our prayers. We were very sorry to learn of the recent death of former Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd. Brian Hannon. We remember him with affection and thankfulness and convey our deepest sympathy to his wife Maeve and family.

Thank You

Noel Carleton has been our Diocesan Magazine distributor for many years and we owe him a debt of gratitude for all his hard work on our behalf. He has now handed over the reins to Carol Carleton to whom we are grateful for taking over this role. Magazine subscriptions are now due and should be paid directly to Carol.

Covid 19

Covid19 continues to play a part in our everyday lives. None of us ever predicted a virus that would consume our lives in the way it has. The arrival of Omicron has undoubtedly been good news. While highly contagious it is less severe and so causes fewer hospitalizations and deaths than any of the previous variants It may well be proof that the darkest hour is before the dawn. As we enter our third year of this protracted pandemic can we dare to hope.



At the presentation party to mark Joan Lee stepping down as treasurer was (from left); Jim Howe, Joan Lee, Irene Wright and Walter Pringle.

God bless. Keep safe and a happy new year to one and all.

Aughnamullen

Our Annual Carol service was held on Sunday 12th December at 9.45am. Our thanks to Walter Pringle for conducting the service, also to Betty Jordan for playing the CD's and to all the readers. Thanks to those who decorated the church so tastefully for the occasion.

Our Christmas communion service was held on Sunday 26th December at 9.45 am and our thanks to Revd. Margaret Pringle for conducting the service.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Bishop Brian Hannon and our prayers and thoughts are with his wife Maeve and family.

Aghabog

Our Carol service held on Sunday 19th December was very well attended even though it was on a smaller scale. Our thanks to Walter Pringle who organised the service, to Ethel our organist and to the Sunday school teachers for organising the readers and thanks to all those who read so well. At the conclusion of the service a presentation was made to Mrs Joan Lee who has stepped down as treasurer after a long number of years. Our thanks to her for all the hard work and dedication in keeping the finances up to date. Joan was presented with a gift and a bouquet of flowers as a small token of our appreciation by our churchwardens Jim Howe and Irene Wright. We wish her good health and best wishes in the years ahead. Our thanks and best wishes to Roberta Norris who has taken up the role as our new treasurer. We are grateful to all who continue to support the parish financially.

We remember in our prayers those who have been bereaved and to those who have been unwell recently and wish them best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Our thanks to Rev Margaret Pringle for conducting a service of Holy Communion on Christmas Morning at 9.30 am.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Maeve Hannon and family on the recent death of her husband Bishop Brian Hannon.

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Services

Thursday 3rd February

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 6th February: The Fourth Sunday

before Lent

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 10th February

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 10th February: The Third Sunday before Lent

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Morning Prayer

Thursday 17th February

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 20th February: The Second Sunday before Lent

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 24th February

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 27th February: The Sunday before Lent

9.00am - Holy Communion 11.00am - Morning Prayer

Christian Marriage

■ 4th December - Deborah Ann Carney and Christopher Ian Matthews.



Pictured after the Advent Sunday Service, from left are Audrey Williamson (Churchwarden) Scott Elliott (Parish Reader), Rev Christopher West, Andrew McCabe (Verger), Dean Kenneth Hall and Linda Kingston (Churchwarden).

Christian Burial

- 27th November John (Charlie) Brown, 6 Heathdale View, Letterbreen.
- 11th December Hazel Mary Beatty,15 Derrychara Drive, Enniskillen.
- 23rd December Norman Caldwell Edgar, 16 Coleshill Crescent, Enniskillen.
- 13th January The Rt Revd Brian D A Hannon, (a former Bishop of Clogher).
- 14th January Edward William (Ted) Webster, 8 Cornacully Road, Belcoo.
- 15th January Anna Elizabeth Townsend, 10 Main Street, Kesh.

Burial of Ashes

- 18th December John Francis (Jack) Spratt.
- 20th December Elizabeth Sarah Hewitt.

Welcome Revd Chris West

We were delighted to welcome the Revd Chris West as our new curate on Advent Sunday. The Revd Chris is from Markethill, Co Armagh and previously served as a Deacon in Killyman Parish Church, Diocese of Armagh and then as a curate for one year in Taney Parish, Diocese of Dublin. He is already proving to be a very popular face, not only in church life, but also in the parish and diocese. He is a regular contributor with his articles in the Church of Ireland Gazette each month. We wish Revd Chris every blessing in his ministry here in St Macartin's.

Tribute to the late Bishop Hannon

• by Sam Morrow, Honorary Secretary, Select Vestry, St Macartin's Cathedral. A parochial nominator for a parish carries heavy responsibilities in the appointment of a rector. I, along with three others, had the privilege of being a nominator for Enniskillen in 1982. Dean Clements, after a very

distinguished period of service as rector of Enniskillen, had retired. The nominators had done their homework and had identified the Rev Brian Hannon, rector of Christ Church in Derry, as someone who could carry on the high standard of ministry in Enniskillen. An approach to Rev Brian bore fruit and he and his wife, Maeve, and their three sons, were very happy to come to the south-west. I had the privilege of being his first churchwarden. His reputation as a preacher in Christ Church was known to be without equal – his sermons delivered a practical message for daily living. Our parishioners immediately found warmth and guidance from his new leadership and it was not long until people were saying 'this man will go far'. He gave unfailing attention to the sick and elderly in the parish and his daily visits to hospital

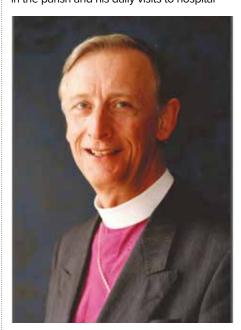


Photo Bishop Hannon.



The new cast iron hopper, with the 400th anniversary date, which takes the roof water from the centre section of the roof over the south aisle.



Patrick Gilheaney on the Chapter Room roof. Patrick, who is a specialist in slating, fitted all the slates on the cathedral roofs.

gave comfort and encouragement. He had rich musical talents and his rendition of 'Phil the Fluter's Ball', at social functions, brought pleasure to many. His great abilities were soon recognised in the diocese and he was appointed Canon in September 1982 and two years later was made Dean of Clogher. He was deeply involved in education, being a member of The Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education and a Governor of Portora Royal School. He served the wider education interests as a member and later as chairman of the Western Education and Library Board.

His gifts were not limited to the parish and he served the Church more widely. He was elected as a representative to The World Council of Churches and to that body's Central Committee.

As a former rector, bishop and friend of many he will be sadly missed. The parish community of Enniskillen wishes to express deepest sympathy to Maeve, Desmond, Brendan and Neil, and the wider family circle.

Cathedral Restoration Project

Re-roofing and repair of weather damaged stonework and associated items on the cathedral have all been completed to a high standard in good time and on budget. The work to be undertaken was specified and supervised by Mr Chris McCollum, historic buildings specialist, and expertly carried out by Mr Harold Graham, contractor, and his team. Now that this major work on the roof has been undertaken to such a high standard it is hoped that further expenditure on this part of the building will not be required for the greater part of the next century. People with special skills were employed to undertake certain aspects of the work. Stonemasons from Kilkeel undertook the work in restoring stonework that had deteriorated through age. Kyle Thompson and Jay Morton of S

Kyle Thompson and Jay Morton of S McConnell and Sons Ltd, replacing a section of weather damaged stone stonework at the outside entrance to the Chapter room.



Other work undertaken to secure the building into the future included the replacement of the old chimney pot which had deteriorated as a result of frost damage.

Cleaning of the outside of the windows and fitting secondary glazing was undertaken by a firm from Belfast. The guttering on the rather complex roof structure was undertaken by Mr Gerald Wilson, a lead specialist, from Belfast. All of this work required careful coordination to ensure that tasks were undertaken in a proper order. Much of the responsibility for the day-to-day operations fell to Mr David Hall, Harold Graham's site manager.

Sequence of operations

The first stage of the work was the erection of scaffolding so as to enable the old slates, lathes and felt to be removed. When this had been done the opportunity was taken to fit insulation to the ceilings – this should result in a warmer building and reduced heating costs. New roofing felt and lathes were then fitted prior to the re-slating process being undertaken.

As the slating progressed, new lead guttering, fabricated on site to meet the needs of the building, replaced the old copper guttering. This process was carried out first on the main roof, followed by similar action on the lower roof over the south aisle



The restored east window.

and then on the roof over the chapel. The opportunity was taken when designing the lead gutters to provide additional outfalls. There is now an additional outlet and down pipe halfway along each roof. Previously there was only an outlet for rainfall at each end of the roof. The additional outlets should cater for any increase in rainfall intensity that may occur in future.

Stonework

Whilst the roof work was progressing, repairs to the stonework on the pinnacles, windows and at an outside door was being undertaken.

Sections of weather damaged stonework have been replaced and secondary glazing has been fitted. The sandstone used for repairs is similar in colour and of equal water porosity to the original sandstone. In time, the new sections of sandstone will weather to a similar colour as the original.

Cathedral Redecoration

Now that the external restoration of the cathedral has been completed, work can begin on the major project of redecoration. It was important that any structural improvements on the inside should be



St Macartin's Cub Scouts enjoying a Christmas outing to the Share Centre, Lisnaskea on Saturday 11th December.

carried out prior to the redecoration starting. The select vestry decided that access to the main body the church should be improved. A row of pews has therefore been removed at the back of the nave. This creates much needed room for baptismal parties. It also provides much more greeting space and improves the access for pall bearers at funerals and also for bridal parties. The floor area that has been cleared will be tiled in keeping with the patterns and colours of the tiles on the existing floors.

The advice of Mr Chris McCollum, buildings conservation specialist, was sought regarding the organisation of a painting contract. He advised that Mr Harold Graham, who very successfully executed the restoration contract, should be employed to erect the scaffolding inside the building and carry out any necessary preparation, cleaning, and repair work in preparation for the painters. A contract has been provisionally agreed with Mr Graham. Six painting contractors were invited to tender for the work which will involve the application of a primer coat, two undercoats and a finishing coat. Only three of these contractors submitted quotations - the tender of Ross Scott Painting Contractors from Castlederg has been accepted subject to agreement on a timescale for the work. Needless to say, due to ever increasing prices, the contract



figures have exceeded the budget prices by 50 percent.

Colours are very important. Mr McCollum has advised that historically correct colours should be used. In keeping with the age of the building, he has suggested using a shade of white for the ceiling, and a slightly darker shade of white for the walls. He points out that originally the pillars and arches would have been painted to simulate natural sandstone. Consequently, a light mushroom colour has been chosen for these features. He has emphasised that the east wall and that part of the chancel extending to the first arch should be in a strong colour and has suggested a shade of red. Trial panels will be painted before the final colours are chosen.

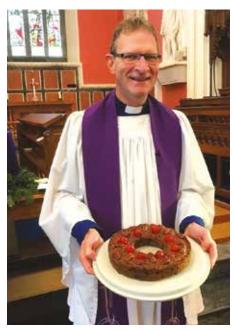
Hopefully, the work will be completed well in advance of Easter. Whilst the redecoration is taking place in the cathedral, services will be held in the cathedral hall. Arrangements have been made to have the services streamed for online viewers from the hall.

The prizewinning Dean!

Every year our webmaster and assistant projectionist Willie Holmes runs a cake competition on Facebook. The cake is a copycat version of one produced by a famous American bakery. It is composed largely of nuts, dates and pineapple and



The Church was beautifully decorated for Christmas by Sabrina McCabe, Myrtle Irvine and their loyal team of helpers.



The prizewinning Dean who correctly guessed the number of currants in the cake.

with only a small quantity of flour. In this year's competition, entrants had to guess the number of currants it contained and Dean Kenny came up with the answer, 35. Divine inspiration? Probably!

Choir Member Charlotte wins at Wrestling! Helsinki Open

On Thursday 26th November my team, Erne Wrestling, and I travelled to Helsinki for the International Competition at the Helsinki Olympic Stadium. The day was sectioned into two with the under 18's from 10.00am to 2.30pm and the seniors thereafter. I had two brilliant fights against two very skilled wrestlers. It was a great experience, especially as it was my first competition since Covid-19 started. At this point I can only improve and I look forward to future competitions where I hope to progress even more!



Charlotte McGuiggan is pictured with her medal.



The Dean accompanied by the Verger, Andrew McCabe proclaims the Christmas Gospel to the outside world on Christmas Eve night.

Myrtle Irvine wins UK Air Ambulance Volunteer of the Year Award

I am from Enniskillen in County Fermanagh, married to George and next year we will be celebrating 50 years of married life together. We had five of a family, four sons and one daughter. Sadly though, we lost one of our sons in February 21st 2016. He died suddenly with a heart condition. On Saturday 20th February 2016 we attended a Rotary Club function in a local hotel. The Rotary Club charity that night were raising funds for Air Ambulance. Most other regions in the UK had an Air Ambulance so it was naturally thought essential to have an Air Ambulance in Northern Ireland. That very night we learnt our son, Alistair had gone into hospital in England. He had obtained his Doctor's Degree and worked as a Research Scientist in Rothhamstead Research Institute, Harpenden. The next morning came the sad news. He was only 37.





My husband, George and I decided rather than have wreaths, with donations we would purchase a defibrillator for our local church, Enniskillen Cathedral and then all the remainder of the donations going towards the NI Air ambulance.

On the Christmas of 2016 I decided to do something in memory of Alistair. I handmade 40 wreaths and sold them, donating the £600 to the charity. The grief of losing our son at this stage was very raw, so it was one of my memorable fundraisers that I did with tears in my eyes.

It was good news that in July 2017 the new Air Ambulance for Northern Ireland was launched, alongside a back-up Air Ambulance.

The fact that it costs in the region of £5,500 per day in order to keep the Air Ambulance operational made us think of getting a Volunteer Group together. We began asking our friends to help and now have 27 volunteers in our Fermanagh Group. This means we can help in the organising of large fundraising events, such as the weekend Vintage Car Exhibition in Irvinestown which raised over £19,000. In fact the Air Ambulance are hoping one day they will be able to mirror large groups like ourselves in the various regions throughout N.I. Our Fermanagh group have raised around £120,000 so far, despite the interruption of Covid.

We know the Air Ambulance has been tasked over 2600 times since they first began. The Team consists of a doctor and a paramedic which brings urgent medical assistance to the scene of the incident. It takes only 25 minutes to reach anywhere in Northern Ireland which is very important to us here in the West of the Province. If we can save other families from going through the grief of losing a loved one then we will continue to be kept motivated in

raising funds. I am proud to have won the Award and I am dedicating it, not only to the memory of our son, Alistair but to all those Volunteers in our Group who have lost loved ones too.

Presentation to Parish Secretary

Mrs Beth Rennick has just completed 20 years of outstanding service as parish secretary. The Select Vestry, at its December meeting, decided that this service required recognition. Mrs Audrey Williamson, People's Churchwarden, made a presentation to Mrs Rennick on behalf of the Select Vestry at morning service on Sunday, 12th December. Since her appointment, Mrs Rennick has served under two rectors, Precentor B.J. Courtney and now, Dean Hall. The parish secretary is a key member of the parish community and needs to work closely with the rector and many other people to ensure the smooth running of the parish. Mrs Rennick is the main point of contact with the parish for many people who may contact the office by telephone, email, or call in person. She manages this aspect of her work in an exemplary manner. She is an attentive and sympathetic listener and deals with issues that arise in an efficient and effective manner. Hall letting enquiries are dealt with by Beth who liaises closely with Mr Andy McCabe, caretaker, in making the necessary arrangements.

Mrs Rennick supplies valuable services to the cathedral office bearers, especially the honorary treasurer and honorary secretary. Parishioners may bring their subscriptions to Mrs Rennick, sometimes with very specific instructions. This requires careful recording and communication with the honorary treasurer. A most important part of her work involves the keeping of records, preparation of the weekly service sheets, the Cathedral

News and Report. The preparation of these documents requires desk top publishing, database and excel skills which Mrs Rennick has mastered most effectively. Mrs Rennick possesses all the qualities necessary to be an excellent parish secretary. May Beth be long spared to continue in the role.

- Sam Morrow, Honorary Secretary, Select Vestry.

Thank you to the Clergy, Select Vestry and Parishioners for your thoughtfulness and generosity marking my 20 years 'in the Office.' It really was kind and very much appreciated - Beth Rennick

Messy Church @ Enniskillen Cathedral

Messy Church is a great opportunity for children to learn about God and the Bible in a relaxed and creative atmosphere. It is a FREE group, open to all primary-aged children, from all denominations, held on the third Thursday of each month.

While we were unable to meet in person in December, we still enjoyed learning about the story of the first Christmas from home, with lots of fun and messy crafts to go along with it! February's Messy Church will take place on Thursday 17th via our closed Facebook group. It's never too late to get involved – simply fill out a registration form and search for "Messy Church Enniskillen @ Home" on Facebook to join the fun! We hope to return to in-person sessions soon, regulations permitting. When this does happen, space will be limited, and families will be required to pre-book their table to facilitate social distancing. All details for how to get involved will be posted to our Facebook and Instagram.

Sunday Lights + Café @ Enniskillen Cathedral

Sunday Lights + Café allows children to spend time together learning about the Bible, listening to stories about Jesus and his life, singing songs, and participating in crafts and games. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-5 and Sunday Café welcomes children in P6-Year 8. Dates for February are 6th and 27th

Sunday Lights + Café sessions will remain online via our Google Drive. There will be one session posted each week, with activities suitable for both Sunday Lights and Sunday Café participants. The link to our Google Drive can be found on our social media pages as well as in the weekly Cathedral emails. Keep an eye out on our Facebook and Instagram for any updates.

Confirmation

We were thrilled that Confirmation classes for Years 9 and 10 began in-person on Monday 6th December. December saw us





welcome a new group of young people, ready to begin their Confirmation journey. Classes started with an informal "get to know you" session and pizza, and each class involves an interactive way for candidates to learn about the Church and their faith. Classes are from 6.30-7.30pm in the Upper Room of the Cathedral Hall (which is above the Main Hall). Anyone wishing to be confirmed should contact the Cathedral Office for an application form.

Our dates for February are:

7th February – "Who are we, and how did we get here? (Part 1)"

14th February – Break

21st February – "Who are we, and how did we get here? (Part 2)"

28th February – "After Confirmation: What's next? (Part 1)"

Our youth group, Xplore, usually meets on the last Monday of each month and is open to all young people who have been confirmed as well as those in our current Confirmation class. We are looking forward to holding Xplore meetings again once regulations permit.

How Can I Get Involved?

Don't be a stranger – if you have any questions please get in touch! Photos and updates can also be sent to our social media pages to be shared with the rest of the parish. All children and young people MUST be registered to participate in any Children and Youth organisation. All organisations are separate and require their own registration form.

Registration forms and details on how to



register for all Children and Youth organisations can be found:

- On our social media pages and Google Drive
- On the Enniskillen Cathedral website under the 'Children' tab
- From childrenandyouth@ enniskillencathedral.com
- From the Cathedral Office

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union had a very enjoyable night out in Saddler's Restaurant before Christmas. The food was delicious and the company good. Claire Holmes organised a quiz which was great craic.

On Monday January 10th the meeting in the Enniskeen room, was a service of Holy Communion celebrated by the Dean with Revd Chris assisting. The AGM followed with the Dean presiding. Officers: Branch Leader - Jenifer Johnston, Secretary - Sally Masterson, Treasurer - Maud Shaw, Overseas Representative - Valerie Watson. Committee Members: Jeanette Cochrane, Stephanie Hall, Christine Halpin, Stephanie Hamilton, Hazel Hunter, Avril Kee, Estelle Latimer and Margaret Owens. The meeting closed with the Mothers' Union prayer.

MU will meet again on Monday 14th February at the earlier time of 7.30pm in the Eniskeen Room with Revd Chris as Guest Speaker.

A New Year Prayer

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

Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)





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Mothers' Union

Fivemiletown Mothers' Union were delighted to be able to meet again after a very long break. 19 members met in Kiltermon Church on 8th December. Branch Leader Hilary Kenny welcomed members. Following the opening hymn and Bible reading by Elvina Funston, Hilary led the prayers. Florence Brunt brought us a very appropriate poem entitled "A few thoughts on lockdown" Hilary thanked all those who had donated gifts for Woman's Aid. She attended the very meaningful service in Enniskillen Cathedral on 27th November where the gifts were handed over. We all joined to sing well known Christmas carols accompanied by Margaret Cowan and a light supper followed. Precentor Hanlon closed the evening with prayer.

Hidden Treasure In Lean Days

'But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.' St Paul in his second letter to the Corinthian Christians.

Gardeners know that January is a particular month. Blizzards of snow could appear at any time. It might endlessly rain. Or endlessly freeze. Yet, under the last of the



decaying sludge of the Autumn leaves and general debris that provides some protection from the dropping temperature, something great is happening underground. Although they were planted late, Spring bulbs are working away, putting down roots, taking in moisture, and triggering the growth that will send up those exquisite flowers that have such appeal.

In January, at times, it is a challenge to get into the wellingtons, and the coat and scarf, and circuit the garden, but when I do, there is so much hidden treasure. Variegated ivy leaves are at their very best just now, Witch Hazel is just waking up with their gold and russet flowers, and winter Willow is singing in its vellow and orange and red bark. There is a lot going on, just under the surface, and a lot to stop and enjoy above ground, with the Spring and summer growth removed. Conifers are still growing and gathering themselves for the display ahead. So too in Church. Outwardly the diary is lean. Most ministries have remained closed during January. Visiting in person is limited and needs much thought. But if you stop long enough, you realise that this lean time is good for us. Planning meetings are still happening, someone comes to mind who might value a phone call, there is actually time to pray, and a friend of a ministry contact come to mind during prayer, and it is possible to send a card or a book of encouragement.

Connect Youth Group

Connect Youth Group hasn't met in person at all since March 2029. Yes, there were packs etc, and updates, but only in December past



were we able to meet as leaders, and again this week. As our planning meeting closed in the beautifully reordered Kiltermon, we stayed long enough to pray; perhaps the most meaningful time we have prayed, as we brought all of the young people, their families, and our hopes before God. A time of Hidden Treasure.

So too, is the realization this two years past, that we are enriched as a parish so much by the Friends and connections in faith we have in so many places. These

last days have been great as I have planned ahead for the Lent and Easter season, opened a blank first page for the Quarterly Parish leaflet, wondered about the season ahead, and made emails and phone calls to those who support the work



here. There was late evening zoom call with us and the author Catherine Campbell, who is happy to come to Fivemiletown in October, to speak at a Parish Brunch. By then hopefully, her new book entitled 'God Isn't Finished With You Yet,' will be published; the third attempt to do so during lock down. Catherine was very encouraged by the amount of prayer and planning that went into her last connection with us in June 2021; so too this season we must pray for God to work through this time. Parish Brunch with Catherine Campbell on Saturday 23 October, God willing.

And another great treasure has been the Advent book I am still reading. I bought it because it was the Archbishop of York's Advent book, but what a Hidden Treasure it has been. I had never heard of New Zealand writer Robyn Wrigley-Carr, nor her subject Evelvn Underhill. Evelvn was a convert to the Church Of England in the 1920s, and over two decades became a very influential Spiritual Director through that Church. I have been able to get a copy of her own prayers book, and another about her life, which might account for my slow reading of book one. But what a treasure this discovery has been. We used some of Evelyn's prayers at Breathe in early January, and I have included them here for you.

'Coming into His silence Let us confess to God in quiet Our sins, failings, rebellions, mistakes, And ask for forgiveness, strength and grace to reorder our lives according to His will.' Amen.

'Let us place ourselves in the hands of God and ask that He show us the path in which we should go.' Amen

As we read the Gospel account's of Jesus: 'Enter the picture which the words paint, and humbly kneel within it.

There let His overshadowing love teach

The Spirit of Christ speak to you. Open your eyes and look at Him and hear what He says ...

resolve to act on the light you have received.'

Spring bulbs, planning, prayer, new books, the promise of visiting speakers. Rich days indeed, and many treasures to enjoy at the beginning of this New Year. Kind regards in Jesus, Precentor Kyle Hanlon

Days to look forward to:



Already we have enjoyed the first two evenings in this series, on-line with SAMS and Claire Holmes. Twenty clicked into the December evening, and registrations for the January evening are good.

December has a great

interview with Rev'd Luke and Penn Pratt, a couple who are working for the Anglican Church in Chile. Luke is originally from Co Galway and studied at Queen's in Belfast. He has recently been ordained through the Church in Chile and intends to return to live and minister in Ireland. He gave a great update on the current situation in Chile. Also, we heard from Carla Marin, who was within days of returning to Chile, having worked for a year with Calry Parish, and Rev'd Patrick Bamber in Sligo. Patrick has preached twice in Kiltermon. In January we hope to hear from Estaban Romeros who lives in Paraguay. These evenings have been organised at my invitation to SAMS. It is a privileged that their Director Stephen McElhinney have put so much effort into their preparation for us.

Going For Growth

Tuesday 22 February 2022.

During 2021 the focus for the teaching on Sundays was Discipleship. This year, we hope to think about, and experience Growth. A wise someone wrote that as gardeners we only strive to create the ideal conditions whereby growth might happen. But we don't do any growing. How true this is in Christian life. St Paul wrote about this to the Christian in Corinth, saying,

Do click into the final evening from 8pm on

'I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything,

but only God who gives the growth. 1 Corinthians 3



We plan to begin in February with a series from the letter of St James. Warren Wiersbe has a great commentary with the subtitle 'Growing Up In Christ.' That has to be a good place for us to begin.

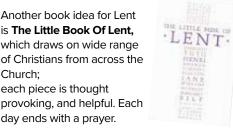


And for Lent, which begins on 2 March, we are able to read a lovely series of Daily Reflections from Helen Clarke, entitles 'How Lovely On The Mountains.' Available to us for £3. They are very readable bite-

sized daily reflections, with some written by her daughter Lynda, and others by her husband, Bishop Ken.

Another book idea for Lent is The Little Book Of Lent, which draws on wide range of Christians from across the Church; each piece is thought

day ends with a prayer.



Evelyn Underhill's Prayer Book



Between 1924 and 1938, Evelyn Underhill compiled two personal prayer books for use when conducting spiritual retreats at Pleshey (the retreat house for the diocese of Chelmsford). The prayers were

carefully selected and include quotes from a variety of theologians and writers in Christian spirituality, as well as her own very rich, metaphorical and theologically deep prayers. These collections are now available for the first time.

Included are the words of a new piece of worship we hope to learn this year: perhaps search on-line for the song as a way of learning it.

You Deserve The Glory

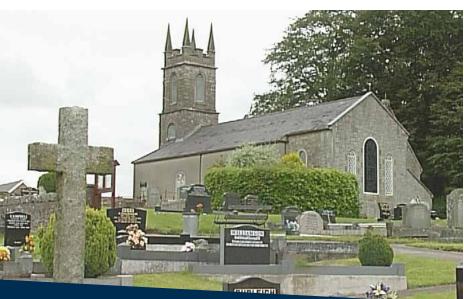
You deserve the glory and the honor And we lift our hands in worship As we praise Your holy name You deserve the glory and the honor And we lift our hands in worship As we praise Your holy name

For You are great, You do miracles so great There is no one else like You, there is no one else like You

For You are great, You do miracles so great There is no one else like You, there is no one else like You Aaron Keyes

And finally, the Ministry Of Healing have very kindly agreed to host us in Belfast at their lovely premises called '162', for a Quiet Day, in May. We have visited Pat and Rab Mollen's home on the shores of Strangford lough, with its picturesque setting looking out across the water, and the collection of seabirds, waders, and Konik ponies on the nearby RSPB Nature Reserve. The invitation will be to anyone in the parish, and my hope is that the intercessors and those who connect with Breathe and the Parish Quiet Days, might find this to be a good opportunity. The day will include Holy Communion, two reflective talks by Rev'd Pat, and time for yourself. The building is set with a well stocked garden, space for praying, reading, or hand crafts; however you might like to use your time. Details to follow.





Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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When the Storms of life Rage

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1)
Storms of life. You know them well. They overwhelm you. Wave after wave of relentless battering that knocks you off your feet till you don't know which side is up.
Till every ounce of energy is used up and you feel so weak, abandoned, and lonely.
Perhaps you're caught in one of life's storms right now.

When the disciples of Jesus were out at sea, caught in a turbulent tempest and tossed by the waves, who came to them in their darkest hour? It was Jesus Himself (Matt. 14:22–33). Jesus came in style, walking on the raging waters. The loving Saviour came to them at their exact point of need to rescue them.

What does this tell you? That He is above the storms. He walks above—He is greater than—every adversity and opposition that you may be facing right now, and He comes to you to rescue you!

With the billowing waves beneath His feet, His first words to His disciples were, "Don't be afraid. Take courage. I am here!" (Matt. 14:27 NLT). What comfort those words must have brought to the disciples who were exhausted and shaking with fear for their lives

My friend, when the storms of life rage, don't go by what you see and hear all around you. Don't go by your negative feelings and emotions. Live by the truth of God's Word, which encourages you to "be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic... For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you" (Deut. 31:6 NLT). Our God is a personal and loving God who is with you in your boat right in the midst of the howling storm. He knows how to lead



Mrs Dawn Hutchinson assists Santa giving out presents to all young people in Galloon Sunday School.





Scenes from the Nativity Play in Galloon.

















Confirmation candidates Luke, Joe and Tracey with Bishop Ian and Rev Lorraine and Churchwardens Eileen Hall and Petula Stephens.

you to victory every time. He cannot fail you!

Northern Sound Broadcast Service

Members from each of the three churches joined together to pre-record a service which was broadcast on Christmas night on Northern Sound Radio. Revd Lorraine led the service and was assisted by Charles Crawford. Thanks to Mrs Grace Rickey who played the organ. A huge thanks to Marina and Emma Elliott who added great harmonies to our congregational singing which was led by Mabel Clingan and Jennifer Smith and we were all kept in time by conductor, Joyce Clingan. Well done to all who came to offer our worship for this broadcast service.

Carol Services

Our Carol services were much shorter to adhere to Government restrictions. Many dressed up in their Christmas jumpers and various outfits.

Drummully was the first of our Carol services. Each of the confirmation candidates (Tracey Duignan, Joe Robinson and Luke Somerville) read along with Eileen Hall and Rev Lorraine. Unfortunately due to restrictions we listened to carols rather than singing. The children were delighted to have a visit from Santa.

Sallaghy Carol Service members of the Clingan family read the lessons: namely Richard, Mabel, Rebekah and Joyce. The Sunday school introduced each reading and despite their young ages they all did a fabulous job. The Sunday school also sang a very heart-rending verse of "Away in a Manager". Revd Lorraine thanked Mrs Jennifer Smith, Sunday School Superintendent and her Sunday School teachers (Mrs Sandra Moncrieff and Mr Michael Smith) for all the hard work they had done behind the scenes preparing the children for the carol service. All the children received a gift from Santa.

Thanks to the Willie and Tommie Heaslip, Eimear and Patricia Hutchinson and Helen Noble who read at **Galloon** Carol Service. The Middle class of the Sunday school led us in a socially-distanced Christmas poem with the Junior class providing us with the Nativity scenes. The intercessions were written and read by the members of the confirmation class (Chelsey Bell, Hannah Darling, Chennai Donegan, Beth Hutchinson and Emma Rickey). Thanks to Mrs Dawn Hutchinson, Sunday school Superintendent and her team of teachers (Jolanda Phair, Colleen Kennedy). Santa arrived at the beginning of the service to keep an eye on all the boys and girls and he later gave each child a gift.

All three churches were beautifully decorated for the services. Thanks to all who worked so hard behind the scenes to decorate our churches so tastefully for Christmas.

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day

On Christmas Eve we had a service of Holy Communion held in Sallaghy Parish Church. Prayers were led by Robert, Heather and Grace Kettyle and the reading by Jennifer, Michael and Cameron Smith.

On Christmas Day we had a Group Service in Galloon Parish. It was the turn of the Hutchinson family (Dawn, Holly, Isaac, Beth and Esther) to lead the intercessions and Philip read the Gospel. Children present brought a toy with them.

On Boxing Day (St. Stephen's Day) a Group Service was held in Drummully.

Confirmation Service in Drummully

It had been 19 years since a Confirmation Service was last held in Drummully. We were delighted to welcome Bishop lan and Mrs Heather Ellis to this historical occasion. It was a very special day in the life of our three candidates Tracey, Joe and Luke. We wish them every continued blessing in their lives as they each embrace this new chapter.

Services in February Sunday 6th February 2021 - The Fourth Sunday before Lent

9am: Drummully Parish Church:A Celebration of Holy Communion 10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 13th February 2021 - The Third Sunday before Lent

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th February 2021 - The Second Sunday before Lent

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Family Service

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Family Service

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Family Service

Sunday 27th February 2021 - The Sunday before Lent

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday Service at 8pm in Sallaghy

From the Registers BURIAL

Mrs Madge Clingan on Thursday 2nd December 2021 in Sallaghy Parish Church. Our sympathy and prayers are with all who have been recently bereaved. We offer our sympathy to the Clingan at their time of loss. We also remember in our prayers the family of the late Bishop Brian Hannon.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They are blessed indeed says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours." Revelation 14:13



The Carol Service Readers at Drummully Carol Service: Eileen, Tracey, Luke and Joe.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher

Vacant

Vacancy and Pastoral cover provided by the Rural Dean, Canon Alan Irwin (Colaghty)

Service cover provided by Revd Maureen Desborough and Canon Dr William Johnston.

Church Services Diary Sunday 06/02/22

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Sunday 27/12/22

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both MP

Sunday 06/03/22

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both HC

Mothers' Union

The MU ladies enjoyed a get together and a Christmas meal in the Wark Hall, Belleek on Tuesday 7th December. Many thanks to the MU leader Dot Barlow for organising this lovely event and thanks to all the ladies who brought food and made the evening a great success.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone from our group of parishes who have been unwell in hospital or at home in recent weeks. We especially remember and pray for Mrs Eileen Kirkpatrick who is currently in hospital. We remember Pauline Carson in our prayers on the loss of her sister Mary.

Thanks in Vacancy

We extend our thanks to the rural Dean, Canon Alan Irwin for celebrating Christmas Communion with the housebound before Christmas. Thanks also to all who have taken services during our vacancy, especially Revd Maureen Desborough who takes a lot of our services with dedication and passion. We are very thankful to have her ministry among us.

Group Family Christmas Service

The Christmas Family Service was held in Slavin Church on Sunday 12th December.



At the Garrison MU meeting in December were; (back from left) Gwen Taylor, Florence Earls, Sadie Acheson and Revd. Maureen Desborough. Front: Pauline Carson (Secretary) and Dot Barlow (Branch Leader).

We welcomed a good turn out from our other parishes in the Group. The service was led by Revd. Denise Acheson. from Church Hill. Revd Denise gave an all family address, entitled, 'Will Santa Come?' The answer to this question was definitely positive! Revd Denise said that as children we never knew the exact hour when Santa came, and as we now celebrate Jesus' birthday, and look forward to the second coming of Christ, we need to be ready and prepared as we do not know the hour or the time. Revd. Denise went on to read the Story of the Christmas Nativity, with participation from all members of the congregation. 'The Sounds of Christmas' involved the congregation adding sounds at each place where Revd. Denise paused. Thank you to Robin Boyd for strumming on guitar in response to the Angel, and for his Drum and other instruments. The cows, donkey and sheep responded loud and clear! Thank you to the choir for responding to 'Worship', by singing the chorus from, 'Angels from the realms of glory'. Audrey Ovens sang, 'I call Him Jesus'. Our sincere thanks to Revd. Denise for a lively service and a great start to the

Carol Service

Christmas season.

A 'Carols by Candlelight' was held in Kiltyclogher Church. The service was led by Revd. Maureen Desborough. The Lessons were read by Eddie Graham,



Revd. Denise Acheson who led the service in Slavin.



Doreen Earls, Helen Thompson, Billy and Anne Nelson, Florence Earls and Revd Denise.



The choir.

Edwin Long, Gwen Taylor, Helen McVitty, Jane Weir, Emma Toland, Gareth Beacom, Dot Barlow and Revd. Maureen. The organist was Joy Graham and the choir sang five Carols, 'Silent Night', 'In the bleak midwinter', Little Drummer Boy', Mary's Boy Child', and 'When a Child is Born'. Solo parts were sung by Audrey Ovens, Gwen Taylor and Joy. Dot did the spoken part of 'When A Child is Born'. Revd. Maureen thanked those who had decorated the church so beautifully, the readers, choir, Joy for the music and everyone who attended. Thank you to Pauline, Catherine and Denise for our treats at the door.

Christmas Eve

Revd. Maureen led the Holy Communion service in Belleek on Christmas Eve. The lesson was read by Douglas Read. Robert



The Christmas tree at Kiltyclogher.

Johnston sang a solo, 'O Holy Night'. The organist was Mrs. Sadie Moore. The church was beautifully decorated for Christmas.

Christmas Day

A Group service was held in Garrison Church on Christmas Day and was led by Revd. Maureen Desborough. The church was beautifully decorated for a lovely service. A great congregation enjoyed singing traditional carols during the HC service.

Charlotte Elliott sang a solo 'It was on a starry night'. Rebecca Graham read the lesson.

Jessica, Chloe and Charlotte were present to show their Christmas gifts to Revd. Maureen.



The nativity scene at Kiltyclogher.



Christmas decorations at Kiltyclogher.



Young people at the family service in Slavin.



Audrey and Robert Ovens, Gordon Carson, and George Earls.



Dot Barlow, Pauline Carson, Julie Elliott and Jenny Willis with children at the Slavin Family Service.



Christmas Day in Garrison.



May Somerville and Phemia Gregg at the Slavin sale.



Florence Earls on the Cake and Jam Stall.

Slavin Christmas Sale

Slavin Church had a Christmas Sale of Cakes, Jam, Chutney and other items in December. To date £620 has been raised for Church funds.

Thank you to all who helped, donated and supported by purchasing items.

Keep up to date

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on www.belleek.clogher. anglican.org. The web manager is Jenna Farls.

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.





Christmas in Belleek.

Inishmacsaint



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Parish Website

Parish Website has been redundant for years and it has been taken over by another group with no connections to the church. The vestry are in the process of taking it down. Please do not use any of the contact details on it. Leeann keeps Facebook



Church Hill Silver Band playing under the barbecue area at Benmore old Rectory.

updated so use this for information. Thank you.

Thanks

Thanks to all supported the Samaritan's Purse appeal with special thanks to Eileen Cutler who facilitated this.

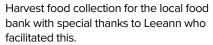
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clothing collection with special thanks to Laura and Eddie Rogers who facilitated this fund-raising initiative.

Thanks to those who contributed to the Salvation Army Christmas gifts appeal with special thanks to Leeann who facilitated this.

Thanks to those who contributed to the





Thanks to those who contributed to the Women's Aid collection with special thanks to MU and their leader Robena Elliott who facilitated this.

Mothers' Union

Congratulations to Mothers' Union who held their first meeting in the open air underneath the barbeque area at Benmore rectory – kindly invited by Clare and Jason Palmer. New MU leader Robena Elliott organized a Christmas wreath making class and around 26 very enthusiastic women turned up to make this festive symbol. Refreshments were organized and distributed by members of MU and a wonderful time was had on a very dry night – the rain started to come down at the very end. Enduring thanks to the Palmer family, including mum Elizabeth and Charlie, for your wonderful hospitality.



















Church Hill Silver Band

Church Hill Silver Band led carols and festive cheer on the evening of 21st December when the parish met, once more, up at Benmore Rectory with the band playing under the barbeque area. Once again we enjoyed a dry, crisp night and were able to sing safely as we were all outside. Thanks to all those who brought snacks and drinks and especially to Clare who made us hot (non-alcoholic) mulled wine.

Congratulations

Congratulations to choir mistress Gillian Rutherford and choir for the most wonderful Carols by Candlelight service in December. They worked so hard to present a truly amazing and uplifting service. Special thanks to the soloists and to those who decorated the church.

Pantomime

Pantomime has again been postponed due to covid.

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the late Marina McCabe formerly of Derrygonnelly.

Holy Baptism Register

■ 28th November 2021 - Arthur Acheson, son of Robert and Sarah, Church Hill.

■ 12th December 2021 - Grace Ivy Fentie, daughter of Lorraine and Neil, Castledawson, Co Londonderry.

Burial Register

■ 10th December 2021

Marina Catherine McCabe, Derrygonnelly.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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As White as Snow

Meteorologists tell us that the life of a snowflake begins high up in the Earth's atmosphere, when a particle of dust comes into contact with water vapour. This tiny dust particle is coated in the water vapour, and due to the low temperatures high up in the atmosphere, the coating of water vapour freezes, creating an ice crystal

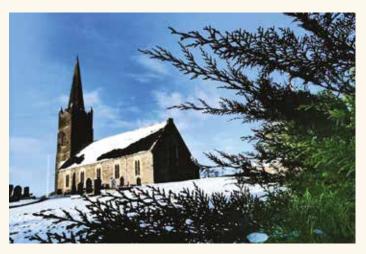
around the particle. As this crystal falls, it grows, as more water vapour freezes onto it, and it forms into that familiar six-sided snowflake shape.

Under the microscope the detail of the individual snowflake is amazingly delicate and beautiful and claimed to be unique. But as the pictures above show, when snowflakes get together on a grand scale, they can transform whole countrysides and even from satellite photographs we can sometimes see whole countries covered in a blanket of white.

Snow is dependent upon climate and temperature and a number of other factors but when those things are right, snow is formed and falls and covers all in a delicate white that hides dirt and colour and mess, simplifying edges and uncomplicating detail.

In Isaiah chapter 1 we read that those who claim to be the Lord God's chosen are not in His good books. They have rebelled against their Father in heaven and no longer know Him nor understand Him. Those claiming to be His are called a "sinful nation", a people of great guilt, a "brood

of evildoers", corrupt children, who have forsaken, spurned, and turned their backs on their God. The consequences of this sin have fallen upon the nation, evidenced by the theft of crops and health, the killing of people and the killing of the marriage bond with the Lord God, and the destruction of cities, fields, and a country. It appears that the people have continued with religious practice and duty, all this time, offering their sacrifices and burnt offerings. The people continue to hold gatherings and celebrations, and even pray but in the face of all this religious practice the Lord God wants them to know that He is not paying attention. The Lord God informs this people of what they need to do. They are to "stop doing wrong, learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow." (vs 16, 17) The Lord will then "thoroughly purge away ... dross, and remove all ... impurities." He also promises a restoration of good national leadership reminiscent of Israel's glory days that will lead to righteousness and faithfulness in the people. The Lord God is graciously and mercifully inviting His people to get this matter settled and, "Though your sins are





like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." The Lord promises cleansing, a washing away, a fresh start. This fresh start will be like a snowfall that covers over the scarlet spill of blood or upon a scarlet robe. The contrast of red against snowy whiteness highlights the dramatic effect that the mercy and grace of God can have upon the repentant and obedient heart.

Perhaps when we see a new fall of snow we may reflect upon whether we are in need of the grace and mercy of the Lord to cover some waywardness in our hearts. Are we living obedient lives? Are we doing what is right, in God's eyes? Are we people of God's justice with a heart and love for the oppressed, the fatherless, the widow, for the plight of women who suffer violence, for the cause of men who suffer mental health

issues, for all people from the womb to the tomb; for those who have not encountered the rescuing love of Father God? Is it possible that our moral shortcomings are opening the door for our enemy to come in to kill and steal and destroy? Or may it remind us of the greatness of the Lord's gift to us, through the life and death and resurrection of His Son. A gift received and experienced. A fresh start with the King.

Christmas in Kilskeery & Trillick

December was a busy month where we enjoyed a variety of Christmas services and events. We enjoyed a Carols by Candlelight in both Trillick and Kilskeery. We had our switching on of the Kilskeery Christmas Lights which was combined with a Messy Christmas Family Party and also a visit from Santa Claus. We celebrated with other Carol Services, a Christmas Movie Night

along with Christmas Eve Communion, Christmas Day Services and straight into our Boxing Day Sunday Service.

January

January brought a fresh start and a new beginning for our Midweek Fellowship Group, Prayer Meetings, organisations and fresh events and ventures praying that restrictions continue to ease and normality gradually return.

Weekly Times

Sunday Services: Christ Church, Trillick -10:30am & Kilskeery — 11:45am Girl's Brigade — Mondays at 6:30 — 8:00pm Senior Citizen's Group — Tuesdays at 2:00pm

Midweek Fellowship Group – Wednesdays at 8:00pm

Prayer Meeting – Thursdays at 9:00am

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Arrival of New Rector

At the time of writing we are really looking forward to the Institution of our new rector, the Revd William Jeffrey on Thursday ,27th January . All being well, the service will be able to take place in the church but with greatly restricted numbers due to Covid.

There were plans to live-stream the service however, so that parishioners will be able to participate from home. It will be lovely to see lights on in the rectory again!

Thanks to the Revd Colin

While we look forward to the institution of our new rector, it is important that we express our sincere gratitude to the Revd Colin Brownsmith and his wife Olive for their commitment to our parish since September 2020. His ministry during the lengthy period of Covid cannot have been easy and having to step into a vacancy when, with restrictions, he was unable to visit homes to get to know parishioners must have made it very hard indeed.

Reflecting on the many ways in which we have had to adapt our church lives over the past couple of years, it is hard to believe that the Revd Colin's introduction to us was at a drive-in service, of which a number were held in the car park behind the Parish Centre during August and September 2020. Returning to church in



October 2020, with restricted numbers, we had to close again in mid-December while preparing for Christmas Carol services. During the lockdown that followed, the Revd Colin faithfully recorded prayers, readings and reflections from his home from December until Easter. These were posted on Facebook each Sunday as were his midweek reflections during Lent. Shortly after Easter, he, our parish reader Isobel



The Brown family at the baptism of their two children.

and organist Lynda returned to church from where they live-streamed services to Facebook. It was only in May 2021 that we were once again able to return to church in limited numbers, with live-streaming continuing.

During his time with us the Revd Colin has also conducted a number of baptisms, prepared two cohorts of young people for confirmation, officiated at a wedding and very sadly had to conduct a significant number of funerals.

Olive, Revd Colin's wife has supported him in his ministry throughout this difficult time, attending church with him every Sunday. In November the couple informed us that they were going to make a number of linen bags with the image of our church imprinted on them so that some members of our parish could receive a little gift at Christmas! This was a lovely, considerate and a time-consuming gesture on their part and we want to thank them most sincerely for their efforts and for their service to our parish over the last 17 months. We wish them both a lovely rest in February and God's richest blessing as they begin another new chapter.





The Confirmation group with Bishop Ian Ellis and Revd Colin Brownsmith.

Christmas Gift Bags

Warmest thanks to the team of people who, on three occasions in the past 14 months, have assisted with preparing and providing goodies, packing bags and helping to deliver them to over 60 homes. Special thanks to Lizzie Hogg for her meticulous planning and preparation which made everything run very smoothly on 15th December.

Baptisms

Jack Lester and Bella Maria Brown, infant son and baby daughter of Dean and



Rachel were baptised by the Rev'd Colin in Coolbuck on the afternoon of Saturday 15th January, 2022. We wish the young family every happiness and continued blessings in the years ahead.

Confirmation

It was lovely to welcome on the evening of Thursday 18th November the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, the Bishop of Clogher, to conduct a Service of Confirmation for nine of our young people, all of whom had been prepared by the Revd Colin. Please continue to pray for Eva, Leah, Lucy, Zara, Callum, Jay, James, Luke and Mark, who





on that evening publicly confirmed the promises made for them by their parents at their baptism. May each one of them know the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Death

It was with huge sadness that we learned of the peaceful death on Saturday 4th December 2021, after a period of illness, of William James 'Billy' Graham at his home, 5 Queens Park, Lisbellaw. A Service of Thanksgiving for Billy's life was conducted by the Revd Colin Brownsmith on Monday 6th December in the parish church, followed by a family interment in Tattygare. To his wife Jean, son Neil and daughter in law Victoria, his daughter Lucinda and son-inlaw John, his grandchildren, Ryan, Hannah, Dylan, Nicole, Jeananna and Lucas and to the entire family circle we extend our deepest sympathy at this sad time. Please continue to remember them all in your prayers.

'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.' Psalm $23 \ v \ 4$

Carol Service

Although the Revd Colin was unfortunately unable to be with us on Sunday 19th December, it was great to welcome Diocesan Reader Mr Keith Browne to both services on that day. Warmest thanks to him, to Isobel Stewart our Parish Reader, to Jake Stubbs and Ian Hood who read lessons and of course to our organist and singer, Lynda Lindsay. Thanks too, to all who worked hard to make the church look so beautiful this year. These included Lizzie and Gerry Hogg who made the Advent Wreath, Harriett Kirkpatrick and Hilda Dane who decorated the Christmas Tree and Ruth Hood for her













Taking part in the various Christmas services in Lisbellaw and Coolbuck.



beautiful work with flowers, foliage and lanterns. Many thanks too to the Sunday School children and their teachers for the lovely craft lanterns and wreaths which they made at home.

Christmas Eve at Coolbuck

As it was again not possible to return to Coolbuck for worship on Christmas Eve and Derryclavin Hall was the venue this year for a Crib Service for the children at 5.00pm and for the First Communion of Christmas at 11.30pm. Both services were well attended.

Children's Christmas Service

Again it proved to be impossible to have a 'real time' service in church but warmest thanks are again due to all the parents and children who contributed to two videos that we were able to post on facebook on Christmas Eve. Well done to the readers, the



musicians, the singers and to the children who prayed or simply wished all of us a Happy Christmas.

Prayer

Lord, we thank you for your provision for us over the past two years, and as we look forward now to a new chapter in the life



of our parish, we ask your blessing on the Revd William and his wife Alison as they move to Lisbellaw. We pray that they will quickly feel at home among us, that they will experience your loving presence with them and that we will continue, as a church, to know your blessing day by day. We ask, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Lisnaskea



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Services for February

Sunday 6th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 13th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th

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

Burial

- 24th November Grace Winifred (Winnie) Morton, Donaghadee.
- 1st December Edward William (Eddie) Morton, Donaghadee.



The Confirmation group at Holy Trinity, Lisnaskea.

- 1st January Marion Beatrice Condron, Gortacharn Nursing Home, Lisnaskea. (Buried in Kilmore)
- 12th January Cecil Armstrong, 10 Kilmore Green, Lisnaskea.

Sincere condolences and prayers to all the bereaved families.

Behold the Lamb of God

"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

This is what John the Baptist said about Jesus

We are so familiar with it we miss what he

actually says

It is like a truth which is hidden in "Plain sight"

So let's think about this for a minute... We believe that Jesus forgives SIN We confess our sin...

We ask God for forgiveness...

But, so often, our sin REMAINS...

It is something we keep coming back to, to ask God to forgive us from...

We don't seem able to move beyond it And if you follow me in my thinking... And have a sense of recognition... I believe the answer is actually easier than we may have ever dreamt of before... John the Baptist said:
"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world!"
(John 1:29)

Jesus didn't simply come to forgive us...
To forgive us of our sins...
He came to TAKE THEM AWAY...
Now you may pood to pause for a more

Now you may need to pause for a moment and allow this to sink in...

Think about WHAT the scripture SAYS... Go and read it for yourself

Check it out

By the Father

See what it says, for yourself...

Don't simply believe me!

You see...if Jesus has "taken away" our SIN Then it is NO LONGER OURS! We truly ARE a NEW creation (2 Corinthians 5:17) Accepted... Beloved...

You are LOVED by Him as He no longer sees your sin
Since Jesus "took it away"...
YES - Jesus paid the price for our sin when He hung and died upon the cross
And we are forgiven...



But Jesus didn't JUST forgive us...
He "took SIN away"...
And by believing in Him and accepting what
He has done for you
You are now a NEW creation
Putting on the new man

And living for God in true Righteousness and holiness

Effortlessly...

This is what Jesus has done for us Will you believe and receive it...?

Magheracross



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Although we had considered a number of "restarts" for the New Year, the presence of the omicron variant has meant that we have been unable to do so. However, we still had a very enjoyable Christmas period. On Sunday December 12th, we held our first Family Service since the pandemic began. The choice of music was recommended by our Sunday School teachers and the address was given by the SU Fermanagh/ Fivemiletown E3 representative, Alastair McFarland. This was delivered by video

whilst the children enjoyed their popcorn — Cinema Church! In January (9th), we held a similar service with Alastair actually present to speak to us. This was equally well-attended under the circumstances and was named "Fruit Sundae" with healthy eating provided to mark the start of 2022.

Carol Service

(Ephesians 4:24)

Our "restricted" Carol Service was held on the morning of December 19th. Some readers were present in person whilst others read via video. The service was live streamed.

Craft evening

Naomi Armstrong, our joint Methodist/Parish youth worker, organised a craft evening for children and families relating to Christmas. Fifteen families participated with parents and children engaged in a number of activities all safely seated and busy at their individual family tables.



Confirmation candidates in Magheracross with Bishop Ian Ellis and Archdeacon Brian Harper and churchwardens.



Charity sit-out

Thank you to all who were able to support this year's sit-out Christmas Appeal. The weather was beautiful. The rector and the Revd John Beacom stood at the church gate from 8am to 8pm and collected almost £5000 for AWARE NI and Bishops' Appeal. Thank you also to the local businesses and parishioners who supplied hot food and treats throughout the day.

Confirmation

We were delighted to be able to hold our Confirmation Service on November 21st with 17 candidates and their families present. Attendance was limited and all seating was pre-allocated but this did not take away from the sincerity of the service. We were pleased to be able to welcome Bishop lan to Magheracross and we continue to pray for our young people.

Envelopes

Throughout the pandemic, members of the Select Vestry have volunteered on the first Saturday of each month to receive



Confirmation candidates (above and below) with Bishop Ian Ellis and Archdeacon Brian Harper and churchwardens.



envelope offerings at the church porch. This has proved to be a very useful practice throughout 2020 and 2021 and we are grateful to all who have continued to support the parish through this period. The receipt of offerings on the first Saturday will continue until we are able to open all our pews safely for Sunday worship.

Magheraculmoney



Rector: The Revd Francis Rutledge

During the Rector's absence, Revd Abraham Storey is providing service and pastoral cover and the Rural Dean, Canon Alan Irwin, is in charge.

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Christmas

The church had a wonderful ambience over the Christmas period. It was beautifully adorned with decorations of a Christmas tree, candles, poinsettias etc. Thank you to everyone who helped.

The Christmas Carol Service was held on 19th December. It was led by Diocesan Reader, Ken Dobbin with Glenn Moore on organ. We had readings by Alison Armstrong, Irene Knox, Maurice Lee, June McCutcheon, Tanya McKeever and Jill Parkinson. We had the traditional Christmas hymns: Once in Royal David's City, O Little Town of Bethlehem, In the Bleak Mid-Winter, Silent Night Holy Night, While Shepherd's Watch their Flocks by Night, Joy to the World, O Come all ye Faithful and Hark the Herald Angels Sing. Holy Communion services were held on Christmas Eve night



by Rev John Hay and early Christmas morning by Canon Alan Irwin. The First Sunday after Christmas was led by Mrs Ellen Stevenson and Mr Charles Crawford introduced the first service of 2022

Christmas Dinner

On Christmas Eve, we delivered 47 freshly prepared three-course Christmas dinners (from Drumquin to Dromore and the local area). These were boxed up along with mince pies, shortbread, Shloer and of course (as no Christmas dinner is complete without them) Christ-mas crackers! We are very thankful to all those who donated food etc and the volunteers who helped to distribute the boxes.

Sunday

Worship Gathering: 11.00am Children's Church (age 4+) to P7 (off 20th February and 20th March)

Monday

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Ranger Guides @ The Fountain Centre (dates/times as per leaders)

Wednesday

Wednesday Prayer - 10.00 - 11.00am at Ardess Parish Centre Beavers, Cubs & Scouts @ The Fountain



Centre (see 1st Magheraculmoney Scouts Facebook page for dates and times).

Thursday

Confirmation Classes (Year 13+, age 13/14 and over) - 7.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre (off 17th February and 17th March)

Baptisms

- 28th November 2021 Levi James Scott Knox, son of Jonas and Susan Knox, Ederney.
- 28th December 2021 Sebb George McFarland son of Lloyd and Lauren McFarland, Ballinamallard.



Funerals

- 23rd November 2021 Evelyn Anne McClintock (83 years old), Lisnaskea
- 24th December 2021 David Johnston White (62 years old), Ballinamallard

Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are with the families of the above and the families of Bishop Brian Hannon and William (Billy) Blair, (father of Canon Henry Blair).

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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By the time most of you are reading these notes the Revd Lindsey Farrell will have taken up her role and will be your new rector in the parishes of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk. I wish the Revd Lindsey God's richest blessing in the years that lie ahead. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each one of you for the support and encouragement you have given me over the past two and

more years.

Gertie and I would also like to say a huge thank you for the extremely generous gifts we received from both parishes on our final Sunday. They are very much appreciated.

Marriage Blessing

Christchurch, Maguiresbridge, 28th November - Scott and Cheryl Long.

Holy Baptism

Christchurch, Maguiresbridge, Sunday 5th - Alfie Marcus Ian Kettyles.

Death of former Bishop of Clogher

It was with great sadness that the parishioners of both parishes learned of the death of the Rt. Revd. Brian Hannon, former Bishop of Clogher. They extend their prayerful sympathy to his wife Maeve and their sons Desmond, Brendan, and Neil and their families, and to the wider family circle.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted". (Matthew 5:4)

Yours in Christ, Abraham



Members of the Kettyles family at the baptism.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

6th February

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live) 12:15pm Kilmore

13th February

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live) 12:15pm Ballinode

20th February

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live) 12:15pm Kilmore

27th February

11am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live) Confirmation Service

6th March

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live) 12:15pm Kilmore

Christmas Carols

Since we were (and are) still not allowed to sing inside church we gathered outside at Ballinode Church hall for a short outdoor carol service on Sunday 19th December. It was good to see so many gathered from across the group of parishes as we heard familiar readings and sung carols.

Bible Study

We are continuing our Bible Studies on Wednesday nights at 8pm on Facebook live. Up to Lent we are going to look at Jesus' visit to Jerusalem before Palm Sunday. We'll be working through John chapters 7 to 9 with the headings (from Don Carson) of 'rising opposition, radical confrontation".

Bishop Hannon

We were saddened to hear of the death of Bishop Hannon. Many remember him fondly and with thanksgiving for his leadership in his time as Bishop, in particular as Chair of the Collegiate Board of Governors and Patron of Drumacruttan



Ballinode carol service being held outdoors.



Primary School. We extend our condolences to the Hannon family circle.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes have continued as we meet in person and socially distant. We have been using the "I believe" course from the Church of Ireland Youth Department. Please pray for those who

are to be confirmed and we look forward to welcoming Bishop lan for the confirmation service at 11am on 27th February.

Parish hall and organisations

The Select Vestry are continuing to work out how groups and organisations can meet with the current restriction. At the minute our bowling club has restarted meeting on Monday mornings and Thursday evenings.



Rossorry

Vacant

Dean Kenneth Hall is in charge

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Revd Alison Irvine, Diocesan Curate will be providing pastoral cover in the parish

These notes, below, are prepared by Gerry in the Parish Office on behalf of the Parish. If there are any items you would like me to cover, or photographs of parish events, please let me know before the submission date which is the 15th of the preceding month.

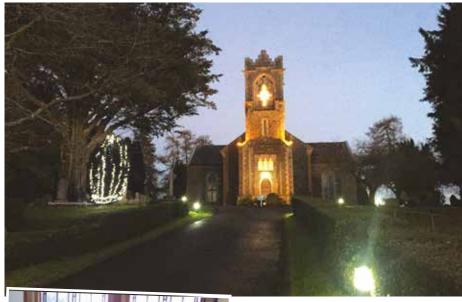
Christmas at Rossorry

We faced a second unusual Christmas at Rossorry with restricted services and lower numbers, due to Covid restrictions and fear in the community.

In spite of that, we erected the 'Star' on the Church tower and decorated the Church, beautifully. (Many thanks to all those who volunteered in both endeavours and who did such a wonderful job!)

Our Carol Service went ahead on Sunday morning of 19th December (instead of the traditional evening Service) and was a lovely service (thanks to Catherine and Rossorry Choir).

We managed to have full services on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and the Sunday after (which was Boxing Day). We are so grateful to the visiting Clergy and Diocesan Readers who helped with cover, as we await the appointment of a new Rector at Rossorry





Parish Development Project

Good news! After a prolonged planning process involving the Heritage Service, agreement has been reached and Full Planning Permission for the Stables development has now been granted. Permission for the development of The Parish Hall was granted a few months ago.

How is the Parish keeping its work going?

The current emergency has changed the way we work- indeed the way we must

work-in spite of this, we are managing to keep the work of the Parish moving, as best we can. Below are details of the various methods we have devised to provide some level of services and pastoral support to you, the parishioners.

Return to in Church Worship

As you probably know, by now, the Church is open again, subject to the rules on social distancing and wearing of masks. The Church will hold about 85 people, safely, within these rules

There is one Sunday service each week at 10am, in Church and recorded and available on the 'Rossorry Parish' Facebook page.

Parish Hall and Organisations

PARISH HALL- reopens!

The following extract from a letter from the Archbishop, has provided guidance on how we may try to normalise Church activities following a layoff of nearly 18 months.

"Although some restrictions have now moved from being mandatory under law







to strongly recommended in government guidance those safeguards are still there for a reason. The majority of activities in the life of our Parishes may now resume with the permission of the Rector and Select Vestry and with appropriate mitigations in place and risk assessments performed. A cautious and slow return to normal might be the best way to describe it. There is absolutely no rush to get everything up and running again within days. Our journey through the pandemic has taken nearly a year and a half so far so it will take time for us to slowly rebuild and get our parishes up and running again."

The Advice was updated on 18th October by the Archbishop's Office and Bishop Ellis wrote -

"Dear Colleagues,

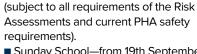
Please find attached the latest COVID-19 restrictions update from the Archbishop's office for parishes in NI. There is a good deal of information here that Rectors and Select Vestries will have to consider

and reflect upon carefully before making decisions. It is a move in a positive direction, however it is what might be described as a cautious and steady approach".

In response to this the Select Vestry has approved the reopening of the Hall with appropriate safeguards in place and will continue to review arrangements within the Church (retaining the two- metre Social Distancing for the present).

- Comprehensive Risk Assessments have been prepared and actioned.
- Parish organisations and users have been appraised of the preparations and the duties that they will require to undertake to keep all safe.
- The Hall has been thoroughly cleaned and sanitised for use in line with the Risk Assessments (with thanks to Leslie, Lorraine and Joy).

So far, a number of the organisations have indicated that they will resume activities



- Sunday School—from 19th September.
- Rossorry Bowling Club—from 20th September.
- Rossorry Scouts—from end of September -date TBC.
- Mother and Baby exercise class started in November.
- Rossorry Wednesday Club—date to be delayed for a couple of months.
- Pilates Class began on Fri. 15th October 11am to 12 noon.

Other organisations and users are not yet ready to resume and that is fine and in keeping with the Archbishop's advice.

Leaders will be in touch with their groups with details, as necessary.

We will continue to update this subject in the Weekly News Sheet., as required.

Parish Website (rossorryparish.com)

The website is still up and running and will contain the Rossorry Weekly News Sheet and usually the printed text for upcoming Services which will also be screened on Facebook

Rossorry Weekly News

The weekly News Sheet is still being produced. It contains the text of the Sunday service for use in the Church Service, as we cannot have access to our Prayer Book and Hymnal. It will, also, contain useful information on Parish life and how we are trying to keep things ticking over. It also contains a reminder of the Safety Protocol for attending Church.

CDs for Parishioners

CDs of prepared online services are being prepared and posted out to parishioners who live alone or unable to receive the online postings.

These contain one or two services (Morning Prayer or Holy Communion) and a Children's video and a copy of The Rossorry Weekly

These have been well received and are a source of solace for the parishioners who feel isolated, and a bit cut off from our Parish life.

Parish Self-Help Volunteer Group

Our plans to set up a self-help group of volunteers to keep in touch with the elderly and house bound, maybe help with groceries or medication etc. have been curtailed by the change in 'lockdown' regulations.



However, a good number of volunteers came forward wishing to help – so we have been able to consult with the elderly/housebound and each volunteer has been allocated a few Parishioners who they keep in touch with, by telephone, in a befriending service.

This is going well – but if we have missed anyone- let Gerry know in the Parish Office (02866 329889) and they can be added in and allocated to a friendly volunteer.

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Freewill Offerings FREEWILL GIVING

Even though Services have resumed at Church many of you may not be able or ready to attend but you may still contribute your weekly collection envelopes and other donations.

The end of month Church door collection is now used by so few people that there is no point in keeping it going.

If you are not ready yet to come to Church send your envelopes (now on Yellow envelopes for 2021)— with a friend, post them to the Office or drop them through the letterbox at the Office. If these don't work for you—please ring Gerry at the office (02866 329889) and another arrangement can be made.

Throughout the period of the Pandemic, the Parish continues to have ongoing costs and your contribution is vital in sustaining its work and ministry.

If you wish, you may set up a Standing Order with your Bank or Building Society to deal with this matter. If you have online banking, you can do this without even visiting your Bank. Contact the Office for details.

Please note that the Parish Financial Year ends on the 31st December 2021 – so it is important that you catch up on any missed envelopes by the year end.

Again, many thanks to all those who have sent in envelopes and who have gone out of their way to make sure they kept up to date

The Parish Office

The Office is still working, (9am-1pm, Monday to Friday) keeping the day to day, machinery moving.

Please, don't visit -but I will be delighted to chat on the 'phone, take emails or a note or envelopes through the door or in the post,

etc—if there is anything I can do to help. Tel:- 02866 329889

Email: - rossorryoffice@btinternet.com

Arrangments for the Parish during the Vacancy

As the Parish will be officially vacant from 5th April 2021 onwards the following arrangements will be in place for Pastoral Cover and the running of the Parish.

- The Rural Dean (Rev. John Woods

 –who can be contacted at 02882
 840863), will be in charge of the Parish during the vacancy.
- PASTORAL COVER (Weddings, Christenings and Funerals) will be undertaken by Dean Hall of St. Macartin's Cathedral, who can be contacted on 02866 322465.

From 8th February, the Revd Alison Irvine, Diocesan Curate, (Mob. 07977595266) or email:- revalisonirvine@gmail.com) will be providing pastoral cover in the parish, from 13th March the Revd Colin Brownsmith, OLM, will be conducting all services in the parish, and the Revd John Woods, Acting Rural Dean, will continue to chair meetings of the Vestry."

• CHURCH SERVICES will be taken by visiting Clergy or Lay Readers appointed by the Diocesan Office.

The Parish Office will continue to operate for advice or assistance (02866 329889) and for receiving Freewill Envelopes etc.

Services for February 2022

In Church and online.

Sunday 6th February 10.00am – Holy Communion.

Sunday 13th February

10.00am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th February

10.00am - Morning Prayer.

Sunday 27th February

10.00am - Morning Prayer.

Visiting Clergy and Diocesan Readers will continue to deliver Services and Catherine, or Gerry will upload video Services for Sundays on Facebook.

Text of the services- you will find on our Website (rossorryparish.com) and a link to the recording of the Service.

Mothers' Union

The members of Rossorry MU extend their sympathy to their member Florrie Little on the death of her sister Mrs Dorothy Humphreys.

Parish Register BAPTISMS

- ELLIOTT, Charlie James, infant son of Gareth and Katie, who was Christened at Rossorry Church on Sunday 21st November 2021, by the Very Rev. Kenneth Hall, Dean of Clogher, who is looking after Pastoral matters during the Vacancy.
- DOOGAN, Willow Elizabeth Angel, Baby daughter of Ian and Karolyn, who was Christened at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 9th January 2022, by the Very Rev. Kenneth Hall, Dean of Clogher, who is looking after Pastoral matters during the Vacancy.

May they grow in the faith in which they have been baptized.

BEREAVEMENTS

- STEWART, Kenneth (Ken), Beloved husband of Mairead, who passed away on 23rd November 2021 after a short illness at the South West Acute Hospital, of Windmill Heights, Enniskillen. Subject to Covid restrictions, a service took place at 1.00pmon Friday 26th November 2021 at Rossorry Parish Church followed by interment at Rossorry Parish Churchyard. Dean Hall officiated.
- DOOGAN, David Andrew, beloved husband of Trudi, who passed away, peacefully, on 28th December 2021, after a long illness, at home at The Corn Mill, Bellanaleck. Subject to Covid restrictions, a service took place at 12.00noon—on Thursday 30th December 2021 at Rossorry Parish Church followed by interment at Rossorry Parish Churchyard. Dean Hall officiated.

Sincerest sympathy from the Parish to the family and friends of our esteemed Parishioners.

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Funeral

6th January 2022 - Leslie Barr Monaghan, Edenmore Lane, Tempo.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Leslie's wife Teresa, daughter Stacey, stepson Emyln, his parents Brian and Shirley, brothers Keith, Rodger, lan and all the family circle.

Clabby Church Fundraising

Fireside Quiz Sheet - Thank you to Miss Mary Elliott for compiling a fireside Quiz Sheet for church funds and Mrs Vera McConnell and Mrs Beatrice Smyton for assisting her and the three of them for providing the prizes. Thank you to the Select Vestry members and others who sold the sheets and to those who gave donations. The total raised £430 congratulations to prizewinners;1, Lesley Quinn (Kilkeel); 2, Mary Hanna (Kilkeel); 3, William McConnell (Fintona).

Tractor Run

This event was held on 11th December.

Thank you to Jim Monteith for organising the event and those who assisted as marshals, providing catering, to those who came along with their tractors and gave donations. The total raised was £2078 for church funds

Carol Services

The Carol Services were held in both Churches on Sunday 19th December. It was a slightly scaled down version of readings and Carols. In both Churches members of the Confirmation Class and other members of the congregation read the lessons. In Clabby there was a music duet, 'The First Nowell' with 'Pachel Bell's Canon' by Katie and Ellen Bloomfield (Violin and Voice). Ellen also performed a solo 'O Holy Night.' The organist was Mrs Ann Bloomfield. The following young people also took part; The poem, Christmas Giving - Leah Carroll; Christmas Prayer - Ewan Stronge; a play, Unopened Present - Henry, Zak and Penny Follis. Prayers were led by Jessica and Isabella McDowell and Sophie Robinson. In Tempo the following young people also took part; Christmas prayer- Mia White and More to Christmas - Alice Crawford; Mark McDonald on the flute accompanied by his wife Ashleigh on the Clavanovia played 'The First Nowell' and 'See Amid the Winter's Snow.' The organist was Carole Graham.

Confirmation

Thursday 17th February 7.30pm. in Clabby Parish Church. Please pray for the following young people in the final stages of their preparation that for them this will be no formal step but may mean a personal commitment of their lives to Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour and they would enter into a lifelong relationship and service to Christ. Arianna, Beth, Eden,Leah, Mollie, Naomi, Sophie R, Sophie McD Joseph, Reece and Sam.

Sunday 27th February

Alistair McFarland, Scripture Union Fermanagh and Tyrone E3 Schools worker, will be the preacher at our Monthly Family Service Collection towards this work.

Lent 22

Ash Wednesday 7.30pm on 2nd March - Tempo. The services will alternate with Clabby. Clabby on 9th, 23rd March, 6th April and Tempo on 16th and 30th March.

Receive the Mercy of Jesus Matthew 12 1-21

Sometimes we send or receive a parcel with the words "Fragile handle with care" on them. Have you ever felt in need of one of those stickers on your life or for a time you are going through? Put simply Jesus is there for you.

In this passage Jesus has rejected the legalism, cold, uncaring, hard - hearted approach of the Pharisees (V 1-12). He quotes the words of Hosea (6V6) I desire mercy not Sacrifice. Jesus breaks their legalistic approach by healing the man on the Sabbath in an act of mercy, love and compassion.

Jesus combines justice and mercy. He brought God's justice to the nations as he quotes Isaiah 42 v 1-4. Yet he is full of mercy, love and compassion. "A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out". There are times in our lives when we are physically, emotionally, or spiritually fragile - like the bruised reed or smouldering wick, Jesus still continues to show love, mercy and compassion, he handles you with care.

So today Jesus says "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11 v28)

Come to Christ, give him your life, your burden, the situation and circumstances in your life that is making you feel fragile and





claim this promise that Jesus makes to you. As he spoke to his disciples "Do not let your hearts be afraid (troubled) you believe in God, believe also in me".(John 14 v 1) He promises "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give you as the world gives, Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

troubled and do not be afraid.

Jesus became fragile when he went to the Cross, undergoing severe physical, emotional, mental and spiritual suffering for us. He has been there, he loves, cares and understands. "Read these words of him in Gethsemane, they are true for us when we are in our Gethsemane. "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done. An angel from Heaven appeared to him and strengthen him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly and his sweat was like great drops of blood falling to the ground" (Luke 22 v 42-43).

To-day receive Jesus' mercy offered to all of

us through his perfect once for all sacrificial death on the cross and mercy, love and compassion when we are feeling fragile.

Bishop Hannon

It was with great sadness on 10th January that we learned of the peaceful death of our former Bishop Brian Hannon at the Graan Abbey Care Home. Bishop Hanlon was a humble man in faith and life. He had a true shepherd pastoral heart for the clergy and their families and the people of the Diocese. He had a deeply spiritual Biblical and caring approach to people and ministry. He is still fondly remembered in Tempo and Clabby for these qualities and his open friendly approach on his visits to the Parishes.

On a personal level we the Armstrong family fondly remember his welcoming visit to us on moving to the Parishes and his interest in and his chat with each of the children.

But supremely his pastoral care for Sarah, our daughter on her diagnosis of a tumour behind her eye and then a form of skin cancer and also to us, her parents. Sarah found it a real privilege to have been able to be one of the carers in the Dementia Unit in the Graan to care for Bishop Brian Hannon during his time as a resident. At this time, the words of St. Paul to the Christians in Philippi (1v3) "I thank God every time I remember you". Or Paul's word to Philemon "You brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Saints" could in part sum up the life and ministry of Bishop Hannon. We extend our Sympathy and prayers as a family and from the Parishioners of Tempo and Clabby to his wife Maeve, Sons Desmond, Brendan and Neil their families and the entire family Circle.

Trory and Killadeas



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The Strolling Souls Walking Club

As a means of safe socialisation we are starting a joint parish walking club. The group will meet at Enniskillen library on Mondays at 7pm with the first meeting on 7th February. If you would be interested in joining, please contact Revd. Mark or Hazel Allen.

From the registers

Holy Baptism

30th December 2021 - Amelie Helen Ballard in St. Michael's, Trory.

Looking Ahead

As far away as it seems when writing the February magazine notes in January, Tuesday 1st March is Shrove Tuesday, and Wednesday 2nd March is Ash Wednesday, and thus notes for them should probably fall within the notes for this magazine.

Shrove Tuesday

On Shrove Tuesday (a.k.a. pancake Tuesday) the rectory is going to be serving pancakes all day, with a charitable retiring collection.

We will start with a breakfast drive through, where you can pick up your pancakes on the way to work. Drive in the main entrance to the rectory, pick up your freshly made pancakes and toppings to take away at the front door, before exiting through the other gate. No pre booking needed.

Lunch will be a pancake picnic on the rectory lawn (with garden furniture, and of course weather dependent...) No pre booking needed.

Pancakes after dinner will be served in the various rooms on the ground floor of the rectory. As this one is likely to still have Covid indoor number restrictions, please contact Revd. Mark to book your place in advance.

The below times are provisional. Please listen to church announcements and check social media nearer the time.

Breakfast Pancake Drive Through from 7.30-9am

Pancake Lunch on the Rectory Lawn from 12.30-2pm

Pancake Dessert After Your Dinner from 7-9pm

Ash Wednesday and Lent

As has become our custom when in building, our Lent midweek services will be at 7pm in St Michael's, Trory, both for meeting together in person, and streamed on Facebook Live. These will begin with our Ash Wednesday service on 2nd March and will continue every Wednesday in Lent. Please remember these services are in St. Michael's due to signal for streaming but are of course for members of both congregations to attend, as well as any visitors who would like to join us.

Social Media

As always, please follow our Facebook page @troryandkilladeas for all up to date announcements and details.

Sunday Services

6th February

10am Holy Communion, Priory Church, Killadeas

11.30am Holy Communion, St. Michael's, Trory

13th February

10am Morning Prayer in Priory Church, Killadeas

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

20th February

10am Morning Prayer in Priory Church, Killadeas

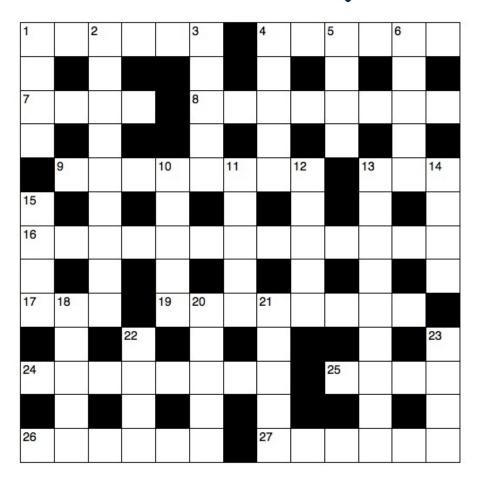
11.30am Morning Prayer in St. Michael's, Trory

27th February

10am All Age Service of the Word, Priory Church, Killadeas

11.30am All Age Service of the Word, St. Michael's, Trory

PUZZLE PAGES for Adults



ACROSS

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
- 4 'They threw the ship's overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
- 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
- 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
- 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
- 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)
- 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
- 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
- 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1–2) (5,3)
- 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
- 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)
- 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)
- 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

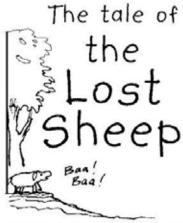
DOWN

- 1 'Before the crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
- 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)

- 3 'They have the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)
- 4 Belief (5)
- 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant —' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
- 6 'Do not Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
- 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
- 11 'Even there your hand will me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
- 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
- 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
- 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of
- 16 Across, and Dolls (4)
- 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
- 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
- 20 'Today, if you hear his , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
- 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
- 22 'And now these three remain: faith, and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
- 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

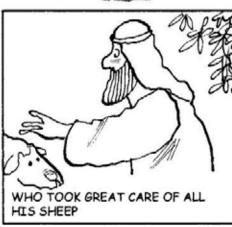
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CHILDREN'S SECTION











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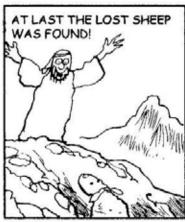


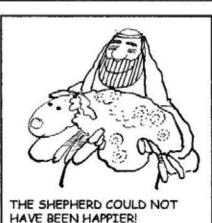


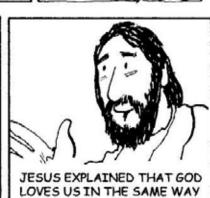
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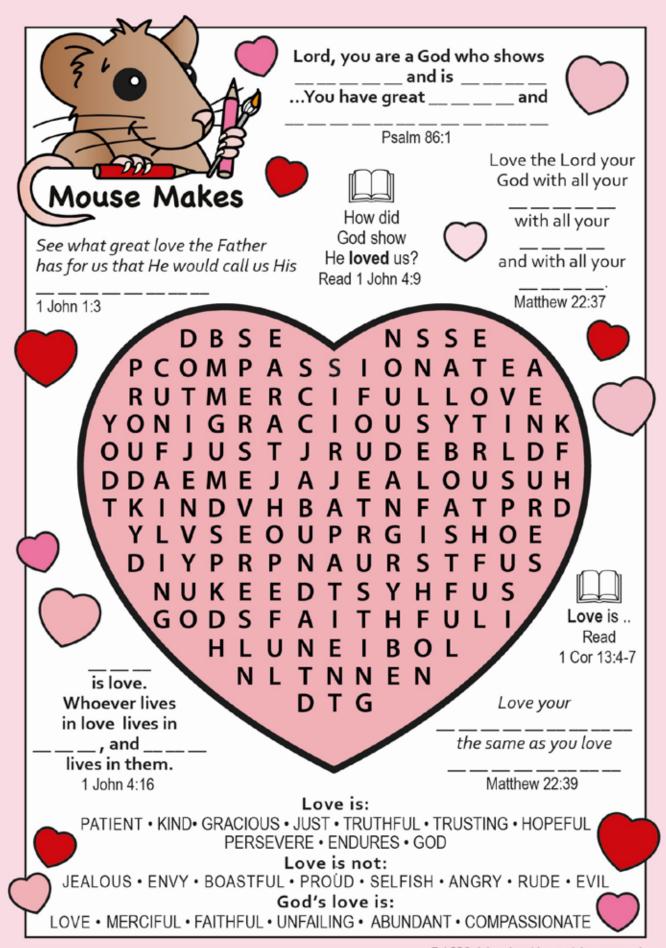


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MOTHERS' UNION



Bishop Ian Ellis and Dean Kenneth Hall with those taking part in the Mothers' Union service in Enniskillen.

Global Day of Action well supported

As part of the Global Day of Action against domestic abuse and sexual violence, a service of worship was held on Saturday 27 November 2021 in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

The opening welcome, "As we raise our voices on behalf of the voiceless, we also raise our voices in worship and intercession to our loving righteous God," began a meaningful and challenging service with over 60 Mothers' Union members and friends attending. The service was led by the Very Revd Canon Kenneth Hall, the organist was Mrs Diane Simpson and a reflection was given by the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis, Bishop of Clogher.

Taking part in readings and prayers were Revd Charles Eames, Caroline Watterson, Norma Scott, Harriett Kirkpatrick, Valerie McMorris, and Sally Masterson. Some words from a hymn sung summed up the message conveyed to all who gathered "God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion we pray: melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain; come, change our love from a spark to a flame."

Members of the Trustee Board took part in the act of action for 'No more one in 3' where they wore purple scarves and stood in silence for three minutes before removing their scarves.

Women's Aid worker Kerrie gave a moving and informative message about the work being done by the charity. She mentioned the thoughts and experiences of women who, as they face leaving their home or attending court appointments, are reminded of the loving acts of those who contributed clothing and toiletries to support the charity. The aroma of bath salts and the warm feel of PJs, scarf and gloves bring so much comfort at a time of trauma. They do not know who contributed these items but these loving gifts have made a difference to them. The charity was overwhelmed by the outstanding generosity of Mothers' Union members who contributed items for emergency packs for women.

Local MLA Deborah Erskine attended and visited the Women's Aid centre afterwards to share her support for this campaign.



Taking part in the Enniskillen service.





Domestic abuse awareness highlighted at Monaghan service

As part of the Global Day of Action against domestic abuse and sexual violence, a service of worship was held on Saturday 27 November 2021 in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan.

The opening welcome, "As we raise our voices on behalf of the voiceless, we also raise our voices in worship and intercession to our loving righteous God," began a meaningful and challenging service with Mothers' Union members and friends attending. The service was led by The Revd Chancellor Ian Berry.

Mothers' Union Members Linda Keating, Jennifer Leathem, Dorothy Adams, Margaret Howe, Audrey Hill and Barbara Clarke participated through readings and prayers.

The reflection by Revd Elaine Dunn centred on gathering together to end Gender Based Violence. Mothers' Union is part of a worldwide campaign in raising awareness of, and call for an end to, gender-based violence.

Siobhan McKenna talked about the role of Tearmann Domestic Abuse Services in Monaghan and described that one in four



Taking part in the Monaghan service.

women in Ireland experience abuse in their relationship. Siobhan thanked the Mothers' Union members for their continued support and generous donations to Tearmann.

Members of the MU Trustee Board came forward wearing scarves in a three minutes silence from 1.00pm to 1.03pm, in fitting with the theme of #NOMORE1in3.

DIOCESAN NEWS



Bishop Ian Ellis, the Revd John McClenaghan, Registrar and Revd Lindsey Farrell taking part in the Act of Institution.

New Rector instituted to Grouped Parishes of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk

The Revd Lindsey Farrell has been instituted as Rector of the Grouped Parishes of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk in Clogher Diocese at a service on Thursday evening, 20th January 2022.

Revd Farrell, who grew up in Clogher Diocese, undertook part of her training for ordained ministry in the Diocese and had been serving as Bishop's Curate of the Inver Group of parishes which includes Mountcharles, Inver, Killaghtee and Killybegs along the Wild Atlantic way in the Diocese of Raphoe for the past three years before her new appointment.

The Service of Institution was conducted by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis assisted by the Archdeacon, the Venerable Brian Harper; Diocesan Registrar, Revd John McClenaghan and the Rural Dean, the Revd John Woods. The preacher was Archdeacon David Huss, Rector of Donegal and Archdeacon of Raphoe.

The hymns were; "The Lord of sea and sky," "Psalm 23," "Brother, sister, let me serve you," and "Be thou my vision." The organist was Mr. Timothy Elliott.



The First Reading was by the Revd Abraham Storey, Ordained Local Minister, who had been in charge of services and pastoral cover during the vacancy and the Second Reading was by Joe McAlpine, Parish Reader.

With limited numbers attending due to Covid restrictions, the service was livestreamed on Facebook.

Following the service, Rural Dean, Revd John Woods invited a number of speakers



Archdeacon David Huss preaching.

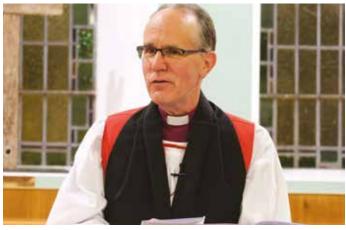
to the front of the church to offer their best wishes to Revd Farrell and her family.

Speaking to her new congregation for the first time, Revd Farrell firstly thanked the parishioners of her Donegal parishes for taking her and her family into their hearts and homes and asked her new parishioners for continued prayer to enable her and her family to settle into their new surroundings.

Bishop Ian Ellis, who had supervised Revd Farrell in her Deacon Intern year spent in Rossorry Parish, thanked everyone for arranging the Service of Institution

Revd Farrell is married to Keith and they have three children; Grace (16), Emily (14) and Harry (12).

She was ordained in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher and served as Deacon Intern in Rossorry Parish.



Bishop lan Ellis.



Revd John Woods, Rural Dean.



Taking part in the institution were (seated from left); Archdeacon David Huss, Bishop Ian Ellis, Revd Lindsey Farrell. Back row standing (from left); Mr. David Graydon, Churchwarden; Revd John Woods, Acting Rural Dean; Revd Abraham Storey, Archdeacon Brian Harper; Revd John McClenaghan, Registrar and Mrs Jean Kennedy, Churchwarden.



Attending the institution were front (from left); Revd Lynne Gibson, preacher; Bishop Ian Ellis and Revd William Jeffrey. Back row (from left); Mr Ronnie Stubbs, Churchwarden; Dean Kenneth Hall, Acting Rural Dean; Archdeacon Brian Harper; Miss Isobel Stewart, Parish Reader; Revd John McClenaghan, Registrar and Mr Robert Dane, Churchwarden.

Lisbellaw Rector moves back to his family's roots

A new Rector of the Parish of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck has been instituted at a special service in Lisbellaw Parish Church led by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis.

The new Rector, the Revd William Jeffrey, had previously been serving as Curate Assistant in St. Mark's Church, Ballymacash, Lisburn, in the Diocese of Connor.

Also officiating in the service was Dean Kenneth Hall, Archdeacon Brian Harper, the Registrar, Revd John McClenaghan and the preacher was the Revd Lynne Gibson, Rector of Ballymacash.

The readings were by Miss Isobel Stewart, Parish Reader and Mr Charles Barr.
The hymns were "Be thou my vision," "Psalm 23," "Dear Lord and Father of mankind" and "Great is thy faithfulness." The organist was Mrs Lynda Lindsay.
In her address, Revd Gibson said that even though parish and diocesan nominators selected Revd Jeffrey and the Bishop appointed him and instituted him as Rector it was God who called Revd Jeffrey.
She said the pandemic had made



The Act of Institution.

everything difficult for clergy and especially Revd Jeffrey who was serving his curacy as his strengths were greeting people. She said clergy thrived when they were among people but Covid had denied them all of that. She also said Revd Jeffrey had made the short journey from his home in East Belfast to Ballymacash but it was leap to Clogher Diocese, described by Revd Gibson as God's home country as she grew up in the Diocese as well.

Following the service, a number of speeches were introduced by the Rural Dean, Dean Kenneth Hall. Mr Hilary Morrison from Ballymacash, in his farewell to Revd Jeffrey, spoke of the minister's care and attention to detail in relation to services in the Anglican tradition, his wonderful voice, his transparent friendship and his great communication with people. He told the congregation of Lisbellaw that the move was Ballymacash's sorrow and Lisbellaw's joy.

Mr Gary Black, speaking on behalf of the Lisbellaw congregation, welcomed Revd Jeffrey and his wife, Alison not only to the parish but to the local community including the primary school. He said Revd Jeffrey's previous career in the Civil Service could be well served on the school's Board of Governors.

Revd Jeffrey referred to his family roots in the wider Lisbellaw area and said he looked forward to meeting people from the parish. Bishop Ian Ellis thanked everyone involved in arranging the service and particularly thanked Revd Colin Brownsmith for looking after services during the vacancy. Revd Jeffrey's home parish is St George's, High Street, Belfast, in the Diocese of Connor and prior to his current position in Ballymacash, he served his Deacon Internship year in St Andrew's Church, Killaney and St Ignatius' Church, Carryduff in the Diocese of Down and Dromore. Revd Jeffrey's training for ordination included a Master of Theology degree through Trinity College, Dublin and the Church of Ireland Theological Institute where he was awarded the Weir Prize. He also holds a Professional Certificate in Ministry awarded by the University of

Prior to ordination, he was a Civil Servant (Deputy Principal) in a 32-year career within the Northern Ireland Civil Service.



Revd Lynne Gibson, Rector of Ballymacash, who was the preacher with Bishop lan Ellis and Revd William Jeffrey.

During this time, he became a graduate of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) and later a Chartered Member of CIPD and holder of the CIPD Certificate in Training Practice.

Revd Jeffrey is particularly interested in the part which music plays in worship and encouraging optimum use of the Book of Common Prayer in services and in the daily personal devotions of parishioners. He has a heart for pastoral care and community outreach and a desire for people to have a committed relationship with the living Christ throughout their lives, encouraging all to use their gifts and talents in building up the Body of Christ and in furthering God's Kingdom.

He and his wife, Alison have three grown up sons, Paul who is married to Amy, Matthew and Callum.



Dean Kenneth Hall, Acting Rural Dean.



Revd William Jeffrey, speaking to the congregation.



Revd Lynne Gibson, preacher.

Bishop Brian Hannon lived the faith he preached; mourners told

Bishop Brian Hannon was a sincere man of faith who lived every day the faith he preached, mourners were told at his funeral in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen today. The Right Revd The Lord Eames OM, former Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, in his address at the funeral service, said; "He cared for the people of Clogher Diocese as though they were parishioners of a large parish - he knew them as individuals, he knew their problems and through the darkness of the Troubles he carried their pain on his heart.

"I will long remember him moving among the beds of Enniskillen hospital on the day of the Enniskillen bomb as together he and I sought to bring some comfort to those in such tragic circumstances.

"The prayers of us all reach out to Maeve and his sons Desmond, Brendan and Neil in their sorrow and loss."

The funeral service of the former Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Brian Hannon took place in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, where he had served as Rector and Dean before becoming Bishop.

The service which had restricted numbers of people attending due to social distancing regulations, was livestreamed

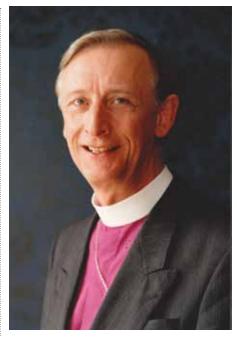


"He cared for the people of Clogher Diocese as though they were parishioners of a large parish"

LORD EAMES

on the Enniskillen Cathedral website; www.enniskillencathedral.com and is still available to view.

The Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, welcomed everyone to the funeral service which was led by Archdeacon Brian Harper, rector of Magheracross Parish to where Bishop Hannon and Maeve resided in retirement.



Bishop Brian Hannon who has died.

He was assisted by the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd John McDowell; the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr. Michael Jackson and the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis.

The Old Testament Reading from Psalm 121 was read by Michael Hannon, a brother of Bishop Hannon and the New Testament Reading from 1 Corinthians 13; 1-13 was read by Neil Hannon, a son of Bishop Hannon. Following the address by Lord Eames, a family tribute was given by another son, Desmond Hannon.

The hymns included; "Dear Lord and Father of mankind," "St Patrick's Breastplate," "It were my soul's desire," and the 23rd Psalm. The organist was Mr. Glenn Moore. In a statement issued on behalf of the Hannon family, Neil Hannon thanked everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy following Bishop Hannon's death on Monday.

He added; "Even after so many years of retirement, and his subsequent long and debilitating illness, the esteem in which he is held appears wholly undiminished. "Dad practised what he preached. Always had time for people. Always looked for ways to unite the community rather than divide it. The genuine warmth and fondness with which he is remembered is a wonderful testament to this, and such a comfort to us right now. It makes this time a little less sad, a little more celebratory. We're very grateful. "As a family we will miss Dad so much.



Neil Hannon reading one of the lessons.



"Our parishioners immediately found warmth and guidance from his new leadership"

MR SAM MORROW

He was a loving and generous husband. My parents' marriage was a partnership that withstood the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune with grace, courage and dedication. And Desmond, Brendan and I couldn't have wished for a better father. Intelligent, patient, encouraging, interested, fun. We will be trying to live up to his example for as long as we live." Following the funeral service, a private family burial took place in Craghan Cemetery, Ballinamallard. Bishop Hannon is survived by his wife Maeve and sons, Desmond, Brendan and Neil, and brothers David and Michael. A close friend, Sam Morrow, Honorary Secretary of the Select Vestry at St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, recalled Bishop Hannon's appointment as Rector of Enniskillen Parish.

"I had the privilege of being his first

Michael Hannon, a brother, reading a lesson.



churchwarden. His reputation as a preacher in Christ Church was known to be without equal – his sermons delivered a practical message for daily living.

"Our parishioners immediately found warmth and guidance from his new leadership and it was not long until people were saying 'this man will go far'. He gave unfailing attention to the sick and elderly in the parish and his daily visits to hospital gave comfort and encouragement. He had rich musical talents and his rendition of 'Phil the Fluter's Ball', at social functions, brought pleasure to many.

"He was deeply involved in education, being a member of The Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education and a Governor of Portora Royal School. He served the wider education interests as a member and later as chairman of the Western Education and Library Board. His gifts were not limited to the parish and he served the Church more widely. He was elected as a representative to The World Council of Churches and to that body's Central Committee."

Biography of Bishop Brian Hannon

The Rt Revd Brian Desmond Anthony Hannon was born in Lurgan in 1936 while his father, Revd Gordon Hannon, was serving as Rector of Shankill Parish. Bishop Hannon was educated at Trinity College Dublin where he took a degree in Ancient and Modern Languages and was ordained in 1961. He served as a Curate in All Saints Church, Clooney (1961-1964), Rector of Desertmartin (1965-1969), and Rector of Christ Church, Londonderry (1970-1982). From 1982, he was Rector of the Parish of Enniskillen (St Macartin's Cathedral) in the Diocese of Clogher, firstly appointed Canon and becoming Dean of Clogher in 1985. He was elected Bishop of Clogher in May 1986 and consecrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, in June of that year. Bishop Hannon retired in 2001 on his 65th birthday.



The clergy who took part in the funeral service (from left); Bishop Ian Ellis; Archbishop John McDowell; Lord Eames; Archbishop Michael Jackson; Monsignor Peter O'Reilly; Archdeacon Brian Harper and Dean Kenneth Hall watch as the coffin is placed in the hearse following the service.

Tributes to Bishop Hannon from church leaders

The Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd John McDowell, paid tribute to the Rt Revd Brian Hannon, saying; "Brian was deeply loved by so many people in the Diocese of Clogher who knew him well, and just as deeply respected right across the Church which he served with diligence, with good humour, and with dignity. His whole character and outlook on life were moulded by a lifelong discipleship of Jesus Christ, so any words he spoke in public carried the weight of his own integrity.

"He ministered in times and places which

were amongst the most difficult during the Troubles, yet he did so without growing bitter or cynical. He spoke and acted always with compassion and understanding and did all in his power to work towards peaceful outcomes in a divided society. "Brian had large affections: for the countryside of the west of Northern Ireland; for classical music which he played so movingly on the piano; for the family of the Church of Ireland. His love for his wife Maeve and for his sons, Desmond, Brendan and Neil, was deep and unclouded. His love for God and His Son, Jesus Christ, was unmistakable.

"My prayers, and I know the prayers of so many within and beyond the Church, will be with Maeve and the family as they come to terms with their great loss. 'Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God."

The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis commented: "Parishioners and clergy of Clogher Diocese and the wider community will be greatly saddened by the news of the death of the Rt Revd Brian Hannon. Bishop



Lord Eames, who gave the funeral address.

Brian was much loved and admired for his spiritual and pastoral support for his people, especially in providing leadership through days of disruption and violence in Northern Ireland. His patient, prayerful approach and commitment to enhancing education and community life is fondly remembered by all within this diocese, the Church of Ireland and the wider Anglican Communion. He and his wife Maeve devoted themselves to all aspects of diocesan life where their gifts of ministry were offered so generously. "We thank God for everything Bishop Brian shared with the clergy and people of this diocese: for his kind and gracious manner, his caring and compassionate ministry, his musical talents, and wise and gentle leadership.

"As a diocese we hold in our prayers his

dear wife Maeve, and sons, Desmond, Brendan and Neil, in their time of grief and loss. 'The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.'" The Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, who succeeded Bishop Hannon as Bishop of Clogher said; "Bishop Hannon and his wife Maeve loved the Diocese of Clogher and its people ever since he came to Enniskillen as Rector and Dean

"He was renowned as someone to whom community at its most extensive mattered and he played his part ecumenically, not only in Ireland but internationally." Bishop Larry Duffy, Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher, paying tribute said; "It is with deep sorrow that I have learned of the death earlier today of Bishop Brian Hannon, Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher from 1986 until 2001.

"Although I never knew Bishop Brian personally, I am very much aware of the immense contribution he made to the Christian life on this diocese. He ministered here, as Rector, Dean and Bishop, during what were difficult and challenging days. He never allowed such challenges to deflect from our shared Christian mission to build up the kingdom of God here; to love God, to heal wounds and to work together for peace. Bishop Brian laid the groundwork for much that has been built upon since then in terms of inter-Church dialogue, witness and friendship.

"I extend to his wife Maeve, to his sons and other family members and to the wider Church of Ireland community here in the Diocese of Clogher my deepest sympathy and the assurance of my prayers."

Church organist receives BEM for long service

Few people will reach the long service of church organist than Ann Thompson, who received the BEM in the Queen's New Year Honours. Ann, who has provided the church music at the grouped parishes of Donacavey and Barr, Fintona, for more than half a century, said; "I was very pleased and humbled to be honoured."

Explaining she was not a qualified musician, Ann's role in the grouped parishes of Donacavey and Barr,

developed into permanent position which has now lasted 58 years. Ann remembered

going to music lessons while she was at primary school but when her mother died when Ann was in her early teens, she had to look after her father. Music was a great outlet for her and she said she

At Donacavey Church, where she plays the Conacher pipe organ, she has served six rectors and has also played at numerous special services. She has also provided music as an accompanist for singers, often travelling to other churches and halls.

"If the Lord had not given me the talent I would not have been able to do it," said Ann.

In early January, the Rector of Donacavey and Barr presented Ann with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the congregations and congratulated her on her achievement. (See photo circled).

MBE honour for head of victim groups



Kenny Donaldson, a well-known personality working with churches and victims and survivors of terrorism says he was shocked and a little embarrassed when he received correspondence about his nomination for an MBE in the Queen's New Year Honours. He said; "However, I am not accepting this MBE honour for Kenny Donaldson, I accept it for innocent victims and survivors of terrorism and other Troubles

related criminal violence; many of whom I have had the privilege of knowing over the past 15 years and more, through South East Fermanagh Foundation, Innocent Victims United and beyond and who have come from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds." Looking forward to 2022, Kenny said there were many challenges for SEFF, IVU and the constituency they serve with the impending legacy legislation, the need for a resourced Regional Trauma Network to become operational, to secure progression on their capital build project at the former Lisnaskea High School site, to contribute to the new Victims Strategy and to see positive outcomes for those applying to the TPDPS (Aka Victims Pension

"2022 will also be a year when a SEFF delegation completes a good practice visit to Rwanda and we hope to renew our ties with Spanish victim's group COVITE through development of further joint projects and collaborative working".

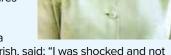
"SEFF will continue to face outwards and we will also further develop our work in the broader community, working with the schools, churches and wider civic society."

BEM for a familiar face at school and library

One person who has given her lifetime's work to the local community in Irvinestown is Mrs Frances Hunter, who has received the BEM in the Queen's New Year's Honours.

Frances is probably one of the best-known people at Irvinestown Primary School and Irvinestown

She has spent 38 years in her role as building supervisor at the primary school and at the same time, shares that role as a part-time cleaner at Irvinestown Library, which she has done for 35 years. Frances, a



member of Derryvullen North Parish, said; "I was shocked and not expecting it. It's a great honour to get."

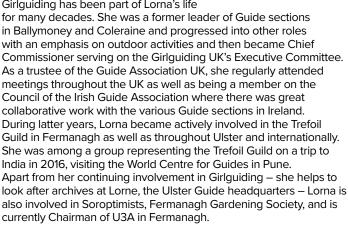
Frances begins her working day early often as early as 5am when there it is snow and ice, clearing the route around the school for the arrival of staff and pupils.

She has also helped create flower beds to enhance the grounds at the school and admits to being obsessed about cleaning and tidying. In a tribute to her, Canon Paul Thompson of Derryvullen North Parish said; "Frances is someone who is completely dedicated to what she does, who has the highest standards in her work and who wants to see the organisations thrive in contributing to the life and well-being of the community."

Lifetime involvement in Girlguiding is recognised with BEM

A member of Garvary Parish Church, Mrs Lorna Dane, has been recognised in the Queen's New Year Honours with a BEM for her services to Girlguiding and the community in Northern Ireland. She described it as a "great honour" to receive the award. Although originally from near Ballymoney, Co. Antrim, Lorna and her husband, Brian have been residing near Garvary since 2014.

Girlquiding has been part of Lorna's life





DATES FOR THE DIARY

February 2022

- Monday 7th February **The Strolling Souls Walking Club** begin first walks as a joint parish walking club of Trory and Killadeas. The group will meet at Enniskillen Library on Mondays at 7pm with the first meeting on 7th February. If you would be interested in joining, please contact the Rector, Revd. Mark Gallagher.
- Wednesday 9th February **Shoppers' Service of Holy Communion** in Derryvullen North Parish Centre, Irvinestown at 11.00am led by Canon Paul Thompson.
- Tuesday 22nd February **Mission evening online with South American Mission Society (SAMS)** in association with Fivemiletown parish at 8pm. SAMS Ireland has supporters and participants in mission in Clogher Diocese and we hope this zoom meeting will be an opportunity to meet and be encouraged in mission. Former Mission Partner in Paraguay, Claire Holmes will share in the talk. It is open to anyone who wishes to join. There will be a special emphasis on the country of Paraguay. For details, email; fivemiletownparish2@gmail.com

March 2022

 Tuesday 1st March – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day at Trory and Killadeas Rectory where pancakes will be served all day with proceeds going to charity. Begin with a Breakfast drive-through from 7.30am-9pm with no pre booking needed, followed by a pancake picnic lunch from 12.30pm to 2pm on the rectory lawn and in the evening with pancake desserts after dinner served in the Rectory when bookings must be made with the Rector, Revd Mark Gallagher.

 Wednesday 2nd March – Ash Wednesday Services in churches across the Diocese. Check with your parish for details.

May 2022

Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th May 2022 – **General Synod for 2022** takes place in Assembly Buildings, Belfast.

June 2022

- Thursday 2nd June Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 8pm followed by a beacon lighting ceremony in the grounds of the Cathedral.
- Sunday 5th June **A Platinum Jubilee Service** in Colaghty Parish Church to celebrate Her Majesty, The Queen's reign. More details to follow.

October 2022

• Sunday 23rd October – **Fivemiletown Parish Brunch** with Catherine Campbell, author of 'God Isn't Finished With You Yet.' More details to follow.

Ray of light for churches and local communities

There is a ray of light for churches, groups and society in general as the prevalence of the Omicron virus appears to be over the peak and governments of the United Kingdom, Irish Republic have already begun to relax restrictions.

Parishes are now looking at extending worship and events in tandem with providing the right environment for parishioners. With regards to the Republic of Ireland, the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis wrote to parishes in the Republic of Ireland to review the announcements by the Irish Government. In Northern Ireland, a review of Covid rules will be announced around February 10.

In relation to the Republic of Ireland, Bishop Ellis said; "On Friday last, the RI Government made a very welcome announcement regarding the lifting of restrictions, and limits on capacity for all indoor and outdoor events.

"This is an important moment in our journey through the pandemic and I wish to thank clergy, Select Vestries and volunteers for all you have achieved throughout these most challenging two years. All your efforts have ensured our parishioners were kept as safe as was possible in our buildings and also the care that clergy and others provided has been of immense support to many whose lives were affected by Covid. Coronavirus has left an indelible mark on many people's health, altered livelihoods and caused many families to suffer the loss of a loved one. Undoubtedly we will be dealing with the impact of this virus for years to come. "On a practical level, at a meeting of the House of Bishops, it was confirmed that this removal of restrictions applies to places

of worship in RI, however places of worship have been advised by the Department of the Taoiseach to remain cautious. While this development is welcome enabling us to begin the work of rebuilding church life again, we must be aware that not all our parishioners are ready to move back to pre-pandemic patterns. Some parishioners will remain cautious for some time to come for a variety of reasons; some may have underlying health issues, vulnerable dependants or have some other reason.

"We have been advised moving forward, that each Select Vestry undertake a risk assessment (reviewing mitigations and requirements in place prior to last Friday), to ascertain what they are comfortable with and what best suits the congregation as a result of the lifting of restrictions. Continuation of some protective measures may be preferred, for an interim period, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the vulnerable or anxious members of the congregation.

"It seems that face coverings are still required in schools from 3rd class and above, so you may need to consider that as you begin your Sunday school and youth work.

"As to the receiving of Holy Communion in both kinds, the Bishops' interim guidance issued in 2020 and extended to Advent Sunday 2021 still applies until further notice.

"I think this is as clear as we can be at this point; essentially the government has announced that restrictions are removed, and this is very good news. Select Vestries may decide on the pace and extent to which they make use of this freedom," he added, writing to parishes in the Republic.

New Diocesan Curate begins work in vacant parishes

The new Diocesan Curate, the Revd Alison Irvine (pictured right), begins her work in Clogher Diocese from 8th February.

The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis announced the appointment of Revd Alison Irvine as Diocesan Curate in December. From 8th February, she will be providing cover in the Cleenish and Mullaghdun Group of Parishes for the duration of the current vacancy in the group. Revd Irvine will be conducting all services, providing pastoral care and chairing meetings of the Vestry. Also from 8th February, the Revd Irvine will be providing pastoral cover in Rossorry parish.

Revd Irvine has been serving as Curate Assistant in Dunboyne and Rathmolyon Unions in the Diocese of Meath and Kildare.

Bishop Ian Ellis welcomed her back to her native diocese, saying; "I am delighted that Revd Alison Irvine has accepted my invitation to become a Diocesan Curate in this Diocese. Alison grew up in Clogher Diocese attending school in Enniskillen. When I was Rector of Rossorry, she spent the student placement year of her training in the parish and we came to appreciate her many talents and warm personality. Since ordination she has served for three years as Assistant Curate in Dunboyne Union in Meath Diocese and has gained much experience of ministry in a wide range of settings. I am most grateful to Bishop Pat Storey and Alison's Rector, Revd Eugene Griffin for liaising with us to allow her to join this diocese in the early New Year. We look forward to Alison returning



to Clogher in this unique role providing liturgical and pastoral ministry to a number of vacant parishes under my direction." Speaking about her appointment announced at Christmas services, Revd Irvine said; I am very grateful and humbled to be given the opportunity to serve God and minister to the people of Clogher Diocese, as Diocesan Curate. I have lived away through study and for work on a number of occasions and for many years, but each time I felt the pull to come home.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in study, living and working in the Republic of Ireland for the past six years. However, I am excited to start this new chapter working to further God's Kingdom.

"Throughout my life and wherever I have lived I have actively partaken in Church life within my parish and Diocese, through singing, youth work and committees. During the pandemic we have all suffered greatly from the restrictions placed upon us. As these lift, I look forward to everyone coming together in community and fellowship with song, worship and prayer. "I look forward to getting to know all those who live within the parishes where I will serve and how best to utilise talents and skills to form closer relationship to Jesus as we live with the challenges created by the pandemic within Church life and daily

A native of Clogher Diocese, Revd Irvine attended Manchester University and before her training for

ordination, had a career with the trade union movement

She served as Deacon-Intern with Revd Isaac Delamere in Tullamore prior to her ordination to the Priesthood in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth by the Bishop of Meath and Kildare, the Most Revd Pat Storey in September 2018.

She is from a well-known church family in Clogher Diocese; her father, John is a Diocesan Reader and one of her brothers, Adrian, is a Parish Reader in the Kilskeery and Trillick Group of parishes.

Community Hall support grant

The Premises Support Grant from
Fermanagh and Omagh District Council
opened on Tuesday, 25th January.
This is a new grant which was historically
called Revenue and funded such items
such as heating oil, insurance, electricity,
telephone, maintenance, water etc.
If your hall demonstrates a wide range of
use (and is not for single use) then you
should be eligible to apply.
Parishes have been informed of the details.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Community and Wellbeing Grant Scheme to support the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations opened on 25th January. Groups, Churches, schools, bands, youth organisations, sporting clubs, community associations and luncheon clubs can apply for grants of up to £500 to cover the costs of events to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

There will be four calls for funding throughout the financial year and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration events have been specifically included. The grant is open to all community or constituted groups. Up to £500 can be applied for. Venue costs are not eligible and refreshments of up to 20% can be claimed. Music and entertainment will be eligible. Those wishing to organise a Platinum Jubilee event in June 2022 should apply for the current grant as the next call may be too late for grant funding approval for any events planned for June.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

New bishop elected to the united Diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe

The new Bishop of the new united Diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe is the Right Revd Michael Burrows, currently Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossorry.

The Diocese of Tuam, Limerick was formed from the amalgamation of the Diocese of Tuam, Killala and Achonry and the Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe and both bishops of these dioceses, the Right Revd Patrick Rooke and the Right Revd Dr Kenneth Kearon respectively, retired at the end of October.

Bishop Burrows has connections with Clogher Diocese through his wife, Claire, who grew up in the diocese when her father, Revd Roy Jackson was Rector of a number of parishes locally. She is a sister of Archbishop Michael Jackson of the Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough.

Bishop Burrows has served in the Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory since 2006, and was previously Dean of Cork, Rector of Bandon, Church of Ireland Chaplain at Trinity College Dublin, and Curate in Douglas with Frankfield.

The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland, said: "Bishop Michael Burrows has served the Church of God and the Church of Ireland assiduously as deacon, priest and bishop. The clergy and people of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory have been greatly enriched by his commitment, compassion and energy. He will readily invest all these qualities in the life of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe. I wish him all that is best in his new

diocese under God."

The Bishop-elect said: "I am grateful to the Electoral College for their affirmation and trust. I leave a diocese which I have greatly loved after nearly 16 years, having learned so much from them, but clearly it is a time to embrace the new challenge of a new diocese and I look forward to working to cement the new United Dioceses of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe

and serving God's people there."

Following the ratification of the election by the House of Bishops, the Bishop-elect will be translated from the United Dioceses of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory to the United Dioceses of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe on a date to be determined.

Bishop Burrows is Chair of the Church of Ireland's Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue, Chair of the Board of Governors of the Anglican Centre in Rome, Co-Chair of the Church of Ireland-Methodist Covenant Council, and Patron of the Irish Guild of the Church (Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise).

CIYD launches new Bible reading resource: Fuel II

The Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD) has launched the second version of its resource to help young people hear God speaking through His words in the Bible. Its format will encourage young people and their leaders around the island of Ireland to read through Luke's Gospel over the 40 days of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday (2nd March).

For each short reading, questions will prompt readers to think about:

- What word, phrase or sentence stood out to me as I read?
- How does it make me feel? What does it lead me to think about?
- What does this Scripture say to me about who God is?
- What might God be trying to say to me through it?
- How do I want to respond to what God is saying to me?
- How will what God has said impact or change my life?
- What would I most like God to do in my life today?

Pages are also provided to give space to creatively respond to God. Fuel II is for anyone who is open-minded and hungry for something deeper than what they've experienced so far in life, no matter whether they think they are 'spiritual'.

"Lent is a great time to start good habits that will benefit your relationship with God," says National Youth Officer Simon Henry. "There is space for 50 days in this book — when you've started to read your Bible and get into the habit, we want you to continue. This is an example of a daily reading plan with bite-sized portions of the Bible to read. We want to help you get started."

Throughout the Bible, forty-day seasons are times in which God prepared people for His purposes as we can see in the lives of Jesus, Noah, Moses, David and Elijah. The entire city of Nineveh

was transformed when God gave the people 40 days to change, and the disciples were transformed by 40 days with Jesus after His resurrection.

Fuel II also introduces young people to the Celtic Christian idea of 'thin places' – where God seems more near to us than anywhere else and where we and God enjoy each other's full attention.

"Throughout history, God has never failed those who have desired to know Him," the booklet notes. "It is very important to have people in your life that bring the best out in you, that encourage you to trust more and more of yourself to God."

CIYD's President, Bishop Pat Storey, says: "It is more important than

ever that we all take time to reflect in a post-Covid world. What have we missed? What did we learn? Where have we heard, or indeed missed, God's voice? As the Holy Spirit continues to speak to us through the Scriptures, we are more determined than ever to be a people who document and reflect our listening to the divine Word. May this resource be a support to those thoughts. May your reflections bear much fruit."

Copies of Fuel II can be ordered by getting in touch with your Diocesan Youth Officer or Diocesan Youth Council representative. If you need more copies, please email admin@ciyd.org



Warning about scam messages targeting older people

Police forces in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland are urging members of the public to talk to older family members following a rise in phishing text, phone call and WhatsApp messages.

One scam recently resulted in one victim losing £6,000 (equivalent to \in 7,200), and many go unreported.

The scams involve usually a WhatsApp message, but sometimes a text or phone call, from a person claiming to be a family member, and have the common aim of encouraging the recipient to transfer money. If you receive a suspicious message, whether by email, website or text message you can take the following actions:

- Email if you feel unsure about an email you have received, you can forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service at report@phishing.gov.uk
- **Website** If you have come across a website which you think is fake, you can report it on the National Cyber Security Centre website: www.ncsc.gov.uk/report-scam-website
- **Text message** Report suspicious text messages for free to 7726.



In the Republic of Ireland, the following scams have been highlighted;

- Free Trial Products: Social media sites are often used to lure people into signing up for free trials on products. These scams usually involve the participant signing up for a free trial of a product which is often not genuine instructing them to provide their payment card details upfront.
- Investment Scams: Opportunities are advertised on social media sites to invest in products or businesses which are often fake or do not exist.
- Work from Home Opportunities: Job opportunities are often advertised on social

media sites and give the incentive of working from home.

- Fake Friend Requests: Social media account holders receive friend requests from people that they do not know or from people already in their contacts who have had their accounts hacked.
- **Twishing:** This is a combination of the words Twitter and Phishing and is a form of phishing in which a message is received on a person's Twitter account in an attempt to obtain personal or security data by directing the recipient to a bogus website.
- Clickbait: This is a post on social media which is worded in a way to attract the users' attention and persuade them to click on the link to find out more. Often times these links are to bogus websites which seek to compromise your personal or security data.
- Online Shopping Fraud: Criminals set up fake online shopping sites in order to obtain the payment card details of victims and steal money from their bank accounts. These sites look genuine and often offer discounts to attract victims.

Beyond the Stereotype – new research explores views of educational success and underachievement

A significant new research report into educational underachievement in controlled schools – commissioned and funded by the Transferor Representatives' Council – has been launched by Stranmillis University College, Belfast.

Beyond the Stereotype is based on group interviews with principals, teachers and pupils in eight primary and post-primary schools in suburban, town and rural areas, and also with school governors and other leaders in those communities. The study aims to go 'beyond the stereotype' of the well-documented challenge of underachievement among Protestant working class boys in inner-city areas, and to 'cast the net wider' to provide a broader and more representative picture. It raises important questions about the purpose of education and how we measure success. The study finds that while pupils view educational achievement as largely related to success in external exams (such as GCSEs and A-levels), many school and community leaders (including employers) place greater value on a wider range of skills and abilities, and pupils' mental and physical health, self-confidence, happiness and willingness to learn.



Particular challenges in rural communities, which have not been reported extensively to date in previous studies, are identified with some school leaders speaking of the difficulty in motivating boys to work hard towards GCSEs. Disadvantage across generations and a lack of educational aspiration, often associated with innercity working-class contexts, are also reportedly strong features of many farming communities.

Beyond the Stereotype also finds that schools lack support in terms of sourcing standardised tests for pupils, which are bought in from private companies in the absence of government-funded tests.

School leaders are doing "sterling work" in

keeping education going throughout the pandemic with one positive consequence of this crisis being that "schools and families are often now better connected than ever before" due to the increased use of remote technology.

Many community leaders speak of their passion for supporting schools and helping local children to succeed. A range of perspectives – supportive and critical – on the role of Protestant Churches in education is heard; the study affirms that where school leaders are open to church involvement (which cannot be assumed) and where a local church engages meaningfully, tangibly and unconditionally in its local school, "there is enormous potential to improve educational outcomes."

The report is available on the Stranmillis University College website – www.stran. ac.uk – and the TRC website – www.trc-churcheducation.org

The Transferor Representatives' Council (TRC) oversees the appointment of over 1,500 governors to controlled schools; these transferor governors are nominated by representatives of the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, and noted by the Education Authority.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bible Society has imaginative plans for 2022



All around the world on Friday, 4th March 2022, people will gather to pray. On that day services will take place generating a great wave of prayer encircling the globe. This annual event is known as 'World Day of Prayer' (you might know it as Women's World Day of Prayer). There will be an event happening near you.

In 2022 World Day of Prayer events all over the world will focus on England, Wales and Northern Ireland. People all over the world will be praying for us.

Each year the Bible Society in the focus country develops a project in partnership with their local World Day of Prayer committee.

Some of the locations of World Day of Prayer events can be found on this website https://www.wwdp.org.uk/services with local events as follows;

- > Friday 4th March at 8pm Derryvullen North Parish Church, Irvinestown.
- > Friday 4th March at 8pm Pettigo Methodist Church.
- > Friday 4th March Letterbreen Methodist Church.
- > Friday 4th March Devenish Parish Church, Monea.
- > Friday 4th March St Michael's Church, Trory.
- > Friday 4th March at 8pm Lisbellaw Presbyterian Church.

BIBLE ENGAGEMENT

Our plans involve Bible engagement for the whole family:

- > Bibles for Babies
- > 52 a Bible Reading Plan for the Family
- Daring to Hope a Small Group resource helping us to experience the Grace of Lament

Get more information on our website www. biblesocietyni.co.uk or get in touch with the office 028 9032 6577 / info@biblesocietyni.co.uk

BIBLES FOR BABIES

We want everyone in Northern Ireland to have access to a Bible, which is why one of our 2022 projects for Northern Ireland is Bibles for Babies: a Bible distribution initiative to get a Bible into the homes of babies born in 2021.

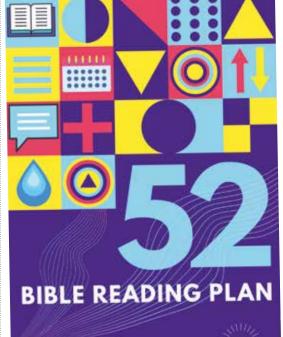
We are passionate about families reading God's Word together and hope that this will encourage parents and guardians to read to their young ones from the very beginning of their life.

Through this programme we want to provide a FREE Bible to every baby born in 2021, and then again in 2026 when they turn 5. We will also send them a birthday card on their 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Birthdays. So far nearly 1,500 babies have been registered – there is still time to sign up at our website: www. biblesocietyni.co.uk









52 – A BIBLE READING PLAN FOR THE FAMILY

Throughout 2021 hundreds of people, families and churches across Northern Ireland journeyed with us through our one-year long Bible reading challenge; 52. With a brand-new pack of readings released each month, the 28 Old Testament and 24 New Testament readings – the 52 – desired to take every reader on a journey through the BIG STORY of the Bible. As part of our World Day of Prayer Family Bible Engagement projects we are making 52 available as a paperback book. Priced at just £15 this book will make 52 even more accessible to individuals, families and churches.

52 is is the perfect book for families, Sunday, Schools, Youth Fellowships, and even small group ministries seeking to read, study, discover and practice more of the Bible

DARING TO HOPE

Across Northern Ireland, people inside and outside of the church are often facing up to an avalanche of psychological, emotion and spiritual pains. Carrying tears, wounds, doubts, pains and sorrow, perhaps because of our nation's troubled past, or due to the impact of COVID-19, and even for a myriad of other unique and personal reasons, the church is faced with a significant and important challenge... How do we respond to that which is before us and within us? To do that, as part of the World Day of

To do that, as part of the World Day of Prayer 2022, we have created Daring to Hope: Experiencing the Grace of Lament. Available from March 2022, this accessible, five-session small group resource aims to help people inside and outside of the church rediscover the oftenneglected prayer language in the Bible for our travels through a broken world: lament.

Bible Society in Northern Ireland is known and recognised for our sacrificial giving to our international Bible Society colleagues supporting Bible Translation, Printing, Distribution, Literacy, Engagement and Advocacy work all over the world. We continue to prioritise supporting work

around the world but also see
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We could not do what

we do without the support of many of you. The financial and prayer support received from individuals, families, groups and churches is fantastic and much appreciated. We have been overwhelmed by God's goodness and generosity to us over the years through our loyal supporters and friends.

Do consider how you could get involved with these projects this year?

- > Tell people about them, especially the families of Babies born in 2021.
- > Consider supporting World Day of Prayer on the 4th March at an event near you – information on events can be found at www.wwdp.org.uk for Northern Ireland and www.wdpireland.org for the Republic of Ireland.
- > Pray for the impact of these projects on our country and society here in Northern Ireland

How Bible Society helps connect with God's word

The Bible Society in
Northern Ireland is one
of over 150 Bible
Societies worldwide
forming part of
the United Bible
Society global
fellowship.
The Society's
team in Northern
Ireland is headed
by Catherine Little,
General Secretary,
who grew up in Sallaghy
Parish where members of her



NEWS FOR VESTRIES

Advice to parishes regarding energy saving

The continuing increases in global energy prices against a background of reducing parish incomes should make us to think about saving in our use of electricity / oil. The Diocesan Council would remind all Select Vestries to give urgent consideration to the following the following aspects of Heating / Lighting;

1. Good housekeeping – energy saving.

 a. It is important that everyone is tuned into energy saving – not just the rector or sexton. A heater left on overnight or lights used unnecessarily used soon runs up costs.

2. Check that your lights are efficient

a. There may be for example old floodlights lighting up the outside of the church that are extremely greedy with energy. Modern LED lights run at a fraction of the

- usage and if replaced would soon pay for themselves.
- b. Some of the candle type bulbs in high chandeliers may still be filament types at 100w where there are now LED equivalents.

3. Make sure you are on the most appropriate tariff

(The following examples relates to Northern Ireland but demonstrates the point)

- a. Most parishes appear to be on the standard domestic tariff which is generally not the most suitable for churches.
 - i. Standard rate is something like 17.00p.
 - ii. Evening and weekend rate was about 13p, a saving of about 4p but you will pay about 1p extra for every unit you use in the middle of the day.

- b. Some parishes believe they are on a preferential inherited tariff which may be appropriate but you are urged to check the rate you are paying for electricity and compare it to what you could get if you switched to a business tariff
- **c.** PowerNI were prepared to provide churches with a new meter free of charge that would accommodate alternative tariffs should you decide to do so.
- d. Again to stress: you need to look at your use profile to see how much electricity you use in the peak period (Week days -7am to 7pm). If you have a regular morning children's group or breakfast club, forget it; but if it is only the occasional funeral or wedding then it is likely to be advantageous.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

Consultation on selection process for Archbishop of Canterbury

The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England has launched a consultation on a proposal to change the make-up of the body which nominates future Archbishops of Canterbury.

The proposal would give the worldwide Anglican Communion a greater voice on the Crown Nomination Commission (CNC) for the See of Canterbury.

The consultation, which will include key partners from across the Church of England and the Anglican Communion, will run until 31 March 2022. Responses will be collated over the following months with an expectation of a final proposal being put to the General Synod of the Church of England for a vote in July 2022. If approved it would change the Synod's standing orders, which govern CNCs.

Lambeth Conference takes place this year



2022 is the year of the 15th Lambeth Conference. All Anglican bishops are invited to register for a new series of pre-event online discussions, in February, March and April 2022.

The new series will offer theological and practical input on habits that can shape ministry and leadership.

Ministering as a bishop in a complex world is challenging. How can we follow the model of Jesus and lead in a way that brings hope, restoration and reconciliation? The series will be delivered in partnership with Difference, part of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Reconciliation Ministry.

Marriage course in March 2022

A Christian Guidelines Marriage Preparation Course will be held on Saturday, 12 March 2022 in Kiltermon Church, Ballagh Road, Fivemiletown between 9.30am - 4pm.

Booking is essential by contacting Christian Guidelines directly, Tel: 02891 468846.

"Our popular 2-into-1 non-threatening course, held in an informal atmosphere, has helped many as they start out together," said a spokesperson.

"Our marriage preparation course is expressly designed to explore the intrinsic differences between a man and a woman, and how these differences can be accommodated within the dynamic bond of Christian marriage as set out in Scripture, which is the union of one man to one woman, to the exclusion of all others, for life."

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ACROSS: 1, Credit. 4, Tackle. 7, Cain. 8, Kenaniah. 9, Strength. 13, Beg. 16, Salvation Army. 17, ARC. 19, Every day. 24, Admonish. 25, Dire. 26, Sneeze. 27, Bronze.

DOWN: 1, Cock. 2, Epistolic. 3, Taken. 4, Tenet. 5, Cane. 6, Leave. 10, Erase. 11, Guide. 12, Honey. 13, Barbarian. 14, Guys. 15, Asia. 18, Rod in. 20, Voice. 21, Rahab. 22, Hope. 23, Mene.



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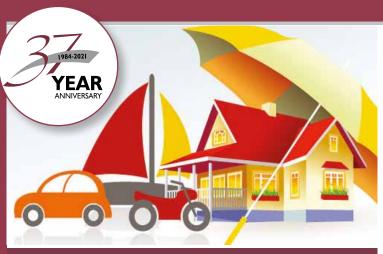
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