



CHURCH OF IRELAND
DIOCESE OF CLOGHER
SALLAGHY PARISH CHURCH
1840 - 2015



175TH
Anniversary
SERVICE OF
CELEBRATION

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2015

THE SERVICE WILL BE LED BY THE REV ANITA DC KERR
THE ADDRESS WILL BE GIVEN BY
THE RT REVD JOHN MCDOWELL, BISHOP OF CLOGHER

Office-Bearers for 2015 - 2016

Diocesan Curate: The Reverend Anita DC Kerr

Churchwardens: Mrs M Crawford (Rector's), Mr TG Little (People's)

GlebeWardens: Mr R Crawford (Rector's), Mr JR Gardiner (People's)

Diocesan Synodsmen: Mr CE Crawford

Supplemental Diocesan Synodsmen: Mr TG Little

Parochial Nominators: Mr CE Crawford, Mr RJ Clingan

Supplemental Nominators: Mr JR Kettyle, Mrs J Mooney

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Mr H Crawford

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Mr RJ Clingan

Mr B Frazer

Mrs B Whittendale

Mr CE Crawford

Mr R Kettyle

Mr W Whittendale

Safe Guarding Trust Panel Members: Mrs V Fiddis & Mr D Morrison

Organists: Miss J Clingan & Mrs J Smith.

Sunday School Teachers: Mrs J Smith, Mrs R Frazer, Mrs S Howe, Mrs J Little,
Mr N Little & Mrs S Moncrieff.

Sexton: Mrs V Fiddis

District Curates and Incumbents

c1840 – 1843	William Browlow Ashe	1943 – 1945	EJ McKew
1843 – 1847	William Bredin	1945 – 1950	WJ McKenna
1867 – 1869	Joseph Torrens	1950 – 1958	Robert Joseph St Leger
1869 – 1873	Hugh Alexander	1959 – 1967	Andrew James O'Brien Rogers
1874 – 1884	John Reid	1967 – 1973	Robert N Sharpe
1885 – 1887	William Hannah	1974 – 1979	Andrew James O'Brien Rogers
1887 – 1890	Thomas Pemberton	1979 – 1983	Samuel Derek Hamilton
1893 – 1901	James Waterson	1983 – 1986	Robert Stewart Cunningham
1902 – 1923	Francis St Clair Caithness	1987 – 1996	Wallace Fenton
1924 – 1929	John Fulton Gilliland Magill	1997 – 2001	William Campbell
1929 – 1933	Alan Armstrong	2001 – 2002	Brian Crowe
1933 – 1937	Joseph Dunlop	2003 – 2004	David Luckman
1937 – 1941	George S Hogg	2006 – 2011	Richard Seymour-Whiteley
1941 – 1943	S Nugent Kenny	2013 –	Anita DC Kerr

Message from Bishop John



When Sallaghy Parish Church was built in 1840 the Church of Ireland was still “the Church by law established” and its parochial life was largely in the hands of a small number of local landowners and wealthy patrons. The clergy were subject often to the whim and will of rather imperious bishops and were drawn from a very small group of educated people.

The second District curate of Sallaghy William Bredin is a case in point. He came from Aghavea, the son of a big farmer and textile merchant. He was educated privately by a Mr O’Beirne and at Trinity College, Dublin. His father obviously got him his first clerical job assisting in Aghavea parish before he came to Sallaghy. His brother, James, was also a clergyman but serving in far off County Laois.

He had no fewer than eleven children one of whom was a clergyman and one married a clergyman. Some of the others emigrated to Australia or New Zealand. William himself died, relatively young even for those days, of typhus in Newtownbutler Rectory on 14 May 1866.

Fast forward 175 years and you have a thriving parish church looked after by all of the parishioners who live and worship there and where the incumbent minister had a professional life as a midwifery sister before training for Holy Orders.

Probably there is no living organisation, other than the Church, which has not only survived, but grown, in the one hundred and seventy five years since Sallaghy opened its door for public worship. You have had to face many challenges in that time, from Famine to two World Wars and countless upheavals in the political life of this island.

Who knows what difficulties lie ahead as the countries of Western Europe, including the United Kingdom, for the first time in two thousand years, attempt to build society on something other than the foundation of Christian beliefs. Whatever may be the case, the parishioners in this quiet corner of County Fermanagh and the Diocese of Clogher can at least allow themselves some enjoyment of their faithfulness and resilience so far!

Message from Rev Anita



We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:1

Today is a wonderful day to join together to give thanks for 175 years of faithful witness in the house of the Lord, here in Sallaghy. As we gather in faith, we are prompted by the love of God to share our memories. In our fellowship we pray for the future of our church and the building of the body of Christ in this corner of Clogher Diocese. In our lives, worship and prayers we are inspired by the hope that is ours through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Order of Service – Evening Prayer 2

Welcome

Hymn: No 81 - Lord, for the Years your love has kept and guided

The Gathering of God's People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Sentences of Scripture

Introduction:

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

The minister says

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Kneel. Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Bishop pronounces the absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Stand

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

First Cantic: Hymn 712 – Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord: (based on the 'Magnificat', Luke 1:46-55)

First Reading: Chronicles 7: 1-11

Psalm: 20 (read in alternate half verses)

- 1 May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble: **the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;**
- 2 Send you help from his sanctuary: **and strengthen you out of Zion;**
- 3 Remember all your offerings: **and accept your burnt-sacrifice;**
- 4 Grant you your heart's desire: **and fulfil all your mind.**
- 5 May we rejoice in your salvation, and triumph in the Name of our God: **may the Lord perform all your petitions.**
- 6 The Lord will save his anointed, he will answer him from his holy heaven: **with the mighty strength of his right hand.**
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses: **but we will call only on the Name of the Lord our God.**
- 8 They are brought down, and fallen: **but we are risen, and stand upright.**
- 9 O Lord, save the king: **and answer us when we call upon you.**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading: St John 10: 1-16

Second Canticle: - Nunc Dimittis (*The Song of Simeon Luke 2: 29-32*)

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in | peace:
ac|cording | to thy | word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen | thy sal|vation
which thou hast prepared be|fore the | face of all | people;
- 3 To be a light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy | people | Isra|el.

Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the Son, | and to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it | was in the be|ginning,
is now and ever shall be, | world with out | end. A|men.

The Address: Bishop John

The Group Choir: You're the Word of God the Father

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People: Led by Mr Charles Crawford (Diocesan Lay Reader)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us pray. *Please kneel*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The versicles and responses

Show us your mercy, O Lord, **and grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen, **and grant her government wisdom.**

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness, **and let your servants shout for joy.**

O Lord, save your people, **and bless those whom you have chosen.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord, **and let your glory be over all the earth.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us, **and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

The Collects

Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen**

O God from whom all holy desires all good judgements and all just works proceed: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Grant, O Lord, that the word which we hear this day may so take root in our hearts, that we, living in accordance with your holy will, may ever praise and magnify your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We continue in prayer ...

Offertory Hymn: No 517 - Brother, sister, let me serve you

Going Out as God's People

To God, who by the power at work within us, is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever Amen. (Ephesians chapter 3: 20)

Blessing: Bishop John

Recessional Hymn: No 643 – Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

(Verse 1: Young ladies of the choir, Verse 2: men of the choir, Verse 3: whole choir, Verses 4 & 5: choir and congregation)

After the service everyone is invited to move to the church hall for refreshments.

Sallaghy Parish 1840 – 2015

INTRODUCTION

175 years of history. From the establishment, in 1840, of a Chapel of Ease as part of Galloon parish to, in 2015, a thriving parish, now a partner of Galloon in a Group of Parishes. From the time of famine when that most basic of requirements, food, was hard to come by, to the abundance of choice and possibilities that the 21st century offers. From the first recorded wedding, between Thomas Graham, Clinagor and Doreen Bryans, Dernish, on 14th August 1845; to the most recent, between Wendy Johnston, Coolnamarrow, Roslea, and Michael Lawrence Edwards, on Saturday 22nd February 2014. The first recorded baptism was that of Margaret, daughter of Matthew and May Murray, Killard, on 21st June 1857; the most recent, Charlotte Grace, daughter of Richard and Jenna Crawford, Screevagh, Lisnaskea on Sunday 30th November 2014. The first recorded list of office bearers (1873) shows some of the same names as families in the Parish today – but there are many new names now too and, in Rev Anita Kerr and Mrs Mildred Crawford, we have our first female curate and first female churchwarden respectively. Throughout all of these years, through the ebb and flow of history, through times of great change and often upheaval at local, national and international level, Sallaghy has stood firm in its witness to the Christian faith.

FAITH

Although there is no evidence as to why Sallaghy was chosen as the site for the “Chapel of Ease” in 1840, it seems reasonable to assume that there was sufficient population in the area to warrant its building. In 1847 there were 1132 members of the Established Church residing in the parish and the average attendance at Sunday morning worship was 170 (but only 12 at Evening Worship!). By 1860 Derryadd Hall had been built, followed by Ballagh Church in the late 1800s. Killalahard School began to be used as a place of worship in



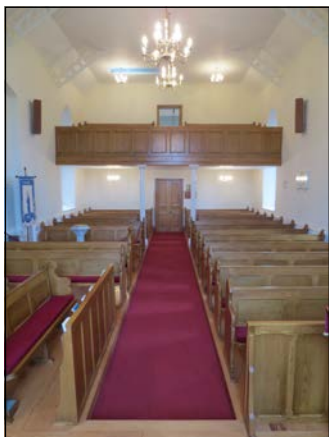
1915. Therefore, within 75 years of the Foundation Stone of Sallaghy being laid by Mrs Selina G Crichton, regular services were being held in three additional churches within the parish. With increasing numbers of cars and changing demographics the need for these churches reduced significantly: the last service in Killalahard was held in the 1980s and Ballagh closed in the early 1990s. A few services are still held in Derryadd every year.

Congregation numbers at Sallaghy have always been good - a report on the dedication of war memorials in Clones, Newtownbutler & Sallaghy in 1920 tells us that the Bishop preached at each service, “and in the case of Sallaghy to a very large congregation”.

Whilst the initial focus, especially in the times of hardship that were the 1840s, had to be on their own church, it is clear that Sallaghy people were also interested in the church further afield. A glance at any “Annual Report & Statement of Accounts” provides ample evidence of collections for mission work abroad as well as church and charity work at home. In the late 20th century talks from missionaries home on holiday were a common feature of Sunday services, Mothers’ Union and Youth Fellowship meetings. In more recent times, parishioners themselves have been directly involved in missionary work – Joyce Clingan went to Paraguay with the South American Mission Society in 1999 and led the SAMS Clogher Diocesan group to Chile in 2006. Catherine & Alison Little went to Hungary with Lisnaskea Youth Fellowship in 1998 and in 2000 Alison Little & Brian Liddle visited Kenya with the Clogher/Kajiado Link 2000 team. More recently, Diane Whittendale also visited Kenya, this time with Crosslinks and Emma Johnston went to Scotland and Canada with Youth for Christ. Such opportunities would have been unimaginable back in the early days of the Parish.

Parishioners have always been active in Sunday services. Miss McIlwaine “presided at the harmonium in a very able manner” and “was well supported by members of the choir” at a special

service following renovation of the church in 1888. Today it is the organist team of Miss Joyce Clingan and Mrs Jennifer Smith who are “well supported by members of the choir” for parish events. Over the years, many young people have made instrumental contributions to worship – most recently Rebekah Clingan, Grace Kettle, Alistair, Andrew & Joanna Crawford and Roisin Kerr. For many years, parishioners read the lessons at special services and this is now something which happens every Sunday. Mr Charles Crawford was commissioned as a Diocesan Lay Reader in 2000 and takes services in Sallaghy and throughout the Diocese. Mr Albert Liddle JP and Mrs Violet Little were the first parishioners to assist with Holy Communion and today it is Mrs Vera Fiddis who fulfils this role.



Under the direction of Rev William Campbell, the congregation decided to mark the Millennium, the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Christ, with three celebratory projects that would reflect their commitment to their church and their faith: church renovation, particularly the floor and the pews; the compilation of a History of Sallaghy Parish and an art project to illustrate the history of the Christian Church. Over many weeks the Sunday School, under the direction of Mrs Mabel Clingan, produced ten framed panels depicting key events in the 2000 year history of the Christian Church. These panels now hang in the Church Hall.

Following the resignation of Rev Alan Synnott as Rector of Galloon and Drummully the new grouping of Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully became effective on 7th December 2000. The first rector of the new group, Rev Brian Crowe was instituted on 25th June 2001.

As Sallaghy looks to the future, they look forward to the Institution of the Rev Anita DC Kerr as Rector of the Galloon Group of Parishes on Friday 4th September 2015, Rev Kerr having served as a Diocesan Curate for two years.

FAMILY

The Sallaghy branch of the Mothers’ Union was formed in 1926 under the leadership of Mrs Magill, wife of the then rector, Rev John Magill. For almost 90 years now, the women of the parish have met to listen to talks, share faith, experiences, tea and chat. They also raise money



(through Bring & Buy sales, catering etc.) to fund Sunday School prizes, support the Bowling Club, the Church Hall, missions and charities. In 1972, when Mrs Sharpe was Branch Secretary, the members commissioned a Mothers’ Union banner “in blue damask, with centre panel a

figure of mother and child, in cream and lily lettered” with poles made by Mr Robert Douglas (Jun). Those who attended the Golden Jubilee celebratory dinner at Bothwells’ Hotel (pictured above) in 1976 included seven founder members, the Bishop & Mrs Heavener and Mrs Alice Fawcett, Diocesan Secretary. The members and current Branch Leader, Mrs Beulah Whittendale, are looking forward the branch’s 90th year celebrations in 2016 (pictured above at their 80th celebrations).



Sunday School and preparation for confirmation are obviously vital if a parish is to grow and develop. The Sunday School was initially held in Tiraffy School House but moved to the Church in

1885. In the 1960s and 1970s Sunday School was held before the midday service. When the service time moved to an earlier hour, Sunday School moved to after the service and now it is during Morning Worship, the children leaving during one of the canticles. Rev Caithness's (1902-1923) daughter recollected the excitement of the Sunday School prizes arriving at the rectory – she and her siblings endeavoured to read as many of the books as possible before they were wrapped and presented! Sunday School prizes are still presented at the end of the Sunday School year but now include DVDs, CDs etc. as well as books. The Sunday School has a Christmas party every year. For a long time this was one of the “family occasions enjoyed by everyone irrespective of age” described by Canon Cunningham. Many generations enjoyed the visit from Santa Claus followed by social games to the accordion accompaniment of Mr Robert Douglas (Sen) and Mr George Kennedy. As habits changed, the party too changed and became very much a children's event but still with the visit from Santa Claus. More recently, trips to the cinema etc. have replaced the party and Santa delivers his presents after Morning Prayer one Sunday in December. The first recorded confirmation was in 1888 in Galloon, where Sallaghy's most recent confirmation was also held. At the 1888 service “the sacred edifice was densely thronged, many of the Sallaghy parishioners accompanying the candidates to the service” – just as many Sallaghy parishioners did on Sunday 7th December 2014 when Angus Fraser from Sallaghy was confirmed at a Group Confirmation Service. Alongside the Sunday School and pre-confirmation classes, many ministers ran Youth Fellowship groups aimed at encouraging teenagers in their faith. These groups usually met in the rectory on Sunday evenings. Since 2000 many Sallaghy young people have also attended Diocesan Youth events, in particular the annual J1 weekend at the Share Centre. Parishioners have been active in the church's youth policy making bodies: Catherine Little worked for the Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD) for a number of years and Joyce Clingan was the Clogher Diocesan representative on Central Board of CIYD, 2008 – 2015. Today Sallaghy's young people participate in two youth groups with their counterparts from Galloon and Drummully – TAG (Teenagers and God) and YNC (Youth and Christ).



In 1971 Mrs Katharine Sharpe set up the first branch of the Girls Friendly Society and between 20 & 30 girls were enrolled. Meetings



took the form of chorus singing, prayer, games and working for badges. Girls took part in Diocesan bible study, arts & crafts, writing and dancing competitions. As the number of girls in the parish dwindled, the group was disbanded but was re-established in 1986 under Mrs Jean Fenton and continued by Mrs Jean Campbell with the help of Mrs Beulah Whittendale. It has now been disbanded once again.

Children and young people from all of the church organisations have always been encouraged to take an active part in worship. They sing, read, recite, act and lift the collection in a number of services, particularly at family services, Christmas (including at the traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols), Easter and Mothering Sunday.

For 75 years (1924-1979) Sallaghy had its own primary school at Tiraffy (although there is also a reference to the Parish School Master in the 1847 records). There were 43 children on the

register, 2 teachers and the rector as school manager when the school opened in 1924. Its longest serving teacher was Miss EH Whiteman (later Mrs Kennedy) who worked in the school for 33 years. Decreasing numbers as well as a lack of facilities and other problems led to the closure of the school in 1979, with 17 children on the register.

The spirit of the Sallaghy family (and indeed of this area) is perhaps best illustrated in the person of William Law. Willie had learning difficulties and lived with the Lavelles of Killyclowney. Every Sunday Mrs Lavelle sent him out to Sallaghy Church, clean and well dressed, and she and her husband went to Mass. Willie greeted everyone in the church porch, often with a handshake. He attended virtually every parish event and particularly enjoyed the Christmas party when Santa Claus always remembered a present for him. Willie often walked to these events but he rarely walked home; there was always someone to give him a lift. After the death of the Lavelles, Willie lived on his own for many years and was well supported by the community. At his funeral on 25th November 2010 the church was nearly full – Sallaghy people, Galloon people, our Roman Catholic neighbours. So, on his final journey, Willie was surrounded by a huge family: his church and community family.

FRIENDSHIP

Alongside their faith life, Sallaghy people have long enjoyed a social life within their church, enabling them to develop strong friendships with their fellow parishioners. Parish concerts and social events have been held since at least 1889 when a concert in aid of the Sustentation Fund was held in Clones Town Hall. The varied programme included a pianoforte trio by the Misses Robinson, songs from Mrs Leslie Mease, “a vocalist of the highest order”, and Mr Dunwoody who “was in good voice”. Miss Caithness (1902-1923) recalled soirées in Tiraffy when children “deemed old enough” were invited to give a song or recitation. “An enjoyable programme of songs and musical items” followed the presentations to Rev St Leger and his mother when they left Sallaghy in 1958. In 1978 Mrs Eva Johnston compered a varied programme at a social evening in Tiraffy Hall to open the winter season of activities and say farewell to Mrs Hall on her departure from Sallaghy School. Amusing poems about parishioners written and performed by Mrs Johnston were an eagerly anticipated item at many a social evening in Sallaghy. In 1974 a Bowling & Table Tennis club was set up and played a key role in the social life of the Parish.

The Bowling Club grew rapidly and was soon competing, with some success, in the Erne Bowling League. In 1994, the club hosted its first pairs competition and this has now become a regular fixture in the Fermanagh bowling calendar. Bowlers come from all over the county to compete, to socialise and to enjoy Sallaghy hospitality. Local businesses generously sponsor the prizes. The Bowling Club recently celebrated its 40th anniversary with a meal in Fivemiletown. The three founder members who attended, Mrs Helen Allen (who has been club secretary since its formation), Mr James Clingan and Mr Desmond Kettyle were presented with engraved silver salvers to mark the occasion.



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While the Bowling Club has remained fairly stable over 40 years, the Table Tennis club has seen many changes. For around 10 years the focus was very much on table tennis and at one point Sallaghy had two teams playing in the Fermanagh League. The members organised a 12 hour long “Sponsored Table Tennis Marathon” towards the end of the 1970s to raise funds. In 1981 the club became a Youth Club in Tiraffy School with a wider range of activities. Car Treasure Hunts and Tramps Socials were only some of the events organised before the Youth Club closed in 1990. In 1992 the “Sallaghy Social Club” was formed, an overarching committee for the Bowling Club and the newly formed Badminton Club. As with many youth organisations, numbers fluctuated as

members found new interests or moved away for study or work and the Badminton Club has now closed.

Sallaghy has an almost unrivalled reputation for its hospitality and the person in charge of making the tea itself has the most responsible job of all! From at least 1924 when, at the Introduction service for the Rev Magill, the congregation “were hospitably entertained by the ladies of the parish, who kindly provided refreshments in the new schoolhouse”, no event seems to go by without a “Sallaghy Tea”. In 1992, in order to raise funds of the new hall, a catering committee was set up and these ladies and their helpers catered for Diocesan Clergy Quiet Days, bus tours and funerals. The Parish has also catered regularly at the 12th July and 12th August parades in aid of general parish funds or for more specific projects such as the Church Hall. These have been truly Parish wide efforts with almost everyone helping in one way or another. As well as being successful financially, they were also enjoyable - if tiring - social events.

Just as the Sunday School Christmas Party in Sallaghy was a family event, so too was the Sunday School outing. In the earliest days (from at least 1902) this was usually a picnic at Crom. Mr Cyril Kettle later recalls going on the “cot” (a large boat) from Derryadd Quay via pick up points at Dernish and Bleanish Islands to Crom with music provided on the boat to keep everyone happy. In the 1970s and 1980s, Portrush was the favourite venue and more recently Dublin Zoo and the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum have been the destinations.

The socials of earlier years have recently been replaced with Parish Dances, which run alongside concerts, a St Patrick’s Night with Irish stew and an end of summer barbecue. Just as important is the “Tea and Biscuits” held in the hall kitchen after the service every Sunday.

FORTITUDE

Life in Sallaghy has often been hard and the parish has never been a rich one. In the 1880s several appeals were made to “more wealthy” churches for their old church books and for financial support for improvements to the church fabric. There are frequent references to debts – but also to debts being paid off e.g. the parishioners paid off a debt of £58 to the Representative Church Body in 1888. The congregation clearly worked hard to improve their church – and to pay for it. There have been renovations (often accompanied by the donation of gifts) in 1888, 1889, 1913, 1963, 1970, 1973 and 2000. The most major of these projects was in 1963 when at one point only the four walls of the church were left standing but “the parishioners rose to the occasion with enthusiasm and helped voluntarily in every possible way”. The same could be said of virtually every project undertaken in Sallaghy Parish – time and again parishioners have been undaunted by the size of the task or the price and have set to work to make their vision reality.

Just as the building of the rectory must have been a major challenge in 1893, so too the building of the Church Hall in the early 1990s represented a daunting project. However, with the expert management of Rev Wallace Fenton, the Parish raised over £100 000 and had the hall constructed – all within 3 years. The opening of the hall was a major highlight in the history of the parish and provides excellent facilities for parish activities, enabling the parish to develop in all aspects of its life e.g. it enabled the Sunday School to enjoy a much greater variety of activities and games than had been possible in the church and it facilitated the running of a crèche for a period when there was quite a number of pre-school age children in the parish. It has allowed the Bowling Club to run its Pairs competition and a range of new events and functions to take place.

By 2000, to celebrate the millennium, the Parish could afford new flooring and new pews for the church. “Good stewardship over many years meant that the funds for the project, which cost in excess of £30 000, were readily available”. For once no extra fundraising was required!

Sallaghy has experienced tough times on a more human level too. The parish was founded in the decade of the famine and the second minister, Rev William Bredin, died of typhus fever. Burial records show that many children died in infancy and many others died at what we would now consider a very young age. Although the action of World War I must often have seemed very far away, Sallaghy did not escape its impact. Private George Downey, (Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers) from Bunneill who died at The Battle of the Somme on 1st July 1916, Private Robert Logan, (Irish

Guards) from Brannish and Private (First Class) Ernest L Morrow, (168th Infantry Regiment, 42nd Division, U.S. Army) from Donagh were casualties of that conflict. The war was followed by the 'flu epidemic when many families fell ill, including that of the then minister, Rev Francis Caithness. As the twentieth century progressed, infant mortality rates declined significantly and life expectancy increased but, nevertheless, several Sallaghy families have had to bear the grief of the death of a child and many have had the sorrow of losing a loved one "too soon".

The political situation and the associated terrorist threat created obvious challenges. Fairview Sub-District of the B Specials, "a part-time force who did their patrolling mainly during the hours of darkness" was set up in 1920 and 95% of its members were Sallaghy parishioners. Its first headquarters were in Fairview House, but later moved to the hut at Tiraffy, the land having been loaned to the USC by the Church in 1924. The USC was disbanded in 1970 and a plaque was erected in Sallaghy Church to commemorate the services of the men of Fairview Sub-District.



As the Troubles intensified in the 1970s, several parishioners joined the Ulster Defence Regiment or the Police Reserve and consequently lived with the threat of death every day. On Saturday 17th July 1976 the parish had to face its greatest tragedy with the murder of Gordon Liddle, killed by a booby trap bomb in his own laneway. In Gordon's death the parish lost not only its Rector's Churchwarden but also its Sunday School Superintendent, not to mention a son of one of its best known families and the father of one of its youngest members. The Liddle family were joined by the Sallaghy family and thousands of other mourners at what was "the biggest funeral in the area for many years". The "Gordon Liddle Memorial Fund" was established and the interest accrued from the investment was used for the purchase of Sunday School prizes. The Troubles led to the award of MBEs to Mr James Clingan and Mr Henry Johnston in recognition of their contribution to the service of their country.

In 2015 Sallaghy is enjoying much more peaceful times and the threats of the past have largely disappeared – may it stay that way.

CONCLUSION

Members of Sallaghy families now live all over the world. For many of them no visit home, especially at the great celebrations of Christmas and Easter, would be complete without attending a service in Sallaghy – for them it truly is their mother church.

The range of jobs done by parishioners has widened greatly over the years but, at its heart, Sallaghy is still a rural, agricultural parish and as such is perhaps more in tune with the seasons and the natural cycle of birth, life and death than more urban parishes. The rhythms of the Church calendar, with its mix of "regular" Sundays and special celebrations sit easily with it. The building has undergone many renovations, but the walls are the original 1840 walls in the same beautiful setting with its beech trees – some of which must be nearly as old as the church itself. The people themselves have changed, but many of the old names live on and have been joined by new ones. The way parishioners travel to and dress for church is different and some elements of the service itself have been altered but the core focus remains the same.

It is surely this combination of permanence & change; this ability to maintain links with the past but adapt to new contexts, while all the time keeping its true purpose clearly in view, that has enabled Sallaghy Parish not only to survive but to thrive.

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Secretary and Treasurer

(Successive)

Secretary

1885 - Mr Andrew Irvine
1899 - Mr Henry Gardiner, Coragh
1902 - Mr Andrew Irvine
1925 - Mr AH Tisdall (Fairview)
1934 - Mr R Bryans
1942 - Mr J Armstrong
1972 - Mr A Morrison
1983 - Mr JWA Clingan
2006 - Mr RJ Clingan

Treasurer

1887 - Mr Robert Liddle
1895 - Mr HM Tisdall
1925 - Mr EA Crawford
1956 - Mr G Crawford (Drumcaw)
1960 - Mr DH Crawford
1961 - Mrs M Crawford
2001 - Mr CE Crawford

Glebewardens

(Successive but blanks indicate no records available)

There are no records of Glebewardens prior to 1923

Year	Rector's	People's
1923	EA Crawford	W Gardiner
1924		
1925		
1926		
1927	EA Crawford	W Gardiner
1928		
1929		
1930	EA Crawford	W Gardiner
1936	EA Crawford	W Bryans
1948	A Irvine	W Bryans
1960		
1961		
1962	A Irvine	G Frazer
1977	G Frazer	CH Kettyle
1980	CH Kettyle	G Frazer
1987	CE Crawford	G Frazer
1991	JW Kettyle	G Frazer
1995	B Frazer	H Johnston
1999	JR Gardiner	J Bussell
2008	JR Gardiner	B Frazer
2009	Mrs V Fiddis	B Frazer
2010	R Crawford	B Frazer
2012	R Crawford	JR Gardiner

Nominators & Synodsmen

(Successive but blanks indicate no records available)

Year	Parochial Nominators	Synodsmen
1870		
1871		
1872		
1873		
1874		
1875		
1876		
1877		
1878	T Little, William Gardiner, William Morrow	J Morrison, William Morrow
1881		
1882		
1883	None	William Morrow
1884	Thomas Liddle, William Morrow, Robert Liddle	William Morrow, Robert Liddle
1887	HM Tisdall, Robert Liddle, Alexander Sherry	James Bussell, Francis Skelton
1890	Francis Skelton, James Bussell, Robert Liddle	HM Tisdall, James Bussell
1893	Major Haire, Francis Skelton, Robert Liddle	HM Tisdall, Francis Skelton
1896	Major Haire, HM Tisdall, Robert Liddle	S Armstrong, HM Tisdall
1898	Major Haire, Robert Liddle, HM Tisdall	Major Haire, HM Tisdall
1905	Major Haire, HM Tisdall, Robert Liddle (Senior)	Major Haire, HM Tisdall
1906	Major Haire JP, HM Tisdall, Robert Liddle (Senior)	Major Haire JP, HM Tisdall
1911	Major Haire JP, JE Kettyle, HM Tisdall	Major Haire JP, HM Tisdall
1913	JE Kettyle, GA Tisdall, HM Tisdall	James Johnston, HM Tisdall
1922	JE Kettyle, GA Tisdall, HM Tisdall	Thomas Morrow, HM Tisdall
1923	William Gardiner, HM Tisdall, James E Kettyle	Thomas Morrow, HM Tisdall
1924	HM Tisdall, James E Kettyle, WA Little	HM Tisdall, Joseph Johnston JP
1930	James E Kettyle, WA Little	Joseph Johnston JP
1932		
1933	EA Crawford, James E Kettyle, WA Little	Joseph Johnston JP, EA Crawford
1945	EA Crawford, James E Kettyle, WA Little	EA Crawford
1946	EA Crawford, James E Kettyle, WA Little	EA Crawford, Joseph Johnston JP
1947	EA Crawford, James E Kettyle, WA Little	EA Crawford, W Bryans
1950	EA Crawford, James E Kettyle, WA Little	EA Crawford, W Bryans
1955	James E Kettyle, WA Little, W Bryans	W Bryans, AJ Liddle
1956	W Bryans, JW Kettyle, JA Armstrong	W Bryans, AJ Liddle
1969	None	W Bryans, AJ Liddle JP
1972	None	GW Frazer, AJ Liddle JP
1996	None	GW Frazer, JW Kettyle, AJ Liddle JP
1999	None	RJ Clingan, CE Crawford, AJ Liddle JP
2000	RJ Clingan, CE Crawford	RJ Clingan, CE Crawford, AJ Liddle JP
2001	RJ Clingan, CE Crawford	AJ Liddle JP
2006	CE Crawford	RJ Clingan
2008	RJ Clingan, CE Crawford	RJ Clingan
2011	CE Crawford	RJ Clingan
2014	RJ Clingan, CE Crawford	CE Crawford

Churchwardens

(Successive but blanks indicate no records available)

Year	Rector's	People's
1846	None exclusively for Sallaghy	
1847		
1848	James Clarke, Manorwaterhouse	Arthur Noble, Drumrain
1849		
1850	James Clarke, Manorwaterhouse	William Gardiner (also master of the parish school)
1851	James Clarke, Manorwaterhouse	Noble Liddle
1852		
1853	Edward Bussell (Sen)	
1854	Arthur Noble, Drumrain	William Gardiner
1855	James Clarke, Manorwaterhouse	Sam Crawford
1856	Thomas Morrow	John Murphy
1857	Francis Skelton	Robert Fawcett
1858	George Armstrong	Thomas Moore
1859	Robert Liddle	Thomas Liddle
1860	James Fawcett	William Morrow
1861		
1862	Thomas Bryan	Thomas Skelton
1863	Francis Skelton	James Bapill
1864	James Turner	James Bapill
1865	Francis Skelton	James Turner
1866		
1867		
1868	James (?) Bussell	
1869		
1870		
1871	Francis Skelton	Robert Liddle
1872	John Bussell, Garraroosky	John Mealey (?), Formass
1873	James Bussell, Corshenshin	Hastings M Tisdall, Miltate
1874	Joseph Finlay, Fairview	Thomas Morrow, Donagh
1875	Thomas Morrow, Donagh	William Bryans, Newtownbutler
1876	John Morrison, Manorwaterhouse	William Bryans, Moorlough
1877	William Bryans, Moorlough	John Morrison, Manorwaterhouse
1883	William Morrow, Kilturk	William Bryans, Moorlough
1884		
1885		
1886	Thomas Morrow, Donagh	
1887	Mr Tisdall	Mr Sherry
1888		
1889		
1890		
1891		
1892	T Morrow	HM Tisdall
1906	GA Tisdall	HM Tisdall
1923	J Johnston	HM Tisdall

Churchwardens (continued)

(Successive but blanks indicate no records available)

Year	Rector's	People's	Year	Rector's	People's
1925	J Johnston JP	JJ Bussell	1979	JWA Clingan	S Armstrong
1933	J Johnston JP	W Bryans	1981	RJ Liddle	JWA Clingan
1946	DH Crawford	W Bryans	1983	JR Johnston	CH Kettle
1961	RJ Liddle	W Bryans	1984	JW Kettle	JR Johnston
1962	JWA Clingan	W Bryans	1985	S Armstrong	JW Kettle
1963	CH Kettle	W Bryans	1986	E Crawford	S Armstrong
1964	J Armstrong	W Bryans	1988	JR Gardiner	E Crawford
1965	JW Kettle	W Bryans	1990	JR Gardiner	CH Kettle
1966	JWA Clingan	W Bryans	1993	JR Gardiner	RJ Clingan
1967	CH Kettle	W Bryans	1994	CE Crawford	RJ Clingan
1968	A Morrison	W Bryans	1995	JR Kettle	RJ Clingan
1970	JWA Clingan	W Bryans	1997	CE Crawford	RJ Clingan
1972	RJ Liddle	G Frazer	1999	JR Kettle	RJ Clingan
1974	JJ Clingan	G Frazer	2002	J Fleming	RJ Clingan
1975	G Frazer	JJ Clingan	2007	RJ Clingan	TG Little
1976	GW Liddle	G Frazer	2009	JR Kettle	TG Little
1977	T Johnston	RJ Liddle	2015	Mrs M Crawford	TG Little
1978	S Armstrong	T Johnston			



The 2015 – 2016 Churchwardens: Mrs Mildred Crawford and Mr George Little



Communion Silver and Baptismal Bowl



Sallaghy Parish Church Hall



Sallaghy Rectory