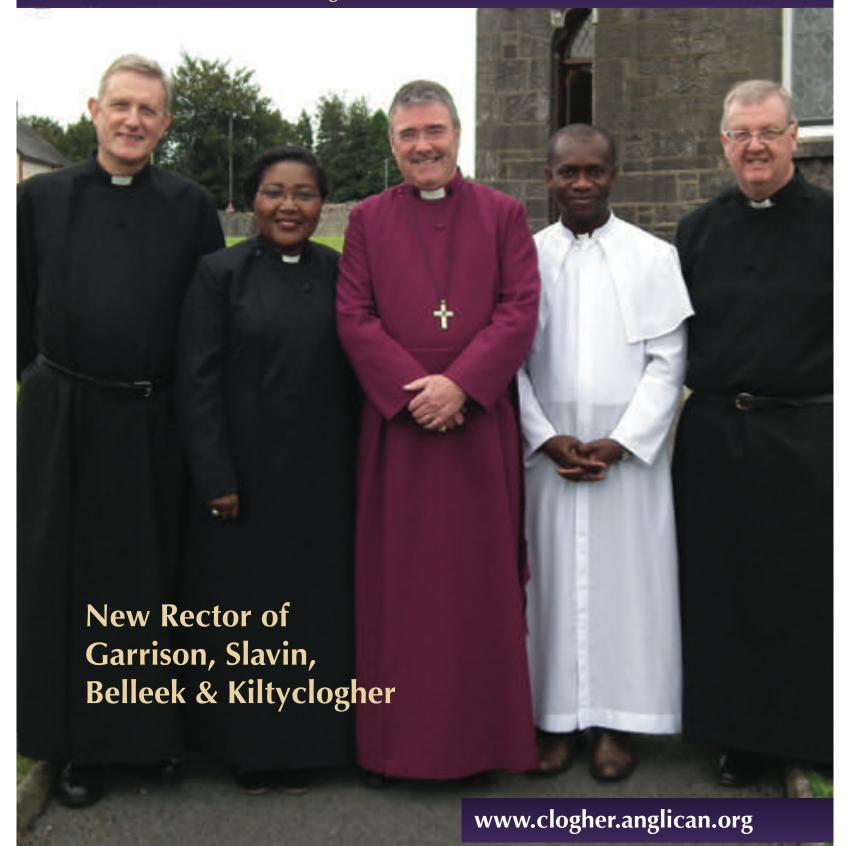


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# A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Friends

Well here we are again, at the first letter of what amounts to a new "term" after the summer break; but this time in a new look Diocesan Magazine. I hope that you will find it interesting and attractive.

It has been quite a summer in terms of weather, and after a very disappointing Spring, I hope that the farming community have been able both to make use of and enjoy the tremendous spell of weather in July and part of August.

One of the things I always do during the holidays is to try and catch up on reading which I haven't had time to do during the rest of the year. There are some books which take pretty concentrated effort over a number of days to read and I usually have one or two set aside for summer reading.

This year I concentrated on a book called, "Being Protestant in Reformation Britain". It was written by a Professor of History at Durham University called Alec Ryrie, who, as well as being a teacher at the University, is also a Lay Reader in the Church of England. That is a pretty rare combination, a bit like Professor Stephen Ellis, who teaches History at University College, Galway and who is a Lay Reader in the Church of Ireland, and who preached last year in Enniskillen Cathedral on the Anniversary of the Book of Common Prayer.

When I was studying history at University most books were about

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famous people and great events in Parliament. Since then there has been a tremendous effort by historians to try to recover what life was like for ordinary people both in normal times (if there is such a thing as a normal time) and during times of great upheaval, such as the Reformation.

People's lives then were very different from our own and so was their outlook on life. Of course there was virtually no technology and sickness or even pregnancy were very worrying times. At that time people who took their religion seriously very often kept journals in which they recorded things like how they prayed and what their anxieties were, and it was a very anxious age.

Reading through what many of them had written I was struck by just how much they lived on the edge. Probably most people in the modern world would find our ancestors a bit morbid and neurotic, but they had a lot to cope with.

A great deal of the book is taken up with the subject of prayer - what people prayed about; how often they prayed; where they prayed and how vital they felt prayer to be. Perhaps that is not surprising given how much emphasis the Reformers placed on the idea of the individual's direct access to God and the work of the Holy Spirit on the individual soul.

In those days, and indeed until quite recently, most people both read and prayed aloud (libraries were very noisy places) so we also have the testimony of others about how their family or neighbours prayed.

At the time of the Reformation and for the century thereafter popular religious books and most preachers emphasised that prayer was the most readily available means of grace to believers. For them not to pray was virtually the same as not to believe.

Perhaps there is something we can learn from that. Just like us they did not find prayer at all easy. They were just as likely as we are to be distracted or to find it difficult to get into a routine of prayer. The same problems about the usefulness of prayer occurred to them as occur to us. Why bother asking when God already knows what we want? Why do my prayers seem to go unanswered? Am I praying for the right things? But nevertheless they perservered.

Above all else they learned very quickly that they must not presume on God and that the great issue in prayer as in life was "Whose will is to be done - Yours or mine".

In a sermon quoted in the book, Hugh Latimer one of the greatest of the first generation of Reformers, argued that those who guaranteed that God would act in a particular way (say in healing a sickness in response to prayer) might seem to be showing great faith. In fact it was the opposite. They were saying, in effect "He shall be no more my God, except He come".

Like us, our ancestors found that to be a hard lesson; that there is someone who knows better than we do what we really need. Prayer is one of the ways, and in many respects the simplest way for us to bring ourselves into the presence of that person and to learn from Him.

+John

# ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

# Jerusalem bishop outlines plans for diocesan development

The Bishop of Jerusalem, the Rt Revd Suheil Dawani, has outlined a development plan for his diocese and is seeking the views of the wider Anglican Communion as the proposals take shape.

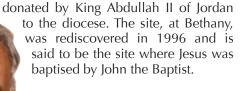
The diocese has 7,000 members in 24 parishes across five political regions; and runs two hospitals with 200 beds, two health clinics, 13 schools (including a school for children who are deaf and blind), two rehabilitation and vocational centres and an orphanage. It also runs a college for pilgrims and students, four guest houses in Jerusalem, Nazareth, Jordan and Palestine; and employs 1,500 individuals.

It has now drawn up a programme for development covering five key areas: healthcare, education, building a church on the River Jordan, clergy pensions and guest house upgrades.

The diocese says that its top priority is to ensure the continued provision of medical treatment to the most vulnerable people of Gaza at its Al Ahli Hospital; and expanding its services to treat cancer. This, together with additional investment in the Zebabdeh Clinic, the Ramallah Clinic and the Birzeit Elderly Home.

It also has four priority education projects at the Vocational School in Ramallah; the Bishop's School in Husun, Jordan; St John's School in Haifa, Israel; and Christ School, Nazareth, Israel.

The most intriguing development is the building of a new church on land adjacent to the River Jordan



Anglicanism can date its presence in Jerusalem to a permanent CMS station, established in 1833. The first bishop arrived in 1841 and the first Anglican church, Christ Church at Jaffa Gate in the Old

City, was dedicated in 1845. In 1898, St George's Cathedral in Jerusalem was built and dedicated in 1898. Bishop Suheil Dawani, the 14th Anglican bishop in Jerusalem, was enthroned in April



2007. Bishop Suheil has visited Clogher Diocese twice, most recently in 2011 when he preached at the consecration of Bishop McDowell in Enniskillen Cathedral. The Diocese of Clogher has supported a number of initiatives in the Diocese of Jerusalem through the Holy Land Medical Relief Fund and also directly to the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza.

# Nigerian archbishop receives Anglican Communion award



The Most Revd Josiah Idowu-Fearon, the Anglican Bishop of Kaduna in the Church of Nigeria, received the Cross of St Augustine from The Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace. Archbishop Josiah has visited Clogher Diocese on a number of occasions.

Presenting the award, the Archbishop of Canterbury, said he was "delighted" to give Archbishop Josiah the Cross "in recognition of his outstanding ministry in promoting Christian-Muslim dialogue in Nigeria and across the world."

"He has worked indefatigably on Christian-Muslim relations, displaying extraordinary courage and vision in often the most difficult of circumstances," said the Archbishop "through his work he continues to play a pivotal role in advancing understanding between Christians and Muslims in Nigeria in an effort to stem the cycle of violence and misunderstanding between the two faith groups," he said.

The Most Revd Josiah's work in this area extends beyond Nigeria. He is a past President of the Network for Inter Faith Concerns, and continues to be a member of its management team. He is Chair of the Programme for Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA), and is a member of the Religious Advisory Council of the Tony Blair Faith Foundation.

# **CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS**

# The Archbishop of Armagh extends congratulations to TRH The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of Prince George

From The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland: 'I wish to join my sincere good wishes to those of many in the Church of Ireland and beyond to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the news of the birth of their first child. The safe delivery of any new baby is a time for rejoicing and thankfulness for the parents and family and, indeed, for a wider community. I take this opportunity to wish the Duke and Duchess well as they assume the enormous privilege and responsibility of parenthood, and I pray that they will be blessed by God in cherishing their son and encouraging him in faith, and in the ways of truth and of love. We pray also for all other children born at this time, and that their parents too may know the joys of parenthood in the months and years ahead. I extend good wishes to the other members of the Royal Family and the Middleton family as they now give thanks for this new child, and as they look forward to enjoying the great pleasure of watching him grow and develop in the months and years ahead.' +Richard Armagh

# **June 2013 Standing Committee News**

The Standing Committee of the General Synod met on Tuesday 18th June 2013 in Church House, Dublin and was chaired by the Archbishop of Armagh and the Archbishop of Dublin. The meeting was opened with a scripture reading and prayers led by Mrs Ethne Harkness, including prayer for the G8 Summit leaders meeting in Co. Fermanagh, that meaningful progress would be made on world peace, justice and food poverty as highlighted by the IF Campaign. The Archbishop of Armagh asked members of Standing Committee to remember in silence the late Archdeacon Philip Patterson and to pray for his wife Eleanor and his family. The Archbishop recalled with gratitude Archdeacon Patterson's strong and sincere contribution to the work of the Standing Committee. Archbishop Clarke welcomed Bishop Ferran Glenfield, the new Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh to his first meeting of Standing Committee. The Archbishop conveyed his congratulations to the Northern Clerical Honorary Secretary, the Revd George Davison, on his appointment as the new Archdeacon of Belfast and to Canon David McClay, whose wife Hilary McClay is a member of Standing Committee, on his recent appointment as Archdeacon of Down. Congratulations were expressed to the Synod Officer, Mr Garrett Casey, on receiving a First Class Honours Law degree from Dublin City University and to Bishop Paul Colton on his recent award of a Doctorate in Canon Law from the University of Cardiff.

#### **Honorary Secretaries' Report**

The Honorary Secretaries reported on the progression of matters following the meeting of the General Synod including the convening of the Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief in September which will have an initial focus on building relationships between committee members. They also reported on a response by the Archbishops and Honorary Secretaries in May to the Northern Ireland Committee of Finance and Personnel regarding a Legislative Consent Motion in respect of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Bill currently making its passage through Westminster, whereby in the event of the Bill becoming law any same sex couples married under legislation in England and Wales would be treated in Northern Ireland as if in a Civil Partnership. The response was based on the resolution on Human Sexuality adopted by the General Synod in 2012 and held that as the legislative consent motion did not propose a change in the definition of marriage for the purposes of the law in Northern Ireland that it did not impinge on the Church's understanding of marriage as between one man and one woman.

# Protection of Life During Pregnancy Bill 2013 – Church of Ireland Position

In May 2013, the Church received an invitation to make a second submission to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health and Children in relation to the Heads of Bills for the proposed Protection of Life During Pregnancy Bill 2013. As established by the Standing Committee in January 2013, an Abortion Working Group prepared a response which has been duly submitted to the Joint Committee. The Standing Committee affirmed this response and thanked the members of the Abortion Working Group for their work. In its submission the Working Group articulated that the Church of Ireland emphasises the right to life and that this includes the right of the unborn, and that the Church of Ireland opposes abortion in principle but acknowledges that there are exceptional cases of 'strict and undeniable medical necessity' where it is and should be an option. There is a variety of opinion within the Church of Ireland on what constitutes 'exceptional cases' but agreement that it includes circumstances where the continuation of the pregnancy poses a real and substantial risk to the life of the mother. This submission is available for all to consult at: www.ireland.anglican.org/information/17

# **Meeting with Irish Government Representatives**

A delegation comprising the Archbishop of Dublin, the Bishop of Clogher, Mr Samuel Harper, Mrs Ethne Harkness, the Venerable Robin Bantry White, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, the Revd Canon Eithne Lynch and Dr Ken Fennelly met Irish Government representatives including the Taoiseach, Minister Quinn and Minister Fitzgerald, on Friday 19th April 2013 in Government Buildings. This was a wide–ranging meeting and considered to be a valuable and serious engagement with the Church, allowing an opportunity for structured dialogue which should be further built upon. One element of discussion concerned the flags protests in Northern Ireland earlier this year. The Honorary Secretaries agreed that a working group should now examine the recently published 'Together: Building a United Community' document produced by the Office of the First and Deputy First Minister and consider responding to it.

**Disability Working Group** 

The Standing Committee expressed its gratitude to the Revd Canon William Murphy for his work as Chairman of the Disability Working Group. Following his retirement from full–time ministry, Canon Murphy has now resigned from the committee and his chairmanship and it was agreed that the Revd Jennifer McWhirter be elected to the Working Group in his place.

#### **Battle of the Somme Commemoration**

Standing Committee affirmed the intention of the Revd Canon Ian Poulton to lay a wreath at the Commemoration of the Battle of the Somme on 1st July 2013 at the Ulster Tower at Thiepval.

### 1913 Irish Church Directory Digitized

July's Archive of the Month from the RCB Library makes available online the digitized version of the *Church of Ireland Directory*, as it appeared in 1913. Then as now the *Directory* was an invaluable resource for information about the Church's structures – its

parishes, dioceses, clergy and other key personnel. It provides a fascinating

insight to the extent of the Church of Ireland on the eve of the enormous political, social and economic changes that would follow in Ireland, in the aftermath of the First World War, and other significant events of change that are now being marked as part of the Decade of Commemorations. The most striking change that has occurred

in the five decades since 1862 is the considerable drop in the number of clergy. Compared with 2,318 clergy listed and accounted for in the 1862 *Directory*, by 1913, their number has fallen by almost 700 to just 1,659. This is still a long way off the current 442 members of the stipendiary clergy who serve the Church of Ireland today, but nevertheless represents a staggering drop in clerical numbers, even before the First World War. The explanation for the dramatic fall is the impact of disestablishment and its knock—on effect which tightened the financial resources available to train and employ paid clergy, as well as provide for

their pensions, accommodations and other expenses. The RCB Library's digitization of this volume makes its content available to all at this link: www.ireland. anglican.org/library/archive

# The Spirit of Biblical Interpretation

The Biblical Association of the Church of Ireland Annual Conference will take place at The Theological Institute, Dublin on Saturday 7th September 9.30am-4.00pm.

Reading the Bible has always been at the heart of Christian identity. It has shaped both our doctrine and how we live as Christians. How do we make sense of the Bible today and how does it become for us both the 'living bread' and the 'sword of the Spirit'? Our two speakers bring a wealth of wisdom and experience to the area of biblical interpretation and are committed to equipping clergy and laity to be faithful readers and interpreters of Scripture.

Please contact Revd William Olhausen (wolhausen@gmail.com) or Dr David Hutchinson Edgar (david. hutchinsonedgar@gmail.com) for further details and to book a place.



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# **2013 Annual Conference of the Irish College of Preachers**

The annual conference of the Irish College of Preachers will be held in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, Dublin, from 11th to 13th of September and is open to all who want to develop their preaching.

The guest speaker this year is the new Bishop of Kilmore, the Rt. Revd Ferran Glenfield (pictured).

Further details may be obtained by contacting +353 (0)49 4371551 or Emailing bishop@kilmore. anglican.org



# 'You Can't Eat A Flag' — Church of Ireland Symposium on the 1913 Dublin Lock Out

A Symposium organised by the Church of Ireland Historical Commemorations Working Group is to be held at Liberty Hall, Dublin on Saturday 16th November 2013. During this 'Decade of Centenaries' many will concentrate on the great constitutional issues and events which dominated public life in Ireland in the period 1912-1922. However, these events took place within the context of the circumstances of everyday life for ordinary people in Ireland. For many those circumstances were dominated by economic hardship and social deprivation. The years 1913-1922 were also years of great Trade Union activity and turbulent relationships between labour and capital. The best known manifestation of this turbulence was the Dublin Lock Out of 1913, an event which continues to have relevance for today. In more recent times, and in a period of equally fraught constitutional crises, John Hume remarked that 'You can't eat a flag' - a sentiment that may have found an appreciative hearing amongst the poor of Dublin. This symposium will seek to examine the Dublin Lock Out of 1913 in its own context but also focus on some of the less well–known people who influenced events or were influenced by them. In this way it is hoped that the historical canvas for commemoration will be broadened beyond constitutional matters. The event will commence at 10.30am and conclude at 3.00pm. Dr Fearghal McGarry of the School of History and Anthropology at Queen's University, Belfast (QUB) will give a general historical introduction, followed by an examination of the part played by William Martin Murphy, a very influential employer in Dublin in 1913, by his biographer, Fr Thomas Morrissey SJ. Dr Valerie Jones, a member of the Church of Ireland in Dublin who has conducted recent research into the Church of Ireland in this period, will look at some of the Church of Ireland personalities who sympathised with the strikers and some who played a role in the events surrounding the Lock Out. The Symposium will be chaired and facilitated by Mr Kieran Mulvey who is Chief Executive of the Labour Relations Commission and Professor David Hayton of QUB will chair a roundtable discussion. Further details for registering interest in attending this event will be issued closer to the time.

# Bishops' Appeal – Responding To Crisis In Syria

In response to the current humanitarian problems and the suffering facing many people in Syria, Archbishop Richard Clarke and Archbishop Michael Jackson have approved an emergency release of Bishops' Appeal funds. €5,000 and £5,000stg will be immediately directed to Syria as part of a wider Church of Ireland disaster relief effort. In addition to this, Bishops' Appeal is urging parishes and individuals to contribute to the aid efforts in this time of increasing crisis.

# The Church of Ireland Gazette editions for 1913 fully searchable online

Written and read by lay and clerical members of the Church of Ireland, the Gazette which has always been editorially independent, provides the longest-running public commentary on its affairs, and as such is a recognised resource for understanding the complexities and nuances of Church of Ireland identity, both north and south, as well as the Church's contribution to political and cultural life throughout the island.

Less well know may be that the RCB Library in Dublin holds the only complete run of 'Gazettes' - from the first issue in March 1856 and up to the present day. Long considered to be the Church of Ireland's weekly newspaper and the first port of call for researchers wishing to obtain an insight into the opinions and attitudes of members of the Church of Ireland through changing times, the Gazette is consulted on a daily basis by a wide range of people and for many diverse research interests.

The RCB Library is pleased to present all 52 editions of The Church of Ireland Gazette for the year 1913, in a fully searchable format online as the Archive of the Month for August, in collaboration with the Editor and Board of the Gazette.

Burning issues of the day such as Home Rule, the rise of the trade union movement and efforts to control it, women's suffrage, educational change, children, the impact of the Ulster Covenant and formation of the Ulster Volunteer Force, as well as the darkening political situation on mainland Europe on the eve of the First World War and events further away, are all well covered and commented upon in 1913.

#### **Crosslinks Conference**

Dr Don Carson will be guest speaker at Crosslinks' Day Conference from Friday 31st January - Saturday 1st February, 2014. Dr Carson is research professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. He is a prolific thinker, author, bible scholar and exegete and has a very keen interest in world mission. The conference, entitled 'The Uniqueness of Christ' intends to affirm and explore our conviction that Jesus Christ is the only means of salvation in the context of a religiously pluralistic society and, sometimes church. The conference will provide a strong biblical foundation and renewed confidence in Christ as the only Saviour and Lord, as well as highlighting current threats to this position and, consequently, a weakening rationale for mission and confidence in the Gospel. Our hope is that this conference will rekindle a passion to proclaim the good news about Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

The conference will take place at St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. For further information, please contact Valerie Ellis, email: vellis@crosslinks.org tel: 028 9079 6028 or visit www.crosslinks.org/exclusive

# **DIOCESAN NEWS**



# New Rector for Aghalurcher Group of Parishes

The Revd John McClenaghan, Rector of Keady, Diocese of Armagh, has been appointed Rector of the Grouped Parishes of Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad, Diocese of Clogher. He will be

instituted by the Bishop of Clogher in Aghalurcher Parish Church, Colebrooke at 8.00pm on Friday 13th September. The preacher will be the Rt Revd Alan Harpur, former Archbishop of Armagh.

# New Rector of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher

A large congregation filled Belleek Parish Church on the evening of Friday 9th August 2013, to mark an important milestone in the life of the Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher group of parishes. The group of parishes, which are the most westerly group in the Church of Ireland Diocese of Clogher, welcomed their new rector, the Revd Ngozi Njoku, who was instituted by the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell.

Prior to taking up the position in the Garrison Group, Revd Ngozi served as curate for four years in Goldington Parish, Bedford, in the Diocese of St Alban's. The preacher at the service of institution was the rector of Goldington, the Revd Richard Howlett. Prior to her curacy at Goldington, Revd Ngozi spent three years studying at Trinity College Bristol. A native of Nigeria, Revd Ngozi has also lived in the Gambia, the Netherlands and Belgium. She was ordained deacon in 2009 and priest in 2010. Looking forward to settling into life in County Fermanagh as she takes up her first incumbency, she said "God has no grandchildren, but generations and I want to see the next generation in Garrison group of Parishes take the Gospel of Jesus to the next generation. I also want to support the work of the Mothers' Union, the youth, families and the farmers."

Assisting the bishop at the service were the Venerable Cecil Pringle, Archdeacon, and the Revd Canon Glenn West, Rural Dean of Kesh. The Bishop's Chaplain was the Revd Sampson Ajuka.

The Organist was Mrs Sadie Moore and the singing was led by a combined choir from the group of parishes together with Ms Evelien Ebbers, flautist.

The processional hymn was the well known early lrish hymn Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. The Old Testament reading from Isaiah chapter 1 was read by Mrs Pauline Carson, the Psalm was The

Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, and the Epistle from Hebrews chapter 11 was read by Mrs Elizabeth Ovens. The gradual hymn was We have a gospel to proclaim, which was followed by the Gospel reading from St Luke chapter 12, read by Mrs Helen Thompson. The Archdeacon, the Venerable Cecil Pringle presented Revd Ngozi to the bishop for institution, after which all joined in the hymn Take my life, and let it be.

During the commission, the hymn Lord you give the great commission was sung. As part of the commission, the reading at the open door was read by Neil Graham. Kathy Ovens read at the font, and Adam Ovens read at the prayer desk. Amy Kettyles read at the pulpit, and Jamie Kettyles read at the Lord's Table.

After the hymn Love divine, all loves excelling, the prayers were led by the newly instituted rector. The offertory hymn was Spirit divine, attend our prayers and the final hymn was Now thank we all our God.

Everyone was invited for refreshments after the service in the Wark Hall, during which a number of speeches were made. Master of ceremonies was the Revd Canon Glenn West, Rural Dean, and speakers included a friend of the Rector's, the Revd Augstine Nwaekwe from Brussels, followed by Mrs Doreen Earls, on behalf of the Garrison group of parishes, the Revd Isobel Nixon and Miss Marie McCordick, who had both provided cover in the group of parishes during the recent vacancy, to whom a presentation was made on behalf of the parishes by Mrs Helen Thompson. Other speakers included the Revd Patrick Farrelly PP, Parish Priest in Rossinver, on behalf of the other churches in the area, Mrs Eileen Gallagher, Chairperson of Fermanagh Churches Forum, Cllr Rosemary Barton, a Lay Honorary Secretary of Diocesan Synod, the Revd Ngozi Njoku and finally the Bishop.

# **Clogher Diocese Focus Article 2013**

The past year has seen a number of significant occasions in the Diocese of Clogher, not least with the visit of Her Majesty The Queen and Prince Philip to Enniskillen for the service in St Macartin's Cathedral in June 2012 to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which was followed by the historic walk across Church Street to St Michael's Roman Catholic Church, where the Queen was greeted by representatives of the local community.

However beyond the high profile occasions which attract much public interest, there remains a steady stream of varied and valuable work undertaken throughout the diocese by parishes locally and beyond in the service of God, and in the demonstration of love towards one's neighbour.

**Mission:** The Diocesan Board of Missions provided an opportunity for those who had taken part in overseas mission last summer to speak at a diocesan mission service about their experiences through serving God

in other places, and sharing the love of Jesus with fellow believers.

One of the more tangible ways in which God's love is shown each year is through literally the thousands of gifts contributed to the annual Shoe Box Appeal. These are sorted and dispatched from Drumkeeran Parish Hall by Mrs Irene Boyd and her team of helpers for delivery to reach the needy before Christmas.

**Youth:** The Wells Youth Ministry Project, spearheaded by the Diocesan Youth Officer Jonny Phenix, is now well established and into its third year, with twelve new youth ministry initiatives in operation throughout the diocese.

During the year a Resource Exhibition was held for Sunday School Teachers, and a training event for all youth ministry leaders and volunteers was hosted in conjunction with Youthlink.

The Diocesan Board of Religious Education launched its latest resource, which encompasses a series of activities to help children and young people celebrate Advent with purpose and joy.

An evening with well-known author and storyteller, Bob Hartman, took place in Rossorry Parish where he spoke on the theme 'Bringing Bible Stories to Life'.

The Revd Isobel Nixon, Diocesan Chaplain of the GFS, hosted a very successful coffee morning in her home in aid of a GFS International Project for the Solomon Islands.

The Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action achieved one of their objectives with the production of an exciting new DVD resource entitled 'UNEXPECTED', which looks at the misuse of alcohol and some of its possible consequences amongst young people.

The annual Diocesan Youth Council St Patrick's Day Walk took place at Castle Leslie Estate with a short service prior in Donagh Parish Church. Proceeds were in aid of an educational project for women and children in Kenya.

An Internet Safety Awareness for those of secondary school age was held in the Fountain Centre, Kesh.

This year the annual diocesan youth weekend was led by the Revd Simon Genoe with his wife Zara, and concluded with a Celebration of Praise led by the youth of the diocese.

Care for the Family delivered an event on the theme: 'Getting your kids through church without them hating God'. The speaker was Rob Parson's, founder member of 'Care for the Family'.

**Community:** In September 2012 a Famine Commemoration Day was held in Ardess Parish Centre, concluding with a Service of Commemoration of the Great Famine.

Also in September 2012 the diocese together with local Methodist and Presbyterian Churches and the Orange Order organised an informative evening on the subject of the Ulster Covenant entitled 'Making History Talk', which was addressed by Prof. Brian Walker and Brian Feeney.

Clogher Diocesan Celebration of Music was held in association with Enniskillen Festival, and included workshops for organists and singers, an organ recital and a "Come and Sing" event. This complimented the launch of a new music bursary scheme in the diocese, which has to date awarded thirty bursaries.

On 8th November the 25th Anniversary of the Enniskillen Bombing was marked with a Service of Remembrance in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. An Taoiseach, Mr Enda Kenny TD, attended the subsequent Remembrance Day Service in the cathedral.

St Patrick's Day was celebrated in Clogher Cathedral with a range of events concluding with Choral Evensong led jointly by the Choir of the Cathedral Group of Parishes and the Choir of St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Clogher.

On Pentecost Sunday the Bishops of Clogher, The Most Revd Dr Liam MacDaid and the Rt Revd John McDowell led the annual ecumenical open-air service. The service commenced in the Centenary Garden at the Sacred Heart Church, Irvinestown, concluding in Castle Archdale Parish Church.

The Diocesan Board of Education organised a Transferor Governors' Information Evening providing support and information for Transferor Governors of Controlled Schools in the Diocese. The Revd Ian Ellis, the Church of Ireland Education Officer (NI) and two local school principals, Mrs Joan Cathcart and Mrs Ingrid Logan, addressed the meeting.

Another information evening, organised by the Diocesan Glebes Committee, provided valuable information for those involved with the management of parochial property.

In January Dr Margaret Knox was commissioned as Clogher Diocesan MU President. The Diocesan MU Quiet Day took place in Rossorry Parish at which the speaker was the Revd Grace Clunie, Director of Celtic Spirituality.

**Ministry:** In August 2012 a number of Parochial Readers were admitted at a service in St Finbarr's Church, Carrickmacross. Currently six new Diocesan Pastoral Assistants are in receipt of training.

The Diocesan Ministry of Healing continue to organise a number of healing services throughout the diocese, together with fortnightly lunchtime healing services in Enniskillen Cathedral. Recently the ministry of healing organised a Carer's Family Support evening for those affected by terminal illness.

The Revd Bryan Kerr was formally acknowledged and admitted as Canon at a Choral Evensong Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 350th Anniversary of the Restoration Book of Common Prayer, at which the preacher was Prof. Steven Ellis.

At a Diocesan Youth service the Revd Arthur Barrett was formally acknowledged and admitted as Canon.

During the year two new clergy have been welcomed to the Diocese, the Revd Brian Harper as rector of Magheracross, and the Revd Caroline Mansley as curate-assistant in Magheraculmoney. Capt. David Hamilton of the Church Army also joined the diocese as Evangelist with responsibility for Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt.

During the past summer the Revd Ngozi Njoku was instituted as Rector of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher, and the Revd Anita Kerr has taken up the position of Diocesan Curate in charge of Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully.

### The Irish Churches Peace Project

The Irish Churches Peace Project (ICPP) is an exciting new initiative of the island's 4 largest churches; Church of Ireland, Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, as well as the smaller denominations represented by the Irish Council of Churches. The project is supported by the Special EU Programmes Body under the Peace III programme with the aim of seeing churches actively contribute to the peace process, helping facilitate a more peaceful and stable society for all.

Significantly, this represents the first time all the main churches have taken the step of formally working together to deliver a specific peace building project. The project is being implemented across a number of key areas in Northern Ireland and the Border Region, with a team of nine staff recently appointed to work with the churches in these areas.

Keith Hamilton is the Programme Director, and Glenn Harvey has been appointed as Good Relations Officer in the Fermanagh Area. Glenn is a native of Hillsborough in Co Down, and prior to ICPP worked with Corrymeela on an international interfaith youth programme, 'Face to Face Faith to Faith'. Born to a farming family, Glenn has also studied theology at Queens University, Belfast and Regent College, Vancouver and has worked with Young Offenders and in the Health Sector. In his new role with ICPP, Glenn will work closely with clergy and laity in the area to support them where possible in developing; communication, relations and joint projects that will benefit all.

If you are interested in finding out more about the project and would like to discuss possibilities for your church to get involved, please contact Glenn Harvey on 07841919793 or e-mail glenn@icpp.info. Alternatively, you can contact the Lisburn Office on 028 92660069.

# **DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### September 2013

**Sunday 1st September** – Service on Inishmacsaint Island at 3pm with Bishop John McDowell as preacher. Tea, coffee and refreshments available after the service. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 1st September – Outdoor Service by the old church in Drumswords at 3.30pm. All welcome to worship God under the amazing tree in the atmospheric grounds of Drumswords where people worshipped in the past. Note, if raining the service will be held in Killeevan Parish Church.

**Tuesday 3rd September** – Clogher Diocesan Glebes Committee meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 11.00am.

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

Thursday 5th September – Fields of Life 'The Celebration Tour' with Nathan Jess and the Fields of Life Choir in Holy Trinity Parish Church, Dromore at 7.30pm. The choir, who are always highly sought after, are touring over the early Autumn and this is the only venue in the West. Come along to a great evening as the choir gives us a glimpse of African culture.

**Friday 6th September** – Gospel Concert in Clabby Parish Hall at 8.00pm featuring James Strange & Gospel group 'Justified' along with other supporting artists. Proceeds to Missionary Funds.

**Friday 6th September** – Sallaghy Parish Steak BBQ. Tickets are available from members of Select Vestry and others.

**Saturday 7th September** – Galloon Parish Auction in The Church Hall, Newtownbutler at 12 noon.

**Sunday 8th September** – Ordination to the Priesthood of the Revd Rob Clements, in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.30pm. Preacher: Revd Ted Woods.

Sunday 8th September – The Parish of Augher celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the building of St Mark's Church with a series of events. During the afternoon the church and hall will be open to visitors to enjoy historical and floral displays and afternoon tea which will be served by parishioners dressed in period costume. The Day will conclude with Choral Evensong at 5pm led by the combined choirs of the group. This event will link in with the village's 400th Anniversary of the granting of its Royal Charter which have been on-going all year.

**Tuesday 10th September** – Lay Ministry Bible Study meeting in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm.

Friday 13th September – The Revd John McClenaghan will be instituted by the Rt. Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher in Aghalurcher Parish, Colebrooke at 8.00pm. The preacher will be the Rt. Revd Alan Harper, former Archbishop of Armagh.

**Saturday** 14th September – Men's Breakfast in Clabby Parish Hall at 9.30am. Speaker: Jeffrey Donaldson MP who will speak about his faith and being an MP. Everyone welcome.

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

**Sunday 15th September** – The Churches Forum will walk around the churches in Irvinestown starting at the Sacred Heart Church at 2.30pm.

**Thursday 19th September** – Clogher Clerical Association meeting in Rossorry Parish at 10.00am. Speaker: Dr. Diana Cody. Topic: Bullying.

Saturday 21st September – 'Men Alive' from 9.00am to 12.30pm in Holy Trinity Parish, Dromore. This will be a morning of challenging teaching from Roy Walker, inspirational testimonies from Stuart Elliott with the worship being led by Ian Hannah. Brunch will be served at the end of the morning and there will be a number of fun activities as well.

**Saturday 21st September** – Progress and Memories, an evening of music with Andrew Irwin (Tenor) and guest organist Nathan Barrett at 7.30pm in St Macartin's Catherdral, Enniskillen. Admission £5. Proceeds in aid of St Macartin's Catherdral Fabric Fund.

Sunday 22nd September – Gospel Concert in Christchurch, Ballybay at 3.30pm with the Revd Jean Mackeral and Cavan Church Choir leading the Praise. In aid of the Protestant Orphan Society.

**Thursday 26th September** – Clogher Diocesan Synod in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 4.30pm.

Saturday 28th September – Ladies Breakfast at 10.00am in Holy Trinity Parish, Dromore. Guest Speaker: Catherine Campbell. Her story is of how God has sustained her and her family through immense loss and tragedy, and how even today God is still at work in her life and how it impacts people all over the world. Organised by the Mothers' Union. Cost £5. For group of individual bookings call Eveline on 028 82 898911 or 07982 263428.

**Saturday 28th September** – A Tractor Run in aid of St Macartan's Cathedral has been organised leaving from Clogher. The entry fee is £20 per tractor which includes a full Ulster Fry before the start of the run. Further details are available from William Fannin at Fannin's Garage.

**Sunday 29th September** – Friends Service in Cleenish Parish Church. Preacher: The Revd Canon Bobby Riddel.

#### October 2013

**Saturday 5th October** – Beetle Drive at 8.00pm in Killeevan Parish Hall. Supper is served. Admission: Adults €5.00 and children €3.00. Do join us for an evening that promises to be fun!

**Saturday 12th October** – Auction of timber and home made produce in Derryvullen South Parish Hall at 2.00pm. Proceeds in aid of Parish funds.

**Saturday 12th October** – *Vintage Tractor Run* from Clabby Church Hall. For more details contact David on 028 89522134 or Vera on 028 89521160.

**Tuesday 15th October** – Deadline for all submissions to Clogher Diocesan Magazine. Email entries for November issue to: editor@clogher.anglican.org

Saturday 19th October – 'Music is The Joy of Life' music performance by Monaghan Minority Faith Capacity Building Project in St Patrick's Parish, Monaghan at 7.30pm.

**Thursday 24th October** – Clogher Clerical Association meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 10.00am commencing with a Service of Holy Communion. Speaker: Julie Curry. Topic: Messy Church (to be repeated in evening for Youth & Children's workers).

**Saturday 26th October** – Ardess Parish Auction in the Community Centre, Kesh. Viewing from 12noon, auction commences at 1.00pm.

Saturday 26th October – Cleenish Parish

**Thursday 31st October –** *Templecarne Annual Concert.* 

#### November 2013

**Sunday 3rd November** – Diocesan Ministry of Healing Service in Inishmacsaint Parish Church at 7.30pm.

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

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

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

**Friday 8th November** – Sallaghy Parish Dance in the Church Hall. Music will be by "Sweet Harmony".

**Wednesday 13th November** – Diocesan CMS Ireland Information Evening in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 8.00pm.

**Thursday 28th November** – Clogher Clerical Association meeting in Clones Parish at 10.00am commencing with a Service of Holy Communion. Speaker: Valerie Thom. Topic: Church Army.

**Saturday 30th November** – Christmas Tree Festival organised by St Mark's Parish, Aghadrumsee - Saturday 30th November & Sunday 1st December.

#### December 2013

**Sunday 1st December** – Diocesan Advent Carol Service in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

**Thursday 12th December** – Clogher Clerical in Monaghan Parish at 10.00am. Speaker: The Most Rev. Richard Clarke.

# **MOTHERS' UNION NEWS**



Derryvullen South and Garvary Mothers' Union who were joined by members from Lisbellaw branch and the diocesan MU secretary on their annual outing which this year was to Crom Castle on Monday evening 1st July where they were shown round the West Wing by Noel Johnston and afterwards enjoyed supper at the Castle.

# **YOUTH NEWS**

# **The Wells Project**

It's hard to believe that there are only six months remaining in the life of Wells. From its inception by Bishop Michael Jackson two and a half years ago the project has seen the growth and development of new youth ministry Wells throughout the diocese. The process has just begun to establish the thirteenth Well in Derryvullen South and Garvary and to date there have been Wells established in Monaghan, Clones, Carrickmacross, Lisnaskea, Enniskillen, Devenish, Bellananleck, Brookeborough, Irvinestown, Rossorry and Dromore. All this new life has come about through the hard work and dedication of parish youth leaders who have taken up the challenge of training and preparation to work with their young people. They have a passion to engage with their youth to share the message of the gospel and to see them discipled in the faith. Most have been drawn towards the work because they see that their youth are no longer attending church and drift away from parish life and they are concerned to see them return.

Establishing a new Well usually begins with a presentation on the need for youth ministry at a morning service. This then is followed by a mid week meeting to further inform those interested on the nature of Wells. From this meeting a group of potential leaders is formed and the process of praying, vision setting, training and resourcing of these leaders begins. This generally takes eight to ten weeks and the first official meeting of the newly established Well is an information and registration evening for parents and young people. The Well then begins its programme in the next two weeks.

The form of the programme is based around the need for the young people to firstly get to know each other and especially the leaders. Having built these confidences and relationships the process of building faith and growing strong in it begins. There is much group work and discussion to allow the youth to share their thoughts and to learn about their faith along with social games and of course toast and peanut butter!

The vast majority of the new Wells are catering for the 11-13yrs age range but some are now entering their

second season so are facing the distinct possibility of having an older group to manage as well. One Well has been established for diocesan young adults. This group call themselves "The Well" and have been meeting in the cathedral hall in Enniskillen.

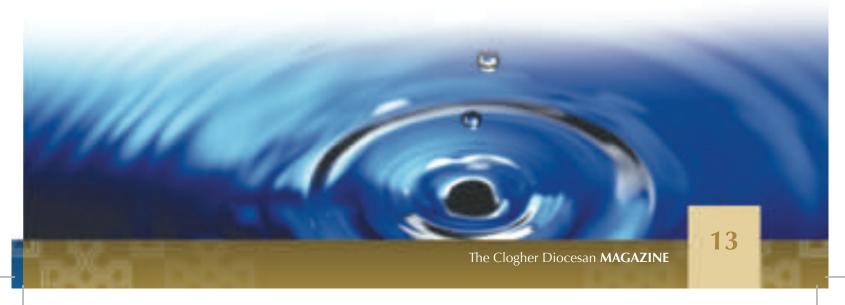
All Wells have unique names and vision statements, which clearly indicate what their work is about, and the direction they are going. Examples are "Ignite" in Dromore, "Snatch" in Colebrooke and Aghavea and "Blaze" and "Shine" in Clones.

Travelling around the diocese visiting the Wells is a tremendously encouraging and rewarding exercise. Seeing how the youth ministry teams have grown in confidence and ability and how they have such a fantastic open and honest relationship with their young people is a joy. When you talk with the youth themselves they are equally as passionate about their newly established Well. They speak about being confident to ask questions, to learn more about trusting Christ on a daily basis and what it means to be a follower of Him.

"We meet new people and enjoy the games. We're learning about God and the purpose of life. The leaders are great!"

It is thanks to God that the vision of Wells has produced so much fruit amongst our parishes. However there now exists a great challenge in the nature of this harvest. Those who have faithfully "gone out" in our name amongst our young have great need of not only our prayers and material support but also of our devotion. They have connected and engaged a generation that was fast being lost to us. We must follow their example and do what we can to step towards our youth and feed them. Christ asked Peter to care for and feed His sheep after he had first commanded him to feed his lambs. I am humbled every time I visit a parish and see His people honouring His words.

I have no doubt that in the future as we seek God for the ways to further reach, engage and involve these young people in the service of His church and the community in which they witness He will not only empower but also inspire us as His people.





# READ

# The Parable of the Lost Sheep

(You can also read this in St. Luke chapter 15 verses 3 to 7) Jesus told a story about a **shepherd** who had one **hundred** sheep.

One day the man went to count his sheep.

"97, 98, 99.... Oh no, one of my sheep is missing!" the man said. He left the 99 other sheep grazing happily and he went **search**ing for the lost **sheep**. The man looked and looked until he found the missing sheep. How excited he was to find it. He put the sheep on his shoulders and **carried** it all the way **home**.

Then he called all his friends and neighbours to **celebrate** with him because he had found the sheep that was **lost**.

Jesus explained that there are celebrations in **heaven** when just **one** person says sorry to God for the wrong things they have said or done.

# WORD SEARCH

Find these words from the story in the wordsearch SHEPHERD SHEEP LOST HUNDRED SEARCH CARRIED HOME HEAVEN ONE CELEBRATE

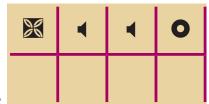
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# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

# Music is The Joy of Life

Co-operation Ireland is supporting a Music/Choral theme within the Minority Faith Capacity building Project in Co Monaghan. This project will develop skills within choral singing, praise groups, and instrumental music within the Protestant community. The project will bring together people across the County to learn new musical and choral skills and will culminate in a public performance in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan on Saturday, 19th October 2013 at 7.30pm.

Two training events will be held on Saturday, 7th September and Saturday, 5th October 2013.

This is an active call for all the schools, churches, and youth groups within County Monaghan to participate in this project and utilise and take advantage of the FREE training being provided to enable this performance to take place to make this an evening to remember. Please contact Jennifer Leathem at jileathem@ gmail.com or Tel: 047 80019 for further information or Cooperation Ireland Project Manager Carolyne Murphy at cmurphy@ cooperationireland.org or Tel: +447753789940.

# Benefit From Free Trees?

The Woodland Trust is offering community groups, youth groups and schools the chance to apply for packs of free trees for delivery in November 2013 and are accepting applications until 13th September 2013. Whether groups are interested in helping wildlife, creating a green space, planting for remembrance, creating a community garden or allotment or just want to enhance their local area - all community groups are very welcome to apply for our free packs of saplings. They have 4,000 packs to give away this autumn which come in three sizes

30 saplings, 105 saplings and 420 saplings in various themes (hedge, copse, wildlife, wild harvest, year-round colour, future firewood and wetland). You can find out more about them and apply online www.woodlandtrust. org.uk/communitytrees. Groups are advised to apply sooner rather than later as they are usually oversubscribed and may have to close early. The Woodland Trust are trying to help bees by encouraging groups to plant species that are beneficial through their nectar or pollen. Further details can be found on their website.

# Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk

A 2 mile walk in Castle Coole on Saturday 7th September 2013. Every September, people like you join together and raise money for people affected by dementia. Some walk to be amongst people who truly understand. Some walk to celebrate loved ones. All walk with one common goal: to fight dementia. Alzheimer's Society is the UK's leading support services and research charity for people with dementia and those who care for them. The money you raise through Memory Walk will help us provide local support services, so people you know and love can still live their lives well. To sign up for the Enniskillen Memory Walk please email nifundraising@ alzheimers.org.uk or call 028 90387774.

# Writing Funding Applications

West Cavan West Fermanagh regeneration project are rerunning this popular course in the Church of Ireland Hall, Letterbreen on Tuesday evenings from 1st-22nd October 2013, and are now taking names of those keen to learn or improve their skills in how to make funding applications. Telephone 00353 71 9853979.

# Department of Foreign Affairs Reconciliation Fund

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has at its disposal, a Reconciliation Fund for North-South and Anglo-Irish Co-operation. Its purpose is to assist organisations involved in reconciliation work and efforts to create better understanding between people on the island of Ireland and between Ireland and Britain. The closing date for applications is Friday 27th September 2013. For further information please go to www.dfa. ie/home/index.aspx?id=8744.

# Invitations for international students in Northern Ireland

Many international students come to Northern Ireland to study at our universities. Will they feel welcome here? Will they make contact with people and life beyond the academic environment? What will they do for a homely break if home is too far away? For 26 years, national charity HOST has been linking students with volunteer hosts, who invite a student to spend a day, a weekend, or Christmas in their home. Chatting; eating together; playing games; seeing the area; joining in with the local community; making friends - a HOST visit lays down wonderful memories to be re-lived in China, India, and other parts of the world. And hosts learn from their guests too. Caitlin, a student from the USA, wrote after her HOST visit: 'I saw a community showcase which was heartwarming and wonderful. It gave me a new perspective on life. My host family was so welcoming, they truly made me feel a part of their family and lifestyle, and I couldn't have asked for a better weekend.' If you could make a student welcome, please contact HOST through www. hostuk.org or call Betty Flanagan on 02825 645633.

# **PARISH NOTES**

# Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt



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On the 23rd June we were delighted to welcome Bishop McDowell to Aghadrumsee church when 9 young people from our group were brought to him to be confirmed. We would

ask you to continue to uphold Andrew, Emma, John, Josh, Lauren, Louise, Nathan, Sarah and Ryan in your prayers. At that service these young people were given an example of commitment as David Johnston was presented with an armchair from the Select Vestry and a Diocesan Plaque from the Bishop for fifty years service as treasurer at St Mark's, Aghadrumsee. On behalf of us all, thank you David.



The annual children's Holiday Club in Aghadrumsee was held during August, when once again we were delighted to welcome children not only from our own parish but

also from neighbouring churches. Special thanks to Jonathan Graham and his helpers from Child Evangelical Fellowship and to Rosemary and her helpers who provided the daily goodies afterwards.

Once again we are entering into the Harvest season. Aghadrumsee services will be held on Sunday 22nd September at 12.00noon and again at 8.00pm, then on Monday 23rd September at 8.00pm.

Clogh services to be held on Friday 27th September at 8.00pm, Sunday 29th September at 10.45am and Sunday evening at 8.00pm.

Concluding with Drumsnatt service on Sunday 20th October at 3.00pm.



We would like to congratulate two couples who were married in Aghadrumsee Church during the month of August these were David Mulholland and Elaine Elliott (Nee) Beacom and Louise Leary and John Martin. We wish them God's Richest Blessing in their future lives together.

# Mr David Johnston receives plaque for 50 years as Parish Treasurer



David Johnston who has been treasurer at St Mark's Church, Aghadrumsee, for fifty years was presented with an armchair by the congregation and a Diocesan plaque from the Bishop, The Rt. Revd John McDowell, in recognition for his services at a confirmation service in St Mark's Church, Aghadrumsee recently.

Bishop John McDowell, Mr David Johnston (seated), David's wife Ethel and daughter Moira, who is the parish Honorary Secretary.



Prize-giving services in Aghadrumsee Group of Parishes.



St Mark's Aghadrumsee Sunday School at their Prize-giving service on Sunday 16th June.



Holy Trinity Clogh Sunday School at their Prizegiving Service (theme Noah's Ark) on Sunday 16th June.

# Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad

#### Vacant.

During the vacancy the Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong, Rural Dean, is in charge, and the Revd Betty Thompson, Non-Stipendiary Minister, is providing service and pastoral cover. T: 028 686 28258 or 07719586659 E: aghalurcher@clogher.anglican.org



# **Sunday 1st September**

A joint Holy Communion Service will be held in Colebrooke Church at 11am and will be followed by a 'Thank You' Lunch for Revd Betty in the Parish Hall.

#### **SNATCH**

(Sunday Night At The Church Hall) Youth Ministry Aghavea & Colebrooke. Opening Evening - Fun, Food and Fellowship, on Sunday 1st September 7.30 pm in Colebrooke Parish Hall. All young people of secondary school age welcome.



# Mothers' Union - HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mothers' Union in Colebrooke & Cooneen is 50 years old! A Celebratory Service is

being held in Colebrooke Parish Church on Sunday 8th September at 3pm. Preacher: Bishop John McDowell. Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Hall with a chance to reminisce, reflect on the past and plan on "Sowing the future together" – the theme for 2013/14. We hope many friends from the Diocese will join us – Everyone Welcome.



# Mothers' Union Visitors' Night - Tuesday 15th October at 8.15pm

"Sowing the Seed in Nigeria". Speakers: Stanley & Margaret Murdoch. Once again, Everyone Welcome.

# Friday 13th September, 8.00pm, Institution Service in Colebrooke Church

The Revd John McClenaghan will be instituted by Bishop John McDowell. The preacher will be the Rt Revd Alan Harper, former Archbishop of Armagh. We give Revd John, his wife Carol, their family Mark, David, Rebecca and Chloe a very warm welcome to the group of parishes.

#### **GFS**

Girls Friendly Society will re-open on Monday 16th September at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls aged 3 years upwards. New members very welcome.

### **Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group**

The Group will commence again on Tuesday 17th September 7pm-8.15pm. New members will be very welcome; for boys and girls aged 4-14 years. The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills. Squirrels (4-6 years); Beavers (6–8 years); Cubs (8–11 years); Scouts (11–14 years).

# **Bowling Club**

The Bowling Club will re-open on Thursday 19th September at 7.45pm in the Parish Hall. New members will be very welcome.

# **Aghavea**



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# September

**Sunday 1st:** 11am Holy Communion; 7.30pm SNATCH (Colebrooke Halls)

**Sunday 8th:** 10am Sunday School begins; 11am Morning Prayer; 7pm Evening Prayer (Brooke Memorial Hall)

**Sunday 15th:** 10am Sunday School; 11am Church Family Service; 7.30pm SNATCH (Colebrooke)

**Sunday 22nd:** 11am Morning Prayer **Sunday 29th:** 11am Service of the Word



Dear friends,

When Paul sent Titus to the island of Crete, he wasn't there for a poolside holiday. There was work to be done in leading the church

and appointing elders. Paul's letter to Titus enables us to read over Titus' shoulder as God shows us what a growing church should look like.

Throughout the letter, there's a constant refrain. It's the theme tune that repeats over and over again, heard in every section of the letter: believing and behaving go together. What we do will flow out of what we believe. We're called to live lives of integrity - where our faith and deeds match up.

We find it in the opening verse: 'Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness.' (1:1) our knowledge of the truth must lead to godliness - believing brings behaving. The qualifications of the church leaders echo this (1:5-9), as does the testimony of the false teachers - 'They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him' (1:16).

As the letter progresses, there is specific application for various groups and profiles of people - old men, older women, younger women, and young men - all under the heading of 'You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.' (2:1) Healthy teaching must lead to right behaviour. Similarly with the slaves, their actions and reactions will be a sign of their faith 'so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Saviour attractive.' (2:10).

This was the very reason Jesus Christ came: 'who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness [the truth] and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. [godliness] (2:14). The same theme is loud and clear as we come into the final chapter, where our relationship to the authorities and to the world around us is dealt with. Reflecting on the kindness and love of God which appeared, in order to save us, Paul urges Titus to teach these things: 'so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good.' (3:8).

As we rejoice in the glorious good news of the Saviour who came to redeem us, that grace must bring change as it 'teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.' (2:12-13)

No matter how far along the path of discipleship we have travelled, there's always more to do in pursuing godliness - but don't be downhearted, because God's grace is the encouragement for godliness. Let's keep going and growing together.

Yours in Christ, Gary

# **Sunday School**

Having enjoyed their summer break, Sunday School will begin again on Sunday 8th September at 10am in the Church Hall. Any new boys and girls will be made most welcome. We look forward to the Sunday School taking part in the Church Family Services on the third Sunday of each month. For more information, please speak to Linda McClelland.

#### Bowls

The Bowling Club season will start on Monday 9th September at 8pm in the Church Hall. All new members will be welcome, so why not come along

and try your hand at bowling? More information can be obtained from Frances Cartwright.

### **Mothers' Union**

September's meeting of Aghavea MU will be held on Tuesday 10th September at 8pm in the Church Hall. The theme will be Waste Management, with a special visiting speaker. New members are always welcome to join with us.

We are also looking forward to our annual Visitor's Night on Tuesday 8th October, when we will host Liz Miller, the wife of Bishop Harold Miller (Down and Dromore). All ladies will be most welcome.

GFS - GFS begins on Wednesday 18th September, from 6.30pm - 7.30pm in the Church Hall for all girls aged 3 and up. For further information, please speak to Sharon Clarke or any of the other leaders.

#### **SNATCH**

SNATCH (Sunday Night At The Church Hall) is our new youth group for secondary school age young people, in partnership with Colebrooke Parish. Our first night of the new term will be held on 1st September at 7.30pm in Colebrooke Church Hall. New members are very welcome - registration forms can be filled in by parents on arrival.

# **Bible Study**

Our midweek Fellowship Group Bible Study will begin again in the autumn - keep an eye on the notice sheet to get the details.

# **Building Update**

We're delighted to be back into the parish church again after an absence of two months, during which time our services were held in the hall. Following some hard work, the porch is now fixed and the electrics have been replaced. Thank you to all who helped to facilitate our meetings in the hall, those involved in the clean-up operation to enable us to return to the church building, as well as our builders and sub-contractors.

#### **New Ministers**

The summer has brought lots of changes to our local area, with three new ministers moving into Brookeborough. Please pray for Revd John McClenaghan (Colebrooke Parish), Revd Colin Milligan (Brookeborough Methodist) and Pastor Gavin Allen (Brookeborough Elim) as they begin their gospel labour in County Fermanagh.

#### Find us on Facebook

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

# Ballybay, Clontibret and Mucknoe

#### Vacant.

During the vacancy the Revd Canon Ian Berry, Rural Dean, is in charge, and Mr Walter Pringle, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant, is providing service and pastoral cover. **T:** 047 51439

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On 7th July a large contingent of members from the Ballybay Group made their way to worship in Carrickmacross and to celebrate Holy Communion. It was a wonderful way to say farewell to the Rev Robert Kingston who, with the assistance of Walter Pringle, has been providing pastoral care to us over the past two years. During the inspiring service the Rev Kingston commended the work of ministry as a very challenging but rewarding career for any young person. He spoke of his ministry of over 40 years and how he could not retire and was delighted to be able to take up an honorary part-time position as Chaplain with the Mageough Home in Rathmines, Dublin.

We wish him and his wife Rosemary God's Richest Blessing as they take this next step in service.

Ladies from the Group spent a wonderful afternoon at the Flower Festival and Wedding Dress Display in St Tighernach's Church, Clones. The floral displays were fabulous and the musical recital by the mini orchestra greatly enhanced the event. Following a delicious tea we happily made our way home. Congratulations to all concerned in organising the event.

# **Co-operation Ireland**

Co-operation Ireland in conjunction with the Cultural and Heritage Group will be having two more workshops in the Wellness Centre in Monaghan on the 14th and 21st September. The workshops will be hosted by Professor Kilpatrick and will focus on learning in depth how the Protestant religion and culture evolved from the Reformation and theological foundations and how this evolved for the various protestant churches. This is a follow up from an earlier workshop in St Maeldoid's Castleblaney which was very interesting.

Co-operation Ireland is also hosting a Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Supper in Corcaghan Hall at 8.00pm on Thursday 24th October. These are only two of a number of events for our minority population being supported by Co-operation Ireland over the next few months. Other events include choral and musical events as well as dance. The events are open to all and it is hoped there will be a good uptake and attendance.

#### The Mothers Union

The Mothers Union will recommence on 11th September – details of the programme will be circulated in the September Parish News Letter. New members are always welcome.

### **Gospel Concert**

Gospel Concert in Christ Church Ballybay, in aid of the Protestant Orphan Society on Sunday 22nd September 2013 at 3.30pm. Preacher: Revd Jean Mackeral. Cavan Church Choir will be leading the Praise.



# **Ballybay News**

On Saturday, 15th June, Jane and John Dixon had their daughter Eliza Jane baptised and Sarah and Dan Cheriyan had their daughter Sophie

Elizabeth baptised. The Baptism was carried out by Revd Kingston with help from Walter Pringle. Jane and Sarah are daughters of Lucas and Elizabeth Gray.

Congratulations to Pearl and Mike Morrison on the birth of their grandson Henry, who was born on 23rd June in the Isle of Man. Henry is Robert and Christina's second child and is brother to John.

On Sunday 23rd June we had a lovely service of Sunday School Prize Giving. The children entertained us with music, readings and a little play. We always love to see the children taking part in the service and they all did so well. We are forever grateful to Julie Crawford, our Sunday School Teacher who guides our children so wonderfully in their spiritual paths.



# **Castleblayney News**

We had a lovely turn out at our Annual Friends Service in June when Dean Kenneth Hall gave the address. The Dean was ably assisted by Revd Robert Kingston and Mr Walter Pringle.

Congratulations to Mr William and Mrs Ethel Coulter who recently celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. We wish them many more years of health and happiness. We also extend our sympathy to the family on the death of Amby Dickson.

We send best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs Mary Hardy who has been in hospital and remember all who are unwell or housebound at this time.



#### **Clontibret News**

The Children's Day Service in Clontibret was also held on Sunday 23rd June and the service, which was prepared by Alison Donaldson and Walter Pringle,

was very efficiently led by Courtney Tate. The children were well rehearsed in their singing and sketches, and everyone enjoyed the service. It is wonderful to see how professional the children have become in public speaking and in making a significant contribution to our worship throughout the year. We owe a huge

debt to the Sunday School Teachers who guide the children in growing in God's grace and service. Thank you to Alison who also organised the prizes for all the children and for the visiting children. We had over 80 in the congregation and after the service everyone was entertained to lunch in the church hall. Thank you to everyone who brought food and worked to make the lunch so enjoyable.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs Mabel Leathem and Mr Albert Shortt on the death of their brother William (Willie) and to Mrs Diane Tate on the death of her father William (Willie) Grey. We pray that they will find comfort in the assurances that our Lord gave us in John 14.

At our recent vestry meeting we agreed on a number of fund raising events including a Sunday Lunch following the Family Service on 17th November.

When we arrived at church on the 14th July we had a lovely surprise. The family of the late William Dickson had arranged for all the seats in the church to be cushioned. We are delighted to be sitting with such comfort and consider the gift a very fitting gesture which will ensure that William's significant contribution to the work of the church will long be remembered. The cushions will be dedicated at our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on 29th September at 3.30pm.

On 3rd November at 3.30pm County Monaghan LOL and Royal Black Preceptory are holding a memorial service in memory of William in Clontibret Parish Church. The service will be in addition to our regular service of Morning Prayer.

# A little prayer for thought

Dear God, I want to take a minute not to ask for anything from you, but to simply say "THANK YOU" for ALL that I have. Amen.

# Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh

Vacant

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#### **Civic Offices**

On Friday the 28th June the new Civic Offices in Carrickmacross were officially opened by Minister Phil Hogan. Representatives of the various community and religious groups in the area were invited to the opening and Revd Kingston represented the Parish. While they have been in use for some time the occasion offered

an opportunity to view the whole facility which with offices, meeting rooms, the town library and many other features is a major addition to the town. We congratulate Monaghan County Council and Carrickmacross Town Council on this achievement.



### **Ramp**

After all the years of trying to get permission to do this the Glebe Wardens Mr Freddy Merrin and Mr Robert Greer have finally brought the project to a successful conclusion and the ramp

is now completed. This is a major improvement in the access to the church and we sincerely thank all involved.



#### **Bereavement**

We extend our sincere sympathy to Niamh McElwaine on the death of her father while recovering from an operation in hospital. The whole community has been

stunned by the death of Eileen Howell after a short illness. She and Ray had retired to Lanzarote some years back after selling up their Jewellers business in Carrickmacross



#### **Presentation**

On Sunday 30th June at the end of the Family Service the parishioners of St. Finbarr's presented the Rector and his wife Rosemary with gifts to mark their

retirement from parochial ministry. Mr Alan Sweetnam outlined the highlights of the past few years and made the presentation to Revd Kingston. The Sunday School presented Mrs Kingston with flowers and a lovely book they had made.

Robert and Rosemary thank everyone who has given us cards and gifts and wished us well on our retirement. The Revd Robert and Mrs Rosemary Kingston would also like to thank everyone who contributed to the presentations which were made to them on Sunday 7th July in Magheracloone and Ardragh and which are very much appreciated.

We all had a special surprise when the congregations of Ballybay, Castleblayney and Clontibret arrived for the communion service in Carrickmacross on Sunday 7th July and all made presentations after the service. It was wonderful to have a virtually full church for the final service in St. Finbarr's and we were really moved to have had such a special send off and sincerely thank all those who came.

Deciding to retire when we still, thank God, enjoy relatively good health and from a place where we have known such fulfilment and encouragement has not been easy and we hope parishioners will understand whey we have left. The chaplaincy of the Mageough retirement complex, if it works out, is something we could potentially work in for many years to come and seemed the perfect opportunity for continuing in ministry past our 'sell by date'. We hope we have given something back out of all we have received from the Carrickmacross Group and indeed also from the Ematris, Donagh and Ballybay Groups in which we have had the honour, and fun, of helping out in over the past six years and we say a sincere, heartfelt thank you not just for the presentations but for all we have gained from our ministry in Monaghan. We would also like to thank Bishop Jackson and Bishop McDowell for their leadership and especially to Glenn and Ruth in the Diocesan office for being such special people. Thank you and we pray for every blessing on the area in the years ahead.

#### **Barbecue**

The Barbecue at Lough Fea on the 22nd June made in the region of €12,000 which is an absolutely stunning result and should more than cover the cost of the access ramp to St. Finbarr's. We thank Mr Philip Shirley for his permission to use his grounds and Great Hall, to Mr Freddy Merrin who approached him about it and did a huge amount of planning and preparation work for the event. He was joined by an army of parishioners all of whom did sterling work and to whom we are most grateful. In particular we would like to thank the younger people who got involved with a heart and a half beforehand and on the night and who returned to help tidy up afterwards. It was a hectic day but by all accounts a most enjoyable event and certainly the outcome for the parish is a big help to the funds. This really was a high point of 'can-do' and co-operation in the parish. Well done all round!

#### **Webcam**

Carrickmacross Chamber of Commerce, with the permission of the Select Vestry, the Diocesan Council and the RCB have put a webcam in the tower of St. Finbarr's which will soon provide pictures of the Main Street on the carrickmacross.ie website. The Chamber hopes this will promote tourism and business for the town and we are proud to be part of this effort. A similar camera is to be put on the Courthouse so that there will be views of the town available from either end.

# **Holy Baptism**

On Sunday 23rd June we had the rare pleasure of welcoming two people into the Church. At the first ceremony Gemma Moya McElwaine, daughter of Niamh and Philip and sister of Tristan and Rebecca was baptised in St. Finbarr's. Later the same day Catherine and Trevor Merrin's daughter Lucy Charlotte was baptised. We share a wonderful responsibility with the parents and godparents when we admit new members to the church and we pray we will be up to the task, by God's grace, of helping them to grow in faith on into the future.

#### **Exams**

Congratulations to our young people who have completed the state and college exams having put in so much hard work which we pray will be well rewarded.

#### **Sickness**

A number of people, young and older are dealing with long term illness and we assure them and their families of our ongoing prayers for them.

# Cleenish and Mullaghdun



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# **Church Services for September**

#### Sunday, 01 September -

3.00pm USC Association Annual Service, Cleenish Parish Church.

#### Sunday, 08 September -

10:00am MP, Mullaghdun Parish Church. 11:30am MP, Cleenish Parish Church.

#### Wednesday, 11 September -

10.00am HC, Mullaghdun Parish Hall.

#### Sunday, 15 September -

11.00am Confirmation Service, Mullaghdun Parish Church.

#### Sunday, 22 September -

10.00am MP, Mullaghdun Parish Church. 11.30am MP, Cleenish Parish Church.

#### Sunday, 29 September -

10.00am Family Service, Mullaghdun Parish Church. 11.30am Family Service, Cleenish Parish Church. 3.00pm Friends Service, Cleenish Parish Church.

#### Friday 04, October -

8.00pm Harvest Service, Mullaghdun Parish Church.

#### Sunday, 06 October -

11.00 am Combined Harvest Service, Mullaghdun Parish Church. 7.30pm Youth Harvest Praise Service, Mullaghdun Parish Church.

#### **Children's Family Services**

The annual Childrens' Services were held on Sunday 23rd June.



**Mullaghdun.** Sarah Louise welcomed everyone present and in troduced the service. The guest speaker was Miss Heather Wilson. All the children and their teachers

took part, with Nyomi and Ewan reading passages of Scripture. William reading the poem "Wolf Wolf", Lydia singing "I'll Fly Away" and the Confirmation group singing "Bread and Wine". The Sunday-School leaders joined the children to sing "Amazing Grace" and the Prayers were lead by Emma, Catherine and Peter. The collection was taken up by Ewan, Sarah Louise, Sophie and Louise. The Rector conducted the prize giving. He thanked all who had taken part in the service, Heather Wilson for her valued contribution, and the Sunday-School leaders and the children, for their work throughout the year. To conclude the service, Sophie sang "The Blessing Song".

You are asked to prayerfully remember the Confirmation Group as they continue to prepare for their confirmation on 15th September.



Cleenish. The Bible readings were read by Alex Keys and Kodi Foster. Occasional prayers were read by Andrew Elliott, Alex Keys and Andrew Hicks. A poem was read by Kodi Foster, and the children

then sang the Sunday School song, "Our God is so big". Anna Dowson played the second hymn, "God who made the earth". The address was given by Parish Reader, Rowena Sheridan.

# **Anniversary Services**

The L.O.L. Anniversary Service was held in Cleenish Parish Church, on Sunday 30th June. Mullaghy Flute Band led the parade to and from the Church.

The L.O.L. Anniversary Service was held in Mullaghdun Parish Church, on Sunday 7th July. Moybrone Pipe Band led the parade to and from the Church.

The R.B.P. Anniversary Service was held in Cleenish Parish Church, on Sunday 21st July. Bellanaleck Pipe Band led the parade to and from the Church.

All three Services were conducted by the Rector, and Bro Robert Watterson, Parish Reader, assisted with the Mullaghdun Service.

Mrs Joan Brownlee played the organ in Cleenish, and Mrs Elizabeth Hazlett played the organ in Mullaghdun.

#### **Friends Service**

This Service will be held in Cleenish Parish Church, on Sunday 29th September, (note change of date) when the address will be given by Canon (Retd) Bobby Riddle. Older members of the congregations in Cleenish and Mullaghdun will remember Bobby, as he was our Rector in both Parishes thirty years ago.

# **Vestry Meetings**

Cleenish, Wednesday 18th September; Mullaghdun, Wednesday 25th September.

# Cleenish & Mullaghdun Mothers' Union

Recommence after the summer break, on Tuesday 17th September with a Service of Holy Communion in Mullaghdun Parish Church at 8pm.

#### **Cleenish Brownies**

The Pack resume on Wednesday evenings, 6.30 to 7.45pm, during mid September, in Cleenish Parish Hall. Girls aged 7 to 11 years will be made welcome.

# **Parent and Toddler Group**

Recommence Tuesdays 10am to 11.30am, in Cleenish Parish Hall.

### **Holy Bible Club**

The Parish Hall at Letterbreen was a hive of activity from 29th July to 2nd August, when Youth Alliance held their holiday Bible club. Thanks are extended to all who helped in any way to make this occasion a success, and to Letterbreen Methodist Church, and Mullaghdun Parish Church, for the use of their Halls.

# Fund Raising for Cleenish Parish Church

Quiz Total raised £203, organised by Pauline Smyth, results were as follows:-

1st Prize £15, Ignatius Maguire, Lattone, Belcoo. 2nd Prize £10, Phoebe Johnston, 17 Moneymore Road, Rathfriland, Co Down.

3rd Prize £5, Muriel Henderson, Kilgartnaleague, Ballinamallard.

Welcome to Old Jones Thank you for coming to support our "Coffee & Treats" in the Old Jones, on Saturday 22nd June. Our grateful thanks to the good ladies of Cleenish Parish, the good men, our family members and friends for all their help. Thanks also to the local Bellanaleck business people for their generous donations to the raffle, and thanks to Granshagh Hall Committee, for the use of their tables and chairs. We could not have held this event without their assistance. Thank you everyone, from Wynne & Norma, and Ladies of the Parish.

Special Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Our organ is now 25 years old, on Friday evening 18th October. A lunch will be held following morning Harvest Service, on Sunday 20th October.

Parish Auction takes place on Saturday 26th October.

# Mullaghdun BBQ

The Parish barbecue, at the end of June, was a considerable success with £2,480 raised. We say a big "thank you" to everyone who came from near and far to enjoy the food, the fellowship and the music. A special "Thank you" to the small band of workers, who made all the necessary preparations before the event, worked tirelessly on the night and also left everything neat and tidy afterwards.

# **Mullaghdun Church Redecoration**

To facilitate the re-painting of the Church, the Services on 14th and 28th July were held in the Parish Hall. The Church now looks splendid following its facelift, and we thank Stephen Kennedy, our painting contractor for his skilful work.

### Illness

Mervyn Willis, Bellanaleck, was admitted to the South West Hospital, as a result of a fall in his garden on Saturday 22nd June. He is now making a good recovery at home.

Ida Hicks, Bellanaleck, recently underwent major surgery in Altnagelvin Area Hospital. At the time of writing she is being cared by her sister in Enniskillen. We are asked to remember Ida in our prayers.

Both of the above are regular in attendance in Cleenish Church.

# **Sympathy**

Carrie Abercrombie who passed away on the late evening of Tuesday 16th July, came to live in Bellanaleck with her late husband William over fifty years ago. Although the family were members of the Methodist Church, William & Carrie regularly supported major events in Cleenish Church and Hall. Carrie was laid to rest in Cleenish Churchyard, following a service in Enniskillen Methodist Church. To her daughters Betty, Shirley & husband Edmond, and the family circle, the members from Cleenish send sincere sympathy.

Freddy Miller, who passed away on Sunday 21st July, resided at Derryaghna before moving to Enniskillen in the 1970's. A man with considerable military service, he was well known as a keen drummer with a number of marching bands and was particularly prominent on television screens throughout the world assisting victims immediately following the Enniskillen Poppyday Bomb. A widower, we extend sympathy to his sons and daughter, and to his wide family circle.

Ken Elliott. We also sympathise with the family of Ken Elliott from Lisnaskea. Ken was born into Mullaghdun Parish, and he and his wife were regular visitors at our Harvest Services every year. His death occurred on Sunday 28th July, following a fall at his home the previous day. We remember his wife, his children and

grandchildren, his brothers and sisters and the entire family circle at this sad time.

### **Cleenish Centre**

Summer Camp "Our first kids' Summer Camp was held from the 2nd - 5th July and we felt it was a great success! We had over 60 children attend from the local area, and had an amazing time singing, dancing, learning, playing, creating, laughing and making friends. Teams from Mobberly Baptist Church in Longview Texas and Heritage Church from Preston, England, as well as local volunteers from Cleenish Parish joined with us to make this week happen. Thank you to all who prayed for this camp and supported us in it! If you would like to volunteer to be a part of next year's camp please contact the office by phone or email!

Mirrors - Rediscovering the Parables. Do we use the parables as the lens to bring others into focus or as mirrors in which we can examine our own lives? In our rush to the conclusions of Jesus' stories we can too often miss the opportunity to truly experience the lifegiving challenge of His words. October 25-27th 2013 will see our manager Ellis and the Revd James Boyd of Dromore bring fresh reflections on the parables of Jesus, while creating space to allow the parables to read and examine us. If you would like to take part in this weekend the cost for residential stay is £50 per person (which includes food and accommodation) and a non-residential cost of £20 per person. Discounts are available for groups of 6 or more.

Call or email us to reserve your space. To contact "The Centre" - enquiries@cleenishcentre. com or call us on 028 6634 9647.

# **Bellanaleck Community Group**

There were no monthly meetings during the summer, due to members not available due to holidays and alternative summer events.

However, The Group are pleased to have the internally illuminated bend to right & "SLOW DOWN" sign now operating at the corner near the Church gates. Many thanks are due to the P.S.N.I., for funding the sign, and to Roads Service who are maintaining the site.

Fermanagh District Council have recently received a letter of offer from DCAL, providing funding for the Community Garden (Old Quarry site), and their Landfill Fund have confirmed they will provide funding for the proposed nearby Car Park off Waterhen Lane.

Many thanks to Council staff, for the beautiful flower arrangements provided around the Church gates and corner. The staff have also kept grass cut and tidy throughout the Village, during the summer months. Next Meeting, Wednesday 25th September.

### **Holy Baptism**

Mullaghdun Parish Church

Sunday 4th August. Lucy Burke Elliott, daughter of Gordon William Paul and Denise, 16 Sligo Line, Derrycormick, Letterbreen. The Baptism was conducted by Ven. Cecil Pringle in The Parish Hall, due to Church re decoration.

#### **Christian Burial**

Cleenish Parish Church, Friday 19th July, Caroline Jane (Carrie) Abercrombie, Thornton Villas, Bellanaleck. Aged 99 years.

Mullaghdun Parish Church, Tuesday 23rd July, Frederick Alexander (Dusty) Miller, 22 Coleshill Crescent, Enniskillen. Aged 89 years. Following a Service of Thanksgiving conducted by Canon Desmond Kingston in Rossorry Parish Church.

# **Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes**

(Clogher, Augher, Newtownsaville and Errigal Portclare)



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# **Our Worship in September**

# Sunday 1st September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Errigle Portclare HC; 10.00am Augher MP; 11.30am Clogher HC; 11.30am Newtownsaville MP.

# Sunday 8th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Clogher HC; 10.00am Errigle Portclare MP; 10.00am Augher HC; 11.30am Clogher MP; 11.30am Newtownsaville HC; 4.00pm Augher – Choral Evensong to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of St Mark's Augher.

### Sunday 15th September The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 11.30am UNITED SERVICE - Clogher HC.

Saturday 21st September St Matthew - 9.00am Clogher HC

### Sunday 22nd September The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Clogher HC; 10.00am Errigle Portclare MP; 10.00am Augher MP; 11.30am Clogher MP; 11.30am Newtownsaville MP.

# **Sunday 29th September St Michael and All Angels**

9.00am Clogher HC; 10.00am Augher MP; 11.30am Clogher MP; 11.30am Newtownsaville MP; 3.00pm Errigle Portclare – Harvest Thanksgiving.

#### **Harvest Services**

The season of Harvest Thanksgiving is almost upon us again and we look forward as always to gathering in church to sing the familiar hymns and hear the harvest prayers as an offering of thanksgiving to God.

**Errigle Portclare** Friday 27th September – Harvest Musical Evening and Concert in aid of the Roof Repair Fund

Sunday 29th September 3.00pm The Rt Revd F John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher.

**Clogher** Friday 4th October 8.00pm – The Very Revd Kenneth Hall. Music by the Choir of St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

Sunday 6th October 11.30am.

**Newtownsaville** Friday 11th October 8.00pm – The Venerable Cecil Orr, former Dean of Derry. Sunday 13th October 11.30am.

**Augher** Friday 18th October 8.00pm – The Venerable Cecil Pringle, Archdeacon of Clogher. Sunday 20th October 10.00am.

# **Dates for your Diary**

**Saturday 14th September** Parish Trip to Kilkenny leaving at 7.00am. All places on the trip have now been booked.

**Wednesday 23rd October** Clogher Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance in Corrick House including a Service of Remembrance led by Canon Noel Regan. Tickets £10.

**Sunday 1st December** Diocesan Advent Carol Service – St Macartan's Cathedral.

#### **Mothers' Union**

For our June meeting the members of St Macartan's Mothers' union visited Somer's Restaurant in the Clogher Valley Caravan Park where we had a delightful evening tea and an auction of small mystery gifts. Mrs McCloughlin, the branch leader paid tribute to Mr Tommy Kerr who prepares the hall for our monthly meetings and handed over a token of appreciation. Arrangements were made for our outing on 7th September to Letterkenny.



# **Clogher Cathedral Notes**

**Broadcast Service** Many favourable comments were received from all across the province following the Service for Pentecost which was broadcast on BBC

Radio Ulster on Sunday 16th May. Thanks to Glenn Moore, Diane Whittaker and Ethne McCord and all the members of the parish choirs and the choir of the Donagh Group for their faithful attendance at the many weeks of rehearsal beforehand.

**Friends Service** The annual Friends of Clogher Service took place on Sunday 2nd June. Choral Evensong was sung by the Precentor and the combined choirs of the Group with guests from the choirs of St Patrick's Church, Clogher and the Donagh Group. The Bishop was the special preacher. Once again our appreciation is expressed to the many Friends of the Cathedral for their continued support of St Macartan's Cathedral.

**Children's Day** The Sunday School came to an end with Children's Day service on Sunday 16th June. The Sunday School made an excellent contribution to worship and the choir, accompanied on the piano by Janice Clingen, sang beautifully. Canon Regan gave the address and presented prizes to all the children.

**BBQ** Clogher Parish held their annual Parish BBQ in the grounds of the rectory by the invitation of the rector. A good night of food and fellowship was had by all and although the weather was less than kind it turned out a very enjoyable event. Thanks to Hilary Keys and all who helped for their work in preparing and cooking.

Cathedral Grounds Following the repainting of the gates to the Cathedral earlier in the year, the Cathedral Crest has now been repainted and replaced above the gates. Thanks to Mr Sam Craig for his delicate work in painting the crest. The Select Vestry welcome the decision of Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council to resume the upkeep of the Cathedral graveyard in line with its policy on other historic graveyards in the borough. Work is soon to commence on the renovation and provision of disabled toilet facilities at the Cathedral. The fallen section of wall in the graveyard is currently being rebuilt.

**New Rectory** Following extensive discussion at a recent meeting of the Select Vestry during which various options regarding the provision of a new rectory were examined an application for outline planning permission for the construction of a new rectory has been submitted. The proposed site is to the west of the present rectory and would utilise part of the garden at the rear of the neighbouring house which the parish owns. The application also included plans for a new entrance to the present rectory.

**Tractor Run** A Tractor Run in aid of St Macartan's Cathedral has been organised for Saturday 28th September leaving from Clogher. The entry fee is £20 per tractor which includes a full Ulster Fry before the start of the run. Further details are available from William Fannin at Fannin's Garage.



# **Augher Notes**

**BBQ** The Parish BBQ was held on Friday 29th June at the Playing Fields in Augher. As always good food and plenty of craic was the order of the

night and was shared by all. Again the weather was not great and led to the disappearance (over the hedge) of two newly purchased gazebos which had been erected earlier in the day. Despite that it was another great night and our thanks are due to all who worked towards its success especially our two chefs David Todd and Dan Davidson.

**150th Anniversary Celebrations** The Parish of Augher celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the building of St Mark's Church with a series of events on Sunday 8th September. During the afternoon the church and hall will be open to visitors to enjoy historical and floral displays and afternoon tea which will be served by parishioners dressed in period costume. The Day will conclude with Choral Evensong at 5pm led by the combined choirs of the group. This event will link in with the village's 400th Anniversary of the granting of its Royal Charter which have been on-going all year.

**Children's Day** Children's Day was held this year on Sunday 9th June. The service was led by the children of the Sunday School who sang, read, led the prayers and put on a drama based on the call of Peter. Sam McLaren also played the flute. The Revd Alistair gave the address on the theme of God's Call to all to follow him no matter who we are. The Revd Alistair made some surprising revelations during his sermon but the least said about that the better!! After the service all the children received awards for their attendance at Sunday School.



# **Errigle Portclare Notes**

Visit by Enniskillen Tuesday

Club St Many's Church played best

**Club** St Mary's Church played host to a group from Enniskillen Parish's

Tuesday Club at the end of May. The Revd Alistair and Mrs

Maureen Brown gave a short presentation on the history of the church and its connections with the Favour Royal Estate. The Revd Alistair led a short service and the visitors had an opportunity to view this beautiful church. Thanks to Maureen for giving of her time to open the church.

**Church Roof** At the time of writing work is well underway to replace the roof of St Mary's Church. This work has been pending for some time now and it is great to see it underway. St Mary's is a unique and beautiful building and this will help secure its fabric for the future.

**Parish Outing** Parishioners and friends enjoyed a very enjoyable day out with Canon Noel in his home county. Following in the footsteps of the other parishes they visited many places of interest under the expert guidance of Canon Noel.



#### **Newtownsaville Notes**

**Parish Outing** A full coach load of parishioners from Newtownsaville had a most enjoyable visit to Co Sligo. After a stop for coffee in the Hollyrood Hotel we were taken

on a tour of the Mullaghmore coastline and then on to the Gleniff Horseshoe scenic route. Following refreshments kindly provided by Canon Noel and Mrs Regan at their home, we set off again to visit Drumcliffe Parish Church. After a short time for a seaside walk in Bundoran we travelled to Belleek Parish church where we had a fascinating talk on the pottery as portrayed in the beautiful stained glass. A huge thank you to Canon Noel for organising such an interesting outing.

**Children's Day** A Service of the Word for Children's Day was held on Sunday 30th June conducted by Revd Alistair assisted by Parish Reader Mr Alan Lavelle.

All the Sunday School took part in leading worship which was based on the text 'Nothing is impossible with God' illustrated by the children with the story of Joshua. The lessons were read by Hollea and Jack. Dylan, Lauren and Rebecca read psalms they had written for the Diocesan Project. The Revd Alistair gave the address which involved an upside down glass of water. The collection was received by Dylan and Jack while Lauren and Rebecca acted as door stewards. The organist was Mrs Lorna Stewart.

Following the service the children were presented with awards for attendance and the results of the recent Bible Quiz were announced. The Adult winners were: Mrs V Clarke, Mrs Managh and Mrs Booth. The Children's winners were Jack Steenson, Corey Nugent and Daniel Cullinan. The Revd Alistair thanked the children for their contribution to worship and also Mrs Pat Scott and all the Sunday School leaders and helpers for their work during the year.

# Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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# **Services in September**

#### 1st of September:

The Fourteenth Sunday after the Trinity 10.00am Clones: Holy Baptism 3.30pm Newbliss: Evening Prayer at Drumswords Church Ruin N.B. weather permitting.

#### 8th of September:

The Fifteenth Sunday after the Trinity 10.00am Currin: Morning Prayer and Children's Sunday 11.30am Killeevan: Morning Prayer

#### 15th of September:

The Sixteenth Sunday after the Trinity 10.00am Clones: Holy Communion 11.30am Newbliss: Holy Communion

#### 20th of September:

Friday 8.00pm Killeevan: Harvest Thanksgiving followed by refreshments

#### 22nd of September:

The Seventeenth Sunday after the Trinity 10.00am Currin: Morning Prayer 11.30am Killeevan: Morning Prayer and Harvest Celebrations

#### 29th of September:

The Eighteenth Sunday after the Trinity 11.00am Currin: Group Service and Holy Baptism

#### 4th of October:

Friday 8.00pm Clones: Harvest celebration and supper in the Protestant Hall.

#### 6th of October:

The Nineteenth Sunday after the Trinity

#### 10.00am Clones:

Holy Communion and Harvest Celebrations. The Sunday School participates.

11.30am Newbliss: Holy Communion

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:

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they may be found steadfast in faith and active service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### **Drumswords**

On the 1st of September, at 3.30 p.m. we meet for an outdoor service by the old church in Drumswords. All are welcome to worship God under the amazing tree in the atmospheric grounds of Drumswords

where people worshipped in the past. NB if raining the service will be held in Killeevan Church.

#### **Clothes Collection**

Clones parish is having a clothes collection in September. If any of you have some old clothes, linen, bags, shoes... that you no longer need, please contact Mrs Christine Rusk, tel: 047 20801 or Mrs Hazel Siberry, tel: 047 51311. Thank you.



# **Sunday School Prizes**

Currin: Sunday the 8th of September at 10.00am in St Andrew's Church. Clones: Sunday the 6th of October at 10.00am in St Tighernach's Church.

# **Study Group**

The Bible Study group will meet in September on the following Mondays:

9th of September at 8.30pm in Killeevan 23rd of September at 8.30pm in Newbliss All are welcome, please bring a Bible and a friend.



#### **Beetle Drive**

On Saturday the 5th of October at 8.00pm you are all welcome to Killeevan Parish Hall for a beetle drive. We look forward

to a pleasant evening for all ages. Do start practising throwing the dice and your beetle drawing skills. Supper will be served. Admission: Adults €5.00 and children €3.00. Do join us for an evening that promises to be fun!

#### Gifts dedicated in Newbliss

The Praise Service, held on the first Sunday in June, was most memorable and well attended. The Ballybay Group Choir sang beautifully and talented Daniel Soden, Scotshouse, played the bag-pipes. At the service the following gifts were dedicated to the glory of God and in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

- Amplification system: In loving memory of Mrs Etta Keating, donated by her husband Walter and family.
- Aisle table: In loving memory of parents James and Martha Hall, sisters Margaret and Florence and brother Frazer, donated by Eileen.

 External lighting: In loving memory Mr Cecil G. W. Keating, donated by his wife Mable and family.

Newbliss parish receive these gifts with thanks and appreciation. They will improve our parish and be of excellent use in the life of the parish and our worship. After the service, the Select Vestry invited everyone to a selection of delicious cakes, scones and tray bakes. Thanks and appreciation to those who prepared for the service, helped with cleaning, refreshments and many other tasks.



# St Andrew's Church, Currin: refreshed!

During the summer, St Andrew's Church has been completely repainted internally. It is now painted in colours, similar to how

it once was painted before the organ was put in its present place. Sincere thanks to all who were involved and those who cleaned the Church afterwards.

The organ has also been given attention during the summer months. Some repair work has been carried out and the organ has also been tuned. The organ restoration has been done in memory of Mrs W. Doogan.

#### **Clones Flower Festival Thanks**

The Flower Festival in St Tighernach's Church was a wonderful success. The weekend saw hundreds of visitors from near and far who came to see the stunning floral arrangements. The people of Clones showed tremendous support, likewise the individuals from, Co Monaghan, Co Fermanagh and further afield. It is humbling that people travelled all the way from Co Meath, Belfast and Antrim to see the flowers and support our Church. Our sincere thanks for all kindnesses and generosity. Can I also thank all of you who worked so hard before and during the weekend. Without all of you it would not have happened. Heartfelt thanks to parishioners in the group and to our many friends who volunteered.

# **Holiday Club**

This year's Holiday Clubs were very successful. Our theme was prayer and eighteen children learnt about different aspects of prayer over three days and shared some of their insights at the Family Service in Newbliss on the first Sunday in August. The toddlers' club was equally well attended. Sincere thanks to families for your support and to the dedicated leaders who always are full of enthusiasm and energy. The clubs were part financed by a grant from Church of Ireland Priorities Fund.

# Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Dorothy and Mr Ian Jordan on the birth of their daughter Lisa, Jason and Zoe's sister. May God bless Lisa and her family.

Congratulations to Mrs Ivy and Mr William Ritchie on the birth of their grandson Daniel Alexander, John and Adel's son. May God bless Daniel and his sister and brothers.

Congratulations to Miss Rebecca Lendrum and Mr Eamon McCaughey who were married in St Tighernach's Church on Friday the 9th of August. May God bless you and your marriage.

### **Baptism**

Noah John Boyle was baptised in St Tighernach's Church on the 4th of August. May God bless Noah, his parents Isobel and John, and god-parents: Alison, George, James and Megan.

#### **Bereavement**

Our sympathies are with those who grieve the passing of a family member and relative, or a friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Eileen and Mr Wilson Lendrum on the death of Eileen's brother. We also remember the family and friends of Mr John James West, former parishioner of Clones, who was buried in Drum.

# Clones Flower Festival A Great Success!

The Flower Festival in St Tighernach's Church, Clones in June was a wonderful success. The Church doors were opened on Friday the afternoon after 'Mrs Cassandra Hand' had cut the purple ribbons at the church-gates. After her short speech, Mr Willie Stinson played the bagpipes and the crowd who were gathered on the Diamond climbed the fourteen steps to the Church.

The Church was busy from Friday afternoon until it closed on Sunday evening. There were seventeen stunning floral exhibits in the Church, all looking different in colour, shape and size. Fifteen of these were designed by Mr Timothy Elliott, Manor Gardens, Lisnaskea, another display was created by parishioner, Mrs Sandra Irwin, and a floral interpretation, in the Sunday School room, was made by the children and their teachers. These arrangements represented various aspects of love as it is found in the Bible and in Christian history. The vintage bridal dress exhibition in the Protestant Hall was greatly admired and everyone enjoyed the delicious refreshments that were served. Those who went on Mr George Knight's historical tours were amazed to learn how much history there is in Clones.

At the opening service on Friday evening, Bishop John McDowell encouraged everyone not only to enjoy the beauty of flowers and creation, but also to look beyond and see the Creator. At this service, 'Mrs Cassandra Hand' performed a monologue, describing Clones where she lived during the famine years and how the lace-making skills she introduced made a difference to so many individuals and families.

It was Mrs Cassandra Hand, the wife of the Revd Thomas Hand, who donated the fine Walker organ to the parish. The organ was played throughout the weekend by organists



from the parishes as well as from neighbouring churches. In addition the Sheridan family played traditional folk music which added to the ambience and atmosphere in the Church.

The Church was almost filled to capacity for the closing service on Sunday evening with people from Clones and beyond. Mr Glenn Moore, organist, performed a recital of organ music and accompanied the congregation in the hymn singing. Soloist Mr Roy Crowe, accompanied by Mrs May Leech, sang two hymns which expressed the wonder and amazement of God's creation. The Sacred Heart Choir sang some beautiful pieces accompanied by Roisin Sheridan.

In her sermon, Canon Steed said: There is both a complexity and simplicity about flowers. Did you know that a flower contains the wind, the rain, the sun, the breath of countless people and the air of all continents? And yet is so simple: a stem and petals. We look at it, and just love its beauty. Like flowers, we are complex and simple at the same time. Just as a flower contains a universe within itself, so we contain within us, the sum total of all our experiences and relationships that have made us what we are. So much and yet we are so simple. Looking at you today, you are a wonderful looking bunch of flowers. You would look great on your own in a vase, but all put together create a stunning arrangement. An arrangement called community.'

After this very successful weekend, speaking on behalf of the Church of Ireland parishioners in Clones, Canon Steed said: The weekend was truly remarkable. We were overwhelmed

the tremendous by support from the people of Clones, Co Monaghan, Co Fermanagh and further afield. It is humbling that people travelled all the way from all 'arts and parts' to admire the flowers and support our Church. Our sincere thanks for all their kindness and generosity.' The Flower Festival has to date raised €17,000 towards the restoration of the windows in the Church and donations are still being received.



# **Colaghty**



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### **September**

1st Holy Communion, 11.30am 8th Family service, 11.30am, Rachel Keys Jengana 15th Morning Prayer, 11.30am 22th Morning Prayer, 11.30am 29th Morning Prayer, 11.30am 29th Praise evening, 7.00pm

#### **October**

6th Holy Communion 11th Harvest service, 8.00pm, Canon Dr W J Johnston 13th Family Harvest, 11.30am, K Saunders 13th Harvest service, 7.00pm 20th Morning Prayer, 11.30am 27th Morning Prayer, 11.30am

### **Baptism**

11th August - Ella May Coutts, daughter of Thomas and Michelle, Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire.



### **Parish Barbecue**

The parish barbecue, in July, proved once again to be another successful evening with an enjoyable

meal had by all. Our sincere thanks to our 'Michelin' cooks for once again excelling themselves with quality, tender succulent meat. Thanks also to everyone who provided the additional culinary delights, deserts, salads etc. And thanks to all who helped with the preparation before, during and after, your willingness is greatly appreciated. To everyone who supported the barbecue, you made it the enjoyable evening it was.

# **Holiday Bible Club**

Another successful week of fun, fellowship and teaching was had at the Bible Club, which was held from 5-9th August 2013, 7.00pm -8.30pm, with an average of 80 plus children. Each night was filled with games, crafts, children's talks, memory verses and other activities. Special visitors appeared each night, to tie in with this year's theme, the World Police and Fire games, Shielded by Faith. Emphasis was on Ephesians 6: 10-20, the armour of God, with talks each night on each part of the armour. Thanks to each of our speakers for delivering the informative and encouraging scriptural talks. Thanks are extended to everyone who helped

in any way with the preparation and throughout the week. To the crafts team for preparing the crafts, our resident artist, our games team for arranging the games, music and IT teams, Colin and Trevor our community police officers, to Stephen and Barry from the fire service, Spiderman, Colaghty Knight, Rapunzel, Paul Cuthbertson from Timeless Antiques for the suit of armour and Valley Graphics. And to everyone who came along throughout the week, you made the week what it was and without you, it would not have been an enjoyable and successful experience.

Summer is now over, and what a summer it has been, our thanks to God for his continued goodness towards us. We trust that everyone has had a time of rest and relaxation, though that isn't always the case for those involved in farming, work continues in some cases 24/7. As you read these notes, many of the parish activities will be opening up and trust that as they begin another term that it will equally be a time of nurturing and fellowship.

# **Dates for your diary**

**Bowls**, each Thursday night at 8.00pm

**Sunday school** starts back on 8th September 2013, 10.30am

**CE/Youth fellowship**, 27th September, Juniors 7.00pm & Seniors 8.30pm

**Bible Fellowship**, Wednesday 25th September, 8.00pm **Women's Fellowship** Monday 14th October, 8.00pm **Young@Heart**, Wednesday 16th October, 10.30am

# **Derryvullen North** and Castle Archdale



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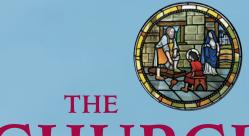
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#### **Church Services**

#### September 2013

**Sun 1st** Morning Prayer: Castle Archdale 10.15am; Derryvullen North 11.30am

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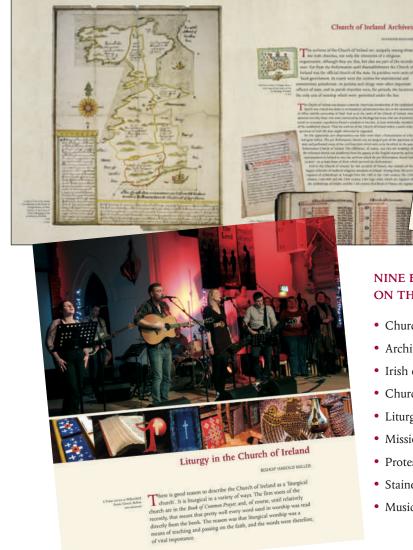
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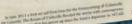
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Wed 4th Monthly Evening Prayer:

Derryvullen North 7.30pm

**Sun 8th** Holy Communion: Derryvullen North 10.30am (Church of the West Indies); Castle Archdale 11.45am

**Sun 15th** Morning Prayer: Castle Archdale 10.15am (Prayer Service of Light); Opening Service for Sunday School, Mothers' Union & Women's Group Derryvullen North 11.30am.

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**Sun 22nd** Morning Prayer: Castle Archdale 10.15am; Derryvullen North 11.30am.

**Sun 29th** Service of the Word (5): Castle Archdale 10.15am; Favourite Hymns Derryvullen North 11.30am.

### October 2013

Wed 2nd Holy Communion: Derryvullen North 7.30am (Mothers' Union Autumn Council). Sun 6th Children's Harvest Thanksgiving Castle Archdale 10.15am; Holy Communion Derryvullen North 11.30am; Harvest Thanksgiving Castle Archdale 7.00pm Preacher: Archdeacon Cecil Pringle.

It is always a joy to see the church family return after the holiday period of July and August. It is hoped that all of you have had the opportunity of a break over the summer months and are feeling rested and refreshed. September is like the New Year in the life of our parishes. It is a time of renewed commitment to God, the Church and the community. Please make worship in church every Sunday part of your weekly routine.



# Marriage

Castle Archdale - 14 June 2013 – Kylie Beacom & Mark Stafford

#### **Christian Burial**

Castle Archdale – 8 July 2013 David George Cowan, Drumreane, Lisnarick



# **Coffee Morning**

On Saturday 8th June the Sunday School held a Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale. A recipe book produced by the Sunday School was

also on sale. The teachers and children who helped are to be congratulated on the amount of money raised to date in excess of £800.

# **Confirmation & Sunday School**

On Sunday 16th June 14 candidates were confirmed by Rt Revd John McDowell – Aimee Doherty, Alana Dilworth, Megan Abraham, Emma Gibson, Laura Sproule, Nicole Barton, Peter Graham, Neil Reid, Reece Barrett, Josh Toal, Jordan Toal, Jack Thompson, Harry Humes & Adam Bruce.

The candidates joined in their First Communion on 23rd June when the Sunday School also gave their presentation of the annual CMS Project "All Things

New", featuring Southern Sudan. Sunday School prizes were also distributed.

# **Tuesday Club**

Members enjoyed their trip to Florencecourt House on 3rd July, followed by a meal in the Oaks Restaurant. Thanks to Noreen and Anna for making the arrangements. The first meeting for the new season will be Tuesday 10th September at 2.30pm.

# **Prayer Service of Light**

On Sunday 15th September at 11.30am Derryvullen North Parish will mark the opening of the Sunday School, Mothers' Union & Women's Group for the new season with the 'Prayer Service of Light'.

#### **Churches Forum**

On Sunday 15th September the Churches Forum will walk around the churches in Irvinestown starting at the Sacred Heart Church at 2.30pm.

# **Faith & Friendship**

The Faith & Friendship group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8pm in Mahons Hotel. This is a meeting for all four churches in Irvinestown. The September meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th and new members are welcome.

# **Diary Dates:**

Wed 18th September Women's Group at 8.30pm Wed 25th September Mothers' Union at 8pm – Visitors' Night with speaker from CMS who will also bring produce for sale from Marketplace. Wed 2nd October Mothers' Union Autumn Council in Parish Hall (after Church Service at 7.30pm). Speaker: Canon West – short talk on his book 'Connections' 20th & 21st October Derryvullen North Harvest Thanksgiving Services Any further announcements/changes will be announced in church.

#### **Thanks**

We wish to thank Mrs Florence Barrett for her help as organist on several occasions during the summer months. Also to those who give of their time to organise and take the Summer Bible Club – Thank you.

# **Prayers**

We continue to remember in prayer those who are ill or anxious in our parishes and extend our sympathy and prayers to all those who have been bereaved (remembering the Cowan family circle) through the loss of loved ones.

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15th September	10.30	Morning Prayer	Garvary
	12.00	Holy Communion	Derryvullen South
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29th September	10.30	Morning Prayer	Derryvullen South
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6th October	10.30	Holy Communion	Garvary
	12.00	Harvest	Derryvullen South
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11th October (Fri)	8.00	Harvest	Garvary
13th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	Derryvullen South
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# **Holy Matrimony**

On Wednesday 26th June 2013 the marriage of Rachel Violet Armstrong, Milltate, Lisbellaw, with Ethan James Edwin Allen, 22 Aughantarragh

Road, Armagh, was solemnised in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South. We extend to them our best wishes and much happiness in their new life together.



# **Holy Baptism**

On Sunday 14th July 2013 the sacrament of Holy Baptism was ministered to Ella Robina Jane, daughter of Ross and

Diane Armstrong (nee Graham) 19 Ballintarson Lane, Lisbellaw. May we continue to support and encourage them by our prayers and example.

#### **Christian Burial**

Sadly four of the parishioners of Derryvullen South have passed away within the space of three weeks. On Sunday 16th June 2013 the funeral service for William Carson Hurst, aged 95, of Cloughtate, took place in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, followed by interment in the adjoining churchyard. A member of Topped Mountain Historical Society, William was known as a great conversationalist and story teller. He was born in Co Leitrim but while still a young boy his family moved to Co Tyrone and then finally settled at Cloughtate. At the age of twenty eight, William, a former churchwarden of

Derryvullen, was proud of the fact that he was one of the pall bearers at the funeral of Chancellor McFarland who had been rector of Derryvullen for forty years. William, a loyal and faithful churchman, was one of several volunteers who had built the parish hall in 1960. He travelled to South Africa to visit his brother and was able to tell many stories about his time there. The death of his wife Beck and his daughter Rhona was a great loss but he was fortunate to have the support of his son Roy and daughter in law Philomena who enabled him to continue to live at home until it became necessary near the end to be cared for by the nursing staff of Millcroft Nursing Home. We extend our sympathy to Roy and Phil and the wider family circle.

On Thursday 27th June 2013, her 86th birthday, the funeral service for Isabella Maud Chartres (nee Noble), of 4 Crichton Park, took

place in the parish church of St Michael, Derrybrusk, followed by interment in the adjoining churchyard. Canon Skuce being on holiday, the service was conducted by Revd Gary McMurray, assisted by Canon J W Stewart. Before moving to Tamlaght, Maud had lived and worked on the Belle Isle Estate for forty three years. Tragically her husband, Thomas, died aged fifty two on his return from a fishing trip in the Bahamas; they had been married for twenty five years. Maud was well known for her love of flowers and vegetables. She was gifted at writing limericks and drawing up quizzes. She enjoyed entering competitions and often was the winner. She was a dedicated member of the Mothers' Union, receiving her certificate of membership for fifty years in 2005. After moving to Tamlaght she faithfully attended the parish church each Sunday. In recent years she suffered a number of health issues but she was a great fighter especially battling through surgery at the Mater Hospital, Belfast. Her positive outlook and zest for life was inspiring. She will be greatly missed from the Tamlaght community and congregation, but especially by her three daughters Iris, Daphne and Heather, and her grandchildren, to whom we express our sympathy.

On Wednesday 3rd July 2013 the funeral service for Wendy Doris Kerr, aged 47, of 15 Meadow Farm, took place in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, followed by interment in the adjoining churchyard. Wendy was a daughter of the parish, having been baptised by Canon B Hastie and prepared for confirmation by the Revd Dr W Lumley. She began her education at the Model School, Enniskillen, and then Enniskillen Collegiate Girls Grammer School. Until her serious illness in 1998 she had been involved in a variety of employments. She eventually settled into the rewarding work within the community as a Family Support Worker to which she was able to devote her many skills. Alongside this and in spite of the difficulties she had to face she battled on with great bravery and fortitude rearing her two children to adulthood. She enjoyed her holidays, especially the heat of Turkey. She took great pride in her apple green mini and was fond of her pets especially her cats. She was a very intelligent, perceptive and inquisitive person. This could be seen in her attitude to her illness, the details of which she wanted to know and understand. Her positivity and bravery were a great support to her children as they endeavoured to do their best at an important time in their education. We extend our sympathy to her son Nathan, daughter Keeley-Ann, her father Robert and mother Violet, her brother Kenneth and the wider family circle.

On Thursday 4th July 2013 the funeral service for Samuel Douglas Beacom, aged 79, of 15 Bayview Close, took place in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, followed by interment in the adjoining churchyard. Dougie's son, Revd Rodney Beacom, took part in the service. Dougie grew up in Lisbellaw but following his marriage to his wife Gladys they settled in to Tamlaght being amongst the oldest residents in what was then the new housing development. Before meeting Gladys, Dougie travelled to Canada where his outlook on life was broadened and returned to Lisbellaw impressing the locals with his vankee dress and fancy talk. Nevertheless, Dougie maintained a level head and was content with life at Tamlaght where he settled down as a loving husband, father and grandfather. He worked with Graceys and was a gifted carpenter known for his meticulous eye for detail and exactness requiring much patience. In more recent times he worked at Portora Royal School before his retirement. For a period he willingly accepted the position of Rector's churchwarden and membership of the select vestry. He was a great lover of animals especially his dog which he often took for a walk or on a shooting expedition. He had a countryman's admiration for nature and enjoyed boating on the Erne. He was a kind man who will be greatly missed by the Tamlaght community but especially by his wife Gladys, son Rodney, daughter Elaine, his grandchildren and wider family circle to whom we extend our sympathy.

## Congratulations

Jennifer Edwards MBChB(Hons), Ballyreagh, graduated from the University of Aberdeen with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree with Honours on 5th July 2013. Jennifer has played the organ at Garvary for a number of years including times when she returned for vacations during term times. We have much appreciated her contribution to the life of the parish and

extend to her our best wishes. Congratulations also to Cara McLaughlin, 18 Crichton Park, on graduating from the Faculty of Medicine at Peninsula Medical School, Exeter and Plymouth University; to Hanna Weir, Dromard, on graduating from Queen's University Belfast, where she was awarded the degree of BA (Hons) in Sociology; to David Doherty BSc (Hons), Geology, 22 Leenagrenagh, on graduating from the University of Liverpool; and to Stephen Trimble, 18 Killyvilly Heights, on graduating from Staffordshire University, being awarded an MEng with distinction in Computer Games Design.

### **Family Services**

The Sunday Schools resume on Sunday 15th September. On Sunday 29th September 2013 we look forward to having Jonny Phoenix speaking to us about his work with young people within the Wells Project. This will be followed up by a meeting for both parishes in Derryvullen South parish hall on Tuesday 1st October 2013 at 8.00 pm.

#### **Mothers' Union**

Following the summer break the September meeting takes place on Monday 16th September 2013 at 8.00 pm in Derryvullen South parish hall when the speaker will be Maureen Farrelly on the topic "Crafty Ideas". Instead of our normal meeting on the third Monday in October we will be joining with Derrybrusk on Tuesday 15th October 2013 at 8.00pm who are hosting a visitors' evening.

#### **Harvests**

We look forward to welcoming as our harvest preachers this year the Revd Sam McGuffin (Enniskillen Methodist Church) on Sunday morning 6th October in Derryvullen South, the Revd Gary McMurray (Aghavea) on Friday evening 11th October in Garvary and the Revd James Boyd (Dromore) on Sunday evening 13th October in Garvary.

#### **Parish Auction**

Just a reminder that the parish auction of timber and homemade produce will take place in Derryvullen South parish hall on Saturday 12th October 2013 at 2.00pm.

## **Teddy Bears Picnic**

An event held in Derryvullen South Parish Hall, Tamlaght, raised money for a ministry to children. It is a branch of Missionary Aviation Fellowship. It began when the representative in Northern Ireland (Colin Davies) who used to be a pilot with a commercial airline joined the Fellowship flying to inaccessible regions of the world to bring medical supplies or other needs along with spreading the Christian Gospel. On one occasion he gave a child who was ill a teddy bear. When the little girl heard that he came from Ireland she asked, "Is that where they grow potatoes?" and he said "yes - we call them spuds in Ireland". The girl said, "then I will call my bear 'spud bear'". Shortly after the child died. Colin now brings teddys to children in need including teddy bears designed to speak verses of scripture.

## **Devenish and Boho**



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## **Holy Baptism**

Holy Baptism in Devenish Parish Church.

Sunday 26th July 2013 - Joseph Giles, son of Gary and Melanie

Giles. We wish God's blessing on Joseph and his parents Gary and Melanie.



## **Marriages**

Thursday 11th July 2013 in Devenish Parish Church - Judi Ferguson and Paul Humphries.

Friday 19th July 2013 in Boho Parish

Church - Natalie Irwin and Alan Haskins. Saturday 3rd August 2013 in Devenish Parish Church - Kathryn Johnston and Wayne Balfour.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all our newly married couples

## **Harvest Thanksgiving Services**

**Boho Parish -** Friday 27th September at 8.00pm; Sunday 29th September at 10.00am

**Devenish Parish -** Friday 4th October at 8.00pm; Sunday 6th October at 11.30pm

We look forward to welcoming visitors at all our Harvest Thanksgiving services

## **Sunday School**

Sunday School will reopen on Sunday 8th September at 10.45 am in the Reade hall. We look forward to welcoming new children

#### **Mothers Union**

Mothers Union opening service will be on Thursday 17th September at 8.00pm.

## **Devenish Select Vestry**

Devenish Select Vestry meeting on Tuesday 3rd September at 8.00pm

## **Parish Organisations**

The Youth Fellowship, Bowling and Badminton clubs will be reopening in September; Dates will be

announced in church. All organisations look forward to welcoming new members.

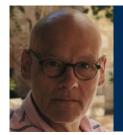
#### **G8 Summit**

The Parish received a lovely letter of thanks from Chief Superintendent Pauline Shields thanking the parish for the use of the Reade Hall and for all the kindness shown to the PSNI officers from County Armagh, who were manning a permanent check point adjacent to Devenish Parish church, during the G8 Summit. The officers made reference to being showered with ice creams, slices of rhubarb pie, tray bakes sweets and milk for their tea as well as the prolonged chats which helped pass the long shifts.' Chief Superintendent Shields said this was a true example of true Christainity where a rector led his parish and community to practice the teachings of how to treat their fellow man.'

#### **Good Wishes**

Both parishes extend their good wishes to the Revd Ngozi Njoku on her appointment as Rector of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Killyclogher and the Revd Anita Kerr on her appointment as Diocesan Curate serving in the grouped parishes of Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully.

## **Donacavey and Barr**



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## **Donacavey Parish Church**

First Sunday of the Month 11.30am Holy Communion. Other Sundays 11.30am Services as announced.



#### **Barr Parish Church**

Sunday mornings at 10.00am (or as announced). Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 15th September at 3.00pm.

The Rector is providing pastoral and spiritual cover in Donacavey. For the present the Diocese continues to provide cover for Barr Parish.

#### Dear Friends,

Have you ever thought about how, in the midst of the vagaries of life, metaphorically speaking one can be sailing along quite happily through the peaks and troughs of life when, quite unexpectedly, one of the troughs is so substantial that it threatens to hole you below the water line with potentially very serious consequences. I am certain based on my own experiences that we all have times such as this. The fact is that it is how we



deal with such times and what sort of resources we have invested in that are available to us and are utilised by us which can well determine whether we journey on or simply sink without trace. Many people

rely on friends and relatives. Some rely on their own perceived inner resources and others simply feel unable to move forward at all and wallow in a sense of helplessness. I believe that whilst friends and family are important, it is vital that our resources are based on solid reliable foundations capable of supporting, enabling, equipping and upholding. What such resources are and where they come from is vitally important and even more so in times of extremis.

When we turn to Scripture we find such support and upholding proclaimed over and over again. Our Lord himself says in so many ways to "be not afraid" - not often easy I admit but far from impossible when our foundation is Jesus Christ the Saviour.

You may presently be experiencing a difficult time on life's journey whatever that may mean to you. Let me simply offer you the assurance that by turning to Jesus for that eternity changing gift of salvation and new life you can begin a life changing adventure through the peaks and the troughs of life knowing that your foundation, your enabling, your discipleship is a journey with divinity who said; "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." (Deuteronomy 31:8)

Scripture says it very well: "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5) And so does the words of this famous old hymn:

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent word! What more can He say than to you He hath said To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed, For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not harm thee; I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose, I will not, I will not, desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

May God bless you and keep you safe and secure as you journey on in faith hope and love. Your pastor and friend, John

#### CU41

Starting in September and each month thereafter on the first Tuesday of every month in the Conference room from 10.30 to 12.00 in the morning, an opportunity to get together for a very informal cuppa, a cake and a chat. This is focussed mainly at the senior and more elderly members of the congregation but everyone would be very welcome.

#### **Hour of Prayer**

This will meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the conference room from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Please come along as we together enter into this vital time of intercession.

#### **Bible Study**

The Bible Study will re-commence in September each Tuesday at 8.00pm but not on the first Tuesday of each month.

#### Miss Given's Coffee Morning

What a wonderful day this turned out to be with so many contributions and donations from far and wide. It was a very well attended and happy day that raised a great deal of money for the Horizon Children's Hospice. Donations are still coming in and if you have not yet had a chance to support this very worthwhile cause I know Miss Given will be delighted to hear from you. To date the money raised is over £4,330. Wonderful, wonderful work at the initiative of Miss Given and the hard work of both her and so many others. Over the years Miss Given has generated almost £30,000 for children's Hospice. Let's do our absolute best to keep this support for such a worthwhile cause on the boil

# Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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## **Services - September**



**Sunday 1st,** The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, Donagh 9.30am HC; Tyholland 11.00am HC.

Sunday 8th, The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, Donagh 9.30am MP; Errigal Truagh 11.00am HC.

**Sunday 15th,** The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, Donagh 9.30am MP; Tyholland 11.00am MP.

**Sunday 22nd,** The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, Donagh 9.30am MP; TYHOLLAND 3.00pm HARVEST

and Dedication. Preacher: Bishop John McDowell. Featuring Donagh Choir. Refreshments will be served.

**Sunday 29th,** The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, United Family Service 10.30am Donagh.

**Sunday 6th October,** The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, ERRIGAL TRUAGH 3.00pm HARVEST. Preacher: The Revd Precentor Noel Regan.

#### **In Memory**

Thanks to the Boyd family who have kindly donated a new carpet in memory of Percy and Edith Boyd for the aisle of Salvator's church, Donagh.



## **Scripture Union Club**

Once again we are indebted to the S.U. for sending along seventeen young college students to lead a summer Bible club in the village. One

young person from our own parish gave up his week to work along side the S.U. leaders. The number of children attending was down on previous years because of other clubs in the area. The children and the young people really engaged in the bible teaching on the life of Peter through drama, art, quizzes and games. Thankfully the weather was good which meant the children were able to have fun time in the park surrounding the hall.



#### **Holy Matrimony**

We wish Alison Dudgeon and Mark Johnston every blessing on their marriage which took place in St. Salvator's Parish church on Wednesday

31st July. The Revd Philip McKelvey assisted in the marriage ceremony. We thank Alison and want her to know that her contribution to the praise group and her work in the Girls Brigade were very much appreciated.

#### **Choir**

Choir practice resumes Monday 2nd September. This is in preparation for the forthcoming harvest services.

#### Mothers' Union

Members of M.U. will meet for their opening meeting on Wednesday 18th September at 8pm in Donagh with a celebration of Holy Communion. New members will be most welcome.

## **Sunday School**

We look forward to seeing the boys and girls recommence Sunday school on Sunday 18th September. We wish all new pupils well as they begin Primary and Secondary school for the first time, also students who leave home and attend third level education.

Good wishes to all students who received exam results.

### **Sympathy**

We remember those within our group of parishes who have been bereaved over the summer months. We also give thanks for those who have been hospitalised and who are now recovering at home.

## **Dromore**



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#### **Services Times:**



Every Sunday at 11.30am. First Sunday of the month 9.00am – Holy Communion

#### Fresh Start...

It is normally January when we make the new resolutions yet much of the church's regular pattern of activity begins in September. As you will see from the notes below our worship returns to its normal pattern, our organizations begin their new terms and the events that we run all get back into their regular cycle.

September can be a busy month when the quiet, relaxed, informality of the summer draws to a close and the new season springs into life.

Maybe this is your time to make a new resolution – to join a group that interests you, to worship the Lord more regularly or maybe even to serve the Lord in an area of ministry. Maybe....just maybe!

It begins with a willingness from you to step forward, creating a new desire within you to continue and deepen your relationship with your creator.

Just imagine Holy Trinity if each of us took another step deeper with God – a church on the move as we seek to see His Kingdom advance in the place where he has planted us. It all begins with the first step.....

Every Blessing James

#### **Prayer**

Each morning from 7.00–8.00am Mon 2nd to Fri 6th September we will gather for prayer in the coffee lounge. This will be an informal space where we can join together to seek God's will, blessing and bounty on all that we do as a parish. Tea/Coffee and toast will be provided and you

will not be pressured to pray audibly, this is your time and space to seek God. We will continue this time a morning a week for the rest of the month.

We are planning a number of other prayer events so please watch the notices in church or our Facebook page for more details.

#### Fields of Life Choir

On Thursday 5th September at 7.30pm we will host the Fields of Life Choir. They are touring over the early Autumn and we are the only venue in the West. The choir is always a highly sought after and enjoyable evening. Put the date in your diary and come along to a great evening as the choir give us a glimpse of African culture. More information will be available closer to the time in the press and on our Facebook page.

#### **Men Alive**

Holy Trinity is hosting an event for men on Saturday 21st September 2013 from 9.00am to 12.30pm. This will be a morning of challenging teaching from Roy Walker, inspirational testimonies from Stuart Elliott with the worship being led by Ian Hannah. Brunch will be served at the end of the morning and there will be a number of fun activities as well. It's FREE so put the date in your diary and invite as many men as you can!!!

#### **Ladies Breakfast**

On Saturday 28th September at 10.00am Holy Trinity will host a ladies breakfast. The guest speaker that morning is the author and communicator Catherine Campbell. Catherine has an amazing story to share of how God has sustained her and her family through immense loss and tragedy. Her story continues even today as she shares how God is still at work in her life and how her story is impacting people all over the world. The breakfast is organised by the Mothers Union and costs £5. For group or individual bookings call Eveline on 8289 8911 or 07982 263428.

## **Back to Church Sunday**

This simple concept can have a very powerful effect but it needs you to play your part. Simply invite a friend, neighbour or family member who has not been to worship in a while to come 'Back to Church' on Sunday 29th September. In the coming weeks you will hear more about this initiative at Sunday Worship. Find out more at www.backtochurch.co.uk

#### **Harvest**

Everyone is welcome

**Friday 4th October 8.00pm** – Bishop Ken Clarke – Mission Director - SAMS Ireland

**Sunday 6th October 11.30am –** Lesley Donaldson – Fields of Life

**Sunday 6th October 7.30pm –** Revd Brian Harper – Rector of Magheracross Parish

#### **Regular Pattern**

The normal pattern of worship pattern resumes in September with services at 11.30am each Sunday and 9.00am Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Our organizations begin normal cycle of events and meetings in September – please watch the Facebook page or announcements in church for details.

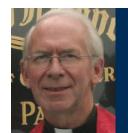
### From the Parish Register

Baptism: 14th July - Alfie David John Kenwell Marriage: 10th July – Beverley Keys and Adrian Pollock

### **Social Networking**

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

# Drumkeeran, Templecarne and Muckross



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## **Calendar for September:**

#### **Sunday 1st**

10.00 Templecarne MP11.30 Drumkeeran HC

#### Friday 6th

8.00 Muckross Harvest Thanksgiving. Preacher, Revd Caroline Mansley.

#### **Sunday 8th**

11.30 Drumkeeran MP

#### **Sunday 8th**

7.00 Muckross Harvest Thanksgiving.
Preacher: Canon Billy Johnston
No service in Dernasesk in September
due to Muckross Harvest Thanksgiving.

#### Friday 13th

8.00 Templecarne Harvest Thanksgiving.
Preacher: Dean Raymond Thompson

#### Sunday 15th

11.30 Drumkeeran MP

#### Sunday 15th

7.00 Templecarne Harvest Thanksgiving: Preacher: Canon Glenn West

#### Sunday 23rd

10.00 Muckross HC

#### Sunday 23rd

11.30 Drumkeeran Harvest Thanksgiving inc HC

#### Sunday 23rd

7.00 Drumkeeran Harvest Thanksgiving. Preacher: Canon David Skuce

#### Thursday 26th September,

Annual Diocesan Synod commencing at 4.30pm

#### **Sunday School**

will resume on 29th September.

#### Thursday 31st October,

Templecarne Annual Concert.

### September 2013



September is like a 'New Year' in the life of the parish. It is an opportunity to begin again with renewed commitment and resolve to be more regular in worship. During the summer months of June, July and August, attendance tends

to be less than normal. Perhaps the absence of Sunday School contributes to this. In addition many people are away on holiday, enjoying a break, an indication of the opportunities available to many people at the beginning of the 21st Century. In this better standard of living we all rejoice. I hope that you have enjoyed the summer months. The weather has been good and for that we are grateful. Farmers in particular have had it hard during the past winter and spring. After a good summer there is the prospect of autumn in all its glory, yet another demonstration of the wonder and beauty of God's creation.



Make this September a time of beginning again in the life of this group of parishes, a time of renewed commitment to God, to the church, to worship, and to community. Make worship in church a priority for every

Sunday, part of your weekly routine. In the life of the church the beginning of September is an opportunity to begin again.



As you can see, September is the month of Harvest Thanksgivings in the group. If you can provide flowers or other items for the decorating of any of the churches it would be much appreciated and would certainly

enrich the atmosphere for worship. There is always an uplift coming into a church where the symbols of nature are all around the place. At one of the Harvests in each of the Churches there will be a cup of tea served in the church at the end of the service.

### **Sympathy**

Mrs Joan Johnston, Bannagh, Kesh, died suddenly on 8th August and was buried in the family plot in Drumkeeran on 10th. Her death came as a great shock to the family and to the community. Joan was a relatively young and active lady who delighted in helping in the extended family and with the grandchildren in particular. We express our sympathy to her family, to her sons John and Stephen, to her daughter Jill, to their families and to the wider family circle. After the burial tea was served in the parish hall. I am grateful to those who organise and help on these occasions. May God comfort and sustain all who mourn the passing of loved ones.

#### **Christian Aid**

A collection for Christian Aid in the parishes in May raised almost £150. Thank you to all who contributed.

### **Holiday Cover**

I am grateful to those who provided cover when I was on holiday. The services were conducted by Mr Jack Watson and Mr John Woods. The Parade Services were conducted by Mr Jack Watson and Dean Raymond Thompson. Emergency pastoral cover was provided by the Revd Henry Blair and the Revd Caroline Mansley.

## Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum



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## **Thoughts From The Kitchen**

We are good at placing burdens on our clergy. One of the most severe is to expect them to be the chief, perhaps the only agents of parish growth. We await a new rector, ready to give a list of lapsed people, former parishioners who have strayed, or perhaps even the names of people we might think would fit in with the rest of us. Then we sit back and expect the new priest, who knows no one, has never lived here before, to get on with it. That's what we pay the priest to do.

The gospel tells two things about every baptized Christian. The first is that the task of telling the Good News to others is given to us all. We may achieve that task in many different ways, quietly or spectacularly, verbally or by our loving care for others, but the task of

showing Jesus to others is one of the chief reasons why we exist. That is not an exaggeration. We have to grasp the idea that each of us has been created, was born, for a purpose, and that purpose is in the mind of God and is more important than any other purpose we may take on.

The second truth the gospel tells us is that we have been "empowered" so to do. That's an assurance and a challenge. We tend to absolve our passivity by muttering things like, "I'm an introvert," "It's not in my nature," "I get embarrassed."

The Gospel assures us – and Luke later stresses this at the beginning of Acts – that we are all empowered to witness in the world and that empowerment is not the same as natural talent.

Imagine that you find yourself by a sick bed. Everything in you tells you to cut and run. You are extremely uncomfortable, don't know what to say, feeling inadequate and close to panic. Yet you stay, maybe holding a hand and just sitting there. That action comforts and cheers the sick person. You have used not your talent, but the power given to you in baptism and reinforced every time you receive Holy Communion.

Perhaps you are in line at the store; an irate customer is yelling at the sales assistant. It's not her fault. She is close to tears. When you get to her, your notice her name, speak it to her, smile and offer her silent comfort. In so doing you use the grace given to you in baptism.

You see, our second problem, apart from consigning the task of witnessing to the clergy, is that we don't recognize spiritual gifts because we think they must be spectacular. Yes, the 70 were given the power to cast out evil, but to do so may merely be the offering of goodness and kindness, objective love.

That may sound trite. Practicing consistent, objective love, particularly towards people we hardly know, or are not like us, or are people that repel us by their actions is no trite or easy thing. It's much easier to lump them in a convenient group, label them, espouse an allembracing cause and keep one's distance.

Jesus, continues to call us, send us, and empower us. We all have a vocation to ministry. Perhaps in our quiet times, when we have the opportunity to reflect, or even to pray, it might be good to consider what task, seemingly beyond our strength or talents, our comfort zone, God wants us to take on and embrace, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, who has lived within us, often unrecognized, since the day we were adopted by God in Baptism.

#### **Revd George**

### **Aghabog**



#### **Coffee Morning**

The Annual Coffee morning was held on Sat 22nd June 11am – 2pm. A great crowd came

along during the morning and enjoyed the lovely refreshments. There were games for the children and plenty of cakes, plants etc for sale. Thanks must go to all who prepared the hall and tidied up afterwards, also to all who prepared the food, all who sold quiz sheets and to all who helped in any way to make it a good success.

#### Children's Service

Our children's day service was held on Sunday 16th June. The children and young people read bible passages, led the prayers and lifted the collection. At the end of the service presentations were made to the children, also a big thank you to the parents of the young children who provided gifts to the organist and Sunday School teachers. A sincere thank you to Ethel and to the Sunday school teachers and of course to our children for all their participation and help. A big thank you to Revd Walter Quill who conducted the service.

#### **Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr Sydney Wright on the death of his uncle Jim Corbett, Drum, to Maureen Howe on the death of her aunt in Birmingham and to anyone else unknown to us who have been bereaved recently.

#### **Eldron RBP 33**

Newbliss Eldron RBP 33 held their annual parade service on Sunday 4th August at 3.30pm. A large crowd attended this service which was conducted by Revd George Beattie. A big thank you to the visiting band which led the parade on a beautiful sunny afternoon. A sincere thank you to all who organised the tea afterwards.

#### **Harvest**

Our harvest service will be held on Sunday 13th October at 8pm.

#### **Best Wishes**

We send best wishes to Mrs Anne Fisher (nee Steenson) Castlecaulfield who is recovering from her recent operation.



### Aughnamullen

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place on Sunday 8th September at 3.00pm. Donagh Choir will be taking part in the service.

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Trevor and Julie Jordan on the birth of their son Jesse Thomas.

#### **Our Prayers**

Our Prayers and thoughts are with Mr. John Fox who is in hospital recovering from an serious illness. We also pray for those who are ill at home and those attending hospital.

#### **Our Sympathy**

Our sympathy with Mrs Agnes Phair and her family on the death of her brother-in-law Mr. Frank Phair in hospital on Sunday 4th August.

#### **Dartrey/Rockcorry**



On Friday 21st June Dartery and Rockcorry held their annual band parade and picnic.

While the weather was not too kind to us with showers, it did not dampen the number of bands that turned out or the spectators.

We were treated to a parade of the bands around the grounds of Dartrey Hall and along the road towards Rockcorry and back. The Garda patrolled the road and we thank them for their help in keeping the roads safe.



One of the Garda was so taken with the pipe playing that he borrowed a set and gave us a recital. The ladies provided fine food in the Hall, our thanks to them for all their hard work.

The wedding of Miss Lynne Carleton and Mr. James Prunty in St. John's Church, Dartrey took place on Friday 14th June. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs Stephen Carleton, Dawson Grove, Dartrey. The couple will live in Canada after their honeymoon. The celebrant was the Revd George Beattie, assisted by Father Martin Reilly. We ask God's blessing on the happy couple.

#### Drum



The Wedding of Miss Emma Steward and Mr Paul Cawley took place on Saturday 20th July in Drum Parish Church. The couple were married by the Revd George Beattie.

The day was very warm, some 30c. Being a very thoughtful couple they provided 99's for all at the Church.

The wedding reception was held in the Radisson, Farnham Estate, Cavan where the 200 guests enjoyed a very fine meal. The couple are spending their honeymoon in different parts of the world and will live in Dublin

Unfortunately the beginning of the month did not start too well in Drum with the deaths of Mr Jim Corbett and John James West, and we send to their wives and families our deep sympathy.

#### **Harvest Services 2013**

**AUGHNAMULLEN -** Sunday 8th September at 3.00pm - Preacher: Revd George Beattie

**DRUM -** Sunday 8th September at 8.00pm - Preacher: Mr. Keith Browne

**DARTREY -** Sunday 22nd September at 3.00pm - Preacher Revd Alistair Warke

**ROCKCORRY -** Sunday 6th October at 8.00pm - Preacher: Revd Canon Helene Steed

**AGHABOG** - Sunday 13th October at 8.00pm - Preacher: Revd Canon David Skuce

## **Enniskillen Cathedral**



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# **Sunday 1st September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

## Sunday 8th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

9.00am - Holy Communion; 11.00am - Morning Prayer (Family Service for registration of Sunday School); 7.30pm – Ordination of the Revd Rob Clements as Priest

### **Thursday 12th September**

1.05pm – Diocesan Healing Service

# **Sunday 15th September The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am - Holy Communion; 11.00am - Holy Communion; 7.00pm - Diocesan Missionary Service

# **Sunday 22nd September The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am - Holy Communion; 11.00am - Morning Prayer; 7.00pm – Holy Communion

### **Thursday 26th September**

1.05pm – Diocesan Healing Service; 4.30pm – Diocesan Synod Service of Holy Communion

# Sunday 29th September The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (St Michael and all Angels)

9.00am - Holy Communion; 11.00am - Morning Prayer; 7.00pm - Youth Service

### **Holy Baptism**

21st July – Alannah Helen Pearson 28th July - Sienna Louise Lucy

## **Christian Marriage**

10th July - Donna McClean and Rodney Robert Hicks

#### **Christian Burial**

8th July – William Robert (Bob) Forde, Drumclay Care Home (formerly Mullaghmeen Road, Enniskillen) 25th July – William (Bill) Robinson Dodd, 6 Queen's Park, Lisbellaw

## **Summer Holidays**

Welcome back to all as we begin a new session in our Cathedral Parish and we look forward to a busy autumn leading up to the celebrations of Christ's birth. A sincere thank you to the Revd Canon Desmond Kingston and the Revd Canon Peter Wilson for covering Sunday duty each in August.

#### **Ordination**

We welcome the Revd Rob Clements who will be ordained to the Priesthood on Sunday 8th September at 7.30pm. The Ordination service is open to all throughout Clogher Diocese and even further a field who would like to attend. We also welcome his wife Julie, daughter Sophia and baby son Gideon as they all

take up residence in the Curatage within the Cathedral complex. May God bless them as they begin a new life and ministry in Enniskillen Parish.

#### **Vision**

The Revd Rob Clements will be joining a team ministry along with the Dean, The Very Revd Kenneth Hall, the present curate, the Revd Alistair Warke and the Diocesan Pastoral Assistant Mr Will Stevenson. Each will have their own roles and responsibilities, and each with differing gifts. The Dean, the Revd Rob and Mr Will Stevenson will begin a new round of Parish visitations in September. If they are not presently in your area and you require a pastoral visit please contact them directly or the Parish Office and they will be delighted to make that visit. If you know anyone who is ill or in hospital please let us know as we may not be aware. We are very grateful to Mr Will Stevenson for the very active role he plays in our parish life. The quiet and efficient manner in which he makes his Pastoral visits coupled with his confidentiality is very much appreciated by all who he comes into contact with. Mr Stevenson will continue his ministry with us as a Diocesan Pastoral Assistant (DPA) and we hope to further develop the role of pastoral visitations with the formation of Parish Pastoral Assistants (PPA). All of this is not to substitute clergy visitations, because these are of vital significance in parish life, but to increase the level of contact we have with all our parishioners. This past year has seen a large increase in the number of families attached to our Cathedral Parish. The Revd Alistair may not be seen in as many homes around Enniskillen because he spends 50% of his time attached to the Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes. While in Enniskillen he has a specialised ministry in five Nursing Homes as well as acting as assistant Chaplain to the Dean for the South West Acute Hospital. In addition to this the Revd Alistair also plans and prepares all of the Sunday Services and special events, and in the past year we have had an abundance of these, with more to come!

The Cathedral Parish of Enniskillen is a very active and thriving parish and yet has a lot of untapped talent to be discovered that could enrich the worship and witness to Almighty God. Already the signs of a renewal are evident and the Parish leaders wish to build on this and encourage further growth in Faith and Commitment on behalf of all for whom St Macartin's is their spiritual home, and for many in the local area for which it could be. This is the challenge that lies ahead for Clergy and Lay Leaders.

The journey of life takes many twists and turns for all of us and at times we all need something of stability upon which we can rely. St Macartin's Cathedral Church has stood for almost 400 years at one of the highest spots in Enniskillen and has been a spiritual beacon and home for many generations of Christians. Today in 2013 St Macartin's is still committed to providing a welcoming home to all who are seeking to deepen and develop their spiritual lives and their relationship with

God. The clergy of the Cathedral have a deep pastoral concern for every parishioner and are committed, as they always have been, to serving parishioners needs both spiritually and pastorally at whatever time and in whatever situation they find themselves, and to have an openness to sharing God's love and grace with all people in all times and in all places.

### **Progress and Memories**

Progress and Memories is an evening of music with Andrew Irwin (Tenor) and special guest Nathan Barrett (Organ) on Satuday 21st September 2013 at 7.30pm in St. Macartin's Catherdral, Enniskillen. Admission £5. Proceeds in aid of St. Macartin's Catherdral Fabric Fund. All are welcome.

## **Congratulations**

We congratulate our good friend and neighbour Canon Peter O'Reilly, St Michael's Parish, on his appointment as Vicar General by Bishop Liam MacDaid with effect from 30th August 2013 in his new role, he will be referred to as Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, with the letters PP, VG after his name. In his role as Vicar General, he becomes someone with whom Bishop Liam wil consult in matters pertaining to the life of the diocese. We wish him every blessing in his continuing role as Parish Priest of Enniskillen.

#### Mission 2014

Plans are already in place for a parochial mission in April 2014 called "This is Our Church" conducted by the Theological Students of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute with the Bishop of Clogher being the main speaker. Further details will be given nearer the time, but in the meantime please pray our Mission Prayer printed at the end of these notes.

## **Sunday School**

St. Macartin's Cathedral Sunday School returns on 8th September. We want all parents and children to come along to church at 11am so that we can:

- tell you what your children can expect to learn at Sunday School;
- introduce you to your children's Sunday School leaders;
- pray as a church for our Sunday School;
- allow you to register your children for Sunday School (as it is essential for child protection that we have a signed consent form).

Sunday School consists of two parts. We begin in church at 11:00am and take part in our morning service; children then leave for the Cathedral Hall where we have four classes organised by school year. Junior classes P1/P2, P3/P4, P5/P6/P7 and senior class Y8/Y9. Sunday School also includes a monthly Family Service (the 4th Sunday of each month), when children from our different organisations take part along with our two praise groups, and there is a special child friendly sermon. Immediately following this service, refreshments are served in the side chapel which

provides an opportunity for parishioners of all ages to meet for a time of fellowship. Children not yet in P1 are requested to use the crèche facility within the church.

#### Crèche

As we start what is traditionally seen as a new season of church life in September, here is a reminder of the crèche facilities which are available during the main Sunday morning service. Parents of babies and children who are not of Sunday School age are welcome to bring and leave their little ones in the Parish crèche and to be confident in the knowledge that they will be safe and well looked after by a team of volunteers who have been trained under the Church of Ireland's Safeguarding Trust Policy.

#### **Confirmation**

A Confirmation service will be held in the spring of 2014 for young people of school year 10 and above. Confirmation Candidates are expected to attend a Youth Service on Sunday 29th September and afterwards for a Pizza Night in the Cathedral Hall, but in the meantime those who expect to be confirmed should regularly attend church with their families. There is no logical sense in being confirmed if you are not a regular attender at church! Application forms for Confirmation are available in the Parish Office for those who wish to be confirmed. Please collect and return them as soon as possible.

#### **Xplore**

Xplore is a new group that will meet once a month on a Sunday Night and is specifically designed for those who have been confirmed in recent years and for those seeking Confirmation in 2014. Those who have been confirmed are invited to attend a Youth Service and Pizza Night on Sunday 29th September beginning at 7.00pm in the Cathedral and then the Cathedral Halls. It is hoped to hold a Youth Service and Xplore each month.

#### **Youth Club**

Youth Club meet on a Saturday night (7.00pm – 9.00pm).

## **Youth Fellowship**

Youth Fellowship follows Youth Club on a Saturday night (9.00pm – 10.30pm).

#### **Mothers' Union**

The Mothers' Union begin a new season with an 'Open Night' for young parents and even grandparents interested in Child Safety - "Internet Safety for the Family" on Monday 9th September at 8.00pm. Topics covered will include: Social Networking; Chatting online; Online Gaming; Safe Surfing; Cyber Bullying and Mobile safety. Young ones are learning very early in life, but it's never too late to understand the Internet so please come along and hear this most valuable talk. All present Mothers' Union members are encouraged to ask and bring with you one or two others to this

very important presentation! Mothers' Union aims are to value and protect family life. If you are not already a member come along and join an organisation that extends worldwide with over 3 million members in 70 countries.

The aim of the MU is to strengthen and preserve marriage and family life through Christianity. In order to carry out this aim, the objectives are:

- To promote and support marriage and its wider understanding.
- To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

#### **The Choir**

Choir practice takes place each Wednesday evening in the Cathedral commencing at 7.30pm. Practices will resume on Wednesday 4th September following the summer recess. New choir members are most welcome, currently tenor or bass singers would be particularly encouraged to consider joining.

#### **The Tuesday Club**

Recommences on Tuesday 24th September @ 2.00pm in the Hilliard Room. New members welcome and we especially want to encourage men to come along and enjoy the fun and fellowship! Topic: 'Winter Bulbs' with Mrs Maureen Farrelly. Come and meet other parishioners - a good friend could be someone you have yet to meet.

## St Macartin's Bell Ringers

Less than a dozen parish churches in Northern Ireland have towers with peals of eight or more bells where campanologists can exercise their skill. Enniskillen is one of these, and the peal of ten bells is rung in changes each Sunday and on special occasions. We meet on Thursdays 7.00-8.00pm and new ringers will be warmly welcomed to send out the call to worship on Sunday!

## St Macartin's Bowling Club

Recommences on Wednesday 11th September. Last year St Macartin's Bowling Club re-entered the Churches League and not only were they promoted to the next section but also won the Section Cup! What a great year. With this new found enthusiasm we are appealing for new members, men, women, boys and girls to join in the fun and fellowship of bowling. It is an excellent means of socialising and meeting new friends. Wednesdays from 10.30am-12.00 noon and 7.30-10.00pm.

#### St Macartin's Badminton Club

Meets Thursdays - Eight to late! Come and test your stamina, speed, agility and strength, and sample the enjoyment in doing so!

#### **Rainbows**

Rainbows will recommence on Tuesday 24th September 2013 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. This is for all girls aged 4yrs to 6yrs and they will enjoy learning new games, craft work and going on outings as well as making new friends with other Rainbows in Fermanagh.

#### **Brownies**

Brownies will recommence on Tuesday 24th September 2013 from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. This is for all girls aged 7yrs to 10yrs (P6) and they will enjoy completing badge work, going on outings, craft work, participating in joint activities with other Brownie units throughout Fermanagh and going on Pack Holiday.

#### **Guides**

Guides will recommence on Tuesday 24th Sept 2013 from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. This is for all girls aged 10yrs (P7) to 15yrs and they will enjoy completing badge work, completing Duke of Edinburgh award, craft work, camp holidays and taking part in activities with Guides throughout Fermanagh and Northern Ireland.

#### **Beavers**

Beavers will recommence on Monday 23rd September from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. This is for all children aged from 6 to 8 and they will join a worldwide organisation preparing young people to develop as active members of their community

#### **Cubs**

Cubs will recommence on Monday 23rd September from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. This is for all children aged from 8 to 10½ and they will join a worldwide organisation preparing young people to develop as active members of their community and experience probably for the first time camping and participating in county and national competitions.

#### **Scouts**

Scouts will recommence on Monday 23rd September from 7.30pm to 9pm. This is for all children aged from 10 to 15 and they will join a worldwide organisation of over 300 million members preparing young people to develop as active members of their community and take camping and the outdoors to a new level and for some to an international level.

For all sections the gaining of badges and awards is a large part of the programme and there is the opportunity to gain the Chief Scout's Award and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

### **Cathedral Hall Development**

'Hall Together Now' was launched in November 2012 to raise much needed funds to restore, renovate and rejuvenate the Cathedral Halls. We have had many successful fundraisers to date; coffee mornings, a concert, quiz sheets, sponsored walk, catering opportunities, CD sales and a barbeque. To date, including envelope contributions and donations, we have raised over £55,000.

A Big Breakfast will take place on Wednesday 18th September in the Killyhevlin Hotel with a well known keynote speaker, further details are available from the Cathedral Office. It is planned to have an Auction of Gifts and Talents in the autumn and all offers of time and talents are appreciated. Ruby Elliott is currently preparing a Recipe Book for sale and would welcome contributions of recipes. Copies of Alec and Stewart McKeown's CD, 'Beggin' To You' are available from the Church Wardens and Cathedral Office.

We are grateful to all those who have contributed in any way to our fellowship and funds and now look forward to a reenergised effort after our summer break.

#### **Mission Prayer**

Almighty God, you have made us members of Christ and of his Church here in this Cathedral Parish of Enniskillen. May we as congregation reach upwards to your throne in worship and adoration; inwards to one another in understanding and fellowship; and outwards to the world in evangelism and social compassion. Make this Cathedral Parish like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden, so that men and women may find Christ as the light of the world, and his Church as the family of the redeemed, and eternal life as the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Fivemiletown (with Kiltermon)



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## Fivemiletown Church of Ireland - Christ, Church, Community

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

### A hope-filled summer



Dear Friends,

Summer church in Fivemiletown has been 'abounding in hope'. The Apostle Paul prays this for the roman christians in the letter he writes to them, recorded as Romans

chapter 15:13. He prays that 'the God of hope' would fill them with 'all joy and peace in believing, so that by the Holy Spirit they may abound in hope.' What a great prayer.

Church life at times can abound in all sorts and kinds of other things. The summer allows time to set down the demands of the diary and the routine. And in their place all kinds of good things have abounded around us this year.

During our summer Sundays we have met as a united church. People have enjoyed one another's fellowship, meeting visitors, children's church, and the routine of tea and coffee after Sunday services.

At both morning church and Evening Praise we have studied Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount. They are demanding, simple, complex, life changing and hope-filled. Many people appreciated the evening service led by the 20s and 30s group. They will remember the call to better fellowship and to be a preserving influence in our society, as salt.

We greatly appreciated the volunteer help to open the Previously Loved uniform shop. Many families came and were able to recycle an item of school uniform. Thank you to those who freely granted us the use of the shop front, to the Ballylurgan store which provided the containers for receiving uniforms, and to the supermarkets who housed them.

And this summer, men with clipboards have been seen locally. This is because maintenance work by the Glebes and Halls' Committees has been continuing during the summer months, with a fire-door extension, surveys of property and general improvements. Thank you to all involved in this.

The summer months have also seen weddings, hospital visits, barbeques, catering, and planning meetings ahead of the autumn.

At the time of writing Adele Kidney should be in Paraguay for the beginning of her three week visit to Claire Holmes. Ten members of the parish travelled to a commissioning with her team, in the See House in Kilmore Diocese. Others from Belfast and Co. Monaghan make up part of the team. Give thanks

for her visit, and as you read this in September, Chris Bloomfield should be en-route to Peru and Paraguay with Bishop Ken Clarke, the director of SAMS UK and Ireland.

At home, outreach continues with a planned visit in August by 40 or 50 YWAM-ers. They will be with us for three days as part of a prayer walk from their base in Rostrevor, along the border, taking in Fivemiletown. God willing, in His providence and care, the autumn will come with its misty mornings and shortening days. I plan to plant lots of bulbs, itself an exercise of hope that the cheery days of spring will follow the chill of the winter.

Church life will soon resume a familiar habit. My hope however is that the rich church life of this summer will not be lost, and that God's people here will be marked by the hope, joy and peace for which Paul prays.

In Christ, **Kyle Hanlon** 

### **Diary**

#### **Confirmation Preparation**

Classes for Year 12 are starting on Sunday 1st September 9.45-10.45am.

#### **Bowling Club**

Reopens on Thursday 5th September at 8pm. New members are very welcome.

#### **Sunday School**

Reopens on Sunday 8th September at 11am.

#### **Mothers' Union**

Mothers' Union will meet on Wednesday 11th September at 8pm. Speaker: Lesley-Ann Funston on bringing Bibles to China "The seeds we sow".

#### **MOPS**

Time Out on Monday for Young Women, with breakfast and a supervised crèche held on 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. Opening again on Monday 23rd September 9.30-11.30am.

#### CLB

Church Lads Brigade for P1-P7 boys, reopens 6.30-8pm Tuesday 24th September in the Parish Hall.

#### **GFS**

Girls Friendly Society for P1+ girls reopens 6.30-8pm Wednesday 25th September in the Parish Hall.

#### **Connect Reformed**

Connect Reformed meet alternate Sundays 7-8.30pm.

#### **Senior Members**

Wednesday, 2nd October 12 noon Holy Communion Service and Lunch followed by Speaker: Dr Walter Boyd, Topic 'Mind Matters'.

# Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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#### **Appointment**

At the time of writing we are looking forward to the Service of Introduction of the Revd Anita Kerr as Diocesan Curate to this Group of Parishes, and God willing, by the time you read these notes she will be in post. The Group would like to wish the Revd Kerr God's blessing as she commences her work in all three parishes.

#### **Vacancy**

The congregations of the Group would like to thank all the clergy, lay readers and parish readers who have taken services during the vacancy. Thanks to those who have carried out visitations, provided Holy Communion to people in their own homes and been very attentive to families in their hour of need.

In particular, our thanks go to Mr Walter Pringle who worked as a Diocesan Pastoral Assistant and took many services in the early part of the vacancy, Canon David Skuce who was in charge for most of the vacancy, chairing meetings of Select Vestries, providing support for families and supporting several events. Thanks also to Dean Thompson who has taken most of the services for over a year and a half, provided pastoral cover and supported many events in the group.

Finally thanks to the Archdeacon who was in charge in the early part of the vacancy and the Diocesan Office for their help and support.

#### **Galloon Parish**



#### **Book Sale**

Thanks to all who worked so hard during the week at the book sale. Without the muscle power to move and arrange the books we could not have managed, so thank you

gentlemen. Thanks also to those ladies and gentlemen who manned the sale and of course Maisie for keeping us all fed and watered. Thanks also to all those who came and bought books. We look forward to you spreading the word and coming back next year.

#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Helen and William Noble on the birth of their first baby, a son, Alfie. Helen and William were married on the same day as Prince William and Kate.

#### **Baptism**

23rd June 2013 by Dean Raymond Thompson, Ester baby daughter of Dawn and Philip Hutchinson. This was not only a special day for the Hutchinson family but for the parish as it was also Sunday School Prizegiving and Gift Day.

#### **Sympathy**

We extend sympathy to Amanda Rickey and family on the death of her father Neville Sey. Neville, a much loved father, father-in-law and grand father was well known in the area having worked on Crom Estate all his life.

We also extend sympathy to the sisters and wider family of Patsy Bell, Drumcru. Patsy was a faithful attender at Galloon Parish Church while her health allowed. Patsy was predeceased by her husband, Eric, in 1984. Her funeral service was held in Galloon Parish Church and burial was in the Churchyard.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of the late Lynn Hall, Drumcru. Lynn died in the South West Acute Hospital on 29th July. Lynn had been in failing health for some years and was a resident of Gilbrook Nursing Home for some time. When in better health and living at Drumcru he was a regular worshipper in Galloon Parish Church. His funeral service was in Galloon Parish Church and burial was in the family plot in the Churchyard.

#### Illness

A number of parishioners have been ill recently and we wish them all a speedy recovery and thank Dean Thompson for his usual thorough pastoral care

#### Auction

Our next auction is on Saturday 7th September 2013 at 12.00 noon. We rely on the support of all parishioners and the wider community to make it a success. It caters for all customers, individuals, dealers, traders, all are welcome. There is no VAT or fees charged. Entry is free and refreshments are available. Looking forward to seeing you there.

#### **Harvest Services**

There will be two services in Galloon to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving this year. They will be Friday 11th October at 8.00pm, followed by a cup of tea and something to eat and Sunday 13th at 11.30am.

Just a thought: In your spiritual life are you a tourist, a traveller or a pilgrim?

#### **Sallaghy Parish**



#### Mothers' Union

The Opening Holy Communion Service for the Mothers' Union will take place on Thursday 5th September in the Parish Church followed by supper in

the Church Hall. Please note the change of date from that originally published.

#### Parish Barbeque

It is hoped to have a steak barbeque on Friday 6th September. Tickets are available from members of the Select Vestry and others. The Sunday School children will be free. Please keep this date free and invite your friends to attend. All support will be greatly appreciated.

#### **Sunday School**

Sunday School will recommence after the summer break on Sunday 8th September.

## Tractor Run and Vintage Ploughing Demonstration

A tractor run and vintage ploughing demonstration will be held at Fiddis' Farm, Crom Road, Lisnaskea on Saturday 14th September starting at 2.00pm. All tractors welcome (small, medium, large, vintage) -£10 per entry. Registration opens at 1.00pm and all tractors must be registered before the tractor run starts. Refreshments will be available including a "Pig on a spit". All proceeds are in aid of local charities.

#### **Derryadd Harvest Service**

A Harvest Service will be held in Derryadd Church on Sunday 22nd September at 3.30pm.

#### **Sallaghy Harvest Services**

The Harvest Services this year will be held in the Parish Church on the weekend of Friday 27th to Sunday 29th September with one of the services being followed by a Harvest Supper in the Church Hall. Full details will be announced in Church.

#### **Parish Dance**

A parish dance in the Church Hall has been arranged for Friday 8th November 2013. Music will be by "Sweet Harmony". Further details later. Please keep this date free and invite your friends to attend. All support will be greatly appreciated.

## **Drummully Parish**

#### **Sunday School**

We had a very enjoyable children's day service on the 23rd June, where our children performed really well and sang beautifully. We had a tasty brunch afterwards in the church hall which was very well attended.



Thank you to Dean Thompson and everyone else for their input in any way. Sunday School re-commences on Sunday 15th September during our 9am service. New members would be made most welcome!!

#### Illness

We wish Gretta Nesbitt well as she is recovering at home after a recent stay in hospital.

#### **Car Boot Sales**

We had 3 car boot sales over the summer months. Thank you to all those involved in any way which contributed to their success.

#### **Harvest Thanksgiving**

Our harvest thanksgiving will be held on Sunday 6th October at 7.00pm with tea afterwards in the Church Hall.

#### **Annual Dance**

The date has yet to be finalised for our dance. It will be in the next issue of the Church Magazine.

# Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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#### **Sunday 1st September:**

Garrison 10am HC; Slavin 11.30am HC

#### **Sunday 8th September:**

Kiltyclogher 10am MP; Belleek 11.30am MP

#### **Sunday 15th September:**

Garrison 10am MP; Slavin 11.30am MP

#### **Friday 20th September:**

Slavin, Harvest Thanksgiving @ 8pm

#### **Sunday 22nd September:**

Kiltyclogher 10am HC; \*Slavin 11.30am HT & HC

#### Friday 27th September:

Belleek Harvest Thanksgiving @8pm

#### **Sunday 29th September:**

Group Service Belleek @ 10.30am HT & MP

#### Friday 4th October:

Garrison Harvest Thanksgiving @ 8pm

#### **Sunday 6th October:**

Garrison 10am HT & HC; Slavin 11.30am HC

#### **Sunday 13th October:**

Belleek 11.30am MP; Kiltyclogher HT @ 7pm \*change in normal rota to accommodate harvest services

#### **Institution Service**



Revd Chinenye Ngozi Njoku B.A. Hons was instituted as Rector of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher Parishes on Friday 9th August.

The service of Institution was conducted by the Right Reverend Francis John McDowell, B.A. Hons., B.Th., Dip.B.S, Bishop of Clogher, in Belleek Parish Church. The preacher was the Revd Richard Howlett, Rector of Goldington Parish, Diocese of St Albans, where Revd Ngozi was curate serving in a Parish of 16,500 parishioners.

There was a packed church for the occasion, which included members of Revd Ngozi's family who travelled all the way from the USA and other close friends from England and abroad. Clergy from neighbouring churches and the local community also attended.

A great deal of thanks is due to all who made the service of Institution a great success. Thanks are extended to the Select Vestry of Belleek Parish Church for hosting the event. Thanks also to the Organist, Mrs Sadie Moore, Revd Ngozi's close friend, Evelyn who accompanied many of the hymns on her flute. Churchwardens of all 4 Parishes, ushers, secretaries, readers, the choir, ladies who provided & served the beautiful supper and prepared the hall.

Tea was served in the Wark Hall following the Institution. There was an opportunity to record thanks to all who helped out during the vacancy. Doreen Earls, on behalf of the 4 parishes thanked Canon Glenn West for his help as Rural Dean in the group. Most particularly to note was his extensive commitment in helping to organise the Institution service. Also grateful thanks to Miss Marie McCordick who had provided Pastoral Care in the group and the Revd Isobel Nixon who had conducted most of the Holy Communion Services in the vacancy. The Bishop concluded the evening in prayer.

#### **Mothers' Union**

The first MU Meeting after the summer break will be held on Wednesday 18th September in Garrison Church Hall. The guest speaker will be Patricia Lindsay who will give a talk on colour coordination.

#### Illness

We think of those in our group of Parishes who have been ill. We particularly remember Austin Acheson and Arlene Brock from Garrison Parish, Mabel Henry, Mrs Allingham and Edward Stephenson from Kiltyclogher, who have all been in hospital recently. We also remember Mrs Lexie Carson, Mrs Ross and Mrs Shields in nursing homes who have all experienced ill health. We pray for continued improvement in all those who have been unwell, whether in hospital or at home.

## **Family Services**

The family services and prize giving at the end of the Sunday School year were held in Garrison and Slavin Churches on Sunday 16th June. The services were taken by Mr John Irvine.

In Garrison the Junior class sang "O be careful little eyes". Laura Thompson and Amy Kettyles read the first lesson and Neil Graham and Jamie Kettyles read the second lesson. The Senior class then performed a sketch "Peter denies Jesus".

The following children also led the prayers of response: Abi Brock, Avril Thompson, Cameron Duffy, Carly Graham, Emma Kettyles, Glen Brock and Claire Thompson.

Laura, Amy, Neil & Jamie read special prayers for Fathers' Day. Ryan Graham and Blake Duffy lifted the collection.

Mr Irvine presented the prizes to all the children and thanked the Sunday School Teachers, Lorraine Kettyles, Joy Graham and Rebecca Graham for all their work throughout the year and their preparation for the service.



In Slavin Church, Lee Walker opened the service and welcomed everyone. Sarah Johnston, Levi Love and Oisin Gregg read a worship poem. The lessons were read by Ethan

Johnston and Aoife Gregg. Kathy Ovens and Adam Ovens also helped in leading the service.

Aoife read a prayer poem. The prayers were led by Skye Love, Kathy, Lee, and Adam. Kathy read a special prayer for the G8. The Senior Class performed a drama entitled, 'In the eye of the Storm' and the Junior Class assisted by the older children took part in a drama entitled, 'Go and Do Likewise'. This acted out the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Offertory Hymn was, 'Would you pass by on the other side?' The prizes for good attendance were presented by Mr John Irvine who congratulated the children on their performance and he thanked the Sunday School teachers, Florence Earls, Doreen Earls, and Abigail Ovens for their hard work over the year. A special prize for good attendance at church was won by Adam Ovens. The organist was Ethne Earls.

## **The Rectory**

A lot of time and effort was put into restoring the Rectory into the fine condition it is in today. Parishioners from all 4 parishes gave up their free time to work on both inside the Rectory and the grounds outside. You all know who you are and Revd Ngozi is most grateful to you.

#### **Parade Services**

The parade service in Garrison was held in Melvin View Orange Hall this year due to the church being closed for renovation. For the same reasons Garrison and Slavin swapped their dates this year. Mr Jack Watson conducted Garrison's service on Sunday 30th June at 3pm. There was a great turnout of band members and Orange Lodge members. After the service Garrison Accordion Band led the parade to the village, finishing at Garrison Church Hall.

On Sunday 7th July Slavin held their annual parade service conducted by Mr Karl Saunders. It was the first glorious day of the summer and again there was a great turnout of lodge-men and congregation. The band and Lodge members marched from Roscor Bridge Rd to the church and back again following the service.

#### **Fundraising**

Slavin Parish held their annual sale in the Wark Hall on Tuesday 16th July. The total raised including donations was £1,000.39. Slavin have also raised £1,715 through bag-packing and recycling.

#### **Garrison Church Renovations**



Renovations to the Church tower were delayed when it was discovered the pinnacles were in need of replacement. These had to be made to order by stone specialists and have

now been replaced on the top of the tower. Work is now progressing well with the vestry and it is hoped all works including the Church roof will be completed by the schedule of mid-September.

## Service of Confirmation & Confirmation Classes

A confirmation service for our young people will be held on Sunday 24th November. Revd Ngozi begins Confirmation classes in the Rectory on Thursday 5th September at 7.30pm. Classes will continue each Thursday night.

## **Sympathy**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all Parishioners in our group who have recently been bereaved.

Mrs June Thompson, Gurteen Road, Garrison on the recent death of her mother, Mrs Dorothy Hudson. Mrs Priscilla Coyle, Belleek on the death of her father-in-law, Mr Paul Coyle. Mrs Julie Elliott, Garrison on the death of her grandmother, Mrs Chartres. Mrs Sadie Moore, Belleek on the death of her sister Mrs Kathleen Vance.

## **Vacancy Cover**

The Parishes are most grateful to all clergy and laity who have taken services in the group until Revd Ngozi's Institution. A special thanks to the Revd Isobel Nixon who took most of our Communion Services, we really enjoyed her ministry with us. Many thanks also to Miss McCordick for her Pastoral Care and Canon Glenn West for his attendance at Vestry Meetings and

for all his organisation for the Institution Service. All the Parishioners are most grateful for all the cover during the vacancy and look forward to a new phase of ministry with Revd Ngozi.

#### **Parish Website**



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

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#### Service on Inishmacsaint Island

At the time of writing we are looking forward to having a service on Inishmacsaint Island on Sunday 1st September. It will either be over or maybe just taking place as you read this. We hope that the weather will be favourable. Two years ago we had planned to hold the service at the end of May to celebrate the 180th anniversary of the present church building. It had to be postponed due to the very wet weather and it was also too wet to have the service in September. Instead we had the service in the church. I hope that on this third occasion that this will not happen and that it will be a pleasant afternoon. The bishop has kindly agreed to be the preacher. Following on from the G8 summit I felt that it would be most appropriate to have this service. The summit was a meeting of the leaders of the world's wealthiest and most powerful nations.



The purpose of the service is to worship the all powerful God, the one who is Sovereign Lord of all the earth. We want to proclaim the greatness of our God the one who holds the

world in his hands and yet loves and cares for each one in his creation however small and insignificant they may feel. I hope this service on 1st September at 3pm will be a celebration of these great truths.

## **Mission partnership**

Our new mission partner is Joanne Martin who has spent the last 10 years working in Morocco. She is working in Belfast among Muslim people. She values our prayers in establishing contact and building relationships with Muslims in and around the city. Its been a time of adjusting to change in

her life as she becomes accustomed to life here in Northern Ireland again. As part of her work she will be presenting a module on Islam at Belfast Bible College. This partnership through Crosslinks is both exciting and challenging and we pray for God's wisdom and guidance for Joanne.

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#### **Service Times**

Service Times, revert to our usual 10.30am Trillick and 11.45am Kilskeery from September.

### **Holy Matrimony**



Karen Johnston and Kenneth Brownlee at Kilskeery Parish Church by Karen's dad, Canon Dr. W. J. Johnston on July 16th. Leanne Graham and Matthew Gillian at Kilskeery Parish Church on July 26th. Congratulations and all best wishes.

All praise and glory to you most gracious God, for in the beginning you created us man and woman. Grant your blessing then, we pray, to Karen and Kenneth, Leanne and Matthew so that in marriage they may be a source of blessing to each other and to all, and live in holy love until their lives' end.

## **60th Wedding Celebration**

Warmest congratulations to Bill and Winnie Wilson who celebrated this milestone with family and friends in Kilskeery Parish Church on August 24th.

## Not a Ready-made Garment Love is not a ready-made garment,

but a piece of material to be cut and tailored. It is not a flat ready for occupation, but a house to be designed, built, furnished and repaired. It is not a conquered peak, but a daunting ascent with many obstacles and falls made in the icy cold or the fierce heat. It is not a safe anchorage in a harbour of happiness, but a voyage on the open sea in storm and tempest. It is not a triumphant 'yes', an affirmation of success, a magnificent final chord followed by clapping and cheers, but 'yes' repeated again and again throughout life accompanied by 'no' repeated as many times, but overcome. It is not the sudden appearance of a new life, perfect from the moment of its birth, but the flowing of a river from its source, sometimes in flood and sometimes only as a trickle of water,

but always on its way to the infinite sea.

Our 'Diamond' Couple, Bill and Winnie have successfully lived this out, our 'Newly Weds' Karen and Kenny, Leanne and Mattie are just beginning! 'Love is the greatest of all risks' (Jean Vanier)

### **Dates for the Diary**

**QEII Primary School** begins their 60th anniversary celebrations with a BBQ on Friday September 6th and extend a warm invitation to pupils, parents, grandparents and friends to come along.

**Sunday School** resumes on Sunday September 8th. (We thank all those who helped in any way with our Summer Family Fun Day and look forward to our ever popular Halloween Event in October, together with one or two 'newbies' in the pipeline!)

**Music Group / Choir** resumes on Tuesday, September 10th – see church news sheet.

**Senior Citizens Club** looks forward to a visit from Ballinamallard Historical Society on September 10th at 2.00pm and extends a warm welcome to all who might wish to join us.



**Mothers' Union** meet for a celebration of Holy Communion in Trillick Parish Church on September 16th at 8.00pm. This is to be followed by the A.G.M.

**Harvest Thanksgiving Services:** 

Kilskeery Parish Church, Friday, October 11th at 8.00pm, Sunday, October 13th at 11.00am. Trillick Parish Church, Sunday, October 20th at 11.00am and 8.00pm.

**Full details** of other Church Groups/Organisations on the church news sheet.

**Diocesan Magazine:** We extend sincere thanks and all best wishes to Freda Marsburg as she steps down from her role as editor (a hard act to follow!) and wish the team well with the 'new look' mag!! We have a few spare copies this month, should you wish to have a look – published 10 times in the year at a cost of £10. Jemma (Crozier), Kilskeery distributor, can be contacted on 89561763 or Pauline (Farrell), Trillick, 89561880

## **Lisbellaw (with Coolbuck)**



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### **Parish Register**

**Christian Burial -** Tuesday 30th July -Thomas (Tommy) Smyth, Fortview Park, Lisbellaw

We sympathize with those in the parish who have lost loved ones in recent months.

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



### **Sunday Club**

Sunday Club resumes at 11.00am on Sunday 8th September in the Church. Family Service on Sunday 15th at 11.00am.

## **Harvest Thanksgiving Services**

Coolbuck Sunday 29th September, 3.00pm and Monday 30th September, 8.00pm.

Lisbellaw Friday 11th October, 7.30pm Family Harvest Celebration with Bring and Share Supper to follow. All Welcome. Sunday 13th October, 11.00am & 7.00pm.



#### **Uncover**

During the autumn season in church, we will be looking at the evidence about the life and purpose of Jesus Christ using

Luke's Gospel. Uncover is the name of the series and it is also the name of a resource to help Christians to introduce friends to Jesus by taking the gospel directly to them. Uncover resources are relational, bring experts to your door and are ready to use without preparation.

The Sunday sermons will be supplemented by a look at the Uncover material on Monday evenings at the Rectory. You are most welcome to join us.

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## **Services For September**

**Sunday 1st -** 11.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 8th -** 11.30am Morning Prayer (Sunday School resumes)

**Sunday 15th -** 11.30am Morning Prayer (Mr Kenneth Rutledge)

**Sunday 22nd -** 11.30am Morning Prayer (Mr Walter Pringle)

Sunday 29th - 11.30am Morning Prayer

#### **Burial**

Friday 21st June - John Crawford, 13 Drumhaw, Lisnaskea. Saturday 6th July - Valerie Alison Graham, Macknagh, Lisnaskea.

Tuesday 30th July - John Kenneth (Ken) Elliott, Macknagh, Lisnaskea.

Sincere sympathies go to the Crawford, Graham and Elliott family circles and to all who have been bereaved in recent times. Our thoughts and prayers are also with everyone ill in hospital or nursing homes at this time and those awaiting surgery or recovering from an operation. We wish them a speedy recovery.



### Marriage

Saturday 29th June - Rachel Benson, Hollybrook, Lisnaskea & Richard Neely, Lisbellaw. Congratulations to you both.

#### **Holy Baptism**

Sunday 30th June - Andrew Ivan Morrow, Kilronan Road, Lisnaskea. Son to Trevor & Helen. Sunday 28th July - Jack Rodney McCusker,15 Station Road, Maguiresbridge. Son to Sandra & Simon.

### **Catering**

Thank you to everyone who supplied food and helped with the catering on the 3rd August both in the assembly field & the Archdale Centre. Also those who gave of their time to work on the burger stall over the two days at the Enniskillen Show. We are especially grateful to all the men who organised the erecting and dismantling of the stall as this is no easy task. A great deal of effort went into both events and your support is much appreciated.

#### **Mothers' Union**

We were delighted to learn that one of our esteemed members, Margaret Kells, had been honoured in receiving a BEM for her voluntary services within the community. Margaret who is a native of Leitrim is married to Noel and they have two daughters, a son and a grandson. She worked for 26 years in our local library and kept it so spic and span that she was a finalist in the cleaner of the year competition. Margaret is one of our members who visits the sick regularly, always bringing a small gift which she purchases herself and is always the first hand up when the branch leader requires help with anything. We feel she is a very worthy recipient of the award and wish her God's richest blessing for the future.

For our annual outing eighteen of our members and friends from other MU branches visited the delightful Clones Flower festival on Friday 28th June. We were warmly welcomed by Canon Helene Steed and members of Clones parish and all were overwhelmed by the beautiful arrangements which interpreted "Love" by different couples in the bible. The display created by the

Sunday School children in all sorts of shoes and boots was particularly striking. Members then enjoyed a meal in the church hall where we viewed a great display of wedding dresses.

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### Summer Kids' Club "Space Academy"

At the time of writing, we are about to blast off with our summer kids' club "Space Academy". Our youth worker David McIlroy has assembled an excellent team of leaders from Magheracross Parish and Ballinamallard Methodist Church for this exciting week-long orbit.

#### **Autumn Season**

The autumn season begins at the end of August with Magheracross Bowling Club on August 28th. This is in preparation for a bowling tournament which runs from September 2nd-6th.

#### **Scouts**

The scouting organisations all commence on the week beginning September 16th and new members will be made very welcome at the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Adventure Scouts.

#### **GFS**

GFS opens on September 24th at 6.30pm with a schedule of activities for all the age groups.

## **Youth Fellowship**

The Youth Fellowship opens fully in the autumn on September 8th at 7pm for juniors and 8.30pm for seniors.

#### **Mothers' Union**

The Mothers' Union season recommences on Thursday September 12th at 8pm with a celebration of Holy Communion in the Parish Room.



### **Sunday School**

Sunday School reassembles on September 8th for registration etc followed on September 15th with a special "Ice Cream Sunday" at

11am in Church. The title is a bit flaky but with a few sprinkles of intelligence and a scoop of wit you might be able to guess what we're doing. Maybe someone will play the cornet!

### **Fermanagh Show**

Congratulations to so many Magheracross parishioners who won prizes at the Fermanagh Show. We can boast top quality potatoes, onions, honey, eggs, Madeira Cake, Marble cake, ducks, hens and, most importantly, the very best champion chocolate cake in the county!

### **The Mighty Mallards**

The Mighty Mallards are starting their second season in the IFA Premiership. For this season, the rector has been invited to serve as chaplain to the club. This may, or may not, have an influence on the scores but the rector is nevertheless delighted to be asked to take on this role.

## Magheraculmoney



The harvest season is now upon us, and we have much to be thankful for, with a very warm July, and a good August with showers. Nonetheless, the hot weather did not suit everyone! As church organisations start up again, there is always a sense of September being the New Year in church life. A good time to resolve to worship God regularly, enjoy fellowship and friendship and grow in our walk with God - and be thankful for all He has given us. Paul's letter to the Colossians brings all these themes together:

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or

deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3: 15-17)

#### **Healing Prayer**

every Friday evening 7.30-8.30pm

#### **Prayer for the Youth**

every Tuesday evening 7-8pm, Fountain Centre

#### **Revival Prayer**

every Monday, 8pm

#### **Wednesday Prayer Meeting**

Wednesdays 9.30–11am

#### Children's Church

during 11am service for children 3-14 years, starts again on 8th September

#### **Ardess Little Lambs**

Mother & Toddler Group Mondays 10-12 noon

#### **Christian Book Exchange**

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

#### **Reading Together Book Club**

at Liz Crook's, 10am Mondays fortnightly.

#### **Friends in the Afternoon**

will resume on 24th September.

#### Mothers' Union

Thursday 19th September, first meeting with Holy Communion

#### **Ellel Ministries**

Modular School in Kesh Primary School. Weekend courses each month for 10 months. Next one: September 13th-15th. Restoring the human spirit.



#### **Life Groups**

Life is for living and not just for existing in so why not join a life group this year and join with others as life is lived to get all that God has for us out of our lives.

Deuteronomy 28 tells us that God wants to pour out abundant blessing on all those who live by his guide book, the Bible. If you are asking the question there must be more to life than this then come along and be encouraged. Life Groups meet on most evenings of the week and some during the day; please see Revd Henry for details.

#### Salt Groups

made up of people with the same interests reaching out into the community, meeting during the first week of every month.

## **Dates for the Diary**

**24/7 Prayer** 12noon Friday 13th September to 12noon Saturday.

**Harvest Mullaghfarne** 3.30pm on Sunday 6th October

**Ardess Harvest Weekend** Friday 18th October at 8pm, Sunday 20th October 9.30am and 11.00am

Ardess Auction Saturday 26th October

#### **Fountain Centre**

**Sunday Night at the Fountain** (SN@tFn) 7-9pm for teens.

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

**Senior Youth Club** for all secondary school age every Friday 7.30-10pm £1 entry fee.

Youth Life Groups 5.30pm on Sunday evening.

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

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

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

**Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts** all on various nights. See Revd Henry for more details.

**The Hideout** for all those over 14, a night of fun activities. **Fountain Badminton Club** Saturday evenings 7-9pm Junior Section, 8.30-10pm Adults.

### **Baptisms**

**28 July** – Indie Mae, daughter of Alvin Anderson and Julie Johnston, 38 Main Street, Kesh.

## Weddings

Congratulations to the following couples on their recent marriages:

**28 June -** Ashley Wilkin and Tracey Bratton, 51 Fortview Park, Kesh.

**18 July -** Paul James O'Reilly, 460 Killadeas Road, Shallany, Irvinestown and Jessica Law, 2 Rossculban Avenue, Kesh.

**19 July -** Alastair Graham, 39 Ballywoolen Road, Castlerock and Dawn Graham, 66 Edenamohill Road, Ederney.

**20 July -** Stuart Bradshaw, 12 Drumhoney Lane, Lisnarick and Edel Amos, 3 Rossculban Avenue, Kesh.

#### **Burials**

**25th July** – Gary McGirr aged 42 years, Spencer Street, Londonderry.

**27th July** – Gertie Simpson aged 86 years, Aughaleague, Ederney.

# Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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## **Parish Register**

#### St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk

**Baptism -** 6th July 2013, Ella Grace Crawford, 21 Bunnahesco Road, Lisbellaw

**Funeral -** 27th June 2013, Maud Chartres, 4 Creighton Park, Lisbellaw



### Christ Church, Maguiresbridge Baptisms

**12th May 2013,** Miah Rose Smyton, 7 Station Park, Maguiresbridge

**19th May 2013,** Amy Charlotte Nelson, 116 Gola Road, Lisbellaw

**26th May 2013,** Emma Olivia Moore, 109 Tullyhill Road, Maguiresbridge

**7th July 2013,** Jenson Christopher Browne, 2 Railway Park, Maguiresbridge

**20th July 2013,** Alex William Graham, 8 Railway Park, Maguiresbridge

**28th July 2013,** Tori Suzanna Veitch, 110 Snowhill Road, Cornafannogue, Lisbellaw

#### **Burials**

**25th May 2013,** Anna Edith Moorehead, Gortacharn Nursing Home, Lisnaskea

**2nd July 2013,** Ethel Sarah Graydon, Boyhill Road, Maguiresbridge

**22nd July 2013,** Richard Thomas Higgins, Innismore Road, Lisbellaw

**1st August 2013,** Amelia Marie Murphy, Currin, Cornafannogue, Maguiresbridge

It is good to see so many children being baptised and welcomed into the household of faith.

We sympathize with all those who have lost loved ones.



### **Harvest Thanksgiving**

Harvest Thanksgiving at St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk, will take place at 8.00pm, on Friday 27th September and the preacher will be

Revd S. Johnson and on Sunday 29th September at 12.00 noon the preacher will be Revd S. Johnson.

Harvest Thanksgiving at Christ Church, Maguiresbridge, will take place at 8.00pm on Friday 4th October and the preacher will be the Revd Canon Peter Wilson and on Sunday 6th October at 10.30am and the preacher will be the Bishop, the Rt. Revd John McDowell. At this service we will be thanking Almighty God for the completion of the work of restoration to the church.

#### Weather

Apart from a few thunder storms, we have been blessed with good weather since the start of June. Many farmers, towards the end of May/start of June, were facing great hardship with food supplies for the animals running out. With the arrival of warm, sunny weather it was amazing to see the amount of silage etc that has been won. Everyone's spirits have lifted and it has been good to see such a glorious summer, after so many bad ones.

#### **G8 Service**

During June we had the Archbishop of York over to preach at the pre G8 service in the cathedral in Enniskillen. It was great to see a good representation of clergy from various denominations in attendance. Only a few days beforehand, did I realize that we were going to have The Three Priests singing at this service. Many people gladly pay to listen to them sing at various concerts. They came along and were delighted to join with us at that service. Afterwards, walking back to the cathedral, we got a chance to speak to one of them. It is wonderful to see people who have such a gift of singing, sharing their talents with the wider community. It is always interesting to see what can happen within a month!

## **Scout Camp**

During the first week in August, I was asked to be camp chaplain for Nijam 2013. This was a Scout camp held at the Crawfordsburn campsite. Scouts and Guides from Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Scotland and England attended along with some from overseas. It was sad to hear that several people withdrew due to the scenes shown across the world regarding the flag protests in Belfast. It was encouraging to see the way in which young people and their leaders from both the UK, Republic of Ireland and from further afield, of different religious persuasions were able to mix, socialize and integrate without difficulty. People can live, work and play together if they so wish.

On the Sunday we had two services. One was a Roman Catholic Mass and the other was a Scouts Own - a service to worship Almighty God in a setting which is as inclusive as possible. At the service of Mass, I was told that Father

Martin O'Hagan would be in attendance. He was very busy and we were very fortunate that he accepted the invitation to come along and celebrate. He was running to a tight schedule as he had a number of services that morning, along with a number of baptisms and a funeral the following day. As is often said, if you want something done, you ask a busy person. It was only the evening before, that I realized he was one of The Three Priests who had come to St. Macartin's Cathedral in Enniskillen. He said how much he had enjoyed being there and also being invited, along with the other two priests, to take part in the service.

His sermon/address to the Scouts was very impressive. The Gospel reading was about the man who wanted his brother to divide the family inheritance with him. Then Jesus told them the parable about the man who wanted to build bigger and better barns. Before morning came, God said to him, "You fool! This very night, your life is being demanded of you and the things you have acquired, whose will they be? So it is, with people storing up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God." After the passage was read, Father O'Hagan sat in front of the young people and asked them what were the important things, in life, to them. The young people went through a list of items and then he asked, 'What are the real treasures which Jesus is talking about?' He then went on to tell of some of his experiences with people who were really poor. He had been invited, by Trocaire, to a poor country. A family had invited them to share a meal. Out of their meagre supplies, the family provided them with a meal which they ate using their fingers, while the family looked on. He also talked about the way in which the families worked together, in and through each other and that the younger people would kiss the feet of the older people, as a mark of respect - something which we would not think of doing. Even though these people were very poor, they had great richness in their lives, which is often missing in ours.

The Scouts Own was a different type of service. Most people attended. We had a praise group from a local church. The young people led most of the worship, doing the bible readings and leading the prayers. During this service, the young people were reminded of the Scout and Guide Law which is, basically, the way in which we, as followers of Christ, should lead our lives. Being camp chaplain, I was asked to give the address. I had two items with me - one in a plastic bag and the other in an envelope. One was an ostrich egg from South Africa, with the top of it missing, due to the chick having chipped a ring around it so that it could break out from the egg to the open world. It had transformed from one form to another and, hopefully, at camp everyone would be changed, in one way or another, for good. The item in the envelope was a £50 note. The eyes of one of the band members lit up! I proceeded to fold it, crumple it, throw it on the ground and walk over it. After this, it was still as valuable and if it had been placed in muddy water, it would still have been a £50 note. We are like that £50 note. Each and everyone of us is valuable in the sight of God. Also we, in the West, can be selfish and want to hold on to it. Yet we could share it between two people who would have £25 each, or between five people who would have £10 each or among ten people with £5 each or fifty people with £1 each. We could spread and share what we have with people who are less well –off than ourselves. During the camp, it was lovely to see the way so many people, who did not know each other, able to become good friends and enjoy each other's company. It is sad that we do not see that happening, more often, in the world around us.

## Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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1st September Trinity 14

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion; Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer

8th September Trinity 15

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word; Kilmore 3pm Harvest Thanksgiving

15th September Trinity 16

St Patrick's 10.30am Morning Prayer; Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

22nd September Trinity 17

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word; Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

29th September Trinity 18

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word

**6th October Trinity 19** 

St Patrick's 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving,

## The Ladies Group

The Ladies Group meet on Tuesday 17th September 7.30pm at the hall and will visit the Rossmore Mausoleum, followed by a talk by Mr Noel Carney.



#### The Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union meets in the hall on Tuesday 3rd September at 8pm. The speaker will be

Mrs Muriel Treacy, Faith and Policy Unit co-ordinator, Clogher Diocese on the theme "The Seeds we Sow"

#### Illness

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill or recovering, the housebound and those in residential care.

#### **Condolence**

We express prayerful sympathy to Mrs Dorothy Adams and family on the recent death of her Mother.

#### **Ballinode**



Ballinode barbeque & dance was very successful and we are indebted to those who supported the event and our members who were responsible for the organisation and providing the food.

### **Holiday Duty**

We express grateful thanks to Mr Roy Crowe assisted by Mrs Muriel Treacy for taking services while the Rector was on holidays.

### **The Bowling Club**

The Bowling Club gets underway on Thursday 12th September in the hall and new members are welcome.

### Children's Day



Children's Day was on Sunday 16th June with the children taking a leading role in the service through drama, readings and prayers. The Rector expressed grateful thanks to the Sunday School teachers for their work throughout the

year and preparing the children for the service.

#### **New Wine Conference**

New Wine Conference was held in Sligo I.T from 7th – 12th July. The Rector and family together with members of the congregation attended. The speaker each morning was Bishop Henry Orombi former Archbishop of Uganda and this was followed by a variety of seminars and children's programmes.

#### **Vortex Youth Group**

Vortex Youth Group meets in the hall on Saturday 8th September at 8pm.

#### **Harvest Services**

Sunday 8th September – Kilmore 3pm Sunday 6th October – St Patricks Church 10.30am Sunday 13th October – Ballinode Church 3pm

#### **Mother & Toddler Group**

Mother & Toddler Group commences activities in September on Thursdays in the hall, 10.30-12 noon.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday school term begins in September.

## Rossorry



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### **John Houston**

In July, Mr John Houston informed the Select Vestry of his desire to retire as Parish Administrator. This news was greeted with great sadness, as John has been an excellent and highly efficient Administrator for the past four years. John was instrumental in setting up the new Parish Office, and establishing the effective and very organised systems of managing the parish on a day to day basis. He worked tirelessly for the good of the parish and was always ready to give of himself in supporting many of the administrative teams and functions in Rossorry. His kind and gentlemanly manner in all of his dealings with parishioners and visitors alike was deeply appreciated. John will be greatly missed in the office, but we wish him a long and healthy retirement.

### **Family Service 8th September**

On Sunday 8th September there will be a Family Service at 11.00am with music led by our praise band m-Blaze. This service will mark the opening of Sunday School, and parents are asked to register their children after the service. Also at this service we look forward to welcoming Simon Burke into God's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Simon was very sick when he was born, and is still awaiting surgery for a serious heart condition, but is doing well, and we give thanks that he is now able to attend church on a regular basis with his parents, Chris and Donna, and his sister Nancy. Parishioners are also reminded to bring along their sunflowers, to see whose has grown the tallest. The seeded pots of sunflowers were distributed on Mothering Sunday last. After the service there will be tea and coffee in the Hall, with a FairTrade shop open where you can buy many fairly-traded food and other items.

#### **Youth Praise Service**



On Sunday 15th September there will be a praise service in the Parochial Hall at 7.00pm. This is an informal act of worship, with music led by m-Blaze. All are welcome to attend.

## **New Hymn Books**

On Sunday 15th September 2013 at the 11.00am Morning Prayer service eight new music edition hymn books will be dedicated for use by Rossorry Choir. These new hymn books have been generously donated by Sadie

Farrell, who has been a faithful member of the choir for many years, and will be dedicated in memory of her late husband George.

### **Marriage**

#### 21st June 2013

Jenna Maguire and Stephen Beacom

#### 6th July 2013

Lorraine Buchanan and Jason Brock

#### **Bereavements**

14th July 2013 Annie Collum

21st July 2013 Fred Millar

### **Services in September 2013**

#### **Sunday 1st September**

9.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 8th September**

9:00am Holy Communion

11:00am Family Service with the Sacrament

of Holy Baptism

#### **Sunday 15th September**

9:00am Holy Communion 11:00am Morning Prayer 7.00pm Youth Praise Service

#### **Sunday 22nd September**

9:00am Holy Communion 11:00am Morning Prayer

#### **Sunday 29th September**

9.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Morning Prayer

## **Tempo and Clabby**



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## **Clabby Restoration Fund**

Thank you for the recent donations in lieu of flowers in memory of the late Miss Renée Smyton £525 and the late Mr Bob Brunt £765. Thank you to these families for kindly remembering the Church in this very practical way. Appreciation is also given to Mr & Mrs Edwin Armstrong for organising another very successful mid-night walk at the end of June which raised £1,000. Thank you also to Mrs Myrtle Brunt for initiating the Quiz sheet which was sold by the Youth Club members and some of the Select

Vestry with proceeds being divided between the Youth Club and Restoration funds, the amount given to the Restoration fund was £250.

## **Future Dates for Restoration Fund Raising**



#### Saturday 14th September

9.30am Clabby Church Hall Men's Breakfast – Speaker Mr Jeffrey Donaldson MP who will speak about his faith and being an MP. Everyone welcome.

#### **Saturday 12th October**

Vintage Tractor Run from Clabby Church Hall. For more details contact David 89522134 or Vera 89521160.

#### **Funeral**

**4th June 2013** Samuel Maurice George Byers, Furnish, Fivemiletown.

#### **Future events September & October**

**Friday 6th** Gospel Concert with Justified, James Strange and other artists. Clabby Church Hall 8pm. Proceeds towards Missionary Work.

Sunday 8th Sunday school re-opens.

**Tuesday 10th** Mothers' Union 8pm Clabby Church Hall – Members get together.

**Friday 27th** Clabby Harvest Thanksgiving 8pm. Preacher: The Rt. Revd John McDowell.

**Sunday 29th** Family Harvest 10.15am; 7.30pm Hymns and Readings for Harvest.

**Friday 4th** Tempo Harvest Thanksgiving 8pm. Preacher: Revd John McClure.

**Sunday 6th** Family Harvest 11.30am; 7.30pm Songs of Praise.

**Sunday 13th** Confirmation Service 11.00am Tempo Parish Church. This will be a group Service.

#### **Harvest**



As you read these notes autumn will have begun. The summer this year has been truly glorious. We have had prolonged bad weather since last summer, with the most rainfall recorded, severe flooding and in

some parts of the province extreme cold and very heavy snowfalls. This caused much hardship for the farmers with the loss of crops, livestock and extra financial pressure. The weather led to days of prayer and special times of prayer in our Churches. God is faithful not only in answering prayer but also in keeping his promise "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22).

Surely it is time for everyone, especially all farmers to come to our harvest services to return thanks to God for all His blessings to us. Psalm 65:2 says "O you who hear our prayer to you all men come".

Read the rest of the psalm it tells us what God has done in providing for our needs and that of our livestock and animals. As Psalm 67 says God has been gracious to us and blessed us, therefore it also calls us to praise God. This is repeated twice in this short psalm.

God has answered prayer and provided for our material needs. But harvest time reminds us of the spiritual harvest of our souls. God's word is like seed sown which in due time is expected to produce results. God seeks to sow His word in our hearts and then produce a harvest of commitment to Christ and true Christian living. Thank God for all He has done also for our Salvation, show by giving ourselves to Christ and living for Him each day. For further thinking on the seed of God's word read Matthew chapter 13.

#### **Welcome from Deanery**

On behalf of the parishioners and Rural Deanery we wish to welcome the Revd John McClenaghan and his family to Aghalurcher Group of Parishes and we wish them God's blessing in the future.

## **Trory and Killadeas**



#### Rector:

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#### **Harvest Festival Services**



Killadeas harvest services are scheduled for Friday 27th September at 8.00pm. The preacher will be the Revd Alan Irwin, Rector of Colaghty. Also Sunday 29th September at

10.00am when the Rector shall preach at a service of Holy Communion.

Trory harvest services are scheduled for Friday 11th October at 8.00pm. The preacher will be Preb. Glenn West, Rector of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale. Also Sunday 13th October at 11.30am when the Rector shall preach at a service of Holy Communion.

## **Visiting Speakers**

In the Autumn we hope to have two visiting speakers. Firstly on Sunday 8th September Mrs. Linda Thompson will speak on behalf of the Shoe Box Appeal at both services. It is coming round to "Shoe Box" time and we hope to complete many of these parcels for abroad

in time for Christmas. On Sunday 20th October Mr. Raymond Farrell will speak on personal depression and solutions at both services. This is to complement work he is undertaking with the Mothers Union in the parish. Details of an open Mothers Union meeting next month.

#### E100



As of my annual leave in August we had read a total of 68 of the 100 readings. We will continue in September with the readings as scheduled but please keep in mind our visiting speakers will choose their own texts. E100 Bible Study will resume in September.

#### **Rectory address**

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to remember.

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Please Contact Jennifer Leathem at jileathem@gmail.com or on Tel: 047 80019 for further information OR Co-operation Ireland Project Manager Carolyne Murphy at cmurphy@cooperationireland. org or on Tel: +447753789940.











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