New Rector of Aghalurcher & Cooneen with Mullaghfad

Diocesan Curate
Introduced in Galloon, Sallaghy & Drummully

Ordination of Curate-Assistant in Enniskillen Cathedral

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CHILDREN’S MINISTRY CERTIFICATE

Where:
Rossorry Church Hall, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh

When:
Saturdays 9.45 – 1.00pm

19th October 2013
Child Development.

16th November 2013
Building Blocks conference, Ballymena.

14th December 2013
Programme Planning.

18th January 2014
Children and Communication.

22nd February 2014
Pastoral Awareness/Leadership Skills
(Full day 9.45-4.00pm).

22nd March 2014
Spirituality and the Bible.

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Further information available from
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For a booking form and an information pack please visit www.theologicalinstitute.ie
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Bottom Left: Revd Anita Kerr and Bishop John McDowell.
Bottom Right: Mr Ewan Richmond, Dean Kenneth Hall, Revd Rob Clements, Bishop John McDowell, Revd Alistair Warke and Mr Brian Rutledge.
The President’s Address at the Diocesan Synod isn’t really part of the Synod’s business in the proper sense, I suppose that it is the Bishop’s opportunity to say some things that he thinks are worthwhile saying about the year just past and maybe also to say something about the present and the future that seems useful (at least to the Bishop).

I want to begin by making an observation that takes past, present and future in to account. When you get a large number of people together it is very difficult to identify something which each and every one has in common.

Of course we are all believers, but our belief will have been shaped by different traditions both within and beyond the Church of Ireland, and if we were each asked to give an account of our belief we might be surprised at how much we differ from one another. But the one thing we have absolutely in common is that we have all been baptised. We have all been baptised into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and as our faith has deepened we have grown into our baptism.

That common baptism works itself out in many ways, and one particularly innovative and enriching development has been the much closer connections which have grown up between the Methodist Church and the Church of Ireland. Indeed at this year’s General Synod and in the Methodist Conference the final foundations were laid for the mutual recognition of ministries which has tremendous potential for very close collaboration in mission.

By baptism and faith each of us here participates in the life of Jesus; in his life as prophet, a priest and a king. I want to say something very brief about that word “prophet” and what it means for baptised believers.

We are always hearing voices saying that the Church or the Bishop or such and such should be more prophetic. That we should take a prophetic stand on this, that or the other. Usually what people really want us to do when they ask us to speak prophetically is to agree with them in a very loud voice.

However, prophesy is not just a matter of ‘sounding off’. Prophesy, in scripture, is the task of patiently and steadfastly recalling the whole community to its proper vocation. The prophet in the Old Testament is somebody who seeks to bring God’s people back to their first loyalty, to their central, true vocation. To say to the whole community, of which the prophet is also a part, “This is what we really are. This is what we’re really about.”

In that sense prophesy is about calling people back to basics. Baptised people are called to remind one another – nagging one another sometimes – to get back to those rudiments of religion. That, I think, is the sort of mutual encouragement and admonition which marked the Primitive Church off from other religious societies and, believe it or not, it is also part of the purpose of gatherings of bishop, clergy and lay people in Councils and Synods.

The Church is a community of people saying to one another “Don’t forget who we are and what we’re here for.” And together we work at the integrity of the community, and its witness, and our faithfulness to our calling. The prophetic anointing is anointing to call one another back to faithfulness.

Now, calling people back to faithfulness is not the same as sniffing out things in one another that we can wag our fingers at. It doesn’t mean constantly checking up on one another or trying to control one another. It certainly doesn’t mean trying to make people just like me. It means simply, faithfully saying to one another, “Don’t forget what we’re here for. Don’t forget who you are in Christ and don’t let me forget either.” A prophet’s words are his own confession before the face of God at least as much as they are an address to God’s people.

What we are to discuss and what we have done in past years should be about how we organise and resource ourselves for this work of ministry as prophets, priest and kings.

Because we live in a complex society and because a largish organisation like a diocese is also complex, that will involve a great deal of what might be regarded as boring detail. And it will indeed be boring detail unless we remember what its final purpose is - to equip us for the ministry to which each of us was called in baptism.

The year past has had its more obviously prophetic moments. It was a privilege and I have to say an enormous responsibility to be asked to preach at the special service in Enniskillen Cathedral to remember the awful events of Remembrance Sunday 1988. There can be no more fundamental part of our vocation than to comfort those who are suffering and to bind up the broken hearted.

And that is not the work of a day or a fortnight, but requires faithfulness and patience. It is indeed part of our vocation never to forget the innocent victims of cruelty or to allow their voice to go unheard as though they did not matter. I hope we have done that especially in the patient and unseen work of pastoral ministry in our parishes.

On Remembrance Sunday itself I think we were afforded another opportunity to exercise our prophetic vocation - this time as peacemakers and reconcilers - when the
The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Parish Church, Londonderry.

The Revd Pat Storey is currently Rector of St Augustine’s Richard Clarke, who is now Archbishop of Armagh.

It is available to us.

and our duty in every parish and in every school where make and we should ensure that we exercise our right and act upon. We have our distinctive contribution to those schools. That is a right, which we should cherish we secured the right to be involved in the governance of When the Churches transferred their schools to the State, part to play in education on behalf of the Diocese.

I want simply to make three further remarks in conclusion.

First, if I could just mention a tremendous high light in my own year and I hope one that can be shared by many people in the Diocese. I am of course referring to the honour of being asked to represent the Church of Ireland at the service, in Westminster Abbey, to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the Coronation of the Queen. I still find it rather hard to believe but when I look at the Order of Service which I brought home with me, there it is in black and white “Representing the Church of Ireland: the Right Reverend John McDowell, The Lord Bishop (no less) of Clogher”.

I had omitted to tell one of my brothers that I was going to Westminster Abbey and when his family were watching the service on television his wife said to him “There’s a man who is the spitting image of our John walking up the aisle in Westminster Abbey”!

Secondly, I want simply to thank everyone, lay and clerical who continue to make me so very welcome as I go round the Diocese for all sorts of services and events. Of course we have differences of opinion and difficulties, but they have not prevented us from working together to build up the Church of Christ in this diocese. My favourite experience is when one parishioner said, what I am determined to take as a compliment, “I never thought that we would have such an ordinary Bishop.” The last thing I want to say is that it obviously takes a little time to settle in to a new place and a new role. As I was saying to the clergy at a service we shared just before the summer, I had two big tasks. The first was to learn how to be a bishop, and the second, rather different one was to learn how to be specifically the Bishop of Clogher. No doubt both of those are very long term projects but, after two years Mary, Dorothy and I feel very much at home now and I hope you are getting used to me and my funny little ways.

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ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

The Revd Patricia Storey appointed Bishop of Meath and Kildare

The House of Bishops appointed the Revd Pat (Patricia) Storey as the new Bishop of Meath and Kildare, to succeed The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, who is now Archbishop of Armagh. The Revd Pat Storey is currently Rector of St Augustine’s Parish Church, Londonderry. Announcing the appointment of the Revd Pat Storey, The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, said: ‘Having known Pat Storey since she was an undergraduate and I was Chaplain at Trinity College, Dublin, I very much welcome her as a new bishop. She is a person of great warmth, intelligence and spiritual depth and I am certain that her ministry in the Dioceses of Meath and Kildare and the wider Church will be a blessing to many. We remember her and her family in our prayers.’

The Revd Pat Storey (53) has been Rector of St Augustine’s, Londonderry (Derry and Raphoe) since 2004. She is married to the Revd Earl Storey and has two adult children, Carolyn and Luke, and a son-in-law Peter. The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin, Bishop of Glendalough, welcomed the appointment: “I look forward to having Pat as a colleague and neighbour and I encourage everyone to pray for her, for Earl and for their family as she embarks on this fresh journey of service and leadership of God's people.”

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Hope and History – Building Peace in Northern Ireland

The Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, has joined with others in endorsing a cross church campaign in support of the talks with Dr Richard Haass. The campaign is to encourage all who are taking part and the wider community to seek the common good at this time. The campaign entitled ‘Hope and History – Building Peace in Northern Ireland’ invites members of the churches to sign up to a statement that gives positive support to all those who are committed to making peace work and to improve relationships into the future. The three main headings of the statement are humility, healing and hope.

The campaign has been devised by members of various churches including the Revd Dr Heather Morris, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland; Cardinal Seán Brady and the Revd Dr Rob Craig, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

You can sign your support for the statement at www.hopeandhistory.com

Church-wide ‘Census’ to take place in November

In November, the Church of Ireland will be undertaking a ‘census’ of the worshiping Church of Ireland population for the first time in many years.

On three Sundays in November (3rd, 17th and 24th) clergy and parish officials will be attempting to ascertain the age profile and gender profile of those attending services in Church of Ireland Churches throughout Ireland. Worshippers on those Sundays will receive a card on which they will be asked to indicate their gender and age. The card will be completely anonymous.

The objective of the census is to provide information on the worshipping Church of Ireland population and to enable parishes, dioceses and the Church at an island-wide level to make decisions for the future based on an up to date analysis of the Church of Ireland’s population.

It is anticipated that the 2013 census will be repeated every three years in order to enable the Church to examine trends in worship attendance and ministry throughout Ireland.

September Archive of the Month

The RCB Library’s Archive of the Month for September features the commonplace book of the Revd Alexander Lamiliere.

Commonplace books were popular in Ireland in the 18th and 19th centuries. They were a convenient way of recording useful and improving pieces of knowledge such as copies of letters, poems, recipes, excerpts from scripture or prayers. Some were substantial, some were slight but all were unique in reflecting the interests of their creators.

Alexander Lamiliere, the creator of this commonplace book came from French Huguenot stock. He spent his entire ministry in the city of Cork being successively Chancellor of Cork, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Archdeacon of Cork, and Vicar of St Peter’s, between 1774 and his death in 1800. The contents of the commonplace book include an account of the Lamilliere family, written in French, by Lamilliere’s grandmother who was a member of the de Proisy family, copies of letters written to the Cork newspapers reflecting local concerns, and prayers composed by Lamilliere. The volume is likely to be of interest to those concerned with Irish Huguenot families, the Church of Ireland in the late 18th century, and, especially events in the city of Cork.

Priorities Fund

Since 1980, the General Synod Priorities Fund has supported projects within the Church of Ireland. The closing date for applications is 31st October each year. Further information is available from the Organiser, Mrs Sylvia Simpson, email priorities@ireland.anglican.org or Telephone 00353(0)1 4125607.
DIOCESAN NEWS

Singing Workshop
A Singing Workshop will be held on Saturday the 16th November in Aghavea Parish Hall. The workshop is open to all who have an interest and enthusiasm for singing in worship. The workshop will cover many aspects of choral singing and music in worship, including warm-ups, breathing exercises, hymn singing and lots of other useful singing tips. The workshop is open to anybody from across the diocese; you do not have to be part of a choir to take part. The workshop will be led by Nathan Barrett, Director of Music at Rossorry Parish and will run from 11am-4pm. A light lunch will be provided. The workshop is provided free of charge, all you need to bring is a pencil and a bottle of water plus your enthusiasm and a sense of humour. To reserve a place, please contact Nathan at rossorrymusic@outlook.com or (028) 66 320239 by Thursday 14th November.

Ordination to the Priesthood of the Revd Rob Clements

The Revd Rob Clements, who has commenced serving as Curate Assistant in St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen, was ordained to the Priesthood by the Bishop at a service of ordination on Sunday 8th September 2013, the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Rob was born in Belfast, studied Politics at Queen’s University Belfast and went on to study Equality Studies at University College Dublin. Before ordination Rob worked in Drug and Alcohol Services, Adult Education, and in Youth and Community Work. He met his wife Julie in Belfast; they lived for four years in Seattle, USA before returning to Ireland to live in Dublin. They have two young children: Sophie and Gideon. He recently served as Intern Deacon at Rathfarnham Parish, Dublin as part of his Masters in Theology degree from Trinity College Dublin.

The opening hymn at the ordination service was Praise my soul the King of heaven. Rob was presented for ordination by six sponsors: Mrs Julie Clements, Mr Alistair Craig, the Revd Anne Taylor, the Revd Gillian Wharton, Mrs Helen Coalter and Mrs Jennifer Johnston. The Revd Ngozi Njoku read the first reading from Isaiah chapter 61, Psalm 145 was sung by the choir, and the Revd Alistair Warke read the second reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 8. The Gradual Hymn was Come to us creative Spirit, and the Dean, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, read the Gospel reading from St Luke chapter 9.

The preacher was the Revd Ted Woods, Rector of Rathfarnham Parish in the United Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough, where Rob spent his year as an Intern Deacon. After the ordination litany, which was sung by the Precentor, the Revd Canon Noel Regan, all joined in singing the Veni, Creator Spiritus. The Ordination Prayer with the Laying on of Hands followed, when the bishop and priests laid hands on the candidate. The bishop then presented Rob with a Bible and the congregation greeted the newly ordained priest. The Offertory hymn was Will you come and follow me.

After Holy Communion was celebrated the bishop gave the blessing, Revd Clements said the dismissal and the closing hymn was Guide me O thou great Jehovah. All in attendance were invited to the parish hall after the service for refreshments.

Institution of new Rector of Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad

A large congregation filled Aghalurcher Parish Church in Colebrooke on Friday 13th September 2013 to welcome the new rector, the Revd John McClenaghan, who was instituted by the Bishop of Clogher.

Prior to taking up the position in the Aghalurcher Group, Mr McClenaghan served as rector of Keady in the Diocese of Armagh for over five years. The preacher at the service was the former Archbishop of Armagh, the Rt Revd Alan Harper.

Assisting the bishop were the Venerable Cecil Pringle, Archdeacon, the Diocesan Registrar, the Revd Canon John Stewart, and the Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong, Rural Dean of Clogher. The Bishop’s Chaplain was the Revd Sampson Ajuka, the Organist was Mrs Isobel Little and the parish choir led the singing.

The processional hymn was Be thou my vision. Mrs Arlene Foster MLA, a parishioner, read the Old Testament reading from Nehemiah chapter 7. Psalm 84 was led by the Rural Dean, and the Epistle from 1st Corinthians chapter 11 was read by Gareth Carrothers, a member of the Youth Fellowship. The gradual hymn was Firmly I believe and truly, and the Gospel reading from St John chapter 21, was read by Mrs Joy Coalter, Diocesan Reader. The sermon was followed by the hymn Jesus all for Jesus.

The Archdeacon, the Venerable Cecil Pringle presented Mr McClenaghan to the bishop for institution, after which all joined in the hymn God is here as we his people.

During the commission and number of symbols of ministry were presented to the newly instituted rector. Mr John Primrose, People’s Churchwarden of Cooneen Parish presented a Bible, Mrs Glenda Eagleson, Sunday School Leader in Aghalurcher Parish presented a container of water, and Mrs Emma Gould, Branch Leader of Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers’ Union presented the rector with a Book of Common Prayer. Mrs Mairead Primrose, Leader of Colebrooke and Cooneen GFS, presented bread and wine, and Luke Coulter, representing 1st Colebrooke and Cooneen Scout Group, presented oil. Mr Mervyn Downey, Rector’s Churchwarden of Aghalurcher Parish, brought...
forward the key of the church, and finally Miss Elizabeth Clarke, GFS member, presented a towel.

After the hymn Love divine, the newly instituted rector led the prayers. The offertory hymn was I, the Lord of sea and sky, and the final hymn was Will you come.

Everyone was invited for refreshments after the service in Aghalurcher Parish Hall, during which a number of speeches were made. Master of ceremonies was the Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong, Rural Dean, and speakers included Mr Ronnie Herron, Rector’s Churchwarden from Mr McClennagh’s previous parish, Mrs Arlene Foster MLA, on behalf of Aghalurcher Parish, Mr John Carrothers on behalf of Cooneen with Mullaghfad Parish, the Revd John McClennagh and finally the Bishop. The evening concluded with all joining in the third collect of Evening Prayer, and Mr Derek Johnston, Bishop. The evening concluded with all joining in the third collect of Evening Prayer, and Mr Derek Johnston, Rector’s Glebewarden of Aghalurcher Parish, making a presentation on behalf of the group of parishes to the Rector’s Glebewarden of Aghalurcher Parish, the Revd John McClenaghan and finally the Bishop. The evening concluded with all joining in the third collect of Evening Prayer, and Mr Derek Johnston, Rector’s Glebewarden of Aghalurcher Parish, making a presentation on behalf of the group of parishes to the Rural Dean, the Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong.

Music Bursary Scheme

The ministry of music is an important part of the worshipping life of the Church of Ireland. Through music we are able to express our devotion to God and our solidarity with our fellow-believers in a way that ordinary words cannot achieve. Music is also a part of our witness to the world. Music is an aspect of the discipleship of those who lead worship in this way and is a very significant part of the organised “Hallelujah” of the People of God. In short music is a vocation - a calling from God - to use the gift which He has given in its highest sense.

Naturally we wish to offer the best that we can to God in music as in every other aspect of worship. In order to support this desire Clogher Diocesan Council offers Musical Bursaries from the Diocese to those who already make or will commit to making a contribution to music in Church, and are receiving or are willing to receive tuition in their instrument or voice. It is envisaged that the bursary awards will be used to subsidise music tuition in the particular instrument or voice.

The Bursary Scheme embraces all forms of musicianship. The Pipe Organ has a long association with Church music and presents musical challenges of a very high order. The Clogher Music Bursary Committee is keen that the Diocese should do all that it can to maintain a provision of Church organists. However the Bursary is also for musicians of all sorts and is also open to instrumentalists, singers and choir leaders.

Requests for bursary should be made using the appropriate application form, which is available from your rector or Clogher Music Bursary Committee, The Diocesan Office, St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Hall’s Lane, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh. Telephone 028 66 347879 Email secretary@clogher.anglican.org

Introduction of new Diocesan Curate in Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully

A large congregation gathered in Galloon Parish Church, Newtownbutler on Friday 30th August 2013 to welcome the new diocesan curate, the Revd Anita Kerr, who was introduced by the Bishop to serve in the Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully Group of Parishes.

Prior to taking up her position in the Galloon Group, Revd Anita served in various capacities as a Non-Stipendiary Minister in the Diocese of Clogher, and prior to that she served in Sligo Cathedral in the Diocese of Elphin and Ardagh. The preacher at the service of institution was the Dean of Elphin and Ardagh, the Very Revd Arfon Williams.

Assisting the bishop were the Archdeacon, the Venerable Cecil Pringle, the Revd Canon Helene T. Steed, Rural Dean of Clones, and the Diocesan Registrar, the Revd Canon John Stewart. The Bishop’s Chaplain was the Revd Sampson Ajuka, the organists were Mrs May Leech and Miss Joyce Clingan, and a combined choir from the group of parishes led the singing.

The processional hymn was Be thou my vision. The first reading was from Genesis chapter 28, read by Mr Darren Morrow. The Rural Dean, the Revd Canon Helene T. Steed, led Psalm 42 and the second reading was from Ephesians chapter 4, read by Mrs Hazel Robinson. The gradual hymn was Great is thy faithfulness, which was followed by the Gospel reading from St John chapter 15, read by Miss Rebekah Clingan. The sermon was followed by the hymn I, the Lord of sea and sky.

The Archdeacon, the Venerable Cecil Pringle, presented Revd Anita to the Bishop for introduction, after which all joined in the hymn Brother, sister, let me serve you. The final hymn was Guide me, O thou great Jehovah.

After the service a number of speeches were made. Master of ceremonies was the Revd Canon Helene T. Steed, Rural Dean. Speakers included the Archdeacon, followed by Mrs Eileen Hall on behalf of Drummully Parish, Mr George Little on behalf of Sallaghy Parish, and Mr Richard Bell on behalf of Galloon Parish. Mrs Beulah Whittingdale made a presentation to Revd Anita on behalf of the Mothers’ Union. The Very Revd Michael King PP spoke on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church, the Revd Colin Milligan spoke on behalf of the Methodist Church, and Mr Pat Sharkey spoke on behalf of the wider community. Mr William Allen, on behalf of the group of parishes, paid tribute to those who provided cover during the vacancy, making presentations to Mr Walter Pringle (in abstentia), the Revd Canon David Skuce, and Dean Raymond Thompson. The speeches concluded with words from the Revd Anita Kerr and finally the Bishop. Everyone was invited for a most splendid tea in the Church Hall afterwards.
October 2013

Wednesday 2nd October – MU Autumn Council in Irvinestown Parish Hall. Holy Communion in Church at 7.30pm. Speaker: Canon Glenn West.

Saturday 5th October – Vintage Tractor Run leaving Clabby Church Hall at 10.30am. Refreshments served from 9.30am. For more details contact David on 028 89522134 or Vera on 028 89521160.

Saturday 5th October – Beetle Drive at 8.00pm in Killeevan Parish Hall. Supper served. Admission: Adults £5.00 and children £3.00.

Tuesday 8th October – Aghavea MU Visitor’s Night at 8.00pm in Aghavea Church Hall. Speaker: Liz Miller, wife of Bishop Harold Miller. All ladies will be most welcome.

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 – Cassandra Hand Event. This year Revd Thomas and Mrs Cassandra Hand’s grave have been restored. This work has been part of a community project about Mrs Hand and her contribution to the Clones area during the time of the famine in the 19th century. Women in the area have met and made prayer flags. At 3.00pm there will be a celebration of prayer expressed through these many flags in Clogh Church and hall. The Hands grave will be re-dedicated. Afterwards refreshments will be served.

Saturday 12th October – St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen, Open Day for visitors to come along and view the Harvest decorations.

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

Friday 18th October – Devenish Bowling Club Tournament will be held in the Reade Hall, Monea. Also on Monday 21st, Wednesday 23rd, and Thursday 24th with finals night on Friday 25th. All bowlers are welcome and entries should be forwarded to the secretary of Devenish Bowling Club, Mrs Pam Harpur, The Daires, Monea, Enniskillen. Tel 028 66341237.

Friday 18th October – Monaghan Parish Sale from 10.00am. There will be the usual stalls with tea and coffee available.

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

Sunday 20th October – Fund Raising Lunch after morning Harvest Service in Cleenish Parish.

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).

Friday 25th October – Breakfast with Baroness May Blood from 7.00–9.00am in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen with the Baroness speaking from 8.10am-8.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend and you can reserve a place by contacting St Macartin’s Cathedral Office on 028 66322917. Cost £20 payable at the door.

Friday 25th October – Harvest Ball in Aghadrumsee Orange Hall at 9.30pm. Music provided by ‘I’m on my own’. A night of fun not to be missed.

Saturday 26th October – Ardess Parish Auction in the Community Centre, Kesh. The cake sale will begin at 12noon and the actual auction will begin at 1pm. In addition to the normal household goods, firewood and everything you would expect to be at an auction we have a selection of really good pledges that will be auctioned.

Saturday 26th October – Cleenish Parish Auction in the Parish Hall at 2.00pm.


Sunday 27th October – Monaghan Parish Sale from 10.00am. There will be the usual stalls with tea and coffee available.

Monday 28th October – Annual Fun Pairs Bowling Tournament in Aghavea Parish Hall from Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November. For more information, or to enter, please contact Frances Cartwright on 028 8953 1495.

Thursday 31st October – Closing date for Priorities Fund applications. Further information available from Mrs Sylvia Simpson, email priorities@ireland.anglican.org or tel 00353(0)14125607.

November 2013

Friday 1st November – Halloween Event at Kilkeery Parish Hall, organised by the Youth Council.

Friday 1st November – Tempo Parish Concert at 8pm in Tempo Parish Church with Curtis Magee and Friends. Proceeds are towards Church Funds.

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

Sunday 3rd November – Church-wide ‘Census’ of the Church of Ireland Population. Worshippers will receive a card on which they will be asked to indicate their gender and age. The card will be completely anonymous.

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 CMS Ireland Information Evening in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 5th November – Table Quiz in Killadeas Parish Hall at 8.00pm. Proceeds to parish funds.

Friday 8th November – Sallaghry Parish Dance in the Church Hall. Music will be by ‘Sweet Harmony’.

Friday 8th November – Fundraising Dance organised by Garrison Parish in the Gilaroo Centre from 9.30pm onwards. Music by the well known singer Anthony McBrien. Tickets £10 including supper. All proceeds to the Church Renovations.

Friday 8th November – Table Quiz organised by the Youth Club at 8.00pm in Clabby Church Hall. Table of 5 people—£10.00. Groups welcome.

Saturday 9th November – Devenish Parish Sale and Auction at 2.00pm in the Reade Hall, Monea.

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

Friday 15th November – Drummully Parish Dance in the Church Hall. Dancing from 10.00pm
and music by Roy Hurst. Refreshments served.

Saturday 16th November – Singing Workshop in Aghavea Parish Hall. To reserve a place, please contact Nathan at rossorrymusic@outlook.com or (028) 66 320239 by Thursday 14th November.

Sunday 17th November – Choral Evensong in Rossorry Parish at 7.00pm.

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Sunday 24th November – Church-wide ‘Census’ of the Church of Ireland Population. Worshippers will receive a card on which they will be asked to indicate their gender and age. The card will be completely anonymous.

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.

Friday 29th November – A series of Concerts will commence with an organ recital by Mr Billy McBride in Rossorry Church at 7.00pm. There is no admission charge to the concerts, but donations will be gladly received to defray the costs involved.

Saturday 30th November – Christmas Tree Festival organised by St Mark’s Parish, Aghadrumsee.

Saturday 30th November – Coffee Morning and Sale in Rockcorry Old School House.

December 2013

Sunday 1st December – Christmas Tree Festival organised by St Mark’s Parish, Aghadrumsee.

Sunday 1st December – Diocesan Advent Carol Service and Commissioning of Diocesan Pastoral Assistants at 7.00pm in St Macartan’s Cathedral, Clogher.

Thursday 12th December – Clogher Clerical Association Christmas Devotional and Lunch in Monaghan Parish at 10.00am commencing with a Service of Holy Communion. Speaker: The Most Revd Richard Clarke.

Monday 16th December – ‘A Christmas Special’ performance by Nathan Carter with special guest Crawford Bell in St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen at 8.00pm.

Tickets are available in person only from St Macartin’s Parish Office, Cathedral Halls, Half’s Lane, Enniskillen (Mon-Fri: 9.00am–12noon) for a subscription of £25.00.

February 2014

Saturday 15th February – MU Prayer Breakfast in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen. Speaker: Revd Cathy Trimble, Co-ordinator of the Faith and Policy Unit.

Prayer Breakfast

Please note that this will take place in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 15th February 2014 when the speaker will be the Revd Cathy Trimble, All Ireland Co-ordinator of the Faith and Policy Unit.

Congratulations

To Margaret Kells from Lisnaskea Branch who has been awarded the BEM for services in the Community and Long Service to the Library Service.

Visitors Night

As a pilot scheme the branches of Derrybrusk, Derryvullen South and Garvary, Lisbellaw and Maguiresbridge are holding just one Visitors Night each year for the next four years. As is the case with other branches, it can be difficult to get the support for multiple meetings held in a short space of time; also we feel that where branches are so close it is good for members and branch leaders to work together. The speaker is to be Mr Brian Rankin from Limavady. He writes and recites poetry and donates all money he raises to charity. Brian has written several books of poetry which will be on sale at the Visitors Night.
Space Academy

An insight by David McIlroy, Youth Worker, into the Space Academy Holiday Bible Club held in Ballinamallard. On Monday 19th August, the Space Academy airlock hissed open for the first time and a horde of excited young astronauts spilled inside. As a team, we had prepared as best we could for their arrival but none of us could have anticipated how much enthusiasm and energy would accompany the holiday club children of summer 2013.

By Saturday 24th we had 83 astronauts registered, with an average daily attendance of between 50 and 60 children. Throughout the week, the Space Academy team excelled in everything I asked of them: leading from the front, teaching memory verses, telling stories, guiding in craft time, organising games, dancing on stage, singing, acting, and generally leaving all their inhibitions at the door.

Looking back, I couldn’t be happier with how the week went. The team did themselves and their families proud, and I’m certain the children left with a greater desire to know God, even if they don’t fully realise it yet. Roll on summer 2014!

Vibe Philippines Trip 2013

Report from Averil Crowe, Clones Parish.

In summer 2012, a team of 33 young adults headed off on a missionary trip to the Philippines. It proved to be a blessed time and we hoped to have the opportunity to return. This summer, a team of 17 went back to the two islands visited last year to continue the work started last summer.

Week 1:
Our first stop was Cebu, where we spent a lot of time in the inner city doing street evangelism and distributing bibles, in the Cebuano language, to the people whom we met. We also worked alongside an organisation called Christ for Asia, who distribute food to street children.

During these feeding programmes, we entertained the children through singing, dancing and bible stories but most of all the children loved the time and attention given to them.

Week 2:
We travelled to a small, remote island called Malapascua. Last year, we helped to put windows in the local church and this year, we painted the church walls. We also ran children’s programmes in the local schools, where ‘Identity in Christ’ was the theme. We used the church to run feeding programmes and craft activities. We also held healing services throughout the week where we saw a lot of people moved by the love of Jesus. Local church members brought us around the island and acted as translators while we evangelised at the local houses. Our ‘off duty’ time was also a special blessing when local children came to the beach close to our accommodation to spend time with our team.

This missionary trip was a real learning curve for all team members and we feel so blessed to have had our faith stretched through this experience. To God be the Glory!
The Parable of the Sower
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(You can read this in the Bible in St. Luke chapter 8 verses 4 - 15)

One day people came from many towns to hear Jesus and he told them this parable: A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, it was trampled on and the birds ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.

Then Jesus explained what this parable meant. The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. But the seed on good soil stands for those with a good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Harvest

Rearrange the letters of the word ‘Harvest’ to see how many small words you can make from the word.

Draw

Draw the four different types of soil mentioned in the story.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Advice on Planning Issues

On Wednesday 9th October 2013 Community Places will be at Fermanagh House, Broadmeadow Place, Enniskillen between 1.00pm and 4.00pm to provide independent advice on all kinds of planning issues in towns, rural areas and villages. Issues will include PPS 21, wind farm applications, planning enforcement and home extensions. Advice will be given by one of our fully qualified planners on everything from how to submit a planning application for a house on a farm to objected to planning developments and applications that have already been submitted. Community Places is an independent charity which provides free planning advice to people and communities. For more information contact us on 028 90 239444.

Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry

The Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry in Northern Ireland has recently announced that its closing date for applications is Friday 29th November 2013. If you want to contact us you can get more information on our website www.hiainquiry.org

Get Outdoors in Fermanagh

Saturday 21st October 2013, Castle Archdale Country Park, 12.00noon – 4.00pm. Activities include Archery, Canoeing, Cycling, Guided Walks, Face Painting and much more. All activities are free. For further information or to register your interest, please contact the Environment Officer on 028 66 325050 or email countryside@fermanagh.gov.uk

Rural Crime Awareness & Farm Safety Event

Hosted by Fermanagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership, on Thursday 10th October 2013 from 10.00am – 5.30pm at Enniskillen Mart, Lackaghboy Road, Enniskillen. Exhibitors/ demonstrations on the day will include: Security & Audio Visual Companies; FDC Waste Education Officer – Recycling Advice; Waste Discovery Truck; Fermanagh Rural Community Network; NIE – will advise on overhead lines/cables and hedge cutting guidance; Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service; Free Farming Family Health Checks; NI Rural Development Council/ Farm Safety Partnership; PSNI Roads Policing; Trading Standards; Warm Homes Scheme; Tractor Safety Demonstration (PTO) by HSENI; Farm Watch Scheme; Trailer Marking provided by PSNI; Gis a Hug Foundation - raising awareness about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide (A Carbon Monoxide Alarm will be available to those who visit the stand).

Parkrun

Parkrun is FREE weekly timed 5K walks/runs organised by volunteers from the local community held at the Fermanagh Lakeland Forum every Saturday from 9.30am, it is you against the clock. For further information and to register please visit www.parkrun.org.uk/enniskillen.

Consumer Council Air and Sea Passenger Rights Seminars

The Consumer Council is holding a number of information seminars on the rights of passengers when travelling by air or sea. The seminars will cover the rights of passengers if their flight or sailing is delayed or cancelled and will explain the right of passengers with a disability or reduced mobility to assistance when travelling. The seminar will be held locally on Friday 11th October 2013 at 10.00am in the Killyhevlin Hotel. Anyone is welcome to attend. Spaces are limited so please confirm your free place by contacting Eleanor McAdam at the Consumer Council on 028 90672488 or email emcadam@consumercouncil.org.uk

Funding Available for Lone Parents for Further Education Courses

Choices Plus is a bursary scheme open to lone parents throughout Northern Ireland who would like to return to training and education in their local area. Choices Plus supports lone parents who want to get back to work by providing opportunities to learn new skills and gain valuable employment experience. Help is provided with course fees and other costs such as childcare, travel and books. The programme is available throughout the year with a limited number of places available. If you are interested in the programme, would like to apply, or find out more please contact Holly on 028 90231417 or holly@gingerbreadni.org

Action on hearing Loss H2H clinic

‘Do you wear NHS hearing aids? Come to our free drop-in clinic for advice on how to use and clean your aids, information on hearing loss/Tinnitus. If you have a concern about your hearing we offer a free hearing check.

Clinic in Drumcoo Centre, Cornagrade Road, Enniskillen on Thursday 10th October, 7th November and 5th December 4.00pm-5.00pm.

Clinic in Maplegroup Practice Lisnaskea on Monday 21st October, 18th November 11.30-1.00pm.

For further information contact Lisa Bullock 028 6632 4400.

Monaghan Genealogy Seminars - ‘Home To The Little Hills’

Oct 14th - 17th in The Garage Theatre, Monaghan town.

Oct 21st - 24th in Carrickmacross Workhouse, Carrickmacross, Monaghan. Further details are on the website http://monaghan genealogy.ie or phone John on (087) 0505296.
PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt

We would like to thank everyone who made the Harvest Services in Aghadrumsee and Clogh a success. Special thanks must go to the guest preachers, Mr Kenneth Rutledge, Dean Raymond Ferguson, Canon Eric McGirr and Canon Edwy Kille, the organists, the choirs and to those who decorated the church and provided refreshments. The concluding Harvest Service will be held in Drumsnatt on Sunday 20th October when the preacher will be Mr Roy Crowe.

Aghadrumsee Primary School would like to remind readers that copies of the book ‘Sally Rods to Laptops’ is still available as well as DVD’s of the recent celebration event. Please contact the school on 07581591399 for further details.

Sure Start has begun again each Wednesday at 10.30am at Clogh Hall. All parents and toddlers are welcome.

A Harvest Ball will take place in Aghadrumsee Orange Hall on Friday 25th October at 9.30pm, music provided by ‘I’m on my own’. A night of fun not to be missed.

SNATCH
(Sunday Night At The Church Hall) Youth Ministry Aghavea & Colebrooke Sunday 13th and 27th October at 7.30 pm in Colebrooke Parish Hall
All young people of secondary school age welcome.
Facebook: www.facebook.com/snatchyf
Website: snatch.colebrookeparish.org

Services

Sunday 6th October
10.45am Colebrooke Church Holy Communion
3.30pm Cooneen Harvest Service

Sunday 13th October
10.45am Colebrooke Church Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Church Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th October
11.00am Colebrooke Combined Family Service
3.30pm Mullaghfad Service of Remembrance

Sunday 27th October
10.45am Colebrooke Church Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Church Morning Prayer

Mothers’ Union

On Sunday 8th September a Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Mothers’ Union in the Aghalurcher Group of Parishes was held in Colebrooke Parish Church. The Service was led by Revd Betty Thompson, Bishop John McDowell gave an inspiring address and Dr Margaret Knox, Diocesan MU President handed over long service certificates. The service was attended by former branch leaders, representatives of the Trustee Body, MU members from the Rural Deanery and friends from the congregation and neighbouring churches. In the Parish Hall everyone was welcomed by Mrs Emma Gould, Branch Leader. The celebratory cake was cut by Revd Betty Thompson, Mrs Anna Bothwell, founder member, Dr Margaret Knox and Mrs Emma Gould; Afternoon Tea was served. Following a resumé of the highlights of 50 years everyone was invited to reminisce and view the newspaper cuttings and photographs displayed on the notice boards.

Just a little reminder: Please make a note in your diary to come and visit Aghadrumsee Church on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December for our Christmas Tree Festival, more details in next month’s edition.
When Mark begins to write his Gospel, he gives the game away in the very first sentence: ‘The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.’ (1:1) As John the Baptist and then Jesus appeared on the scene, the reader knows who this Jesus is, but the crowds and the disciples and the religious leaders are all trying to work out just who he is.

Eventually, Peter realises who Jesus is: ‘You are the Christ.’ (8:29). The question asked in the first half of the gospel has been answered. Who is Jesus? He is the Christ. Straight away, we’re plunged into the second half of the gospel, which asks (and answers) the question: What did Jesus come to do?

As Jesus proclaims the kingdom, he works miracles and overturns the accepted standards of the religious leaders. The questions come thick and fast: ‘What is this? A new teaching with authority!’ (1:27) ‘Why does this man speak like that? He is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?’ (2:7) ‘Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?’ (2:16) ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’ (4:41) Eventually, Peter realises who Jesus is: ‘You are the Christ.’ (8:29). The question asked in the first half of the gospel has been answered. Who is Jesus? He is the Christ. Straight away, we’re plunged into the second half of the gospel, which asks (and answers) the question: What did Jesus come to do?

Within two verses, Jesus has already told the disciples that he, the Son of Man ‘must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.’ (8:31) From this point, Jesus is on the way to the cross,
predicting his sufferings twice more, but his disciples just don’t seem to get it.

Almost a third of the gospel is taken up with the last week leading up to Jesus’ death on the cross, as Mark shares Jesus’ teaching and the disputes with the religious leaders. They, like Peter, should have recognised that the Messiah was in front of them, but they could not see it. Instead, they fulfill the scriptures as they condemn him to death. Yet as Jesus dies, one man does recognise who Jesus is, and what he came to do. A most unlikely of men: ‘And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God.”’ (Mark 15:39).

Who is Jesus? He is the Christ, the Son of God. He came to die for us. He came to rise again to new life for us. We know it from the very first verse, but Mark urges us to read on, to see and hear and discover this Jesus for ourselves, to become his disciples as we too come, and follow him.

Yours in Christ,
Gary

Sunday School

Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings from 10am until just before 11am. The September Family Service was a noisy affair, with the children bringing and playing lots of different instruments as we thought of Nebuchadnezzar’s orchestra calling for worship of his golden statue. We learnt how Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego said “NO”, and trusted in God, who is able to rescue - even from the fiery furnace. God alone is worthy of our praise. Our young people helped to lead the service in the singing, reading and praying.

Bowls

Aghavea Bowling Club meets on Monday nights at 8pm in the church hall. All are very welcome to come along and have a go at bowling. Our Annual Fun Pairs Tournament will be held from Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November. For more information, or to enter, please contact Frances Cartwright on 028 8953 1495.

Mothers’ Union

Our annual Visitor’s Night will be on Tuesday 8th October at 8pm in the church hall, where we look forward to welcoming friends from neighbouring branches of the Mothers’ Union, Presbyterian Women, Methodist Women and the WI. The speaker will be Liz Miller, the wife of Bishop Harold Miller (Down and Dromore). All ladies will be most welcome.

GFS

GFS meets on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm - 7.30pm in the Church Hall for all girls aged 3 and up. The new season is well under way with badgework, Bible study, games, crafts, cookery and lots more! 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. This term we’re meeting in Colebrooke Halls, on 13th and 27th October, at 7.30pm each night. New members are always welcome - parents can sign the registration forms on arrival.

Bible Study

Our midweek Fellowship Group Bible Study has begun - October meetings will be held on the 9th and 23rd. We’re in the church hall from 6pm on those Wednesday nights.

From the Parish Registers

Funeral - 27th August 2013 - Joy Henderson, Macknagh, Lisnaskea

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.

Ballybay News

We hope you all had a really good summer and enjoyed the beautiful weather.

Sympathy – We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Crawford (Sen.), Joseph and family on the death of Mrs Crawford’s brother Alec Waddell who died suddenly. Alec was a very popular vet in the area for a number of years.

Revd Kingston – a number of us travelled to St Finbarr’s Carrickmacross in July for the final service conducted by the Revd Kingston. We were all sad to see him leave and we thank him for his faithful service to us and we wish him and Rosemary well in their new venture.

Bible Camp – A number of children from our parish joined Derryvalley Bible Camp and had wonderful week learning all about God’s love. They had the opportunity
to meet up with old friends and make new ones. The week was rounded off by a most enjoyable BBQ.

HUB - Some of our teenagers went to the evening event run by HUB and had a great time. (One comment was “we had great crack”). We are grateful to our Presbyterian neighbours who extended a warm welcome to everyone. The Youth Club and HUB resumed in late September and all our young people were invited. As we go to press a number of our teenagers are planning to go HUB to an activity weekend at Strangford Lough where they will camp out, some of the activities include mountain biking, kayaking and abseiling.

Bell Tower - Work is now completed on the Louvre’s in the Bell Tower. Harry Kent, Adam Tate and John Duffy have done a great job fixing, replacing and painting them. Harry and Adam have also repaired some of the lead and tiles on the roof and have also painted the main door and the vestry door.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service - Mr Keith Browne will conduct our Service on Sunday, 13th October at 3.30pm.

Castleblayney News

Mothers Union - The Opening Service has been arranged for Wednesday 11th September at 8pm in St Maeldoids Church. Mr Walter Pringle and Dr Margaret Knox, Mothers Union Diocesan President will conduct the service. This service is open to everyone. We are hoping for a good attendance.

Congratulations and Celebrations!

To Mrs Ethel Coulter and her husband Willie John who celebrated 40 years of wedded bliss on 3rd August. Congratulations to you both.

To Miss Amanda Hill, daughter of Mr and Mrs Adrian Hill, Creighnroe, who got engaged to Mr William Shilladay, Rathfriland. Diamonds are forever....

To Mr and Mrs Derek Rusk on becoming grandparents for the second time to a bouncing baby grandson. Thomas Derek Franz Rusk son to Robert and Edith, who reside in England.

To all our young people who are starting school whether it is Primary or secondary for the first time.

Get Well Wishes - to Mary Hardy who is recovering from surgery and is now convalescing in a Nursing home in Killmainhamwood and also all those known to us who are ill, housebound or in a Care home at this time.

Stained Glass Training - will take place for 1 week at the end of September. This will take place at St Peters in Laragh if anyone would be interested in this please contact Janet for further details. Only a few places are available.

Harvest Service - the service will take place in St Maeldoid’s on Sunday 6th October with the Revd Betty Thompson.

“Music is the Joy of Life” Performance will be held in St Patricks Church Monaghan on Saturday 19th October at 7.30pm. Refreshments afterwards. More news later about this event.

Also a Harvest Thanksgiving Event will take place in Corcaghan Centre, Monaghan on Thursday 24th October. Guest Speakers to be confirmed. A Harvest Supper will be served.

Clontibret News

BBQ – We had a wonderful BBQ on 30th August. There was a great attendance and lots of food, especially desserts. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the event a success and in particular to Walter Pringle who rolled up his sleeves and got stuck in to help clear the dishes.

Get Well Wishes – We send our very best wishes to Albert Jordan and Deborah Tate who are recovering from surgery. We remember in our prayers Mr Albert Shortt and Mrs Esther Dunne who are in nursing care and we pray that both will know Gods presence.

Sunday School – recommenced on Sunday 22nd September. We are grateful to Alison and her team of teachers for doing this vital work.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Dedication of Cushions - Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service was enriched this year by the dedication of luxurious red velvet cushions in memory of the late William Dickson. The service was held at 3.30pm on Sunday, 29th September and we were delighted to have Roy Crowe back with us on this joyful occasion.

Reading List: We welcome our new additions to the list of readers who bringing us the old and new testament lessons each Sunday: Chloe Boyd, Ethan Duffy and Courtney Tate and wish them well.

Congratulations! – To Mrs Mabel Leatham who will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on Wednesday, 23rd October. Mabel enjoys good health and attends church each Sunday morning.

Memorial Service – A service in memory of the late William Dickson will be held in St Colman’s at 3.30pm on Sunday, 3rd November 2013 in memory of the late William Dickson to mark his long service to the Church of Ireland, the Protestant Orphan Society and the LOL & RBP. The preacher will be Keith Brown and everyone will be most welcome.
Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh

Services in October.

Sunday 6th - Revd Charles McColllum
10.30am Carrickmacross Holy Communion
11.45am Ardragh Holy Communion
3.00pm Magheracloone Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 13th - Mr Roy Crowe
10.30am Carrickmacross Morning Prayer
11.45am Magheracloone Morning Prayer
7.00pm Carrickmacross Harvest Thanksgiving
(Mr Walter Pringle)

Sunday 20th - Mr Walter Pringle
10.30am Carrickmacross Morning Prayer
11.45am Magheracloone Morning Prayer
1.00pm Ardragh Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th - Mrs Ellen Stevenson
10.30am Carrickmacross Morning Prayer
11.45am Magheracloone Morning Prayer

Cleenish and Mullaghdun

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Confirmation Service

The above took place during morning Service in Mullaghdun Parish Church, on Sunday 15th September, when nine candidates from the Parish were confirmed. Proceedings began with Bishop John reading the Dedication Prayer for the Church Repainting. During
the Service, the Lesson was read by Ewan McCutcheon, the Epistle read by Leigh Crozier, and the Gospel read by Sarah-Louise Collum. At the conclusion of the Service, Lay Readers Rowena Sheridan and Robert Watterson, assisted both the Bishop and the Rector, with celebrating at the Lord’s Table. Mrs Elizabeth Hazlett played the organ.

Illness

The members of Cleenish Parish welcome Ida Hicks, Bellanaleck, who is out and about again, but still receiving treatment. Members are asked to remember Ida in our prayers.

Sympathy

Raymond Humphreys, who died at his home in Kinawley on Saturday 17th August, was a brother of George Humphreys (Mullaghdun) and Ruth Wilson (Cleenish). We sympathise with George and Ruth and with their siblings Verdun, Ivan, Eric, Violet and Desmond and their families. Following a Service of Thanksgiving in Swanlinbar Parish Church, Raymond a former Churchwarden, was laid to rest in the adjoining graveyard.

Vera Benson, who died in her home at Windmill Road, Enniskillen, on Wednesday 21st August, was earlier cared for in The Tillery Nursing Home, Florencecourt. Previously she lived at Letterbreen with her late husband Jack during the early years of their marriage, and their first two children were baptised in Mullaghdun Parish Church. A Service of Thanksgiving for Vera’s life was held in Rossoy Parish Church, and she was laid to rest in the adjoining graveyard. We extend sympathy to Vera’s children Ken, Jenny, Gordon and Mark and to their families. We also remember her sisters-in-law Florrie Benson, Dorothy Benson, and Sadie Miller, and the wider family circle.

Cleenish Centre

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 life-giving challenge of His words. October 25-27th 2013 will see our manager Ellis and Rev. 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.

As a registered charity we humbly accept support in any area you would wish to give. There are three main ways to support us here at the centre:

Pray! Please pray that we are able to reach others with the love of Jesus and they are able to meet with Him here. Please pray for cohesion and growth in our network of supporters, locally and around the world.
Volunteer! Whether you are local to Enniskillen or not, we would love to know if you are interested in volunteering at the centre. We highly value our volunteers who help in any and all areas in which they are willing. We are hoping to put together a team of volunteers to help us at different times of the year with grounds work, indoor maintenance, help when groups are in and with our camps and retreats in the planning phases.

Donate! We couldn’t do without the financial support of organisations and individuals who support the work we’re doing here, as well as practical items that are donated to the centre; donations play a vital role in making our centre and ministry available to all. Financial donations are accepted through cheques as well as visiting our Support page online where you can give through PayPal. http://www.cleenish.net/support-us/

Thank you and God bless you!
“Here is love, vast as the ocean; loving kindness as the flood. When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.”

To contact “The Centre” - enquiries@cleenishcentre.com or call us on 028 6634 9647.

Bellanaleck Community Group.
The highlight for the Group during August was the official opening of the Lakeside Path by Alex Baird, Council Chairman, on Wednesday 28th August. The Group was well represented at the ceremony, which included speeches by the Chairman Councillor Baird, followed by Councillor Sean Mcguigan, Vice-Chairman Joint Industrial Council Committee for South West Action for Rural Development (SWARD), and Julian Fowler, Chairman of the Group. Thanks are due to Grainne O’Conner, FDC, who was Project Manager for the scheme, to Holly in the Cleenish Centre for providing a light meal, and to Inspt Robinson, PSNI, and his Constables for attending, and expressing an interest in the Project. Many thanks are due to George Thornton, Sue & Robin Hogg for giving up portions of their land, to the Contractor, and to the staff from Fermanagh District Council who co ordinated this very successful Project.

The Group meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month, and hope to oversee several new Projects for the good of Bellanaleck and its people. The only qualification required for joining the Group, is to reside within the Village complex or its hinterland, as local issues only are dealt with.

Next Meeting, Wednesday 23rd October.

Holy Baptism
Mullaghdun Parish Church - Sunday, 25th August 2013 - Amiee Iona Bowles, daughter of Angel Ruth and David John, 4 Carrigan Park, Enniskillen.

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

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Worship in October

Friday 4th October
8.00pm Clogher – Harvest Thanksgiving – Preacher The Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, worship will be led by the Choir of St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen

Sunday 6th October
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
10.00am Errigle Portclare HC
10.00am Augher MP
11.30am Clogher HC & Harvest Thanksgiving
11.30am Newtownsaville MP

Friday 11th October
8.00pm Augher – Harvest Thanksgiving – Preacher The Archdeacon of Clogher, the Venerable Cecil Pringle

Sunday 13th October
The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
9.00am Clogher HC
10.00am Errigle Portclare MP
10.00am Augher MP - Harvest Thanksgiving
11.30am Clogher MP
11.30am Newtownsaville HC

Friday 18th October
St Luke
9.00am Clogher HC
8.00pm Newtownsaville – Harvest Thanksgiving – Preacher The Very Revd Cecil Orr formerly Dean of Derry

Sunday 20th October
The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity
10.00am Errigle Portclare MP
10.00am Augher MP
11.30am Clogher HC
11.30am Newtownsaville MP – Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 27th October

The Last Sunday after Trinity
9.00am Clogher HC
10.00am Errigle Portclare MP
10.00am Augher MP
11.30am Clogher MP
11.30am Newtownsaville MP

Monday 28th October

St Simon and St Jude
9.00am Clogher HC
Friday 1st November All Saint’s Day
9am Clogher HC

Apologies about the confusion regarding the dates of the Harvests in Augher and Newtownsaville in the last edition. Author’s fault!

Thanks is expressed to all the Diocesan Lay readers and clergy who have assisted with holiday cover over these last number of months and those who assist with cover during the Revd Alistair’s days of duty in Enniskillen, as well as to our two Parish Readers Mr Alan Lavelle and Mr David Todd.

It is with pleasure that we extend a welcome to the new members of the Diocesan team of clergy. We especially welcome within our own Rural Deanery of Clogher the Revd John McClanaghan, Rector of Aghalurcher. We welcome as well the Revd Ngozi Njoku as Rector of the Garrison Group and the Revd Rob Clements as Curate of Enniskillen Cathedral.

The Quinquennial inspection of all 5 churches was carried out on August 20th. While most of the initial reports revealed on minor difficulties we await with some trepidation the final reports particularly with regard to the roof of the Cathedral.

Mothers’ Union

The members of St Macartan’s Mothers’ Union enjoyed an excellent outing on Saturday 7th September. Mrs McCloughlin, branch leader, welcomed members and friends on board and the first stop was a coffee break at the Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh. The coach proceeded to Alcorn’s Tropical World in Letterkenny where the ladies enjoyed viewing the butterfly garden and the exotic birds and animals. After shopping in Letterkenny, the members travelled to Drumkeeran Parish Church where a welcome evening meal awaited. A visit to the beautiful parish church completed our day. Mrs McCloughlin thanked Iris, Diana and Shirley for making all the arrangements for a most successful outing.

Members have received several invitations to local women’s groups and look forward to sharing fellowship. Congratulations to Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers’ Union on their 50th Anniversary.

In September our topic will be Security in the Home and in October Dr Emma Regan, Canon Noel’s daughter will speak on her work as a criminal psychologist.

Parish Trip

A very special weekend away in Kilkenny was enjoyed by parishioners of all four parishes over the 14th-15th September. After an early departure from Clogher, breakfast was had on the outskirts of Dublin. The first stop in Kilkenny was at Rothe House the only surviving example in Ireland of an early 17th Century Merchant’s house. The afternoon was spent exploring and shopping in the beautiful streets and boutiques in Kilkenny before arriving at the Newpark Hotel. In the beautiful surroundings of the hotel relaxation was had by some in the pool and sauna while others relaxed just as fully in the lounge before an excellent dinner was served.

Our guest at dinner was the Revd Ian Coulter who was accompanied by his wife. The Revd Ian is on the staff of St Canice’s Cathedral which we visited on Sunday morning for Morning Service and an opportunity to explore this ancient and historic Cathedral. A cup of tea was provided by parishioners afterwards which set us up for a tour of Kilkenny’s magnificent castle in the afternoon. Thanks to Canon Regan and Shirley Fannin for the organisation of all aspects of what was a thoroughly enjoyable weekend during which many from across the parishes experienced the growth of friendships and of bonding as members together of one parish Group.

A particular thanks is expressed to Alan Lavelle, one of our parish readers, who was also our bus driver for the weekend and negotiated with immense skill the narrow streets of Kilkenny. Feedback was taken on the way home in the bus and the overwhelming opinion was that the weekend was a huge success…the only question being...when is the next one??!

Mothers’ Union Notes

The Cathedral hosted a tour recently from the Ballymote Historical Society. The tour began at the historic hillfort on the boundary of the Cathedral grounds where Mr Jack Johnston gave a talk on the history and significance of the fort in the early history of the Clogher Valley. The members of the Mother’s Union provided the visitors with coffee and scones in the Cathedral where afterwards Mr Johnston, the Cathedral Archivist and Canon Regan gave a talk on the Cathedral’s history. The Group then enjoyed lunch in the Cathedral Hall.

At the time of writing preparations are under way for the Tractor Run on Saturday 28th September. A full report will appear in the next magazine.
The repairs have been completed to the boundary wall in the Cathedral graveyard. The work was undertaken by Milligan Contractors and they are to be commended on the excellence of the workmanship. It is hoped over the coming weeks to organise some work parties to tidy up other aspects of the graveyard. Work is about to now commence on the refurbishment of the toilet facilities.

The Harvest Festival takes place over the weekend of the 4th – 6th October. The harvest preacher on Friday 11th at 8.00pm will be the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall. The Choir of St Macartin’s Cathedral will lead the worship with the organist Mr Glenn Moore. On Sunday 13th The Rector will preach at a special service of Holy Communion for Harvest.

Augher Parish Notes

The parishioners of Augher marked the 150th Anniversary of the building of St Mark’s Church with and afternoon of fun and activity. Many of the parishioners and the clergy dressed in costumes from across the ages that St Mark’s church has stood in Augher.

There were vintage cars and tractors and other historical artefacts from the history of the parish on display as well as beautiful floral arrangements commemorating the anniversary. The rector and curate led a service of Choral Evensong assisted by the Choir of Augher Parish. The rector gave an address on the huge difference there was between life in 1863 and 2013 but how the church, its worship and presence in the community are as relevant and necessary today as then. The afternoon ended with tea in the Carmichael Hall where the many visitors from near and far met with parishioners and were able to browse the historical displays. Thanks are expressed to all who helped to make this event so enjoyable and successful.

Many parishioners were present a few days later at Augher Central Primary School to celebrate the school’s 75th anniversary and to view a new extension to the school. Following a ceremony of opening of the new facilities carried out by the Chief Executive of the SELB the extension was dedicated by the Bishop of Clogher, The Rt Revd John McDowell. Again historical displays, prepared by Mrs Sylvia McClung who had been administrator in the school for many years, were enjoyed especially by former pupils and former members of staff. We wish the principal, staff governors and pupils of the school continued success as they plan further development in the future.

The Harvest Festival takes place over the weekend of the 11th – 13th October. The harvest preacher on Friday 11th at 8.00pm will be the Archdeacon, the Venerable Cecil Pringle and on Sunday 13th the Rector.
Newtownsville Parish Notes

The Harvest Festival takes place over the weekend of the 18th – 20th October. The harvest preacher on Friday 18th at 8.00pm will be the Dean Cecil Orr former Dean of Derry and on Sunday 13th the Rector.

On Sunday 18th August a special memorial service was held to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Ballygawley Road bomb which occurred in the early hours of 20th August 1988 and in which 8 soldiers of the Light Infantry were killed and 28 injured. The ceremony at the site of the bombing was led by Cllr Alan Rainey and a reading and prayers by Mr Alan Lavelle, Parish Reader. A minute’s silence was observed before members of the soldiers’ families, many who had travelled from England, laid wreaths. Members of Omagh Protestant Boys’ Band played a tribute. It had been members of the band who were the first on the scene on the night. Members of the emergency who had attended the injured were also present.

There then followed a memorial service in St Mark’s Parish Church, Newtownsville led by Mr John Irvine, Diocesan Lay Reader during which the lessons were read by senior members of the medical staff on duty on the night in Omagh County Hospital.

Errigal Portclare Notes

Work is almost complete on the replacement of the roof on St Mary’s Church. We are grateful to the contractor for the manner in which the work has been carried out and facilitated. As a fund raising venture in aid of the Roof Repair Fund a special Harvest Musical Evening was held on Friday 27th September as part of the Harvest Festival. Artists included Roy Crowe, Jean Crawford, Jessica Holland, Maxwell Sisters, Dickson and Patterson sisters and Caroline and Christine Gervis. Thanks to all who supported the event and all who helped make this a very enjoyable and successful evening in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary’s Church.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss

4th October: Friday
8.00 p.m. Clones: Harvest celebration and supper in the Protestant Hall.

6th October
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
10.00 a.m. Clones: Holy Communion and Harvest Celebrations. The Sunday School participates. Special collection to the Sunday School Ministry.
11.30 a.m. Newbliss: Morning Prayer

13th October
The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
11.30 a.m. Killeevan: Holy Communion
3.30 p.m. Currin: Harvest Thanksgiving, followed by refreshments in the Rectory.

20th October
The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity
10.00 a.m. Clones: Morning Prayer
11.30 a.m. Newbliss: Holy Communion

27th October
The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity
10.00 a.m. Currin: Holy Communion
11.30 p.m. Killeevan: Morning Prayer
3.30 p.m. Newbliss: Harvest Thanksgiving, followed by refreshments in the Church.

3rd November
The Fourth Sunday before Advent
10.00 a.m. Clones: Holy Communion
11.30 a.m. Newbliss: Holy Baptism

‘For the sake of life the fields are being seeded. For the sake of life, there’s still growth in the earth. For the sake of life we’ll share with all that need it the bread from common soil – for the sake of life.

For the sake of life a righteous wrath needs power. For the sake of life, let steams of justice roll. For the sake of life the springs of joy will mother the newborn child of hope – for the sake of life.’

(Per Harling)

Beetle Drive

On Saturday the 5th of October at 8.00 p.m. 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 is served. Admission: Adults €5.00 and children €3.00. Do join us for an evening that promises to be fun!

Blaze and Shine

Our youth and children ministry will meet on the following Thursdays: 3rd and 17th of October, 14th and 28th of November and 12th of December at 7.00 p.m. in Killeevan Hall. Ahead is a term of lots of fun and learning about the Christian faith. The groups finishes each night around 8.30 p.m. The leaders look forward to see everyone back and would be delighted to welcome new members.
October at 3.00 p.m. there will be a celebration of prayer expressed through these many flags in Clogh Church and hall. The Hands grave will be re-dedicated. Afterwards refreshments will be served.

Drumwords Old Church

On the first Sunday in September, over 40 of us gathered at Drumwords Old Church for a service, followed by tea and fellowship. The afternoon was sunny and pleasant and we found a sheltered area by the east window for our celebration of Evening Prayer.

Going back 300 years Drumwords (roughly translated “ridge of the diligence”) was part of a huge parish, extending from Galloon (Newtownbutler) to Cootehill. This Church is the first post-Reformation Church to be built in what then was the Monaghan part of the Galloon Parish and it is believed that the Church was constructed between 1700-1704. The Church was described as small, plain and un-adorned. It was a small Church, and it did not provide adequate seating for the parishioner even at the time it was built. Then this Church served an area that is today five parishes: Newbliss, Killeevan, Aghabog, Drum and Currin. The lifespan for Drumwords’ Church was short. In 1767 Aghabog parish was formed with about 300 families. In 1790 a new Church was built in Killeevan: St Luke’s Shanco. Still some parishioners did not want to leave their Church on the ridge. It was still used for special services. And the graveyard continues to be used for burials even today.

This was the third time we met next to Drumwords Old Church, and the reason we do so, is that it is sobering to worship next to a church, with no roof, no windows and walls held together with ivy. It reminds us that it is a place where Christians before us have said: ‘O Lord open thou our lips’. It is a place of prayer, where generations before us have found peace of mind and felt the closeness to God. Past and present faith comes together as we, like them, praise God’s greatness and presence among his people.

Sitting next to the ruined church we were also reminded about decay. Nothing manmade lasts forever. Only the Kingdom of God is eternal. Looking at a building, which barely stands, tells us that all bodily strength fades through life, but the strength of the soul can keep growing. St Paul reminds us by saying: ‘So we do not loose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away our inner nature is being renewed day by day.’ (2 Cor 4:16) This is true both for us personal as well as for the Church. Buildings may be poor. We may use other buildings than in the past. But that does not mean that the faith is small. It is not only about numbers but about qualities.

And as history has taught us, areas of strength and weakness change from time to time. This is also true for us. Our ‘outer nature’ may change. Become frail and weak. But our inside, our souls may get stronger...
and stronger. Our inner nature is renewed every day if we remain open and attentive to God.

Jesus gives us power in the midst of weakness and even suffering. Areas of strength and weakness change from time to time. For that reason, our eyes must be set not on the things that are seen, but the things that are unseen.

Paul said: ‘For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.’ (2 Cor 5:1)

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Grace Siberry and Mr Martin Westacot who in August were married in Exeter.

Baptism

Alfie Stuart Irwin was baptised in St Tighernach’s Church, Clones on the 1st of September.

Kacey Nicole Gilham was baptised in St Tighernach’s Church, Clones on the 1st of September.

May God bless these children, their parents and god-parents.

Bereavement

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Mrs Joy Henderson. We remember especially her mother, Mrs Elizabeth Irwin and her sister Mrs Christine Rusk.

Colaghty

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

November

3rd Holy Communion 11.30am
10th Remembrance Sunday 11.30am
17th Morning Prayer 11.30am
24th Morning Prayer 11.30am

Wedding

31st August 2013
Venessa Vance and Darren Johnston

Christian Burial

31st August 2013
Thomas (Tommy) Robert Johnston, Gushedy Beg, Ederney.

By now most of the church activities will be back after the summer recess and we thank again those who continue to act as leaders and facilitators. We welcome those who have joined the teams in recent months and look forward to sharing in the ministry to as aspects of church life.

We want to thank Pauline Hurst and Rachael Keys for sharing with us at our first family service/mission service in September. It was good as a parish family to hear first-hand how life was like in Kenya and of the experiences of Rachael and Pauline while they were there during the summer. Pauline give a very informative talk to all present on the importance of impressing upon our children and ourselves the word of God and of His love and ours for Him. Though how we eat Jelly Babies in the future is likely to have changed as a result.

As you read these notes our harvest services will be upon us, and it is good to give thanks to Almighty God for His wonderful bounty towards us, not just at harvest-time but throughout the year.

Recently, a Fire safety awareness evening was held and at the time of writing, another morning event has been arranged to highlight awareness around Basic First Aid, CPR, De Fib and Paediatrics. Our thanks to those who have volunteered to fulfil these roles within the various activities within the church family.

Diary

Sunday School, 10.30am
Friday CE/Youth fellowship, Juniors 7.00pm & Seniors 8.30pm
Bible Fellowship, Wednesday @ 8.00pm
Bowls every Thursday 8.00pm
Women’s Fellowship Monday 14th October, 8.00pm
Young@heart, Wednesday 16th October, 10.30am
Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale

Prayer by Archbishop William Temple 1881-1944
Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imagination so control our wills that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, but always to thy glory, and the welfare of thy people through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Church Services October 2013

Wed 2nd
7.30pm Holy Communion - Derryvullen North (Mothers’ Union Diocesan Council)

Sun 6th
10.15am Junior Harvest - Castle Archdale
11.30am Holy Communion - Derryvullen North
7.00pm Evening Harvest Thanksgiving Castle Archdale
Preacher: Archdeacon Cecil Pringle
Organist: William McBride and invited guests
Supper to follow

Sun 13th
10.30am Service of the Word - Derryvullen North
11.45am Castle Archdale

Tues 15th
11.30am Quiet Holy Communion - Derryvullen North

Sun 20th
10.15am Holy Communion - Castle Archdale
11.30am Junior Harvest - Derryvullen North
Speaker from CMS Ireland
7.00pm Evening Harvest Thanksgiving - Derryvullen North. Preacher: Revd Mark Watson (Trory & Killadeas)

Mon 21st
8.00pm Evening Harvest Thanksgiving - Derryvullen North. Preacher: Revd Ngozi Njoku (Garrison Group). Supper to follow.

Church Services November 2013

Sun 3rd
10.15am Holy Communion - Castle Archdale
11.30am Derryvullen North

An Appreciation of what we have – By the Rector

Good health can never be taken as the normal or permanent state.

Having just had a spell of illness, I have been sharply reminded of the realities of vulnerability and dependence. Cherished plans had to be abandoned, work had to be added to the burden of others and activities that would normally have been performed without a second thought either became unmanageable, or at best, were performed in slow motion.

It felt like a foretaste of age and increasing frailty and it was not particularly pleasant. I was dependant on the kindness and prayers of family, friends, colleagues, parishioners, former parishioners and others - and of course the much maligned National Health Service.

Illness is so unpleasant that when we are well we should be continually giving thanks to God for our fully functioning state.

ComeT - ‘Come to Christ’

We are pleased to announce the opening of this new and exciting initiative for our young people aged 11 to 13 years. Our leaders Lindsey Farrell and Sandra Cashel have been working with Jonny Phenix, the Diocesan Youth Officer for some time. We are grateful to the Diocese which has resourced the group with an Acer laptop and digital projector along with a speaker system. Our group will meet every other Friday evening, 7-9pm in the Derryvullen North Parish Hall.

Diary Dates

8th October Tuesday Club at 2.30pm
15th October Faith & Friendship – Mahons Hotel at 8pm
16th October Women’s Group at 8pm
23rd October Mothers’ Union at 8pm
Speaker: Edith Humes ‘Baking for Christmas’
4th & 18th October ComeT (Youth Ministry) at 7.30pm
Christian Burial

**Derryvullen North**
Sat 31st August – Kathleen Hunter (Pound St Irvinestown)

Sun 1st September – Mervyn Charles Sommerville (6 Hazelwood Irvinestown)

**Marriage – Castle Archdale**
Fri 6th September – Jill Martin & Tony Finlay

Derryvullen South and Garvary

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**Christian Burial**

The Committal Service for Malcolm Elliott, aged 53, of 3 Tattygare Park, Lisbellaw, was conducted by the Rev Stephen Woods, Letterbreen Methodist, on Sunday 21st July 2013 in Garvary Churchyard; and on Wednesday 21st August 2013, the Committal Service for Miss Louise Ann Montgomery, aged 91, of lower Main Street, Lisbellaw, was conducted by the Rev Ruth Watt, Lisbellaw Methodist.

**Bereavements**

We extend sympathy to all who have been bereaved including Alister Woods, Cloughcor Road, on the death of his aunt Sally Hadlow, Kent, England (formerly Farnamullan).

**Congratulations**

We extend congratulations and best wishes to Annalena Graham, Bellevue, and Justin Coleman, South Africa, whose marriage ceremony took place at Crom on Saturday 17th August 2013.

**Mothers’ Union**

Instead of our normal meeting on the third Monday in October we will be joining with Derrybrusk on Tuesday 15th October 2013 at 8.00 pm who are hosting a visitors’ evening in Belleisle Orange Hall. The speaker will be Mr Brian Rankin, Limavady, who writes and recites poetry and donates all the money he raises to the charity “Africare.” He has written several books of poetry and these will be on sale on the night. Dr Margaret Knox, diocesan Mothers’ Union President will also be in attendance along with Mrs Kathryn Little, soloist. For catering purposes please let Mrs Stewart know by Sunday 13th October if you will be attending. The meeting on Monday 18th November will take the form of an outing to the Edinburgh Woollen Mill. Details nearer the time. For your diaries please note the Diocesan MU Prayer Breakfast in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 15th February 2014. Details later.

**Harvests**

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

**Parish Auction**

A final reminder that the parish auction of timber and homemade produce will take place at Derryvullen South parish hall on Saturday 12th October 2013 at 2.00 pm.
Organisations
The young people’s table tennis takes place each Tuesday evening in Garvary parish hall at 7.30 pm. Garvary Bowling Club meets on Wednesday evenings at 8.00 pm. Anyone who would like to come along to either would be very welcome. The Fermanagh Scottish Country Dancing meets on Tuesday evenings at 8.00pm in Derryvullen South parish hall and new members are welcome.

Remembrance Sunday
During our morning service in each parish on Sunday 10th November the Act of Remembrance will take place. The offering will go as usual to the Earl Haig Fund.

CMS
Garvary Sunday School raised £461 for CMS this year and our thanks to everyone for your support.

Gifts
Garvary select vestry appreciated the gift of £500 from the Kells family given in memory of Sarah Kells and which has been used to pay for the new lights in the chancel of Garvary church. We also appreciate the gift of an ipod given by Sadie Curran in memory of her late husband Neil to be used to play music in church. A dedication of these along with the new heating and lighting system and rewiring work will take place during the morning harvest celebrations in Garvary on Sunday 13th October 2013 at 12 noon.

Devenish and Boho

Holy Baptism in Devenish Church
Sunday 1st September 2013 - Harvey Daniel Welsh son of Thomas and Sarah Welsh. We wish God’s blessing on Harvey, his parents Thomas and Sarah and his godparents.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services
Devenish Parish Church
Friday 4th October at 8.00pm Revd Derek Kerr
Sunday 6th October at 11.30am Revd Sampson Ajuka

Devenish Parish Sale and Auction
Devenish Parish Sale and Auction will be held on Saturday 9th November at 2.00pm in the Reade Hall, Monea

Devenish Bowling Club Tournament
Devenish Bowling Club Tournament will be held in the Reade Hall, Monea on Friday 18th October, Monday 21st October, Wednesday 23rd October, and Thursday 24th October with finals night on Friday 25th October.

All bowlers are welcome and entries should be forwarded to the secretary of Devenish Bowling Club, Mrs Pam Harpur, The Daires, Monea, Enniskillen Telephone 028 66341237

Congratulations
Congratulations and best wishes to Kyle and Diane Farlow on the birth of a son Alifie

Clogher Diocesan Magazine.
The new look magazine has been well received in our parish and we wish to thank the magazine team for their excellent production. While the great majority of our families are already subscribers to the magazine, if anyone wishes to become a subscriber for the first time, they should contact the parish secretary.

Donacavey and Barr

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).

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

Dear Friends,
This morning, (Tuesday 10th September) Freda and I decided to walk our grandson Isaac, whom we care for permanently, down to Sure Start nursery at the Ecclesville Centre rather than use the car. When we arrived we realised we were just about 20 minutes too early so we walked into the park which is sandwiched between Ecclesville Centre and the Fintona Golf Club. In my nearly eight years here I have never before gone into that park and I suppose that really we did so simply to consume a wee bit of time until the nursery opened. When we got in there I was just so surprised to find such an extensive and naturally beautiful resource
which is so much more than a childrens' playground as it also has a very nature oriented scheme of pathways in beautiful surroundings. I have to say it was a real blessing to Freda and I as we explored and, I have to say, Isaac may have somewhat overlooked the beautiful natural well tended surroundings but he certainly very quickly noted the swings and, after ten minutes or so I came to realise just how much as it became very clear that it was easier to get him on the swing than it was to get him off – we live and learn!

All of this left me thinking as I walked back to the Rectory: What about yourself?

When did God last bless you in a new, special and yes, perhaps very simple way?

I often think we can become so comfortable, so secure, so entrenched even in our own wee world and it's circumstances that we become blinkered and can't see over the horizon of our relatively infinitesimal existence that we lose something of the presence of God and His purposes of which each of us are a part when we listen for His voice and follow where He leads. It might not be discovery of a local park by which you are blessed. It may be a divinely inspired encounter with someone else who turns out to need your care and concern. It may be in any of so many wonderful ways and, be assured, as you listen to the Lord's guiding presence, as you open yourself to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, you will find that God will use you and He will bless you too.

May you, in the days ahead, have divinely inspired encounters and in them be a blessing to others and be blessed by Almighty God.

Your pastor and friend,
John

CU4T

We had an enjoyable time of chat and fellowship for our first time together in early September. In our discussion we found that it would be much more convenient for others who could not attend in the morning if this was in future held in the afternoon.

First Tuesday in October we will meet monthly from 2.00pm to 3.00pm in the conference room.

Hour of Prayer

First Tuesday of each month in the conference room 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Please come along as we together enter into this vital time of intercession.

Bible Study

Tuesdays at 8.00pm in the conference room (not first Tuesday of month)

We recommenced in early September. Our first meeting was to reflect together on what we would like to study – more on this next month by which time we will be well underway.

Afternoon Bible Study

Second Tuesday of the Month at 2.00pm at The Rectory
Commencing: Tuesday 8th October

I have sensed the need to have an afternoon bible study which is aimed particularly at our older members men and ladies, however, I do hope some of our younger parishioners who cannot get along to the evening study will also join us as you too will be most welcome.

Please do get this in your diary and come along as we share together in the privilege of exploring God's Holy Word.

Harvest Thanksgiving 2013

Sunday 13th October 11.00am
Children's Harvest Thanksgiving with Heather Watson of Child Evangelism Fellowship. We look forward to welcoming Heather this service and to the young people who always bring us a challenging message as they take an active part in this special service of thanksgiving when we hope all parents and others will do their best to come along to support the young people.

Sunday 13th October 8.00pm
A traditional Harvest Thanksgiving Service. We join together with our Methodist and Presbyterian friends to worship Almighty God and His goodness to us.

Monday 14th October 7.30pm
Harvest Thanksgiving with Harvest Supper Afterwards.

This year we welcome The Rev Mark Watson who will share the Christian message with us as together we worship our loving Heavenly Father. We also look forward to further fellowship together during the harvest supper in the parish hall beyond divine worship.

At the time of writing, we also very much look forward to joining with our Methodist friends for their Harvest Thanksgiving Services 6th and 7th October and Our Presbyterian friends 20th and 21st October.

Marjorie Rutledge

After a nasty fall requiring major hip surgery, Marjorie has found it necessary to step down from her many years of faithful service in caring for the church linen and preparing the communion table and seasonal array so well. I personally wish to express my sincere thanks for all her faithful and reliable hard work over the years. We wish her well for the future and continue to welcome Heather this service and to the young people who always bring us a challenging message as they take an active part in this special service of thanksgiving when we hope all parents and others will do their best to come along to support the young people.

Church Interior Decoration

Our long awaited decoration of the interior of the church building is now well underway and already the transformation is superb. We hope and pray that the work may be completed prior to our Harvest Thanksgiving Services when we look forward to welcoming visitors and parishioners to a freshly and professionally painted and decorated interior to enhance our worship of Almighty God.
For Your Prayers
Please pray for:
All couples in the parish journeying towards Holy Matrimony.
All elderly parishioners at home, in hospital or in residential care.
All young people in Sunday school.
GFS as they begin their autumn term.
All those who are mentioned for prayer on the weekly pew sheet.
Please make the Rector aware of any additions to the list.

Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh

Non-Stipendiary Minister:
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Clones,
Co. Monaghan.
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Services: October 2013

Sunday 6th
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Donagh 9.30am H.C.
Errigal Truagh 3pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Speaker: The Revd Precentor Noel Regan
Donagh Choir

Sunday 13th
The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
Donagh 3.00 pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Speaker: Revd Chris Fraser, Methodist Church, Monaghan. Donagh Choir

Sunday 20th
The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity
Donagh 9.30am M.P.
Tyholland 11.00am M.P.

Sunday 27th
The fifth Sunday before Advent
Donagh 9.30am M.P.
Errigal Truagh 11.00am M.P.

As these notes are being prepared we are once again in the midst of Harvest Services within our churches. Thankfully we are able to sing gleefully “that all is safely gathered in” After the cold wet Spring when the morale of the farmers were so low, prayer was offered up in our churches, God answered those prayers and the land seemed to explode into a flush of green growth. Much needed grass for the cattle sprang up, silage barns are filled and harvesting of grain is complete and now ploughing and re seeding is taking place. Congratulations to those farmers in our parish who were successful in winning awards for their livestock at recent agricultural shows.

Children’s Club
The Club was the high light of the summer for the children in and around Glaslough. Because of other clubs that has sprung up in the area, ours was slightly smaller. Having said that, there was an average of forty children daily. The theme ‘Peter and Jesus’ were explored with Bible teaching, games, singing crafts, physical activity outside in the adjoining park. We are grateful to the committee of the local community Centre who rents the hall to us annually for the Club. Thanks also to Scripture Union who once again sent young college students to us. They willingly give up part of their summer holidays to work with boys and girls. In addition to the Northern Ireland leaders, there were two students from Scotland on the team as well as one young student from Glaslough parish church. The week was jointly funded by St. Mary’s Glennon, St. Salvator’s and Monaghan County Council.

Thanks
Thanks to Canon Ian Berry and Mr Karl Saunders for doing holiday cover while I was on holiday.

Thanks to FAS for their work over the summer keeping the graveyards looking so well, also to some of the parishioners in Glaslough who met and did a clean up on some of the graves.

We are grateful to those new people who have offered to help with Sunday school in the coming year. Thank you so much.

Craic
Parishioners from the three parishes met one evening in Jeremy Herron’s tea rooms and Pizzas parlour in Glaslough. It is a novelty in Ireland to be able to sit outside late in the evening time in August. Thanks to Patrick and his staff, we were really well looked after and we had a fabulous time. (Their pizzas are to be highly recommended)

Choir
Choir members have already been practicing for our own harvests as well as other commitments they have taken on. It was good to be guests of Aughnamullen as they celebrated the first harvest in the locality.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Geoffrey and Celine on the safe birth of their son Dylan Geoffrey and grandson of Jim and Dorothy Keith.
There is a real sense in Holy Trinity that we need to pursue the presence of God as we push through in prayer. Using the Exodus 33 passage we have been praying that God would:

1. **Send His presence with us v 12+14**
   - As we seek more of God's presence may we be bolder in sowing the seeds that he has entrusted to us.

2. **Show us His intentions v 13**
   - Recognising His presence amongst us we pray that God would reveal more of His purpose for this His church.

3. **Show us more of His glory v 18**
   - As he reveals more of his purpose for us and as we seek more of Him may we grow deeper in our understanding of who God is.

To this end we have initiated a new event called Expression. The first of which has passed but the final two are yet to come. You are welcome to join us as we gather to worship and pray seeking that God would pour out His Spirit in this place. Each of the nights will be structured so that you can come and go throughout the evening.

So put the dates in your diary and plan to come along on Friday 25th October and Friday 22nd November 2013 from 8.00pm to 12 Midnight.

As we seek God may he reveal more of who he is to us.

Every Blessing
James

**Expression, Holy Trinity Dromore**
27th Sept, 25th Oct, 22nd Nov 2013
8.00pm – 12.00 Midnight

**Africa**

On Thursday 5th September we hosted the Fields of Life Choir. They were quite simply INSPIRATIONAL. There are many things that made them this way – their wholehearted belief in God, their ability to praise even from nothing, their vibrant smiles. In a very natural and extremely simple way they brought HOPE into our situation. The challenge that night was when Annette (one of the Guardians) shared that child sponsorship was a hug to the soul. God was also moving in the souls of many that night as he hugged people for the first time. Lives have been changed and will continue to be changed because of what God stirred in the hearts of those who gathered that night.

In 2010 Holy Trinity Dromore raised the necessary monies and sent a team to build a school through Fields of Life. We hope to continue that partnership as we send another team out in 2015. This time we hope and pray that the team will continuing the building work in that community and also do some ministry with men, women and children and we seek to share the Gospel of Jesus that is the same the world over.
If you have any interest in joining the team please speak to Gordon Deazley or James Boyd.

**Repairs**

Over last number of months the Select Vestry has been looking at ensuring our buildings are fit for purpose. A number of projects have been completed to date – refurbishment of the upstairs rooms, upgrading the AV system and many smaller jobs as well. Over a number of years the roof on the church has caused some concern and at a recent meeting the vestry decided that it was time to put it right.

The slates need to be removed, new felt and lathes put on and then re-slated putting the roof back to normal ensuring that it will continue to keep us dry for years to come.

It is anticipated that the project will cost in the region of £40,000 and works will have already begun as you read this. We will endeavour to keep you informed throughout the works and there will be an opportunity to contribute directly to the cost of the project at a later date. Be assured that the vestry have pledged to continue to ensure that our premises are fit for purpose and will continue to look at other areas that need attention.

**Harvest**

**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**
- Rev Brian Harper – Rector of Magheracross Parish

Everyone is welcome

**Confirmation**

Preparation for Confirmation has already begun. Please pray for those who will be confirmed as they express their faith in Jesus and share their testimony with the wider church. Bishop John will be with us at the Morning Service on 17th November.

**Baptism**

8th September – James George and Lynnea Evelyn Kenwell

**Marriage**

16th August – Wendy Armstrong and Jonathan Shepherd

**Recorded Services**

Each Sunday the worship is recorded and then distributed to many people throughout the week. If you know of someone who could benefit from this ministry or you wish to get a copy of a service/sermon yourself then please speak to Gordon 028 8289 8005

**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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**Harvest Thanksgiving**

At the time of preparing these notes both Muckross and Templecarne have had their Harvest Thanksgiving Services. In Muckross the preacher on the Friday evening was the Revd Caroline Mansley and on the Sunday evening it was Canon Billy Johnston.

Thank you to the Organist and Choir of Pettigo Methodist Church for their musical contribution on the Friday evening. On the Sunday evening the organist was Mrs Joan Quinn, with duets by Paddy and Violet.

In Templecarne on the Friday evening the preacher was Dean Raymond Thompson and on Sunday evening the preacher was Canon Glenn West. Our thanks to the choir drawn from the local churches and from Drumkeeran.

Both churches were tastefully decorated, adding to the Harvest atmosphere. Refreshments were served in both churches after the services. Thank you to those who provided and served.

Next month we should have an account of Harvest Services in Drumkeeran.

**Marriage**

Good wishes to Gary Knox and Katrina Elliott who were married in Magheracross Parish Church, Ballinamallard, on 26th July. The Knox family have been life-long parishioners of Drumkeeran. We welcome Katrina into the parish fellowship.
Sympathy

Mrs Jean Johnston, 2 Erne Park, Kesh, died on 13th August and after funeral service in Drumkeeran was buried in Ardess graveyard. Jean had lived to a good age and although housebound for a number of years was still able to radiate a cheerful presence. Thank you to all who helped care for Jean in those recent years and to those who called to share friendship.

We express our sympathy with Mrs Irene Boyd and her family on the death of Irene’s mother, Mrs Charlotte Baxter. Originally from Cookstown, she had been living in Erne Park, Kesh, up until earlier this summer when, due to failing health, she moved to live with Irene and her family. The funeral service was in Cookstown Presbyterian Church on 14th September.

The parish was stunned by the tragic death of Hazel Frazer on 13th September. Hazel and her family lived on the farm at Doora North, just outside Kesh. The funeral service and burial were at Drumkeeran. We offer our sympathy to Hazel’s husband Albert, to the children, Mark, Nikita and Zara, and to the wider family circle. May we do all we can to help, encourage and support the family in the days ahead. And thanks to those who prepared and served the refreshments in the Hall after the burial. Its another way of showing care and compassion.

We express our sympathy to all who have been bereaved.

Sunday School

Recommences in all three parishes on 29th September. No Sunday School on 27th October - half term, or on 10th November – Remembrance Parade. Children’s Christmas Service and Lunch, Sunday 8th December. Welcome to two new Sunday School teachers, Sarah Moore and Diane Thompson. And thank you to Lynn Ogle and Sara Johnston who had served for a number of years.

Templecarne Concert

Due to the renovation work on Pettigo Methodist Hall, as yet incomplete, a date for the annual variety concert has not been fixed. Hopefully this will happen soon. In the meantime Pettigo BB and GB are using Drumkeeran Hall. We are glad to be able to help in this way as Templecarne Parish frequently uses the Methodist Hall in Pettigo.

Shoe Box Appeal

Every year Mrs Irene Boyd makes a mammoth effort in raising money for children in need through Operation Christmas Child, the Shoe Box appeal. The purpose, that children in situations of extreme poverty would receive at least one present at Christmas. Work has already begun in preparation for that pre-Christmas undertaking. We compliment Irene on her vision and all her efforts. Thanks to all who help, and to those who contribute. This will be the 17th year that Irene has organised and pushed for this worthwhile cause. I hope there will be a generous response from within the parish and from other groups and organisations further afield. Anyone who could assist with the organisation and preparation of the gifts, it would be greatly appreciated, just contact Irene on 028 686 31009. As in previous years, Drumkeeran Parish Hall will be the main collecting and sorting depot for this enterprise. Boxes should be left in Drumkeeran Hall by 27th November at the latest, preferably earlier as the boxes must be sorted and prepared for delivery to reach the needy before Christmas. As a parish we feel honoured by this great effort which Irene makes year by year.

Finally

Finally, I would appeal to every member of the group of parishes to be as regular in worship as possible. It is a tremendous witness in any community to see individuals and families and their way to church Sunday by Sunday. And it is encouragement for all.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

Awaken the Servant Within

There is an old story that goes like this: There was a university professor who went searching for the meaning of life. After several years and many miles, he came to the hut of a particularly holy hermit and asked to be enlightened. The holy man invited his visitor into his humble dwelling and began to serve him tea. He filled the pilgrim’s cup to the brim, and then kept pouring so that the tea was soon dripping onto the floor. The professor watched the overflow until he could no longer restrain himself. “Stop!” he said. “It is full. No more will go in.” The holy hermit replied, “Like this cup, you are full of your own opinions, preconceptions and ideas. How can I teach you unless you first empty your cup?”

It’s a wonderful story about humility, about the recognition of the limits of our own talents, abilities and authority. It seems like many of our religious traditions hold the virtue of humility in highest esteem. In Dante’s “Divine Comedy,” the virtue of humility is considered the most important of the seven capital virtues. Humility holds the most important place because it is the opposite of what Dante considers the...
worst of the seven deadly sins, the sin of pride. Dante defined pride as the “love of self-perverted to hatred and contempt for neighbor.” For Dante, pride, indeed, goeth before the fall. Humility, on the other hand, is radical dependence on God, total trust in God and surrender to His will.

And yet, even though humility is highly esteemed in our religious traditions, it doesn’t seem to be one of our favorite virtues today. In fact, humility seems downright humiliating. Who wants to eat “humble pie,” after all? Don’t we think of pride as a virtue rather than humility?

Aren’t we all rather more interested in buying a book about the “Seven Secrets of Highly Successful People” than a book about the “Seven Secrets of Lowly, Humble People”?

Don’t we love to hold up those big foam fingers and signs proclaiming that our team is No. 1? I’ve never seen a foam finger or a sign proclaiming that our team displays the virtues of temperance, honesty and humility.

Isn’t “American Idol, X-factor”, and numerous other programs, about the thousands of people who desire fame, if only for 15 minutes? Can we even imagine a program about people who seek to cultivate the classical virtues of justice, temperance and fortitude? It would seem an absurdity to have a televised competition rewarding someone for displaying the greatest humility, but I suppose I wouldn’t put it past some television network to come up with a new reality program entitled “Dancing With the Hermits” or “Who Wants to Be a Franciscan?” or “The Last Monastic Standing” or some such nonsense.

To quote a pop song from a few years back, “We all want to be big stars.” And it’s not all about becoming rich and famous. Browse the self-help aisle at your local bookstore, and you will see books entitled “Awaken the Giant Within” by Anthony Robbins, “The Hero Within” by Carol Pearson, and “Achieve Anything in Just One Year” by Jason Harvey. For £5 or £10 you can buy one of these books, and apparently be on the road to awakening either your inner giant or your inner hero and achieving anything. I wonder what Dante would think! More importantly, I wonder what Jesus would think.

When we hear Jesus was invited into the home of a Pharisee for a meal, you know there is going to be trouble. Jesus arrives, maybe he makes a little small talk, and then he watches how the guests jockey with each other for the places of honor. You know that delicate dance where you try to get the good seats next to the really important people.

So Jesus watches this for a while, and then he launches into a story, which basically skewers the pretensions of all the guests. He says, “When you get invited to a banquet, don’t seat yourself in a place of honor, because someone more important than you may come along, and then you will be asked to give up your seat, and you will be disgraced in front of the whole party. Rather, take the lowest seat, so that when your host sees you sitting in the cheap seats, he will say, ‘Friend move up higher,’ and then you will be honored in the presence of all the guests.”

And then Jesus utters the great saying, “For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Before Jesus leaves the party, he tells his host, “The next time you throw a party, don’t invite your rich friends and neighbors, so that they might return the favor some day and invite you to one of their nice parties. Rather, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. Then you will be blessed, because they can’t repay you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Robert Coles tells a story about his first encounter with Dorothy Day, who was living and working with the poor in the slums of New York City. Coles was in Harvard Medical School at the time, studying to be a psychiatrist, proud of his status, and also proud that he had volunteered to work with Dorothy Day in helping the poor. He arrived for his first meeting to discover Day sitting at a table, deep in conversation with a very disheveled street person. She didn’t notice Coles had come into the room until they had finished their conversation. Then she asked, “Do you want to speak to one of us?”

Robert Coles was astounded by Dorothy Day’s humility. She had identified so completely with a so-called “nobody” as to remove all distinction between them. Coles said it changed his life. He said he learned more in that moment than in his four years at Harvard.

For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. In this statement, we hear a great truth about humility. In emptying ourselves, we will find fulfillment. In humbling ourselves, we will be exalted. In a culture that prizes “the secrets of highly successful people” and urges us to “awaken our inner giant,” this sounds rather counterintuitive.

But is it true? Is Jesus right? Are Dante and Dorothy Day pointing us to the truth of Jesus’ statement?

We can submit this statement to the test of human experience. Can we walk through life on a perpetual high? Once we have found fulfillment, do we live from that place from then on? Or does the universe have a way of knocking us off our perches and emptying us out?

It seems more like the latter than the former. Even for those who have powerfully known and experienced the grace and mercy of God in Jesus Christ, who have known in our hearts and minds the peace of God which passes understanding, they have also known the dark night of the soul and the fear and trembling of salvation.
Is this surprising? Disappointing? Should it be? After all, when Jesus called his disciples he didn’t promise them that they would be able to achieve anything in one year. Rather, he said, “Take up your cross and follow me.”

It seems that we are constantly moving back and forth between emptiness and fulfillment, between humility and exaltation, between death and resurrection. Life still knocks the wind out of us. The universe still reduces us to tears. Death and loss still bring us to our knees. But rather than try to awaken the giant or the hero within, we try to remember the truth and the promise that all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted. end

Aghabog

**County Monaghan RBP Service**

County Monaghan RBP Service was held in Aghabog Parish Church on Sunday 25th August at 3.30pm. Our thanks to Ethel Ritchie our organist, to the readers and to the Rev George Beattie who conducted the service. This service was very well attended and everyone enjoyed tea and a chat in the hall afterwards.

**Group Barbeque**

The annual Group Church Charity Barbeque this year was hosted by Aghabog parish on Saturday 17th August. There was a good attendance on the night and the weather was also kind to us. Our thanks to William and Daryl for cooking the steaks, burgers etc also to the ladies who all supplied the salads, etc and beautiful desserts. Our evening ended with music by Frank and Eleanor Wilson for which we are very grateful. The money raised at this event which at the moment stands around €800 will go to St. Christopher’s Hospice Care in Cavan. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this evening successful.

Harvest Service in Aghabog will be on Sunday 13th October at 8pm.

**Marriage**

The wedding of Mr Nigel Norris and Miss Alison Forde took place on Friday 6th September in Aghabog Church. The couple were married by the Rev. George Beattie we welcome Alison into the parish, and ask God’s blessing on the happy couple.

**Bereavement**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jim and Fred Howe on the recent death of their aunt Mrs Lily Goodman, Rugby, England and to anyone else who has been bereaved.

Aughnamullen

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday 8th September, it was well supported by the group, other faiths and the local community.

We were very blessed to have the Donagh Choir and their choir mistress, Mrs Ethne McCard who played the organ for all of our worship. During the Intercessions the Choir sang the Tazie Chant “OLord hear my Prayer” after each prayer which added a sense of spiritually. This was the first time the choir has visited Aughnamullen and pray that it will not be the last.

We thank the Rev. George who prepared and preached at the service. Our thanks also to the readers and Intercessor. We are very grateful to the people who came along on Saturday to decorate and tidy up around the Church, those who provided the Flowers, Vegetables and Fruit.

After the service refreshments were served in the school house, we thank those who baked, made the tea and cleaned up afterwards. We all enjoyed the fellowship of sitting down and having a chat.

We pray for all those who have been in hospital or ill at home for their continuing improvement.

**Dartrey & Rockcorry**

Good wishes to all who are recovering from illness.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the orphan society.

**Forthcoming Events**

Coffee morning & sale in “Rockcorry old school house” Nov 30th more details later

**Harvest Services 2013**

**Rockcorry - Sunday 6th October at 8.00pm**

Preacher: Rev. Canon Helene Steed

**Aghabog - Sunday 13th October at 8.00pm**

Preacher: Rev. Canon David Skuce
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October Services

Sunday 6th October
9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion
7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 10th October
Lunchtime Healing Service

Friday 11th October
8.00pm – Youth Harvest Service – Archdeacon Ian Linton

Sunday 13th October
9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Harvest Service – Very Revd Raymond Thompson
7.00pm – Harvest Service – Rev Dr Johnston McMaster

Sunday 20th October
9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion
7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 24th October
Lunchtime Healing Service

Sunday 27th October
9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Morning Prayer (Family Service)
7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Holy Baptism
8th September – Lisa Anita Little
8th September – Chloe Ann Lee Little
“Go make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

Christian Marriage
6th September - Keri Margaret Hazel Cooper and Robert Joseph Cornett
“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who labour build in vain” Psalm 127:1

Ordination of the Revd Rob Clements
The Revd Rob Clements, our new Curate Assistant was ordained to the Priesthood by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell, at a service of Ordination in our Cathedral on Sunday 8th September 2013, the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity. The preacher was the Revd Ted Woods, Rector of Rathfarnham Parish in the United Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough, where Rob spent his year as an Intern Deacon. We welcome Revd Rob, his wife Julie and children Sophia and Gideon to our Cathedral Family.

Alcohol and Pregnancy
The bells of St Macartin’s Cathedral and the bells of St Michael’s Church were rung simultaneously on Monday 9th September to highlight the dangers of drinking alcohol during pregnancy. If you drink alcohol when pregnant, the unborn baby also drinks, the alcohol crosses the placenta from the mother’s bloodstream into the unborn baby’s bloodstream. Alcohol can cause damage to an unborn baby at all stages of pregnancy. It has been associated with low-birth weight, heart problems, affects the development of the brain and central nervous system, as well as learning and behavioural problems.

Harvest Services
‘Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest-home.’
Friday 11th October 8.00pm – Preacher Archdeacon Ian Linton
Sunday 13th October 11.00am – Preacher Very Rev Raymond Thompson
Sunday 13th October 7.00pm – Preacher Rev Dr Johnston McMaster
Our Thanksgiving for Harvest will take place this year over the weekend of 11th-13th October. The weekend will be filled with activities and will begin with a special Youth Harvest on Friday evening with a liturgy and special music geared towards younger people. The preacher will be a former curate of our Cathedral,
Archeacon Ian Linton. Ian is a gifted speaker and as always will have something very relevant to say to us. This service is open to all, both young and not so young.

Sunday morning will bring us our main Parish Harvest Thanksgiving when the preacher will be the former Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Raymond Thompson. The Choir will, as always, have special music prepared for the harvest and the whole parish is invited to make this one of the biggest and best services of the year as we come to give thanks for all the goodness and mercy we have received at God's hand.

The service on Sunday evening will be a Community Harvest Thanksgiving when everyone from across the town is invited to join in the familiar hymns and prayers of thanksgiving. The preacher at this service will be a very well known Methodist Minister the Revd Dr Johnston McMaster. It is hoped that this service will build on the success and goodwill generated across the community following the Royal Visit. Please encourage and invite your friends and neighbours to come along and make this a truly memorable occasion.

Cathedral Open Day

Each year a great deal of work and effort is invested in decorating the cathedral so beautifully and colourfully for the Harvest Thanksgiving and yet these decorations are only seen briefly by those attending the services. In order that more people can see and enjoy the harvest decorations this year, the Cathedral will open on Saturday 12th for visitors to come along and view the Harvest decorations. Everyone is welcome to visit during the day or attend any of the services.

Harvest Appeal 2013

Jesus said ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’ (St. Luke Ch. 10:2) In Christian service there is no resting, God has work enough for everyone. Don’t just sit back and watch others work—look for ways to help. Help practically, prayerfully and financially.

Harvest Time is an opportunity to pause and think of all the goodness God provides for us in our daily living. Many things that are readily at our hands are taken for granted in this day and age, without a thought given to the provider, not to mention the amount of things we accumulate or waste. Here is an opportunity to give thanks to God in appreciation of His goodness to you. You will find with Cathedral News (our monthly Parish Magazine) a Harvest Appeal envelope. Please contribute what you can financially afford and bring it to church, as you make that extra effort to come to God’s House to give thanks for His goodness and loving kindness.

Breakfast with Baroness May Blood

Baroness May Blood will be the guest speaker a Breakfast in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Friday 25th October. Breakfast will be served from 7.00am – 9.00am with the Baroness speaking from 8.10am-8.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend and you can reserve a place by telephoning Beth in the Cathedral Office (66322917). Cost £20 payable at the door. Baroness May Blood of Blackwatertown MBE (born 26 May 1938) is a Labour member of the British House of Lords. She was born and raised in Belfast and worked in a linen mill from 1952-90 where she soon became an active member of the trade union and a shop steward. She was involved in creating the women’s committee in the Trade Union and promoting equality for women at work. Since 1994, she has been an Information Officer of the Greater Shankill Partnership and is a founding member of the Northern Ireland Women’s Coalition. In 1998, she was awarded an honorary degree from the University of Ulster and was awarded a life peerage as Baroness Blood, of Blackwatertown in the County of Armagh in 1999. She was the first woman in Northern Ireland to be given a life peerage.

The Regimental Chapel

The town of Enniskillen is the only town in the British Isles to have its name carried by two former regiments in the British Army. These were the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and the Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. (the spelling of the name is not significant as it is one of over twenty variations used over the centuries). The two regiments originated from units of volunteers raised in 1688 and 1689 from the town and the surrounding counties during a time of civil conflict in Ireland. These volunteers declared their loyalty to the Protestant King William III, and successfully defended their town against the forces of the Catholic King James II.

In 1968 Inniskilling Fusiliers were amalgamated with two other Irish regiments, the Royal Ulster Rifles and the Royal Irish Fusiliers, to form a new regiment, the Royal Irish Rangers. A further amalgamation occurred in 1992, when the Rangers were amalgamated with the Ulster Defence Regiment to form the Royal Irish Regiment.

In 1992 the Inniskilling Dragoons were amalgamated with the 4/7th Dragoon Guards to form the Royal Dragoon Guards. From that date the name Inniskilling disappeared from regimental names. However both new regiments bear the castle insignia on their badges as a tribute to their ancient origin.

In 1970, the Regimental Chapel, the idea of the Regimental Association of the Inniskilling Fusiliers, was opened. The design incorporates symbols of the regiment. The ironwork is the castle of their badge and the ceiling has a pyramidal formation showing the regiment’s association with Egypt both in war and peacetime. There are two stained glass windows dedicated to the two regiments. In the South wall there are three stained glass windows. The window nearest the north door is dedicated to the memory of a young Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers officer who was drowned in Lough Erne. The next one commemorates the service of the Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards and the third one is a Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers Second World War memorial.
The Ardhowen Theatre were sell outs so early purchase to Country Music in Ireland. Recently his two shows at has brought a whole new generation of fans of all ages is now a huge attraction on the Irish music scene, and Nathan, with over a million hits on you tube. Nathan and a DVD. ‘Wagon Wheel’, the single taken from the on the road with his band has recorded four albums residing in Enniskillen and with just over three years Liverpool boys choir, touring the world. Nathan is now – 12.00noon) for a subscription £25.00. This will be an opportunity to meet and greet Nathan afterwards. holders need to be seated before 7.45pm. There will be reserved seating, doors open at 7.00pm and ticket – 12.00noon) for a subscription £25.00. This will be a night not to be missed!

Born on 28th May 1990, Nathan spent his childhood years in Liverpool, England, and grew up in a family with strong Irish roots, his folks originating from Newry in County Down. Seems like Nathan was just born to perform, because even at the tender age of four, he began to learn to play the accordion, and in a few short years he had become a head chorister in the Liverpool boys choir, touring the world. Nathan is now residing in Enniskillen and with just over three years on the road with his band has recorded four albums and a DVD. ‘Wagon Wheel’, the single taken from the album of the same name has become a huge hit for Nathan, with over a million hits on you tube. Nathan is now a huge attraction on the Irish music scene, and has brought a whole new generation of fans of all ages to Country Music in Ireland. Recently his two shows at the Ardhowen Theatre were sell outs so early purchase of tickets is recommended, as this ‘Christmas Special is also expected to be a sell out!

National Poetry Day
National Poetry Day 2013 fell on October 3rd and the chosen theme this year was ‘Water, water, everywhere’. Enniskillen Festival Committee, inspired by the theme which is entirely appropriate to our island town, and the fact that the date coincided with the Festival, could not miss the chance to celebrate poetry in their programme of events.

Dawn to Dusk – poetry every hour, on the hour was read at various around the island town of Enniskillen and on the BBC bus at the Castle Barracks as part of their Poetry @ the Castle Day. This was planned as a day-long event, more of a ‘happening’ really, when, on the hour, every hour, selected readers read their favourite poem at a variety of venues not usually associated with poetry recital, places such as Plunkitt’s Pulpit near the East Bridge, the balcony at the Town Hall, the Fire Station and, heading the list of suggested venues, the top of Cole’s Monument! So that the churches were included Dean Kenny Hall and Monsignor Peter O’Reilly recited poetry (keeping close to the theme - ‘Water, water, everywhere’) at 3.00pm at the font in each other’s churches – ‘New Life – now and eternal’

In St Macartín’s, Monsignor Peter O’Reilly read ‘Her First Week’ by Sharon Olds - it’s about the wonder of a baby. In St Michael’s, Dean Kenny Hall read ‘Abide With Me’ – the original poem of 8 verses written by Henry Francis Lyte former pupil of Portora Royal School, Enniskillen for which a Blue Plaque was erected at Portora Royal School on 1st June 2013. ‘Abide With Me’ is often associated with funeral services, but is that not the time when the Christian inherits the promise of the water of Baptism and continues forever in the presence of the Lord? - Abiding with Him!

Media students from South West College were on hand at the various venues around the town to record readings on their mobile devices and will then show an edited video account of the day in the Media Suite at the College, later during the Festival weekend.

Nathan Carter – ‘A Christmas Special’
Nathan Carter and his band with special guest Crawford Bell will perform ‘A Christmas Special’ in Saint Macartín’s Cathedral, Enniskillen on Monday 16th December 2013 @ 8.00pm. There will be no reserved seating, doors open at 7.00pm and ticket holders need to be seated before 7.45pm. There will be an opportunity to meet and greet Nathan afterwards. Tickets are available in person only (no orders by phone) from St Macartín’s Parish Office, Cathedral Halls, Hall’s Lane, Enniskillen (week days only 9.00am – 12.00noon) for a subscription £25.00. This will be a night not to be missed!

The Book of Remembrance
This book records the names of all those killed while serving in the Inniskilling Fusiliers since 1815. It begins with the battle of Waterloo, and then goes on to South Africa in 1835 and 1899-1902, India in 1856 and 1897-1898. Also included are the names of those killed in the First World War (5260 men) and the Second World War (1133 men).

Colours
Regiments carry two flags, the Sovereign’s Colours, symbolising loyalty to the Crown, and the Regimental Colour, symbolising loyalty to the regiment. Originally these were rallying points on the battle field. The flags carry the names of the battle honours awarded to the regiment. For example, both the Fusiliers and the Dragoons fought at the Battle of Waterloo and each regiment has that name on its flag. A Dragoon flag is called a Guidon. When a regiment obtains new Colours, or is disbanded, it is normal to lay-up the old colours in a church for safe keeping. In the Chapel you will see the surviving laid-up colours of the Fusiliers and the Dragoons. The last standard of the Dragoons that was presented by their Colonel-in-chief of the Regiment, His Royal Highness Prince Charles in June 1985, will be received by the Dean, The Very Rev Kenneth Hall at a special service on Sunday 20th October at 11.00am and will be ‘laid up’ in the Regimental Chapel.

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Mothers’ Union
The first meeting of Mother’s Union after the summer break took place on Monday 9th September. The branch leader Mrs Estelle Latimer opened the meeting by welcoming the many new faces and visitors to the special opening meeting of a new season. She gave a particular welcome to the Revd Rob Clements and his special opening meeting of a new season. She gave a particular welcome to the Revd Rob Clements and his presence of the Lord? - Abiding with Him!

The theme of the evening was “Internet Safety” and was led by Constable Lesley Ward of the PSNI. Constable Ward has the role of educating young people in schools all across Fermanagh on the importance of keeping themselves safe while online on their computers and
mobile phones. She highlighted the importance of parents and grandparents being aware of what their children and grandchildren were doing when online and of giving urgent consideration to not allowing children to hide themselves away in their rooms when on the internet. She laid particular emphasis on ensuring that privacy settings, especially on Facebook were checked regularly to ensure that only those who we wanted to see our information, could see it.

Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club recommenced on Tuesday 24th September in the Hilliard Room. It was good to see the members back again, with a few newer faces, for this popular monthly event during the autumn and winter months. This month one of our helpers Mrs Maureen Farrelly, our Cathedral Florist gave a talk and demonstration on Winter Bulbs and how to bring a little colour to gardens and planters during the winter and early spring. As always the members then enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea. The next meeting of the Tuesday Club will be on Tuesday 29th October when the subject will be ‘The Two Curates’!

Cathedral Mini Bus

As our present Mini Bus has almost reached the end of its life span it is hoped to purchase a new Mini Bus as soon as possible. Any donations or gifts towards the purchase would be greatly appreciated as the Mini Bus is vital to the life of St Macartin’s Cathedral Parish being used each Sunday to transport parishioners to church, the Youth Organisations and the Tuesday Club.

Wheel Chair

A Parishioner has kindly donated a Wheel Chair for use in the Cathedral or Cathedral Hall. It is stored in the cupboard in the front porch, and must be returned immediately after use. We thank this parishioner for the very kind gift and hope many will avail of its use.

60+ Christmas Party

Please keep free Tuesday 3rd December evening for the St Macartin’s 60+ Christmas Party. Preparations are already underway for this event offering Christmas dinner and a fun evening of entertainment. If you missed this party last year, don’t miss out this year.

Cathedral Prayer

O Lord God, whose glory the heavens are telling in joyous and ceaseless praise: bless the worship and work of our cathedral church; dedicated to your servant Macartin, that through the ministry of those who serve and worship here, that same glory might be seen at the centre of our diocesan life, to the praise and honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Fivemiletown
(including Kiltermon)

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Church Times on Sundays
9.30am Kiltermon
11.00am St John’s
7.00pm Evening Praise 1st and 3rd Sundays

Choose to See

September is my favourite month. It promises autumn walks, trees putting on a spectacular display of coloured leaves, and the promise of berries and autumn fruits.

This year the month unfolded with the beautiful sight of rowan trees laden with a glut of oversized red and orange berries. I couldn’t stop looking at them in the last days of August after we returned home from a brown and sun burnt landscape. And there they were, these usually overlooked and dowdy members of the hedge row, shouting out for attention, as if on steroids. Bigger and brighter than usual. I’m told that a better than usual Autumn display from the trees and hedgerows is the effect of distress earlier in the season. Those few weeks of ‘drought’ and unending sunshine sent trees and crops into a survival overdrive and the resulting effort to ensure survival with a better than usual produce of seeds and berries.

I was confronted with the glut one morning when out for a walk. Dog on lead, well beaten path and the sound of a bird singing for all he was worth. And stopping to enjoy the call for attention, there was all around hedgerows filled with black berries. Previously unseen because we weren’t looking, but now unmissable. Not the small mildewey berries of other years, but large black ripe berries asking to be picked. All two pounds of them in about twenty minutes, gathered in a bag pulled from the depths of a pocket, and brought home with a purpose.

Choosing to see what is all around but sometimes overlooked has been a theme in September. I returned to the routine of church after time away with a new determination. The in-vogue word is ‘mindfulness.’
I prefer to see it as an inner prompting by the Holy Spirit. An inner voice drawing by attention to the need to be quiet, the need to listen, the need to see with renewed vision.

Sometimes our situation may look bleak, desperate even. Consider the story of the widow of 2 Kings, whose dead husband’s creditors were coming to take her sons into slavery. Bleak indeed. Desperate even. But the woman has the courage, and foresight, to go to a man of God for help. She chooses to see beyond her desperation, and with Elisha’s help, to obey his command and ask her neighbours for empty jars with the resulting filling of oil, and a way out of her plight. Or what about Jesus’ ability to lift up the eyes of the disciples on the Road to Emmaus? The faces are downcast and their heart distressed by the events in Jerusalem. In meeting with them through the scriptures and the breaking of bread He makes Himself known to them. They are able to see with renewed eyes and new hearts of faith.

And so in September I have been quietly seeing an abundance of good will in leaders and their commitment to God’s work here. There are great signs of hope in the commitment of people here to God’s church in other places. There is much to be said about the quiet routine of ordinary things in ordinary places. And at times we are to anticipate a harvest and fruit in God’s work. If September has anything to teach, perhaps it is that in the way of His creation, a great harvest can come after times of distress. Faith can be renewed, a new interest in the things of the Spirit can emerge, the name of Jesus can be heard again where once it was absent.

Meanwhile the happy days of September lie ahead. I have bulbs to plant, walks to enjoy and a decision to make. Compote, jelly or jam?

**Parish Diary**

**Senior Members** - A service of Holy Communion followed by a lunch will be held in the Parish Hall at 12noon on Wednesday 2 October. The speaker will be Dr Walter Boyd whose topic is ‘Mind Matters’.

**Confirmation Preparation Classes** continue on Wednesdays 16, 23, 30 October. Young people will meet from 7-8pm to consider the Church Of Ireland’s teaching on Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

**Confirmation Weekend** We hope to travel to Castlewellan Castle, Co. Down from Friday 1 – Sunday 3 November. DV The Bishop will be with us in the parish on 24 November 2013 for Confirmation. Bowling Club continues each Thursday evening at 8pm. New members are very welcome.

**MOPS** - Time Out on Monday for Young Women, with breakfast and a supervised créche held on 2nd and 4th Monday of every month.

**CLB** - Church Lads Brigade for P1-P7 boys, continues each Tuesday at 8pm, in the Parish Hall.

**GFS** - Girls Friendly Society for P1+ girls meet at 6.30-8pm each Wednesday in the Parish Hall.

**Mission Outreach**

A group of YWAM members were with us for three days as part of a prayer walk from Rostrevor along the border, taking in Fivemiletown. These are a few comments from some of the members.

“What a wonderful hospitable welcome!! Thank you so much we will continue praying for this town. Bless you - Jonny”

“You guys are so amazing and so inspiring. God sees your efforts and every reach you make towards his heart. Thank you for being so amazingly hospitable to us and listening to the Lord's heart for this town and this island, you guys are great! God bless - Rachelle”

“Thank you so much, what a blessing it was to come here and be rejuvenated and spiritually renewed. God bless you! Much love - Anna”

**Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully**

Dear All

A very big thank you to everyone involved in making my Service of Introduction such a special evening in the Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully Group of Parishes. The very warm welcome extended to myself, our family and friends was further blessed with beautiful weather all weekend! We have all settled into our beautiful home and I would like to thank the Group of Parishes for the excellent work which has been carried out in the Rectory. In this its centenary year it is especially poignant to see it looking like new!

I look forward to getting to know you all as I answer God’s call on my life to serve you. The words of my favourite hymn: ‘I the Lord of Sea and Sky’

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.
(Isaiah 6:8, 1 Samuel 3)
May the Lord lead us all in our journey of faith to build up the body of Christ in the Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully Group of Parishes.

Yours in Christ
Revd Anita

Galloon Parish

Busy Month: August was a very busy month in the life of our parish. First there was the Book Sale from 6th to 10th, then there was the Barbecue on 17th followed by The Service of Introduction for Rev’d Anita on 30th. Then on 7th September we had our Parish Auction. A sincere thank you to all who planned, prepared for, worked at and cleared up after all these events. There was a respectable financial return for parish funds and for The Bishop’s Ordination Fund which makes the work worthwhile.

Thanks: A special thanks to Mr Bert Robinson and his helpers for their work cleaning down and repainting the porch and front door of the church, repairing and repainting the avenue and gate pillar lamps, painting the entrance gates and refurbishing the church notice board to have it ready for our new Diocesan Curate. Bert has been responsible for a huge amount of work at the rectory, church and other church property during the summer and we really appreciate his hard work.

Holy Baptism: Alfie William baby son of Helen and William Noble, Drumquillia was baptised by Dean Raymond Thompson at Morning Service on Sunday 25th August. We welcome Alfie in the Church Family of Galloon.

Holy Matrimony: Congratulations to William Allen and Sinead McDonald who were married in Galloon Parish Church on Saturday 14th September 2013. The service was conducted by Canon David Skuce assisted by Rev’d Anita Kerr. We wish the young couple God’s blessing in their life together.

Church Hall Management Committee: There will be number of events during October, November and December. These will be advertised locally so please look out and listen out for information. They will be advertised on The Community Information Kiosk outside The Community Centre (Old Courthouse) and through churches, schools and shops.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services:
Friday 11th October at 8.00pm followed by tea and a chat
Sunday 13th October at 11.30am

Galloon & Drummully Mother’s Union:
A branch meeting will be held on Monday 28th October at 8.00pm in the Trinity Hall. The Speaker is a representative from SEFF (South East Fermanagh Foundation) who will give a talk on their organisation and the work they do in this area. This meeting is open to everyone.

Just a Thought: “The best way to have a friend is to be one.”

Sallaghy Parish

Mothers’ Union: The next monthly meeting of the Mother’s Union will take place on Thursday 10th October at 8.00pm in the Church Hall. The speaker will be Sharon Elliot who’s topic will be ‘Alternative Therapies’.

Parish Dance: A parish dance in the Church Hall has been arranged for Friday 8th November 2013. Music will be by “Sweet Harmony”. Ticket will be on sale from early October. Please keep this date free and invite your friends to attend. All support will be greatly appreciated.

Parish Barbeque: Thank you to everyone who helped with the very successful barbeque at the start of September. So many people helped in so many ways before, during and after the event but it is appropriate that we express a special thanks to Howard and Valerie Crawford for the work done in cooking the food. £930 was raised for church funds.

Tractor Run and Vintage Ploughing Demonstration: Thanks to everyone to helped in any way with this event. In particular thanks to Tommy and Vera Fiddis for all their organisation and for the use of their farm. Thank you also to everyone who supported the event and approximately £4600 was raised which will be split between three causes, CLIC Sargent (the UK’s leading cancer charity for children and young people, and their families), CRY (Cardic Risk in the Young) and Sallaghy Parish.

Marriage Register: Gillian Elizabeth Crawford, Flat 2/131 Lyndhurst Gardens, Glasgow and Paul Campbell, 2 Delaney Wynd, Cleland, Motherwell on Saturday 17th August 2013 in Sallaghy Parish Church. The ceremony was conducted by Dean R Thompson.

“Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.”

Drummully Parish

Harvest Thanksgiving: You are all warmly invited to our Harvest Thanksgiving service in Drummully Church on Sunday 6th October at 7.00pm with supper afterwards in the Church Hall.

Annual Dance: Our annual dance will be held in the Church Hall on Friday 15th November. Dancing from 10pm and music is by Roy Hurst. Refreshments will be served on the night. Everyone welcome.
**Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher**

**Rector:**
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**Sunday 6th October**
Garrison 10am HT & HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

**Sunday 13th October**
Belleek 11.30am MP
Kiltyclogher 7.00pm HT

**Sunday 20th October**
Garrison 10am MP
Slavin 11.30am MP
Both Family Services.

**Sunday 27th October**
Kiltyclogher 10am HC
Belleek 11.30am HC

**Sunday 3rd November**
Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

**Sunday 10th November**
Belleek 11.30am MP
Garrison 5pm Remembrance Service

**Mothers’ Union**
The next MU Meeting is on Wednesday 16th October in Slavin Parish Church with the guest speaker, Myrtle Irvine from Smiles Foundation.

**Holy Baptism**
1st July 2013 in Kiltyclogher Church (due to Garrison Church renovation)

David Bernard Ferreira, 3rd son of Andreas & Esther Ferreira, Loughside Rd, Garrison by Rev Isobel Nixon.

**Holy Matrimony**
Jenny Carson, daughter of Gordon & Pauline Carson, Slattinagh, Garrison & Richard Willis, Brookeborough on Friday 13th September in Kiltyclogher Church. The marriage service was conducted by Canon Glenn West, assisted by Rev Ngozi Njoku. We wish them God’s richest blessing in their married life.

**Bowls**
The bowling club has re-commenced for the winter season every Tuesday night @ 8pm in Melvin View Orange Hall. New members always welcome.

**Family Services**
The family services recommence on the 3rd Sunday of each month from October onwards. The children will take part and we encourage the congregation to give them our full support.

**Garrison Church Renovations**
The church tower has now been completed as is the church roof. Work on the Vestry is well advanced and re-plastering of the outside walls with lime based mortar has commenced. It is hoped to return to the church in early October.

**Fundraising Dance**
Garrison Parish are holding a dance in the Gilaroo Centre on Friday 8th November from 9.30pm onwards. Music by the well known singer Anthony McBrien. Tickets £10 including supper. All proceeds to the Church Renovations.

**Service of Confirmation & Confirmation Classes**
A confirmation service for our young people will be held on Sunday 24th November. Confirmation classes continue in the Rectory each Thursday @ 7.30pm in the Rectory. Please pray for our following young people/young adults who will be confirmed:- Darren Carson, Neil Graham, Amy Kettyles, Jamie Kettyles, Arianne McCordick, Rebecca Nelson, Adam Ovens, Kathy Ovens, Laura Thompson, Lee Walker.

**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 e mailed to Doreen Earls at doreenearls@yahoo.co.uk
Harvest Thanksgiving

Friday 18th October at 8.00pm
Preacher: Rev Gary McMurray, Aghavea

Sunday 20th October at 11.30am
All age service Preacher: Revd Peter Bourke, St Elizabeth’s Dundonald.

7:30pm Revd Ruth Watt, Lisbellaw Methodist

After such a good summer we have every reason to come and express our gratitude and praise to God for his generous provision.

Service on Inishmacsaint Island

It really did happen this time. We had tried to have this service on two previous occasions but the very wet weather each time made it impossible. I was delighted with the event and thankful to God for giving us favourable weather to worship him on this historic site. There was a lovely atmosphere in the presence of the Lord in which those present (about 120) were happy and relaxed. The praise was led by Churchill Silver Band. The Bible reading from Samuel 40 v. 15-31 was shared by Marion Saunderson and Eileen Cutler.

The Bishop spoke about a power that is different from how the world sees it as he spoke about Jesus and the challenge of choosing to follow him who went the way of the cross for us. He also engaged the children with the use of an ancient horn which would have been used long ago to let people know that the post was coming. He went on to speak about another instrument (the last trumpet) that will sound to announce the coming of the king of kings. A number of people enjoyed a boat trip on the Lady of the Lake to get to the island. Thanks to all who worked to prepare for the service in making sure everyone who came arrived safely and returned safely as well.

Thanks to the men who prepared the pathway to the island, transported chairs, set up a good PA system and recorded the service on CD, the ladies who prepared the tea and refreshments. There was a good sense of co-operation and working together as a team that I’m sure was pleasing to God and a blessing to us all. I’m so thankful to have such a willing group of people who take responsibility to see that everything is done well. I trust that all who were at the service on Sept 1st were blessed and encouraged and most important of all that God was glorified as a result.

At Rest

Tuesday 27th August Maude Rutherford, Drumskimly, Derrygonnelly
Thursday 29th August George Crooke, The Rocks, Blaney, Enniskillen

We express our sympathy to the bereaved families and pray that they may know the great hope we have in believing in Jesus our risen Saviour and Lord.

Mens Breakfast

This will be on Sat 19th Oct at 9am in Derrygonnelly Orange Hall. We look forward to having special guest Spud Murphy who will be joined by other team members from CVM Ireland. Spud Murphy is Director of Christian Vision for Men. The aim of CVM is connecting men to Jesus and the Church to men. Other events for men are being planned in the coming months.

Kilskeery and Trillick

Our autumn programme of church services and activities has begun:

Kilskeery Silver Band continues to meet on Monday evenings
Juniors 7.45 - 8.30pm
Others 8.30 - 10.00pm

Senior Citizens’ Group (Tuesday) Kilskeery Parish Hall 2.00 – 4.30pm. All welcome!

Guitar Club: (Tuesday) Kilskeery Parish Hall
Juniors (under13) 7.00 - 7.30pm (Parents are invited to wait in hall if helpful).
Others 7.30 - 8.30pm (This is our adult slot and a warm invitation extends to anyone who might wish to come along - age no barrier, Art’s ‘oldest’ past pupils being in their 70’s!).

Choir 8.30 - 9.30pm (Again, age no barrier, just a willingness to join with the singing!)

Young Farmers Club (Tuesday/fortnightly) Trillick Orange Hall from 8.00pm
Anyone aged 12-25 welcome.
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Boys’ Brigade (Wednesday) Kilskeery Parish Hall
See pew sheet for full report on, following October 2nd meeting to discuss ‘way forward’!

Girls’ Brigade (Wednesday) Trillick Orange Hall
from 6.30 – 8.00pm

Youth Club (Friday) Kilskeery Parish Hall 7.30 -9.00pm – P6 and up.

Bowling Club (Saturday) Kilskeery Parish Hall from 8.00pm
Appeal for new and return of former members.

Mothers’ Union opened with a Service of Holy Communion followed by A.G.M. in Trillick Parish Church on September 16th and looks forward to a visit from Gary Wilson (British Heart Foundation) on October 21st in Kilskeery Parish Hall at 8.00pm. New members most welcome, if you’re ‘not sure’ simply come along, see what we’re about and maybe offer suggestions!

Craft Club - Meeting on Monday evenings in Kilskeery Sunday School Rooms.
Further info, should you wish to join in (and you will be made most welcome) from, among others, Joan, Pauline, Hazel and Mary over at Trillick and Hazel, Gwen, Valerie and Marlene in Kilskeery.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Kilskeery Parish Church, Friday, October 11th at 8.00pm, guest preacher, Rev. Ken Lindsay, followed by Harvest Supper in Parish Hall.
Sunday, Oct. 13th at 11.00am.

Trillick Parish Church, Sunday Oct. 20th at 11.00am, guest preacher, Mr. George Conn, and at 7.30pm with guest preacher, Dean Kenny Hall. Harvest Supper following.

Youth Council is planning Halloween Event at Kilskeery Parish Hall on Friday, November 1st, so keep date free!
Many thanks to members of the Youth Council for their help with upkeep of hall and their tremendous input into activities there.

Lord, your harvest is the harvest of love;
love sown in the hearts of people;
love that spreads out
like the branches of a great tree
covering all who seek its shelter;
love that inspires and recreates;
love that is planted in the weak and the weary;
still the sick and the dying.
The harvest of your love
is the life that reaches
through the weeds of sin and death
to the sunlight of resurrection.
Lord, nurture my days with your love,
water my soul with the dew of forgiveness,
that the harvest of my life
might be your joy.

Lisbellaw (including Coolbuck)

Parish Register
Holy Baptism - Sunday 18th August - Kathryn Ellie Thompson daughter of Paul and Helen, Old Mill Court, Lisbellaw.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Do join us for the Harvest Thanksgiving Services in Lisbellaw during the second weekend of October. Following last year’s pattern, the members of the Sunday Club will be involved in Friday evening Family Harvest Celebration (11th October at 7.30 p.m.). The service will be followed by a Bring and Share Supper. Simply bring some food to the hall and we share it around. Obviously guests and visitors are welcome and not expected to bring items to share.

The Sunday Harvest services (13th October) are at 11.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. and feature special musical items from the choir. The preacher at the evening service will be the Rev. Mervyn Ewing, minister of Jennymount Methodist Church, Belfast.

This year especially we have seen a fine summer that we have all enjoyed, weather involved in agriculture or not, and so we do have so much to thank God for, and of course at all times we are to thank God above all, for his immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ.
Services For October

**Harvest Thanksgiving**
8.00 p.m – Friday 4th - Evening Prayer
11.30 a.m. - Sunday 6th – Morning Prayer
(Children's Church will participate)
7.00 p.m. – Sunday 6th – Evening Prayer

**Sunday 13th**
11.30 a.m. Holy Communion

**Sunday 20th**
11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

**Sunday 27th**
11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

**November**

**Sunday 3rd**
11.30 a.m. Holy Communion

**Sunday 10th**
11.30 a.m. Service of Remembrance

**Marriage:**
Friday 16th August - Joanne Morrison & Niall Sheenan, Fivemiletown. Congratulations to you both.

**Mothers’ Union:**
On Thursday 5th September our Mothers’ Union members and their friends were invited to SEFF Offices in Manderwood Park for morning coffee and an opportunity to view the memorial quilt. The Branch Leader read a poem which she had composed entitled “The Journey of the Quilt” and then proceeded to explain the symbolism of each square. Everyone got the opportunity to buy the relevant booklet.

That evening Kenny Donaldson, the Director of SEFF and Sharon Howe from FACT came to our meeting. Kenny gave an interesting history of the South East Fermanagh Foundation and Sharon explained what the aims of FACT- Fermanagh & Armagh Connecting Together were. Forms were provided for anyone wishing to enrol in the organisation. We all received gifts of pens and were given 30 copies of their book to sell.

In October we will be delighted to welcome as our speaker, Canon Walter Quill, former Rector of Castlederg, now living in Coleraine who will tell us about his earlier life in the Church Army. In November Canon Skuce plans to come along and tell us about his recent trip to Austria.

**SEFF’s Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving:**
This service which is hoped will become an annual event spread throughout the various churches in the area took place in our church on Sunday 8th September at 3.00 p.m. It was an opportunity for families and friends who have lost loved ones during the troubles to come together to remember and reflect and for others to show their support. A large number of people from throughout the community were in attendance and Revd Capper gave the address. Readings, a poem and a reflection were all carried out beautifully by family members. The organist was Karen McAlister and the soloist Julie Tubman accompanied by Ruth Coalter on the clavinova. Many enjoyed refreshments afterwards in The Archdale Centre.

**Magheracross**

The primary focus in most of our churches in October is the Harvest Thanksgiving and Magheracross is no different! Despite all the despondency last Spring, there are few farmers who cannot feel thankful for the harvest this year. However, this should be a reminder to us that we should be thankful in both the fat years and the lean. Thankfulness is not just about what we have gained for ourselves, but its an expression of our complete dependence on God – not just for the silage and the wheat, but for every single breath that we take. Every year is therefore a good year. Let us celebrate and share.

**October 6th**
9:30 am Morning Prayer
11 am Holy Communion
7 pm Evening Prayer

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**Friday 11th**
8 pm Harvest Thanksgiving Preacher, the Rector

**Sunday 13th**
9:30 am Holy Communion
11 am Family Harvest with Geff Gawn, (Scripture Union) and the TOM team
7 pm Harvest Praise. Preacher, the Revd Charlie Eames

**Sunday 20th**
9:30 am Morning Prayer
11 am Morning Prayer
7 pm Harvest Thanksgiving in Methodist Church

**Monday 21st**
Harvest Thanksgiving in Methodist church

**Sunday 27th**
9:30 am Holy Communion
11 am Morning Prayer
7 pm worship in Methodist Church.

Our Sunday School has resumed with a full compliment of teachers and helpers and lots of enthusiastic children. At the opening service in September, they celebrated Ice Cream Sunday when our youth worker, David, spoke to us about the lost sheep and we all shared in the joy with tubs and cones of ice cream.

**Mothers’ Union**

**October Meeting** - 3 October at 8.00 pm in the Archdale Hall. The speaker will be Raymond Dowdalls and he will speak about his experiences of working in Kenya. Raymond is well known to us all as he owns the Village Pharmacy. A warm welcome is extended to all members of the congregation to join us.

**November Meeting** - 7 November at 8.00 pm in the Archdale Hall. The speaker will be a representative from CMS Ireland and the theme is “The story of the Market Place”. A warm welcome is extended to all to come along.

**Select Vestry**
The October meeting of the Select Vestry will take place on Monday 14 October 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room.
Reading Together Book Club at Liz Crook’s, 10am Mondays fortnightly. Tel 028 686 32783

Friends in the Afternoon
8th October: PSNI Safety in the community.
22nd October: Harvest Lunch in the Parish Hall.

Mothers’ Union
Thursday 17th October: “Know your cuts and joints”. Eamonn Thomas, Butcher from The Meat Joint.

Ellen Ministries
Modular School in Kesh Primary School. Weekend courses each month for 10 months. Next one: October 18th to 20th. Topic: Principles for caring: counselling for prayer ministry.

Life Groups - meet weekly, either evenings or daytime. Please see Revd Henry for details about a group that would suit you and help you apply your faith to your life and help you walk in your journey with God in the company of others.

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 11th October to 12 noon Saturday 12th October.

Mullaghfarne Harvest on Sunday 6th October at 3.30pm. Do come along and join us as we begin our parish harvest services giving thanks to God for all that we have been blessed with in the last year.

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

Ardess Auction: Saturday 26th October.
This year we are looking forward with great expectation to another successful auction in the community centre in Kesh. The cake sale will begin at 12 noon and the actual auction will begin at 1pm. If you are reading these notes can I encourage you to consider coming along. In addition to the normal household goods and firewood and everything you would expect to be at an auction we have a selection of really good pledges that have been made to be auctioned off. At the time of writing our list of pledges are only starting to come in but some of them may be of interest from the list below.

Pledges to be auctioned:
2 days dog training
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5 Hours hedge cutting
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30 Bags of sticks

Beef animal to be sold in 4 mixed lots ready for the freezer. (The purchaser of the 1st lot will have the option to purchase the other quarters at the same price. To give you a guide the complete animal will amount to 500 lbs of meat in various cuts).

Architectural plans for a new house or renovation, drafted to your specifications.

If you are interested in any of these or want to see any additional pledges as we get nearer the auction date then please check out www.ardess.org.

Remembrance Sunday Service:
10th November, 11am

Fountain Centre
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 Years 1, 2, 3: every Friday 7-9 pm £1 entry fee.
Years 4 and upwards 9-11 pm £1 entry.
Youth Life Groups - 5.30pm on Sunday evening.
CONNECT (Fountain Youth Fellowship) Sunday night for all secondary school age 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 Fountain Centre.
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts all on various nights. See Rev Henry for more details.

Baptisms
11th August – Jayden Eric, son of Vinesan Naidoo and Amanda Telford, 16 Meadow Vale, Tamaghlt
8th September – Jenson Robert, son of Jason and Lisa Gray, 17 Burfitts Hill, Irvinestown

Wedding
Congratulations to the following couple on their recent marriage:
29th August – Damien Gates & Nicola Farrell, 4 Ashley Drive, Belfast.

Burials
Burial of ashes - 5th Aug Margaret McDonald 45 Castleburn Road, Carrickfergus. 79 years

Burial – 15th August Margaret Jane Johnston 2 Erne Park Kesh 89 years

Baptisms - Maguiresbridge

17th August 2013
Isabella Lilly Bussell, 86 Main Street, Maguiresbridge

1st September 2013
Ellie Jo Mitten, 74 Drumgoon Road, Maguiresbridge

8th September 2013
Grace Emma Alexandra Woods, 50 Brookeborough Road, Maguiresbridge

14th September 2013
Maddison Jade Bateson, 161 Drumeer Road, Maguiresbridge

14th September 2013
Morgan Neil Bateson, 161 Drumeer Road, Maguiresbridge

We look forward to our bishop coming along to our service of harvest thanksgiving to mark the completion of all the work, on Sunday 6th October. The church has had a new floor and pews put in, new heating system, repainted throughout, the gable and bell tower repointed and plastered and the leak in the roof fixed. The walls along the avenue were repaired and replastered. The church is now looking very well and no major work will need to be done for the foreseeable future. I would like to thank all those who were involved in overseeing the work and gave so much of their time.

On Friday 16th August we had a very successful barbecue in Christ Church Parochial Hall and over £2000 was raised. We are greatly indebted to all those who provided the food and to Clive Richardson for cooking the steaks, beef burgers and sausages. An enjoyable evening was had by all. The following week there was a fancy dress evening and bouncy castle for the children from the two parishes and ‘It’s a knock out competition’. All who took part had a good time. Many thanks to all those who organised the evening.

Derrybrusk Mothers’ Union

Visitors Night- Tuesday 15th October- 8pm. Speaker Brian Rankin, who writes and recites poetry for the charity “ Africare”. Dr Knox will also be joining us and our soloist will be Kathryn Little. Supper Served. Everyone Welcome.

13th October
St Patrick’s 10.30am Holy Communion
Ballinode 3pm Harvest Thanksgiving

20th October
St Patrick’s 10.30am Morning Prayer
Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

27th October
St Patrick’s 10.30am Service of the Word
Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

3rd November
St Patrick’s 10.30am Service of the Word
Kilmore 12.15pm Morning Prayer

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore
The Ladies Group
The Ladies Group will meet on Tuesday 15th October in St. Patrick’s hall at 8pm.

The Mothers’ Union
The Mothers’ Union met in St Patricks Church on Tuesday 3rd September when Mrs Muriel Treacy, Faith and Policy Unit co-ordinator, Clogher Dioceses gave an informative talk on the theme “The Seeds we Sow”. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st October.

Illness
Yours prayers are requested for those who are ill at home or in hospital, the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

Monaghan Parish Sale
Monaghan Parish Sale is on Friday 18th October from 10am. There will be the usual stalls and tea and coffee will be available. All Welcome.

Leaving Certificate, GCSE and Junior Certificate
We extend congratulations to James Mc Bride, James Mc Mahon, Ryan Brown, Jack Sleator, Leon Mc Gowan, Joanne Gillanders and Darren Brown on results attained in the respective exams. We wish them well as they continue with their studies in the year ahead.

Vortex Youth Group
Vortex Youth Group began it’s new session on 21st September and meets in the hall on Saturday 5th October at 8pm.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Leanna Workman and James Evans who recently announced their engagement.

Choral & Organ Workshop
Choral & Organ Workshop using money from Peace III and with a strong local committee, Cooperation Ireland have overseen these workshops for the Minority Faith Community. This has involved organists, choir members and singers from local churches and schools in Co. Monaghan. Led by Mr Stephen Furphy, the workshops culminate in a concert in St. Patrick’s Church on 19th October at 7.30pm.

Harvest Services
The first of our Harvest Thanksgiving services took place on 8th September in Kilmore church where our preacher was Rev. Christiann Snell from the Kildrumferton Group of parishes. The Harvest services continue on 6th October at 11am in St Patrick’s for an all age service where our preacher will be Mr Jonny Porter; then on 13th October our ‘harvest season’ finishes at 3pm in Ballinode where Mr Charlie Mills will be our preacher.

Rossorry

Services in October 2013

Sunday 6th October
9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Holy Communion
7.00 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 13th October
9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Morning Prayer

Friday 18th October
8.00pm Harvest

Sunday 20th October
9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving
7.00 pm Harvest Praise

Sunday 27th October
9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Morning Prayer

Farewell to our Parish Administrator

At our Sunday Service on 8th September we said farewell to John Houston who has retired from his post as Parish Administrator. John was responsible for setting up the new office and its successful establishment in our parish life. We are sorry to see him go but wish him well for the future. The Rector made a presentation to John on behalf of the Parish.

The Select Vestry are delighted to announce that Mr Gerry O’Callaghan, MBE, has been appointed as Parish Administrator in succession to Mr John Houston. Gerry commenced as Administrator on Monday 2nd September 2013 and we wish him well in his new position.
Concert Series

A series of Concerts will be held in Rossorry Church on the fourth Sunday of (most of) the coming months, at 7.00pm. The concerts will feature a number of well-renowned local musicians, as well as some from further afield. The series will commence with an organ recital by Mr Billy McBride on Sunday 29th September. There is no admission charge to the concerts, but donations will be gladly received to defray the costs involved.

Harvest

Our Harvest Festival Weekend will take place from Friday 18th – Sunday 20th October 2013. On Friday evening there will be a Harvest Festival Service at 8.00pm, at which the preacher will be Rev Alastair Warke. This service will be followed by Supper in the Hall. On Sunday 21st October we will hold our Harvest Thanksgiving Service at which the preacher will be our Student, Olivia Downey. This service will be followed by a parish ‘Bring and Share’ harvest lunch in the Parochial Hall. In the evening, at 7.00pm, there will be a service of Harvest Praise, with music led by m-Blaze followed by refreshments in the church. Our Diocesan Youth Officer Jonny Phenix will be the speaker at this service.

Rossorry MenZone

Rossorry Parish has a new group for the men of the Parish, known as MenZone. The group will meet monthly in a spirit of support fellowship and entertainment.

The sound of screeching tyres and the smell of burning rubber filled the air, as Rossorry’s Menzone took to the racetrack on 3rd July. Competing in their very own Karting Grand Prix, twenty (not so boyish) ‘boy racers’ fought for honours in an evening of thrills and spills at Lakeland Karting in Kesh.

Several more Menzone events are planned for the coming months, including excursions to sporting events, theatre and cinema trips and evenings in the Hall with informative guest speakers.

New Hymn Books Dedication

On Sunday 15th September the Rector dedicated eight new Music Edition Hymn Books for use by the Choir. The books were a gift from Sadie Farrell, a long standing member of our Choir, and were dedicated in memory of her late husband George. Many members of both George and Sadie’s families attended the service, which included one of Sadie’s favourite hymns. As the choir continues to grow and develop, the hymn books will be a very welcome addition.

John and Wendy Houston

We were very sad to hear that John and Wendy will be leaving the parish, as they move to pastures new in Co. Down. While we fully appreciate their wish to live nearer to family, now that they are both retired, their departure will leave big gaps in Rossorry Parish life. John, until recently, was our Parish Administrator, and very committed and active member of the Select Vestry. Wendy was, amongst other things, the leader of our Youth Club, a Guide Leader, coordinator of our Pastoral Care Team, and a Diocesan Pastoral Assistant. We shall miss them both very much, but give thanks to God for their dedicated service over many years to the people and the parish of Rossorry.

Olivia Downey - Theological Student

On Sunday 29th September, we shall welcome to Rossorry, Olivia Downey, who comes to us on a Student Placement, as part of her training for ordination in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. Olivia will be with us each Sunday from the end of September to the beginning of December, and will be in and around the parish on a number of Fridays as well. We hope and pray that her time with us will be fruitful and rewarding, and that she will experience something of parish life and the regular patterns of Sunday worship.

Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club at Rossorry were recently involved in fund raising for Cancer Focus. They continue to meet every Wednesday Morning at the Parochial Hall at 10.30am for a lively programme of activities and speakers, as well as a spot of lunch.

Sunday School

On Sunday 8th September, Carol Livingstone, Sunday School Superintendent, presented a cheque for £100.00 to Gerry O’Callaghan (on behalf of Horizon West Childrens Hospice) from the Sunday School Children.

The children collected coins in Smartie boxes during Lent and continue to show their love and support for life limited children in our community who use the Hospice.
Choral Scholarship

Rossorry Parish is awarding up to five choral scholarships to encourage music ability and talent in the parish and community. The scholarship, which will be awarded for one year, require the Scholar to be fully involved in the worshipping life of the parish choir, in leading the music at regular Sunday services and at other special occasions as well. The bursary for each scholarship is intended to be used to enable the Scholar to continue their vocal tuition, alongside which they will also receive piano or organ lessons.

Men’s Breakfast

The men’s breakfast was held on 14th September. The amount raised was £370.00 towards the Restoration fund. Thank you to our speaker Mr Jeffrey Donaldson MP who spoke about his faith and how it relates to his life as an MP. Thank you to the ladies who cooked and served the breakfast.

Gospel Concert

Thank you to Miss P. Abbott who organised the Artists the Ladies who provided supper and all who supported this annual event. The amount raised for missionary work was to date £691.00.

Parish Registers

Baptisms
23rd June 2013 Lily Catherine Swindle, daughter of Maurice and Aisling Swindle
18th August 2013 Ethan Samuel Hurst, son of Darren Hurst and Tracey McKenzie
25th August 2013 Amelia Rose Coyle, daughter of Jonathan and Sheryl Coyle
8th September 2013 Simon James Burke, son of Christopher Burke and Donna Morrison

Marriages
5th September 2013 Rachel Zoe Hutchinson and Robert Joseph Somerville
20th September 2013 Carly Elizabeth Ferguson and Stephen Phair

Deaths
21st August 2013 Vera Benson
4th September 2013 Lily Little
6th September 2013 Edward Beattie

First Parish Council

The Parish Council will be holding its first meeting on 15th October at 8pm in Clabby Church Hall. The meeting will be open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

Restoration Fund

A very successful Bar-be-que was organised by Mr & Mrs Clive Vance assisted by family members. The amount raised was £1,500.00. Thank you to Clive and Nicola for taking the initiative to organise this event and to the ladies from the Parish who helped on the night it was a great night enjoyed by those present and much appreciated support for the restoration fund.

Thank you to the family and friends of the late Mr Sammy Byers for the donation of £915.00 in lieu of flowers in his memory.

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Clabby Bowling Club

The bowling club meet on Monday evenings at 8pm in Clabby Church Hall. They would welcome new members.

Future Fundraising Events

Saturday 5th October- Vintage Tractor Run, leaving Clabby Church Hall at 10.30am. Refreshments served from 9.30am. Further details from Vera- 89521160 or David 89522134.

Friday 8th November- Table Quiz organised by the youth club at 8pm in Clabby Church Hall. Table of 5 people- £10.00. Groups welcome.

Tempo Church

Tempo Parish concert will be held on Friday 1st November at 8pm in Tempo Church Hall. Curtis Magee and Friends will be the artists. The proceeds are towards Church Funds.

Diary Events - October

Tuesday 8th: Mothers Union Clabby Church Hall 8pm: speaker Miss Ruth Wilson- Gambia Experiences.

Sunday 13th: Confirmation 11.00 a.m. Tempo Parish Church. This will be a united service. Please pray for the Candidates as they prepare for this important service, that it will be no formal or casual step but one of faith in Christ.

Saturday 26th: Clabby Parish Auction: 1.30pm items for auction and support on the day especially from Parishioners welcome.

God’s Call, our Response

The people of Israel were God’s Special people. They were called to be His witness and representatives to the other nations. They sinned often and failed miserably in their calling. The prophet Micah challenges them: “He has showed you, o man what is good and what...
does the require you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” (6:8).

This is a challenge also to us. What does God require of us? The answer is twofold, in one sense- absolutely nothing. God has rescued us, redeemed us and protected us.

“He did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all” (Romans 8:32). Salvation is all about what God has done for us- not what we done for him.

Secondly then, God asks us for everything, God rescued us and redeemed us from the power, punishment and penalty of din. God therefore calls us to come to Him through His only Son Jesus confess and repent of our sin and then live for Him. As Micah states in Chapter 6 v 8 “He has show you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you, to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God”.

If we have experienced God’s justice and mercy, declaring us to be forgiven of our sins when we come to Jesus and trust Him as our Saviour and Lord then we are called to humbly follow His word and obey His will as we live each day.

Jesus followed the words of Micah in His life and further added to it when he challenged His followers about true discipleship “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me”. (Mark Chapter 8 v 34)

Take these two verses and ask ourselves do we practise these 3 callings in each verse in our lives?

Apology in last month’s magazine the wrong month was stated in the Death notice for the late Mr.Sammy Byers it should have read 4th July 2013. The Rector apologises for any hurt this has caused the family.

Trorry and Killadeas

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Harvest Festival Services
Trorry harvest services are scheduled for Friday 11th October at 8.00pm. The preacher will be Canon Glenn West, Rector of Derrynullen North and Castle Archdale. And Sunday 13th October at 11.30am when the Rector shall preach at a service of Holy Communion. We hope that the Sunday school children will take part in this service.

Special Service
Call it the blues, anxiety, stress, depression, angst, worry or being unhappy in Spirit. Everyone at sometime in their life feels down and as Christians many wonder why this happens. On Sunday 20th October Mr. Raymond Farrell will speak on personal depression and solutions at both services. This is to complement an evening he is undertaking with the Mothers Union in the parish and to raise awareness of places help is available from.

Remembering the Church in the Middle East
As I write these notes it would seem that Syria is going to hand over its chemical weapons to the United Nations as a result of a deal made between the U.S.A. and Russia. This should prevent a bloody war from escalating. Perhaps the stand made by the U.K. parliament has helped bring this deal about.

What I do know is that Syria is the home of the oldest established Christian church in the world. The church who gave help to Saul when he was a blind convert in Damascus. This man who met the Lord on the road to Damascus and changed so much in Spirit that he became known as Paul and became a great evangelist.

Now however the Syrian church is caught in the crossfire as are the churches in Egypt, Palestine / Israel and Iraq. They are such small and precious minorities in these lands yet many wish to crush these lights of faith out.

Please continue to pray for the people of faith in these lands and for peace to return to the lands of the Bible.

Bible Study
Once the Harvest services are over the Bible study will complete its E100 studies. Times will be announced in church.

Carol Service
Two years ago Trorry Orange lodge ran a successful service of Nine Lessons and Carols in aid of Help for Heroes. This year on December 8th at 8.00pm they are hosting another service of Nine Lessons and Carols in aid of Macular Degeneration. Macular Degeneration is a progressive eye disease and in County Fermanagh we have a number of people who live life with this condition. Please support this service.

Table Quiz in aid of Killadeas
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