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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Friends

What are your most vivid memories of Easter? Perhaps it is a sign of getting to the wrong end of middle age but I find myself, at every opportunity, looking back rather too fondly at the past. My first parish as an incumbent was on the banks of the river Bann just outside Coleraine. Every year it was a tradition for some

parishioners to row out to an island in the middle of the river, just opposite the churchyard, to pick daffodils with which to decorate the Church.

For some reason (rather like in Fermanagh) daffodils grew in extraordinary abundance on the island and they certainly dominated the colour scheme in the Church on Easter Sunday. If you didn't like yellow, Kildollagh Parish Church was not the place to be that day.

Only a little farther back than that I well remember staying behind after the Good Friday service in Antrim Parish Church (where I was a curate) to help decorate for Easter Sunday. Unless my memory is playing tricks with me, late at night, somebody appeared with copies of the text of the Good/Belfast Friday Agreement and we all stopped working for a while to see what we made of it. A mixed reaction, but I have always thought a good place to receive an historic document and exactly the right place in which to give it first consideration.

In many ways they are quite recent memories, yet not quite the most vivid. I am old enough to remember a time when many women did indeed buy an Easter bonnet (or at least a new Easter hat) and frock and when children were kitted out in what passed for their summer outfit at around that time. And it didn't really matter what the weather was like, because they were bought and had to be worn.

And so I remember, my twin brother and I, at the age of about six or seven, walking down Mount Merrion Avenue in Belfast to go to church, into a gale force headwind, holding onto our mother's hands, identically dressed in lightweight shorts and jackets, foundered.

Perhaps it is to be expected of a clergyman but my most vivid memory of all is about a Church service at Easter. I couldn't say exactly when it was, but probably in the early 1970's when I was about eighteen or nineteen. It was the time when the Church of Ireland was experimenting with services but before they had decided to make any permanent changes. I am sure that many of you will remember

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the little red and grey booklets which were used as experiments to see how the services would work out. Sometimes the changes were quite small, but they could have a momentous effect. I should say that I was a bit of a young fogey in those days and didn't really like some of the changes being suggested.

One of the small changes made was that at the Holy Communion service (and eventually in all services) the person celebrating or reading the service would gather the congregation to worship by a sentence of greeting and the congregation would respond. It sounds like a perfectly natural thing to do although it took a while for congregations to catch on, so sometimes the clergyperson or lay reader ended up talking to him/herself.

Usually the greeting was perfectly familiar, along the lines of "the Lord be with you". However there was one variation to be used first on Easter Day and then at every service between Easter and Pentecost. On those Sundays the leader said simply:

"The Lord is Risen" and the congregation responded "He is risen indeed, Hallelujah".

And there was something in that little exchange of a few very simple words which for some reason or another made the whole Easter miracle more real and more profound to me.

Perhaps it was the way the rector (in those days a very enthusiastic person) rose up on his toes in obvious joy and belief. Perhaps it was the simple force of stating in a bald and unvarnished way the great triumph of God on which the whole Christian Faith stands or falls. Perhaps it was even the Holy Spirit blessing a wonderful summary of the Good News; but then and ever since, that greeting and response on Easter Day and on the Sundays between Easter and Pentecost has never ceased to strike me very forcibly.

Sometimes when I have been celebrating Holy Communion at this time of year (even on Easter Day) the response (He is Risen indeed, Hallelujah) has come back as though Jesus had just woken up from a very pleasant nap, rather than having harrowed hell and defeated mankind's last enemy.

It is not that I am expecting mass hysteria, but simply that there is conviction and genuine gratitude in our trust that in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, the whole universe turned the corner form darkness in to light. And that, although there will be many times in our lives when it is far from clear how that is being worked out, it is nonetheless the foundation of our faith our hope and our love.

+John

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

Ecumenical consultation urges elimination of human trafficking

A communiqué adopted at a World Council of Churches (WCC) consultation describes human trafficking as a "serious human rights violation" and its consequences are "most horrific results of the economic and social disparities that increase the vulnerability of millions of people".

Migrants, victims to human trafficking, are often used as "disposable commodities", the communique says. The document underlines efforts by WCC member churches in eliminating human trafficking, a form of modern day slavery and sexual exploitation.

The communiqué was recently adopted by the consultation, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The consultation, titled "Migration and Human Trafficking: Modern Slavery?", was organized by the WCC's Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (CCIA) and the Christian Conference of Asia, hosted by the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka.

The consultation gathered representatives of the churches, ecumenical councils, the United Nations, as well as social and human rights activists and legal practitioners.



Nigeria: Kaduna villages attacked

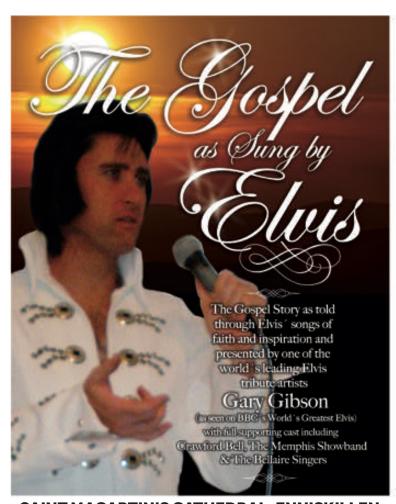
The death toll following a massacre across three villages during March in central Nigeria has risen beyond 150.

Suspected Fulani herdsmen raided three mainly Christian villages.

240 houses were set ablaze, alongside three churches, two of which were Anglican. The wife and three children of one pastor were killed.

The affected villages, comprised of mainly farmers and small-scale traders, were deserted, and dozens of those affected were sleeping in a primary school, some of them were with relatives in nearby areas. Attacks carried out by Fulani herdsmen in central Nigeria have reached an unprecedented level this year. About 35 people were killed and a Catholic Church was attacked by Fulani armed men in several villages during February.

The Bishop of Kaduna, the Rt Revd Josiah Idowu-Fearon has visited Clogher Diocese on a number of occasions, and the former Bishop of Clogher, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, and Canon Noel Regan visited Kaduna Diocese, where Clogher Diocese supported the Jacaranda Farm initiative.



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CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Church of Ireland General Synod 2014

The General Synod of the Church of Ireland will take place from Thursday 8th to Saturday 10th May at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. The Synod Eucharist will be held in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin on Thursday 8th May at 7.30pm.

The General Synod's website – which will provide useful information and materials on a rolling basis during the three days – is: http://synod.ireland.anglican.org/2014

New Safeguarding Trust Resource (ROI)

Junior leaders make a valuable contribution to many Sunday Clubs and other parish children's groups.

Safeguarding Trust (Part 3.6) advises that the parish panel should ensure that young people under 18 years, who work with children, receive appropriate training while always working under the supervision of trained leaders.

Training recognises that value and seeks to enhance the young person's competence.

Young people (16 and 17 year olds) who are in on-going contact with children as junior leaders will be required to be Garda vetted when the Vetting Bureau Act (2012) is commenced.

The need for training for junior leaders (14-17 years) was raised through the Children's Ministry Network and in response a number of pilot training sessions were held in Dublin and Glendalough Diocese. A 'trainer friendly' power point presentation is now available for use throughout the dioceses.

The training should be delivered by people with a particular interest in and experience of working with this age group and the mode of delivery should be highly interactive.

Further information is available from Renee English, Child Protection Officer on 0035314978422 or boe@rcbdub.org

Bishops' Appeal:

Already in 2014 Bishops' Appeal has allocated funding to fourteen projects in twelve different countries. All projects have had the focus of health, education, rural development or disaster relief response to help give people the tools to lift themselves out of poverty. These include:

- · A farmer's garden for displaced indigenous people in Argentina;
- · Women's vocational training in Ghana;
- Teacher training in Uganda;
- · Emergency food relief in Myanmar;
- Gender based violence education in Zambia and Bolivia;
- Agricultural training for subsistence farmers in Honduras;
- · Water and sanitation in Burkina Faso;

- Wheelchairs for people with cerebral palsy in Uganda;
- Mother-Child HIV prevention in Malawi.



Money continues to come in from parishes for the Philippines and the Syria appeal. To date, the Church of Ireland has donated €277,000 to the Philippines through the Bishops' Appeal.

Bishops' Appeal is looking for parish support for self help groups in Uganda. As little as £5/€6 could provide chickens or rabbits for a member and their family who have been trained in keeping them. The first offspring is given to another family in the community. After that they can sell the offspring and, having been trained in saving schemes, can use the money for school fees, home repairs, improved nutrition and market businesses. If parishes are interested in focusing their giving, please let us know.

Finally, Bishops' Appeal has received Irish Aid funding for delivering workshops entitled 'Global Poverty and Our Response.'

These are open to Youth Groups, Youth Workers, Lay Leaders and Clergy. For more information contact Lydia Monds at

bishopsappeal@ireland.anglican.org

Thank you for serving the world's poor through your consistent and intentional giving to the Bishops' Appeal.

On-Line RB General Unit Trust Valuations Calculator

Unit prices for both RB General Unit Trust (Rol) and the RB General Unit Trust (NI) have been verified and added for Quarter 1, 2014 to www.ireland.anglican. org/valuations.

In order to use this calculator, you will need to know the number of units you hold in the Trust for the quarter you wish to value. You may then select either the NI or RoI trust, Year and Quarter to determine your holding at that quarter end. Historical valuations are held for each quarter, as far back as 2006.

The RB General Unit Trusts were established on 1st January 1991 with charitable status in order to provide vehicles for the investment of funds left to the RCB for parishes and dioceses or for the specific/general purpose of the Church of Ireland.

New ICC President Encourages Christians to Walk Confidently and Joyfully Towards a Future Determined by Jesus

Arklow Presbyterian Church was the venue for the 91st annual meeting of the Irish Council of Churches (ICC) on 10th April. During the meeting the Revd Dr Donald Watts, Clerk of the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, was elected as President of the ICC. This position is the most senior ecumenical role in Ireland and Dr Watts succeeds the Revd Fr Godfrey O'Donnell of the Romanian Orthodox Church. Speaking at his

installation, Dr Watts encouraged the churches to be forward looking and confident in their life and ministry. He evoked the words of Queen Elizabeth II during what was a historic week, in which she insisted that citizens of Britain and Ireland "no longer allow our past to ensnare our future".

Suggesting that the churches in Ireland also take up this theme, that they cannot and must not be held by the past, Dr Watts suggested that "we, as Christian people, must be determined by the future, a future that Jesus has created for us, not one we have inherited from others". He encouraged those present to "walk confidently and joyfully towards a future determined for us by Jesus' death and resurrection".

Dr Watts will hold the presidency until 2016, at which time the Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher and current ICC Vice—President, will assume the role.



The newly installed president of the Irish Council of Churches, the Revd Dr Donald and outgoing President, the Revd Fr Godfrey O'Donnell pictured with clergy in Arklow. L-R: Canon Nigel Sherwood, the Revd Ivor Owens, Canon Martin Cosgrove, the Revd Dr Donald Watts, the Revd Fr Godfrey O'Donnell and the Revd Michael Anderson.

The Archbishop of Armagh comments on attendance at Windsor Castle Reception



Archbishop of Armagh

From The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke:

Thave very much welcomed the State Visit of the Irish President, Michael D. Higgins, and his wife to the United Kingdom, which has demonstrated memorably the increasingly strong relationships between the people of these islands. Moves towards improving good relations and reconciliation

between people from varying traditions and backgrounds are, I believe, to be embraced. 'Not least within that context I was delighted to represent the people of the Church of Ireland by attending a Reception with a focus on Northern Ireland hosted by HM Queen Elizabeth at Windsor Castle, as part of the range of events marking the State Visit. It was a most enjoyable and exhilarating occasion.'

Social Media and Internet Training Day

A number of Diocesan youth workers and communications officers from across the Church of Ireland came together at Church of Ireland House, Dublin to focus on the opportunities and challenges of communicating through the internet and social media particularly with young people today. Jim Gamble, Chief Executive of INEQE and expert in child protection and contemporary communications, was the guest speaker and spoke about the need to embrace social media 'while ensuring that credibility and reputation are assured through appropriate usage – knowing who you are, what you're doing and why you're doing it'.

The Revd David Rock, Team Leader for the Irish Methodist Youth & Children's Department, also spoke about developing effective guidelines at the training day and acted as facilitator for group discussion which focused on issues relating to the development of further guidelines for the Church's work in these areas. The event was organised by the Church of Ireland's Child Protection Officers, Renee English and Margaret Yarr, the Education Secretaries, Ken Fennelly and the Revd Ian Ellis, and the Church of Ireland Press Officer, Paul Harron.



Bishop of Limerick

Retirement of The Rt Revd Trevor Williams, Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe

Bishop Trevor Williams has announced his intention to retire at the end of July 2014.

He commented, 'It is not a decision I have come to lightly, but I am convinced it is the right

time for the Diocese, my family and myself. I am very thankful for the privilege of serving the United Dioceses of Limerick and Killaloe for the past six years.'

Anglican Jewish Commission meets in Dublin

The Anglican Jewish Commission of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and the Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury recently met in Dublin for the first time since its foundation. The conference, which was organised between the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and Lambeth Palace, took place in the Taca Hall at Terenure Synagogue and focused on the theme of 'Memory, Community and Identity'.

The Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, is the Anglican co–Chair of the Commission, shared with Acting co–Chair Rabbi Rasson Arousi, Chief Rabbi of Kiryat Ono.

The Commission's three-day visit included a reception at Áras an Uachtaráin hosted by President Michael D Higgins, and visits to the Chester Beatty Library and the Irish Jewish Museum.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission with the Chief Rabbis of Israel was established in 2006 in order to facilitate deep understanding between two historic World Faiths. The meetings have alternated between The Holy Land and England and this is the first to be held in Ireland.

When he was Bishop of Clogher, the Archbishop of Dublin, was appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to be the Anglican co-chair along with Chief Rabbi Cohen of Haifa. The Rabbis and the Members of the Anglican delegation have considerable experience in the fields of inter faith relations and dialogue.

'Haasshope' Conference



Bishop Donal McKeown and Bishop Harold Miller

A conference entitled 'HaassHope' organised by Summer Madness along with a consortium of youth agencies, with the intention of encouraging young people to integrate their faith particularly into politics and community relations issues in Northern Ireland, was held on at Riddell Hall, Belfast on Sunday 23rd March 2014.

With the strapline 'A 16 year old peace process with no 16 year old voice?', it was organised following an indication from young people that it would be useful to have their voice heard by politicians and church leaders from across the spectrum. Speakers at the event included Dr Duncan Morrow, Lord Eames and Brett Lockhart QC.

At the close of the conference, the Rt Revd Harold Miller, Bishop of Down & Dromore, said: 'It was a privilege to sit and listen to the hopes and dreams of a younger generation of Christians, from across the community in Northern Ireland, at the Haass Hope event. Church leaders and politicians were asked to say very little, which was challenging in itself! What struck me was the importance of freeing a new generation to paint a picture of what they would hope the future might be in this place, and - more importantly - what they believe a "Kingdom of God" future might look like. For generations we have been able to convey the "impossibilities" which might dumb down their vision. The role of an older generation now is not to block a creative future by the impossibilities of the past, but to let a new generation "fly", to pray new young leaders into existence who are godly, hopeful and visionary, and to tell them that our God is the one whose task is to make the impossible possible.'

March 2014 Standing Committee News

The Standing Committee of the General Synod met on Tuesday 11th March 2014 in Church House, Dublin. The meeting was opened by the Archbishop of Armagh who noted with sympathy the recent deaths of the Archbishop of Dublin's mother, the Bishop of Tuam's mother, and Dr Valerie Jones, a former member of the Standing Committee; a moment of silence was kept to remember those who had been bereaved. Mr Sam Harper led the meeting in a scripture reading and prayers before the business of the meeting commenced. The meeting was chaired by the Archbishop of Armagh and by the Archbishop of Dublin. The Archbishop of Armagh welcomed the Revd Alison Calvin to her first meeting of Standing Committee following her co-option and also congratulated the Ven. Adrian Wilkinson on his appointment as Archdeacon of Cork.

Honorary Secretaries' Report and Election of Honorary Secretary

The Archdeacon of Belfast, the Ven. George Davison, updated members on the ongoing matter of the reworded Girlguiding Promise and the debate and resolution relating to it at the recent Church of England General Synod. The Honorary Secretaries have since met with representatives of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in Ireland and are hoping to have a meeting with Girlguiding Ulster in the near future for further discussion; progress will be reported.

With the retirement of the Venerable Robin Bantry White, a vacancy for a Clerical Honorary Secretary of the General Synod had arisen. The Revd Gillian Wharton, Rector of Booterstown and Carysfort with Mount Merrion, was elected to fulfill this post. The Revd Gillian Wharton will hold office as Honorary Secretary until the day previous to the next meeting of the General Synod in May.

Priorities Fund

The Chairman of the Priorities Fund, Mr Roy Totten, presented recommendations for grants for 2014 from the 2013 Church of Ireland Priorities Fund. Out of a total of 79 applications requesting grants of €1,740,547, 59 grants totaling €472,646 (out of an available fund of c.€500,000) were recommended to a wide range of projects across the island falling under the themes of Ministry; Retirement; Education; Community; Areas of Need; Outreach Initiatives and Innovative Ministry in a Rural Context.

Mr Totten highlighted a number of examples of inspiring and diverse applications such as: the Solas Project in Dublin providing mentoring and skills—building for young offenders in prison, saying that it indicated 'growing relationships between the Church and communities and provided a practical and caring outworking of the Church's witness'; Christ Church Clifden's application to use its church building for flexible wider community purposes while retaining its essential purpose as a place of worship; and a church planting initiative in the Braniel area of Belfast 'resulting from fresh thinking, initiative and vision'.

Standing Committee resolved to receive and adopt the report and its recommendations. Thanks were expressed to Mr Totten and the Priorities Committee and to Mrs Sylvia Simpson, the Fund's Organiser. The Archbishop of Armagh commended the Priorities Fund for its 'unifying impact on the life of the Church, demonstrating its work and witness North, South, East and West and in both urban and rural situations'.

It was also resolved that, as recommended by the Priorities Fund Committee, the diocesan targets for contributions to the 2015 fund should be increased by 1% in recognition of inflationary pressures.

Charities Legislation

In September 2013, the Standing Committee approved a proposal for a joint RB/Standing Committee expert group (Charities Registration Monitoring Group) to consider the progress of the pilot registration scheme in Northern Ireland and its implications for the Church. As part of its work the expert group prepared a draft Explanatory Memorandum on the Governance of the Church of Ireland which Mrs Janet Maxwell presented on its behalf to the Standing Committee for its consideration. This document was warmly welcomed and it will be made widely available for reference in due course.

Royalties Fund

It was resolved that a subvention of €3,000 from the Royalties Fund be provided to the Columba Press for a forthcoming production of a biography of Bishop Donald Caird, former notable Archbishop of Dublin, currently being written by Aonghus Dwane.

NI Secretary of State Outlines Priorities for Political Progress to Church Leaders

Church leaders recently met with the Secretary of State who outlined her priorities for political progress in Northern Ireland. This engagement builds on a long history of dialogue between Churches and political leaders

Those present were encouraged by Ms Villiers' acknowledgement of the important role Churches play in society in Northern Ireland. There was open and

constructive conversation with the Secretary of State following her address. The Secretary of State spoke of the need to move beyond the politics of identity to the politics of delivery. For Churches, however, there needs to be a long–term focus on what might be described as the politics of fulfillment – moving beyond a focus on service delivery to examine the relationships that can lay the foundation for lasting change.

A particular concern for Churches was the relationship between the proposed welfare reform and the process of dealing with the past. We continue to believe that agreement on the contentious issues addressed in the Haass process will bring us closer to peace and reconciliation. For many people in Northern Ireland issues such as health, education, employment and welfare are an immediate priority. In our approach to healing the past we, as a society, cannot afford to lose sight of the responsibility to care for the vulnerable.

Participants recognised the challenge to Churches to continue to play our part in working for a more peaceful and reconciled society. We reiterate our commitment to supporting our political leaders and the whole of civic society as we work to address remaining obstacles to lasting peace.



Archbishop Richard Clarke, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh; Revd Dr Heather Morris, President of the Methodist Church; Rt Revd Dr Rob Craig, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church; Ms Theresa Villiers, Secretary of State; Revd Dr Donald Watts, President of the Irish Council of Churches; Bishop Donal McKeown, Roman Catholic Bishop of Derry

DIOCESAN NEWS



Revd Brian Harper

New Director of Ordinands Appointed

The Revd Brian Harper, Rector of Magheracross, has been appointed as the new Diocesan Director of Ordinands. He succeeds the Revd Canon Arthur Barrett. Brian was ordained in 1985 and is currently the rector of

Magheracross Parish, Ballinamallard. He was previously Diocesan Director of Ordinands in the diocese of Armagh and is delighted to take up this role again, this time for the diocese of Clogher.

Enniskillen Rural Deanery

The members of the select vestries in Enniskillen Rural Deanery are invited to a commissioning service for the new select vestries for 2014/15 on Sunday 11th May 2014 at 7.00pm in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge. The preacher will be the Bishop.



The Colour Party ... from St. John's, Fivemiletown, leader Andrew Little with two young members.

The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Ulster Regiment – Going Places!

St. John's, Fivemiletown, was filled to capacity when hundreds of members of the Ulster Regiment Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade paraded to the Church for their Annual Service. The Brigade marched round Fivemiletown led by Murley Silver and Cavanaleck Pipe Bands.



A colourful sight as the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade heads to Church.

The Service was prepared in a very appropriate manner for a young congregation and was ably led by Revd Kyle Hanlon, Rector of St. John's, and Very Revd Robert Townley, Ulster Regiment Chaplain.



The Brigade enters the church for their Annual Service.

During a varied programme, 'The Donkey's Parade' was performed by puppets, joyful songs were sung by the members of the St. John's Company and action songs



Members of the Fivemiletown Company sing for their guests.

were sung by the congregation. There was also an act of commissioning when Dean Townley presented warrants to Melvyn Lockhart, Commanding Officer, Irenee Hewitt, Second in Command and Robin Mack, Adjutant. At the end of the service, refreshments were served, before everyone headed home.



Revd Canon Bryan Kerr

Canon Bryan Kerr appointed rector of the Dromore Cathedral

The Revd Canon Bryan Kerr, rector of the Parish of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck in the Diocese of Clogher, has been appointed as rector of Dromore Cathedral. He succeeds the Very Revd Stephen

Lowry who became rector of the grouped parishes of Killaney and Carryduff in June 2013. The date of the institution will be announced in due course.

Diocesan Pilgrimage

The Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell, invites you to join with him on the Clogher diocesan pilgrimage 2015 to the Holy Land from 20th February to 2nd March 2015. For further details contact Canon David Skuce on 02867721250.

Pentecost Sunday



The annual Pentecost Sunday Ecumenical Gathering will take place this year on Sunday 8th June at 3.00pm in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher. The event will be led by the Bishops of Clogher, The Most Revd Dr Liam MacDaid and the Rt Revd John McDowell.

DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2014

Thursday 1st May – Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles (red)

Thursday 1st May – Clogher Clerical Association meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 11.00am commencing with a Service of Holy Communion at 10.15am in the Cathedral. Speaker: Mr Christopher Steed on African Christianity.

Friday 2nd May – MU Area Service in St Maeldoid's, Castleblayney (Ballybay Group) at 8.00pm. Speaker: Revd Anita Kerr.

Friday 2nd May – **Easter Social** will be held at Colebrooke Parish Hall at 9.00pm.

Saturday 3rd May – Installation of Canon Arthur Barrett as Dean of Raphoe in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe at 4.00pm. Sunday 4th May – Colebrooke Friends' Service at 3.30pm.

Sunday 4th May – The Third Sunday of Easter (white)

Sunday 4th May – **St Macartin's Cathedral Top 50 Hymns - The next 40!** at 7.00pm in Enniskillen Cathedral.

Tuesday 6th May – Diocesan Board of Education meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 10.00am.

Tuesday 6th May – **Diocesan Glebes Committee meeting** in St Macartin's
Cathedral Hall at 11.00am.

Tuesday 6th May – Diocesan Council meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm.

Wednesday 7th May – 'The Gospel as sung by Elvis' concert in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen with Gary Gibson and full supporting cast including Crawford Bell, The Memphis Showband and The Bellaire Singers. Doors open at 7.00pm. Subscription £15. Tickets available from the Cathedral Office.

Thursday 8th - Saturday 10th May 2014 - General Synod 2014 meets in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

Sunday 11th May – The Fourth Sunday of Easter (white)

Sunday 11th May – Commissioning Service. The members of the select vestries in the Enniskillen Rural Deanery are invited to a commissioning service for the new select vestries for 2014/15 at 7.00pm at Christ Church, Maguiresbridge. Preacher: The Rt Revd John McDowell.

Wednesday 14th May – Saint Matthias (red)

Wednesday 14th May – Clogher Diocesan Youth Council - Youth Consultation Follow-Up at 7.00pm in the Trinity Hall, Lisnaskea.

Thursday 15th May – Deadline for all submissions to Clogher Diocesan Magazine. Email entries for June issue to editor@clogher.anglican.org

Friday 16th May – MU Area Service in Aghavea Parish Church at 8.00pm. Speaker: Revd Melanie Lacy (Oak Hill College, London).

Friday 16th May – MU Area Service in Inishmacsaint Parish Church at 8.00pm. Speaker: Revd Peter Bourke, assistant minister in St Elizabeth's Church, Dundonald, Belfast.

Sunday 18th May – Mullaghfad Friends' Service at 3.30pm.

Sunday 18th May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter (white)

Monday 19th May – Clogher Diocesan Youth Council - Youth Consultation Follow-Up at 7.00pm in the Archdale Hall, Ballinamallard.

Wednesday 21st May – Annual Gardening Evening in Drummully Parish Hall at 8.00pm. Kim Rickey will again entertain us with her great humour and her knowledge of all things green. Plants for sale. Supper served. Proceeds in aid of Drummully Parish and The Cancer Society.

Thursday 22nd May – MU Spring Council at 7.30pm in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. Bring and Buy Sale at 7.00pm. All Branch Leaders, Secretaries and Treasurers expected to attend. Other members most welcome to attend.

Thursday 22nd May – Clogher Diocesan Youth Council - Youth Consultation Follow-Up at 7.00pm in St Patrick's Parish, Monaghan.

Saturday 24th May – The Annual St Lucia Day Service in St Macartin's Cathedral Regimental Chapel, Enniskillen at 11.00am.

Sunday 25th May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Day (white)

Sunday 25th May – Coffee Afternoon invitation to join Leslie and Maureen Wilkin at their home, 80 Tempo Road Enniskillen. Coffee served 2 – 6pm. Donations for St Macartin's Cathedral Hall Repair Fund.

Sunday 25th May – Friendship Service in Holy Trinity Parish, Clogh at 3.00pm. Guest preacher: Revd Paul Dundas, rector of Christ Church Lisburn. Soloist: Mr Roy Crowe; organist Mr Jim Dixon. Wednesday 28th May – Dinner Cruise on Lough Erne. Board the Kestrel at the Killyhevlin Jetty, sailing to Devenish Island and returning to the Killyhevlin Hotel for a 3 course meal. Tickets are £20 per person, available from the St Macartin's Cathedral Office, Hall's Lane, Enniskillen. Tel: 02866322917. There are limited spaces so please book early.

Friday 30th May – **Trory Parish BBQ** in Ballinamallard Football Club.

Friday 30th May – Clogher Clerical Association BBQ at The See House at 7.00pm.

Friday 30th May – Annual Coffee/Tea Morning and Soup Lunch from 10.30am - 2.00pm at Bishopscourt, Clones in aid of Co Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society. Mrs Miriam Moore, Vice-President of the Society will host the morning at her beautiful home. Visitors will have the opportunity to buy delicious home-made cakes as well as plants for their gardens. At 12noon there will be a historical talk by Mr Turtle Bunbury. All welcome to what promises to be a congenial and pleasant event. For more information, please contact the Ven. Helene Steed on 003534756962 or Mrs Etta Crowe on 003534751647.

Friday 30th May – Deadline for Clogher Diocesan Youth Council applications for mission bursaries of £100. Apply in writing to Revd Rob Clements, CDYC Secretary, Diocesan Office, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Hall's Lane, Enniskillen, BT74 7DR.

Saturday 31st May – Coffee Morning in Rockcorry Old School from 11.00am to 2.00pm.

June 2014

Sunday 1st June – St Macartin's Cathedral Top 50 Hymns - The next 40! at 7.00pm in Enniskillen Cathedral. Organist Glenn Moore; choir conducted by Jayne Haslett.

Tuesday 3rd June – Adult Confirmation in Portora Royal School Chapel at 7.30pm. Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact St Macartin's Cathedral office on 02866322917 and a member of the Clergy will contact you.

Friday 6th - Sunday 8th June 2014 - Cleenish Flower Festival commences on Friday afternoon at 2.00pm, followed by an Opening Service at 8.00pm with Bishop John McDowell as special preacher. Saturday from 10.00am to 9.00pm, and on Sunday afternoon from 2.00pm to 6.00pm. The weekend concludes with a Gospel Concert in the Cleenish Centre, Bellanaleck at 7.30pm. This is a unique

venture for Cleenish Parish, as it celebrates the history of Christian teaching from the time of St Sinnell, who built the Church on Cleenish Island. Morning Coffee, Afternoon Tea, Lunches available, for further information or to make a booking please contact Florence Willis at 02866348327 or 07753119093.

Friday 6th June – **Bishop's Tea Party** for MU Indoor Members at The See House, Fivemiletown.

Saturday 7th June – Annual Car Boot Sale and Strawberry Teas at Drummully Parish Hall. Gates open at 8am for car-booters. Cars and small vans €10; large vans €15. Teas served from 11am.

Saturday 7th June – Coffee Morning with Ivan and Avril Kee at their Open Home Day, The Anchorage, 5 Lakeview Park, Enniskillen. Tea/coffee served 10am–4pm. Donations for St Macartin's Cathedral Hall Repair Fund.

Saturday 7th June – Annual Garden Fete and Fun Day at Clabby Parish Hall.

Sunday 8th June – Pentecost Sunday Ecumenical Gathering at St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher at 3.00pm. Led by the Bishops of Clogher, The Most Revd Dr Liam MacDaid and the Rt Revd John McDowell.

Sunday 8th June – The Annual Friends Service at 3.30pm in St Maeldoids Parish, Castleblayney. It will be a special service to celebrate the life and work of the late Myrtle Adair. Mr Walter Pringle will lead the service with guest preacher, Canon Stuart Lloyd of St Patrick's, Ballymena.

Sunday 8th June – Sponsored Parish 5K Walk immediately after Family Service in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. This is an opportunity for fitness, fellowship and fundraising for all ages. We finish the walk with a free lunch for everyone in the Cathedral Hall.

Friday 13th June - Dromore Parish BBQ

Wednesday 18th June – Deadline for Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and Bishop's Medal 2014. All entries for both competitions should be either left in the Diocesan Office or sent to the CDBRE secretary: Joyce Clingan, 37 Meadow Farm, Garvary, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, BT74 4QS. Organised by Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education.

Saturday 21st June – MU General Meeting in the Waterfront Hall, Belfast at 10.30am.

Saturday 21st June – Annual Coffee Morning in Aghabog Parish Hall from 11.00am to 2.00pm.

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th June 2014 – Colebrooke Holiday Bible Club 'A Jungle Jamboree' from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Colebrooke Parish Hall concluding with

a Sunday Service on 29th June. Focus on some of the parables Jesus told, using music, drama, crafts, games and more. Suitable for Primary School age children. Registration essential. To book contact Ann Johnston on 02889531596.

Friday 27th June – Clabby Parish Barbeque at Clabby Parish Hall.

July 2014

Tuesday 22nd - Saturday 26th July 2014 – Annual Second-hand Book Sale in the Church Hall, Newtownbutler. Thousands of books of all kinds at bargain prices! To donate books contact William Little on 02867738676.

August 2014

Friday 1st - Monday 4th August 2014 - Centenary Commemoration of the outbreak of the First World War with displays, events and a special service in Lisbellaw Parish Church.

Sunday 3rd August – World War One Centenary Commemoration in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.00pm, held on the eve of the anniversary of Britain's declaration of war with Germany.

Monday 4th - Friday 8th August 2014 - Colaghty Parish Holiday Bible Club

Sunday 17th August – St. Molua's Day Annual Ecumenical Service at 3.00pm in Magheracloone Parish church. Speaker: Bishop John McDowell. Special music. Refreshments served.

September 2014

Tuesday 2nd September – **Diocesan Glebes Committee meeting** in St
Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 11.00am.

Tuesday 2nd September – **Diocesan** Council meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm.

Saturday 13th September – MU Diocesan Training Day for Branch Leaders, Secretaries and Treasurers in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen.

Sunday 14th September – Diocesan Missionary Service at 7.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

Wednesday 17th September – Clogher Clerical Association meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 11.00am commencing with a Service of Holy Communion at 10.15am in the Cathedral. Speaker: Caroline Bradley, Care for the Family.

Sunday 21st September – Tercentenary Service of Celebration at 7.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. In 2014 USPG (now called Us) celebrates 300 years of overseas mission. The first president of the society in Ireland was, the then Bishop of Clogher.

Thursday 25th September – **Diocesan Synod** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 4.30pm.

October 2014

Saturday 11th October – Ballyclare Male Voice Choir in Cleenish Parish Hall.

Wednesday 15th October – MU Autumn Council in Colebrooke Parish Hall.

Tuesday 21st - Thursday 23rd October 2014 - Clogher Clergy Retreat

November 2014

Sunday 2nd November – Ministry of Healing Service in Clabby Parish Church at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 4th November – Diocesan Board of Education meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 10.00am.

Tuesday 4th November – **Diocesan Glebes Committee meeting** in St Macartin's
Cathedral Hall at 11.00am.

Tuesday 4th November – **Diocesan Council meeting** in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm.

Sunday 16th November – St Macartin's Cathedral Top 50 Hymns - The next 40! at 7.00pm in the Cathedral.

Friday 28th - Sunday 30th November 2014 – Christmas Tree Festival in St Maeldoid's Parish, Castleblayney.

December 2014

Thursday 4th December – Clogher Clerical Association Holy Communion at 11.00am in Killadeas Parish. Celebrant: The Most Revd Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh. Followed by lunch.

January 2015

Sunday 18th January – St Macartin's Cathedral Top 50 Hymns - The next 40! at 7.00pm in St Macartins Cathedral, Enniskillen.

February 2015

Friday 20th February - Monday 2nd March 2015 – Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell invites you to join with him on the Clogher diocesan pilgrimage 2015 to the Holy Land. For further details contact Canon David Skuce on 02867721250 or davidskuce@btinternet.com

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

MU Dates for your Diary

Area Services

2 May - St Maeldoid's Parish Church, Castleblayney - Speaker: Revd Anita Kerr.

16 May – Aghavea - Speaker: Revd Mel Lacy.

16 May – Inishmacsaint - Speaker: Revd Peter Bourke.

Other Events

22 May – Spring Council at 7.30pm. Bring and Buy Sale at 7.00pm. All Branch Leaders, Secretaries and Treasurers expected to attend. Other members most welcome to attend.

6 June – Bishop's Tea Party for Indoor Members at the See House.

20 June – General Meeting Service, St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast.

21 June - General Meeting, Waterfront Hall, Belfast. Tickets still available

13 September - Diocesan Training Day in the Killyhevlin Hotel. All Branch Leaders, Secretaries and Treasurers expected to attend.

15 October - Autumn Council in Aghalurcher Parish Hall, Colebrooke.

YOUTH NEWS

Clogher Diocesan Youth Council - Youth Consultation Follow-Up

Following three diocesan consultation evenings the youth council have collated the responses received and have a proposal for a way forward based on the responses and views expressed by youth leaders and their young people.

The council are therefore planning to return to the three original consultation venues to disseminate the consultation results to youth leaders and facilitate a conversation around a proposed way forward.

The following are the details of the dissemination evenings for youth leaders.

- Wednesday 14th of May 7.00pm Trinity Hall, Lisnaskea
- Monday 19th of May 7.00pm Archdale Hall, Ballinamallard
- Thursday 22nd of May 7.00pm St Patrick's Church, Monaghan

Clogher Diocesan Youth Council- Youth Mission Bursaries

The council is offering mission bursaries of £100 to a limited number of young people this summer. Detailed applications should be in writing to Revd Rob Clements CDYC Secretary Diocesan Office Cathedral Hall Hall's lane Enniskillen BT74 7DR before Friday the 30th of May.

TAG - Teens And God

It is hard to believe that Teens And God (TAG) has been running for almost two years now and is growing from strength to strength. We currently have 18 young people and 4 leaders in the group. TAG was set up as part of the Wells Project in 2012 to be run as a joint venture for the parishes of Lisnaskea, Sallaghy and Galloon but is open

to all young people of secondary school age in the area and we welcome Methodist and Presbyterian youth to all of our meetings.



We meet on a fortnightly basis on a Sunday night from 7.30pm to 9.00pm and rotate our meeting place around the three parishes.

Our Mission Statement is, "To make God relevant to young people; providing fun and fellowship for them and connecting them with the church." With this in mind each night follows a programme of fun and games, food and teaching.



It has been encouraging to see how the group has grown and developed. They have been enthused as they spend time getting to know each other better and have time to consider the importance of having faith in God.

We look forward to seeing them taking a more active part in the life of their parish churches as a result.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education

Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education invites children and young people to enter the following competitions. Rectors and Sunday School Superintendents have copies of the relevant entry forms – please contact them for more details. Prizes are awarded at Diocesan Synod in September.

Archdeacon Ruddell Prize 2014

Using Matthew's gospel, describe in your own words and illustrate the birth, life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This competition is open to children of primary school age and can be either an individual or group entry.

Bishop's Medal 2014

Using Matthew's gospel, describe and analyse the teachings of Jesus as in the parables in chapter 13 and the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5-7).

This competition is open to young people of secondary school age and must be an individual entry.

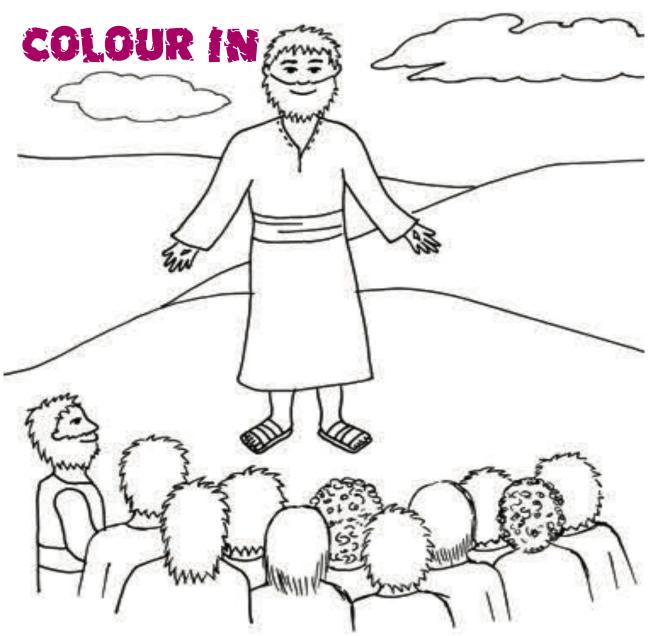
For both the Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and the Bishop's Medal, all entries must be original, the work of those entering and must be handwritten.

Relevant pictures, diagrams, photographs etc can be included.

Entries should be on A4 paper.

No reference should be made to the parish to which the entrant belongs.

All entries for both competitions should be either left in the diocesan office or sent to the CDBRE secretary: Joyce Clingan, 37 Meadow Farm, Garvary, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 4QS, by Wednesday 18th June 2014 please.



THE ASCENSION

READ

READ – Jesus returns to heaven

(You can read this in the Bible in Luke 24 verses 50 – 53 and Acts chapter 1 verses 1 - 11)

For forty days after Jesus rose from the dead he was seen by lots of different people. He spent time with the disciples and explained that he was going back to heaven to be with his Father.

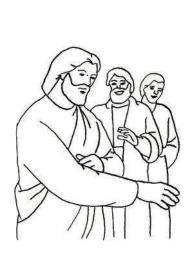
Jesus took the disciples up a mountain. He told them that they had to tell people about God, starting in Jerusalem and spreading out to the whole world. Jesus promised the disciples that God would send a gift to them that would give them power to help them to do this work. He told them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the gift God had promised. After Jesus blessed the disciples a cloud covered him and he was taken up to heaven.

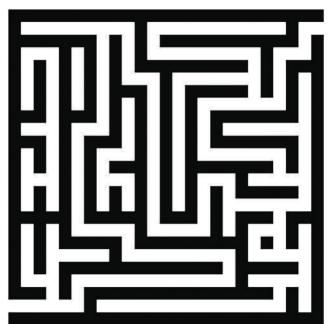
Two angels appeared and asked the disciples, "Why are you staring into the sky?"

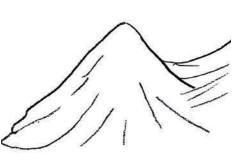
Then the angels told the disciples, "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

The disciples were filled with joy and went back to Jerusalem, praising God.

Help Jesus and the disciples climb up the mountain through this MAZE







WORDSEARCH

Find these words from the story in the wordsearch.

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(Words might go forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

May Elections

On the 22nd of May this year, the Northern Irish electorate will be able to vote in Local Government and European Parliamentary elections. By way of preparation for these elections, the Church's Northern Ireland Community Relations Working Group wishes to encourage citizens of Northern Ireland – Church of Ireland members in particular – to consider this important opportunity to be actively engaged in society both thoughtfully and prayerfully.

At the core of the Christian faith is love of God and love of our neighbour as ourselves. In the Book of Common Prayer's Prayer for Christian Citizenship, we pray that 'laying aside our divisions, we may be united in heart and mind to bear the burdens which are laid upon us...' and '...put far from us selfish indifference to the needs of others'. It should be the aim of the Christian to see good governance carried out with integrity and it is our view that in a representative democracy everyone is integrally involved with the body politic and has a moral obligation to use their vote. In addition, we should ask searching questions of our politicians and each ask ourselves if we are using our vote unselfishly and working wholeheartedly for the fulfilment of a healthy society.

To this end, over the coming weeks we feel it would be important for Christian people to engage with the political process and to ask those standing for election, and the parties to which they belong, about their views of the common good for the future and evidence of their commitment to reconciliation. Practically, it may be a good idea for churches to organise locally-based hustings in order to provide opportunities for people to hear more from those willing to put themselves forward for these important representative public roles. With regard to organising hustings and to the European elections, resources provided by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland may be useful: http://www.ctbi.org.uk/CFHC/442

Finally, we encourage everyone to pray. The Prayer for Christian Citizenship (p.145 of the Book of Common Prayer 2004) as well as the Prayer for use at the time of a Parliamentary or Civic Election (BCP 1926) – which asks God to 'give the spirit of wisdom, courage, and true godliness' to all those elected – may be especially useful at this time:

Prayer for Christian Citizenship

Look, we beseech thee, O Lord, upon the people of this land who are called after thy holy Name; and grant that they may ever walk worthy of their Christian profession. Grant unto us all that, laying aside our divisions, we may be united in heart and mind to bear the burdens which are laid upon us. Help us to respond to the call of our country according to our several powers put far from us selfish indifference to the needs of others; and give us grace to fulfil our daily duties with sober diligence. Keep us from all uncharitableness in word or deed; and enable us by

patient continuance in well-doing to glorify thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for use at the time of a Parliamentary or Civic Election

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, guide, we beseech thee, the minds of all those who are called at this time to exercise the duty of electing fit persons to serve in Parliament [or, in the Council of this County or City or Town]. Grant that the issue of their choice may promote thy glory and the welfare of this people; and to all those who shall be elected, give the spirit of wisdom, courage, and true godliness. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EU Elections - Call from Christians in Europe

In May 2014 elections for the European Parliament will take place. Representatives from the 28 Member States of the European Union will be elected to decide the policies of the EU for the next five years. Due to changes in EU law, the next European Parliament will have stronger legislative powers than before. As a result, the opportunity for voters to influence EU policy has never been greater.

This election is an opportunity to voice our visions and aspirations for the future. The Call from Christians in Europe, as a group of churches and Christian NGOs, aspire towards:

- A European Union based on the combination of a social market economy and high levels of social standards and protection;
- A European Union of values which upholds and cherishes diversity, caring for its most vulnerable people;
- A European Union that welcomes migrants and refugees;
- A European Union which always stands up for and protects Human Rights;
- A European Union that cares for God's creation, effectively addressing climate change and implementing effective environmental policies;
- A European Union that works on the eradication of poverty in a globalized world.

We hope that you will use your vote in the EP election to elect a Parliament that will share our visions. Your vote matters. Use it to create a fairer Europe that promotes peace and justice for all.

The Church of Ireland Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue draws people's attention to the 'Call from Christians in Europe'. The Rt Revd John McDowell, Chairman of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue, commented that the "Call from Christians in Europe has been circulated by a number of Christian organisations in Europe, including the Conference of European Churches, in order to alert their members to the importance of casting their vote in the forthcoming elections to the European Parliament. The MEPs to be elected in both Northern Ireland and the Republic in May will have considerable influence on the framing of EU laws and budgets over the next five years. A constant criticism of the EU is that there is insufficient

contact between the Union and its citizens, and the election of MEPs to an increasingly important Parliament is one way in which Church members can express their views."

Volunteer for Home-Start and Make a Difference to a Family

The next volunteer preparation course begins on Tuesday 6 May 2014. Home-Start is a national charity with schemes in hundreds of local communities. We recruit and train volunteers to help families with young children. Our volunteers, who know about being a parent, support other parents by visiting them in their own homes for a couple of hours each week. All kinds of families can find it hard to cope for all sorts of reasons, maybe illness or disability of a child or because of post-natal illness, bereavement or loneliness. Our supported families, like our volunteers, come from all walks of life. Your support and friendship can really make a difference. Those early years, before a child goes off to school are vital in a child's life and at Home-Start we believe parents have the key role in creating a secure childhood for their children. It's just that sometimes they need a bit of help...maybe you can help? Volunteers:

- Usually commit to 2 3 hours of support per week.
- Offer reassurance, friendship and practical help.
- Are parents themselves or have parenting experience.
- Are friendly, caring and don't judge others.
- Understand support offered to families is completely confidential.

- Are fully trained and supported through the Preparation Course.
- Can claim expenses incurred, e.g. travelling expenses.
- Undergo an enhanced ACCESS NI check.
- Feel they have made a difference.

For further information please contact Angela O'Kane on 02866346818.

The Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer

The Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer Annual Retreat will be held in The Church of Ireland Theological Institute, Dublin during June. The Weekend Retreat begins on Friday 13th until Sunday 15th June with the Midweek Retreat from Monday 16th until Thursday 19th June.

Contemplation is about growing in love, about knowing and loving God perfectly in the depth of our being. It is about being still in the presence of God, listening deeply to the Word of God and being exposed to its penetrating power.

The Retreat, led by the Revd Canon Raymond Fox, is conducted in silence with time for rest, worship, personal prayer and reflection.

Participation is open to everyone and all will be made welcome.

For Booking Forms or further information please contact the Revd Canon David Ferry on 02877765806 or hdjferry@hotmail.com

Closing date for booking is Monday 2nd June 2014.

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt



Church Army Officer: Captain David Hamilton The Rectory, Drummadarainy, Stonebridge, Clones, Co. Monaghan.

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Once again we ask you to remember in your prayers all our fellow parishioners who at this time are unwell.

Bible Study

The group participating in the recent Bible Study would very much like to express their gratitude and thanks to Captain David for his leadership in this most informative study. We would also like to thank him for the hospitality shown to all present.

Sure Start

Sure Start mothers and toddlers club continues each Friday at 10.30am in Clogh.

Friendship Service

Holy Trinity Clogh invite you to their Friendship service on Sunday 25th May at 3.00pm when the guest preacher will be Revd Paul Dundas, Rector of Christ Church Lisburn, the soloist will be Mr Roy Crowe and the organist Mr Jim Dixon.

Baptism

On Sunday 6th April we were delighted to have the baptism in Clogh Church of Bethany Hazel Egerton daughter of Ronald & Sarah-Jayne.

Sympathy

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Jean Downey at the beginning of April. Jean faithfully served her church as a member and Vice President of Aghadrumsee Ladies Guild, as member of the choir and former member of the Select Vestry, she was also a member of Clogh Mothers' Union. The esteem with

which she was held was very evident with the large attendance at her funeral service. We extend our sympathy to her family Nigel and Sharon, Georgina and George, Lester and Rosemary, Olivia and her grandchildren. We also extend our deepest sympathy to Henry Johnston Derrymeen and family on the death of his wife Lovell, Aghadrumsee Parish.

Bowling Club



Thank you to all who took part in Clogh Bowling Club member's finals night. Congratulations to the winner Esther Forster and runner up Margaret Nelson, to Bertie Bleakley who won the Intermediate Section and the runner up Jim Nelson. To end the season the club had three nights of Pairs Fun Bowls. These enjoyable evenings were won by Basil Chambers & Ernie Vance from Gransha, Esther Forster & Sarah McVitty from Clogh & Gransha and Kenny Steenson & Hazel Simpson from Ballybay.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



Rector:

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Services in May

4th 11.00am Cooneen Holy Communion 3.30pm Colebrooke Friends' Service 11th 10.45am Colebrooke MP 12.15pm Cooneen MP 18th 11.00am Colebrooke Family Service with GFS 3.30pm Mullaghfad Friends' Service 25th 10.45am Colebrooke MP 12.15pm Cooneen MP

Holiday Bible Club

Plans are well under way for our holiday Bible club on the last week of June, Monday 23rd to Friday 27th 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Colebrooke Parish Halls, ending with a Sunday service on 29th June in Colebrooke Halls. The title of the week will be A Jungle Jamboree, which will be focusing on some of the parables Jesus told, using music, drama, crafts, games and more.

The club will be suitable for Primary School age children, with maybe a year or two on either side of that age range. Registration is essential to allow for provision of crafts etc. If you wish to book a place for your child, please telephone Mrs Ann Johnston at 028 8953 1596.

SNATCH

(Sunday Night At the Church Hall) Youth Ministry Aghavea & Colebrooke

Sundays 11th & 25th May at 7.30pm in Colebrooke Parish Hall

All young people of secondary school age welcome. Facebook: www.facebook.com/snatchyf

Website: snatch.colebrookeparish.org

GFS

Girls Friendly Society every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and upwards.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Group meet every Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-14 years. The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 - 8 years)

Cubs (8 – 11 years)

Scouts (11 – 14 years)

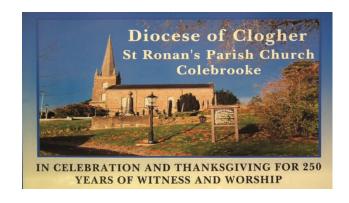
Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meets in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7.45pm.

New members will be very welcome.

Easter Social

An Easter Social will be held at Colebrooke Parish Hall on Friday 2nd May 2014, beginning at 9.00pm. Please see parish web site above for full details.



Aghavea



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May 2014

Sunday 4th 10am Sunday School 11am Holy Communion

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11am Morning Prayer

7.30pm SNATCH - Colebrooke Hall

Sunday 18th

10am Sunday School

11am Church Family Service

7pm Evening Prayer - Brooke Memorial Hall

Sunday 25th

10am Sunday School

11am Morning Prayer

7.30pm SNATCH - Colebrooke Hall

Sunday 1st June

10am Sunday School

11am Gift Day Morning Service

7.30pm Favourite Hymns Evening - preacher: Very Revd Raymond Ferguson (Kilmore Cathedral)

Sunday School

Sunday School continues to meet each Sunday morning at 10am in the church hall, helping to lead our Church Family Service on the third Sunday of the month. Plans are underway for Children's Day on Sunday 15th June, when our special speaker will be Mr Johnny Beare from St Elizabeth's, Dundonald.

Mothers' Union

Our April meeting saw us welcome Canon Noel Regan from Clogher, who spoke to us on life's experiences. Thank you to Noel for coming along. May will be a busy month for Mothers' Union members. Our monthly meeting will be on Tuesday 13th May, as we visit Crom Castle for a tour and tea. Thank you to Noel Johnston for his assistance in arranging our visit. We are also looking forward to hosting the Area service for our part of the diocese on Friday 16th May, as well as welcoming Revd Melanie Lacy, who will be travelling from Oak Hill College in London, to be our speaker. May will finish with our annual outing, this year visiting Hillmount Garden Centre, the Somme Heritage Centre (in the 100th anniversary since the start of World War One), some shopping at Sprucefield and dinner in Viscounts, Dungannon.

GFS

Thank you to all who helped, baked, donated, and ate all the nice things at our Coffee Morning on 12th April. £500 was raised for branch funds and will go towards the work of our branch.

Congratulations to our 'crafty' girls in Aghavea, who were awarded prizes in the diocesan craft competition: 1st Abbie Walmsley, Gemma Foster & Kirsty Clarke; 2nd: Rebecca Beacom & Zara Clarke; 3rd: Megan Atwell.

SNATCH

SNATCH (Sunday Night At The Church Hall) is our new youth group for secondary school age young people, in partnership with Colebrooke Parish. We have celebrated our first birthday, and we're looking to growing in the future, with God's grace. Thank you to all who came along to the special Praise Service on 13th April. Keep an eye out for details of the next one, coming in due course. As we enter the summer term we have returned to Colebrooke Hall, and will be meeting on 11th and 18th May, as well as having a BBQ on 8th June.

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.

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Clontibret

How Much Am I Worth

How much am I worth I hear you ask me?
How much am I worth do you know.
I can tell you that your are more precious;
Than all the riches that this world may hold!
The truth it comes straight from the bible;
And it tells me what I need to know.
When I feel I'm unloved and unwanted;
I remember that God loves me so.
And He gave us a gift that is priceless;
In the person of His own dear son!
So the next time I feel that I'm worthless
I'll remember what Jesus has done.

Easter

At we look back on the blessing of Easter may we reflect on the sacrifice that God made for us and explain the true message of Easter to our children who could be mislead by the chocolate eggs and bunnies and all the commercial merchandise that has been developed to distract from the crucifixion of Jesus on a cross to ensure our salvation.

Baptism

On 9th March Harry John Donaldson was the centre of attention when he was brought to church to be baptised by the Revd Canon Peter Wilson. Canon Wilson was formerly rector of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk, and the Johnston family are no strangers to Clontibret and are always very welcome. We wish Alison and Nigel and family every blessing.

Dedication

On 23rd March we were delighted to welcome family and friends of the late Albert Shortt for the dedication of chairs for the church hall in Albert's memory. Following the dedication by Mr Walter Pringle the congregation enjoyed some light refreshment and made good use of the new chairs.

Palm Sunday

Congratulations to all our readers who contributed to the Family Service on Palm Sunday, Andrea Johnston who read from Isaiah and Emily Dickson, Chantelle Tate and Dillon Duffy who read to us the accounts by Matthew, Mark and Luke of Jesus preparing and making the journey into Jerusalem where he was hailed as the "King of the Jews". Walter's sermon on the season of Easter gave adults and children alike a deeper appreciation of the event and its importance in our Christian lives.

Congratulations

We offer our warmest congratulations to Christine Dickson on the birth of her grandson Max William and to his brother Jack and proud parents Diane and Ashley Berry. Max was born on 14th March weighing 7lb 9oz.

Prayer

We remember in our thoughts and prayers all those who are in nursing homes or are ill at this time. We trust that they will find comfort in their Lord and ask for God's Blessings on all who care for them. May they have patience and understanding. We send our very best wishes to Mrs Valerie Stewart and pray for a speedy recovery from hip surgery. We remember too all those who mourn and for whom the loved one is ever present in their thoughts. May they find comfort in your promise of a joyful reunion in the heavenly kingdom.

Spring

As we look around us on these beautiful spring days Lord may we be always aware of your bountiful goodness. As the farmers go about their work in preparing for the pasture and crops may they have your care and protection. May we all enjoy the comfort of knowing your peace.

Muckno

Easter

By the time we receive these notes Easter 2014 will have come and gone. Here is a short Easter message that sums up the basics of who Jesus is and why we celebrate Easter.

Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.
Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.
He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.

Mothers' Union Area Service

The Mothers' Union Area Service for the southern part to the Diocese is taking place in St Maeldoid's Church on Friday 2nd May 2014. We are delighted that Mr Walter Pringle will lead the Service and that Revd Anita Kerr has agreed to be the Speaker. The Rural Dean, Canon Ian Berry and the Bishop, the Rt Revd John McDowell hope to be in attendance. Please make a special effort to come along. You are most welcome. Tea afterwards in the Church.

Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry Meeting for St Maeldoid's is Wednesday 7th May 2014 at 8pm sharp. All parishioners are welcome to come to this meeting. Chairman for the evening is Canon lan Berry.

The Friends of St Maeldoid's Service

Looking forward, The Annual Friends Service will be a special service to celebrate the life and work of the late Myrtle Adair. This will take place on Sunday 8th June at 3.30pm. When Mr Walter Pringle will lead the service, with guest preacher, Canon Stuart Lloyd of St Patrick's Ballymena who will deliver-the sermon and pay tribute to this remarkable woman.

Myrtle Elizabeth Hillis was born on 20th October 1935 in Castleblayney. She was the first daughter of Mr Willie John and Mrs Mary Hillis, Muckno Street, farmers and owners of Hillis' Drapery Shop. The family faithfully attended St Maeldoid's Church and Sunday School

In 1957 Myrtle married Robert "Bob" Adair and a decision was made to relocate to 10 Grange Road, Ballymena. Here they were to establish Adair's Jewellery Shop and soon they had a family of 5.

During this time Myrtle never forgot her roots or her Friends in Castleblayney and they often made the trip with the 5 children from Ballymena to Castleblayney. Myrtle took over the organising of the Annual Friends service from her Uncle Benny Stewart and over the years has raised thousands of euros for St Maeldoid's Church. Sadly Myrtle passed away suddenly on the 3rd October 2013 and is greatly missed by all her Friends. We would be delighted if you knew Myrtle and the Adair family to come along to this special service. It is a great reunion day for old friends with fun, fellowship and a cup of tea. Special music is been arranged.

Prayer

We continue to pray for all those who are ill and housebound.

Ballybay

Sympathy

The Select Vestry and Members of Christ Church wish to express their sympathy to Elaine McKenna and her family on the death of her mother Elizabeth (Lallie) Scott, a deeply religious lady who lived a good life. She was cared for by her family and passed away peacefully on Wednesday 2nd of April.

Farewell

We wish Zoe and Hillary Gray a bright future as they head off to London. We do hope that they will come and see us when they visit home.

Thanks

We would like to thank Walter for his lovely children's address on Family Sunday. They as well as the adults enjoyed hearing and learning more about Holy Week.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh



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Sunday Services for May

Sunday 4th May - The Third Sunday of Easter Carrickmacross 10.30am HC Magheracloone 12 noon MP Ardragh 1.15pm HC **Sunday 11th May** - The Fourth Sunday of Easter Carrickmacross 10.30am MP Magheracloone 12 noon HC Sunday 18th May - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Carrickmacross 10.30am MP Magheracloone 12 noon MP

Ardragh 1.15pm MP

Sunday 25th May - The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

Carrickmacross 10.30am MP

Magheracloone 12 noon MP

Ardragh 1.15pm MP

Mothering Sunday Family Service

We had a full and uplifting service in St Finbar's Parish Church on Mothering Sunday as it was a service of praise, singing favourite hymns chosen by the parishioners.

The aim of the topic and quiz was to stress the importance of mothers in our lives, and to show how the love they show speaks to us of God's love for all.

The children and teachers created and laminated bookmarkers bearing the word 'Mother', which were given to the ladies during the service. Yours truly received one also.

Thanks to Violet in Magheracloone who tastefully put together little bunches of flowers for all ladies present.

Mothers' Union and Friends

We were delighted to have had Sergeant Ken Coughlan from the Garda Síochána, Carrickmacross branch who addressed our ladies on the theme of Crime Prevention. He also encouraged people to become involved in Neighbourhood watch.

We are looking forward to our next meting when we hope to have as our speaker Dr Margaret Knox, Diocesan President.

Table Tennis

Congratulations to those who were successful in the Table Tennis tournament.

Division 3- The A team won the league and the cup. Team, Freddie Merrin, David Mitchell,

Ian McCullagh, Caroline Merrin.

B Team was runner up team, Sam McCullagh, Andrew Hill, John McCullagh and Andrew Anderson.

Caroline won the individual and Freddie was runner up and Sam was third.

Division 4- were 4th Team, Leona hill, Amy McCullagh, Lesley Dolan and Joshua Wilson.

Division 6- won the league and the cup. The team included Kyle, Jamie and Jeffrey Eakin, James McCullans and Tracey Hill.

Bowls

The bowling season came to an end with the presentation of the Jackson hall bowling cup at a dinner in the local hotel. It was a very successful season for the Carrickmacross members as they won all but three matches

The cup was presented by Irene Merrin to the joint winners Nigel and Victor Scott.

Congratulations folk on your success.

Bereavement

Saturday 12th April, the funeral took place of Robert (Robbie) Hill, Barnadonagh, Carrickmacross age 87 years. Because of Robbie's great love for horses, his remains were taken from the church in a horse drawn carriage to his final resting place.

His failing health meant he had to leave his home and farm and take up residence some six years ago in Castleross residential Home.

Our sympathy is extended to the Hill family.

Easter Vestries

At this stage Magheracloone and Ardragh have had their Easter vestries. Carrickmacross will meet in due course. Can I take this opportunity to thank all those who have served in the parishes so faithfully in any capacity during the past 12 months.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 17th August St. Molua's Day annual Ecumenical service 3pm in Magheracloone Parish church.

Speaker: Bishop John McDowell. Special music. Refreshments served.

Everyone welcome.

Cleenish and Mullaghdun



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Church Services

Sunday 4 May

10.00am MP Service, Mullaghdun Parish Church 11.0am MP Service, Cleenish Parish Church Wednesday, 7 May

10.00am HC & Healing Service, Mullaghdun Parochial Hall **Sunday 11 May**

10.00am HC Mullaghdun Parish Church 11.30am HC Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 18 May

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

Sunday 25 May

10.00am HC. Service, Mullaghdun Parish Church 11.30am HC Service, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 1 June

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

Annual Easter Vestries

Details of the Easter Vestries will be published in next issue

Mothers' Day Service in Mullaghdun

The Service was marked in Mullaghdun by the Sunday School presenting the morning Service. The Rector welcomed all present, and expressed appreciation for the work undertaken in the Sunday School. The Service was then introduced by Sarah Louise. With singing readings and prayers, the children and their leaders expressed love, devotion and thanks for all mothers. Marina Hassard gave a special talk, and at the close of the Service the children presented little gifts to all mothers present.

Cleenish & Mullaghdun Mothers' Union

Members send their sincere sympathy to the nephews and nieces of their former member and Secretary Mrs Madeline Armstrong, who passed away on Saturday 29th March.

Tuesday 6th May, 7.30pm, members to meet in Ashwoods Garden Centre for a demonstration on summer planting, followed by supper in Granny Walsh's Coffee Shop. Cost £5. Please inform Elizabeth or Joan if you plan to attend.

This years Area Service will be held in Inishmacsaint Parish Church on Friday 16th May at 8pm.

Cleenish Brownies

Sympathy is extended to Group Leader, Mrs Maureen Irvine, on the death of her brother in law, Mr Ivan Saunderson, Rossorry Parish, who passed away on Friday 11th April.

Brownies travelled to Lorne for the Country Pack Holiday, which took place on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 25th to 27th April.

They will also be taking part in the Lorne Walk, which will be held this month.

Parent and Toddler Group

On Tuesday 25th March the Group donated their fees and donations to the Make a Mother's Day Appeal. £51 was forwarded to Mothers' Union for an ethical gift to enable families in isolated communities, develop skills to create a better life for themselves.



Cleenish Flower Festival & Exhibition

It is just one month more until Cleenish Parish's first ever Flower Festival and Exhibition.

The Festival teams are putting their final plans into place - Florence Willis and Maureen Irvine are coordinating the Catering Team; Margaret Crawford is co-ordinating the Stewarding Team; Leslie Nixon is co-ordinating the Car Parking and Marshalling Team; our organist Joan Brownlee is co-ordinating our Guest Organists who will perform short organ recitals during the weekend.

The Flower Festival will consist of 14 floral arrangements - both indoor and outdoor - with the theme of "Lord for the Years" (Hymn 81 Church Hymnal). Visitors can also view Craft Stalls, Vintage Cars & Tractors and a display of Christening Gowns through the years. A number of families are loaning their Christening gowns and these range from the 1920s/1930s up to the present time.

The Festival opens at 2pm on Friday 6th June and at 8pm the Bishop of Clogher will join us for the Opening Service in the Parish Church at 8pm. The weekend concludes on Sunday 8th June with a Gospel Praise Evening/Concert in the Cleenish Centre at 7.30pm.

Future Fund Raising Event

Ballyclare Male Voice Choir, will be singing in the Parish Hall, on Saturday 11th October.

The Fact Project



Fermanagh and Armagh Connected Together (FACT) project aims to increase physical and social interaction for people over 60 years old, in Counties Fermanagh and Armagh. The FACT Project is a new partnership initiative between South East Fermanagh Foundation (SEFF) and County Armagh Phoenix Group (CAPG),



92 years old George McCutcheon throwing a bowl during a game of Boccia

and is funded by the Big Lottery Fund under the Reaching out Connecting Older People.

If you want to get out and about, meet new people and improve your quality of life get in touch with Sharon on 028 6772 2615. There is a small fee of £10 membership, and you simply need to be over 60 years old

and reside in NI (preferably Counties Fermanagh and Armagh)

A very successful traditional barn and country dancing exercise has recently concluded in Cleenish Parish Hall, when upwards to sixteen participants took part.

Illness

Dessie Coalter, Mullaghdun Churchwarden, has recently undergone surgery in Hospital. The Rector and Parishioners in Mullaghdun Parish wish Dessie a speedy recovery to full health.

Sympathy

Is extended to Jim Nixon, Cleenish Parish, whose sister Mrs Eva Elliott, Crillan Road, Kesh, passed away after a short illness, on Thursday 20th March. Eva was formally a native of Derryinch, Bellanaleck.

The late Madeline Armstrong

Madeline Armstrong the oldest member in Cleenish Parish passed away peacefully in The Tilery Nursing Home, during the late hours of Saturday 29th March. She was the last remaining member of four sisters in the Dowler family. After leaving School she married the late Jack Armstrong in 1948, and made their home on the nearby family farm at Ross, Bellanaleck. Madeline was a faithful farmer's wife, assisting on the farm, which consisted of a large milking herd of cows. Heavily involved with feeding hens & calves, and also cooking for the many farm labourers employed over the years.

After Jack's death in1983, Madeline moved from her home to a retirement bungalow at Mallard Heights, Bellanaleck, before moving in later years to the Nursing Home. During the thanks after tea, Roy Palmer a family friend referred to the excellent care she had received during the last years of her long life.

Both Jack & Madeline were faithful members of Cleenish Church, collecting neighbours Betty Lunney & Meta Rooney on route, and arriving early to sit in the family pew. Jack was the Church treasurer, and it was well known, Madeline was the accountant. She was also a faithful member of the Mothers' Union for 59 years including a period as secretary, before progressing as an Indoor member.

Her funeral, which was very well attended, was conducted by the Rector, and Joan Brownlee played the organ. Tea was served to all in the Parish Hall.

She is survived by a number of nephews & nieces, including Thelma Palmer and the Armstrong side of the family.

Cleenish Centre

The shrubbery planting around the Centre is nearly completed, this along with the many colourful Spring flowers make a wonderful display.

Over the last weeks we have been delighted to welcome groups from North and South of Ireland, and we have been blessed by them as they have been blessed by their time in Cleenish Centre. We are extremely grateful to our volunteers for their willing help in looking after these Groups. If there are any volunteers available and willing to serve, please make contact with us.

Bookings are now being received for the summer months. To contact The Centre enquiries@ cleenishcentre.com or call us on 028 6634 9647.

Bellanaleck Community Group Meeting

There were a large number of topics discussed at the monthly meeting held in the Parish Hall, on Wednesday 26th March.

The evening began with a discussion about forming a Neighbourhood Watch within various locations in the Village. Our local Neighbourhood Constable briefed members as to what was required in the different locations. It is open again for discussion at the April meeting.

A considerable time was given to discussion about the 5k Run and Family Fun Day, to be held on Saturday 31st May. It is anticipated it will be run similar to last year. It is hoped that after a meeting with officials from the Rivers Agency, the footpath from Tully to Bellanaleck Quay will have its surface improved for the event

The spring flowering plants, laid last November on top of the retaining wall along Waterhen Lane are beginning to bloom, and hopefully will improve in future years.

It was pleasing to note work has now commenced on developing the Old Quarry site, and its associated Car Park.

It was also pleasing to have the base surface along the main road on the Enniskillen side of the Village completed, and it was stressed the final surface would be delayed for a period.

Next Meeting, Wednesday 28th May.

Christian Burial

Cleenish Parish Church Tuesday 1st April 2014 Madeline Armstrong Mallard Heights, Bellanaleck Aged 95 years

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



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Calendar for May

4th of May

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

11.30am Newtownsaville MP

11th of May

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

11.30am Newtownsaville HC

18th of May

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

25th of May

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

Easter Vestries

All four annual Easter general vestries were held before Easter and were chaired by Archdeacon Cecil Pringle. As the rector was still on leave, the officers remained in place with the exception of the people's churchwarden in the Cathedral. This position was filled by Mr Trevor McKeown.

Two new members were appointed to the select t vestry of Clogher Cathedral, namely Mr Derek Foster and Mr Stephen McIlwaine.

Installation

Clogher Cathedral was packed to capacity for the installation of Canon Helene Steed as the new Archdeacon of the Diocese. Many people had travelled long distances for this special occasion. The presence of Archdeacon Helene's father and other family members from Sweden added to the sense of occasion. A very human, witty and inspiring sermon was preached by the Rt Revd Nigel McCulloch, Lord Bishop Emeritus of Manchester. During the sermon he told us of how a chance meeting on a train influenced the direction of the new Archdeacon's life and ministry and how she in turn brought great joy to his home and family during her stay with them.

Wedding

The beautiful surroundings at Errigal Portclare church formed the backdrop for the wedding of Jenny Montgomery, daughter of Malcolm and Elizabeth Montgomery of Augher and Mr Philip Morrow of Holywood, Co. Down on Friday the 4th of April. The service was conducted by Precentor Noel Regan and the organist was Mrs Diane Whittaker. We wish Philip and Jenny every blessing in the years ahead.

Peace III

As mentioned in last month's notes, a link is being forged between Clogher Cathedral group and the Drumcliffe group in Co. Sligo. A bus is leaving Drumcliffe at 7.30am on Friday the 16th of May and hopes to arrive at Clogher approximately 9.00am for a brief stop to take on board those from the parish of Clogher who wish to travel to the Balmoral show. Having spent the day together, the participants will enjoy dinner on their return at Corick House. This partnership enables both parishes to benefit from the Peace 3 initiative both financially and by creating a spirit of friendship and understanding between people from different jurisdictions.

Those wishing to travel, please contact Shirley Fannin.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services in May

4th of May: The Third Sunday of Easter
10.00am Clones: Holy Communion
11.30am Newbliss: Morning Prayer
11th of May: The Fourth Sunday of Easter
10.00am Currin (Scotshouse) Holy Communion
11.30am Killeevan Morning Prayer
18th of May: The Fifth Sunday of Easter
10.00am Clones Morning Prayer
11.30am Newbliss Holy Communion
25th of May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter
10.00am Currin (Scotshouse) Morning Prayer
11.30am Killeevan Holy Communion
1st of June: The Seventh Sunday of Easter
10.00am Clones Holy Baptism
11.30am Newbliss Holy Communion

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lacked anything.
"A guest," I answered, "worthy to be here":
Love said, "You shall be he."
"I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee."
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
"Who made the eyes but I?"
"Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame
Go where it doth deserve."

"And know you not," says Love,
"who bore the blame?"
"My dear, then I will serve."
"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat."
So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert

Discussion and Bible study group

The group will meet on the following Mondays at 8.00pm:

Monday the 28th of April in the rectory Monday 12th of May in Clones, venue to be confirmed Monday the 26th of May in the rectory Please bring a Bible and a friend.

Coffee - Tea Morning and Soup Lunch at Bishopscourt, Clones



The annual coffee – tea m o r n i n g extending into soup lunch in aid of Co M o n a g h a n P r o t e s t a n t Orphan Society will take place on Friday the

30th of May between 10.30am – 2.00pm Mrs Miriam Moore, vice president of the society will host the morning at her beautiful home, Bishopscourt, on the outskirts of Clones on the Newbliss road. Visitors will have the opportunity to buy delicious homemade cakes as well as plants for their gardens. At 12 noon there will be a historical talk by Mr Turtle Bunbury. All welcome to what promises to be a congenial and pleasant event. For more information, please contact the rector or Mrs Etta Crowe, tel. 047 51647.

Killeevan Parish and Missionary Sale

Killeevan hall was well attended as parishioners of all ages welcomed visitors and friends to the Parish and Missionary Sale. The hall was filled with homemade cakes, jams and marmalade, groceries, plants and books. It was a wonderful and warm atmosphere in the hall and everyone seemed to enjoy their tea and coffee, and not least the opportunity to relax in the company of friends. The sale has so far raised €2,200, which is a fantastic achievement. Sincere thanks to all of you who supported Killeevan Parish and to all who worked so hard preparing for and on the day of the sale.



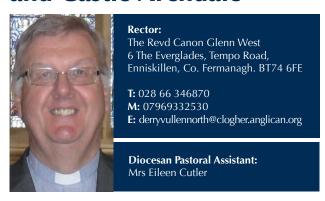
Congratulations

To Mr Richard Moore and Miss Velma Beatty on their recent engagement. May God bless you both.

Bereavement

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

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



'Getting people from where they are to where God wants them to be'

All Sunday Services at 10.15am (Castle Archdale) and 11.30am (Derryvullen North) except 2nd Sunday of each month – 10.30am (Derryvullen North) and 11.45am (Castle Archdale)

May 2014

Sun 4th Holy Communion
Wed 7th Monthly Evening Prayer – Derryvullen North
at 7.30pm
Sun 11th Service of the Word Order 3
Sun 18th Morning Prayer
Tues 20th Monthly Holy Communion – Derryvullen
North at 11.30am
Sun 25th Morning Prayer

Prayer

Lord, you have welcomed us You have healed us You have restored us You have fed us You have empowered us Send us out to live and work to your glory Send us out to reveal your presence Send us out to declare your love Send us out to proclaim your goodness this day and always

What's Behind The Door

Profound anxiety lies hidden behind practically every door in our parishes. There are a myriad of causes.

It may spring from clinical depression or a recent bereavement. Health problems and financial insecurity can notch it up to unbearable levels.

Domestic worries run through the days like a dark thread. For some it is a spiritual emptiness drawn from the assumption that fate has thrown us into the world and abandoned us. Everyone has experienced those dismal days when questions fly around unanswered and unanswerable. Ultimately, we have to accept that nothing is certain.

Yet, when we say a situation or a person is hopeless we are slamming the door in the face of God.

An English Bishop has been talking about his recent diagnosis with Hodgkin's Lymphoma (Cancer). He said it was "not a fall into the unknown and that when hope is put to the test you either have it or you don't. I am finding that I do".

When some can only see a hopeless end, the Christian rejoices in an endless hope.

Memory, Community And Identity

Memory, Community and Identity was the theme of the Anglican Jewish Commission that met in Dublin from 31st March to 2nd April. The Commission was established in 2006 to facilitate a deeper understanding between these two historic world faiths. Meetings have tended to alternate between the Holy Land and England and this was the first time to be held in Ireland. The Rector, as a member of the Church of Ireland Inter-faith committee and Diocesan Inter-faith adviser attended a reception at Áras an Uachtaráin hosted by President Michael D Higgins.

It was an opportunity for him to renew old relationships including that of Suheil Dawani, the Bishop of Jerusalem whom we met on our Diocesan Pilgrimages and who preached in Derryvullen North on a visit to our Diocese some years ago.

Dedication Service

As Rural Dean the Rector attended a special service of dedication in Garrison church on Sunday 23 March. In lovely sunshine, the uplifting church service and the hospitality to follow was a delight to be present at.

Boys Brigade Display

The Annual Display took place on Saturday 22 March. Due to Canon West's unavoidable absence, the opening prayers were led by Mrs Eileen Cutler. The Inspecting Officer was Very Revd Raymond Thompson. The prizes were presented by Revd Betty Thompson. There was a good attendance of parents and friends. Seven boys achieved their Queen's Award and four the Presidents Award. Our thanks to the Captain, Mr Joe Graham and all the officers and helpers.

Tuesday Club

Holy Communion on Tuesday 8 April was attended by 22 members in Derryvullen North Church, followed by afternoon tea in the hall. The next meeting will take place on 13 May at 2.30pm.

Mothers' Union

The Closing service for the Branch and Women's Group will be on 11 May at 7pm in Castle Archdale.

On 31 May, members have planned a trip to Portadown. On the same evening, there will be a celebratory dinner in the Woodhill Hunting Lodge to mark the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the Branch. Long service certificates will be distributed.

The Area Service for the Branch will be in Inismacsaint on Friday 16 May.

Faith & Friendship

The area meeting will be held in the Methodist Hall, Irvinestown on 31 May starting with a light lunch at 12.30pm.

Comet

John 6:35 "I am the bread of life", Jesus told them "He who comes to me will never be hungry, he who believes in me will never be thirsty".

Comet the Youth Fellowship is hosting a special "I am..." lunch on Saturday 10 May from 12 – 2pm in the church hall. This will be a light lunch and is open to all Senior Citizens who wish to enjoy some fellowship and food in Jesus' name.

Rural Deanery Praise Service

A large crowd gathered in Derryvullen North Parish Church for an Easter Praise Service on the evening of Palm Sunday. Music was by Commitment Praise Band assisted by Anne Keys. Young people from each parish grouping read the lessons and the joint choirs sang 'How deep the Father's love for us'. Hymns were a mix of contemporary and traditional and the Revd Alan Irwin gave the Epilogue. All the clergy joined in the blessing and everyone enjoyed the hospitality in the hall afterwards.

Acknowledgment

We would like to acknowledge the following donation and gift to our parish:

- The late Margaret Weir left the sum of £2000 to be used at the discretion of the Rector.
- Some beautiful cups and saucers for use in our hall catering; the gift of Edith Pearson in memory of her late husband Eric.

Prayers

Many of our parishioners have been in hospital or suffered bereavement. We offer to all our prayers and ask that Christ's presence and peace may be with each one.

Derryvullen South and Garvary



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Calendar

11th May

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

18th May

10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary

12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

25th May

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

1st June

10.30 Holy Communion Garvary

12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 23rd March 2014 in Holy Trinity Parish Church, Garvary, the sacrament of Holy Baptism was ministered to Jack and Shane, sons of Liam Crawford and Maurine Awor Sero, c/o Main Street, Tempo.

On Sunday 30th March 2014 in the Parish Church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, the sacrament of Holy Baptism was ministered to Amelia Jayne Elizabeth, daughter of Alison and Grahame Balfour, 6 Bridge Street, Maguiresbridge.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not."

Bereavements

We extend sympathy to all who are bereaved including David Irvine, Corraclare, on the death of his brother, Henry, Antrim; and to Lorna Hicks, Ballinamallard, on the death of her father, Tom McDaniels, Ballinamallard.

Second Hand Clothes

Our appreciation to Miss Hilda Lucy for her fund raising effort involving second hand clothing kindly donated by parishioners, which raised the sum of £190 for Garvary parish funds.

In Lieu of Flowers

Derryvullen South select vestry acknowledges receipt with thanks of £1300 in lieu of flowers in memory of the late Ian Graham, Drumrainey.

Bowls

At its last meeting the Rector, Canon J W Stewart, on behalf of Garvary Bowling Club, which has now closed for the season, presented one of its members with a cheque as a gift towards expenses following the recent tragic loss of her house at Largy as a result of a fire. In reply Mrs Sadie Curran expressed her appreciation to the Club for its support and generosity.

CMSI

Derryvullen South Sunday School organised a Coffee Morning, which was held on Sunday 13th April in Derryvullen Parish Hall following the morning service. As well as coffee, tea and scones, a delightful display of colour met members of the congregation as they arrived and feasted their eyes on the variety of home made buns covered with chocolate Easter eggs, table cloths with printed Easter eggs and table floral arrangements. The proceeds will go to this years CMSI project "God's Big World" which was illustrated in drawings by the young people. Our appreciation to Mrs Laura Courtney and the teachers, the young people and everyone who helped.

Mothers' Union

The Area Service will take place on Sunday 16th May 2014 at 8.00pm in Aghavea Parish Church. Our outing this year is to the Flower Festival in Tynan Parish Church, Co Armagh, on Saturday 7th June. A bus has been organised and members from neighbouring branches will be joining us. The day will include a stop off for morning refreshments at the Linen Green and a meal in the evening at Tynan. There are still a few seats available on the coach.

Commissioning of New Select Vestry Members

A service has been organised for newly elected members of select vestries within Enniskillen rural deanery. It will take place in Maguirebridge Parish Church on Sunday evening 11th May 2014 at 7.00pm.

Christian Aid Week

This year Christian Aid Week takes place between 11th and 17th May. Our thanks to Mrs Kathleen Kettyles, Miss Hilda Lucy and the collectors for going around the communities for the door-to-door collection. If you feel you could help please do not hesitate to mention your name to either of the above ladies.

General Synod 2014

The Synod meets 8th to 10th May.

Devenish and Boho



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Burial

Sunday 7th April Mrs Emily Brooker, Castletown, Monea.

Mrs Brooker gave a lifetime of service to our parish being a member of the choir, Mothers Union and the Bible Study group. The funeral service in Devenish Parish Church was conducted by the Revd Sampson Ajuka, the committal and burial took place in the adjoining graveyard. We extend our deepest sympathy to her sons, David, Howard, Stuart and the wider family circle.

Palm Sunday

The congregation gathered in the Reade Hall and after reading the Palm Gospel, the congregation walked in possession to Devenish church singing the hymn 'All glory, laud and honour.' Revd Sampson conducted the Service, Joan Cathcart read the Passion Reading and the organist was Gill Spence.

Coffee Morning

1st Monea Guides held a very successful Coffee Morning in the Reade Hall on Saturday 12th April. £520 was raised and this will help fund Guides hoping to attend 'Xplore 14' International Camp at Castle Saunderson. They are very grateful to everyone who attended and supported them so generously.

Devenish and Boho Mothers Union





Front row - Vivienne Ferguson (Branch Leader),
Ivy McClure, Vonnie Elliott, Noreen Acheson,
Dr Margaret Knox (Diocesan President)
Second row - Georgina Whittaker, Eileen Little, Melanie
Irwin, Barbara Buchanan, Margaret Reilly, Kathleen
Irwin, Gretta Hassard, Maud Ferguson, Pearl Bell
Back row - Gladys Latimer, Joy Baird, Kay
McKeown, Lynda Collum, Emily Hall

On Tuesday 8th April, our branch celebrated their 80th Anniversary. To mark this very special occasion, we had a Thanksgiving service in Devenish Parish Church conducted by the Revd Sampson Ajuka. Our branch leader Mrs Vivienne Ferguson welcomed everybody and introduced our guest speaker, Dr Margaret Knox, Diocesan President. The Bible readings were read by Mrs Joan Cathcart and Mrs Pearl Bell and the prayers were led by Mrs Vivienne Ferguson.



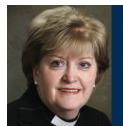
Mrs Vonnie Elliott, Dr Margaret Knox and Mrs Vivienne Ferguson

After the service, supper was served in the Reade Hall. A special 80th Anniversary cake was cut by two of our long serving members, Vonnie Mrs Elliott and Mrs Noreen Acheson. Dr Margaret n o x presented long service certificates to 22 members of our branch, a very great achievement

to all who received them. Everyone enjoyed the supper and fellowship. Mrs Wilma Connor presented Dr Margaret Knox with flowers and we were very grateful to Mrs Georgina Whittaker for baking and decorating the cake. All who attended will have lovely memories of our branch's 80th anniversary celebrations.

Member	Number of Years
Jane Cathcart	70
Vonnie Elliott	65
Noreen Acheson	61
Emily Brooker	58
Phyllis Collum	57
Ivy McClure	51
Maud Ferguson	50
Margaret Hassard	50
Joan Dickson	50
Margaret Reilly	48
Emily Hall	40
Kathleen Irwin	37
Eileen Little	37
Gladys Latimer	36
Kay McKeown	30
Joy Baird	30
Georgina Whittaker	30
Pearl Bell	26
Vivienne Ferguson	26
Barbara Buchanan	25
Lynda Collum	25
Melanie Irwin	25

Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Calendar for May

Sunday 4th May, 2014 The Third Sunday of Easter
Donagh 10.30am Holy Communion
Tyholland 12.00 noon Holy Communion
Sunday 11th May, 2014 The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer
Errigal Truagh 12.00 noon Holy Communion
Sunday 18th May, 2014 The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer
Tyholland 12.00 noon Morning Prayer
Sunday 25th May, 2014 The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Donagh 10.30am Service of the Word
Errigal Truagh 12.00 noon Service of the Word

Mothers' Union

The closing service will take place in in St. Sillian's Church, Tyholland at 8.00pm. On Wednesday 14th May 2014. This will be a service of Holy Communion.

Girl's Brigade

The annual display took place on Friday 4th April 2014 in Middletown Community centre and was very well attended by parents and friends. It was great to have the National President Mrs Margery McElhinney with us on this special occasion. The evening was filled with drama, dance and drill down and concluded with the presentation of badges and medals. This year the Company enjoyed success at National level when Jennifer Taylor and Victoria Irwin were awarded 2nd place in Ireland in the Chaplain's Assignment having produced an excellent cartoon strip about their biblical hero Moses. Ellen Singleton's Easter bonnet was highly commended in the Arts/Crafts Trophy competition. Well done to all the girls who completed their badge work and were awarded their badges on the evening. Congratulation to Diane Singleton who was commissioned as an officer in the Girl's Brigade by Mrs Margery McElhinney. Thanks to everyone who supported the cake sale at the conclusion of the display. The proceeds will be used to fund the on-going work of the Donagh branch of the Girl's brigade. The evening was a great success and all of this was due to the hard work of the Captain Margaret Dudgeon, the officers and leaders who work tirelessly throughout the season with all sections of the brigade. Congratulations and well done

Tyholland Senior Citizens Party

This was held in Tyholland Community Centre on Friday 4th April 2014. Thanks to all who gave of their time and talents to make this a very enjoyable evening. The food, fun, friendship and entertainment were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Congratulations



Joe and Louise Waller with Revd Betty Thompson on their 50th Wedding Anniversary In Donagh parish Church.

Mothering Sunday was a special day in Donagh Parish church as Louise and Joe Waller celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We wish them good health and God's richest blessing for the years that lie ahead. The children played an important role in the service and thanks goes to the Sunday School teachers for organising gifts for the Mothers on that day.

Holy Baptism

Alfie William Charles Stewart was baptised on 13th April 2014 in Errigal Truagh Church. We wish Alfie every blessing and congratulate his parents on having him baptised.

Holy Week and Easter

By the time you read this the celebrations for Easter will be over. My thanks to Ethne McCord, the choir members and the praise group for leading worship over this time of celebration of Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

Dromore



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Service Times

11.30am Each Sunday (9.00am Holy Communion – First Sunday)

Our services over Lent and Holy Week went really well as we explored what it means to Love God each evening climaxing on Easter Sunday with knowledge that Jesus has defeated death and has given us life in all of its fullness.

Easter is beginning to disappear from the conscious of the media but as Easter People we must always be prepared to declare that 'Christ is Risen He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia.'

This little phrase has much power as we allow its truth to permeate every aspect of our lives. It offers us hope and strength to face what may come with a new energy and vitality that only the power and victory of the risen Christ can bring.

No other thing, person or tradition can bring life into the hearts of individuals and communities – only Jesus Christ came to 'give us life and life in all its fullness'

Every Blessing James

General Synod

Takes place this year in Dublin during the period 8-10 May. Please pray for all involved and for the essential business that will be brought before the Synod.

Parish BBQ

Will be held on Friday 13th June DV – more information to follow.

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.

From the Parish Register

Burial

30th March - Maurice Griffin (Burial of Ashes)

Drumkeeran, Templecarne and Muckross



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Services in May

4th 10.00 Templecarne MP; 11.30 Drumkeeran HC 11th 10.00 Muckross HC; 11.30 Drumkeeran MP 7.00pm Dernasesk: Speaker - Revd Caroline Mansley 18th 10.00 Templecarne HC; 11.30 Drumkeeran MP 25th 10.00 Muckross MP; 11.30 Drumkeeran HC 1st June 11.00 Joint Children's Sunday School Service in Drumkeeran.

Youth Services

The Sunday School service in Drumkeeran on Palm Sunday was well supported by parents and friends. It was great to see such a crowd of children in the church. Thank you to the children who participated and a big 'Thank You' to the teachers who had them prepared. It is planned to have a joint Sunday School service to mark the closing of Sunday School for the summer, in Drumkeeran on the 1st June at 11.00am.

Holy Baptism

On Mothering Sunday, 30th March, in Drumkeeran Church, Arthur Loane Lunny, 19 Main Street, Kesh, was baptised. We pray for baby Arthur, for his parents Elizabeth and Darran, for his brother Oscar, and for all who will have an influence on him in the days and years ahead.

Sympathy

Dennis Runacres, Bannagh Beg, Kesh, died suddenly on 14th March and after funeral service in Drumkeeran Church was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery on 17th. We extend our sympathy to his wife Noreen and to the wider family circle. Appreciation of the ladies who served an excellent tea in the Parochial Hall after the burial.

Holy Week

At the time of writing the Holy Week services are about to take place. I hope they will be well supported by parishioners of all three parishes. I'm grateful to the organist and readers for their help in the preparation.

Annual Easter Vestry meetings

These were held in the three parishes during the week prior to Holy Week. New members elected as follows: Muckross, Aaron McCutcheon. Templecarne, Matthew Anderson and Lester Anderson. Drumkeeran, Mrs Irene Boyd. And a new Secretary for Muckross Select Vestry, Carolyn Johnston replacing Miss Betty Johnston who had been Secretary for many years and continued as such until her death which occurred in February.

Annual Display

Many of the young people from the group of parishes attend Pettigoe BB or GB. This year the BB Display was held at the end of March and the GB Display at the beginning of April. Both events were well supported. Thanks to the officers and helpers. As a group of parishes we benefit from the facilities provided there week by week for the young people and I am pleased that many of the BB leaders are from the Drumkeeran group of parishes.

Mothering Sunday

At the service in Drumkeeran on Mothering Sunday daffodils and goodies were handed out to all the ladies present. The collection for Cancer Focus Northern Ireland was well supported.

Women's Breakfast

This event took place in Drumkeeran Hall on 5th April and was most successful, over one hundred attended. It was a totally cross-community gathering. The conductor was Nia, a world travelled recording artist and entertainer. Thanks to Irene Boyd and to all her helpers. It was a most worthwhile event.

Rural Deanery Service

Thank you to the Rural Dean and others responsible for the Service in Derryvullen North on Palm Sunday for all the parishes of the Rural Deanery. The reader from the Drumkeeran Group was Meghan Thompson.

Kesh Defibrillator

Appreciation of those who have organised the purchase of this machine for Kesh. The parishes of the group assisted in this by having a special collection on March 16th.

Advance Notices

The Harvest Thanksgiving services in the group of parishes will be held on the usual weekends in September, second, third and fourth Sundays, this year 14th, 21st and 28th, with a Friday evening Harvest Service in Muckross on 12th.

Parade Services

This year's annual Parade Services will be held on 6th July and 27th July, both at 3.30.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum



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It's time to change indeed

Do some people in churches not change simply because we don't expect them to? But since we did not expect any ongoing transformation they live at the low levels of change that we suggest by our silence. In Galatians 4:19 Paul seems to be waiting on tenterhooks for the expected change of his readers. Some may even call this sort of language very high expectations indeed: "My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you..." He seems to be suggesting that morphing into ever greater degrees of Christlikeness is normal. It seems to be an expectation of all of God's people and any delay or stalling of the process should become the real shock in our churches.

Do you remember those Power Rangers so much a part of children's TV in the 1990s? They popularised the famous shout, "It's morphin' time". That well known call meant that they received unusual power to change and do extraordinary things.

Now imagine a church liturgy that began with the call, "It's time to change" to which the congregation responds with an enthusiastic "It's time to change indeed". Now before you roll your eyes and join the call to move churches allow this curious liturgy to play with your imaginations for a while.

When Jesus told us that the Kingdom of God has arrived he was not talking about a distant event that happens after death. He meant now and he meant his people to be the signposts to that new reality through their changed lives. In Matthew 21:43 Jesus says, "Therefore I tell you that the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit..."

And what are those fruit of the Spirit? Love, joy, peace... the sort of fruit that should be expected in growing measures from people living in his Kingdom or under his reign. If you like, we are becoming "free samples of Jesus" to a world in rebellion against him. So why do we settle for less? Perhaps it's because we hear that the church in these islands is shrinking and so we panic and assume that all of church life should be about getting more bums on seats. And instead of raising the bar of our expectations of transformed lives living under the power of the Kingdom of God (a very powerful evangelistic tool in itself) we have lowered it and settled for the minimum requirements for getting out of hell.

But the call of the gospel was never meant to be just a means of escape; it is a call to join the mission of God. And God's mission into this world is a transformative mission that needs people who are starting to look and sound more like the Jesus they proclaim. It's time to change indeed - all day and every day.

The Lent Course

Each year the grouped parishes have a Lent project each Wednesday evening in Lent starting at 8 .00pm alternating between the Churches. This year we have been studying and discussing the CTBI course based on "Parables and Possessions"

The six week course had us looking at how six different subjects affected us, those being:-- Temptation (Matthew 13: 1-23), Betrayal (Matthew 21: 33-46), Forgiveness (Luke 15: 11-32 Ridicule (Luke 12: 13-34) Sacrifice (Luke15: 1-10) Transformation (Luke 10: 25-37) We had a good turn out each evening and the discussions that took place were very lively. Supper was served after each session and thank you to the Ladies who provided it.

Aghabog

Group Service

Group Service held in Aghabog on the 5th Sunday of March had its usual attendance. We were delighted to have Revd Dr Pat Mollen from the ministry of healing with us, and enjoyed her inspiring address. After the service everyone enjoyed refreshments served in the hall afterwards.

Parade Service

County Monaghan Grand Orange Lodge are having their annual Parade service in Aghabog on Sunday 11th May at 3.30pm. The guest speaker at this service will be the Revd Alan Irwin (Lack).

Coffee Morning

The Annual coffee morning will be held in Aghabog Hall on Saturday 21st June starting at 11 o'clock to 2pm.

Annual General Vestry

The Annual General Vestry took place on Friday 11th April 2014 and those who were elected to serve are as follows:-

Churchwardens: Rector's, Jim Howe, People's, Diane Smyth

Glebewardens: Rector's, Noel Wilkin, People's, Ruth Norris

Synodsman: John Truell, Supplemental: Diane Smyth Secretary: Maureen Howe, Treasurer: Joan Lee

Parochial Nominator: Andrew Ritchie, Supplemental: Violet Norris.

Select Vestry:

Maureen Howe, Joan Lee, John Boyle, Violet Norris, David Norris Andrew Ritchie,

Gillian Ritchie, Iris Egerton, Irene Wright, George Wright, Jonathan Norris, Ruth Norris, John Truell, John Richie, Jim Howe, Diane Smyth.

Get well wishes

Get well wishes to all who are ill at this time at home or in hospital.

Aughnamullen

Organ

A few months back our organ started to blow blue smoke and give up the spirit.

We put the word out that we were looking for another organ. The Revd Canon Barrett of Rossory parish came to the rescue by donating an organ. We thank him for being so generous.

Annual General Vestry

The Annual General Vestry took place on Saturday 12th April 2014 and those who were elected to serve are as follows:-

Churchwardens, Rectors: Harold Weir, Peoples: Helen McMurray

Secretary: George Montgomery, Assistant Secretary: Helen McMurray

Treasurer: Teresa Carey, Assistant Treasurer: Josephine Patterson.

Glebewardens: Rector's, Kenny Jordan, People's, William Jordan

Synodsman: Kenny Jordan Supplemental: Betty Jordan Parochial Nominator: Jim Carey, Supplemental: Helen McMurray

Select Vestry: George Montgomery, Kenny & Betty Jordan, William Jordan, Teresa & Jim Carey, Marjorie Beattie, Harold & Mavis Weir, Helen McMurray, Alice Forde, Josephine & John Patterson. Andrew, Kevin & Robin Carey, & Trevor Jordan.

It is with great Thanksgiving that we welcome four young men to the vestry, and pray that this is the start of the younger people taking an interest in their Church.

Rockcorry & Dartrey

Annual General Vestry

The Annual General Vestry took Place on Thursday 10th April 2014 and those who were elected to serve are as follows:-

Rockcorry Churchwardens: Rectors, John Bradford, Peoples, Emma Middleton.

Dartrey Churchwardens: Rectors, Jim Fannin, Peoples, lan Fannin.

Secretary to Joint Vestry: Tommy Wilkin, Treasurer to Joint Vestry: Alan Fannin.

Rockcorry Glebewarden: Emma Middleton, Dartrey Glebewarden Jim Fannin

Rockcorry /Dartrey Syondsman: Emma Middleton, Supplemental: Jim Fannin

Parochial Nominator: Tommy Wilkin

Select Joint Vestry: Jim Fannin, Ian Fannin, Alan Fannin, Marion Fannin, Eric Fannin, Bertie Moore, Stephen Clarke, John Bradford, Samuel Wilkin, Emma Middleton, Noel Carleton, Agnes Phair, Dorothy Hawthorne, Ernest Wilkin, Walter Wilkin, Lynn Atkinson, Tommy Wilkin. The Churchwardens are Ex. Offico.

Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will be held in Rockcorry Old School on Saturday 31st May starting at 11am to 2pm.

Bereavment

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Mrs Elizabeth (Lallie) Scott. Mrs Scott died peacefully early Wednesday morning 2nd April at the great age of 92. Mrs Scott was a very good Christian lady and it was always a great pleasure to visit, you left all the better for being in her company. She was taken from her own home to Dartry Church for a thanksgiving service for her life and burial on Friday 4th April

Drum

Annual General Vestry

The Annual General Vestry took Place on Thursday 08th April 2014 and those who were elected to serve are as follows:-

Churchwardens: Rectors Percy Brown, Peoples Cecil Lancashire

Secretary: Shirley Stewart. Treasurer: Lottie Lancashire, Synodsman: Cecil Lancashire, Parochial Nominator: Lottie Lancashire.

Select Vestry: Wesley Reilly, Sharon Lancashire, Emma Stewart, Lottie Lancashire, David Lancashire, Ashley Reilly, William Reilly, Shirley Stewart, Lela Lancashire, Russell Stewart, (ex–offico) Percy Browne, Cecil Lancashire, Mervyn Reilly.

Annual Bring & Buy

Annual Bring & Buy, was held on Saturday 12th April, it was well attended by the local community. Thank you to all who baked a great array of cakes and brought goods to sell, to all the businesses who donated goods, and all who gave donations, your generosity is very much appreciated. The total so far is €1960.

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Services

Thursday 1st May

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 4th May The Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Baptism & Holy Communion

7.00pm – Top 50 Hymns (numbers 11-20)

Thursday 8th May

11.00am – Holy Communion

1.05pm – Healing Service

Sunday 11th May The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer (Visiting Pilgrimage)

3.30pm – Annual Scouting Service

7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 15th May

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 18th May The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

7.00pm – Confirmation & Holy Communion

Thursday 22nd May

11.00am - Holy Communion

1.05pm – Healing Service

Saturday 24th May

11.00am - St Lucia Day Service

Sunday 25th May The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer & Holy Baptism (Family Service)

3.00pm – Memorial Orange Service

7.00pm – Holy Communion

Thursday 29th May The Ascension

11.00am – Holy Communion

Christian Marriage

19th April – Lynn Amanda Forde and Marc Glen Johnston

Palm Sunday Procession





Cathedral Parish Mission

This year's Holy Week was very special as we had the involvement of so many people including the students of our Church of Ireland Theological Institute. I hope we all have been challenged, moved emotionally and spiritually, and filled with 'new life, fresh hope'. So where do we go from here?



Well Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works,

and give glory to your Father in heaven.'(Matthew 5:16) This is a concept that is sometimes a challenge for us, and it is not an option that Jesus gives us for ourselves or for our Church, or for the world. When we become a part of His Church, we are the light of the world, and our Cathedral Church in Enniskillen 'at the heart of the Community' needs to be a great light source available in this area!



Christian As people and members of this parish we need to act and do likewise and let lights our shine around us 'Strengthening Commitment, Outreach, Worship Christian Love'. It is no good having a light and keeping it in a bowl. That is what Jesus said, yet if we are honest, we will admit that that is what we have been doing

for a lot of the time. We have been letting the light shine but mainly to each other within the church, but it is now time for God's Church in this town and parish to let that light shine before all people. The whole purpose of light is for it to shine out in the darkness, not for it to be hidden away. Saint Paul told the Church in Ephesus that we are to 'walk as children of the light'. That is not something you do by keeping your light in a church building. To the Church in Philippi, Saint Paul said 'Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.' (Philippians 2:14-16)

It is now time for us to go out and let our light shine in our communities, by witnessing, by serving, by attending the sick, by comforting the grieving, by befriending the lonely, by welcoming those who feel unwanted or unloved, and by respecting difference. It is not evangelism alone that will bring people to 'The Light' who gives us light; it is not deeds alone. It is both together. So it is time for all of us to roll up our sleeves and work hard with each other and for each other to create a community where differences matter no longer and where all are respected, loved and cared for as Christ commanded us to do. This is 'faith in action'!

Royal Visit to Enniskillen

The Dean was delighted to be invited along with Monsignor Peter O'Reilly to greet and chat with Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall on their recent visit to Enniskillen. Both royals were fully aware of the



significance of The Queen's visit to Enniskillen in 2012 and viewed the painting in the Museum of 'The crossing of the street' when Her Majesty for the first time visited a Roman Catholic Church in Ireland. Prince Charles spoke at length on community relations and said he hoped the forthcoming coming war commemorations would lead to the strengthening bonds of friendship between our churches. With a 'Royal seal of approval' on his parting sentence to both clerics he tapped the Dean on the shoulder and said 'Keep it up!'

Windsor Castle Visit



It was a very 'Royal month' for the Dean and Monsignor O'Reilly as both headed to Windsor Castle on a 'command' from Her Majesty The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh to attend a State Reception for the President of Ireland and Mrs Sabrina Higgins. Both were surprised to be invited and highly honoured to be there. The Dean commenting on the significance of the visit said 'It was amazing to see such a diverse gathering of political opinion in the one room and amazing how two cultures could rest side by side with no one feeling intimidated by either.' He continued 'Difference makes us what we are, living peacefully with those differences is the challenge! Her Majesty has become a 'beacon' from which fresh hope and new light for our country now appears to radiate. Her visit to the Southern Ireland quickly followed by her visit to Enniskillen were 'ground breaking' ventures and I see the Windsor Castle gathering as another 'piece in the jigsaw' of a greater picture that is about to emerge. The enduring conflict between the two main communities, and its intensification over these past troubled years, has been an important factor in creating the identity of both communities. Each community has maintained its identity in opposition to the other. The enduring conflict has also led to deformations of identity, caused by fear, suspicion, insecurity, injustice and resentment. In Northern Ireland, history is used as a weapon by both sides as each side roots its national/communal identity in a history of collective suffering at the hands of the other. Coupled with this, is a blindness to the pain or suffering it has inflicted on the other side - 'a divided society produces divided memories'. A constructive use of history must take account of both sides and therefore acknowledge that each side has a place in history and that we who follow Christ share a common destiny. The churches have expertise in forgiveness, justice, truth and repentance - the components of reconciliation. Perhaps all denominations need to examine and to re-define their role and purpose as being 'open and available' churches; this might give a new incentive for reconciliation work at a local level. The churches have so much common ground in their acceptance of the basic tenets of the Christian Faith and they would gain enormously from bringing to and sharing with each other the riches of their own traditions and denominations.' Being involved in ecumenical relationships can only be done effectively from a position of confidence in one's own church and in one's participation within it. It is not a matter of saying that there are no differences, or that differences do not matter, for that would be to deny not only the validity of one's own tradition but also to belittle the beliefs and traditions of the other church as well. Therefore differences make us what we are! Understanding those differences and respecting difference is the key to reconciliation – tolerance and respect.

No one is trying to make one church or one identity. All that is needed is tolerance, respect and above all love of each other.

Outstanding Scouting Service

George Irvine was appointed Cub Scout Leader in 1976 and has recently retired after thirty-seven years service. We sincerely thank him for his commitment and dedication to scouting all these years and are please to know 'he has not gone away' as he has been appointed Chairman of 1st Inniskillen Scout Group.



Front Row - Brian Graham, Myrtle Irvine, George Irvine and Jennifer Johnston. Back Row - Revd Rob Clements, Stephen Richmond and Dean Kenneth Hall

Here are some of George's memorable years:

1984 – Awarded Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service by Dowager Duchess of Westminster 1998 – Awarded Medal of Merit (not less than 15 years of outstanding service while holding an adult appointment)

2005 – Awarded Silver Acorn (not less than 20 years of specially distinguished service while holding an adult appointment)

2013 – Retired at Scout leader and appointed as Chairman of 1st Inniskillen Scout Group

A Retirement Dinner in his honour was held in the Killyhevlin Hotel on 4th April 2014.

Weekly Pew News and Bible Reading

Copies of Our Daily Bread (Bible Reading Notes) are available free of charge at the back of each church. Please take one and you will find an order form included so that you can order them direct by post to your own home. These will make the reading of the Bible easy, enjoyable, interesting and relevant to every day life. 'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path' Psalm 119

Missionary Boxes

Please return all US and CMSI Lenten Project missionary boxes as soon as possible.

Cathedral Development Fund 'Hall Together Now'

The fundraising effort continues for our Cathedral Halls and our 2014 total to the end of March was £21,241. Envelope donations for March were £3,382; the total to date for the Auction and Supper for 'All was £4,678. We are also thankful to the Morning Bowling Club for their continued support and for parishioner donations. The Recipe Book sales continue with a total of £885 raised since its November launch. Sub-Committee members continue their work on grant aid and we remain hopeful that they will have success in gaining funding in this way.

A 'novel' fundraising idea has been suggested for parishioners to contribute their stories or personal writing to an 'ebook'; the royalties from which would augment our funds. Ideas from parishioners would be welcomed and should be passed on to Dr William Holmes; ideas so far: Reminiscences of the War/ Childhood, A Funny Thing Happened and a joke book. Many events have been planned by the Committee and can only be successful with your continuing support. We look forward to your help in promoting our efforts, coming along, bringing friends, family and neighbours and enjoying time and fellowship together.

Gospel Concert

Elvis Presley stands unique among the world's great artists/icons/film stars in the entertainment business. There is virtually no one else who has recorded more Gospel songs, forty-five or more. He also performed

Gospel songs with such feeling that he introduced many people to songs of Faith & Inspiration who would not have previously listened to Gospel music or its message. This is a complete concert of gospel songs and music. The Gospel Story, as told through Elvis's Songs of Faith and Inspiration featuring Gary Gibson in the role of Elvis Presley with full supporting cast including Crawford Bell, The Memphis Showband & The Bellaire Singers.

Elvis Presley's love of gospel music was something that drove and influenced him throughout his life and career. He made more gospel recordings than almost any other artist in the history of popular music, and his love and feeling for these songs is unsurpassed. We hope that we can bring some of that inspiration to life as we proudly present for you this Concert on Wednesday 7th May 2014 at 8.00pm. Tickets (£15.00 each and limited number) are on sale through the Cathedral Office.

Coffee Mornings

Invitation to join Leslie and Maureen Wilkin at their home, 80 Tempo Road Enniskillen on Sunday 25th May, Coffee served 2 – 6pm. Donations for Hall Repair Fund. Ivan and Avril Kee request your company at their Open Home Day at The Anchorage, 5 Lakeview Park, Enniskillen on Saturday 7th June, tea/coffee served 10am-4pm. Donations for Hall Repair Fund.

Dinner Cruise

A Dinner Cruise on Lough Erne on Wednesday 28th May at 5.45pm. Board the Kestrel at the Killyhevlin Jetty, sailing to Devenish Island and returning to the Killyhevlin Hotel for a 3-course meal. Tickets are £20 per person, available from the Cathedral Office. There are limited spaces so please book early.

Sponsored Parish 5K Walk

Join us for our Sponsored Parish 5K Walk immediately after our Family Service on Sunday 8th June. This is an opportunity for fitness, fellowship and fundraising for all ages. We finish the walk with a free lunch for everyone in the Cathedral Hall. Extra sponsorship forms are available in the Cathedral porch. As an incentive, prizes including a bike, cash, a meal in Saddlers and Uno, kindly donated, will be awarded to those raising the most funds.

Pilgrimage

We will be delighted to welcome to St Macartin's Cathedral 'A Christian Ireland' Pilgrimage led by Canon Robert Parsons of the Severn Loop Parishes near Shrewsbury on Sunday 11th May. They will attend Morning Prayer and Canon Robert Parsons will be the preacher.

International Nurses' Day

International Nurses' Day is a time to celebrate the dedication and hard work of our nurses and raise

awareness of the work of nurses and their colleagues all around the world. It is a day for nurses to feel proud and the rest of the world to say thank you. The four chaplains of the South West Acute Hospital with take part in a service in the hospital on 12th May at 12.30pm.

Confirmation

Eighteen of our young people will be confirmed by our Bishop, The Rt Revd John McDowell on Sunday 18th May at 7.00pm.

St Lucia Day Service

The Annual St Lucia Day service will be held on Saturday 24th May in the St Macartin's Regimental Chapel at 11.00am.

Mothers' Union

The MU enrolment service was held on Mothering Sunday, 30th March at Morning Prayer. We welcome lvy Benson, Helen Coalter and Rosemary Woods to our Branch. There was a good attendance of members at the Holy Week Service on Monday 14th April, a short business meeting was held in the Hall afterwards. Overseas mission donations may be left with Beth in the Cathedral Office before 8th May.

MU Dates to Remember

12th May: Meal and tour of Bellisle House. Please meet at the Cathedral Hall at 6.30pm.

16th May: Area Service, Inishmacsaint Parish Church at 8.00pm, speaker, Revd Peter Bourke. If a lift is required, please contact a committee member.

22nd May: The Spring Diocesan Council Meeting, Cathedral Hall at 7.30pm, preceded by a 'Bring and Buy' at 7.00pm.

Thank you to all who brought knitted teddies, hats, cardigans and cot mattresses to Group meetings over the Winter. These will be passed over at the Council meeting to the marketing representative for the S.W.A.H. neonatal unit.

Bowling Club

A very successful bowling tournament was held in the Cathedral Hall during the week commencing Monday 24th March at which ninety-nine pairs competed for the very coveted Mixed Pairs Cups. On Thursday eight pairs returned to contest the final night, at the end of a very enjoyable evening's bowling, the eventual winners were the popular Stanley Carleton and his wife Linda. At the end Gerry Vennard chairman of the club thanked all those who entered the tournament, the ladies who supplied the welcome cuppa each night and all those who helped in any way. The cups and prizes were then presented by our two captains Violet Vennard and Davy Jackson.

Tuesday Club

The Club Leader, Eleanor Lynn welcomed the members and introduced the speakers Violet Vennard and Pat Morrison. They gave an interesting insight into the work carried out by the Women's Section, Royal British Legion. A vote of thanks was proposed by Valerie Thompson along with a donation to the Royal British Legion, Women's Section. The members were then treated to a lovely afternoon tea, which was enjoyed by all. The members attended an Afternoon Tea Party on 15th April as part of the special Holy Week Parish Mission. Plans are being finalised for the outing on 27th May.

Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy or fill in a questionnaire available from the Parish Office and a member of the Clergy will contact you.

A service to confirm adults from Clogher Diocese will be held in the chapel at Portora Royal School on Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30pm. Any adults throughout the Diocese are welcome to be confirmed at that service – please contact your rector for details.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to see differences in others not as a threat but as an opportunity, and so help us to live in unity with all your people, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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Church on Sundays

11am St John's*

*10am during July and August Usual morning service times resume at Harvest Thanksgiving

'Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.' Lamentations 3:22-23

Recently I have been thinking about thankfulness towards God.

I could write a litany of things in parish life about which one could be thankful. I could write a list of name of individuals or ministries, or of recent events organised as part of parish life. Nothing however is like the love and constancy of God. It is altogether different.

I find myself, now almost twenty years on since I began training for ministry, and with so many more birthday miles on the clock, deeply aware that the Jesus in whom I put my trust, as a small child, is the Lord and Saviour I have been trusting in all of that time. I love the Lord every bit as much today as I did all those years ago. I have met such a variety of people in church and parish, but it is Jesus who has been my constant friend. I have a favourite hymn from one of the Billy Graham Crusades, which includes the lines,

'When Jesus is my portion, a constant friend is he.' That is the same sense of constancy understood by the writer of the Lamentations. God's love and compassions are constant. They indeed are new to us every morning. God's faithfulness is very great, and is to all who trust and believe, a great cause of thankfulness. Kyle Hanlon

'Call His Name Jesus'

Advance Notice Friday 12-Sunday 14 December 2014 Fivemiletown Parish is planning to host a festival of flowers and music to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Girls's Friendly Society

The girls have completed the Bible Study, Handcraft and their GFS Knowledge Badge work at this stage of the year and we are beginning to wind down now. This is the time of the year where we are always on the run. Some of the leaders attended the Missionary Evening on Kiwoko Hospital in Colebrooke on Friday, 4th April. Mrs Pauline Lawrence gave a very informative talk on the hospital and on the street kids in the area. We were also shown slides and a video from Paul & Tania Baker, the GFS Mission Partners out in Uganda.

On Saturday, 5th April we were in the Ardhowen Theatre to see Tom Sweeney. This was a very enjoyable afternoon and we returned to the parish hall for our tea and some games.

Dates to keep free: Friday, 2nd May - Diocesan Service in Magheracross Parish Church. Thursday, 22nd May – Parents' night

Fivemiletown Mothers' Union

The March meeting followed the Lenten service in St. John's Church. The speaker was Mrs Doreen Earls, the Worldwide Representative. She outlined how the money raised for the Worldwide Fund was spent. There are 321 workers and trainers across the world. They train local volunteers who then work within groups,

teaching skills such as parenting, growing crops for food, and teaching the groups how to read, write and count. Promotion of the Literacy Programme has encouraged the women to gain financial independence.

The money raised for the Relief Fund is used where a disaster e.g. a tsunami occurs food, clothing, clean water and medical supplies are delivered where needed. The meeting closed with prayer led by the Branch Leader Mrs Elvina Funston.

Auction

Advance notice of an auction in aid of SAMS work in Paraguay, on Saturday 11th October in the Parish Hall. Details from Chris Bloomfield.

Galloon, Sallaghy & Drummully



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Service Times

09.00 Drummully 10.30 Sallaghy 12.00 Galloon

Sunday School Times

Drummully 9.00-10.00am in Drummully Church Hall. Sallaghy 10.30-11.30am in Sallaghy Church Hall Galloon 12.00-1.00pm in Galloon Church Hall

Monthly Cycle of Services

Service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month, celebrated in all three Churches.

A Family Service on the third Sunday in the month, in all three Churches.

Service of Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays in the month.

A United Group Service on the fifth Sundays in the year (with a cup of tea afterwards, rotating between the three Parishes)

Mothering Sunday

There was a real sense of family and community spirit in Newtownbutler Church as the three parishes came together for a Group Mothering Sunday Service. The combined Sunday Schools took part along with Mother's Union members.

The lessons were read by Heather Kettyle, Eileen Hall and Myrtle Allen with the duet of Roisin Kerr (harp) and

Grace Kettyle (violin) playing verses of "I am the Lord of the Dance" before, between and after the readings.

The prayers were lead by Elizabeth Johnston, Hazel Robinson and Joan Wiggins.

The combined Sunday School choir sang two pieces: "God loves you" and the "Thank you song". The latter had been specially adapted for the occasion by Grace Rickey who along with Joyce Clingan played the keyboard and conducted the children.



Photograph courtesy of Stephanie Wiggins.

Revd Anita narrated a sketch in between the two Sunday School pieces called "When God made Mothers" and she was ably assisted by three "willing" volunteers: Holly Hutchinson, Christine Bell and Siobhan Kerr who were all "dressed" for the occasion.

The children then presented handcrafted flowers to all the ladies present, which had been made in Sunday School. The collection at the service will go towards the Mothers' Union "Make a Mother's Day" Appeal to buy a Mothering Sunday Gift which will transform a life.

Refreshments were served after the service.

A special thanks to everyone who help with the preparations, participated in and put together our special Mothering Sunday Service and in particular, The Revd Anita for her leadership, inspiration and willingness to get as many people involved as possible.

Galloon Parish

Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the Hutchinson family, Clonelty, on the death of Jane's brother, Gordon Doonan. We also remember all Gordon's brothers, sisters and wider family circle. Gordon's funeral was in St. Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee and was conducted by Capt. David Hamilton.

Our sympathy is also extended to Mrs Margaret Johnston and family, High Street, on the death of Margaret's sister, Mrs Jean Downey, Gortindarragh, Rosslea. Her funeral was also in St. Mark's, Aghadrumsee, conducted by Capt. David Hamilton assisted by Mr Walter Pringle. The late Roy Morrow was buried in Galloon Churchyard on Sunday 14th April. Roy grew up in Galloon Parish and moved to Lisburn a number of years ago. Many of his family connection still live in the area. We extend our sympathy to his immediate family, his brother, Norman and family and the wider family circle.

Illness

Please remember in your prayers all those who are not well at this time, those who are in care homes or are housebound. Please let Revd Anita know if there is anyone in need of a visit. We thank Revd Anita for her diligent pastoral care of those in need of support.

Book Sale

Our Massive Second-hand Book Sale will be from 22nd to 26th July 2014. This is a book sale not to be missed. There will be thousands of books of all kinds on sale at bargain prices. Donations of books would be welcome. To arrange delivery or collection of larger quantities please phone William Little 028 677 38676.

Just a Thought

Smile and think twice before criticising the sermon! A young barrister, F. E. Smith, who later went on to become Lord Chancellor, was arguing a point of law before a rather testy judge who, after some time, said "Mr Smith, I have listened to you for twenty minutes and I am no wiser." F. E. responded, "Your Lordship may well be no wiser, but your Lordship is certainly better informed."

Sallaghy Parish

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club completed their season with their internal singles competition. The winner of the Morrison Cup was John Fleming who beat Noreen Little in the final.

Mothers' Union

Instead of their monthly meeting the Mothers' Union members will attend the

Area Service in Aghavea Parish Church on Friday 16th May at 8.00pm. The speaker will be Revd Melanie Lacy (Oak Hill College, London).

Donation

It was good to hear recently that Revd Bill and Mrs Joan Campbell continue to think about the time they spent in Sallaghy and we are grateful for their donation of £100 to Parish Funds.

Holy Baptism

Emelia Monica, daughter of Maurice and Helen Kettyle, 14 Barrenderry Heights, Enniskillen on Sunday 6th April 2014. Service conducted by Revd Anita in Derryadd Church. Jesus said, "Bring the little children to me."

Drummully Parish

St. Patrick's Night

We would like to thank everyone for coming along and participating in our fun filled St. Patrick's night event and making it such an enjoyable occasion. Traditional music set the scene which included the musicians, Amy, Katie and Roisin playing and Jacqueline both

playing the guitar and singing. Luke recited a special poem on Leprechaun stew. This was followed by Irish Dancing with Alanna and Eileen and everyone had the chance to dance two sets which were "The Siege of Ennis" and "The Walls of Limerick". Sustained by a bowl of stew for supper prepared by the very capable chefs Hazel and Linda, we concentrated on our quiz on the Saints which was won by "Stewart and the three distractions".

Gardening Evening

We are looking forward to our annual Gardening Evening on Wednesday 21st May at 8pm. Kim Rickey will again entertain us with her great humour and her knowledge of all things green. Proceeds will be split between Drummully Parish and The Cancer Society. Plants will be for sale on the night.

Car Boot Sale and Strawberry Teas

Our annual Car Boot Sale with Strawberry Teas will be on Saturday 7th June. Gates will be open at 8am for car-booters. Cars and small vans will be charged at 10 Euro, large vans 15 Euro. Teas will be served from 11am.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Sunday 4th May Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 11th May Kiltyclogher 10am MP

Belleek 11.30am MP

Sunday 18th May Garrison 10am MP

Slavin 11.30am MP

Sunday 25th May Kiltyclogher 10am HC

Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 1st June Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Mothers' Union

The MU Trip (which is open to all parishioners and friends) will be on Saturday 3rd May to Londonderry. There will be a tour of St Columb's Cathedral and the city walls.

The coach will leave Garrison @ 8am and Belleek @ 8.15.

The March meeting was held in Slavin Church when the speaker was Mrs Barbara Clarke Young Members Rep. She gave a very interesting talk on attracting young members to the MU and showed a presentation of the recent young members weekend away. All members are encouraged to attend the MU Area Service which is being held in Innishmacsaint Parish Church @ 8pm, when the speaker will be Revd Peter Bourke.

Holy Baptism

Lyla Grace, daughter of Alexander & Catherine Cornett was baptised in Garrison Parish Church on Sunday 6th April by Revd Ngozi

We were delighted that so many family and friends were able to attend the baptism which meant so much to everyone, especially to her grandma Valerie and great grandmother, Mrs Cornett.

Illness

We think of those in our group of Parishes who have been ill, remembering Mabel Henry from Kiltyclogher Parish and Derek Acheson from Garrison who are currently in hospital. We pray for continued improvement in all those in our Group of Parishes who have been unwell, whether in hospital, at home, or nursing home.

Mothering Sunday Service

A group service was held on the 5th Sunday in Belleek Parish church conducted by the Rector with special readings and prayers from the young people for Mothering Sunday.

All the Mums and ladies of the Parishes were very grateful to the Rector and Helen Thompson for arranging for the children to present them with a lovely potted plant.

Dedication Service



Photos courtesy of Oshea photo.art

Sunday 24th March was a special day in the life of Garrison Parish Church as the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell attended for the official reopening and dedication of the church. The rector Revd Ngozi assisted the Bishop in the service. The overflow of congregation enjoyed the service in the church hall relayed by the new video link system from the church.



A brief history of the church which included details of the extensive work to the church tower, new roof, refurbished vestry and automation of the church clock was read by Noel Carson, a member of the select vestry. The first lesson was read by Eddie Graham, member of the select vestry. The second reading was read by the Rector Revd Ngozi and the address was given by the Bishop. The prayers of intercession were lead by some of Garrison's Sunday school children: Ryan Graham, Emma Kettyles, Avril Thompson, Abi Brock, Cameron Duffy and Amy Kettyles. Gifts were presented to the Bishop for dedication by the churchwardens Keith Kettyles and Adrian Elliott.



The collection was taken up by the churchwardens, along with Laura Thompson, Jamie Kettyles and Eddie Graham. As well as giving thanks for those gifts presented by individual families the Rector and select Vestry also wish to express their thanks for numerous, generous, individual donations, which made the extensive work to the church possible. Refreshments were served after the service in the Gilaroo Centre. Thanks to all families who provided food for the tea, and the ladies who helped prepare and serve it.



The following gifts were donated and dedicated at the service:

Item	Donated By	In memory of
Church wall heaters	George and Hilary Carson	Hilary's parents: William and Alice Chambers
Oak Vestry Door	Mrs Sally Carson and family	Sally's husband: Mr Robbie Carson
Park Bench	Mrs Joan Davison	Joan's husband: Mr John Davison
Communion Tablecloth	Miss Dawn Purdy	Her parents Bobbie and Marie and uncles: Tommy & Jack Purdy
Church Warden Wands	Mrs Minnie Armstrong	Her parents: Edward and Frances, and her brothers: George, Albert and Robert Graham
Church PA System	Lena Melanophy, Lily Graham & grandchildren; and the Elliott Grandchildren	Their Parents: Jack and Minnie Elliott
Purple Damask, Pulpit and Lectern falls	Family and Friends	Mrs Sadie Acheson
Green Damask, Pulpit and lectern falls	Mrs Christina Breen	Donated in thanksgiving of life and the life of the church
White Damask, Pulpit and lectern falls, Burse and Veil	Barber & Marion Gregg and Dawn Purdy	Their grandchildren: Gregg, Ellen & Bobbie Boyd
Red Damask, Pulpit and lectern falls, Burse and Veil	Helen Thompson and Family	Donated in thanksgiving of life and the life of the church
Brass Collection Plate	Family and Friends	Mrs Sadie Acheson
Vestry Cupboard	Mrs Cornett	Donated in thanksgiving of life and the life of the church
Vestry Carpet	Austin and Sadie Acheson	Austin's parents: Henry and Kathleen Acheson
Television for church hall	Mrs Florrie Hamilton	Donated in thanksgiving of life and the life of the church
Porch Table	Gerry and Lucy Donnelly	Walter & Violet Brock

Bowls

The bowling club has ended for the season and will re-commence in September.

Parish Website

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org

The web manager is Jenna Clarke.

Photos & articles etc. for the website to be emailed to Doreen Earls at Social Networking.

Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.

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It is good to see the brighter evenings at this time of the year. Maybe by the time you are reading this the days may be getting warmer. The farmers will be hoping for less rain after the wettest winter on record. Around the country there are signs of growth and new life emerging. In the fields there are plenty of new lambs. There has been a plentiful supply of daffodils in various shades of yellow and

white and the hedges have been getting greener. It's Easter time and we celebrate with joy the new life that emerged from the tomb when Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus has gloriously and powerfully risen and is alive today. All over the world lives are being changed as people are finding new life, hope and forgiveness as they meet with him and come to a living faith in him. The Easter message is something that should excite us and make us feel so privileged if we have grasped its truth and experienced him even in a small way. I hope that as we worship the risen Lord on Easter Day that we will know and love him more and want to reach out to others as did those early disciples who met him alive from the dead on that first Easter Day. Do we realise if we have met Jesus by faith and know his saving power that we have the best news that the world can ever hear.

As I write the Annual Easter Vestry has not taken place and we are also looking forward to the Holy Week services and Easter Day. We are looking forward to having Captain George Newell and his wife Eunice from Willowfield Parish in Belfast with us during Holy Week. Have a Happy Easter.

Baptism

On Sunday 23rd March we were delighted to welcome Tessa Anna who was brought to church to be baptised by her parents Peter and Heather Fivey. They have recently moved to live in the parish at 153 Church Hill Road. We are always glad to have a new family in our church and hope they will feel very welcome among us. Tessa has an older brother, Luke who will be 4 years old this summer. Our prayer is that these children will grow up to know and love Jesus.



Mothers Union Area Service

We are privileged to host the Mothers Union area service in Inishmacsaint on Friday 16th May at 8pm. The preacher at this service will be the

Revd Peter Bourke who is assistant minister in St Elizabeth's Church, Dundonald, Belfast. All ladies in the district are welcome.

Mothers Union and MWA Outing

The ladies are looking forward to their weekend in Waterford at the end of May (30th May-2nd June). We hope they have an enjoyable outing and that the weather will be favourable.

Appointment

We send our best wishes to Canon Arthur Barrett who will be leaving Rossorry to become Dean of Raphoe Cathedral. We wish him and his wife and family God's blessing in Co Donegal.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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'What's so Good about Good Friday?'

A very lovely little visitor to Kilskeery Parish Church (Jessica, grand-daughter of Bill and Winnie Wilson) asked the question – 'What's so good about Good Friday?'

Palm Sunday (the Sunday before Easter) is called this because crowds of people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem by waving palm branches. Maundy Thursday reminds us of Jesus' command to love other people. But what's so good about Good Friday?

Not much, it might seem. That was the day many people turned against Jesus, the Son of God, and put him to death. According to the Bible, the sky turned black and the earth shook when Jesus died.

Jesus knew this would happen. But he let himself be killed to make up for the wrong things everyone else had done.

He had told his friends that he would come alive again in three days. Death wasn't strong enough to hold him. And Jesus said that those who believed he was God's Son would never have to fear death either.

That really is good news!

Jesus said: '1 am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.' (John 11:25) Lord, it seems so strange to call a day like this Good Friday: so many lies, so much hate, so much pain, and yet through it all you went on loving: loving the liars, loving the haters, loving the people who gave you pain, with love so strong that nothing could overcome it. Thank you, Lord.

Mid-week Lenten Services

Our mid-week Lenten Services, with a 'Healing' theme were particularly well attended this year –

The Prose:

Whenever our security is in people or possessions, we may know a measure of happiness for a time, but not joy.

That precious spiritual gift is the result of experiencing a love that will never change, that not even our failures will diminish in the least degree and that will remain constant whatever people do or say to hurt us.

Where do you find a love like that? Only in Christ. And from that gracious love joy flows.

The Poetry:

He giveth more grace when burdens grow greater He sendeth more strength when the labours increase To added afflictions He addeth His mercies To multiplied trials His multiplied peace. When we have exhausted our store of endurance when our strength has failed ere the day is half done, When we reach the end of our hoarded resources Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limit, His grace has no measure His power no boundary known unto men For out of His infinite riches in Jesus He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

The Scripture:

Isaiah Ch. 49 Vs. 15 – 16 I will not forget you..... I have held you in the palm of my hand.

Sympathy

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Alison Fee's mum and we extend our deepest sympathy to Alison and all the family circle.

We continue to remember those in our parishes whose lives are saddened by the death of a relative or friend and all those who are ill at this time.

'But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ.'

Easter General Vestries

The AGM's took place on April 7th (Kilskeery) and 9th (Trillick).

In my address, I again thanked all those who help in any way for the valuable contributions they make to the life of our churches.

Our organists/musicians - Elizabeth, Wendy, Art & Choirs; outgoing Churchwardens - Adrian and Stanley (Kilskeery) - even though we went on to welcome them back on board for a further year! - and Wendy and Nigel (Trillick); Rector's Glebe Warden, Gwen (Kilskeery) and People's Glebe Warden, John who are happy to continue in post as are Tommy and David (Trillick); those who look after our churches and halls in a particular way; those on the cleaning rotas and flower rotas; those who give so much of their time in looking after our young people via, Sunday School, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade, Youth Club, Messy Kids - our newest venture; those whose interest is with our more senior parishioners -Kilskeery Senior Citizens Club, our Mothers' Union Group and our Bowling Club; our Select Vestries.

A 'Fund Raising' Committee was formed on the night in Kilskeery, with an open invitation to anyone in our congregation who would wish to become involved - this in addition to the recently formed 'Building' sub-committee - which has already carried out admirable 'water management' work on the spire and bell tower with plans for 'cosmetic repair' to church interior to enable painting over summer months. Extensive repairs to exterior (pointing) and interior (East Window, together with proposed lighting system - we have a very beautiful vaulted ceiling which is not shown to its best advantage

with our present lighting) remain and will require considerable funding!

April 17th was the completion date for 'Wee House' Trillick with sincere congratulations going to the Select Vestry for their vision and commitment to this outstanding project - a complete transformation guaranteeing many happy years for our growing Sunday School and enabling wide ranging Parish/ Community activities ahead.

This project is fully paid for but the necessary repairs to our church will, as with Kilskeery Church, require us too, to engage in fund-raising.

The following were appointed to serve on Kilskeery Select Vestry for the year 2014/15:

Rector's Church Warden: Adrian Irvine.

People's Church Warden: Stanley Hilliard.

Rector's Glebe Warden: Gwen Crozier.

People's Glebe Warden: John Armstrong.

In addition to the Church Wardens and Glebe Wardens the following were elected to serve on the Select Vestry: Herbert Gray, Harold McKinley, James Crozier, Winston Cluff, David Armstrong, George Lawder, Eric Hunter, Derek Edgar, Robert Armstrong, Christina Harris, Joyce McKinley and Sam Collins. Joyce and Adrian continue in their rolls of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

The following were elected Parochial Nominators:-Adrian Irvine, Gwen Crozier and Joyce McKinley with Supplemental Parochial Nominator Eric Hunter. Synod Members:- Adrian Irvine and Gwen Crozier with Supplemental Synod Member Eric Hunter.

The following were appointed to serve on Trillick Select Vestry for the year 2014/15:

Rector's Church Warden: Billy Funston.

People's Church Warden: Linda Brunt.

Rector's Glebe Warden: Thomas Farrell.

People's Glebe Warden: David Thompson.

In addition to the Church Wardens and Glebe Wardens the following were elected to serve on the Select Vestry: Wendy Keys, Nigel Farrell, May Kee, John Bleakley, Roger Funston, John Knox,

William Magee, Norman Kee, Helena Thompson, Pauline Farrell, Joan McAuley and Robin Clements. The following were elected Parochial Nominators:-Billy Funston with Supplemental Parochial Nominator Norman Kee.

Synod Member:- John Bleakley with Supplemental Synod Member John Knox.

May and John continue in their rolls of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

I wish the newly elected officers well and hope this will be an

enjoyable and successful year for them all.

Kilskeery Senior Citizens Club

Kilskeery Senior Citizens Club enjoyed a five-week Cookery Demo/Tasting Course (ARC Healthy Living), and looks forward to their first outing of the year with a trip to Lisburn on May 20th.

The Hall continues to open on every Tuesday from 2 – 4.00pm for Boccia/New Age Curling.

Mothers' Union

Our Service on Mothering Sunday was a Family/All Age Worship Service (prepared, this year by Mothers' Union). Children and young people distributed daffodils to members of the congregation while accepting donations to help Marie Curie Cancer Care in their work with cancer patients and their families, raising the wonderful sum of £230 - an excellent amount considering that the time change meant a number of folk not making it to church! Sincere thanks and warmest congratulations to all!

Members look forward to attending at the Area Service in Aghavea Parish Church in May and to their visit to Cleenish Parish Church Flower Festival and Exhibition in June.

Primary School/Community Defibrillator

We continued, via our Mid-week Lenten/Holy Week Services, to raise funds for QEII Primary School/Community Defibrillator – these monies to be presented at a later date.

Final Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation takes place on June 8th in Kilskeery Parish Church. Additional preparation sessions for those hoping to be Confirmed will take place on Wednesday, May 14th, 21st, 28th and June 4th.

Sincere thanks to Parents, Carers and Sunday School Teachers who have done and are doing the 'groundwork' here!

We ask God to continue to hold all our young people in his love.

Girls' Brigade



Girls' Brigade held their Annual Dinner/Display on March 21st.



Boys' Brigade



Boys' Brigade their Parents' Night/Display on March 28th.





Messy Kids

Messy Kids held an Easter Eggstravaganza on April 12th – see our pics!









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The Police Male Voice Choir

The Police Male Voice Choir in Concert on Friday 28th March was a great success. The audience who came from Lisbellaw and beyond found it a most enjo0yable and entertaining event. There truly was something for everyone. Our thanks to Mr Loftus Irwin for his work in coordinating this concert.

Confirmation

Sunday 22nd June at 11.00am.

World War 1 Commemoration Weekend 1st-4th August

The Parish is planning a special weekend of commemoration and reflection to mark the centenary of the outbreak of war. We hope to have displays relating to military and local history, and special services and events. We would like to hear from anyone who has any photographs or memorabilia from the War, or about village life 100 years ago.

We also want to thank those who participated in the WW1 Show and Tell on Saturday 1st March, whether by providing displays of memorabilia or by simply turning up with memories or items of interest.

The parish's commemoration is focused on this weekend 1st-4th August and will finish with an evening service on Monday 4th August, exactly one hundred years after war was declared.

On the move

I have been appointed Rector of the Cathedral Church of Christ the Redeemer, Dromore in the Diocese of Down and Dromore, and after almost nine years in Lisbellaw it will be with great sadness that we move in a few months' time. Please pray for us as we move, as we pray for you during your time of vacancy.

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Services for May

Sunday 4th
11.30am – Holy Communion
Sunday 11th
11.30am – Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th
11.30am – Morning Prayer
Sunday 25th
11.30am - Morning Prayer

(Retiring collection for Christian Children's Charities)

Holy Baptism

Sunday 13th April Leah Amanda Agnew, Kingstown, Lisnaskea. Daughter to Gary & Amanda.

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday was marked this year with a special service prepared by Mothers' Union. (Mary Sumner House) Members of the congregation did the readings

and prayers and the children handed out lovely potted plants to all theladies before leaving for Children's church. Thank you to everyone who helped organise this.

Mothers' Union

At our April meeting members brought in a large selection of stamps, hand knit and hand crocheted rugs and their missionary boxes. A good amount of money was raised for the overseas fund from the sale of rugs to non-members for Christmas presents which was greatly appreciated. Many thanks to all who bought the "Women of the Bible" quiz sheets, proceeds of which also went to the overseas fund. The winner was Mrs Iris Acheson, Brookeborough and 2nd prize was given to Mrs Florence McMullan Lisnaskea, who kindly returned her £10 winnings to the missionary funds. Plans were made for members to attend the area service in May and it is hoped we will attend the flower festival in Cleenish in June as our annual outing. Mrs Elizabeth Laird, daughter of our former branch leader sent us some lovely photographs of her mother, Mrs Winnie Morton and other members at our annual dinner held in the Donn Carragh Hotel in March.



Confirmation

On Sunday 6th April nine of our young people were presented to the Bishop for confirmation. There was a large crowd of family and friends present to support these young people and everyone enjoyed a very informal address given by the Bishop.

Palm Sunday

There was a large crowd in church for this family service which also included the christening of baby Leah. The choir sang a beautiful piece entitled "From the squalor of a borrowed stable" while Children's Church did the readings and prayers and sang two lovely pieces. Some members of Youth Fellowship performed a short sketch "The real meaning of Easter", while Revd Capper gave the address.

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There are two main events happening in Magheracross during May. The first will be the visit of Bishop Sylvestre Bahati from Bukavu Diocese in Congo. The bishop is visiting Northern Ireland as part of the CMSI 200th Anniversary celebrations. He will be preaching in Magheracross parish Church on the morning of May 11th and in Ballinamallard Methodist Church that same evening (7pm) when all those with an interest in the work of CMSI or bishop Bahati's ministry in Congo are welcome to come along. As part of the fund-raising for the visit and the visits of the many other delegates, CMSI staff, Trustees (including our rector) and supporters will be taking part in the Belfast Marathon Walk on May 5th.

Mother and Toddlers Coffee Morning







Confirmation

Confirmation will be held in the parish on May 18th at 11am and we look forward to supporting 16 young people in their commitment of faith. They are Alex Armstrong, Jamie Armstrong, Sarah Beatty, Louise Browne, Joshua Brownlee, Holly Forster, Denise Fulton, Stephen Graham, Alex Holder, Danielle McKinney, Emily Millar, Becky Palmer, Adam Scott, Bethan Seymour, Katie Thompson, Dale Wallace. Ballinamallard Festival begins on Saturday May 31st.

Baptism

We welcome two new infants through baptism. These are Scarlett Anderson, daughter of Craig and Emma and sister of Brooke, Tyler and Halle (March 30th, Mothering Sunday) and Robert Benson, son of Paul and Sarah Benson and brother of Tory.

Congratulations

We congratulate Marc Johnston and Lynne Ford on their marriage in St Macartin's Cathedral on April 19th.

Magheraculmoney



Regular Events

Healing Prayer every Friday evening 7.30-8.30pm **Prayer for the Youth** every Tuesday evening 7.00-8.00pm, Fountain Centre

Revival Prayer every Monday, 8.00pm

Provision Prayer Tuesday mornings at 9.00am praying into the process of envisioning the parish.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 9.30–11.00am

Children's Church during 11.00am service for children 3-14 years. Can I encourage all parents to ensure their children are at the 11am service to be part of children's church. We simply want to help you to keep the promises that you made before the church and before God when your child was baptised.

Ardess Little Lambs Mother & Toddler Group Mondays 10 – 12 noon. During school terms time.

Christian Book Exchange – in Parish Centre after 11.00am service every 1st Sunday.

Pick up a book or books free of charge.

Friends in the Afternoon – 13th May @ 2pm Kindfund - Phil Crook. Outing 7th June £7 to Cleenish Church Flower festival.

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.

New Wine Sligo 6th - 11th July. Great week to suit EVERYONE. Get booking!!

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 7.00-9.00pm £1 entry fee. Years 4 and upwards 9.00-11.00pm £1 entry.

CONNECT (Fountain Youth Fellowship) Sunday nights 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.

Rural Deanery Easter Praise

The Rural deanery came together for a special service of readings and songs for Easter on Palm Sunday evening the 13th April @ 7pm in Irvinestown parish church. It was a wonderful evening of traditional and contemporary music led by the Colaghty group "Committed" and the combined choirs of the deanery were also singing. Young people from the various parishes read the Easter story from Palm Sunday through to the start of the events of Good Friday. It was great to see Irvinestown parish church well filled for the occasion and it is something that I hope we will see more of in the future.

Registers

Baptisms

13 April 2014 Harvey Milligan daughter of Ruth Lafferty and Ryan Milligan of 18 Castle Manor Kesh

Weddings

Miss Louise Davis, 48 Main Street Lack and Mr Rodney Elliott, 62 Ferney Road Dromore married on 22 March 2014.

Burials

We extend our sympathy to the family circles of:-**Melia Rose Noble** - Stillborn, 11 Aghrainey Road, Kesh12th March 2014

Eva Eleanor Elliott, 46 Crillan Road, 27th March 2014 **Richard James Armstrong**, 135 Drumlish Road, Dromore, 6th April 2014

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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Parish Register

Baptisms Christ Church, Maguiresbridge

5th April 2015 Rhys Samuel Johnson, 19 Station Park, Maguiresbridge

12th April 2014 Louie Martin McManus, 24 Carnwood, Lisnaskea

It is always a great privilege to baptise young people and as a result of baptism they become children of God, members of Christ and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven. We welcome both Samuel and Louie into the Church and as they step out on their Christian life.

Palm Sunday

The past few weeks have been busy with the midweek services for Lent and Holy Week. On Palm Sunday we had a united service in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge in the morning and there was a good attendance and the young people led their part of the service very well indeed. I would like to thank all those who made the service such a success. After the service there was a soup lunch. The money raised for this was split between Mothers' Union and Christian Aid. I would like to thanks all those who prepared/served the food and tidied up afterwards.

Evening of Favourite Hymns

In the evening time we sung our hearts out and it was good to see those who attended our evening of hymns. We had a large selection of hymns that people had picked and it is interesting to see hymns that are favourites. I would like to thank the organists and choir members for leading the singing and again everyone seemed to enjoy the night.

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11th May Third Sunday of Easter

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer **18th May Fourth Sunday of Easter** St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

25th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Baptism Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

1st June Sixth Sunday of Easter

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Baptism & Holy Communion Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union had a very successful visitor's night on Tuesday 1st April the guest speaker was Ms Joanne Master from Crosslinks. She gave a very interesting & informative talk on her work with the Muslim Community in Northern Ireland. The evening concluded with refreshments & fellowship.

Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group met on Tuesday 18th March in the hall with a beauty night by Freckles. Their AGM will take place at the end of April and we will give details of Officers in the next issue.

Condolences

We offer prayerful sympathy to Mr Brian Ebbs and family on the death of his mother, Mrs Marilyn Lambe and Family on the death of her mother and Mrs Hilary Workman and family on the death of her uncle. Please remember them and all who have recently suffered bereavement in prayer.

Holy Baptism

Holy Baptism on Sunday 23rd March Harriet Isabel, daughter of Wayne and Roberta Gray. We welcome Harriet into our church family, please remember her and all those who care for her in your prayers.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Malachy and Julie Smyth on the birth of their daughter Naomi Elma, Ashley & Diane Berry on the birth of their son Max William and Michael and Rachael O'Donnell on the birth of their daughter Lydia Grace.

Illness

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

St Patrick's Day Sponsored Walk

St Patrick's Day Sponsored Walk commenced with a service in St Salvator's Church, Glaslough followed by a walk in the estate. There was a good attendance with a number from our group taking part.

Girls' Brigade Display

The Girls' Brigade Display was held in St Patrick's Hall on Wednesday 19th March. We congratulate the members on their performance. We express grateful thanks to the Captain and her Officers on the completion of another successful year.

Lenten Prayer

Lenten Prayer Study & Communion Services were held on Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings throughout lent respectively.

Rossorry

Vacant

During the vacancy the Revd Canon David Skuce, Rural Dean, is in charge, and the Revd Canon Desmond Kingston is providing priestly cover, along with Mrs Sue Hogg and Mrs Joan Nelson, Diocesan Pastoral Assistants, providing pastoral cover.

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Easter General Vestry

This year the Easter General Vestry took place in Church after the 11am Service on 6th April. A large attendance heard the Treasurer's Report and the Rector's Report while the votes were counted for a new Select Vestry, Synod Members, Parochial Nominators and Supplementalists.

As this was the Rector's last General Vestry in Rossorry, he took the opportunity to speak on the growth and the exciting plans for the Parish, which he had witnessed during his time in Fermanagh.

Confirmation

Confirmation this year takes place in Rossorry on Sunday 11th May. We look forward to welcoming the Bishop back to Rossorry to confirm our young people, ably prepared for Confirmation by Canon Barrett (now Dean Barrett of Raphoe), Chris Burke, Nick Hambly and Rachel Lucy, during the winter and spring. This

year's Candidates are: Charles Armstrong, Richard Armstrong, Rhys Baker, Emma Coalter, Rose-Anna Daley, Klóe Gault and Jenna Wilson.

Brownies

The Brownies Movement is celebrating 100 years in existence this year. Rossorry Brownies joined enthusiastically in the worldwide celebrations with a party. They designed and made a badge to celebrate this auspicious event.



Rossorry Brownies celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Brownie Movement"

Parish Register

Baptism

13th April 2014 Louis James McGuinness, son of Lynn Johnston and Brian McGuinness

Burial

14th April 2014 William Thomas Ivan Saunderson

Tempo and Clabby



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Baptism

23rd March 2014 Darcie Belle McCutcheon daughter of Alan & Diane McCutcheon, Ramalia Road, Clabby.

13th March 2014 Isabelle Lucy McDowell, daughter of John & Linda McDowell, Clabby Road, Tempo. Private Baptism

13th March 2014 Thomas Stephen Suttle son of Ryan Suttle & Caroline Moan Camgart Road, Clabby

Restoration Fund

The Rector and Select Vestry gratefully acknowledge the sum of £1961.34 in lieu of flowers in memory of the late

Mr Harry McCutcheon towards Clabby Parish Church Restoration Fund from all his friends, family and associates. Thank you to everyone who took part in the recent Tractor Run organised by Mr & Mrs B. Gardiner the total raised was £2045.73. Also thank you to all who took part in the Fun Run/Walk the runners came from a number of running clubs and from across the border in Co. Monaghan. The amount raised after expenses was £700.00. This event was organised by Mr Colin Stronge & Mr Alan Robinson. A special word of thanks to all who distributed posters for these events and helped on the day.

The next planned fundraising events for the restoration fund will be:-

The Annual Garden Fete and Fun Day at Clabby Church Hall on Saturday 7th June

Barbecue on 27th June at Clabby Church Hall.

MU Diary

16th May 2014 Mothers' Union Area Service Aghavea Parish Church 8pm.

Resurrection

The days and weeks after Jesus resurrection were precious and special time for Jesus and the disciples. It was a time of preparation for them for the very important work they would be empowered and commissioned to do after his Ascension.

Jesus told them that they were to be his witnesses, that they would receive the Holy Spirit to enable them to his work of making new disciples. They would go out and tell others. If we read the end of Matthew or Luke's gospels these same ideas are expressed in different styles of language.

Today if we claim to be his followers then we too are called to the same task and given the same power. We don't need to go away as the disciples did, just come as we are and let God do the rest. Our homes, school, workplace, our community and Church are places where we can live out the Christian faith and tell others about Jesus.

SNATCH

A very big thank you to Gary and Lyndsey McMurray for organising the Praise Party on Palm Sunday. It was greatly appreciated by those who attended. Thank you to all the young people who participated in the event. We in Clabby appreciate the welcome given to our young people since they joined in September. Thank you to all the leaders at SNATCH who give up their Sunday evening for the young people.

Trory and Killadeas



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Dear Parishioners,

Sunday 25th May this year is known in the Church calendar as Rogation Sunday. We have all probably heard of Rogation Sunday but it's meaning has become a little lost. Rogation and Rogationtide are the days before the Ascension Day on Thursday 29th May. In these days we are called to pray (The word to pray in Latin is Rogare) for the Harvest. Sometimes Rogation Sunday is called soil Sunday and it is a day to remember our stewardship of the land.

May is my favourite month. It's a month of promise of summer, of winter gone and cattle back in the fields. Nature is in its glory and the young of wild animals born in the spring begin to make their first appearances. When we look at the fields that surround us we need to remember that we share them with a diversity of wildlife. From the bees that pollinate our food plants to the hawk that survives on the small wildlife in the hedgerow. Some years ago we poisoned our environment with chemicals and the food chain was corrupted. The young of animals carried toxins from the food they received and we faced an environmental crisis.

Rogation Sunday was also a day that the clergy and parishioners walked around the boundaries of the Parish known as "Beating the Bounds". It was a way of defining what area each parish had in its benefice. Today, I see a new need for rogation in that we are called to pray for local industry, local farms and local enterprise in the parish. A need to pray for our custody of our parish, world and the legacy of a vibrant planet to our children's children.

Confirmation

Confirmation is on Sunday 1st June at 3.00pm in Trory Parish Church. Please note that the morning service in Trory is cancelled on this Sunday. A service of Holy Communion will be celebrated for the group in Killadeas Priory Church at 10.00am The Confirmation candidates will be confirmed and admitted to the Holy Communion at the 3.00pm service.

Other Parish Events

Saturday 10th May 10.00am -12.30pm Coffee Morning and Cake sale in aid of Trory LOL 647 in the School House.

Friday 30th May at 8.00pm Trory Parish Barbeque in Ballinamallard Football Club.

Killadeas Priory Church

The Select Vestry have authorised a professional survey of the Priory and issues such as ventilation and the effects of moisture on the church fabric. The tower has problems of water ingress and moisture affecting the structure. It is hoped that we will be able to sort problems at this early stage with a stitch in time saving the proverbial nine.

Easter Dawn Service







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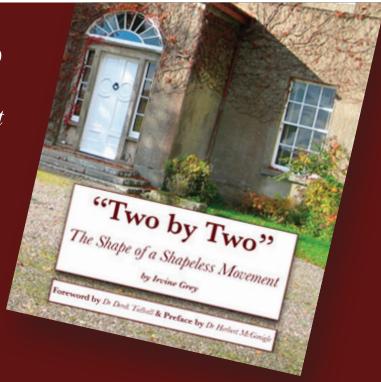
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Supporting pupils who wish to attend, or are already attending the School. Significant support is paid out from this Fund each year.

THE KHPPU BURSARY FUND

The KHPPU Bursary Fund is designed to provide additional financial assistance and support to those at the School who are experiencing financial difficulty.

SIBLING DISCOUNTS

Reduced fees for 2nd and subsequent siblings.

For bursary & application enquiries and further information - in complete confidence - please contact 01 643 6564 or email: enquiries@kingshospital.ie | www.kingshospital.ie "The King's Hospital - A school and a way of life"

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'FRAGRANCES OF KENYA"

Mini Flower Festival

with tea, coffee, refreshments and musical entertainment in the home of Glenn & Adele Moore, Manoo, Kesh on Saturday 31st May from 10am -5pm & Sunday 1st June from 2pm - 5.30pm. Floral arrangements will be awarded as prizes after the event. Everyone Welcome



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