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Bottom Left - Revd Ngozi at the bog during the summer.

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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Friends,

First, I hope you have had a good summer, whatever that has meant for you - whether you have been toiling away on the farm or sunning yourself at home or abroad. Perhaps both. Among other things Mary, Dorothy and I enjoyed a week in Northern Italy at the beginning of July - a few days in Milan and a couple of days in a

seaside resort called Diano Marina. I could go in to great detail about living the *dolce vita* in Milan or about the comfort of swimming in the Mediterranean rather than in the Atlantic at Portstewart. But of all the sights that we saw the most impressive and puzzling can be put quite simply - how do Italian drivers get Fiat 500s to go that fast? Answers on a postcard....

Secondly, you will see a little further on in the magazine a rather long contribution from me about the centenary of the outbreak of World War One. There has been an immense number of books, articles and events around this subject and it was a great privilege to take part in a number of these commemorations myself as no doubt many of you have also.

You would have thought that one of the starkest lessons to be learnt from the history of the twentieth century would be that violence always begets more violence. Yet we are less than two decades into the twenty-first century and (to name but one region) the Middle East is more or less on fire.

And it is relation to one aspect of that region that I wish to devote the rest of this letter. Leaving out the fighting in Gaza to one side for the minute, some commentators have talked about the conflict in many Middle Eastern countries as being between two different understandings of Islam, Shia versus Sunni. I think it is more accurate to say that the tension is between a particularly extreme form of belief (Wahabism) which most Moslems themselves would shun, and Shia. It is without doubt a very serious international crisis which could have repercussions for people all over the world. But some of the chief casualties in the wars have been the ancient Christian communities of the region, especially in Iraq. There the largest Christian City (Qaraqosh) has fallen to Islamic jihadists which has caused 50,000 residents to abandon their homes. Before Qaraqosh fell half a million Christians had already been driven out of Mosul, Iraq's second largest city. Many were robbed and their churches have been desecrated by their tormentors.

Any Christians remaining were offered the alternatives of converting to Islam, paying a tax that includes handing over female family members, or beheading.

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Houses where Christians live and churches have been painted with the letter "N" to indicate "Nazerene", a common word for Christian.

It is believed that St. Patrick's strong helper Macartan brought Christianity to this part of the world in the fifth century. The Christians of Iraq have been practising our faith since the time of the apostles. Two of the Christian traditions in Iraq, Chaldean and Assyrian still use a language almost exactly the same as that spoken by Jesus in their liturgies. There are eight million, mostly Coptic, Christians still living in Egypt even though large numbers have felt it prudent to emigrate. This is also true of Syria, the country where the followers of Jesus were first called "Christian". In Lebanon Christians once formed the majority of the population. Now they are fewer than one third.

These believers look different from us and worship differently from us. Nevertheless they have provided a remarkable witness to Jesus Christ throughout the entire history of Christianity and often in very dangerous circumstances. They have a call upon our help. We have a calling to help them in whatever way we can.

When St. Paul was tramping around the Mediterranean world and writing his letters about theology which we find so difficult to understand, he had also set himself another goal; to make a collection for the poor Church in Jerusalem. We still have no real idea about why the church in that city was chronically poor and had so many members which it couldn't provide for. However we do know that they were very vulnerable and in fact had to flee Jerusalem for a time following the uproar that led to the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

St. Paul attached great importance to this collection of money. It was as an integral part of his mission as an apostle and herald of Jesus Christ and he was prepared to risk his life for it. The word he uses in connection with it means "fellowship" or more accurately "communion". It was the way that other believers could be with their suffering brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

We don't know how much he raised. In some places it can't have been much because there were many poor churches, for instances in places like Macedonia. We are not a poor church nor are we for the most part poor people.

In the light of these tragedies I am asking parishes in the diocese to consider having special collections or events in September and October to raise aid for Christians in Iraq. The money raised will be channelled to the Anglican Church in Baghdad via the Bishop's Appeal of the Church of Ireland and can be transferred through the Diocesan Office.

+John

Sermon by Bishop McDowell at the Commemoration of the Outbreak of World War One

Preached at St Macartin's Cathedral
Enniskillen on Sunday 3rd August 2014

Jesus said "... if you, even you had known on this day what would bring you peace, but now it is hidden from your eyes"

It took a long time (almost thirty years) before the dreadful accuracy of Jesus' prediction came to pass. He could see it coming and for a long time thought that it was avoidable, but by the time of this saying he had given up hope. Israel was headed for destruction at the hands of the Roman Legions and nothing could save her.

And sure enough, in the war which he had predicted and which also lasted for four years between the years 66-70 AD, Israel was totally obliterated and its people scattered to the four corners of the earth, never to find a homeland again until the establishment of the modern State of Israel in 1947. Vespasian and his son Titus had been the agents of God's judgement on his stiff necked people once again. We are still living with the consequences of that defeat in the Middle East today. There were some in the Europe of the early nineteen hundreds who similarly could see an approaching conflict but they were very few in number and no one listened to them. And even they had very little premonition of the scale of the conflict which they foresaw or of the colossal damage that it would inflict. Just as in Israel in Jesus' time, we are usually blind to war until it visits us. And the Great War marked the beginning of the end of Christendom as surely as the Jewish War of the first century had obliterated the nation of Israel.

It is very difficult for us to imagine what was in the minds of people in August 1914. There had been a long peace. Britain had not fought a major war in Europe since the Crimea in the 1850s. Germany's most recent act of armed aggression had been to humiliate France in 1870 when the nature of battle had not changed dramatically since another French Army had been defeated by Wellington at Waterloo in 1815.

German culture and technological achievements were greatly admired in the United Kingdom in the years leading up to 1914. The King and the Kaiser were first cousins and many British politicians and political commentators were envious of the levels of democracy and social provision (old age pensions for instance) which had been operating in Germany for many years. There had been a certain amount of apprehension about the personality of the Kaiser, particularly his impetuosity and his reliance on the Prussian Junker caste, but it was assumed that the sophisticated German political system was more than able to cope with any difficulties in the House of Hohenzollern. The same mistake was made thirty years later with the little Bavarian corporal.

In addition very few people really understood just how decrepit the 900 year old Austro-Hungarian Empire really was. It was assumed to be the great steadying counterweight in Central Europe, but in the end it took only a few pistol shots fired by an eighteen year old Bosnian-Serb nationalist called Gavrilo Prinzip for the whole edifice to develop a crack, which in a few months ran through the whole fabric of the empire and destroyed the House of Habsburg once and for all.

Most people simply didn't see the First World War coming (at least until events changed rapidly towards the end of July 1914), and even now, a hundred years later, historians cannot agree on why it happened. Although the most important recent academic book on how the war happened is tellingly called "Sleepwalkers". What everyone can agree on is that the Great War had a unique impact on the lives of many millions of people and that its effects are still being felt today.

This is particularly true of this island because the ideas and events which led to the creation of the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland (you might say the creation of two Irelands) were greatly affected by the war and its outcomes. In Ireland we are perhaps the only country in Europe still arguing about the same subjects that we did in 1914.

But in August 1914 nobody knew what to expect and there were very few people who could have imagined what a huge difference the technological and managerial advances made since the 1860s would mean in terms of the greatly increased ability of armies to kill one another at long range and in large numbers. It was to be the world's first experience of mass mobilisation and mass killing. It is also the first war after which there was and continues to be mass remembrance.

If you were to read the reports in the main Irish newspapers at the end of July 1914 the situation in Europe seemed much less important than the recent Howth gun running and the shooting of some of those for whom the guns were intended as they carried them home through Bachelor's Walk in Dublin.

As in the rest of Britain people in Ireland only began to realise what was happening over the Bank Holiday weekend ending on Monday 3rd August. There is no evidence of an expectation that war was likely and certainly there was not a desire for war amongst any section of the population in Ireland. All the evidence suggests that the majority of British and Irish people hoped that war would be avoided.

Tuesday 4th August was a momentous day therefore and took people, if not by surprise, at least at a loss how to react. However one peculiarity of the situation in Ireland as distinct from the rest of Britain was that war abroad meant peace at home. There had been mounting concern that the passage of the Third Home Rule Bill would lead to civil war between the Ulster Volunteers and the Irish Volunteers or between either of them or both of them with the British Government. In that sense the declaration of war was greeted with a (very short lived) sense of relief.

As in the rest of the UK the war caused immediate changes. Soldiers were sent to guard coastal areas, and towns and bridges were put under police guard.

The army commandeered football and cricket pitches. Perhaps the most visible evidence of war was that within three weeks 40,000 troops who had been stationed in Ireland left for England or the Continent.

And they got a rousing send off at every place of embarkation. In Dundalk for instance they were conducted to the train station by the nationalist Emmett Silver Band wishing them well and at the North Wall in Dublin the band played and the largely nationalist crowd sang "God save the King".

But what did individuals think about the war ahead?

At the minute I am in the process of carrying out some research to enable me to write an introduction to a series of letters written by a young man from near Lisbellaw who joined the Army in December 1916 fighting with the Inniskilling Fusiliers with whom he survived the "big push" of the Battle of Messines on 7th July 1917 completely unscathed, only to be killed a month later at the third Battle of Ypres sometimes known as Paschendale.

In all of those fifty three letters he never explicitly speaks about his motivation for enlisting but reading between the lines it is possible I think to detect a simple sense of duty perhaps mixed with a young man's eagerness to experience something more of life than he could hope to get working as he did in the Office of the Irish Land Commission in Dublin.

The Great War is sometimes called the war of Big Words - King, Country, Democracy, Civilisation, (the Victory Medal issued to all British servicemen is inscribed with the words "The Great War for Civilisation 1914-1919"). It is sometimes tempting to think that these were just politicians slogans to encourage recruitment but historians have unearthed a good deal of evidence to suggest that the treatment of Belgium and Serbia and other small nations by Germany did outrage many ordinary people in Ireland and that many people of very diverse political persuasions had a much more positive view of the role of the British Empire than has been subsequently maintained. In other words, they did volunteer to protect those virtues as they understood and experienced them in their villages and towns and cities.

And it is important to remember that all of those who enlisted in Ireland during the course of the war (approximately 210,000 men) were volunteers because it had been politically impossible to include Ireland in the Conscription Act. They fought because they felt they had a reason to fight.

Then of course there were the professional soldiers, those Irishmen already in the Army. At the time of the Home Rule Crisis in 1912 it was estimated that the Irish made up about thirty percent of the private soldiers in the Regular Army.

My own grandfather and three of his brothers had joined the Royal Irish Rifles as private soldiers in 1912 (ie two years before the outbreak of war) and fought with the British Expeditionary Force at the retreat from Mons. Talking to him in later life it was obvious that he and his professional colleagues had no idea either what to expect from the war. Among his colleagues there were some who had fought in the Boer War (which was a completely different kind of conflict) and even few senior officers who (like corporal Jones in

Dad's Army) had fought against the Fuzzy-Wuzzies at Omdurman in the Sudanese War. But nothing had prepared them for what they were to encounter in Flanders or in Suvla Bay.

However I have often wondered whether the most common way that soldiers stayed sane throughout and after the war was simply to box it off or shut it up in a separate compartment of their inner lives. Today it would be called a "coping strategy" and I suspect would be frowned upon by professional psychologists. It is of course very difficult to prove anything from silence. It is a bit of a cliché, but many veterans didn't talk about the war and those who did were usually the professional poets and writers who were often violently opposed to war. But there is one very famous literary figure from Northern Ireland who fought in the war and who did make references here and there in his writings and letters to his experience of it and his way of coping with those experiences.

In the early years of the war C S Lewis was not old enough to join up. He spent those years being privately educated at the home of another Ulsterman, (W T Kirkpatrick) at his home in Great Bookham in Surrey. On certain nights in 1916 he said he "could hear the mutter and grumble of the distant guns in France."

Though he could have avoided military service entirely, after a period of indecision Lewis decided to join up. Having crossed that important threshold, he then proceeded to segregate his mind from thinking about the war to such an extent that he later remarked that some people would likely think it "shameful." In his words, war and country "may have my body, but not my mind. I will take part in battles, but not read about them." (Surprised By Joy p58)

Lewis later traveled to Oxford to begin study to become a scholar. He had been there less than a term when his enlistment papers came through and he officially entered the army. He did not leave Oxford, but joined a cadet battalion stationed at Keble College. There he made the acquaintance of a number of aspiring scholar-warriors, including Paddy Moore, whose mother later played such a long and important role in Lewis's life. It is also notable that of the five friends who left Keble for war, he alone survived. After a brief period of training, Lewis was promoted to second lieutenant and attached to the Somerset Light Infantry.

Lewis arrived on the front lines in France on his nineteenth birthday in November 1917. While he would remember portions of the next five months fondly at times, over all they proved to be one of the worst periods of his life. He later remarked that though he understood that war was sometimes a necessity, he would rather die than live through another. Here too, he continued to demonstrate the remarkable ability to split off his mind and imagination from the horrors surrounding him. While facing carnage and death on an almost daily basis, somehow he seemed to be able to dwell more on what he was reading and on the various poems that would later be published as a book called "Spirits in Bondage". In that sense he was rather like the future Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan who carried a copy of the poems of Horace in his tunic throughout the war.

However in stark contrast to his still reading and writing in the trenches, Lewis also experienced the awful reality that was World War I. He described "the frights, the cold, the smell of H.E. [high explosive], the horribly smashed men still moving like half crushed beetles, the sitting or standing corpses, the landscape of sheer earth without a blade of grass, the boots worn day and night till they seemed to grow to your feet." He seems, though, to have dealt with this by withdrawing further into the shell provided by his active imagination and the literature he still managed to feed it. He observed that the reality of the war "shows rarely and faintly in memory. It is too cut off from the rest of my experience and often seems to have happened to someone else. It is even in a way unimportant. One imaginative moment [that of hearing his first bullet] seems now to matter more than the realities that followed." (SBJ196) During his time at the front, he acquitted himself well; he was even decorated for taking a large contingent of German soldiers prisoner. Or as he modestly described it in his own words "I was relieved to see that the group of sixty men in field grey uniforms approaching me on the road all had their hands up."

During the winter Lewis spent a month in hospital recovering from a bout with "Trench Fever," but he had returned to his unit in time to face the massive German offensive in France in the spring of 1918. Near Mt. Bernenchon in April, as Lewis led his men forward, British shells fell amongst his troops, obliterating a respected sergeant named Harry Ayres and seriously wounding Lewis. Lewis managed to drag himself back towards friendly lines where a stretcher crew picked him up. He was eventually transported to a series of hospitals in the rear. The war ended before he had recovered sufficiently to take the field again, and he returned to Oxford to continue his studies.

Lewis was by any standards a very remarkable person and he had a very special ability to describe his inner life, but I can't help thinking that his way of dealing with the war was a very common one.

And what of the role and place of religion or of the Churches in the outbreak of the Great War? If anything the spiritual side of history is even more difficult to trace than the political or economic or diplomatic sides. But I am inclined to believe that there was a connection.

It is probably salutary for us to remember that the main protagonists in the Great War - Britain and Germany - were the two European nations most shaped by the Reformation.

For about a hundred or so years leading up to the war the theologians and eventually the Churches (especially the big National Protestant Churches as in England and Germany) began to think about God and to talk about God in new and different ways.

New ways of studying the Bible had been developed and new sciences like Archaeology were beginning to make an impact on how people thought about and understood the ancient world. There was a great deal that was positive about these developments. The world in which Jesus had lived became much more solid and historical, and the personality of Jesus became much more human and real.

But there was a price to pay for this. As Jesus human personality filled out, his divinity (his God-likeness) faded into the background and was fatally undermined. As the Churches came to understand him more profoundly as a man, they fell into the trap, almost inadvertently, of forgetting that he was also God - the express image of the Father.

As Christians came to understand Jesus place as a prophet and miracle worker in a long line of such prophets and miracle workers in Israel, they slowly and imperceptibly began to forget that the Church of the New Testament - the apostolic Church - did not worship the historical Jesus; they worshipped the Glorified Christ, sitting at the Father's right hand, and who would come again to Judge the living and the dead.

The Church began to idolise the God of the manger - the helpless and appealing infant - and forgot that in the New Testament and in the apostolic Church the emphasis was not on the manger but on the Cross and that it was through suffering that the Son of Man was made perfect and satisfied the will of the Father. The Churches began to set their compass by the wrong bearing and that led them to misunderstand and to misrepresent the personality of God.

There was an almost exclusive emphasis on the love of God, which is as it should be, but it was forgotten that his love was an attribute of his holiness and his sovereignty. That because his love was infinite so were his demands.

In the decades leading up to the war the main Churches cultivated a very refined spirituality and placed great value on beautiful liturgies and on the value of religious experience. But the Church's mission is not to promote refined religious experiences or to help people to be lost in God - it's vocation is to proclaim that they may be saved through Christ. The Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man are not possible without first passing through the judgement seat of the Cross.

In the century leading up to 1914 the Protestant Churches had domesticated God and thought they had harnessed him to their purposes. He had become their asset and their patron rather than their Judge. We wanted him to be our helper and assist us in our national plans; but he wanted to be our Redeemer and to change us utterly. By 1914 it seemed that God's chief end was man and not the other way round as it should have been.

As a result the Churches cultivated an exaggerated confidence in man's power to redeem himself and to build a perfect nation. And in those days the spirit of a nation was very often close to the spirit of the National Church. In the Edwardian era, Christianity had become like a warm bath or a cosy chat by the fireside. It had ceased to be the passage from death into life. The note of life long penitence had been lost and the Church had simply nothing to say to those who asked "Where is God in all this"?

The First World War was so tragic because of the genial optimism of so many of the young men and women who entered it with high hopes of saving Christian civilisation. It is for that reason that the war was the end of faith for so many who had been brought up

with a benign view of the world's wickedness and the wickedness that lies in the human heart.

The Great War was the apocalypse (that is the unveiling) of evil and for four years all the genius of man was directed towards ever more efficient ways of killing and maiming one another.

It is a wonder that anyone who witnessed it survived in good mental never mind physical health but many did. The Great War was a unique trial for a whole generation in this country and in much of the world. They were the first to experience death on an industrial scale over many years of fighting. Each of them, whether they fell in battle or were wounded or simply survived, deserves to be remembered because they had to face into a holocaust which the world had never before experienced. And it is by the grace of God that the privilege of remembering rather than the duty of fighting falls to us.

Tonight has been our opportunity to reflect, in the presence of God, about the many hundreds of thousands of men and women who found themselves on the brink of and then involved in war. I hope that what I have said helps in some small way to provide some outline of an historical and spiritual context for that reflection.

Perhaps the only thing more sorrowful than the thought of those young men and women going almost blindfolded into the confusion and cruelty of

a mechanised war is the thought of the burden borne by the survivors of it. Perhaps in 2018 we will have another opportunity to reflect more fully on that. But in anticipation of that opportunity I want to finish tonight with some words written by a veteran from Enniskillen. He was not a great writer like CS Lewis or an important public person. He was an ordinary working man who wrote to the Fermanagh Times on 17th November 1938 a full twenty years after the Armistice. He and his colleagues had asked their employer (the Ministry of Labour) for time off to keep a two minutes silence on 11th November, and their request had been refused. The lines of protest he wrote echo a famous chorus of the war years and highlighted the awful predicament of so many disabled ex-servicemen:

*"For I gladly took my chance
Now my right arm's out in France
I'm one of England's broken dolls."*

So hear what the spirit is saying to the Churches: "and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying God's dwelling is among men. They will be his people and God himself will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. For the former things are passed away."

And now unto Him the only true God, immortal and invisible, be ascribed all might majesty dominion and power as is most justly due. AMEN.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

Archbishop of Canterbury visits Anglicans in Papua New Guinea

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and his wife Caroline recently visited the Anglican provinces in the Philippines and Oceania. The trip forms part of the Archbishop's around the Anglican Communion during his first 18 months in office. The Archbishop spoke at the launch of the Anglicare Foundation. Anglicare is the social outreach arm of the Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea, working mainly with people affected by HIV/AIDS.

Vicar of Baghdad visits Qaraqosh

Upon his return from a secret visit to Qaraqosh – once the largest Christian town in Iraq, but no longer, Canon Andrew White, Vicar of Baghdad, said "Qaraqosh stands 90 per cent empty, desecrated by the gunmen of the fanatical Islamic State terror group now in control. The majority of the town's 50,000 people have fled, fearing that, like other Christians in this region, they will be massacred. The militants, in a further act of sacrilege, have established their administrative posts in the abandoned churches. My visit, under the noses of the

gunmen, was frightening – but that is nothing to the terror of the poor souls left behind. Since I went to St George's Anglican church in Baghdad in 2003 – the only Anglican church in the city – I have seen countless terrible things.

Many of my congregation have been killed or mutilated in the years of violence. But I have never witnessed anything on the scale, or which has affected me quite so dreadfully as on this visit to the north of Iraq."



Archbishop prays for reconciliation at WWI centenary event in Belgium

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, joined members of the Royal Family and Britain's Prime Minister at an event in Belgium to remember the entry of British soldiers into World War One in August 1914. The service, which recalled the sacrifices of British soldiers while giving thanks for the strong friendship between former foes, was held at St. Symphorien Military Cemetery, Mons. It was attended by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prince Harry, Prime Minister David Cameron, the King and Queen of the Belgians, the President of Germany, the President of Ireland, and representatives of other countries who fought in the First World War. Five hundred people attended the event, many with personal family links to soldiers buried in the cemetery.

During the ceremony the Archbishop prayed for reconciliation, asking that our "God of peace and justice" will strengthen people to "seek peace".

In a blessing the Archbishop said: "God of peace and justice, Who in compassion for a world Broken by our sins of pride, desire, selfishness and ambition, brought reconciliation to all who seek you, Strengthen us to seek peace and pursue it, To forgive as we are forgiven; And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen."

The St Symphorien Military Cemetery contains the bodies of the first and last British soldiers who died on the Western front in the First World War. The cemetery is shared almost equally between the Commonwealth and German dead, thanks to a Belgian, Jean Houzeau de Lehaie, who gave the land on condition that both British and German soldiers would be buried there.

The commemorative event – part of the Government's programme to mark the Centenary of the First World War – was organised in partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and was based around music, poetry and readings which reflect the history of the site.

Churches in West Africa call for prayer as Ebola virus spreads

Church leaders in West Africa have asked for prayers as the Ebola virus continues to spread. Ebola is spreading in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea and threatening other countries in West Africa.

The people of Ghana are becoming increasingly aware of the epidemic. The Anglican mission agency Us (formerly USPG) is in contact with Anglican partners throughout the Church of the Province of West Africa (CPWA). Janette O'Neill, Chief Executive of Us, said: "This is the worst Ebola outbreak in history. When communities face such terrible suffering the church must be there to combat fear and hopelessness with both love and tangible support. The church can also be a source of knowledge to help families understand the situation,

and the church can help to make sure governments are fully aware of what is happening at community level."

New Anglican Communion director to promote greater women's participation

The Revd Terrie Robinson, formerly Networks Co-ordinator and Women's Desk Officer at the Anglican Communion Office, has been named its Director for Women in Church and Society.

Mrs Robinson has moved into the new role following a decision by the Standing Committee that more needs to be done to support Communion-wide efforts to promote equal, influential and safe participation of women in the life and decision-making of the churches of the Anglican Communion and society.

Speaking about the change of role, Mrs Robinson said, "I'm very excited at the prospect of being able to spend more time working with women and men in the Anglican Communion to promote the full inclusion of women's gifts, voices and concerns in the life, mission and structures of the Anglican Communion and beyond. There are already so many Anglicans committed to this, who bring every gift imaginable to the task. It will be a blessing to support them and to contribute everything I can to making sure that women are given voice and space wherever they are."

Britain's oldest tree is discovered in a Welsh churchyard

A tiny village is believed to be home to Britain's oldest tree - a yew that first took root more than 5,000 years ago.

The majestic yew that lives in a Welsh churchyard was 3,000 years old when Jesus Christ was born, according to tree ageing experts.

Experts have run tests on the tree in the St Cynog's churchyard at Defynnog near Sennybridge, including DNA and ring-dating.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

A Call to Pray for the People of Mosul, Iraq

From The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland

Recent reports of the forced expulsion, violence and intimidation against the Christian population in Mosul in northern Iraq by ISIS militants is deeply distressing. There are accounts that numbers of people have died and been threatened with death for their faith. At this

time, we ask people here across our land who enjoy religious freedom and liberty to remember before God the suffering people of this ancient city where Christians and Muslims have lived together for many centuries.

We remember those who are working selflessly for healing, peace and restoration between peoples in these most difficult of circumstances and pray that by God's Holy Spirit light will replace the present darkness that many are experiencing.

+Richard Armagh



Helping to Die or Helping to Live?



Archbishop Richard

By Archbishop Richard Clarke
Archbishop Richard

It may be tempting to imagine that the current debate in the Westminster parliament on the vexed question of “assisted dying” (or euthanasia as it used to be known) is a matter that will not transfer to Ireland in the foreseeable future. This would be unwise in the extreme.

The discussion is already well underway here, at dinner tables if not yet in council rooms. It is crucial that none of us should not be so naïve as to imagine that this is someone else’s debate. We must therefore be ready to take the arguments on assisted dying seriously, and we should certainly never be quick to propound simple answers that will sound merely heartless in the face of human suffering. We ought to make sense not simply to ourselves, but to others who do not share our certainties. We need also to understand an important moral distinction between pointless and painful medical intervention on those who are undeniably reaching the end of their lives, and active clinical assistance to end life. Medical non-intervention in some circumstances simply allows nature to take its merciful course, and it is difficult to argue with moral force against this. Direct intervention to end life is another matter.

Many of us will indeed have the perspectives of religious faith on questions of life and death, but discussion on assisted dying should not be allowed to degenerate into a faith v. non-faith argument. For the Christian believer, life on earth is a gift of God – a wholly unearned gift from start to finish – and the conclusion of earthly life is not the end of our life with God. We should however be humble enough to acknowledge that for many humanists (who have no such belief in God) life is nevertheless something mysterious and sacred, and not simply our “possession”. One of the most perplexing aspects of the intervention of a former Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, into the debate in England on the side of assisted dying was that a fundamental Christian tenet – that our life on earth is not our property to do with as we choose – appeared to have eluded him entirely.

Much therefore depends on how we understand the significance of earthly life. If life is simply a personal commodity (and our culture does sadly encourage us to think of everything as a commodity that can be evaluated in terms of its usefulness to us) then life is disposable, entirely at the will of the individual “possessor”. This is clearly not the Christian perspective and, even for the non-believer, it is not an automatic understanding of the significance of life. Human life, properly understood, is about our relationships, relationship with God and relationship with others on earth. Individualism – individual rights, individual comfort and individual control – has indeed become the cornerstone of much modern existence, but it is deeply dysfunctional. We belong to God and to one another.

One danger accompanying any movement towards assisted dying is an insidious pressure it would bring to many people, and at the most vulnerable time of their life, when they are about to leave this earth. There are few people who do not hate the thought of being “a burden” on those they love, and they might indeed believe that asking to die would be an act of generosity to those around. Given also the costs of care for the terminally ill (which often falls on a family), unselfish people might well believe that they owe it to their families not to waste the money that they had hoped to leave for loved ones, on their continued care. This is where human relationships, and the certainty of human love and support that accompany those relationships, are so crucial for those who are facing the end of earthly life. It is therefore particularly sad that the hospice movement, where people are wonderfully encouraged to live life as fully as is practicable to the last, should be virtually starved of public money and should hence have to devote so much energy and effort simply to survive financially.

Above all, let no-one ever take a casual or unfeeling attitude to those who are suffering in terminal illness, over however long or short a period. Being helpless and utterly dependent on others at the close of an earthly life is a sad burden for all involved. Within my own life, I do have some experience of this in the death of my own wife from cancer, but this does not permit me to pontificate. I do however believe that if we can bring ourselves to believe that all life is a gift of God, then the end of an earthly life can truly be more about helping others to live than helping them to die.

‘Ethics of War’ Event

Leading speakers on the subject of War in history will be taking part in an open event on the theme of ‘The Ethics of War’ as a distinctive Church of Ireland contribution to the commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. Professor Nigel Biggar of the University of Oxford will speak on the theme based on his recent book “In Defence of War”, to which Professor Keith Jeffrey of Queen’s University, Belfast will respond referring to his recent historical research. The event will be chaired by Dr John Bowman who will open up debate and discussion to the audience. Organised by the Church of Ireland’s Historical Centenaries Working Group, the event will take place in the Music Room of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th November 2014.

Table of Church of Ireland Parish Registers

Following months of painstaking work to amend, cross-check and update the list of original parish registers (baptisms, marriages and burials) together with surviving copies of same in Church of Ireland parishes the length and breadth of Ireland, the table of Church of Ireland Parish Registers has been reviewed by Dr Susan Hood of the RCB Library who has overseen

its evolution as a digital record, and one that is purely alphabetical arranged by parish name

The online list which went live during July may now be considered to be definitive as far as registers in ROI are concerned, while the RCB Library will continue to work with PRONI in Belfast to account for materials available in microfilm and in original format available through that repository for parishes in the nine counties comprising Ulster. The electronic list will now be maintained, amended and updated on a regular basis by the RCB Library and permanently available on the Church of Ireland website where it is expected to be extensively consulted by those pursuing ancestral research.

www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive

Standing Committee News

The Standing Committee of the General Synod met during June, and was chaired by the Archbishop of Armagh and by the Archbishop of Dublin. The Archbishop of Armagh expressed his appreciation to Bishop Trevor Williams and Dean Raymond Ferguson who both retired during the summer, noting with gratitude their service to the Standing Committee and the quality of their varied ministries. Mrs Ethne Harkness led the meeting in a scripture reading and prayers.

Auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers were appointed as Auditors of the accounts of the RCB for 2014.

General Synod

There was discussion of the proceedings of the General Synod held at Christ Church Cathedral in May past and helpful comments were made for planning future Synods. The Archbishop of Armagh said that he felt the 2014 General Synod had been a positive one 'with a healthy sense of every part of the Church working together which augurs well for the future'.

Census Statistics for Mission

During November 2013, as agreed at the General Synod in 2012, the Church of Ireland undertook a parish-based Census exercise with a view to enabling dioceses and parishes to plan ahead for spiritual and numerical growth on an evidential rather than anecdotal basis. Following the gathering of this data, Dr Bev Botting, Head of Research and Statistics for the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, kindly provided an analysis of the figures. Dr Botting provided a presentation to the Standing Committee describing how these 'first-time' baseline statistics can be used. The results can be found at <http://ireland.anglican.org/news/5191>

Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief

The Select Committee reported that it had begun to draft a framework document and to put in place an advisory panel to the Committee composed of people providing LGBT insights and Scriptural understanding.

Long-Term Church

The Archbishop of Armagh referred to his paper 'Long-Term Church: Towards 2034' which had been circulated to the members of the Standing Committee and which he had aired publicly in his Synod Presidential Address (see: <http://ireland.anglican.org/news/5118>). The Archbishop spoke about the need to 'lift our eyes beyond the present and to work beyond to where God might be taking us to'. In cross-referring to the Census statistics, he spoke about the identifiable gap in early adult participation and the need to try to 'strategise unselfishly for the future'. To that end, the Archbishop has established a small steering group to work with the Secretary General of the RCB in putting shape on the ideas, composed of himself, the Archbishop of Dublin, the Archdeacon of Belfast and the Chairman of the RCB Executive, Mr Robert Neill.

Royalties

It was agreed that a grant of €1,000 be provided from the Royalties Fund to subvent the publication of Dr Caroline Gallagher's book on 'First Fruit Churches and the Diocese of Meath, 1798-1823'.

Church Hymnal Supplement

The Standing Committee approved Hymns Ancient and Modern as the publisher of the supplement to the Church Hymnal. It was agreed that the Hymnal Supplement Committee shall consult with the Braille Unit of Maghaberry Prison to produce a Braille edition of the supplement.

Appointments

The Standing Committee appointed Dr Kenneth Milne to attend the Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church of Great Britain and Ireland. Following the resignation of the Very Revd Sandra Pragnell from the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures, Mrs Brigid Barrett was elected to serve on the Commission. The Revd Canon Dr Ian Ellis was appointed as a Church of Ireland observer to the Methodist Church's Faith and Order Committee. The Revd Canon Dr Adrian Empey was appointed as a Church of Ireland representative on the Irish Council of Churches European Affairs Committee for three years. It was agreed that Archdeacon Helene Steed will attend the Porvoo Communion Church Leaders' Consultation in York, along with the Secretary General, Mr Adrian Clements. It was resolved that Miss Elva Byrne and the Revd Ása Ólafsdóttir be recognized as Church of Ireland representatives acting as a liaison between the Church and the charity Here2Help.

ICPP - Reconciliation and Peacebuilding

The Irish Churches Peace Project (ICPP) marked its first year of activity with an event entitled 'Our Journey in Peace Building - Stories, Reflections, Conversations', bringing together people from across Northern Ireland and the border region to reflect on what has been achieved through ICPP's work so far and to discuss how best to build on the various initiatives. Bishop Donal

McKeown, ICPP Chair, set the scene for the session, saying that the event was 'about focusing on Christ-centred reconciliation in order to develop the skills and confidence to keep the work going long into the future'. ICPP Good Relations Officers shared some of their project-based news: Glenn Harvey (Fermanagh and the Border Region) introduced Monsignor Peter O'Reilly of Enniskillen who spoke about his strong working relationship with Dean Kenny Hall which had stemmed from HM Queen Elizabeth II's Jubilee visit to the town and the decision which he and Dean Hall took to work and give media interviews together 'not just for symbolic significance' but also to move away from the language and perception of 'two communities'. This had been built upon by cultivating friendships beyond clergy to wider society and the success of a 'Leadership Meal' in Enniskillen. Emily Brough (Armagh, Dungannon and Cookstown) spoke about work in the Mid-Ulster area. In addition to the 'Go and do thou likewise' clergy conference on the legacy of the Troubles held in Coalisland, creative work had been undertaken at a cross-community day at Corrymeela on the theme of forgiveness which participant Libby Keys outlined. Keith Hamilton, ICPP Director, said that the Peace Project's work was about reducing the fear factor in talking to one another. Work so far has been wide-ranging from community hubs to housing estates to youth work to anti-poverty initiatives. He said that ICPP was designed, as he saw it, to bring all the Churches together as 'a safe place to start and now a secure one from which to build'.

Community Relations Working Group Meets Orange Order

Members of the Church of Ireland's Northern Ireland Community Relations Working Group met with representatives of the Orange Order before the summer for informal conversation, to actively listen to one another's views and to pray together for peace during the parading season and beyond. The Working Group members – Bishop Harold Miller, Bishop John McDowell, the Revd Barry Forde, the Revd Adrian Dorrian, Ms Kate Turner and Mr Peter Munce – met with Mr Edward Stevenson (Grand Master of The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland), Mr Drew Nelson (Grand Secretary of The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland), Mr Stuart Brooker (Co. Fermanagh Grand Master), Mr Robin Matthews (Co. Antrim Grand Master) and Mr Henry Latimer (Co. Cavan Grand Master). Discussion ranged from issues around parading, attacks on Orange Halls, cross-community engagement and faith and society. The Working Group and the Orange Order representatives agreed that further engagement should follow and to meet again after the Twelfth of July period.

Bishops' Appeal – Gaza and Iraq

Bishops' Appeal is acting as a conduit for funds being raised for the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. The Diocese runs the Al-Ahli hospital in Gaza which

has been damaged whilst simultaneously being inundated with casualties and people seeking refuge in the hospital grounds. Donations will go towards medical supplies, fuel for generators, and basic supplies of food parcels and blankets. Archbishop Michael Jackson has encouraged support and Bishops' Appeal welcomes individuals and parishes throughout Ireland to contribute.

Bishops' Appeal is also acting as a conduit for any funds raised for those who have been displaced due to violence in Iraq. The number of people displaced now exceeds 1.2 million. Archbishop Richard Clarke has issued a statement of prayer for those who are being persecuted. Funds will be directed towards the Anglican Church in Baghdad which is providing refuge, medical assistance and food relief to many who have fled their homes.

Donations can be sent to Bishops' Appeal, Church of Ireland House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Lodgement details are on the website www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/donate

Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief issues invitation to contributors to its discussions

The Select Committee was established by the General Synod in May 2013 to enable the listening, dialogue and learning process on all issues concerning human sexuality in the context of Christian belief to continue. The Committee is currently examining same-sex issues confronting the Church and is inviting members of the Church of Ireland to bring to its attention live issues that they feel should be considered by the Church.

The Select Committee will use the insights gained from the experiences shared by members of the Church through this process to help develop the content for discussion by the wider Church. The process offers the opportunity to speak directly to members of the Select Committee. The committee welcomes insights on any relevant aspect of this subject, but particularly hopes to elicit insights into the experience of being a gay person in the Church of Ireland.

The Select Committee is inviting people to participate in a 'listening meeting', either as an individual or in groups. These meetings can be arranged during the day or evenings by mutual agreement in neutral venues. It is hoped to have these meetings between August and the end of October. The submissions will contribute to a section of a reference document to be produced by the Select Committee.

Confidentiality and Submissions

While the content of meetings will be noted for subsequent consideration by the Select Committee, this content can be delivered conversationally, or in written submissions. It is intended that the participants will remain anonymous in terms of committee reporting, unless this is specifically

waived by the individual or group concerned. Each meeting will be hosted by two or three members of the Select Committee.

If you would like to meet with members of the Select Committee or to send a submission, please express your interest in confidence through the following e-mail address: selectcommittee@synod.ireland.anglican.org or write to

The Select Committee (submissions process), c/o Church House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6, IRELAND. Tel: Synod Office 0035314125621



Select Committee

Consents to Alterations in Churches

A long running project to index the records of consents to alterations in churches has recently been completed in the RCB Library by Mary Furlong, Library Administrator. All 26 volumes of consent forms, covering the years 1876 to 2012, have been indexed, and the complete index can now be viewed online.

Prior to disestablishment the fabric of the church, its ornaments, furniture and fittings were under the jurisdiction of the bishop and could only be altered by obtaining a faculty from the bishop's court. Most of the records of the ecclesiastical courts were destroyed in the fire in the Public Record Office in 1922 and so there is little surviving documentation about pre-disestablishment church alterations. However, for the post-disestablishment period the RCB's records of the consents to alterations (which replaced the pre-disestablishment faculty system) provide a substantial and sustained record of church alterations.

The 40th Canon of the Church of Ireland (Chapter iv of the 1871 Statutes), which dealt with the ornaments of the church, required that no change would be made to the structure, ornaments or monuments of a church without the consent of the incumbent and select vestry, and the bishop or Ordinary. In pursuit of this, in 1876, the RCB, provided advice on how potential applicants should proceed, circulating parishes with information about how they should act. This circular became the 'Form of Certificates of Consent to Alterations' which when signed by incumbent, the secretary of the select vestry, the architect and the bishop was sent to the RCB for approval. In the RCB the returned

forms were organised alphabetically by parish on a diocesan basis, and eventually bound into volumes. It is the contents of these volumes which have been indexed and which provide valuable information on alterations to church structures some of which may not otherwise be recorded.

The consents are likely to be of interest to local and parish historians, architects and genealogists. In themselves they are a useful source of miscellaneous pieces of information about churches and their contents but used in conjunction with parish records and especially with the on-going efforts to complete the online catalogue of the architectural drawings of churches in the RCB Library, available at this link www.archdrawing.ireland.anglican.org they have the potential to add considerably to our knowledge of the built heritage of the Church of Ireland.

Biography of Former Archbishop of Dublin Donald Caird

The launch of the biography of the former Archbishop of Dublin, Donald Caird, took place in Christ Church Cathedral on 26th July, as part of the centenary celebrations of Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise, the Irish Guild of the Church.

The Rt Revd Donald Caird attended, along with his wife Nancy and extended family and friends. Judge Catherine McGuinness launched the book and praised it highly. Written by Aonghus Dwane, it explores Dr Caird's career from the earliest days. The biography, titled *Donald Caird: Church of Ireland Bishop: Gaelic Churchman: a Life* is published by Columba Press. Through Dr Caird's own reminiscences, and the anecdotes of friends and contemporaries, a glimpse is also offered of the private and family man behind the public persona. The author, Aonghus Dwane, is the Irish Language Officer in Trinity College Dublin and Deputy Chair of Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise. The launch of the book followed a service of *Urnaí na Nóna* (Evensong) at 5pm. A reception was held in the south transept where a new exhibition on the history of Cumann Gealach na hEaglaise went on display.



Aonghus Dwane, Archbishop Donald and Nancy Caird

Bishop Abernethy on the World Council of Churches Central Committee



Bishop Alan

The Rt Revd Alan Abernethy spoke to the Church of Ireland Press Officer, Paul Harron

At the 10th Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Busan last November Bishop Abernethy was elected to the 150-member Central Committee of the WCC. It met in Geneva in July, working under an overarching theme of

‘A pilgrimage of justice and peace’.

The central committee is like the standing committee of the WCC, meeting four times between assemblies – every other year; there’s also an executive committee which meets at least once a year. The central committee carries out the visions and policies of the assembly and determines the strategies to do so; it also aims to deepen fellowship between the member churches, bringing greater ecumenical coherence and providing opportunities to consult with one another on issues of mutual concern.

Each member is assigned to a specific committee which deliberates in its area and then reports back to a full-group ‘hearing’ for further discussion, which leads to revisions and then approval of reports on the final day. There is an admirable WCC system of responding to debates by way of raising ‘agree’ or ‘disagree’ cards which allows inclusivity of general response without recourse to clapping or vocal dissent. This process means that it’s not just the most strident voices which get heard in debates and there’s much to recommend it. Bishop Abernethy sits on the public issues committee. It focused on a number of concerns, notable among them were expression of deep concern over the degrading state of human rights in Eritrea; the violence in Israel and Palestine and how to demonstrate Christian responsibility; and the situation in Iraq and affirmation of the churches there. The other major issue was drafting a statement on a nuclear-free world which is, of course, complex: while there is agreement on nuclear weapons being irreconcilable with real peace, there are differences of opinion on nuclear energy.

On the subject of how these big policy questions actually make any impact at local level, it is for each church to look at its own needs in its own contexts but also to draw on global perspectives. While the policy statements may disappoint some – drawing as they do on a consensus approach – that the churches have come together and said something is encouraging in itself. And it is important that churches engage with and are challenged by big issues – so these WCC documents can act as ‘springboards’ for local engagement. Other fascinating discussions included considering Christian identity in a multi-religious world – ‘who do we say that we are?’ It was humbling to hear of the impact of climate change and to think more deeply about

stewardship of creation. We heard from some island-people whose habitat is being destroyed and simply won’t be there in 20 years time – yet churches are so often silent on this. It is also profoundly challenging to hear from South Sudan and the genuine risk of famine ... how do we show concern when it slips off the news agenda?

It is exhilarating to study, pray, worship and be among brothers and sisters in Christ – as one, whatever our differences: a beautiful picture of what the church is. To hear from each other in sessions made up of such a mix of people yet finding ways of hearing all the voices is intriguing. And we all have our own perspectives, so very much filtered by how we see the past. An especially important moment, greeted with warm applause, was the acceptance of the application for re-admission from the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, having repented and sought forgiveness for previously attempting to justify apartheid.

‘Lives Remembered’ Exhibition



Edward Bisgood of Bushy Park Ironworks, cathedral administrator Gavan Woods, Dean Victor Stacey and education officer Andrew Smith at the new ‘Tree of Remembrance’ in St Patrick’s Cathedral.

St Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin, is creating a space where all of the people of Ireland, as well as international visitors, can come to remember people who have been affected by conflict. The ‘Lives Remembered’ exhibition officially opened on 28th July, the 100th anniversary of the declaration of war by Austria-Hungary on Serbia. It will remain in place for four years.

St Patrick's has been an important centre of remembrance for hundreds of years. Nearly two hundred plaques and monuments throughout the building remember individuals or families. In the past, those remembered in the cathedral were confined to members of the aristocracy or from a particular niche of society. Those remembered who died as a result of conflict were generally male officers who fought in the British Army. The new exhibition examines its role in remembrance in the past and presents a new vision for the future. At the centre of the new exhibition there is a new monument called the 'Tree of Remembrance' (pictured) which is a tribute to all those who have been affected by conflict. This sculpted steel tree is surrounded by barbed wire and will serve as a reminder of the ugliness and brutality of conflict. Visitors to the Cathedral will be invited to tie small tags with

thoughts, memories or prayers for loved ones affected by conflict. Over the course of time the barbed wire will be replaced by a wall of messages of hope. The exhibition, which is located in the cathedral's North Transept, comprises three main elements. An audio-visual facility via tablets positioned around the space, shows videos of interviews on a number of themes including the affects of World War I on the cathedral's community and remembrance. Another tablet contains Ireland's memorial records detailing the names of almost 50,000 Irish people. Meanwhile, 14 panels look at the issues of conflict and remembrance. On one side of the North Transept the emphasis is on outreach and response to World War I and conflict within the cathedral's walls over the centuries.

DIOCESAN NEWS



Revd James Boyd

Appointment of Rural Dean

The Revd James Boyd, Rector of Dromore Parish, has been appointed as Rural Dean of Kilskeery.

Diocesan Reader Commissioned



Mrs Eileen Cutler with the Bishop McDowell and Chancellor Stanley Bourke at Eileen's commissioning as a Diocesan Reader on 20th July in Inishmacsaint Parish Church.

Diocesan Synod

Diocesan Synod will take place on Thursday 25th September in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, commencing with a service of Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 4.30pm.

DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 2014

Tuesday 2nd September – **Clogher Diocesan Board of Education meeting** in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 10.00am.

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.

Friday 5th September – **Sallaghy Parish Barbeque**

Friday 5th September – **Midnight Walk** from Clabby Parish Hall. Proceeds towards the Restoration fund.

Saturday 6th September – **Galloon Parish Auction** at 12 noon.

Sunday 7th September – **Ordination of Revd Alastair Donaldson as Intern Deacon** in St John's Parish, Fivemiletown at 7.00pm. Preacher: Revd William Press.

Wednesday 10th September – **Clogher Diocesan Fellowship of Vocation meeting** in Magheracross Parish Church, Ballinamallard at 7.30pm. Any parishioners interested in exploring vocation are welcome to attend. Bishop

John McDowell will celebrate Holy Communion and preach. Followed by discussion and refreshments.

Thursday 11th September – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral from 1.05 – 1.35pm.

Friday 12th September – **Gospel Concert** in Clabby Parish Hall at 7.30pm

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

Saturday 13th September – **INVEST Training Event** for all youth ministry leaders and volunteers 16 years+ from 10.30am - 4.30pm at the College of Agriculture, Enniskillen. Hosted by Clogher Diocesan Youth Council in conjunction with Youthlink NI. To book contact Jonny Phenix at dyo@clogher.anglican.org by Friday 15th August.

Sunday 14th September – Service of Thanksgiving at 3.00pm in Christ Church, Aghnamullen to celebrate 150 years of witness in the area. Preacher: Dean of Clogher, The Very Revd Kenneth Hall.

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

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 – Clogher Diocesan Missionary Service at 7.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Combined with a Tercentenary Celebration for USPG (now called Us) - 300 years of overseas mission. The first president of the society in

Ireland was, the then Bishop of Clogher.

Tuesday 23rd September – **Sunday School Teachers' Training Evening** in Christ Church Parish Hall, Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm with Julie Currie, Down and Dromore Diocesan Children's Officer. An excellent opportunity to refresh your skills, learn some new ones, share ideas and be enthused for the year ahead. Open to everyone involved in children's ministry. Organised by Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education.

Wednesday 24th September – **Sunday School Teachers' Training Evening** in St Patrick's Hall, Monaghan at 8.00pm with Julie Currie, Down and Dromore Diocesan Children's Officer. An excellent opportunity to refresh your skills, learn some new ones, share ideas and be enthused for the year ahead. Open to everyone involved in children's ministry. Organised by Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education.

Wednesday 24th September – **The Ulster Historic Churches Trust walking tour around the four main local churches in Enniskillen.** Designed to appreciate the rich legacy of the town's fine ecclesiastical heritage, followed by an informative talk aimed at how best to maintain these buildings for future generations. We hope that Glebe Wardens, Vergers, Sextons and Property Stewards will find this particularly helpful. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for this event. Commences at 2.30pm Enniskillen Methodist; 3.15pm St Michael's Roman Catholic Church; 3.45pm St Macartin's Church of Ireland Cathedral; 4.30pm Scots Presbyterian Church. Followed by refreshments.

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

Thursday 25th September – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral from 1.05 – 1.35pm.

Saturday 27th September – **Mullaghduin Parish Auction**

Sunday 28th September – Sing For Life Community Choir joint concert at 7.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral and St. Michaels Church, Enniskillen. Featuring works by John Rutter, Morten Lauridsen, Eric Whitacre, folk song arrangements and a selection of choral arrangements of popular artists such as Sting and The Righteous Brothers. Recently featured on BBC Radio Ulster's Sing Out programme. A joint project between the Crescent Arts Centre and Cancer Focus NI, it was established in September 2012 for anyone affected by cancer, providing the opportunity for members to meet others living with cancer, share time together in a supportive and friendly environment, and learn new skills in choral singing.

October 2014

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

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

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November 2014

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

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

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

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

Thursday 6th November – **Templecarne Parish Annual Concert** at 8.00pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Pettigo.

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

Sunday 16th November – **Praise Service** in Clontibret Parish Church with Linda Lindsay and Donagh Choir.

Wednesday 26th November – **Training Day on Emotional Health** in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. Organised by the Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action.

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.

Thursday 11th December – **CMSI Prayer Focus** in the Coffee Lounge, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 8.00pm.

Friday 12th - Sunday 14th December 2014 – **'Call His name Jesus' A Festival of Flowers and Music to celebrate the birth of Jesus** in Fivemiletown Parish, presenting the scripture story of the birth of Jesus, the people involved and the various places and settings. Friday: 2-7pm; Saturday: 10am-7pm; Sunday: 2-7pm.

Saturday 13th - Sunday 14th December 2014 – **Christmas Tree Festival** in St. James' Church, Rockcorry: Saturday from 11.00am - 6.00pm; Sunday from 3.00pm - 7.30pm. Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea available. Concluding with a Carol Service at 7.30pm.

Monday 22nd December – **A Winter's Tale in St Salvador's Church,** Glaslough, Co Monaghan at 8.00pm.

January 2015

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

February 2015

Wednesday 18th February – **Ash Wednesday**

Friday 20th February - Monday 2nd March 2015 – **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.** The Bishop of Clogher, the Rt.

Rev. J. 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 028 677 21250 or davidskuce@btinternet.com.

March 2015

Tuesday 17th March – **St Patrick's Day**

Sunday 29th March – Songs of Praise Service at 3.00pm in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dartrey with Dr. Philip Knowles, former Dean of Cashel.

April 2015

Friday 3rd April – **Good Friday**

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday

May 2015

Thursday 7th - Saturday 9th May 2015 – **General Synod** in the City Hotel, Armagh.

Thursday 14th May – **Ascension Thursday**

Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th May 2015 – **Flower Festival celebrating "The Journey of Life"** in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dartrey. The official opening will be conducted by Heather Humphreys, Minister for Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht at 3.00pm and the opening service will commence at 8.00pm on Friday with Bishop John McDowell as special preacher. The festival will remain open from 11.00am – 7.00pm on Saturday and from 3.00pm – 7.00pm on Sunday. The Ven. Helene T. Steed will officiate at the closing service at 7.00pm on Sunday. Morning Coffee, Afternoon Tea and Pre-Booked Lunches will be available. For further details and bookings, please contact Marion on 086 3976840 or marionfannin@gmail.com.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Mothers Union Dates

Diocesan Training Day on Saturday 13th September 2014.

Diocesan Autumn Council on Wednesday 15th October 2014 in Colebrooke Parish.

Diocesan Event on Monday 20th October 2014 in Derryvullen South Hall (Tamlaght) with All-Ireland President Mrs Phyllis Grothier.

Diocesan Training Day

The Diocesan training day is a very important event for Branch Leaders, Branch Secretaries and Branch Treasurers. It is to be held in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 13 September 2014. Registration/Coffee is between 10.00-10.30am. The Curate of St Macartin's Cathedral, the Revd Rob Clements will take the morning worship. The cost for the day is £10 per person, to be taken out of branch funds. This covers morning tea/coffee, scone and lunch, soup, sandwiches, and cup of tea/coffee. The programme will end at approximately 3.30pm. Please make every effort to attend. Apologies to Diane Whittaker: 02866341992 or diane.whittaker3@btinternet.com

Indoor Members Tea Party at The See House



Mrs Ruth Collum, Mrs Diane Whittaker, Mrs Geraldine Beattie and Mrs Valerie Stewart

On June 6th, 28 ladies attended the Afternoon Tea Party at the kind invitation of the Bishop and his wife. The number included 17 Indoor Members, which was fewer than usual, sadly many of our members are becoming more infirm and housebound. A lovely tea was served, followed by the usual singing of favourite hymns. Mrs Geraldine Beattie, Indoor Members Contact presented Mrs McDowell with a basket of fruit in appreciation of thanks. The Bishop suitably replied and closed the afternoon by saying the Grace together.



Some ladies at the afternoon tea party

60th Anniversary

Recently Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale Branch celebrated their 60th Anniversary in the Woodhill Hunting Lodge. Unfortunately no founder members were able to attend, but Mrs June McKeon a former Branch Leader was present along with the Rector, Canon Glenn West and his wife. 19 Long Service Certificates were presented by the Diocesan President Dr Margaret Knox.



Mrs Eileen Bleakley, Mrs June McKeon and Dr Margaret Knox

Mothers' Union General Meeting 2014

Believing, Behaving, Belonging

Had you been in Belfast International Airport or Belfast City Airport on Friday 20th June, you would have seen many Mothers' Union members (around 1,300 in total) descend on the city ready for this year's General Meeting. Our time together started on the Friday evening when we joined together in worship at St Anne's Cathedral where we were joined by a number of special guests including Lord and Lady Eames, the High Sheriff of Belfast and a large number of present and retired Church of Ireland Bishops.

The service began with a procession - it was lovely to see the colourful banners which made up the 12 Church of Ireland dioceses along with the large All Ireland banner carried by Barbara Clarke, Young Members Contact for Clogher Diocese and Northern Ireland. The Clogher banner was carried by Rita Stewart (Magheracross). This was followed with a very thought provoking time of Choral

Evensong worship led by the Dean of Belfast, the Very Revd John Mann. Lynne Tembey, Worldwide President and members from Ireland including the All-Ireland President Phyllis Grothier and All-Ireland Treasurer Susan Cathcart participated in the service through readings and prayers.



The sermon was preached by the Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke where he focused on the theme of Mercy and Truth (Psalm 85:10) which he not only related to the history of Belfast but the qualities that Mothers' Union possess. He praised the work of Mothers' Union worldwide. Many members commented after the service how lovely it was to be able to have the time together in worship ahead of the meeting on Saturday. The next day dawned bright and sunny and it was time to head to the Titanic Quarter of Belfast where the General Meeting was being held at The Waterfront Venue. Our members were greeted with copies of the new Annual Review as they took to their seats and a loop presentation displayed snippets of the projects that we have been involved in this past year. We were delighted to have the Very Revd Raymond Ferguson to start the day with some wonderful reflections and worship.



We heard a lovely speech from our Worldwide President focusing on "Believing, Behaving and Belonging" and how this makes up her work within Mothers' Union and that of our organisation in general. She talked about how some of our projects are having positive effects around the world and mentioned many of her experiences from travelling to visit dioceses in the UK.

This was followed by the Provincial Presidents giving everyone a brief snapshot of what dioceses were doing in their parts of the country. We heard about amazing programmes in prisons, cookbooks being produced and fun days (to name but a few) being held to raise money but also as outreach in their communities. Margaret Pope followed with some thought provoking insight of the finances of Mothers' Union.

Chris Bennett, Chaplain of the Titanic Quarter then took to the stage to be interviewed by Reg Bailey CBE, Chief Executive, Mary Sumner House about the fascinating work that his church is doing in the surrounding areas. He also showed us some amazing videos about the work that they have been doing with their "honesty" Cafe.

After lunch and an opportunity to purchase some of the wonderful souvenirs we settled in to listen to a talk on the new Wave of Prayer from Lynne Tembey and Nicola Laurence who explained all of the consultation and prayer that had gone in to the new structure. We look forward to the launch in January 2015.

Comedian Andy Kind then provided us with 50 minutes of comedy gold (especially the interactions with Reg) but also with some lovely thoughts on how Mothers praying for their children's faith need to have patience and perseverance because their children will get there in the end.

Reg then finished the meeting with a quick update on "Bye Bye Childhood" and some audience participation. "Have Your Say" was a chance for delegates to express their thoughts on issues such as advertising aimed at children and pressure from children to watch films or play video games that are meant for older children. It was interesting to see the various responses and the entire room filled with green and red cards being waved in the air. We rounded up the day with some beautiful singing and prayers led by Reg.

After many months of preparation from Head Office and the team from Ireland plus the support and generosity of Visit Belfast, the General Meeting 2014 was deemed to be a real success. It was the perfect time for members to come together to partake in fellowship and exchange their experiences of the past year whilst sharing in the bigger picture of the work of our wonderful charity. Next year's meeting will be held in Nottingham.

Archbishop of Armagh Speaks of Mercy and Truth at MU General Meeting

The main purpose of the MU General Meeting – which is held in a different province each year – is to inform members of the work and activities undertaken in the previous year and to inspire them for the year to come, and it gives members the opportunity to meet together and celebrate the work of the Mothers' Union.

In his address, Archbishop Clarke said: "You have come to Belfast for this General Meeting and we are truly honoured and delighted to welcome you here. And, as you may already have discovered, Belfast is a very attractive city. You have come, however, to a place that has known the terrible tensions and fears of civil violence over many years, and dangerous tensions and fears are still apparent, a full decade and a half after the Good Friday agreement. We have still to find ways of working fully through a bitter legacy of past violence and the near disintegration of society. Part of that task will ultimately be to enable mercy and truth to meet together. The problem is that, as we survey the past, it is far too easy for us to want mercy to be manifest for "our side", but for truth to surface about "the others". And what is true for us in this Province is true in every place and every situation."

The Archbishop continued, "The work that the Mothers' Union does on these islands in prisons and with the families of those in prison, in giving hope where many have lost hope for themselves and for their families is emblematic of the task of going beyond a precise justice to a place beyond, where God's mercy prevails."

INVEST is a training event for all youth ministry leaders and volunteers 16yrs+

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2014

10.30am - 4.30pm

College of Agriculture, Enniskillen



Workshops and resources include:

- Developing Sustainable Youth Ministry
- Creative Prayer / Bible Study Techniques
- Youth Led / Peer Youth Ministry
- Outreach and mission at home
- "Real Life" Resources for Youth Ministry



Hosted by

Clogher Diocesan Youth Council in conjunction with YouthLink NI this day will be jam packed with training, practical workshops, teaching, resources and new ideas to help you in your youth work and ministry.

Morning coffee & tea with scones on arrival. Buffet Lunch provided.



Places are limited to 100 to book contact

Jonny Phenix - dyo@clogher.anglican.org

Venue address: College of Agriculture, Enniskillen Campus,
Levagh, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, BT74 4GF

YOUTH NEWS

Summer Madness 14

The road from Larne to Carnlough that winds in and out of sandy bays and rocky outcrops of the north east coast is one of the most picturesque in the whole of the island. The drive takes you through places with names such as Carnfunnock, Cairndhu, Ballygalley and even the less evocative Drains bay! But just before your meanders take you to Carnlough, the pretty village of Glenarm slides into view with its white chalk cliffs, natural harbour and castle estate.

This setting has been the home of the annual Summer Madness Christian youth festival for the past three years. This year proved to be one of the most memorable. Not least for the glorious sunny weather that endured throughout its five days. There was a distinct atmosphere of authentic worship as we gathered at the start of the long weekend. This focus of thankfulness and adoration pervaded the rest of the festival. Alain Emerson, Adam Cox and Miriam Swaffield were the key note speakers who brought solid, challenging biblical teaching from the stories of Samuel, Moses and Joshua to inspire, provoke and challenge us all to be done with mediocre living and to step into the greatness Christ has prepared for us to live in.

It is truly an amazing experience to see and hear the joy and excitement of the many youth leaders who have laboured faithfully with their young people throughout the winter months and who now see the rewards of their planting and sowing as so many young people commit to follow Christ and rededicate themselves to their Lord.

But Madness is more than a spiritual hothouse or holy bubble in which to experience significant spiritual growth and development. There were activities to enjoy such as sailing, canoeing, survival skills, football, volleyball, tag rugby, the pamper zone for the girls, the World Cup screens and many late night venues to hear bands like Emerald Armada or the Avalon acoustic guitar competition.

Portable loos have always been a feature of summer festival life and this year the young people were challenged to give towards providing toilets for the third world. A toilet in a rural village costs £60 and our challenge was to raise enough to build 100 toilets.

So generous were our young people that enough funds were raised to build 114 toilets!

As usual there were many seminar streams to select from in the mornings and afternoons covering issues like people trafficking, pornography, mission and the ever-popular Soul Sister and Man madness.

Local politicians were invited to attend the Big Top evening event and asked to share prayer needs with the young people who then prayed for them. It was a very significant moment to see and hear the humble and grateful response to our politicians before so many young people. Then to allow the young people to pray openly for them. It was good to underline the importance of praying for our leaders and for our leaders to experience the power of those prayers. They left truly impacted by the experience.

After five days we drove back along the coastal road to civilisation. The normality and the challenge of living out all that we had learnt and experienced lay before us. We were thankful that the warm glow we felt was much more lasting than the sunburn on our skin. It was the knowledge that for yet another year this event would be reflected on by so many as the significant moment of change in their Christian lives and faith.

Much appreciation and praise is due to the many who prayed, planned and prepared for such an event and who will today be doing the same for Madness 2015. It was great to have the Diocese represented again this year and it will be even more rewarding to see many more young people making their way next year as part of the work of our flourishing youth council's Rural Deanery Youth Work.

We look forward to our next diocesan youth weekend at Halloween in Kilkenny at the annual CIYD Anois festival. This mid term residential affords a different opportunity for youth leaders as it comes mid programme. We are truly blessed to have found so many adults prepared to give of their time as youth leaders. We all owe them a tremendous debt of thanks. They themselves greatly appreciate the words and actions of encouragement and support that they receive from their rectors, vestries and parents. Without so much dedication and commitment our youth work would not exist!



Sunday School Teachers' Training Evening

Whether you are new to teaching Sunday School or have been teaching for a while, you are invited to an evening of ideas, support and advice.

Julie Currie (Down and Dromore Diocesan Children's Officer) has been invited to lead this event offering practical help on a range of topics for all those involved in working with children.

An excellent opportunity to refresh your skills, learn some new ones, share ideas and be enthused for the year ahead.

Tuesday 23rd September 2014
in Christ Church Parochial Hall,
Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm

and repeat on

Wednesday 24th September 2014
in St Patrick's Hall,
Monaghan at 8.00pm

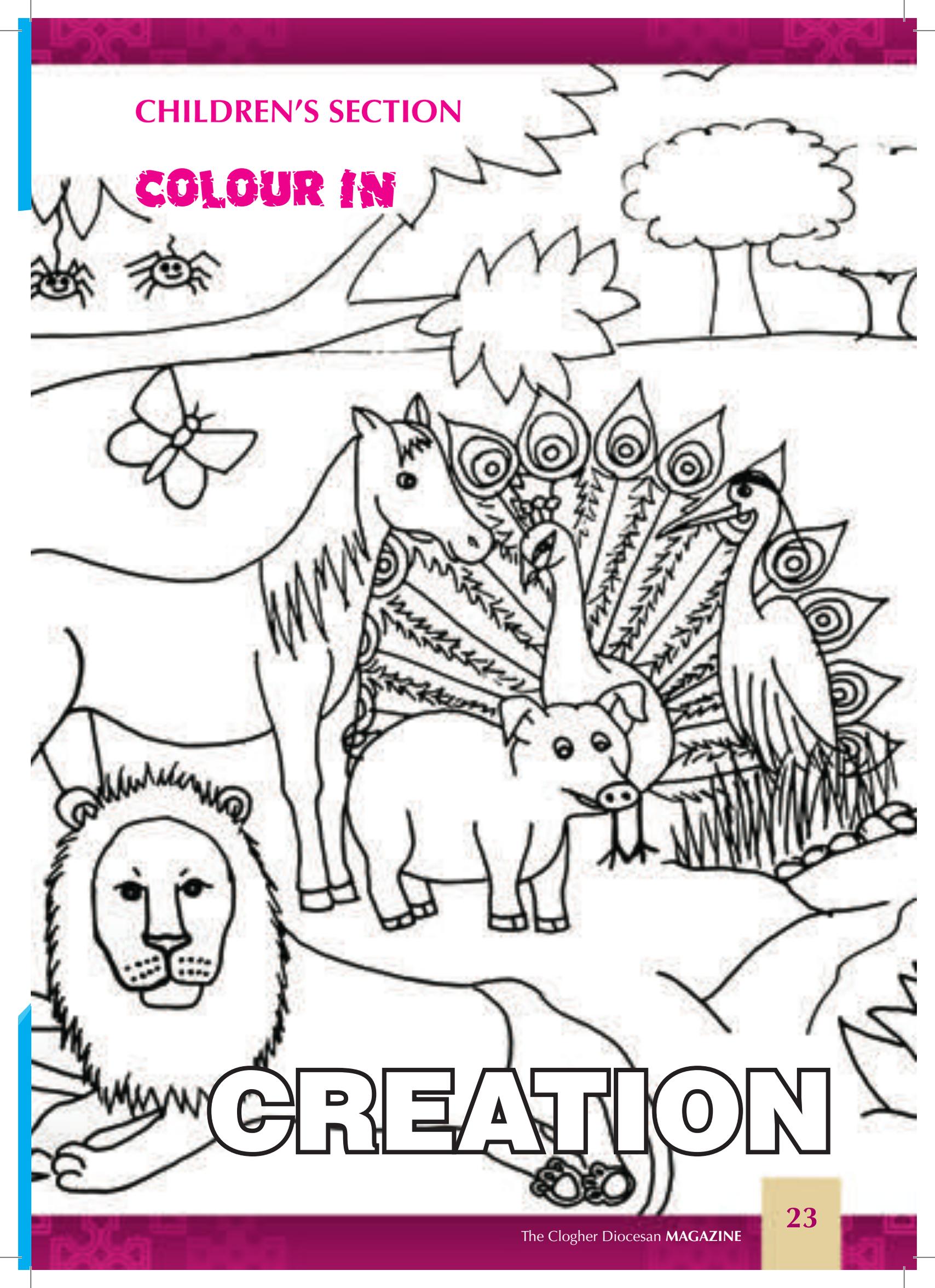
Concluding each evening with light refreshments

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CHILDREN'S SECTION

COLOUR IN

CREATION



READ - ANIMALS

(You can read this in Genesis Chapters 1 and 2)
 Do you have a pet? Or maybe you would like to have a pet but it's just not possible to have one (we need to look after animals carefully). Maybe you live on a farm and have lots of animals around you? In the beginning there were no birds or animals – no dogs, no cats, no cows, no sheep, no parrots, no sparrows, no tigers, no bears
 So how is it that we now have so many different animals and birds all over the world? Here's how it happened.....

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Then God spoke in the darkness and said, "Let there be light!" And right away there was light. "That's good!" said God. "From now on, when it's dark it will be 'night' and when it's light, it will be 'day'. That was the first day.

On the second day, God made the earth and the sky. "That's good too!" said God and the second day was over.

The next morning God put all the water in one place and all the dry land in another. When He had finished that, God made plants to cover the land. All sorts of flowers, trees and grasses began to grow. "It's looking great", said God and that was the end of the third day. On the fourth day, God made the sun to light the sky during the day and the moon and stars to give light at night. God was pleased.

The next day, God looked at the water he had collected in the oceans. "I want these waters teeming with life!" As soon as God said it, it happened. In no time, there were millions of small fish darting through the shallow water and huge fish swimming in the ocean. God made birds, too. He sent them soaring through the air. "This is good," said God. On the sixth day, God added creatures to the land. He made lions and tigers and bears. He made rabbits and sheep and cows. He added everything from ants to zebras to the land. Then God added people to enjoy and take care of all that He had created. God looked around and was very happy with everything He had made. God rested on the seventh day.

DRAW AND COLOUR

Use the story above to draw what God made each day of creation.

God's creation was perfect and he was very pleased with it. God made sure there was water for the animals to drink, food for them to eat and places for them to live before he created the animals and birds. God always knows best and his plans are perfect. We can trust God.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Day 5		Day 6	

UNJUMBLE THE LETTERS

UNJUMBLE THE LETTERS to make the names of some of the animals God made. (answers on page 78)

1. kpcaceo _____
2. gpi _____
3. afeirgf _____
4. tbirba _____
5. karhs _____

6. pehlntea _____
7. ohsre _____
8. ockouc _____
9. kaens _____
10. yomken _____

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hands Off Pensioner Benefits!

Do you disagree with threats to benefits like the bus pass and winter fuel payment? Then lend your support to the Hands Off Campaign, being led in Northern Ireland by Age Sector Platform. Visit www.handsoff.org.uk for more information or phone 028 9031 2089.

HOST UK Welcoming International Students

Do you ever watch the news and wonder why people can't just be kind to each other? International students come to our universities with minds open to new ideas, and insights of their own to share. Sadly, they may experience culture shock, loneliness and even racist abuse. But a homely welcome is available through HOST. A one-off day, weekend, or Christmas visit to a volunteer host brings mutual understanding, changed perceptions, as well as fun and laughter – and this makes a lasting personal contribution to international kindness. HOST needs more invitations all over the country, so why not see how you can enjoy this opportunity at www.hostuk.org, or call Betty Flanagan on 02825645633.

Evening of Praise

Pupils from Monaghan Collegiate and eight national schools will take part in an evening of praise in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan on Thursday 23rd October at 7.30pm. There will be a collection on the night to launch a fundraising effort to purchase musical instruments and provide musical tuition within these schools.



Ven Andrew Orr, Eco-Congregation Ireland chairman and Church of Ireland representative

Time to celebrate Creation!

Parishes in Ireland are encouraged to join with faith communities throughout the world in celebrating Creation Time from September 1st to October 4th 2014.

Creation Time, which is endorsed by the World Council of Churches and actively promoted by Eco-Congregation Ireland (ECI), is an opportunity to reflect on the wonder and mystery of God's Creation and

to choose better ways to relate to the living earth, ways that reflect God's ways of justice and peace.

This year's theme is "God, Whose Farm is All Creation", which ties in with the fact that 2014 has been designated by the United Nations as the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF).

The goal of IYFF is to reposition family farming (which is the predominant form of agriculture in the food production sector world-wide) at the centre of agricultural, environmental and social policies in the national agendas by identifying opportunities leading to a shift towards more equal and balanced development.

Resources on the theme, including sermon starters, liturgy, prayers and background information, are available on the Eco-Congregation Scotland website - <http://www.ecocongregatonscotland.org/creationtime>. Recommending these "excellent resources", ECI chairman Ven. Andrew Orr says: "Family farms are the backbone of rural life throughout Ireland and even those who live in urban areas often have family farming connections just a generation or two ago. With their generations of experience, small local farmers often understand the importance of caring for their environment; but across the globe family farming is under threat from a combination of multinational corporations, government policies and climate change. These resources help us to cherish and give thanks to God for our farming communities and those who supply our food, and encourage us to take action to protect God's creation."

ECI encourages parishes and individuals to consider ways in which they can be more sustainable by taking an eco-friendly approach to worship, lifestyle, property and finance management, children's and youth work, community outreach and contact with the developing world.

A good starting point is to work through the ECI church check-list, which can be found in the first section of Resources on the ECI website – www.ecocongregationireland.com/modules. This need not take more than an hour and you might be pleasantly surprised to see what steps you are already taking as well as picking up ideas for new initiatives!

ECI, an ecumenical project of the Irish Inter-Church Meeting, receives a small sub each year from the five denominations involved – Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Methodist, Presbyterian and the Religious Society of Friends. In order to continue its work, ECI is also reliant on donations and grants. We would be grateful if parishes would consider holding a retiring collection for the work of ECI after their Creation Time or Harvest Thanksgiving service.

Fermanagh Older People's Health and Safety Event

Fermanagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership in conjunction with the South West Age Partnership will host an Older People's Health and Safety Event on Tuesday 4th November 2014 in the Killyhelvin Hotel. The event will be open from 10.30am until 1.30pm with free admission, entertainment and refreshments. The event will be organised around a series of short presentations on aspects of health and safety, and will include information stands from a number of exhibitors who can provide facilities or services which will inform or enhance the quality of life of those attending. Lunch will be provided. As space is limited it is essential

you book your places for your club and its members. Please contact Allison Forbes on 02882251824 before Friday 24th October.

Amazing Multiples

Calling all Fermanagh twins, triplets and more, aged 4 and under. Fun events at Castle Island Indoor Activity Centre, Enniskillen on Tuesdays 9th September, 7th October, 11th November & 9th December (10.00am – 12.00noon).

For little ones: come along to the soft play area for fun and play, a drink and a snack. For parents: sit down and have a cup of coffee and link in with people who understand what it's like to parent twins and more. Parents expecting twins or more are very welcome. Find out about parenting services and support available locally. To find out more please contact Angela on 02866346818, or email h.s.lakeland@btconnect.com

Horizon West Children's Hospice

Horizon West Children's Hospice annual Midnight Walk will take place on Friday 12th September at the Lakeland Forum in Enniskillen. Registration is from 11pm when there will also be hot food and entertainment. For more information or to register contact Elaine on 077941 06845.

Support to Someone with a Terminal Illness and their Family

Marie Curie Cancer Care are offering an information session training for volunteer helpers, in the Aisling Centre, Enniskillen on Monday 29th September at 2.00pm. You can help us provide support to terminally ill people, their families and carers in your local area. You'll become part of a local team of volunteers and make a real difference to people's lives. By giving us 3 hours of your time a week as a helper volunteer, you'll visit people in their own home to offer companionship and emotional support, practical support and/or a short break for families and carers from their caring role. If you are aged 18 or over, contact us at mariecurie.org.uk/helpervolunteer or 08453052191.

Volunteering Opportunities with Home-Start

Can you lend a hand? Have you parenting experience – a mum, dad, grandparent? Would you like to share this experience? Can you spare 2 - 3 hours a week? If so, we could really do with your help. We have lovely young families who just need a friend, someone who understands what it's like being a parent, someone to talk to, someone to lend a hand. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Angela on 028 66346818 or Denyse on 028 68621970. The next volunteer preparation course starts in September 2014.

Trading Standards Service

We listen, we help, we advise you of your consumer rights. The Trading Standards Service in Northern Ireland operate a telephone advice line which offers practical advice, should you have a problem or a disagreement with a trader. The advice line is known as Consumerline. There are many reasons why you might want to give Consumerline a call: You are dissatisfied with something you have bought i.e. the quality of the product or the way it was represented to you; You are dissatisfied with the standard of customer service that you have received; You are dissatisfied with work, which you have had done. Telephone Consumerline on 0300 1236262 or email tss@detini.gov.uk.

The National Autistic Society Fermanagh/West Enniskillen Branch

You are warmly invited to group meetings for parents/carers of children and adults on the Autistic and Aspergers spectrum, also ASD and High Functioning Autism. Meetings take place in our new premises, 11 Darling Street, Enniskillen on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 8.00pm – 10.00pm. These meetings offer advice and family support, events and activities for children and adults. Further information available from Orla Humphreys on 078 24596345 email orlahumphreys@yahoo.co.uk

Hearing Aids

'Do you wear NHS hearing aids? Come to our FREE drop-clinic for advice on: how to use and maintain your aids, information on hearing loss/tinnitus. If you have a concern about your hearing we offer a free hearing check. NHS batteries distributed. Clinic in Drumcoo Centre Enniskillen on Thursday 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December 4-5pm. No need to make an appointment. For further information contact Lisa 028 82251446

Organ Lessons

Ian Mills, organist at St Columb's Cathedral, will be taking organ lessons occasionally in St Michael's Church Enniskillen from August 2014. Ian was appointed Organist & Choirmaster in March 2005 and is the youngest Cathedral Organist currently working in the UK. He is a first-class music graduate of Queen's University, Belfast, and an Associate of the Royal College of Organists.

If you are interested, email organist@stcolumbscathedralchoir.com

Flourish! Churches Initiative on Suicide

Flourish are inviting all Clergy, Church Youth Workers, Church Lay Readers, Lay Pastoral workers and other Church staff representatives from all church denominations to register for their new

FAITH & MENTAL HEALTH and PASTORAL SUPPORT MODULES, being delivered in various locations throughout Northern Ireland over the coming months. Flourish! is an initiative developed by the Public Health Agency, Lighthouse and Churches' Community Work Alliance.

The aim of the three faith-based modules is to explore the relationship between theological understandings of suicide and mental health and; how this translates into pastoral action.

To register your attendance contact Lighthouse on 02890755070 or reception@lighthouseireland.org

Churches' Community Work Alliance

'Church and Community – Challenge and Change'. A major rural conference focusing on how church and faith based groups inter-act with their local communities will be held in the Jethro Centre, Lurgan on Wednesday 24th September 2014 from 9.30am - 3.30pm.

This free event will feature inspirational speakers, practitioners and information relevant to churches and faith based organisations who want to understand more about making positive links with their local communities. There will be an opportunity to meet other colleagues and there will be a bespoke session provided on 'Funding for Churches and Faith Based groups'.

Lunch will be provided. To book a place or ask more questions contact Anne Donnelly or Neville Armstrong on 0288676670 or Neville.armstrong@ccwa-ni.org.uk

Warm Homes

The Warm Homes Scheme has been extended until March 2015 (subject to funding). It is likely that there could be some significant changes to the Warm Homes Scheme, so if you think you could qualify for Warm Homes under the current criteria, you should contact 0800 988 0559 or www.warm-homes.com as soon as possible.

Autism NI (Fermanagh Branch)

A support group for carers, parents, grandparents etc of children or adults with ASD. Monthly meetings take place on the 4th Tuesday of every month in Fermanagh House at 8.00pm. Everyone welcome. A Lego club for children with ASD takes place every 2nd Saturday, also in Fermanagh House from 1.00pm – 2.00pm. Autism friendly screenings at our local cinema and day trips for the whole family are also organised. For further details contact Michelle Higgins autismnifermanaghbranch@outlook.com.

Stroke Support Group

The group meets every Tuesday from 11.00am – 1.00pm in Fermanagh House, Enniskillen to provide support and information to those who have suffered a stroke or live with someone who has been affected. For further information contact 02866320210.

Irish Christian Endeavour Union

In 2014 the Irish Christian Endeavour Union celebrates 125 years of CE in Ireland and this coincides with the 100th Irish National Christian Endeavour Convention to be held on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th September in Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Agnes Street, Belfast. The Convention theme will be, "For Christ and the Church" and the speaker will be Craig Dyer, Training Director of Christianity Explored. There will be Rallies on both evenings, three special events to cover all ages on Saturday afternoon and a Prayer & Praise Walk, on Saturday morning, in the Titanic Quarter led by the Revd Chris Bennett.

Feed the Minds Ireland Visit

This year is an exciting one for Feed the Minds as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. The charity, which was launched by the Archbishop of York, Donald Coggan, works with local communities through education projects which support some of the world's most disadvantaged individuals to combat poverty and discrimination.

All Feed the Minds projects have literacy at their heart but we embed this in practical life changing skills based on the needs of the community. Examples of our impact include Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) abandonment in Kenya through awareness education, reducing maternal and infant mortality rates in Ghana by providing training on pre and postnatal care to midwives and Peace building and Trauma healing through storytelling in South Sudan.

Last year alone, Feed the Minds helped over 100,000 people worldwide. The skills learnt on our projects empower individuals to transform their own lives and those of others.

Supporters are fundamental to the survival of this small charity, so to celebrate the 50th anniversary Feed the Minds is launching a campaign to enable us to help even more communities around the world.

Over the years there have been a number of donors from Ireland including considerable support from Church of Ireland who have funded many projects through donations given to the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal. These contributions have been invaluable and we hope to strengthen this existing relationship and attract new donors. In October, as part of the campaign, four members of our team are visiting the Republic and Northern Ireland to talk in a number of churches and schools. This is an exciting opportunity for us to share the impact of our work with as many people as possible.

The visit will conclude with a launch event in Dublin on Monday 20th October.

If you as an individual or your Parish is interested in finding out more about Feed the Minds work, fundraising or attending the launch event then please contact Bex on +44 (0)20 7582 3535 or rband@feedtheminds.org

PARISH NOTES

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Clogh BBQ

A steak barbecue was held in Clogh Hall on Thursday 17th July. Over 150 people attended, the food and company was thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks to all those who made it such a success. To chef Johnny Nelson and all the ladies & gents from Clogh who made desserts and worked hard setting up and serving. Proceeds from the evening raised funds towards the upkeep of Clogh Hall.



Clogh Hall Committee



Clogh BBQ

Holiday Club



Jonathan Graham, helpers from Child Evangelism Fellowship and the parish pictured with some of the children who attended the Holiday club held at St Mark's, Aghadrumsee on the week beginning 11th August.

The annual children's Holiday Club in Aghadrumsee was held during August, when once again we were delighted to welcome children not only from our own parish but also from neighbouring churches. Special thanks to Jonathan Graham and his helpers from Child Evangelism Fellowship and to Rosemary and her helpers who provided the daily goodies afterwards.

Ordination

Olivia Downey from Aghadrumsee Parish will be Ordained Deacon on the 14th September. The Service of Ordination will take place in Holy Trinity Church Westport at 3.30 pm. We extend our congratulations and prayers to Olivia at this time and as she commences this new service in God's Church.

Harvest

Once again we are entering into the Harvest season:

Aghadrumsee

Sunday 21st September at 12.00 pm, Preacher Captain David Hamilton and again at 8.00pm, Preacher Revd Henry Blair. Monday 22nd September at 8.00 pm, Preacher Revd Ken Robinson.

Clogh

Friday 26th September at 8.00 pm, Preacher Revd Simon Genoe. Sunday 28th September at 10.45 am, Preacher Captain David Hamilton and Sunday evening at 8.00 pm, Preacher Revd Alison Calvin.

Drumsnatt

Sunday 19th October at 3.00 pm.

Congratulations

We have had a number of new arrivals in our group lately and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Gordon and Andrea Wiggins on the birth of a baby girl, Simon and Gillian Furniss on the birth of a baby girl and Jonathan McFarland and Helen Nelson who also welcomed a baby girl to their family. A service of Holy Baptism was held on 3rd August 2014 in Clogh when Amy Olga daughter of Gordon and Andrea Wiggins was welcomed in our church family.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Eric and Maud Nicholl on the death of Eric's aunt Mrs Rennie, and also to the family of Mrs E Irwin, Magheraveely, a faithful supporter of Aghadrumsee Parish. We assure both families of our prayers at this time.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

7th September

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion

12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

September 14th

10.45am Colebrooke MP

12.15pm Cooneen MP

September 21st

11.00am Colebrooke Family Service

3.30pm Mullaghfad Harvest

September 28th

10.45am Colebrooke Harvest

12.15pm Cooneen MP

7.00pm Colebrooke Harvest

October 5th

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion

3.00pm Cooneen Harvest

Mullaghfad Services

On Sunday 21st September 2014 at 3.30pm, the annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held at All Saints, Mullaghfad. On Sunday 16th October 2014 at 3.00pm our annual Service of Remembrance will be held, with members of Fivemiletown Royal British Legion attending. Friends and visitors will be most welcome at these services.

SNATCH (Sunday Night At The Church Hall) Youth Ministry

Aghavea, Colebrooke & Clabby
Recommences at 7.30pm on Sunday 14th September; this term meeting in Aghavea Church Hall.

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

GFS

Girls Friendly Society return after their summer break late September. The branch meets every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and upwards.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Scouts recommence on the 23rd September, and will be meeting 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 meet in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7.45pm.

New members will be very welcome in each of our organisations. If you are interested, please get in touch with me as above and I will put you in touch with the relevant leaders.

Aghavea



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Services

Sunday 7th September

11am Holy Communion

(7pm Ordination of Alastair Donaldson as Intern Deacon in St John's Fivemiletown)

Sunday 14th September

10am Sunday School begins

11am Morning Prayer

7.30pm SNATCH (Aghavea)

Sunday 21st September

10am Sunday School

11am Church Family Service - speaker: Rev Adrian Dorrian (St Mark's Dundela)

7pm Evening Prayer - Brooke Memorial Hall

Sunday 28th September

10am Sunday School

11am Morning Prayer

7.30pm SNATCH (Aghavea)

Friday 3rd October

8pm Harvest Thanksgiving - preacher: Ven Roderic West (Seapatrick)

Sunday 5th October

10am Sunday School

11am Harvest Thanksgiving - preacher: Canon Gareth Harron (Magheralin)

7.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving - preacher: Rev Brian Harper (Magheracross)

Dear friends,

It struck me recently that Ezra the priest doesn't appear in the book that bears his name until near the end. It's only in chapter 7 verse 1 that he first makes an appearance, more than halfway through the book. That's a helpful reminder to me and to all of us, that God's work doesn't begin when we arrive. God is already at work in people and places long before we get there. Yet God graciously invites us to join in what he is doing to further his purposes of redeeming the world.

The book of Ezra is back to square one. From exile in Babylon, the conquering Cyrus king of Persia gives the word to send some of the exiles home to Jerusalem to rebuild the destroyed temple. Along with the numbered people go the numbered dishes, pans and bowls from the temple treasury. The promise of a remnant remaining and rebuilding seems to be coming true.

The foundations are built, bringing a mixture of joy and sadness - joy because of what was happening, but sadness because it seemed too feeble compared to what was there before. Despite opposition from enemies, and a flurry of letters to various kings, the temple is finally built and dedicated by chapter 6.

Enter Ezra the priest, commissioned by the king Artaxerxes, commanded by the King of kings, whose hand was upon him, who makes it to Jerusalem. The main focus of the book points to the confession of sin by Ezra and the people, as they once again fell into the sins of their fathers. The book ends fairly abruptly, with the list of those guilty of marrying foreign women. The reader is left with the question - how does it all turn out?

The God who was already at work before Ezra emerged is the God who is still at work in us - not building a temple of stones - building his temple of living stones, you and me, brought together to be the place where he dwells. Built on the cornerstone, the Lord Jesus, we are a work in progress, but God will bring it to completion. Yours in Christ,
Gary

Sunday School

Having enjoyed their summer break, Sunday School will begin again on Sunday 14th September at 10am in the Church Hall. Any new boys and girls will be made most welcome. We look forward to the Sunday School taking part in the Church Family Services on the third Sunday of each month. For more information, please speak to Linda McClelland.

Bowls

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

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

Mothers' Union

September's meeting of Aghavea MU will be held on Tuesday 9th September at 8pm in the Church Hall. Val Irvine of the Christian Bookshop in Lisnaskea will share with us on the work of the Pantry, the foodbank operating from the rear of her shop. New members are always welcome to join with us.

We are also looking forward to our annual Visitor's Night on Tuesday 14th October, when we will host Johanne. Johanne served overseas with Crosslinks in Northern Africa for nearly a decade, returning home 2 years ago to take up a new role as a trainer and evangelist. She brings her insight and experience from overseas, the ability to communicate in Arabic, a great enthusiasm and an unstinting commitment to see people won for Christ. She will speak to us about the building blocks of her faith: how she ended up serving overseas and what she is doing now in her home territory. All ladies will be made most welcome.

GFS

GFS begins on Wednesday 24th September, from 6.30pm - 7.30pm in the Church Hall for all girls aged 3 and up. For further information, please speak to Sharon Clarke or any of the leaders.

SNATCH

SNATCH (Sunday Night At The Church Hall) is our new youth group for secondary school age young people, in partnership with Colebrooke Parish. Our first night of the new term will be held on 14th September at 7.00pm in Aghavea Church Halls. New members are very welcome - registration forms for the new year can be filled in by parents on arrival.

Bible Study

Our midweek Fellowship Group Bible Study will begin on Wednesday 10th September. More details will be available on the notice sheet in due course.

From the Parish Registers

Marriage

19th July 2014 Russell Robert Alexander Fleming & Wendy Lorraine Dunn

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



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Clontibret News

Children's Day

Our Annual Children's Day Service was held on 15th June this year. We joined the children in singing a slightly different version of "Jesus Loves Me This I Know" and after the welcome by Mrs Alison Donaldson, Sunday School Superintendent, Courtney Boyd brought us the Old Testament reading. The Children then sang a chorus and led us in prayers which they had created themselves. Following our second hymn "Jesus' love is Very Wonderful" Ethan Duffy brought us the New Testament reading. As it was also Fathers Day a sketch "Father of the Year Award" was performed by the children and a Poem was read by Courtney Boyd. Walter Pringle delivered the sermon and presented the prizes to the children and the service concluded with the hymn "Give Me Joy In My Heart, Keep Me Praising". The service was a wonderful conclusion to a year of commitment by the children and the Sunday School Teachers to developing and encouraging the children in their faith. All the men received a bar of chocolate with a little note reminding them of the importance of their role in the Christian life of their children:-

"Fathers have a special role in each young child's life. To mould and shape them to become A Follower of Christ; To show them the Father's heart; And help them understand how God's love can be their guide: As they take Him by the hand."

Annual BBQ

We had a beautiful evening for our Annual BBQ on Saturday, 19th July. The weather caught us unaware as we had prepared tables upstairs for our guests. As it was warm and sunny and people did not want to miss the rare opportunity to eat outside, we soon set about carrying tables etc outside. We were very pleased with the support of our neighbours and friends from near and far and there was a great selection of eats – some healthy and some less so. We were especially pleased to have our Rector-elect, Revd Neal Phair, his wife Lucy and children Emily and Henry with us and our faithful pastoral assistant Walter Pringle. The following day we said a fond farewell to Walter who has been a great inspiration to us all during the period of our vacancy. Walter first led us in worship 25 years ago and has been an intermittent visitor for many years. Speaking on behalf of the congregation Kenny Graham thanked Walter for his pastoral care. He said that in all

the years that he had been coming to church he could not remember a more faithful Christian servant, always ready to be on hand at any time of the day or night with practical and prayerful support. He thanked him for his ministry to the elderly, the sick and those bereaved. Kenny's sentiments were endorsed by John Duffy and Isaac Leathem. The children presented Walter with a collage of their hands with a scripture reading from 2 Corinthians 9: 13-14. As Walter sped off to Ballybay he went with all our very best wishes and we know that the people of Clogher will benefit greatly from his warm personality and pastoral care.

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Revd Charles McCollum and Joanne Dickson



Mr Walter Pringle and Joanne Dickson



The children presenting Walter Pringle with a collage of their hands with a scripture reading from 2 Corinthians 9: 13-14



Parishioners from St Colman's, Clontibret say a fond farewell to Walter Prigle.

Institution

The institution of our new rector, the Reverend Neal David Stewart Phair on 25th June in Castleblaney was a very joyous event with a large welcoming congregation representing the local churches, the community and civic organisations. We are grateful to Castleblaney and Frankfort Presbyterian Church Choir for their support and to Miss Charlotte Adair for playing the organ and leading the choir. We pray that Neal, Lucy, Emily and Henry will enjoy their time with us and that this will be a time of spiritual growth for us all and that we will prove to be a Godly partnership with a due increase in the harvest of souls to God's Glory.

Congratulations

On 27th June Darren and Beverly Berry were blessed with the safe arrival of their son Ryan Norman a brother for Natalie. Congratulations and every blessing to them all and to Christine Dickson on the birth of another grandson.

Picnic

On 24th August the Children, Parents, Grandparents and friends enjoyed a picnic at Lake Muckno. It was a beautiful evening and everyone enjoying the food and fun.

Pipe Band

Meanwhile, in Portrush the members of Clontibret Pipe Band were savouring their success at being placed 2nd in their grade at the North West Pipe Band 2014 Championships and winning the Best Bass Section. It was very proud supporters who carried the two large cups in the parade of the town. This success followed on from the band being placed 13th out of 58 bands in their grade at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow the previous weekend. Congratulations to all concerned. The pipe band was started in 1969 by Kenny Graham and has been an important part of the community over the years. Six of our parishioners are currently in the band which is always seeking new recruits.

Celebration

On 28th August David and Jean Johns will celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary with a Mystery Holiday. We congratulate them on this major milestone and wish them many more happy years together.

Recovery

Philip and Sharon Leathem continue to make good progress in their return to full health. Philip has now returned to work and Sharon continues with her physiotherapy. We thank God and everyone who has prayed for them during the period following their accident on 10th May.

Sympathy

Over the summer three families were bereaved. Deborah and Adam Tate on the death of Martin Wallace; Jean and David Johns on the death of Jean's brother Robbie Ingram and Ronnie and Sandra Geary on the death of Ronnie's cousin Neil Sarginson (Somerset). Grant, O Lord to all who are bereaved, the spirit of faith and courage.

Harvest

Harvest Thanksgiving - Our service will be on Sunday 28th September at 3.00pm with soloist Mrs Stephanie Jebb.

Praise Service

On Sunday 16th November we will be holding a Praise Service at 3.00pm with Mrs Linda Lindsay and Donagh Choir. We look forward to welcoming our friends from far and near at both services.

Muckno, Castleblaney News

Presentation

On Sunday 13th July, Muckno Select Vestry and the Parishioners made a presentation to Mr. Walter Pringle as a token of appreciation for his Pastoral care and assistance during the vacancy. Walter was overcome with emotion along with many of the parishioners as he was thanked and was wished many years of health and happiness and every blessing on his next endeavor.

We also thank Canon Ian Berry for his help and support to us as the Rural Dean.

Hebrews 13:16

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God".



Presentation to Mr Walter Pringle by John Adair and John Montgomery (Churchwardens)



The Parishioners of St Maeldoids join Walter for morning Tea at the presentation to him.

New Rectory

As reported in the June magazine all went well with the purchase of the new rectory – Blittlogue House. It was a nerve wrecking time wondering would we own this house by the 18th July! At 9.51am that very morning our Glebe Warden Janet Hill got the phone call from Eimear in RCB to say we had a new rectory, while at the same time the Phair family was on route. It was indeed a close call. A welcoming party made their way to the new rectory at 12.30pm to greet the new family to the group of Parishes.



The New Rectory



Pat and Vera Conlan handing over the keys of Blittlogue House to Janet Hill Glebwarden of St Maeldoid's



Janet Hill Glebwarden of St Maeldoid's hands over the keys of the new rectory to Revd Neal Phair

They are wished all God's blessings and good health and happiness as they settle into their new roles.

Institution

The Institution of the Revd Neal David Stewart Phair took place in St Maeldoids Church on Friday 25th July 2014. The church saw very many distinguished guests; friends and family witness the Right Reverend Bishop John McDowell institute Revd Phair at this very special service. Canon Ian Berry led the institution service with Canon John Stewart as Diocesan Registrar, also officiating was Archdeacon Helene Steed. The first hymn was very appropriate for the start of the evening "Guide me O thou, great Jehovah"

The sermon was given by the former archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd John Neill, who travelled from Kilkenny with his wife, for this very special occasion. In his sermon he reminded Neal that "a priest is to be an encourager and not a dictator". He said Jesus gave his disciples "leadership abilities" and out of a little seed grows something wonderful. He welcomed the Phair family and wished them well as a new partnership begins.

During the course of the service, parishioners from the 3 churches took part in the readings and the commissioning of Revd Phair. The choir led by Charlotte Adair sang the hymn "Take my life and let it be".

Representatives from the group of parishes, members of the local and wider communities were given an opportunity to greet the new rector.

During the final triumphant hymn "To God be the glory" a collection was taken up for the development of lay and ordained ministry in the diocese.

After the formalities of the Institution a parishioner from St Maeldoid's Castleblayney, Christchurch, Ballybay and St Coleman's, Clontibret welcomed Revd Phair, his wife Lucy and their children. On behalf of the Presbyterian Church, the Revd Damian Boyle welcomed Revd Phair and Father La Flynn, Ballybay representing the Roman Catholic church welcomed him also. Minister Heather Humphreys also welcomed the Phair Family, she hoped that the Group of churches would go from strength to strength. Revd Phair thanked everyone for their best wishes to him and his family.

Thank you to all those who prepared the beautiful supper that was served at the end of the service. St Maeldoid's Church welcomed Revd Phair, Lucy, Emily and Henry to Church on Sunday 27th July where Holy Communion was celebrated.

Scarecrow Competition



On a lighter note, St Maeldoid's Parishioners were proud to be awarded a highly recommended plaque for their team effort in making a scarecrow, aptly named "Rev. Lettuce Pray" for the local Muckno Mania competition.

Christmas Tree Festival

The Select vestry and parishioners look forward to having a Christmas Tree festival from the 28th - 30th November.

Celebrations

Our Church secretary Mrs Audrey Hill of Carrickaslane celebrated a special birthday on 4th August. She is wished many more years of good health and happiness.

Best Wishes

Best Wishes to Mr Eddie Robinson who is in Cavan hospital at present.

Burial

The funeral service and burial of the late Martin Wallace formerly of St Mary's hospital and Laurel Hill, Castleblayney and also Clontibret, took place in St Maeldoid's Church on Sunday 22nd June 2014. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family especially his very good friend Debra.

Matthew 5:4

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Ballybay News

Institution

The Revd Neal David Stewart Phair, B.A., M.Phil., H.Dip.Ed., H.D.G.C. was instituted to the Church of Ireland Community for Ballybay, Clontibret, and Castleblayney.

St Maeldoid's Church Castleblayney saw over 200 people witness the institution of Revd Phair on Friday 25th July. Present were the Most Revd John Neill former Archbishop of Dublin, Right Revd John McDowell Bishop of Clogher, Venerable Helene Steed

Archdeacon of Clogher, Canon John Stewart former Rector of the this group - who was Registrar for the occasion, Canon Ian Berry, Rural Dean and MC. Also in attendance were Minister Heather Humphreys, Sean Conlon TD, former TD Seymour Crawford, Councillors Aidan Campbell and Jackie Crowe, along with many clergy and lay readers from neighbouring parishes and the wider community.

Many travelled far to be present for this very special occasion. Revd Neal Phair is 44 years old married to Lucy, who is a medical doctor and they have 2 children Emily 4 and Henry 2. Revd Phair is the son of Mrs Agnes Phair and the late John Phair (photographer) of Rockcorry, Co Monaghan. He was ordained a deacon in June 2002 in the Diocese of Connor and ordained a Priest in June 2003. Revd Neal Phair comes to the group of Parishes with a vast amount of experience both in ministering and providing pastoral care. He has just completed almost five years of Ministry in Oxfordshire, England. Dr Lucy Jessop has just commenced work as a Public Health Consultant for Northern Ireland. The new rector, his wife and family will reside in Blittlogue House, Drumcrew, Castleblayney. This was recently purchased from the well known Castleblayney Conlan family.

The new residents in Castleblayney are wished a long and happy life in their new home.

Thank you

A church gathering took place to thank Walter Pringle and Revd Charles McCollum for their ministry. They did a sterling job and it was really appreciated by everyone. I would like to thank all who took part, it was a major success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the food and friendship shared.

Birthday Wishes

The parishioners of ballybay would like to wish John Dickson a happy 90th birthday.

Sympathy

Condolences to the Vincent family on the death of James Vincent.

Condolences to the Morrison family on the death of Letitia Monaghan.

Congratulations

Congratulations to John and Victoria Maloney on the birth of their son Ethan Maloney and Sarah Lynn on the birth of her baby brother.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Cheryian on the birth of their daughter Emma and Sophie on the birth of her sister and to Lucas and Elizabeth Gray on the arrival of their new grandchild.

Congratulations to Dorothy Gray on her engagement to Fintan Boyle.

Congratulations to Alanna Crawford on her A level results.

Weclome

Finally I would like to welcome Rev. Neal Phair and his family to Ballybay Parish.

From the Rector

A huge thank you for your very warm welcome to the Ballybay Group of Parishes. We felt very privileged to have a welcoming party when we arrived at the new Rectory in Castleblayney, after a very early start that morning from Hollyhead. Balloons and poster stickers stating 'welcome home' and a lovely lunch all prepared for us, it made us feel very special indeed!

The Institution service in St Maeldoid's was also a really fabulous event. How wonderful everything looked, sounded and tasted! - the grounds, the interior of the church, the choir, the music and all that delicious food in the church afterwards. Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the evening a night to remember.

Who would not want to come and be the Rector of such a warm and welcoming Parish? We worship a living God, and the outcome of this process has been aided and inspired by the work of the Holy Spirit. We have listened and responded to the promptings of this creating, crucified and constant God – Together may we continue to do so!

Neal

New schedule of Services from September onwards

1st Sunday Holy Communion (HC 1 & 2)
2nd Sunday Family Service
3rd Sunday Morning Prayer (MP 2)
4th Sunday Morning Prayer (MP 1)
5th Sunday Group Service (MP 2)

Muckno 10am, Clontibret 11.15am, Ballybay 12.30pm.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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Services

Sunday 7th September The twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Carrickmacross 10.30am H.C.
Magheraclone 12 noon M.P.
Ardragh 1.15pm H.C.

Sunday 14th September The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Carrickmacross 10.30am M.P.
Magheraclone 12 noon H.C.

Sunday 21st September The Fourteenth after Trinity
Carrickmacross 10.30am M.P.

Magheraclone 12 noon M.P.

Ardragh 3.30pm HARVEST SERVICE

Sunday 28th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Carrickmacross 10.30am M.P.

Magheraclone 3.00pm HARVEST SERVICE

As I write these notes I can see through my window that the flowers in the garden are changing to an autumn like appearance and there is a chill in the air.

It seems such a short time since the schools, Sunday schools and organisations were breaking up for the summer. I trust that most people had a nice break away from routine and everyone is energised and ready to begin all over again.

In many ways it is a time of new beginnings and change for boys and girls as they return once again to school. Some will be changing classes, while others will be beginning school for the first time; others move to second level education and some to third. We wish all well as they settle into their new routine.

Barbecue



The barbecue at the Shirley Estate, Lough Feagh drew an attendance of over five hundred people. When chatting to people from around the area, they said that they had passed by the estate for many years, knew the history but never had the opportunity of seeing the magnificent grounds and buildings until that evening. The scenery and the food were excellent but what really caught my eye was leading on from the front of the house a path that led along to an immense

Celtic cross. Many people on the evening walked the long path to the foot of that old Cross. When darkness had fallen and we travelled home through the wooded area, suddenly there appeared through the gap in the trees the cross which had been flood lit on the evening. (I felt what a wonderful prop for a sermon)

The parishioners of St. Finbar's are indebted to Mr Philip Shirley for his permission to use the wonderful historical buildings and grounds for the occasion. Thanks also to those people who worked so hard prior to and on the day making the occasion such a success. We also give thanks to God also for the weather that was so favourable for the event.

The treasurer is happy to report that presently they have received €10,000 with some money still to come.

St. Molua's Parish Church

We are looking forward to this annual cross community event when the service will be held outside the church weather permitting in the beautiful kept grounds of the graveyard.

The speaker will be Bishop John McDowell. Prayers and Gospel reading by Fr Finnegan/Fr Crowe. Old Testament reading by Alan Hill who is presently attending the Church of Ireland Theological College doing the Lay Reading course. Singers: Eleanor and Francie Wilson.

Castleblayney Agricultural Show

Congratulations to a number of parishioners who were successful in gaining prizes at the show for their exhibits. Well done.

Congratulations

We are delighted to hear the good news of the safe arrival of Herbert and Jennifer Kenny's grandchild.

Harvests

Ardagh, Sunday 21st September 3.30pm.
Speaker: Rev Damien Boyle (Corvalley Presbyterian church)

Magheraclone, Sunday 28th September 3.00pm
Speaker: Rev Joyce Moore (Dundalk)

Soloist: Mr Roy Crowe.

Carrickmacross, Sun 19th October 7.00pm
Preacher: Rev Canon Ian Berry (Monaghan)

Prayerful Remembrance

We think of those who have been visiting hospitals for various medical tests. Some with life changing results while others are still awaiting results.

Welcome

We welcome to our neighbouring parishes, the Castleblayney group, the newly appointed Rector Rev Neil Phair. We trust that he and his family will settle in quickly to their new surroundings and that God will bless his ministry in the group.

Cleenish and Mullaghduin



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Church Services for September

Sunday, 7th September

10:00am, M.P. Service, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am, M.P. Service, Cleenish Parish Church

Wednesday, 10th September

10:00am, Monthly Healing & Communion Service, Letterbreen Hall

Sunday, 14th September

10:00am, H.C. Service, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am, H.C. Service, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday, 21st September

11:30am, M.P. Service, Cleenish Parish Church

3:30pm, Mothers' Union 75th Anniversary Service, Mullaghduin Parish Church. Preacher Bishop McDowell

Sunday, 28th September

10:00am, M.P. Service, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am, M.P. Service, Cleenish Parish Church

Friday, 3rd October

8:00pm, Harvest Service, Mullaghduin Parish Church, followed by supper. Preacher Rev Henry Blair

Sunday, 5th October

11:00am. Harvest Service, Mullaghduin Parish Church
No Service, Cleenish.

7:30pm. Harvest Service, Mullaghduin Parish Church.
Preacher Dean Kenny Hall

Annual Childrens' Prize Giving Sunday 22nd June



Mullaghduin Sunday School

The Mullaghduin Sunday-School were joined by some past members to present the Family Service. Eli moved from his usual seat at the sound desk to the Reading desk and very ably introduced the Service. Peter sang the solo "Morning Has Broken" and Bible texts were read by William and Peter. Sarah-Louise

and Emma recited poems, and Emma also read a summary of the Ten Commandments. The Prayers were led by Peter & Emma, and Naomi read the Bible reading from 1st Corinthians 9 v 24-27. The Rector welcomed the guest speaker, Olivia Downey, thanked all who had taken part in the Service and conducted the prize-giving. Olivia congratulated the young people for leading the Service, and based her interesting talk on the Bible reading and the forthcoming FIFA World Cup.

In Cleenish after the first hymn, the Service began with a Bible reading by Andrew Elliott.

The Choir then sang "The football song"

Alex read a poem, entitled "Summer"

Kody read a poem, and sang a solo "Praise God our Father"

William & Ethan then read a prayer.

The address was given by Rowena Sheridan, Parish Reader, on the subject of how Heaven and Hell could be related to World Cup football. Rowena also conducted the Service.

The collection was taken up by Sarah Elliott and Andrew Hicks.

At the conclusion of the Service, the Rector distributed prizes to the Children. Mrs Joan Brownlee played the organ.



Cleenish Sunday School

Anniversary Services

The LOL Anniversary Service was held in Mullaghduin Parish Church, on Sunday 29th June. Letterbreen Silver Band led the parade to and from the Church.

The LOL Anniversary Service was held in Cleenish Parish Church, on Sunday 6th July. Bellanaleck Pipe Band led the parade to and from the Church.

The RBP Anniversary Service was held in Cleenish Parish Church, on Sunday 20th July. Mullaghy Flute Band led the parade to and from the Church.

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

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

Monthly Service of Holy Communion

This Service is held in Mullaghduin Parochial Hall on the second Wednesday of each month from September

to June. It combines a shortened form of Holy Communion with an opportunity for prayer for the sick and bereaved, followed by a cup of tea and time to chat. The next Service will be held on Wednesday 10th September.

Thanks

Many thanks to Rowena Sheridan for conducting the Services in both Churches during the absence of the Rector on holidays.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Mullaghduin MU will hold their 75th Anniversary Service on Sunday 21st September at 3.30pm in Mullaghduin Parish Church. The preacher will be The Rt. Revd John McDowell. Following the service a carvery meal will be served in Saddlers Enniskillen. The cost will be £20 per person. It is hoped that Mullaghduin and Cleenish parishioners will attend the service, and join the members for the meal.

If planning to attend please inform Elizabeth Hazlett (66341166) or Joan Nixon (66348314).

Cleenish Brownies

Due to the unavailability of Leaders, the Brownies will not commence until Wednesday 1st October. New girls between the age 7 to 11 years will be welcome in the Parish Hall at 6.45 to 8pm.

Parent and Toddler Group

The Group will re-open on Tuesday 16th September 10am to 11.30am, in Cleenish Parish Hall. Parents and children can interact and avail of play, craft and music activities.

Cleenish Flower Festival & Exhibition, Bellanaleck

Time has now passed since the very successful Flower Festival & Exhibition, which took place at the beginning of June. Many volunteers too numerous to mention gave up their time and energy from both inside and outside the Parish, including those who are not regular Church attenders. Tremendous support was given by many visitors who supported this historic event, which began quietly on the Friday afternoon, and ended with a very successful Gospel Concert on the Sunday evening. Even the weather played its part by giving its Fermanagh variety, with two glorious days on Friday and Saturday, concluding the Church & Hall activities on the Sunday afternoon with thunder, lightning and heavy rain.

Our treasurer Robert Forde is pleased to announce after all expenses were paid, the grand total of £15,000 was raised. We thank God for the way many friends came together for the occasion, and this will live long in our memories.



Display on the Communion Table at Cleenish Flower Festival

Mullaghduin Parish Auction

The Parish Auction is on Saturday 27th September at 2.00 pm. Please speak to any member of the Select Vestry to arrange collection of items for auction.

Future Fund Raising Event

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

Illness

During mid July, little Alfie Keys underwent a six hour open heart surgery operation in Birmingham, his third in three years. He is now at home in Bellanaleck, with his parents Nigel & Jennifer, and his older brother Alex. Alfie is due to return to Birmingham this month for further surgery to reverse a procedure undertaken during his second operation. Members of Cleenish Parish are asked to remember Alfie in their prayers at this time.

Dessi Coalter, Letterbreen, is undergoing treatment at present, and members of Mullaghduin Parish wish Dessi a speedy recovery to his former health.

Robert Donaldson has recently been in Hospital, and had a pace maker fitted. Members of Cleenish Vestry wish Robert good health in the future.

Sympathy

Is extended to Dessi Coalter & Family. Mullaghduin Parish, on the sudden death, Thursday 19th June, of Dessi's sister in law. Meta Howe, Drummurray Gardens, Ballinamallard. Before her marriage to the late Henry Howe, Meta was a member of the Black family from Lisgoole. It is sad to record she attended what was probably her last function at the Cleenish Gospel Concert in her native Parish, just ten days before her sudden passing.

Sympathy is also extended to Carol Johnston & Family, Cleenish Parish, on the death, Monday 30th June, of her mother, Ruby Rennie, formally of Annahone, Rosslea.

Cleenish Centre

During July we were privileged to accommodate a group from the Metropolitan Tabernacle Church in

Belfast. This team was assisting the Enniskillen Elim Pentecostal Church in a very successful week of outreach in Enniskillen.

In late July/ early August we hosted our largest group since the Centre opened, Willowfield Parish Youth and Community group from East Belfast. What amazing leaders who gave their all to these young people which they will remember for the rest of their lives.

All the Volunteers at the Centre were blessed by these Groups.

Bookings are coming in for Day Conferences and Weekends in the Autumn months. Again we would appreciate the help of more volunteers to assist at The Centre. If anyone feels they could offer any time for this, please contact us. Bookings are now being received for the autumn months. To contact The Centre enquiries@cleenishcentre.com or call us on 028 6634 9647.

Bellanaleck Community Group

The final Group meeting before the Summer holidays took place in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 25th June. The beginning of the meeting was taken up by the "Wash Up" after a very successful 5K Run and Fun Afternoon at the Cleenish Centre. Some points were noted about how improvements could be made next year, and it was decided interim arrangements should begin at the February meeting. Three members attended the West Cavan / West Fermanagh Consultative Forum, which was held on Wednesday 4th June in Bawnboy. This Forum gives an opportunity for individuals to listen or put forward ideas, as to how to improve or co operate with other individual Groupings.

The Old Quarry now a Community Garden, and its associated Car Park, sited off Waterhen Lane is now complete and open to the public. Many thanks to the Contractor, and staff at Fermanagh District Council for their hard work and dedication to this twin Project.

The Group bid farewell to Holly & Ellis Barnsley and the boys, as the family move to a new home and new employment in Ballycastle.

Next monthly meeting Wednesday 24th September. New members from the Bellanaleck area would be very welcome.



Old Quarry, Community Garden

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



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Services

Sun 7th September

10.00am Errigal Portclare H.C.
11.30am Clogher Cathedral H.C.
10.00am Augher M.P.
11.30am Newtownsaville M.P.

Sun 14th September

9.00am Clogher Cathedral H.C.
10.00am Errigal Portclare M.P.
11.30am Clogher Cathedral M.P.
10.00am Augher H.C.
11.30am Newtownsaville H.C.

Sun 21st September

11.30am United Service in Clogher Cathedral

Sun 28th September

9.00am Clogher Cathedral H.C.
11.30am Clogher Cathedral M.P.
10.00am Augher M.P.
11.30am Newtownsaville M.P.
3pm Harvest Service Errigal Portclare.

Harvest Services

Friday 26th Sept. Errigal Portclare 8.p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Neal Phair. Rector of Castleblayney.
Sunday 28th Sept. Errigal Portclare 3.p.m. Speaker: Miss Christine Gervis reporting on her trip to Niger.
Friday 3rd Oct. Clogher Cathedral 8.p.m. Preacher: Archdeacon Ian Linton. Rector of Drumcliffe/Lissadell Group of Parishes.
Fri. 10th Oct. St. Marks Augher 8 p.m. Preacher: to be confirmed.
Fri. 17th Oct. Newtownsaville 8 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Aonghus Mayes. Rector of Moy.

U.S.P.G.

The U.S.P.G. is the oldest Anglican Missionary Society and this year it celebrates the 300th anniversary of the granting of the Royal Charter to Bishop Ashe, the then Bishop of Clogher. Now known as the U.S. (United Society), the National Representative is Ms Linda Chambers who has recently spoken in the Cathedral and is responsible for highlighting the work of the society.

The "Revving Bikers" visited the Cathedral on Sat. 2nd August on their tour of the cathedrals of Ireland. This again was to heighten awareness and to promote the U.S. The harvest collections this year will go towards the society and as suggested by the present Bishop of Clogher, Bishop John McDowell perhaps be the start of a more permanent link between Clogher Cathedral and the work of Us.

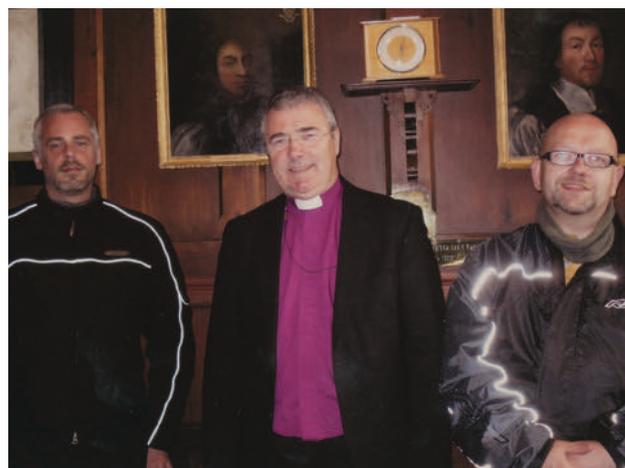
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Revd Andrew McCroskery, Revd Precentor Noel Regan and Revd Nigel Kirkpatrick



Bishop John McDowell with the portrait of Bishop Ashe who was a founder of USPG Ireland in 1714.



Revd Andrew McCroskery, Bishop John McDowell and Revd Nigel Kirkpatrick

Weddings

"Those whom God hath joined together let no one put asunder"

We extend congratulations and best wishes to William Gray and Tanya Johnston who were married in Errigal Portclare on 1st. April. and Samuel Crawford and Sarah Jordan who were married in Newtownsaville on 31st May. Both weddings were conducted by the rector and receptions were in Corick House.

Baptisms

Augher

April 27th William, son of Glenn and Leanne Millar
July 6th Layla Sophie, daughter of Aaron Nixon and Danielle Fleming.

Newtownsaville

July 30th Elsie Jayne Mosgrove Burnett, daughter of Vince and Shirley Burnett.

Sympathies

This last nine months or so have been a challenging time through illness and bereavement, not least for the rector.

The death of Tom Garland in the Valley Nursing Home came at the end of a long number of years of illness. He was a dedicated hard working farmer who paid great attention to detail. During his time in the Valley he was never neglected, his sisters Mrs. Julia Mitchell and Mrs. Martha Fannin and Cissie and his brother Jim and their families were constant in their visits to him. To all we extend our sincere sympathy.

In November 2013 Newtownsaville again lost a very faithful parishioner and choir member with sudden passing of Mrs. Jean Jordan. Jean had such a love for the church her absence in the choir is felt by all. 'A gentle little lady' although belated we extend sympathy to her son Bill with whom she lived and also to her daughter Thelma.

In June the Group of Parishes together with whole community was shocked and saddened by the sudden and untimely death of Elizabeth Giles of Newtownsaville Parish. Elizabeth attended the Pentecost Service in the Cathedral on the 8th June and was her usual friendly and helpful self. She had just put her name down for the trip to Dublin in Sept. Sadly within days we heard the news of her passing. She was a wonderful community person, active and interested in all aspects of life and deeply involved in the life of the parish. We so miss her unassuming presence and her gentle manner and countenance. We extend sympathy to her brother Nigel, her sister-in-law Charlene and family and her sisters June and Joyce and family circle. A word of appreciation to Canon Maurice Armstrong for conducting the service in the absence of the rector. On Thursday 26th June Mrs. Maud Johnston of Ratory was buried in the Cathedral grounds. This followed her funeral service in Carntall Presbyterian

Church. Mrs. Johnston had been for some time a resident of St. McCartan's Nursing Home. We extend sympathy to her son Jack, her daughter-in-law Audrey and their family and also her daughter Barbara and family.

As rector may I take this opportunity of thanking all who supported us over the time of my mother's illness and her death, those who travelled to Gurteen our home in Sligo, attended the removal and funeral in Drumcliffe, those who sent cards, telephoned and texted and spoke to us in person. We were deeply touched by the level of support from the Diocese, the group of parishes and the wider community in Clogher.

Mum: Emily lived life to the full and in her 94th year was still in control and privileged to die in the home in which she was born. She left us a wonderful heritage of standards and values for which we are truly thankful.

World War 1

On Sunday evening 3rd August a very fitting service was held in Clogher Cathedral to commemorate the start of the first World War. The service was conducted by the Precentor who was joined by Fr. Noel McGahan who read a lesson. Reflections on the various supporting organisations involved were read by Mr. William Boyd, Mrs. Sandra Nixon, Mr. Norman McFarland, Mr. Brian Fegan and Mr. Drew Robinson. During the Act of Remembrance a wreath was laid at the Holy Table on behalf of the parish by Mr. Alan McKeown. The exhortation was read by the Chairman of the Clogher branch of the Royal British Legion Mr. Harry Alexander. Our thanks to the choir which was drawn from the group of parishes and other churches and of course the organist on the occasion Mrs. Diane Whittaker. The collection was on behalf of the Chelsea Pensioners Appeal.

The following evening a candle light vigil was held at the cenotaph and was attended by approximately 200 people.

Trip to Dublin

This year our residential weekend is to Dublin where we stay at the City West Hotel (4star)

Bus departs Clogher at 7am on Sat. 20th Sept. Home Sunday at 9 p.m. approx. There are many places to visit and much to see including the Island Bridge War Memorial, The Royal Hospital, Dublin Castle. The Cathedrals, possibly "Temple Bar"!!

Cost including bus, dinner, bed and breakfast £100 per person sharing. Still some seats left. Contact Shirley at 85548287 or the rector.

Sunday School

Sunday school re-commences on Sunday 14th September.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services in September

7th of September

10.00am Clones
11.30am Newbliss

14th of September

10.00am Currin
11.30am Killeevan

21st of September

10.00am Clones
11.30am Newbliss

26th of September (Friday)

8.00 p.m. Killeevan HARVEST, followed by tea

28th of September

10.00am Currin
11.30am Killeevan HARVEST

'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Rom 10:15

Discussion and Bible Study Group

The group will resume their meetings on Monday the 8th of September at 8.00 p.m. Venue to be confirmed. Please contact Mr Roy Crowe for more information, 047 -51647. Please bring a Bible and a friend.

Blaze and Shine

Our youth and children ministry will resume again at the beginning September, in Killeevan Hall for the Shine and in the Market House, Newbliss for Blaze. Ahead of us awaits a term of fun and learning about the Christian faith. The groups meet fortnightly and the youngsters are given a snack during the evening. Both groups starts at 7.00 p.m. and finishes 8.30 p.m.

The leaders look forward to see everyone back and would be delighted to welcome new members.

For more information, and starting date please contact Miss Averil Crowe, tel: 047 - 51647 or Mrs Diane Smyth, tel: 086 - 8182416.

Clothes Collection

Clones parish is having a clothes collection. If any of you have some old clothes, linen, bags, shoes... that you longer need, please contact Mrs Christine Rusk, tel: 047 20801. The goods will be collected on the 8th of September. Thank you.

Beetle Drive

On Saturday the 4th of October at 8.00 p.m. you are all welcome to Killeevan Parish Hall for a beetle drive. We look forward to a pleasant evening for all ages. Do start practising throwing the dice and your beetle drawing skills. Supper is served. Admission: Adults €5.00 and children €3.00. Do join us for an evening that promises to be fun!

Sunday School prizes in Currin

The children read the gospel reading as well as participated with two songs, one about the Bible and one about the Ocean. At the end of the service, the children were presented with a gift – something that will help the children to grow in faith.

Thank you to Ms Audrey Doogan and her assistants for your dedication and commitment.

Clones Sunday School



Clones Sunday School at the playground

The Sunday School in Clones has been busy in August. On the first Sunday, the children and their leaders participated in the morning service. The children had prepared a quiz for the congregation which we all enjoyed, they read both lessons as well as chose the hymns. The leaders led the intercessions and had prepared refreshments for us all to enjoy after the service. At the service, the members of the Sunday School were presented with a book each.

Two weeks later some of the children and the teachers had a wonderful afternoon at the new playground in Clones. It was an afternoon of laughter and play and all enjoyed the picnic.

Thank you to our Sunday School teachers, Miss Averil Crowe, Mrs Shirley Moore, Mrs Christine Rusk and Mrs Cynthia Stewart for your dedication and commitment.



Clones Sunday School in St Tighernach's Church after the service.

Run the Race - Summer Holiday Club 2014



Summer Holiday Club

This summer's holiday club met in the Protestant Hall for three evenings of fun, craft, singing and teaching. The theme was Run the race. A group of enthusiastic and curious children discovered how we can be inspired by Peter's, Paul's and Stephen's lives as we read about these followers of Jesus in the Bible. The club was run by the Church of Ireland and Presbyterian Church in the Clones area. Sincere thanks to leaders and parents.



Summer Holiday Club leaders

ASIST

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training offers a two day skills-building workshop in suicide first-aid. If anyone is interested in this training, please talk to Mrs Linda Keating (047-52065).

Ladybirds

Girls aged 5 to 7 years are invited to join the Ladybirds which meet in Scotshouse. The group start in September. For more information, please contact Bridie tel. 086 – 3644116.

Clones Lenten Appeal to the Leprosy Mission

The appeal raised this year €370, which is an increase compared with previous years. Thank you to all who contributed.

Diocesan Synod

The Synod takes place on Thursday the 25th of September in Enniskillen. Elected members from the parishes will receive all information by post. Can I encourage you to attend. Thank you.

Congratulations

To Mrs Ailish and Mr Robert Johnston on the birth of their children Evan and Elizabeth, James' brother and sister. May God bless you all.

Mr Jack and Mrs Irene Hall have become grandparents again. Congratulations on the arrival of grandson Charlie, Valerie and Walter's son, Joel and Ruby's brother. May God bless you.

Wedding bells rung in Clones on Saturday the 28th of June when Miss Arlene McCann and Mr Adam Rusk were married in St Tighernach's Church. Congratulations and best wishes. May God bless you and your family.

Wedding bells rung in Lough Egish on Saturday the 2nd of August when Mr Geoff Taylor and Miss Emma Sheridan were married. Congratulations and best wishes. May God bless you.

We also congratulate Miss Edwina Rusk and Mr Mark McKnight on their recent engagement. May God bless you.

Bereavement

Mr John Sirr was laid to rest on Friday the 27th of June after a Service of Thanksgiving in St Laebhan's Church, Killeevan. Mr Sirr lived all his life in Killeevan parish, where he was a faithful attender and supported the work of the parish. Our thoughts and prayers are with his sisters Muriel and Kathleen, nieces and nephews and the wider family circle.

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

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September

7th September Holy Communion 11.30am
14th September Family Service 11.30am
21st September Morning Prayer 11.30am
28th September Morning Prayer 11.30am

October

5th October Holy Communion 11.30am
10th October Harvest Service 8.00pm, Dean Raymond Thompson
12th October Family Service 11.30am
12th October Harvest Service 7.00pm, Revd William Seale
19th October Morning Prayer 11.30am
26th October Morning Prayer 11.30am

Christian Burial

17th July 2014, George (Geordie) Nixon Armstrong, Stranahone, Lack

Parish Barbecue

A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was had by all in attendance at the annual parish barbecue whose palates were treated to an abundance of culinary delights. Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the pre-preparation, the serving, cooking, and clearing up afterwards, to those who provided the salads, desserts etc., and to our chefs for once again supplying succulent meat, cooked to perfection. Thanks to everyone who supported the night and those who gave donations.

North Fermanagh Remembers

The World War 1 exhibition proved to be a welcome addition to events in the area, with many viewing the exhibit, not least those who had family members who had died in the war and are remembered on the various war memorials within the locality. An evening was held when all the families were able to come together for the first time and have a short act of remembrance before the exhibition was open to the public. We extend sincere thanks to Mr David Keys for the research and work put into marking this important centenary along with others who gave valuable assistance.

As you read these notes many of the groups will be opening again for the autumn, watch weekly notices for times and dates.

Dates for your dairy

14th September 2014 Sunday School resumes 10.30am
18th September 2014 Autumn/Winter bowling resumes at 8.00pm
17th October 2014 CE resumes

Colaghty Holiday Bible Club, 'Live the Experience'



The bible club ran from 4th- 8th August from 7.00pm – 8.30pm each night with children of all ages in attendance, with an average of 85 children each evening.

The bible club's theme this year was around the World Cup, with the memory verse from Philippians 3: 14, 'I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.' (NKJV).



The games centred on football and the various training and coaching skills associated with the sport aptly set up and guided by Bill and Diane Irvine. The emphasis throughout the week was teamwork without the I. The children created team mascots for each of the teams present and were awarded points on design and names. A number of crafts done by the children included scratch T-shirts and bookmarkers.

Each night began with prayer, singing and warm up sessions as the children settled in before activities commenced. The memory verse was taught in various ways with some of the older children putting on a rap sketch and with puppets Marvin and Amanda.

We are grateful to each of our speakers over the week, Bill, Diane, Matthew, Kenneth and Stephen for sharing God's word and encouraging all present in their faith, witness and commitment to Christ. The talks focused

on unity/teamwork, commitment, exercise, physical and spiritual, endurance, and the ultimate prize Jesus Christ.



Refreshments were served each night and the evening finished off with the theme song and prayer from the requests asked by the children present. Children and leaders were truly blessed in many ways in a week as one child described it as "a spectacular bible club."



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'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) and other special/occasional services listed below

September 2014

Wed 3th September Monthly Evening Prayer – Derryvullen North at 7.30pm

Sun 7th September Service of the Light
USC Service – Preacher Revd Alan Irwin (Derryvullen North at 3pm)

Sun 14th September Service of the Word (Order 5)

Tues 16th September Monthly Holy Communion – Derryvullen North at 11.30am

Sun 21st September Morning Prayer

Sun 28th September Morning Prayer

Our 'Service of Light' on Sunday 7 September is the opening service for our Sunday School, Mothers' Union, Women's Group Junior Church and Comet.

Castle Archdale Harvest (October)

Sun 5th October Junior Harvest at 10.15am

Harvest Thanksgiving at 7pm – Preacher Revd Alan Irwin

Music: William McBride, Stephen Magee & Donald Swain

Safeguarding Trust

4 September 2014 – Derryvullen North Parish Hall at 8pm. For all adults working with children on our premises; this includes Sunday School, Youth Fellowship, Boys Brigade and all other church organisations with members under the age of 18 and anyone who would wish to use church premises for work with children in the next year. Members of Derryvullen North Select Vestry to attend and also panel members from both parishes (ie only Castle Archdale Sunday School teachers and panel members to attend).

Youth Ministry

May I draw attention to two special events in our diocese which is of interest to our youth workers, Sunday School teachers and of course anyone who would be interested in this type of ministry. We are looking for new helpers – urgently. Please consider attending either/both events and find out what it is all about.

Invest – a training programme for all youth ministry leaders and volunteers 16+ years

Saturday 13 September 2014 – 10.30am – 4.30pm at the College of Agriculture, Enniskillen

Workshops and resources include developing sustainable youth ministry, creative prayer and bible study techniques, youth led/peer youth ministry, and outreach and mission at home. Morning coffee/tea/scones on arrival, buffet lunch provided. Contact Jonny Phenix at dyo@clogher.anglican.org

Sunday School Training Evening – An evening of ideas, support, advice with Julie Currie (Down & Dromore Diocesan Children's Officer)
 Tuesday 23 September 2014 – 7.30pm in Christ Church Parochial Hall, Maguiresbridge
 Those attending will no doubt find both events informative and helpful at the start of the new Sunday School/Youth term.

The Annual Summer Camp 2014

As per usual the Rector as Chaplain/Padre to the 2nd (NI) Battalion ACF attended the annual camp in England. Attended by almost 300 young cadets and some 100 supervising staff all drawn from Belfast and Counties Armagh and Down.

The central camp location was at Altcar on the Sefton coast between Liverpool and Southport. Altcar comprises some 620 acres of immense biodiversity with strictly limited public access. Briefly, it includes the largest sand dune system in England and is home to rare species and unique habitats including internationally protected species such as the sand lizard, natterjack toad, red squirrel and some 20,000 green winged orchids. The flora, fauna, ponds, meadows, woods and dunes all make up the Sefton coast site of Special Scientific interest (SSSI).

Outdoor water sports which is part of the adventure training took place at the beautiful scout centre in nearby Southport (ideally located beside the pier and McDonalds) and the mountain/hill training took place at Holcombe Moor above Ramsbottom, Bury; in the beautiful weather it too was spectacular.

The Padre (Rector) was busy –

- (1) There was an opening open air service on the playing fields for all cadets and staff
- (2) Traditionally he organises for cadets to attend local denominational church services and makes contact with local services
- (3) Says Grace at a number of meals
- (4) Has an input in the teaching and implementation of the core moral components which include
 - a. Respect for others
 - b. Selfless commitment
 - c. Loyalty
 - d. Discipline
 - e. Courage
 - f. Integrity
- (5) The Padre helps to implement various safe guarding practices and regulations
- (6) Often gives daily talks based on a 'Thought for the Day' eg
 - a. 'They have tried several times to escape' (temptation)
 - b. 'We have crossed dunes, woodlands and marsh' (endurance)
 - c. 'We had a narrow escape (gratitude)
 - d. 'From mighty oaks do little acorns grow (to become)
- (7) Padre is frequently involved in pastoral or welfare issues involving cadets and is often a point of contact with parents/guardians back in the province
- (8) Additionally, he is involved in the escort of cadets to hospital following injury or other medical issues and is always available for prayer

The Cadet Prayer

*O God our Father
 who has brought us together as
 members of the Army Cadet Force;
 help us to do our duty to each other.
 May all that is good and true prosper among us
 strengthen us to defend the right
 and bless our work that it may be acceptable to you
 for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen*

Sector ministry is a familiar and long established part of the wider mission of the various churches. Clergy serve as chaplains to schools, hospitals, missionary societies, prisons, the Loyal Orders, Mothers' Union, Lord Mayors, Football Clubs, Motorbike Racing Clubs and Scouts (our colleague Canon David Skuce has recently been on camp with Scouts in Canada).

Remembrance

On 4 June at the invitation of Roy Crawford, the President of Enniskillen Rotary Club, the Rector attended and said Grace at a Gala Evening at Crom Castle. Over £10,000 was raised for 'Help for Heroes' The proceeds will help to provide better facilities, welfare support and much more for those who have been wounded, injured or sick whilst in service. Such circumstances can be life changing and might begin a fight that will last for the rest of their lives. Working with such people can be inspirational and motivational and can bring out the very best in people who strive to develop themselves and enhance their quality of life.

On Friday 1 August, as area Rural Dean the Rector, along with Revd Alan Irwin attended and were involved at the opening of the exhibition – 'North Fermanagh Remembers'. The Rector led the short Act of Remembrance and the Revd Alan Irwin said the prayers.

The exhibition is the work of David Keys who painlessly researched records to identify 41 of those from the area who were lost in the First World War. Among the guests were the families of those who died. It was the first ever such gathering and most eventful evening.

Faith & Friendship

This is an interchurch group which meets monthly in Mahon's Hotel. Each year since June 2001 Faith & Friendship groups come together to share, to evaluate and pray together as part of an outreach branch of Restoration Ministries. The gathering this year was in Irvinestown on 31 May and was hosted by the Methodist Church; an excellent meal was provided at the outset and light refreshments at the end. Six groups from across the province attended and each gave an account of their activity during the year. Revd Ruth Patterson from Restoration Ministries was present and led the reflection on The Madman of Gerasa (Mark 5, 1-20), several members contributing to the discussion. The afternoon closed with prayer and the theme for 2014/2015 is to be 'People of the Way' featuring readings from the Acts of the Apostles.

Tuesday Club

20 June – Members of the Tuesday Club travelled to Letterkenny to Tropical world, coming home via Donegal & Pettigo. They enjoyed a lovely meal on return in the Tullana Restaurant. Thanks to Noreen and Anna for organising the trip.

Commissioning Service

20 July – Commissioning as Lay Reader of Mrs Eileen Cutler took place in Inishmacsaint Parish Church. Eileen has been a very faithful visitor in the parish as DPA. Dr Margaret represented the Rector at the service; the parishes were also represented by Keith & Lyndsey Farrell and family and by Miss Isobel Stewart, recently appointed DPA for Castle Archdale. It was a very moving and meaningful service and we wish Eileen every blessing in her role as Lay Reader.

Baptisms

‘Suffer the little children to come unto me’ (Mark 10:14)
15 June – George Desmond son of Vanessa & Gareth (Castle Archdale)
27 July – Kendal Sadie daughter of Tiffany & Ryan (Castle Archdale)

Burial

‘I am the Resurrection and the Life’ (John 11:25)
30 June – Cecil McDonagh (Derryvullen North)

Weddings

‘Unless the Lord builds the house those who build it labour in vain’ (Psalm 127:1)
24 July – Melvyn Ternan & Aimee Wilkes (Castle Archdale)
28 July – Rachel Thompson & Timothy McDonald (Derryvullen North)

Epilogue Services

These short services on Sunday evenings during July & August continue successfully, the Methodist doing July and Church of Ireland doing August. The history of these services is rather interesting –
In 1972, Captain Deane Stewart, Church Army came to Castle Archdale to provide holiday cover for the rector and also to visit the Caravan Park. He met a Methodist minister on holiday in the park and together they decided to start the Epilogue services in 1975 and since then, these informal services have continued being held in the Caravanner’s Lounge and so convenient for visitors.

Diary Dates

Tuesday Club on Tuesday 9 September at 2.30pm
Mothers’ Union reopens on Wednesday 24 September. Speaker from CMS Ireland. Market place goods will be on sale
The Opening Service for both Mothers’ Union and Women’s Group, along with the Sunday School will take

place on Sunday 7 September at 11.30am in Derryvullen North.

All youth organisations will resume in September. Dates & times will appear on the announcement sheets.

Prayers

We remember in prayer all those who have been bereaved; we pray for healing and wholeness for those who have been ill in hospital or at home and for those who are still experiencing difficulties. Please continue to pray for all who are marginalized in our community and throughout the world and for those affected by continuing strife, terror or starvation in many places.

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Calendar

7th September

11.00 Confirmation Derryvullen South

14th September

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

21st September

10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary

12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

28th September

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

5th October

10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary

12.00 Harvest Derryvullen South

8.00 pm Harvest Derryvullen South

10th October

8.00 pm Harvest Garvary

12th October

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12.00 Harvest Garvary

7.00 pm Harvest Garvary

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 3rd August 2014 in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, the sacrament of Holy Baptism was ministered to Sophie Leanne, daughter of Ernest Williams and Caroline Downey, 16 Killyreagh Road, Tamlaght.

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

Christian Burial

On Tuesday 8th July 2014 the committal service took place in Garvary parish churchyard of the late James Thomas McCauley, Laragh, following a service in Trory parish church. Both services were conducted by the Reverend Mark Watson, rector of Trory. We extend sympathy to his wife Sally and the family circle.

Holy Matrimony

On 14th August 2014 the marriage of Stephanie Joanne Wilson, 196 Tempo Road, Garvary, and Eoin Patrick O'Shea, Lawnakilla House, Enniskillen, was solemnised in the parish church of Holy Trinity, Garvary. We pray for God's blessing on their future life together.

CMSI

This year Garvary raised £200 towards the Lenten Project "God's big family" by means of the Lenten boxes and £215 from the CMSI presentation evening on Saturday 21st June 2014. Well done to all the young people for their hard work and to the teachers and parents for their encouragement and support.

The Rectory



Since coming to the parish the rectory family have encouraged the vestry to keep the property in good repair. The last major work was the installation of the new kitchen and boiler. Recently a smaller but none the less significant piece of work was completed

by Robert Boles and Leslie Dixon. The large unsightly and cumbersome single rusty wrought iron gate at the rear of the property was replaced by an attractive pair of modern gates which can now be opened very



conveniently and safely. Similarly the cumbersome single massive wooden door on an antiquated roller system requiring, for the purposes of opening and closing, a physique equal to the task has now been replaced by two doors

on hinges, the doors having been the original single wooden door cut in half and now supported by means of a boxed metal frame. In addition, the rear entrance wooden floor which was collapsing due to woodworm has now been replaced by tiles on a new cement foundation with modern damp proofing. This work has been patiently awaited but much appreciated by the rectory family and apart from anything else, along with five coats of paint on the front door, enhances the appearance of the property.

Congratulations

This summer, graduations have taken place and we congratulate those of our own parishioners who have been awarded degrees after many years of study.

Ben Wilson, 16 Barnhill, Tempo Road, graduated from Newcastle University with a BSc (Hons) in Town Planning; Sarah McVitty, Gortmesson, graduated from the University of Ulster, Jordanstown, with a BSc (Hons) in Business Studies; Richard Henderson, Cappy, graduated from Queen's University Belfast with an MEng in Civil Engineering; and Emma Jane Little, Killee, graduated from Cardiff University with a BSc (Hons) in Dental Technology.

Confirmation

We look forward to welcoming the bishop, the Rt Rev F J McDowell, to Derryvullen South parish church to administer the Rite of Confirmation to eleven of our young people. The joint service for both parishes will take place on Sunday 7th September at 11.00 am.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting takes place on Monday 15th September 2014 at 8.00 pm in Garvary parish hall when the visiting speaker will be the Rev Ngozi, incumbent of the Garrison group of parishes.

Parish Meeting

An opportunity for parishioners to see the drawings of the proposed renovations to the parish hall, to ask questions and discuss the future will be given at a meeting open to all on Monday 22nd September 2014 at 8.00 pm in the parish hall. A letter is in the process of going out to each family.

Harvests

We look forward to welcoming our visiting preachers to our harvest celebrations this year. On Sunday evening 5th October in Derryvullen South, the Reverend Charles Eames, a former parishioner, will be the preacher, and in Garvary on Sunday evening 12th October, the Reverend Margaret Pringle from Monaghan will be our guest. On Friday evening 10th October we are going to do something different. In place of the sermon, the newly formed group of young people, GIFT, will be presenting a message to us.

Auction

Derryvullen parish are once again working towards an auction of firewood and homemade produce. It will be held on Saturday 18th October 2014 at 2.00 pm. The support last year was much appreciated resulting in a successful event and we look forward to having your help again this year both with providing the produce but also volunteers to cut and bag the timber.

Devenish and Boho



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Burials

The funeral service for the late Mrs Marion Joan Dickson, Donegall, Springfield was held on Friday 20th June 2014 in Devenish Parish Church and was conducted by Rev Sampson Ajuka. Burial was in the adjoining graveyard.

Joan was a very valued member of our parish being one of our organists and a very active member of the Mothers Union.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband William and to her sons and daughters Marion, John, Malcolm, Alison and Joanne and the wider family circle.

The funeral service for the late Mr Bryan Morwood Rooskey Drumcose was held on Tuesday 22nd July 2014 in Devenish Parish Church and was conducted by Rev Sampson Ajuka. Burial was in the adjoining graveyard.

Bryan gave very extensive war time service to our country and he was a teacher in Portora Royal School for many years

We extend our deepest sympathy to his sons, Charles, Michael and Stuart and the wider family circle.

The funeral service for the late Mr Robert Stephen (Bertie) Irwin was held on Thursday 7th August 2014 in Boho Parish Church and was conducted by Rev Sampson Ajuka. Burial was in the adjoining graveyard.

Bertie gave much service to Boho Parish church being a former Treasurer and served on the Select Vestry for many years

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Joan, son Jonathan and daughter Lorraine and the wider family circle.

Marriage

The marriage of Rhonda Cathcart & Jonathan Wright was held in Devenish Parish Church on Saturday 2nd

August and was conducted by the Revd Sampson Ajuka. Congratulations on their wedding and best wishes to Jonathan and Rhonda for their future life together.

Youth Fellowship



On Saturday 28th July our Youth Fellowship travelled to Dublin. We visited Christ Church Cathedral and Dublinia (Viking Exhibition). A visit was also made to Dublin Castle. An enjoyable day was had by all. Thank you to all parents and our vestry for their assistance.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Boho Parish

Friday 26th September at 7.30pm
Sunday 28th September at 3.30pm

Devenish Parish

Friday 3rd October at 8.00pm
Sunday 5th October at 11.30am

Orange Anniversary Service

On Sunday 6th July in Devenish Parish Church we welcomed the officers and members of Magheraboy District LOL No11 and members of Magheraboy Flute Band to Morning Prayer. The Service was conducted by the Revd Sampson Ajuka, The readings were read by the County Grand Master, Stuart Brooker and Brother David Ferguson and the organist was Gill Spence.

Devenish Barbeque

Devenish parish organised a very successful barbeque on Friday 20th June at the Reade Hall. Special thanks to Olive Kells, Linda McKee and the ladies for organising the event and Clive McKee and William Harpur for doing the barbeque.

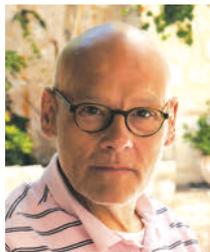
Boho Lunch

Boho parish held a very successful lunch in the Reade Hall, on Sunday 29th June. Special thanks to Austin Stronge and his band of helpers from Omagh for providing such a lovely meal. £669.00 was raised for Boho Parish Funds.

Retirement of Chancellor Stanley Bourke

We extend our good wishes to our neighbouring rector Chancellor Stanley Bourke and his wife Sylvia on their retirement. We wish to thank him for all the work and spiritual guidance that he gave to both Devenish and Boho parishes especially over the period of our vacancy. A number of our parishioners attended the retirement function in Derrygonnelly Orange Hall.

Donacavey and Barr



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Barr Parish Church

The Annual Harvest Service will be held on Sunday 21st September 2014 @ 3.00pm. Preacher at the service is Mr Karl Saunders. Everyone welcome.

Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Calendar

Sunday 7th September, 2014 The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer
Tyholland 12.00 noon Morning Prayer
Sunday 14th September, 2014 The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer
12.00 noon Morning Prayer Errigal Truagh
Sunday 21st September, 2014 The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer
Tyholland Harvest Thanksgiving at 3.00 p.m.
Sunday 28th September, 2014 The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Donagh 10.30am Service of the Word
12.00 noon Service of the Word Errigal Truagh.

Girls Brigade

Registration will take place in the parish hall on Tuesday 9th September, 2014 from 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. We look forward to the incoming year and thank the Captain Margaret Dudgeon and the leaders for all work they do with the girls week by week.

Mothers Union

The opening service will be held on Wednesday 25th September at 8.00 p.m. in St. Salvator's Parish Church with a celebration of Holy Communion. New members will be made welcome.

Sunday School

Sunday school recommences on 7th September, 2014. At this time of the year the young people are preparing to return to school and college and we wish them well.

Choir

The choir practice resumes on Monday 1st September at 8.00 p.m. in Tyholland Church. This is in preparation for the Harvest Thanksgiving service.

Congratulations

To Diane and Ron Wright-Kendrick who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on the 27th July, 2014. We wish them every blessing and many more years of happy married life together and may they enjoy health and happiness.

Prayers

We continue to remember in our prayers those who are in nursing homes and those who have been in hospital over the past weeks and are now recovering at home.

Bereavements

Sadly Howard Wallace died on the 3rd July, 2014. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held in St. Salvator's Church Glaslough on Sunday 6th July, 2014. The service was conducted by the Very Rev. Dean Raymond Thompson. The large attendance at the service ably demonstrated the high esteem Howard was held in within the community. He was a great supporter of St. Salvator's Church a regular attender and a member of Select Vestry and he will be greatly missed. Howard was well known throughout the community and further afield. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Jean, his daughters Rebecca Jane and Beulah-Anne and future Son-in-law Michel and his sister Elizabeth and niece Deacem and the wider family circle.

Dromore



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Service Times

11.30am Each Sunday
(9.00am Holy Communion - First Sunday of Month)

First Steps...

As a family this time last year we eagerly awaited the first steps of our youngest daughter. Over a period of weeks those stumbles became small steps, over the months the steps became normal and now we have an energetic and very fast toddler on the go.

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

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

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

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

Every Blessing
James

Praying for the New Season

As the new season begins in September come along and take some time to pray for your community and church. Each evening from Monday 1st September to Friday 5th September at 9.00pm we will be taking time to seek God in this place.

If you have been along to one of prayer events before you will be very welcome. You will not be asked to do anything that you do not feel comfortable with. This is vital and important element to our faith and witness as we come to together to seek God.

Regular Pattern

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

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

Clogher Diocesan Youth Council (CDYC)

INVEST one day conference is happening on Saturday 13th September from 10.30am - 4.30pm in the College of Agriculture, Enniskillen, for leaders and volunteers from age 16+. This event is hosted by CDYC in conjunction with YouthlinkNI and will be jam packed with training, resourcing, new ideas, fun and fellowship. Places are limited so contact Jonny Phenix to book - dyo@clogher.anglican.org

Men Alive

CVM NI West Regional Day
CHRISTIAN VISION FOR MEN

MEN ALIVE!

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2014

<p>A MORNING OF ENCOURAGING, EQUIPPING AND GETTING TO GRIPS WITH GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR LIVES (NOT TO MENTION GREAT FOOD, PLENTY OF LAUGHTER + THE ODD CHALLENGE OR TWO!)</p>	<p>Doors Open 8:45am Finish @ 1pm BREAKFAST PROVIDED ADMISSION FREE</p>
<p>Holy Trinity Church 19 Galbally Road Dromore, Co Tyrone BT78 3EE For more details contact: T: 07990 897650</p>	<p>Guest Speaker: Carl Beech International Director CVM</p> 

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Harvest 2014

This year our Harvest celebrations are happening on the first weekend in October. We have a great line up of guest speakers and are looking forward to the challenge that they will bring.

Friday 3rd Oct 7.30pm - Ven David Huss (Rector of Donegal and Archdeacon of Raphoe)

Sunday 5th Oct 11.30am - Jill Hamilton (Children's Project Development Officer for Diocese of Connor)

Sunday 5th October 8.00pm - Rev John Hanson (Dromore Presbyterian)

Everyone Welcome

From the Parish Register

Baptism - 20th July - Lexi Jane Armstrong

Social Networking

Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook or follow us on Twitter '@HTDromore' to keep up to date with everything that is going on.

Drumkeeran, Templecarne and Muckcross



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Calendar for September

Sunday 7th September

10.00 Templecarne MP

11.30 Drumkeeran HC

Friday 12th September

8.00 Muckcross Harvest Thanksgiving. Preacher, Rev James Boyd. Tea after the service

Sunday 14th September

11.30 Drumkeeran MP including Holy Baptism

Sunday 14th September

7.00 Muckcross Harvest Thanksgiving. Preacher: Canon Glenn West.

No service in Dernasck in September due to Muckcross Harvest Thanksgiving.

Sunday 21st September

11.30 Drumkeeran MP

Sunday 21st September

7.00 Templecarne Harvest Thanksgiving: Preacher: Rev Eleanor Hayden, Methodist Minister in Pettigo. Tea in the church after the service

Sunday 28th September

10.00 Muckcross MP

Sunday 28th September

11.30 Drumkeeran Harvest Thanksgiving. Preacher, Mr Ken Dobbin.

Sunday 28th September

7.00 Drumkeeran Harvest Thanksgiving. Preacher: Canon Billy Johnston. Tea in the church after the service

Other Dates

Thursday 25th September, Annual Diocesan Synod commencing at 4.30.

Sunday School will resume on 5th October.

Thursday 6th November, Templecarne Annual Concert.

Sunday 16th November, 11.00 am, Service of Confirmation in Drumkeeran. Pray for the young people being prepared for Confirmation, for their families and for the family of the Church of which in Confirmation they become a full part.

September 2014

September is like a 'New Year' in the life of the parish. It is an opportunity to begin again with renewed commitment and resolve to be more regular in worship. During the summer months of June, July and August, attendance tends to be less than normal. Perhaps the absence of Sunday School contributes to this. In addition many people are away on holiday, enjoying a break, an indication of the opportunities available at the beginning of the 21st. In this better standard of living we all rejoice. I hope that you have enjoyed the summer months. The weather has been good and for that we are grateful. After a good summer there is the prospect of autumn in all its glory, another demonstration of the wonder and beauty of God's creation.

Make this September a time of beginning again in the life of this group of parishes, a time of renewed commitment to God, to the church, to worship, and to community. Make worship in church a priority for every Sunday, part of your weekly routine. In the life of the church the beginning of September is an opportunity to begin again.

As you can see, September is the month of Harvest Thanksgivings in the group. If you can provide flowers or other items for the decorating of any of the churches it would be much appreciated and would certainly enrich the atmosphere for worship. There is always an uplift coming into a church where the symbols of nature are all around the place.

Marriage

There were two marriages in the group during early August. 7th August, William Lowry, Letter, and Leah Shaw, Kesh, were married in St John's Church, Muckcross. 15th August, Kenneth Loane, Kesh, and Deborah Vincent, Comber, Co Down, were married in Drumkeeran Church. It was great for the group of parishes to have two weddings in the one month, both couples intending to continue living in the group. We extend our good wishes to William and Leah, and to Kenneth and Deborah. May the days and years ahead be great for them. May God be with them.

Kesh Carnival

As part of this annual event Lisa Thompson, one of our Sunday School teachers, and a few of her friends, organised activities in Drumkeeran Hall on two mornings of the week for young people of Primary School age. I am grateful for their efforts and for this reaching out into the community.

Holiday Cover

I am grateful to those who provided cover when I was on holiday. The services were conducted by Mr Jack Watson and Mr John Irvine. The Parade Services were conducted by Mr Jack Watson, Dean Raymond Thompson and Rev Alan Irwin. Emergency pastoral cover was provided by the Rev Henry Blair and the Rev Caroline Mansley. Thank you all.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum



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Sacrificial Love

“Love” can be defined in many ways. Christ’s love for us is an unconditional love, and this is the love we are to seek in marriage or friendships.

I love “Maud’s Ice Cream” it comes in all sorts of flavours. It is not sold in Eire. It is made in a small village in Co. Antrim and I can tell you it is worth while travelling to get it.

But, what does loving ice cream have to do with marriage? It makes the point that “love” can take on many forms. I can love ice cream, or I can love my dog. I can love music. Love then, can have different meanings depending on the situation or context.

Agape Love

The kind of love I want to discuss is the love that Christ has for us – the love that we should show our spouse every day. If, as Paul said in Ephesians 5:1-2, we are to “be imitators...and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God,” what does that look like for me in my marriage and you in yours?

When a friend was pregnant she had a rather awkward craving one night. I can’t remember if there was something in particular that sparked the desire, but we were sitting on the couch one evening when, all of a sudden, she said she wanted a turkey salad, I volunteered to go. Now, we’re not just talking about any old turkey salad; this had to be a turkey salad from Subway. And, it had to have shredded lettuce. In fact, she told me that if the first Subway I went to didn’t have shredded lettuce for some reason, then I’d have to find one that did! So, I hopped in the car in search of a shredded lettuce turkey salad from Subway.

Subway was not necessarily close to their house, so it was a bit of a task to respond to this request. I want to believe this was a very small example of what Jesus meant when he said, “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13, NIV) Now, certainly, I wasn’t laying down my life for our friend – I just went to get her a salad. But, by sacrificing my time and putting myself aside, I was showing love to her and hopefully giving her a glimpse of Christ in me.

Christ’s love for us goes beyond our love for ice cream, sports or even friends and family. His love is a giving

love. It is a sacrificing and selfless love. It is a love that shows itself in action. Romans 5:8 says, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Jesus loves us, not because we are attractive or share some interest with Him, but simply because He loves us. So, He made the ultimate sacrifice, giving up everything – all his glory, His life – to serve us.

The Greek word for this sacrificial love is agape. I like this definition of agape love:

“Unconditional love that is always giving and impossible to take or be a taker. It devotes total commitment to seek your highest best no matter how anyone may respond. This form of love is totally selfless and does not change whether the love given is returned or not.”¹

Jesus doesn’t expect anything in return. He loves us when we speak to Him daily, spend time in His Word and help an elderly person cross the street. But, He also loves us when we respond with a harsh tone to our children, yell at the person who cut us off and don’t feel like going to church on Sunday morning. His love is unconditional and is there even when we make a mistake.

No Keeping Score

So, let’s go back to the Subway story for one more minute. Envision this: I say to our friend, “Remember that time when I went to Subway to get you that shredded lettuce turkey salad? Why don’t you run up to McDonald’s and pick me up a cheeseburger, just so we’re even?” That sounds silly, doesn’t it? But, we live with that mentality in our friendships and marriage every day.

“I did the dishes, so you should bathe the children.”

“You got to go out with your friends last weekend, so tonight is my turn.”

“Since you bought that outfit, I went ahead and brought that old motor bike.”

Sacrificial, unconditional, agape love doesn’t keep score. It doesn’t matter how your spouse or friend responds; if you want to love like Jesus loves, you have to put yourself aside. In a sermon entitled “What is Christian Marriage,” Coty Pinckney said, “Agape is a love that gives, a love that does not demand or hold onto rights, but has the good of the other at heart. This is the love we need to work on in our friendships or marriage in order for our friend or spouse to feel like he or she is married to Jesus.”

Aghabog

Annual Coffee Morning

On Saturday 22nd June we held our “Annual Coffee Morning” which was well supported by people from far and wide. The homemade cakes and tray bakes on the cake stall went “Like snow off a ditch”

If we had twice as many cakes we could have sold them all. The teas were well supported and no wonder as you can see from the photograph the tables were laden with sandwiches, jam scones with cream on top and lots of other sweet buns.

It is with grateful thanks to all those who sold quiz sheets and to all the helpers who worked so very hard to make the day such a success.



Children's service

Our children's day service was held on Sunday 6th July. The children and young people read bible passages, led the prayers and lifted the collection. At the end of the service presentations were made to the children, also a big thank you to our organist and Sunday school teachers and of course to our children for all their participation and help. Refreshments were served in the hall afterwards.

Also during this service we were delighted to have the baptism of Tommy James Norris infant son of Timothy and Emma Norris.

Eldon RBP 33

Newbliss Eldon RBP 33 held their annual parade service on Sunday 3rd August at 3.30pm. Our thanks to Mr Keith Browne who conducted the service and for his inspiring address. Also a big thank you to the visiting band who led the parade to and from the church, and to all those who organised the beautiful tea afterwards.

Bereavements

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Holden and McCollom families on the recent death of Mrs Alice McCollom, Drumbarragh. Her funeral service took place on July 29th and burial afterwards in adjoining graveyard. Our thanks to the Rev M. Pringle and Walter who conducted the service.

Also our thoughts and prayers are with the Norris and Wilkin families on the recent death of Lucas Reed, Ballybay.

Bowling Club

The bowling club will resume its activities on Monday 8th September, where new members are welcomed.

Harvest Service

Harvest service will be held on Sunday 12th October at 8pm.

Social

Social will be held in Drumate Orange Hall on Friday 17th October, music by BB Paul.

Aughnamullen

Our Annual Harvest thanksgiving service will DV be held on Sunday 14th September 2014 at 3pm. This will be a very special service as we celebrate 150 years of witness and worship. The special preacher will be The Very Reverend Kenneth Hall Dean of Clogher and it is hoped that those clergy and lay ministers that have taken services during the vacancy can come and any former parishioners. There will be refreshments after the service and all are welcome.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been bereaved and we remember any who have been unwell.

We extend a warm welcome to Rev Neal Phair recently appointed Rector of Ballybay Group of Parishes and wish him and his wife and family every blessing in his new parish.

Dartrey/Rockcorry

Baptism

Charlie Stewart Walter Wilkin was baptised in Rockcorry Church on Sunday 20th July, son of Walter and Valerie and brother of Joel & Ruby.

Harvests

Dartrey Harvest 28th Sept @ 3pm
 Rockcorry Harvest 5th Oct @ 8pm

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Ernest & Daisy Wilkin who have recently celebrated their 50th wedding Anniversary. May they both have many more years of good Health and Happiness together.

Congratulations to former Parishoner, Neal Phair, on his recent appointment as Rector of Ballybay Group of Parishes. We wish him, his wife & family every blessing for the future.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Gladys Campbell & Mrs Daisy Wilkin on the recent untimely death of their nephew and grand nephew, Lucas Reed.

Get Well Wishes

Get well wishes are sent to those who have been ill at home or in hospital

Dartrey/Rockcorry Upcoming Events

Saturday, 13th (11am-6pm) & Sunday, 14th (3pm-7.30pm) December, 2014. "Christmas Tree Festival" in St. James' Church, Rockcorry culminating with a Carol Service at 7.30pm on Sunday, 14th December. Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea will be served.

Sunday, 29th March, 2015. "Songs of Praise" Group Service at 3pm in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dartrey with Dr. Philip Knowles, former Dean of Cashel.

Friday, 22nd May – Sunday, 24th May, 2015. Flower Festival celebrating "The Journey of Life" in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dartrey. The official opening will be conducted by Heather Humphreys, Minister for Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht at 3pm and the opening service will commence at 8pm on Friday, 22nd May with Bishop John McDowell as special preacher. The festival will remain open from 11am – 7pm on Saturday and from 3pm – 7pm on Sunday. The Ven. Helene Steed will officiate at the closing service at 7pm on Sunday, 24th May.

Morning Coffee, Afternoon Tea and Pre-Booked Lunches will be available. For further details and bookings, please contact Marion on 086 3976840 or marionfannin@gmail.com.

Dartrey Picnic



Waiting for the work to start in the kitchen.



Where the scary faces came from.



Getting the tools ready to cook the burgers.



The Judge with the winners of the fancy dress

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Services

Thursday 4th September

11.00 – Holy Communion

Sunday 7th September

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 11th September

11.00 – Holy Communion

1.05pm – Diocesan Healing Service

Sunday 14th September

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Morning Prayer (Family Service for registration of Sunday School)

7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 18th September

11.00 – Holy Communion

1.05pm – Diocesan Healing Service

Sunday 21st September

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

7.00pm – Diocesan Missionary Service

Thursday 25th September

11.00 – Holy Communion

1.05pm – Diocesan Healing Service

4.00pm – Diocesan Synod Service

Sunday 29th September

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Morning Prayer

7.00pm – Holy Communion

Holy Baptism

13th July – Peter James Millar

3rd August – Seren Lucia Maude Blair

16th August – Lily Eunice Whitton

Christian Marriage

23rd July – Kirsty–Ann Maxwell and John Philip McManus

25th July – Tanya Johnston and Alan Joseph Campbell

28th July – Bruce Liam James White and Jamila Haida

7th August – Charlene Sarah Henderson and Gareth Robert Palmer

9th August – Jonathan Alexander Boyd and Jennifer Anne Golightly

15th August – Terri Patricia Fleming and Peter Martin Clifford

16th August – Christina Ruth Elliott and Dwayne Frederick Nixon

Christian Burial

6th August - William James (Jim) Gillespie, 12 Killyvilly, Enniskillen

22nd August - Samuel (Sam) Foster, 35 Derrychara Road, Enniskillen

Link Parish



The Clergy and Parishioners of St Columba's Parish, Knock who joined us at the Cathedral for our service on St Peter's Day followed by a picnic in the grounds of Enniskillen Castle.

A New Season

As we begin a new season in church life it is a good opportunity to refocus! We all need to refocus on building relationships. None of us can survive in this world alone. We were not created to live in isolation. There is no such thing as an army of one! To think that you do not need other Christians supporting and helping you is mere fantasy. To think you can survive emotionally separated from family and friends is a destructive illusion. The Bible says, "We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves." (Romans 14:7). The reality is that we need each other, and because we need each other, we need to build relationships. This is what the church is all about. The church is not an organisation, it is an organism. The church is not only a place, it is people. The church is the 'Body of Christ'! When we are together, God meets us in ways

that he does not meet us when we are alone. That is why Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20). When we come together, God comes to meet with us. We should refocus on a life of service. One of the great tragedies of our world is people who live only for themselves. Their whole world centers around them. Everything is measured on how it affects them, and the only effort they put forth is on things which will benefit them. Their focus is on 'getting' instead of 'giving'. They want to be served rather than serve. However the mark of true disciples of Jesus Christ is people who want God to use their lives. They want to serve God by serving others. They have an outward focus rather than an inward focus. They want to express God's love to the community around them, and have their lives make a difference.

When you allow God to build up your personal life, the whole body of Christ is built up. When you are working to build relationships, other Christians benefit. When you decide to let God use your life in service, the whole world profits. God's plan is that we all use our special gifts for his kingdom. Our lives can mean something if we choose to live for something besides ourselves. There is a place for all of us, for the Scriptures says, "The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13).

What are you doing with your life? How does God fit into your week? I hope he is not squeezed in or worse still squeezed out! If that is the case you are missing God's will and God's blessing. Cardinal John Henry Newman said, "God has created me, to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission — I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for nothing. I shall do good, I shall do his work. Therefore, I will trust him. Whatever, wherever I am. I cannot be thrown away."

We all have a part to play in God's plan for our Cathedral Parish, our community and our world. So let us all refocus our lives so as to play a part together as the body of Christ in Enniskillen. In September many Cathedral activities will start up after the summer recess as outlined below. There should be something for everyone to join or be part of – if not let us know.

Thursday's at 11.00

Holy Communion each Thursday at 11.00am. Thirty minute service (including two hymns) followed by a cup of tea/coffee and a chat. Do drop in and encourage others to do likewise!

St Macartin's Mothers' Union Parenting

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Parenting isn't called the hardest job in the world for nothing! Bringing up children in any circumstances can be challenging. The pressures on single parent families plus society's expectations, adds to the problem. One of the most important factors is the early emotional attachment and the establishment of a loving parent/child relationship.

Want to hear more? Want to learn more?

Then come to an open meeting for all parents, grandparents or carers on Monday 8th September at 8.00pm in the St Macartin's Cathedral Hall.

**Speakers from Youthlife (see below) – A mother and young person will tell their personal stories!
A night not to be missed – all welcome!**

Mothers' Union is an international Christian charity that seeks to support families of all faiths and none through practical outreach, prayer and advocating family friendly policies within both government and public life. By supporting marriage and family life, especially through times of adversity, we tackle the most urgent needs challenging relationships and communities. Our members are not all mothers, or even all women, but are single, married, parents, grandparents or young adults who are just beginning to express their social conscience. For all 4.1 million members in 83 countries what Mothers' Union provides is a network through which they can serve Christ in their own community through prayer, financial support and actively working at grassroots level.

youthlife

Youthlife help parents explore and make sense of delicate issues in a safe and non-judgemental environment and provide practical support on developing positive communication and relationship skills. Research tells us that there is no more traumatic event in a child's life than the loss of a parent. Losing a parent, becoming part of a different family unit, adjusting to social and economic changes cause children great pain and anxiety and can often impact negatively on their education and self-esteem.

The trauma is difficult for children to deal with. While the core ethos of delivering grief resolution programmes remains central to the organisation today, Youthlife has been challenged to respond in many different ways to the changing needs of the young people they serve. Programmes are now delivered in schools and outreach venues. The alarming rise in the number of young people using alcohol, drugs, self

harm and suicide as a way of dealing with the pain and grief in their lives has challenged staff to respond with appropriate programmes on these sensitive topics. Youthlife Aims & Objectives:

- Enable young people who have experienced complex grief to work through their grief and make a new beginning in their changed family situation.
- Raise awareness and greater understanding of the grief experienced by young people as the result of the loss of a parent through death, divorce or separation.
- Create personal and professional development opportunities which will inspire young people to grow in self esteem and confidence.
- Recognise and encourage the positive contribution that peer education can make to the lives of young people.
- Develop constructive and positive relationships which will promote the sharing and exchange of information between individuals and organisations concerned with the development of young people.
- Provide support and appropriate programmes for parents of single parent status.
- To seek more effective ways of empowering young people to be heard and listened to and to inform and influence policy makers on their behalf.
- Create a forum for the voices of young people to be heard and listened to and to inform and influence policy makers on their behalf.
- Encourage the inclusion of child grief programmes in mainstream education curricula.

Youthlife is a member of the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy and adheres to its policies and procedures.

Youth Organisations Joint Forum

The Leaders of all of St Macartin's Children's and Youth Organisations are asked to attend a special meeting on Tuesday 9th September at 7.30pm to discuss our ministry and outreach to young people. This is an open meeting and anyone is welcome to attend.

ANOIS

ANOIS is a weekend for 13 – 19 Year olds organised by the Church of Ireland youth department. It runs from Saturday the 25th to Monday the 27th October 2014 in Kilkenny. We would love to have a group attend from the Cathedral. ANOIS 2014 are delighted to announce that Jasper Rutherford from Summer Madness will be the main speaker at the event with music from the Mark Ferguson band. The theme chosen for this year's event will be "PASSION". If you're up for the challenge and adventure ANOIS 2014 provides, come along this year – you'll not regret it! Activities include karting, bowling, zipline, archery, climbing and abseiling, sports and disco. The event costs €80 or £65 (+ €20 or £15 for return transport from all locations if required). There is a 50% discount to 2nd and further siblings. Contact Rev Rob Clements if you are interested in attending and need a booking form, but act fast, no bookings can be accepted after Friday 17th October 2014 and no exceptions can be made.

INVEST

INVEST is a training event for all youth ministry leaders and volunteers 16 yrs+ on the 13th September 2014 from 10.30am – 4.30pm in the College of Agriculture, Enniskillen. It is hosted by the Clogher Diocesan Youth Council in conjunction with Youth Link Northern Ireland. We would like to have youth leaders from the parish participate. Workshops will be practical and will include resources.

Sunday School

St. Macartin's Cathedral Sunday School returns on 14th September. We want all parents and children to come along to church at 11am so that we can:

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

Sunday School consists of two parts. We begin in church at 11:00am and take part in our morning service; children then leave for the Cathedral Hall where we have four classes organised by school year. Junior classes P1/P2, P3/P4, P5/P6/P7 and senior class Y8/Y9. Sunday School also includes a monthly Family Service (the 4th Sunday of each month), when children from our different organisations take part along with our two praise groups, and there is a special child friendly sermon. Immediately following this service, refreshments are served in the side chapel which provides an opportunity for parishioners of all ages to meet for a time of fellowship. Children not yet in P1 are requested to use the crèche facility within the church.

Crèche

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

Drama Group

From time to time our worship together is enriched by a drama or a short sketch which aids our reflection. The parish owes much to Willie Holmes who has become something of our resident dramatist. However it is timely to try and build a bit of a drama team. If drama is something you enjoy and you would like to occasionally be involved in a drama in church, pass on your name to Dr Willie Holmes or Rev Rob Clements.

Adult Faith Formation in St Macartin's



Adult faith formation is the continual lifelong process of deepening one's understanding of his or her faith. It is the churches role to help travelers of all ages grow in both human and Christian maturity. Adult faith formation assumes that we have not arrived at our destination in the Christian life, but rather that we are all being formed by a God who lovingly works alongside us.

St Macartin's has committed itself to the Pilgrim course as its tool for adult faith formation. People at all stages of the faith (and even people just inquisitive) are invited to join us on our pilgrim journey. Last term 20 people completed the first pilgrim course (pilgrim 1) on the Christian baptismal vows. The course was well received, so much so that the group have requested we run another pilgrim course (pilgrim 2) which looks at the Lord's Prayer.

Pilgrim Café meets in the Upper Room of Jenny's café. We will gather around tables for cake and good quality coffee and look at the Pilgrim course together. It is a 6 session course for the twenty-first century just recently published by the Church of England, with an emphasis on 'participation, not persuasion'. It is an open course for everyone on the Christian journey. Pilgrim encourages you to think and pray; and to dip your toe into the experience at whatever level works for you. It's also a great chance to have some table fellowship and get to know others a bit better.

Pilgrim 2 for those who completed the course last term starts up again on Tuesday September 16th. This time it will run weekly for 7 weeks with a break of one week in the middle, but we also want to open up a new pilgrim course for those who didn't get a chance to be involved last term. This will be held on a Monday evening starting mid-October. I would deeply encourage you to take up the opportunity to be involved.

Faith formation is an important part of the Christian life. It's also great fun. If you are interested and want to find out more, contact Revd Rob Clements on 02866322421 or at rob4t@hotmail.com.

Parochial Organisations

Choir Practice

Choir practice takes place each Wednesday evening in the Cathedral commencing at 7.30pm. Practices will resume on Wednesday 3rd September following the summer recess. New choir members are most welcome, currently tenor or bass singers would be particularly encouraged to consider joining. Please contact Glenn or Jayne.

Bell Ringers

Fewer than a dozen parish churches in Northern Ireland have towers with peals of eight or more bells where campanologists can exercise their skill. Enniskillen is one of these, and the peal of ten bells is rung in changes each Sunday and on special occasions. Practice takes place Thursdays 7.00-8.00pm and new ringers will be warmly welcomed to send out the call to worship on Sunday! Please contact Stewart Scott, telephone 66 324 375.

Beavers

Beavers will recommence on Monday 15th September from 6.30 pm to 7.45pm. This is for all children aged 6 to 8 years and they will join a worldwide organisation preparing young people to develop as active members of their community

Cubs

Cubs will recommence on Monday 15th September from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm. This is for all children aged 8 to 10 1/2 years and they will join a worldwide organisation preparing young people to develop as active members of their community and experience probably for the first time, camping and participating in county and national competitions.

Scouts

Scouts will recommence on Monday 15th September from 7.30 pm to 9 pm. This is for all young people aged 10 to 15 years and they will join a worldwide organisation of over 300 million members preparing young people to develop as active members of their community. They will take camping and outdoors to a new level and for some to an international level. For all sections the gaining of badges and awards is a large part of the programme and there is the opportunity to gain the Chief Scouts' award and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Rainbows

Rainbows will recommence on Tuesday 16th September from 6.30pm to 7.30 pm. This is for all girls aged 4 to 6 years and they will enjoy learning new games, craft work and going on outings.

Brownies

Brownies will recommence on Tuesday 16th September from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. This is for all girls aged 7 to 10 years (P6) and they will enjoy completing badge work, going on outings, craft work, participating in joint activities with other Brownie units.

Guides

Guides will recommence on Tuesday 16th September from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. This is for all girls aged 10 (P7) to 15 years and they will enjoy completing badge work, Duke of Edinburgh award, craft work and camp holidays.

Xplore

Xplore meet once a month for young people confirmation age and above. It is a space for young people to explore some of the faith and life questions in their world. Those who are being confirmed this year are invited to attend a night of Xplore on the 14th September at 8.30pm.

Saturday Night Live

Saturday Night Live meets on Saturday (7.00pm – 9.00pm) and is open to children aged 11 years and above. All children must be registered on 13th September and this will follow a more structured approach to include movie nights, competition nights, etc. There will be a code of conduct which emphasises respect, self respect and participation.

Youth Fellowship

Youth Fellowship follows Saturday Night Live (9.00pm – 10.30pm) and begins again on Saturday 13th September. All children of school year 10 and above are welcome. A separate registration form must be completed. Activities include bible study, games and fellowship with the occasional guest speaker.

Tuesday Club

Recommences on Tuesday 30th September at 2.00pm in the Hilliard Room.

New members are welcome and we especially want to encourage men to come along and enjoy the fun and fellowship! Come and meet other parishioners - a good friend could be someone you have yet to meet.

Bowls

Recommences on Wednesday 10th September. St Macartin's Bowling Club re-entered the Churches League and with this new found enthusiasm we are appealing for new members, men, women, boys and girls to join in the fun and fellowship of bowling. Wednesdays from 10.30am-12.00 noon and 7.30-10.00pm.

Badminton

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

The Ulster Historic Churches Trust

The Ulster Historic Churches Trust which was founded in 1995 and exists to promote best practice in Church maintenance, has run several seminars and conferences over many years. To date it has organised walking tours in Cookstown, Newtownards, Portadown and Derry/Londonderry.

On Wednesday 24th September a walk will take place in Enniskillen Churches. This involves a tour of the four main local churches, designed to appreciate the rich legacy of the town's fine ecclesiastical heritage, followed by an informative talk aimed at how best to maintain these buildings for future generations. We hope that Glebe Wardens, Vergers, Sextons and

Property Stewards will find this particularly helpful. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for this event.

2.30pm Walking Tour begins at Enniskillen Methodist Church

3.15pm St Michael's Roman Catholic Church

3.45pm St Macartin's Church of Ireland Cathedral

4.30pm Scots Presbyterian Church followed by refreshments .

If you are unable to join us for the whole walkabout, then please feel free to join us at whatever point is convenient for you.

Captain Deane Stewart, Church Army



A service of Holy Communion was held on 30th July in St Macartin's Cathedral to mark the 60th Anniversary of Capt Deane Stewart's Commissioning. A number of Church Army Officers were present including Capt Colin Taylor who organised the event, which was followed by a meal and presentation in the Killyhevlin Hotel.

Presentation to Jim Kerr



At our Easter General Vestry Meeting Mr Jim Kerr declined to have his name forwarded for re-election to the Select Vestry thus ending over half a century's service! To mark his outstanding service both Jim and his wife Dorothy were invited to the July Select Vestry Meeting. The honorary secretary Mr Sam Morrow was asked by the Dean to express the parish's appreciation to Mr Kerr for his devoted 52 years service on the Select Vestry. Mr Morrow recalled that Mr Kerr had served with four incumbents in the parish. During his time on the Select Vestry he had served with distinction as an elected member on many committees and bodies

of the Church of Ireland. These included the Diocesan Synod, the General Synod, Parochial Nominator, Diocesan Board of Education, the Northern Ireland Board of Education, Board of Governors of Portora Royal School and various missionary societies. In addition, he served as a Diocesan Reader which took him to parishes throughout the diocese. Over the years he was strongly supported in this work by his wife, Dorothy. Dean Hall then invited Mrs Hope Kerr to present Mr Kerr with a garden seat which had an appropriate inscription attached. Mr Kerr returned thanks for the generous remarks and for the gift. Strawberries and cream, generously supplied by Mrs Coalter, were enjoyed by all present.

Sing for Life Community Choir visit Enniskillen

We are delighted to announce that the Belfast-based Sing For Life Community Choir will be giving a joint concert at 7.00pm, Sunday 28th September, at St Macartin's Cathedral and St Michaels Church.

The programme will feature works by John Rutter, Morten Lauridsen, Eric Whitacre, folk song arrangements and a selection of choral arrangements of popular artists such as Sting and The Righteous Brothers.

Recently featured on BBC Radio Ulster's Sing Out programme, Sing For Life is a very special choir indeed. A joint project between the Crescent Arts Centre and Cancer Focus NI, it was established in September 2012 for anyone affected by cancer, providing the opportunity for members to meet others living with cancer, share time together in a supportive and friendly environment, and learn new skills in choral singing. Approximately 80 members attend a weekly 2hour rehearsal. No singing experience is required to join and no auditions take place. Every voice counts!

Research has shown that singing in a choir can be extremely therapeutic for cancer patients helping to improve quality of life and self-esteem, and assist with pain relief and coping with depression.

The conductor of the Sing For Life Community Choir is Keith Acheson. Born in Enniskillen, he studied for a BMus (Hons) at the University of Ulster and went on to be awarded a PhD in composition from the same institution in 2001. Keith is also the Director of the multi award-winning Crescent Arts Centre, one of the busiest arts centres in the UK and the Belfast Book Festival. He states, "Working with the choir has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. Making music together is always an enjoyable experience but when you see it make a tangible difference to an individual's life, that demonstrates the true power of choral singing".

A special collection will be made for Cancer Focus NI Please make every effort to attend and bring friends!

Bikers On A Mission

On Friday 1st August, Revd Andrew McCroskery and Revd Nigel Kirkpatrick set off on a marathon 3,000km trip. They visited each of the 30 cathedrals

of the Church of Ireland over a period of 10 days. In each place they prayed with those who came along to support, praying for that cathedral, its clergy, people and diocese, as well as praying for Swaziland and the United Society.

The idea came when they were discussing how they and their motorbikes could mark the 300th Anniversary of the United Society in Ireland.

The plan was to raise awareness and raise funds - and at the same time have fun.



Mrs Hope Kerr, Hon. Treasurer of St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen presenting a donation on behalf of the parish to Revd Nigel Kirkpatrick.



Dean Hall and Linda Chambers of Us pictured with the Revd Nigel Kirkpatrick and Revd Andrew McCroskery along with their bikes at Enniskillen Cathedral.

Prayer

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



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Senior Members Ministry

On Wednesday 17th September at 12 noon a service of hymn singing and Holy Communion followed by a dinner and concluding with an interesting talk on Diabetes will take place in the parish hall. We welcome friends and senior adults to join together for fellowship and fun.

Connect Reformed

Reopens on Friday 5 September at 8pm for age group Year 8 and upwards. The Speaker will be Kelly Burke.

Mothers' Union

On 20 June 10 members attended a service of celebration in St Anne's Cathedral. This service was on the eve of the 2014 General Meeting and was attended by 1200 M.U. members from all over the British Isles. The address was by Most Rev. Dr. R. L. Clarke, Primate of All Ireland.

On 28 June 35 members and friends enjoyed a boat trip on Lough Erne on the Kestrel, stopping off at Devenish Island. This was followed by a very enjoyable meal at Killyhevlin Hotel.

The September meeting will be held on Monday 8 September at 8pm when the speakers will be from Women's Ministry - M.O.P.S (Mothers of pre-school children), M.I.P.S. (Mums in Prayer) and M.U. This will be an open meeting for the Parish.

Bowling Club

St John's Bowling Club members look forward to starting their winter 2014/2015 season on Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm. A good evening of activity and fun and all ages from youth to seniors are welcome to come and participate in a game of playing indoor bowls.

Church Lads' Brigade

CLB re-opens on Tuesday, 16 September at 6.30 – 8pm.

Girls' Friendly Society

GFS re-opens on Wednesday, 17 September at 6.30 – 8pm for girls in P1 and upwards.

Parish Auction

An Auction will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 11 October at 10am in aid of SAMS.

Variety Concert

Also a Variety Concert will be held on Friday, 17 October at 8pm in the Parish Hall, both these events are in aid of SAMS (South American Missionary Society). To continue our support for Santisima Trinidad (Holy Trinity) Primary School in Lima, Peru. We have been building closer links with mission partners. Fivemiletown Parish Men's Ministry Group have organised these two events to help with providing a new roof for the primary school at this stage, as part of ongoing support. This school is located on the outskirts of Lima and provides a Christian education, a hot meal and a safe haven for the children from an extremely poor area in the hillsides around Lima.

'Call His name Jesus'

Friday 12 - Sunday 14 December 2014
God willing, the parish is planning to host a festival of flowers and music to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Galloon, Sallaghy and 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 will normally be held on the third Sunday of the month.
During the year there will be three Group Family Services; these will rotate between the three Parishes on the 3rd Sunday in October, January and May.
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)

September/October Harvests

The theme of the Harvest Services is taken from the book of Ruth and follows the tradition of gleaning. At each service the loose collection will be given to the relevant mission.

Sallaghy Harvest Services

Friday 26th September at 8.00pm

Mission: SAMS

Speaker: Bishop Ken Clarke SAMS Mission Director (South American Mission Society)

Sunday 28th September at 10.30am

The Bishop will attend this service and will dedicate some gifts.

Drummully Harvest Service

Sunday 5th October 7.00pm

Mission: Leprosy Mission

Speaker: To be confirmed

Galloon Harvest Services

Friday 10th October 8.00pm

Mission: Bishop's Appeal

Speaker: Rev Hazel Hicks

Sunday 12th October at 12noon

Rev Anita will conduct this service.

Confirmation

There will be a Group Confirmation Service with Holy Communion on Sunday 7th December at 11:00am in Galloon Church.

Mothers' Union Conference

A One Day Conference for Young Women (Members and Non-Members) is being held on 4th October 2014 in the Killyhevlín Hotel, Enniskillen providing a time to relax, have fun and find out about Mothers' Union. The cost is £20/€25 and if you are interested in attending could you please contact your relevant Branch Leader, Myrtle or Beulah.

Galloon Parish

Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the family of the late Margaret McCartney, Crom Lane. Margaret was a very faithful member of the parish, active in The Mothers' Union and Bowling Club and a regular attendee at church for as long as she was able. Her funeral service, conducted by Rev Anita Kerr, was in Galloon Parish Church and burial was in the adjoining graveyard. We also remember the Ingram family, Derrycorby, on the death of Herbie and extend our sympathy to them.

Illness

We remember those from our parish who are unwell at present whether at home, in residential care or in hospital and also their carers and families. Please let Rev Anita know if anyone needs a pastoral visit.

Book Sale

Thanks to all who donated books and helped at the book sale in any way. Over £1000 was added to Parish funds.

Barbecue

A very enjoyable night was had on Friday 15th August at the parish barbecue in the Church Hall. Thanks to the cooks, all those who supplied salads and desserts, those who prepared the hall, served the food and cleared up afterwards.



Parish Auction

The next Auction will be on Saturday 6th September at 12.00 noon in The Church Hall

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club reopens on Monday 15th September at 8.00pm in The Church Hall. New members of all ages would be made very welcome.

Galloon & Drummully Mothers' Union

The Branch is holding a Holy Communion Service in Galloon Parish Church on Monday 22nd September commencing at 8.00pm. The Rev Kerr will conduct and speak at the service. It will be followed by a meeting and supper in the Church. This evening is open to everyone and a warm invitation, from the branch, is extended to you to attend. Looking forward to your attendance.

Dedication of Gifts

We look forward to welcoming the Bishop to our Sunday morning service on 28th September when he will dedicate a number of gifts.

Just a Thought

Gossip is like mud thrown against a wall- it may not always stick, but it leaves a dirty mark and that mark can last a long time.

Sallaghy Parish

Parish Barbeque

There will be a steak barbeque on Friday 5th September. Tickets are currently available. The Sunday School children will be free. Please keep this date free and invite your friends to attend. All support will be greatly appreciated.

Mothers' Union

The Opening Holy Communion Service for the Mother's Union will take place on Thursday 11th September at 8.00pm in the Parish Church followed by supper in the Church Hall.

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club will recommence for the new season on Tuesday 23rd September at 8.00pm in the Church Hall. New members of all ages will be made

most welcome and everyone is asked to encourage someone to attend for the first time to and enjoy a game of bowls and the fellowship together.

Sunday School

Sunday School will recommence after the summer break with the children attending the Family Service on Sunday 21st September. They will be taking part in the Sunday morning Harvest Service on 28th September.

Derryadd Harvest Service

This service will be held on Sunday 12th October at 3.30pm when the speaker will be Mr Terry Waters from Clones.

Drummully Parish

Car Boot Sale and Community Pet Show

Our Car Boot Sale with a dog and pet show was on Saturday 26th July and made €1000 for the Church roof repair funds, which we were delighted with. Thank you to all who donated items for the parish stall, baked for the event and those who helped in any way. Thank you also to everyone for attending and for bringing along their own car boots and for all those who came and supported us. Thanks to Alistair and Candace North for donating all the prizes for the dog show. They were much appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Vance for judging. There were almost 30 dogs and a number of pets including sheep, pigs and a goat!!



All photographs courtesy of Stephanie Wiggins.



Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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September

Sunday 7th September

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 14th September

Kiltyclogher 10am HC
Belleek 11.30am HC

Friday 19th September

Slavin Harvest Thanksgiving 8pm

Sunday 21st September

Garrison 10am MP
Slavin (Harvest) 11.30am MP

Friday 26th September

Belleek Harvest Thanksgiving 8pm

Sunday 28th September

Kiltyclogher 10am MP
Belleek (Harvest) 11.30am MP

October

Friday 3rd October

Garrison Harvest Thanksgiving 8pm

Sunday 5th October

Garrison (Harvest) 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 12th October

Belleek 11.30am HC

Kiltyclogher Harvest Thanksgiving 7pm

Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go to Mrs Louise Hamilton, Gurteen, Garrison on the recent death of her aunt in Belfast.

Christian Marriage

Rebecca Nelson, daughter of Ann and Billy Nelson, Slavin, married Ian Hughes from Cookstown on Thursday 10th July in Slavin Parish Church. The Marriage service was conducted by the Rector, Rev Ngozi Njoku.

Clive Ovens, Edinburgh, eldest son of John & Elizabeth Ovens, Slavin, Roscor married Kathryn Dunn from Dunfermline in Dunfermline Abbey on Saturday 26th July.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been in hospital in recent weeks. We think of Edith McBride and Willie Robinson who have both been in hospital recently.

Holy Baptism

Darren James Wymbys Acheson, son of Michelle & Jason was baptised in Garrison Parish Church on Sunday 22nd June by the Rector, Rev Ngozi.

Parade Services

There was a great turnout of congregation, Loyal Order members and visiting brethren at both Slavin and Garrison Parade services. Thanks to Garrison Accordion Band for accompanying both parades and a special thanks to the Rector for her preparation to make each service special.

Sunday School

Garrison Sunday School will recommence on Sunday 7th September at 9.45 in the Church Hall.

Slavin/Belleek Sunday School will recommence on Sunday 12th October @ 10.45am in the Wark Hall, Belleek.

Slavin Fundraising

Thank you to all who helped and supported the Slavin Sale of Work. £873.35 was raised, including donations.

The Bag Packing days and Recycled Clothes raised £1485. Thank you to all who helped to Bag Pack, from within the Parishes and those from further afield, who were very generous with their time.

Dedication Service



A Dedication Service was held on Sunday 3rd August at 3.30pm in Kiltyclogher Church. The service of Evensong was led by the Rector Rev Ngozi Njoku, with the responses by the Choir and congregation. The lessons were read by Precentor Canon Noel Regan and Mrs Anne Scott. The Gifts in memory of the late Valerie Irwin were presented by the churchwardens, Gordon Carson and Edward Stephenson. These included a wooden cross, gifts of linen including:- corporals, purificators, altar veil and Burse, altar tablecloth, reading desk fall and pulpit fall.

The gifts were given by the family and were dedicated to the glory of God by the Bishop, Rt. Rev John McDowell. The preacher was Canon George Irwin who spoke of Valerie's life and her great interest in church history. Refreshments were served in the Hostel following the service.

Parish Website

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

Photos & articles etc. for the website to be e mailed to Doreen Earls at

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

Rector Prepares for Winter





Inishmacsaint

Vacant.

During the vacancy the Revd Canon David Skuce, Rural Dean, is in charge, and is providing pastoral cover together with Miss Isobel Stewart, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.

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Farewell to Chancellor Bourke

During August, Inishmacsaint Parish Church made a presentation to Chancellor Stanley Bourke and his wife Sylvia to mark the occasion of his retirement at the end of August. There was a very large turnout and there was a large attendance from the wider community. It was a night of mixed emotions as we said farewell to our minister but it was also a celebration of a lifetime in Christian ministry for Stanley. Inishmacsaint Parish were privileged to have been part of that Christian ministry.

The main presentation was made by Mr Ron Ferguson of the parish. During his speech, Ron paid a warm tribute to Chancellor Bourke and his wife who worked as a great team and were dedicated to their duties in running the parish. Stanley diligently went about parish affairs in an easy and quiet manner and was always fully supported by Sylvia. He had a patient and prayerful manner, encouraged by Sylvia which inspired many parishioners. He was very attentive to the spiritual needs of his parishioners and was a regular visitor to the sick and elderly.

During his time as rector, Stanley oversaw a major renovation project of the church in 2004 and during this time we held our services by kind permission in the neighbouring Church Hill Methodist church. In 2006, the parish marked its 175th anniversary by broadcasting the service live on BBC Radio Ulster. In 2010, Stanley oversaw the launch of an ambitious VISION 2020 document and already we were seeing the results of this vision. Ron looked forward to Chancellor Bourke visiting us in 2020 to see how far we had gone. More recently, he oversaw the installation of a multi media system, tea making facilities, easy access and new steps into the church.

In summing up, Ron said that the Bourke family would be missed by so many people. He said that Stanley was a sincere, genuine and respected gentleman and

on behalf of the parish he thanked both Stanley and Sylvia for their 11 years of support, patience, spiritual guidance and prayers and wished them a long and happy retirement.

There were a number of other presentations and speakers who were representative from across the community, these were:-

Canon David Skuce on behalf of the rural deanery
Gareth Hayden Methodist Church

Eileen Cutler GFS

Doris Elliott Mothers Union

Garry Smyth Botha Parish, Derrygonnelly

David Scott Devenish and Boho parish

Joan Cathcart Derrygonnelly Primary School

His final service before his retirement was Sunday 17th August at 11am. During the vacancy Canon David Skuce will be providing cover.

Stanley came to Inishmacsaint in June 2003 where he has been rector for the last 11 years. He retires at the end of August and will be moving to Bangor to be closer to his family and grand children.

Both he and his wife are originally from Sligo and have maintained a very close connection to his family roots. He became Deacon on 25th June 1979 and was curate at St. Elizabeth in Dundonald and Shankill in Dromore. He was rector of Dungiven and Boveagh, St Johns Lurgan before coming to Inishmacsaint.

Married to Sylvia, they have 4 children (Kenneth, Peter, Gillian and Sharon) and three grand-children.



Eileen Cutler, Canon David Skuce, Mrs Doris Elliott, Ron Ferguson, Chancellor Bourke, Edward Rogers, Sylvia Bourke, Garry Smyth, Joan Cathcart, David Scott and Revd Sampson Ajuka

Kilskeery and Trillick



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

Holy Baptism

Ethan Joe Funston son of Diane and Roger, Trillick on Sunday July 27th.

*God our Creator, thank you for the waiting and the joy,
Thank you for new life and for Parenthood*

Thank you for the gift of Ethan entrusted to our care.

*May we be patient and understanding, ready to guide
and forgive that in our love Ethan may know your love.*

*May he learn to love your word and the whole family
of your children;*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Colin Fleming Brien

Born in Australia on 16th January 1923

Passed away on 15th November 2013 aged 90 years.

Kilskeery Parish Church acknowledges a very generous bequest in the sum of \$5,000AUD (£2,585.23STG)

Colin was born on the 16th January 1923, the sixth child of Francis Albert Brien.

He served in the 2nd / 19th battalion, Australian Imperial Forces and was wounded and captured by Japanese Forces (see his statement to The Tokyo War Times Trial <http://lib.law.virginia.edu/imtfe/content/item-1-pows-statement-colin-fleming-brien>).

A Fellow of the Australian Society of Accountants, after the war he was employed in Papua New Guinea (1948 - 1979) in commerce and plantations. Colin's main interests were Genealogy and tending his beautiful garden. He enjoyed completing The Times cryptic crossword, was an avid reader and travelled extensively.

Having researched the Brien family in Australia, back to when they first arrived in the country, Colin emphasized that they were 'Free Settlers' (the Brians were not deported).

He went on to write and publish several books on how they settled and began farming, these included family trees.

He then turned his attention to their Irish origins and first came here 1985/1986, staying with Dinah Brien and her late husband Edward in their home at Dundonald, tracing the family back to Girgadis and Stranagomer and their connection to Kilskeery Parish Church and feeling such a strong connection with the area that he considered buying a house in Kilskeery! He returned every 2nd year to further his research and visit kinfolk and friends, accompanied by his cousin Betty, herself a keen researcher.

Joining with the Church family in Sunday worship, in the beautiful Church building his ancestors had worshipped in, gave him a sense of belonging and continuity, further enhanced by the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to him by kinfolk and friends – Sunday Lunch with the Edgar family became a tradition on his visits and so it continued as they 'did the rounds'.

We thank Dinah Brien for the above info – Dinah adds that Colin was a man of great faith and that it was this faith that sustained him during his ordeal as

a prisoner of war, telling us that she never heard him complain and never knew him to show any bitterness – one of the 'unsung heroes of the war', who was an active member of his own church, lived simply, thought highly and walked humbly before his God.

Colin's Committal Service was held at Allambe Gardens Cemetery, Nerang-Broadbeach Rd, QLD, Australia on Friday, 22nd November 2013 at 10.00am.

Dates for the diary

Sunday School resumes on Sunday, September 7th with a Family/All Age Service in Trillick Parish Church at 10.30am and Kilskeery Parish Church at 11.45am.

Messy Kids Club meets on Saturday, September 20th from 11.30 – 1.00pm.

Music Group/Choir resumes on Tuesday, September 9th – see church news sheet.

Senior Citizens Club continues to meet on Tuesdays at 2.00pm in Kilskeery Parish Hall and extends a warm welcome to all who might wish to join us.

Mothers' Union meet for a celebration of Holy Communion in Trillick Parish Church on September 15th at 8.00pm. This to be followed by the A.G.M.

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

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Trillick Parish Church, Sunday, October 19th at 11.00am and 7.30pm.

Kilskeery Parish Church, Sunday, October 26th at 11.00am and 7.30pm.



Andy Crawford presents Linda Moffitt with very beautiful flowers at Kilskeery Olive Leaf LOL463 Annual Service



Bill & Catherine McGaugie who visited us at Trillick Parish Church. Bill is the son of the late Mabel McGaugie (Crozier)

Lisbellaw (including Coolbuck)

Vacant.

During the vacancy Archdeacon Cecil Pringle is in charge, and is providing pastoral cover together with Miss Marie McCordick, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.

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Mothers Union

Mrs Anna Kelly was presented with a certificate marking her forty years of Mothers' Union membership, following a service at Coolbuck church.

Holy Baptism

Sunday 29th June - Charlie Stubbs, son of Ronald and Amanda, Windyhill House.

Confirmation

On Sunday 22nd June, it was good to welcome at the Morning Service, the Bishop, the Rt. Revd John McDowell who confirmed nine young people from our parish. It was lovely that so many of their parents, relatives and friends were able to join them on that occasion.



The confirmation candidates pictured with the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell and the Revd Canon Bryan Kerr at their Confirmation in Lisbellaw Parish Church on Sunday 22nd June.

Please remember in your prayers, Katie Beacom, Stephanie Bothwell, Karen Dunlop, Lucy Forde, Matthew Gault, Destiny Hicks, Stephen Kerr, Dylan Moutray and Joshua Moutray as they strive to keep the promises they made on that day.

Thanks

Sincere thanks to the Revd David Luckman, to Diocesan Reader Karl Saunders and to the Revd Raymond Ferguson who ministered in July while the rector was on holiday.

World War 1 Commemorative Weekend



Florence Creighton, crocheting poppies at the WW1 event in Lisbellaw



Mr Brian Dane, Coolbuck parishioner, pictured with a photograph of his great-uncle William Dane who died in WW1



Mrs Lorna Prescott, whose grandfather Tommy Foster, along with his two brothers served in WW1, pictured with her husband Sam

The first weekend in August was an extremely busy one in the life of the Parish, and was a most fitting occasion to mark one of the most poignant and tragic events in our history.

Friday night, August 1st, saw the launch of our World War One Commemorative Weekend which had been planned to mark the centenary of the outbreak of war in 1914.

The community of Lisbellaw and Tamlaght gathered in the Parish Centre for an evening of remembrance and reflection which included songs of the period, readings, poetry and stories which not only painted a picture of life in Lisbellaw on the eve of the outbreak of War in August 1914 but went on to explore how war would significantly affect the lives of individuals, families and the local community.

Participating were local historian Joe Crawford, Ollie Breen who shared a story of local heroism at the Battle of Messines, and Frank McHugh who spoke about William Sladen Hughes from Cappy House, Tamlaght, the first man from the immediate area to die in the war. He also spoke about Jack Carrothers from Farnaght, Lisbellaw who died at Passchendale in August 1917. The Bishop of Clogher, the Rt. Revd. John McDowell also contributed to the evening. Our thanks to the Bishop for his words of reflection. A Community Choir included singers Lynda Lindsay, Sarah-Jane Makhoulf and Bob and Libbett Irvine. Matthew McFrederick read two poems, 'Oh Stay at Home, my Lad and Plough' and 'He went from our gaze like a beautiful dream.' He also, very movingly read a Roll of Honour for Tamlaght and Lisbellaw, naming all those men from the area who are known to have died.

On Saturday 2nd August and coinciding with the Fermanagh Royal Black Preceptory Parade in the village there was an exhibition in the Parish Centre of memorabilia, photographs, letters, crafts and newspaper items relating to 1914. This proved to be of huge interest. The exhibition received a large number of visitors, who greatly appreciated the range of artefacts and the array of information on display. Our thanks to those who worked hard at preparing

the hall; inspiration and perspiration combined to create a most effective display.

On the evening of Sunday 3rd August many parishioners attended a parade in Enniskillen followed by the Diocesan Service in St Macartin's Cathedral marking the Centenary of the Outbreak of War.

Monday afternoon, 4th August saw a Young People's Workshop in the Parish Centre. Facilitated by Frank McHugh and Mervyn Hall, forty children and young people were enabled through drama and role play to explore various aspects of the war.

Question Time, later that evening in the Parish Centre, provoked interest in dealing with a range of issues relating to local and international history of a century ago. It proved to be very informative and enjoyable. Hosted by the BBC's Julian Fowler, the panelists were Beverley Weir from Fivemiletown, Mervyn Hall from Enniskillen, Frank McHugh from Monea and the Rector, the Revd. Canon Bryan Kerr.

The final event, was a Service of Remembrance and Commemoration at 10.00pm that evening in the Parish Church. This was well attended by people from right across Co. Fermanagh and concluded with the extinguishing of a candle at 11.00pm to coincide with the beginning of the war, bringing to an end the church service of specially chosen Bible readings, hymns and prayers. After a minute's quiet reflection the lights came on again, representing the continuing presence of the Light of Christ, the Light of the World. The congregation left the church in silence.

Our profound thanks to the Committee and all in the community who provided, helped or supported in any way to make this commemoration profound, memorable and reverent.

Presentations to the Revd Canon Bryan Kerr

The weekend coincided with the departure of the Revd. Canon Bryan Kerr who had been Rector of Lisbellaw since October 2005 and who has now left the Parish to become Rector of Dromore Cathedral and Dean of Dromore.

After a Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 3rd August, presentations were made to the Rector, his wife, Shirley, and their daughters Hannah and Rachel by Miss Isobel Stewart, Parish Reader, Mrs Harriett Kirkpatrick, Parish Secretary and Mrs Jean Graham and her grand-daughter Jeananna Gordon. A further presentation was made to Mrs Kerr by Mrs Maude Nawn on behalf of the Mothers' Union. Mr Charles Barr presided, speaking warmly of Canon Kerr's ministry. The presentations were followed by a buffet lunch for all.

A number of parishioners attended his Institution as Rector and his Installation as Dean, in Dromore Cathedral on Wednesday 6th August.

We wish Dean Kerr every blessing as he begins this new chapter of his ministry.



Pictured cutting a cake presented to them on the occasion of their departure from Lisbellaw are the Revd. Canon Bryan Kerr, his wife Shirley and his daughters Hannah and Rachel



Mrs Maude Nawn making a presentation to Mrs Shirley Kerr, on behalf of Lisbellaw Mothers' Union.



Miss Isobel Stewart making a presentation to the Revd Canon Bryan Kerr.

Thank You

The Kerr family wishes to thank the parishioners of Lisbellaw for their many words of friendship and kindness, as we had the sad task of saying farewell to

the parish. The special afternoon tea with Coolbuck, dinner with the Select Vestry and the final service and lunch were all most memorable events. Thank you for your kind words and your gifts, so thoughtful, generous and well chosen. We are deeply moved by your love and friendship.

As we begin in a new area, we go assured of your goodwill and prayers, and we will continue to pray for the parish and its future over the next few months.

Bryan, Shirley, Hannah and Rachel Kerr

Institution in Dromore Cathedral



Bishop Ferran Glenfield, Dean Kerr and Bishop Harold Miller

The Very Revd Bryan Kerr has become both Rector and Dean of Dromore Cathedral. He was instituted as Rector by Bishop Harold Miller and installed as Dean by the Chancellor, Revd Canon Robert Howard at a service on Wednesday 6 August.

The address was given by the Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield, Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh with whom Bryan was a student reader in Kill O' The Grange.

Dean Kerr has been rector of Lisbellaw for eight and half years and has served a total of eighteen years in the Diocese of Clogher.

He was ordained in 1996 to serve as curate assistant in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen and then took up position as Rector of the Garrison Group of Parishes until 2005. Since 2012 he has been a Canon of Clogher Cathedral.

He is married to Shirley, a primary school teacher and they have two daughters, Hannah (7) and Rachel (5). A former pupil of Omagh Academy, he studied Theology at Queen's University, Belfast and Trinity College, Dublin before ordination.

In addition to his parochial duties, Bryan has been Rural Dean of Kilskeery and an Honorary Secretary of Clogher Diocesan Synod. He is a member of the RCB and of General Synod, serving also on the Standing Committee.

He enjoys reading, football and travel in his spare time. He has taken a keen interest in Christian mission in Serbia, travelling there a number of times with Crosslinks.

Speaking of his forthcoming ministry in Dromore Cathedral Bryan said, 'We've enjoyed a really warm welcome in Dromore and we're very much looking forward to getting to know the people here and ministering among them.'

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Services For September

Thursday 4th September

8.00 p.m. – Service of Holy Communion
for Mothers' Union in Trinity Hall

Sunday 7th September

11.30am – Holy Communion
(Children's Church resumes)

Sunday 14th September

11.30am – Morning Prayer
Rev. Charles Eames

Sunday 21st September

11.30am – Morning Prayer
Mr Walter Pringle

Sunday 28th September

11.30am - Morning Prayer
Mr Keith Brown
(Retiring collection for
Christian Children's Charities)

Burial

Friday 11th July

Johnny Moffatt, Drumhaw Fold, Lisnaskea.

Marriage

Saturday 2nd August

Tanya Jones & Gregory Brian Edward Blomley, 29b
Popesgrove Mansions, Twickenham.
Congratulations to you both.

Catering



Over the summer we have had a number of successful events with our new catering truck and barbecue. The weather at the parish barbecue in July was very much in our favour with soaring temperatures which meant a good number of people were able to sit outside and enjoy their food. Thanks to Eddie Bracken for providing the music and to everyone who provided the lovely salads and desserts and helped on the night.

Another great team braved the elements on 2nd August in Lisbellaw to cook burgers and hot dogs. This was our first official outing with the van and although the weather was dreadful we had a successful day. The Enniskillen Show as always was a busy couple of days but this time we were fortunate with the weather and had great help with our catering. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.



Bible Study

Starting on Wednesday 1st October 2014 and continuing on the first Wednesday of each month until May 2015, there will be an opportunity to share in a time of study and learn about the role of various women in the Bible. This meeting will take place in the Trinity Hall, Lisnaskea starting at 8:00pm. Please come along and bring a friend with you.

Then starting on Wednesday 15th October 2014 and continuing on the 3rd Wednesday of each month until May 2015, there will be an opportunity to learn about all that God has for us in Christ. This meeting will take place in the Trinity Hall, Lisnaskea starting at 8:00pm and there will be an opportunity to receive personal prayer and ministry by the laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil for healing.

Mothers' Union

Our Branch will meet on Thurs. 4th September at 8 00pm in Trinity Hall. We will have our Holy Communion Service followed by a cup of tea and time to discuss our programme for the year. New members will be very welcome.

During the year "under the wing of the Mothers Union" a new initiative was launched for the women of the parish. Our aim is to encourage all female parishioners age 25++ to come together for fellowship, support and hopefully help alleviate the feeling of isolation felt by many in the area. We have had two meetings with a good cross section of ages and interests. At the moment we have two walking groups up and running (forgive the pun!) In July we had a very enjoyable meal and an evening of fun and chat in the Killyhevlin Hotel. Big question "Where and when is the next one?" A Bible Study group is arranged for October and a Book Swap group is in the pipe line. Art, cookery and craft classes/demonstrations are being looked at for the autumn/winter. Thanks to everyone who has helped so far.

Xplore 14!

Lisnaskea Guides and Senior Section were delighted to be able to attend Xplore 14-the first International Camp since 1994 hosted by Girlguiding Ulster. Due to the large numbers attending, the camp was held at the Castle Saunderson International Scout Centre, Belturbet.

Girls from New Zealand, Australia, Gibraltar, Denmark, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Oman, Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales joined with local representatives from Ulster. Approximately 800 in total!

Each of us had an amazing time taking part in many outdoor activities, such as bushcraft, pioneering and canoeing. We've made new friends both from the local area and much further afield and most importantly we had lots of fun.

The weather provided us all with a few challenges but nothing too serious. We got used to the mud very quickly!

Brownies celebrated their Centenary this year; it was very exciting when over 100 of them came to the site on the Saturday to enjoy a very special Big Brownie Birthday sleep-over. They were very pleased to meet some of the International visitors. As with all Birthday parties a fabulous cake was produced for the event. Thank you to all those who made it possible for us attend-we've all got memories to treasure.



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Ice Cream Sunday

To mark the start of the season, and following the success of last year, we will repeat our Ice Cream Sunday on September 14th at 11am. This informal service, with our children in mind, will give us the opportunity to meet and worship together across the generations. After all, everyone loves ice cream!

Memorial Service

As many of his friends were unable to attend his funeral in May, there will be a special memorial service for the late Nigel Nicholls on Sunday September 21st at 7pm in Magheracross Parish Church. This celebration will include tributes from many of the organisations with which Nigel was associated.

Mothers Union

Our Mothers' Union meets each month on the 1st Thursday of the month. Despite the name, it is not an organisation for mothers and grannies but for all who are interested in supporting a Christian ethos in the life of home and family. The 14/15 programme begins with a celebration of Holy Communion in the Parish Room on Thursday 4th September at 8pm. The October meeting (Thurs 2nd) will let you ponder over all those things you never realised you needed with a demonstration by the staff of Lakeland Plastics.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 13 September (10.00 am to 1.00 pm) at the home of Henry & Sandra Robinson (The Firs, Station Brae) for Sophie's 6 month mission with YWAM to Perth, Australia and India.

Bowling Club

Our successful bowling Club reopens on Wednesday 3rd September and will hold its annual triples tournament on 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th with the final on Friday 12th.

Community News

Ballinamallard Historical Society meets on September 29th at 8pm in the Methodist Hall with a illustrated account of the history of the village.

Members of the Halliwell family will be taking part in the Great North Run on September 7th. Sponsorship donations are welcome in support of the local Downe Syndrome Support Group and the children's hospital unit in which JP was treated in Newcastle. The rector is planning to run the Great South Run in Portsmouth at the end of October but without sponsorship as he'll be looking support for the Christmas sit out shortly afterwards!

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I am sitting down to pull together these notes having just returned from holidays where we had a wonderful few weeks enjoying the tranquility and scenery of the west coast of Ireland. The landscape is hard and nothing just exists without being intentional about being there. It makes me think of our relationship with God which does not just exist, because we are born into it but rather it is a decision that we take and a way of life that we live that needs work, commitment, development, if it is to last. The bible talks about how we are to put God first in all that we do and we come down the pecking order. Today however we have a 'me, myself and I' attitude that puts me as no.1 and everyone must serve my needs.

The word that God has been speaking to me this summer is passion, without you having a passion for something then nothing comes of it and so it is with our relationship with God. In the book of Revelation the church in Ephesus is charged with having lost its first love. In other words they had become routine and matter of fact in their worship they just turned up and it happened, the excitement was gone. When was the last time that you were excited by the thought of going to church? Or by the thought that you could do something to advance the kingdom of God? This is what I believe it means to have a passion for Jesus, a passion for His church.

It is wonderful to see a young person who has a love for God that makes her want to do something that will benefit others in the world rather than herself. Claire Ross has just finished her degree and rather than looking for a job that will set her up financially secure Claire has decided to give the next chunk of her life to God and is going to YWAM Los Angeles in September. Claire very much asks for your prayer support over this time and below is an update from Claire.

An update from Claire

Thank you all so much for the support I have already received. I massively appreciate it, as it is so encouraging.

On my DTS I will be in Los Angeles from 14th Sept until December, and then I will go to a different place for outreach. The whole six months will focus on human trafficking and what we can do locally and globally to prevent it.

Globally

- There are an estimated 27 million people in bondage to others around the world, more than any the time in the world's history.
 - Half of these are estimated to be children
 - Approximately 80% of trafficking involves sexual exploitation, and 19% involves labour exploitation.
 - Children as young as three have been trafficked into the UK for sexual exploitation.
 - The United States is one of the top three destinations for trafficked victims. California is one of the top states within the US for trafficking.
- This is such a big issue worldwide, which needs action. It would be so great if you could join with me in prayer on this matter.

Prayer points for me

- To have a real confidence in telling people about Jesus.
- To get on well with the rest of the team.
- To have true compassion, to act sincerely in a non-judgmental manner.
- To be able to cope with the situations in downtown LA, and to fully rely on God for everything.
- To know that God can use me and I am on this DTS for a purpose.
- To gain an understanding about what my calling is and what I would do after the DTS, as I currently have no clue!"

Many thanks
Love, Claire Ross

Regular Events

Healing Prayer every Friday evening 7.30 -8.30 pm
This is a time of prayer that is open to anyone and all are welcome. It is a time when anyone who comes to the hall between 7.30 and 8.30 any Friday night has two people to pray with them into any issues they may want God's help with. While we call this healing prayer, because mostly people are seeking prayer for physical, emotional or relational healing, the team are happy to pray into any issue that you want prayer for. There is no need to make an appointment but simply come along to Ardess hall between 7.30 and 8.30 any Friday night.

Revival Prayer every Monday, 8 pm

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 9.30 – 11 am

24 Hour Prayer monthly.

Mothers Union - Thurs 18th Sept. Mental Health with Raymond Farrell.

Regular activities resume again in September.

Fountain Centre

Junior Youth Club resumes in September.

Junior Badminton will continue on Thursday nights for primary school year 5, 6 and 7 from 6.30-7.30pm.

Senior Youth Club for all secondary school age 7-9pm & 9-11pm. £1 entry.

Looking Forward

Harvest Services

Mullaghfarne Sunday 5th October at 3.30pm

Ardess Friday 10th Oct at 8pm

Sunday 12th Oct at 9.30 and 11.00

Parish Auction

The annual parish auction will be held on Saturday 18th October. Please do think about what you might have for the auction by way of furniture, sticks, turf, and pledges.

Registers

Baptisms

Congratulations to the following families on baptism of their new baby.

22nd June 2014 Lottie Rose Irvine, daughter of Avril Irvine, 59 Rosscah View Kesh.

20th July 2014 Charlie Austin Hetherington, son of Stephanie and Ian Hetherington 41 Letterboy Road Kesh.

27th July Ollie Wilkin, son of Kyle Wilkin and Wendy Loughlin, 53 Elmwood Green Spamount, Castlederg.

Marriages

Congratulations to the following couples who have been married in St. Mary's church Ardess over the summer months.

2nd August 2014 Kyrene Jennings Sydare Lodge 74 Drumbulcan Road Ballinamallard & David Moynihan 18 Clonmore Mallow Co. Cork.

4th August Glenn Ewing & Catherine O'Hagan 25 Roscah View Rossculban Kesh.

7th August Luke Copeland & Kathryn Bodles, 27 Chilton Road, Carrickfergus.

8th August Alan Johnston & Rebecca McDowall 3 Connolly Park Irvinestown.

23rd August Michelle Hannigan & David Ellis 25 Crevenish Park, Kesh.

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Christ Church, Maguiresbridge

Funeral

9th August, 2014, Charles Edward (Charlie) Sullivan, Coolcrannel, Maguiresbridge, was buried in Christ Church graveyard, following a service in the parish church.

We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Charlie Sullivan, who had a good long life and enjoyed the outdoor life. We thank God for his life and extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Mavis, daughters Avril and Tanya, sons-in-law and extended family circle.

Harvest

The year is marching on and it is almost impossible that we are thinking of our harvest celebrations. These will be held in St. Michael's Church, Derrybrusk on Friday 26th September at 8.00pm, when the preacher will be the Dean of Clogher, The Very Revd. K. Hall and on Sunday 28th September at 12 noon. In Christ Church, Maguiresbridge a week later than usual, we will be having our services there. On Friday 10th October

at 8.00pm the preacher will be the Revs. Canon D. Kingston and on Sunday 12th October at 10.30am. As we gather for the service of harvest thanksgiving, we forget to say those simple words to God, 'Thank-You, or the so many things that we have received and take so much for granted.

Summer Camps

During the summer I was very fortunate in that I was asked and able to help out with two, two week international camps for scouts. Over a three week period over 90 scouts, leaders and young leaders went to Toronto. On the first day there, we visited the centre of Toronto and went up the CN tower for a great view over the city and the Great Lakes and did some shopping in the big shopping malls. The next day everyone had to their shopping and get their provisions for the various expeditions that had to be one. On the Saturday we loaded up the bus and various vehicles and headed on a two hour journey to Haliburton Scout Centre. This was a vast area owned and run by the Greater Toronto Scout Council of Scout Canada. It consisted of a large lake with a lot of islands on it. The only way on and off the island was by canoe. It was great to see the way the young people settled onto the island, camped, interacted, cooked food and so on.

During their time there, each scout had the opportunity to do their Gold, Silver or Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition. The Gold being a three night, the Silver a two night and Bronze a one night expedition. Everything needed for each expedition had to be transported by canoe, food, fuel, sleeping and camping gear etc.. Everyone in their own group, had to be self-sufficient. Each group had to map and navigate in an unknown area. Perhaps what proved to be a great challenge for the young people (and the adults who were helping out), was the portaging. Several of the lakes we paddled on were at different levels and the only way to get onto the next lake at a higher or lower level, was to carry everything by foot. In some cases this was hard work (especially for the older people). What was interesting to see was the way the young people interacted and worked together. It was easier for four to carry one Canadian canoe, than two people carrying two canoes. Putting up tents, cooking and tidying up before they left their campsite. It was a wonderful experience for all. We can learn and do so much together, if we work together, on the other hand if we don't work together, life becomes complicated and hard.

Perhaps what came across to me was the bond of trust that took place before and during the camp. A large number of people coming together and enabling this to happen. All the people wanted it to happen and it did. Each of the leaders coming together with their different skills and expertise. The young people bonding and working together and it was marvellous. For many of the young people it was an experience of a lifetime that will stay with them for ever.

Perhaps one lasting memory, was the second group arriving and as the gear was all being unloaded, there was an artificial limb. This lad had no leg. It was great to see him take part in everything and he never

complained. What I found unusual was his request for some WD40, before they headed off. He needed this to keep the joints on the limb, lubricated so that they would not cease up. It was amazing to see the way in which this young man took part in everything, never grumbled and never looked for preferential treatment. We can learn so much from others.

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7th September Trinity 12

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

14th September Trinity 13

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

21st September Trinity 14

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

28th September Trinity 15

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

5th October Trinity 16

St Patrick's 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving,

Sunday School end of year Service

Sunday School end of year Service took place on 15th June with the Sunday School children helping us in our praise and in learning about the Trinity. We offer our thanks to our Sunday School teachers, Creche leaders and helpers for all they do to help our children and young people be part of the church.

Condolence

We express prayerful sympathy to Mrs. Pauline Hall & family on the death of her mother. Please remember them and all who have recently been bereaved, in prayer.

Mothers' Union

The September meeting will have taken place before these notes appear. The October meeting will be on Tuesday 7th in the Church at 8pm when Charlie Mills will give a talk and show slides of his visit to Uganda.

The New Wine Conference

The New Wine Conference was held during July in Sligo with a number from our congregation attending.

Illness

Please remember in prayer those from our group who are ill, either at home or in hospital, those in residential care, the housebound and their families.

Holiday Duty

We express grateful thanks to Mr. Roy Crowe and Mrs. Muriel Treacy, who assisted, taking services during the Rector's vacation.

The Bowling Club

The Bowling Club commence activities on Thursday 11th September in the Hall and new members are welcome.

Harvest Services

Sunday 14th September Kilmore at 3pm.

Sunday 5th October Monaghan at 10.30am.

Sunday 12th October Ballinode at 3pm.

Ballinode Friendship Service

Ballinode Friendship Service took place on Sunday 22nd June with a large congregation of friends old and new. We are grateful to our guest choir and musicians who enhanced our worship and to all who stayed afterwards for the tea to share, catch up and reminisce. At the end of the service the Rector, on behalf of the Select Vestry and members of the church made a presentation to Mr Ronnie Wilkinson who has retired as Hon. Treasurer after 40 years, we are grateful for all Ronnie has done as treasurer over those years.

The Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group will meet on Tuesday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Hunting Lodge, Glaslough and the guest speaker will be Sammy Leslie.

Vortex

The Youth Group will commence their programme on Saturday 20th September in the Hall at 8pm.

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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Parish presents gifts to mark "Special Anniversaries"

On Sunday 20th July, the People's Churchwarden, Mr Gerry O' Callaghan, took the congregation by surprise

at the end of the 11.00am service by taking to the microphone to make a surprise presentation to Canon Desmond Kingston and to Mr Leslie Thompson. Neither of the recipients knew that they were the subject of the surprise and it left them almost speechless !

Canon Kingston celebrated 50 years of Ministry in the Church of Ireland a few weeks ago. Although he was not our Rector, his time at Portora Royal School since 1970 meant he forged a very strong link with Rossorry Parish, assisting at services and adopting a pastoral role in the Nursing Homes, where he is a regular visitor.

Six years ago after Archdeacon Pringle moved away, Canon Des, as he is affectionately known in the parish, took on the running of the parish until Canon (now Dean) Arthur Barrett arrived. He continued to support the new rector in pastoral care, particularly the nursing homes.

Now that the parish is vacant again, he finds himself supporting the Rural Dean, Canon Skuce, in the smooth running of services, baptisms and pastoral work and he does so willingly.

So, when this important milestone in his Ministry came about, the parish felt it would be only fitting to mark the occasion. Dorothy Wilson, Secretary of the Select Vestry, presented Canon Des with a painting to very warm applause from the congregation.

Canon Des responded, in shock, and spoke of his love for the parish and his pleasure in being able to be part of the parish ministry and he thanked everyone for the thoughtful and much appreciated gift.

Gerry then called on the Rector's Churchwarden, Neville Gamble, to bring our sexton, Leslie Thompson, up to the front of the church (he might not have come voluntarily by himself !!!). He then asked Neville to present Leslie with a gift to mark 25 years as sexton of Rossorry Parish.

Leslie has been tending the church and the grounds for the last 25 years and is a quiet but most efficient sexton. Always on hand, always willing to help and always helpful to parishioners and stranger alike. It is no accident that any visitor to the church immediately comments on the standard of care for the buildings and the beauty of the grounds.

Leslie thanked the Vestry and the parishioners for the gift (to take himself and Heather off to Donegal for a treat) on behalf of himself, Heather and the family.

Proceedings closed to warm and sustained applause.



Neville gamble, Rector's Churchwarden presents a gift to Leslie Thompson

Rainbows

On Monday 19th May Rainbows joined Rossorry Brownies for a sponsored walk at Castlecoole where three girls, Abigail Boyd, Eloise Boyd and Aimee Turner made their promise.

We joined 1st Rossorry Brownies and Guides on Monday 2nd June for our annual 'moving up' ceremony. Lots of treats were enjoyed as we said goodbye to Abigail Boyd and Lucy Brown who moved on to Brownies. Good luck is extended to both girls. We have now finished for the summer and will resume again at the end of September.

Well done Lucy, Aimee, Abigail, Eloise, Natalie, Jessica, Katie and Arwen who earned their Get Healthy Badge!

Welcome Karen and Lucia Turner, our new Rainbow leaders, we wish you well.

Brownies

The Brownies went off on their Annual Camp to Lorne House after Easter. They all had a brilliant time and weather was fantastic.

They did archery, high ropes, trails, team building games and crafts. The girls earned their stay over badges and were extremely well behaved.



Rossorry Brownies at Camp

Coffee Evening and Cake Sale

A coffee evening and cake sale has been arranged to take place in Rossorry Parochial Hall on Thursday 9th October 2014. All are cordially welcome to come and join us on the evening with proceeds going to parish maintenance. Please put this in your diary.

Parish Register

Bereavements

On 17th July, Brian MORWOOD passed away at The Tilery. Brian, formerly from Rooskey, Bellanaleck was a parishioner in Rossorry for many years. The Funeral took place on 22nd July in Monea with burial afterwards in the family plot.

Baptisms

22nd June 2014 Sophie Anna MORTIMER - daughter of Paul Mortimer and Sarah Hicks

22nd June 2014 Miah Kathleen Margaret KAVANAGH – daughter of Jonathon and Janice Kavanagh

20th July 2014 Lyla Rose FIVEY – daughter of Alison Fivey.

27th July 2014 Ella Caroline DOOGAN – daughter of Robert Doogan and Louise Crawford.

27th July 2014 Alfie William George MORTON – son of Stephen Morton and Kim Manley and Alex James Henry MORTON – son of Stephen Morton and Kim Manley.

10th August 2014 Poppie Isabella BEDDARD - daughter of Phillip and Alison Beddard.

Tempo and Clabby



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Baptism

29th June 2014 Penny Ivy Janet Daughter of Mark & Janet Follis, Ramalia Road Clabby.

Wedding

6th August 2014 Christopher Barry Lane, Hillhall Gardens Lisburn and Lynda Mary Agnes Thompson, Cherry Vale Enniskillen.

Clabby Barbecue

Our thanks to Clive and Nicola Vance for once again organising the Parish Bar-b-que at the end of June. The food was delicious the attendance was good and the weather very favourable. Thank you to all who prepared the hall, sold tickets, provided the salads and desserts and all who helped on the evening. A total of £1573-00 was raised for Church Funds.

September/October Diary

9th September 2014 Mothers' Union 8p.m. Tempo Church Hall

12th September 2014 Annual Gospel concert – Clabby Church Hall at 8 p.m. Artists – Belle Voce Quartet, Gemma Johnston & Members of Tempo Coffee Bar music Group, Proceeds towards Missionary Work.

26th September 2014 Tempo Harvest 8p.m. Rev, David Somerville (Richhill)

28th September 2014 Tempo Family Harvest 8 p.m.

3rd October 2014 Clabby Harvest – Mr. David Carleton – Killeel

4th October 2014 Vintage Tractor Run – Clabby Church Hall 10-30am Proceeds towards Restoration Fund.

September 2014

6th October 2014

Clabby Family Harvest 10:15am Lawrence Bellow (Willowfield)
7:30 p.m. Churches Leaders Dedication Service – Clabby Parish Church Preacher The Ven. David McClay (Willowfield)

Harvest

“Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him”.

Once again this year God has blessed us with a beautiful harvest. The weather has been truly favourable for the work on the land. We pray this may continue for the remainder of the harvest season.

God has blessed us as the psalmist says, our response should be to thank him and give him the honour and respect he richly deserves in our worship at our harvest services. But it should go beyond these special services. Our lives each day should be offered to God as our thanks for his many material and spiritual blessings freely and lovingly given to us.

Answers for page 24 - 1. Peacock, 2. Pig, 3. Giraffe, 4. Rabbit, 5. Shark, 6. Elephant, 7. Horse, 8. Cuckoo, 9. Snake, 10. Monkey

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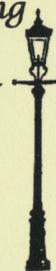
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