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Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter just a few days before the historic independence referendum takes place in Scotland, but by the time you will be reading it, the result will be known. The debates between the Yes and No sides have not been covered in great detail on this side of the water, North or South. The decision is up to the people of Scotland and many people (even those active in politics) have been very reluctant to interfere.

Indeed even within Scotland the Churches have remained completely neutral. That is in stark contrast to previous times of debate in Scotland when the churches, and particularly the Church of Scotland, were strongly in favour of greater devolution and even complete independence. I attended the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland back in June where one of the chief guests is always the sitting Moderator of the Church of Scotland. During his speech on behalf of the guests on the opening day of the Assembly he was very careful to say that the Church of Scotland was not taking sides but were willing and ready to assist in any acts of reconciliation and healing which would be necessary after the result was known. The presiding bishop of the Anglican Church in Scotland, David Chillingworth (a previous rector of Seagoe Parish, Archdeacon of Dromore, and Old Portoran) has taken the same view.

Many people I talk to are of the opinion that the Churches in Ireland would have been wise in the past to have taken the same view and to have stayed out of partisan issues. Whether you or I share that opinion or not there can be little doubt that the voice of the church (any church) has much less credibility now than it once had, and that for a number of reasons.

For a start a great deal of modern political life and political discussion is centred around economics which is a very specialised subject. The Church as a whole simply does not have the expertise to make sound judgements in such a complex area. In addition many faithful and devoted lay people simply do not want the Church and especially the clergy to dabble in politics. They do not see it as part of our “business” and feel that it can be needlessly divisive. Others feel that the Church should stand up for “our side”, whichever that may be, but would also be very uncomfortable with the Church virtually telling people how to vote.

On top of all of this society is simply much less likely to pay any attention whatsoever to what bishops or moderators say. That is sometimes called “secularisation” which broadly means that the Church has its sphere of business (souls and prayer and sacraments etc) and the world has its sphere (everything else) and they do not mix. Religion is personal and private and has nothing to say in general to society as a whole.

My own view is that the Church does not have a right to be listened to but that it has the same right as everyone else to speak. However when the Church, or indeed an individual believer, speaks we should speak in our own distinctive voice and manner. We are not professional politicians and should not try to be. And we should not speak like politicians. We should speak first and foremost as thinking disciples of Jesus Christ.

There are two great sources of power in modern democratic societies: The State and The Market. The State has vast economic and human resources at its disposal and makes decisions which affect peoples lives in ways which would astound even our grandparents. The colossal growth of technology and particularly of information technology has deepened and widened the power of the State yet further. Rightly or wrongly the Market is accepted by most modern democracies, including those of the United Kingdom and Ireland, as the most efficient way of distributing resources. For most of us the workings of (especially international) markets is quite impenetrable. Nevertheless the decisions of a Hedge Fund manager in New York or a currency broker in Frankfurt can have very direct consequences for a worker in Enniskillen or Clones. In many ways modern governments are more beholden to the Bond Markets than they are to their own electors.

In between these giants sits what is sometimes called “civil society”- churches, Trade Unions, the Irish Countrywomen’s Association, the Girl Guides, the whole voluntary sector, NGOs and dozens of others. These are what the great English writer George Orwell called the little platoons that make up much of any really democratic society. And if the United Kingdom or Ireland is not to be completely dominated by the State or the Market (and they already have a great deal of power) then the little platoons need to find a place where their contribution can be made and their voices heard.

In the past the Church would have been almost as powerful a voice as the State and the Market but that is no longer the case, and thank goodness for it.

Like the rest of civil society we have to make our contribution, but in our own special tone of voice. There are subjects on which we have something special to say, usually arising out of our vast pastoral experience. Here I am thinking of issues relating to the beginning and ending of life and the dignity of the human person. The Archbishop of Armagh has made very profound and effective interventions recently
on the subject of Assisted Dying, and in his General Synod address this year spoke about how human life had been turned into a commodity. However even in areas such as these we must remember that we are contributing to the debate and not attempting to close the debate. Ours is not the final word. Such an attitude will also require that what we say we can intelligently defend in a way that is intelligible to people who have no faith as well as to those who have. We can’t hide behind religious language because it simply has no meaning for many people in Ireland today. In that sense we need to be able to use simple words to describe complex things. We should try to avoid lazy generalisations. The modern media deals almost exclusively in “types” rather than in real people. Everyone must be fitted into a category whether that is a “have a go hero” or a “crazed psychopath” or a “tug of love child”.

No one is ever said to simply “disagree” with another opinion - they “slam” it. In every celebrity divorce there has to be at least one “love rat”. We must expect opposition and we must be able to courteously withstand criticism, never seeking to verbally intimidate those who we disagree with, regardless of how we may have been treated. It is much easier to win a debate by a clever put down than it is to painfully and carefully discover the truth. These are some of the challenges which all church people but particularly those in leadership have to address in the years to come so that the Church can benefit and be enriched by the wisdom of others and also so that the church can fulfil its vocation to be a leaven on the world.

+John

Scotland: College of Bishops respond to Referendum outcome

Speaking on behalf of the College of Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Primus, the Most Revd David Chillingworth, says “The people of Scotland have decided that Scotland will continue to be part of the grouping of nations which make up the United Kingdom. The Scottish Episcopal Church is an historic Scottish Church. Our story is interwoven with the story of Scotland. We commit ourselves to working with all the people of Scotland as our relationships with our neighbours continue to evolve. We hold particularly in our hearts and in our prayers today those for whom this decision brings a feeling of hopes dashed and vision lost. With our partner churches and all in the faith communities, we pledge ourselves to work for reconciliation and pray for healing in our community.”

Archbishop of Canterbury invites young Christians to spend a year praying at Lambeth Palace

Archbishop Justin Welby is opening up Lambeth Palace to adults aged 20-35 to spend a year living, praying and studying together as a radical new Christian community. Launched in September 2015, the Community of St Anselm are gathering a group of adventurous young adults from all walks of life, hungry for a challenging and formative experience of life in a praying community. The Community will initially consist of 16 people living at Lambeth Palace full-time, and up to 40 people, who live and work in London, joining part-time. The year-long programme will include prayer, study, practical service and community life.

Members of the Community will live in a way the ancient monastics would recognise: drawing closer to God through a daily rhythm of silence, study and prayer. But, through those disciplines, they will also be immersed in the modern challenges of the global 21st century church. Lambeth Palace is in the process of recruiting a Prior to pioneer this new venture and direct its worship and work. The Prior will work under the auspices of the Archbishop, who will be Abbot of the Community. Archbishop Justin Welby said: “Stanley Hauerwas reminds us that the church should always be engaged in doing things that make no sense if God does not exist. The thing that would most make no sense at all if God does not exist is prayer. Living in a praying community is the ultimate wager on the existence of God, and is anything but comfortable or risk-free. Through it people subject themselves to discipline, to each other in community, and, above all, to God. I expect this venture to have radical impact – not just for the individuals who participate but for life at Lambeth, across the Church and in the world we seek to serve. This is what we expect in following Jesus. I urge young people to step up: here is an open invitation to be transformed and to transform.” The Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Revd Dr Jo Wells, said: “Archbishop Justin...
is passionate about prayer and about community. The renewal of prayer and Religious Life is the first of his three priorities, and that is what the Community of St Anselm is all about. We are inviting people from all around the Anglican Communion – and beyond – to live a year in God’s time. There are no qualifications for joining the Community except a longing to pray, to learn, to study together the things of God, and so to be stretched in body, mind and spirit. Archbishop Justin longs that Lambeth Palace be not so much a historic place of power and authority, but a place from which blessing and service reach to the ends of the earth.”

Porvoo Church Leaders Consultation at Bishopthorpe

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, welcomed more than 40 Porvoo Church Leaders for their meeting at Bishopthorpe Palace on 18-19 September 2014. Bishop Helga Haugland Byfuglien, Presiding Bishop of the Church of Norway, and Archbishop John Sentamu delivered Bible Studies on the theme Towards Greater Unity and Closer Fellowship. Archbishop Michael Jackson of the Church of Ireland and Bishop Peter Skov-Jakobsen, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark - the Anglican and Lutheran Co-Chairs of the Porvoo Communion of Churches - also spoke on the theme.

Gaza’s only Christian hospital struggles as crisis continues

Gaza’s only Christian hospital, Al-Ahli is ‘struggling to provide critical health care’ as the death toll in the Strip reaches 2000. The UK-based Church Mission Society (CMS) who founded the hospital are backing the Episcopal Church’s Diocese of Jerusalem’s humanitarian appeal to fund fuel, medical supplies, food, the hiring of staff and repairs to the infrastructure in the Gaza City hospital. CMS says hospital staff have maintained an ‘around-the-clock presence’ despite the recent fighting. The CMS Regional manager for Europe Middle East and North Africa, Tanas Alqassis says parts of the hospital are damaged and supplies are running out.

‘It’s been very hard. Right now we are trying to get more funds so we can send it to the diocese to buy medicine and send it to the hospital.’

Archbishop of York’s Reflection on Vigil for Peace

The Archbishop of York has described the response of people to his week-long fast and vigil for peace as “breathtaking”. In an interview recently conducted in York Minster, the Archbishop reflected on the number of people who had joined him to pray, including those without faith, who did so in order to “show solidarity” for the world to be at peace.

Dr John Sentamu started his vigil of “Hope and Trust for the Peace of the World” on a Sunday at 0600 and prayed on the hour, every hour from 6am to 6pm until the following Sunday. The Archbishop says he has been joined by people from all over the world, including 30 tourists from the Ukraine who took part in prayers through their interpreter. The Archbishop said: “We live in a global village, everybody’s my neighbour. It’s my duty and all our duties to see one another as created in God’s image and likeness and therefore of infinite worth, which means that every life matters.”

The Archbishop also reflected on the importance of prayer as a response to global events and crises, quoting Jim Wallis: “Hope means believing in spite of the evidence and watching the evidence change. That is what prayer is about.”

He has also called on the United Nations Security Council to act to create a safe haven for those who are being persecuted. He commends the Government for providing humanitarian aid but says we need to open our doors to those who are “genuinely looking for asylum.”
The Revd Canon Dr Kenneth Kearon Elected as Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe

It was announced on 8th September that the Episcopal Electoral College for Limerick & Killaloe meeting in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin elected the Revd Canon Dr Kenneth Kearon as the new Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe. He succeeds The Right Revd Trevor Williams who retired at the end of July this year.

Canon Kearon is Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, a position he has held since 2005. Born in 1953, Canon Kearon is a native of Dublin. Educated at Trinity College Dublin (TCD), he served his curacy in All Saints Raheny and St John’s Coolock, before becoming Dean of Residence at TCD in 1984, a position he held until 1990. He was Rector of the Parish of Tullow (Dublin) from 1991 to 1999 after which he became Director of the Irish School of Ecumenics (1999-2005). Dr Kearon is a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral Dublin and an Honorary Provincial Canon of Canterbury Cathedral, St Paul’s Cathedral London and St George’s Cathedral Jerusalem.

The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin, said, ‘Canon Kearon has expressed his delight at returning to work in Ireland and his intention to serve the people of Limerick and Killaloe and the communities of which they are a part. I have known Canon Kearon for many years and have always appreciated his personal friendship. I wish Kenneth and Jennifer all that is best within the love of God in their time in Limerick and Killaloe.’

The bishop-elect said: ‘I am honoured and delighted to have been elected to the Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe, and I look forward to getting to know the diocese, its people and its clergy well in the near future. Ireland has been through a very difficult period in its history, and I look forward to helping the diocese play its part and making its contribution to shaping the future. This diocese has made a distinctive contribution to the Church of Ireland in the past, in part through the work of its bishops and most recently through Bishop Trevor Williams, and I hope to be able to continue in their footsteps.’

Following approval by the House of Bishops, the bishop-elect will be consecrated as a bishop on a date to be determined.

Statement from the Board of Education (RoI) on the Inclusion of Farm Safety on the Primary Level Curriculum

The Board of Education of the Church of Ireland (RoI) wishes to support the suggestion made recently by the President of ICSA (the Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers’ Association), Mr Patrick Kent, for health and safety education to be included in the primary school curriculum, with a particular emphasis on farm safety for children in rural areas.

This matter is of concern to all of those involved in farming and is of particular concern to the Church of Ireland community given that a significant number of its members are engaged in farming. The number of deaths on farms due to accidental health and safety related incidents in recent months and years displays the absolute need for greater awareness among children and young people of the dangers on farms and from farming equipment.

While it is realised that the primary level curriculum contains a great many elements, the Board is nonetheless of the view that it would be beneficial for the NCCA to give close consideration to the highlighting of farm safety given the frequent references to farm animals, farmyards and farm life in the primary level curriculum and popular school textbooks.

The ‘State Prayers’ controversy in the Church of Ireland, 1948-1950

Some 66 years ago, in September 1948, the Irish government declared its intention of establishing Ireland as a republic, presenting the Church of Ireland with an interesting but awkward dilemma. For it was, as it remains today an all-Ireland church, and up until that point the Book of Common Prayer (in use for daily liturgies by parish churches and individuals throughout the island) included prayers for the ruling monarch and the royal family.

These prayers had not presented a problem when both Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State remained part of the British Commonwealth, but once that situation changed, the Church had to respond accordingly.

An online presentation by the RCB Library reveals the depths of the Church’s deliberations on this issue, through the lens of one particularly active campaigner against any change: Hugh Arthur Cornwallis Maude, of Belard Castle, Clondalkin, County Dublin, gentleman farmer and prominent layman. As a member of both the General Synod and diocesan council for Dublin, Kildare and Glendalough, Maude had access to the channels of authority affecting decision-making within the Church.

In 1948, Hugh Maude was 44 years old. He had been educated at Malvern College, was unmarried and lived with his mother in Belard Castle, a few miles south...
of Dublin, his father having died in 1935. Following in his father's footsteps, Hugh Maude became agent for a number of notable landowning families such as the earl of Arran. He was widely interested in agriculture, a breeder of pedigree cattle and even authored The Farm, a living organization (Dundalk, 1943) - a series of lectures on agricultural matters. Maude had good social connections; his occupation ensured contact with many persons of note. His mother, Eva Emily Maude (died 1960) was the last surviving grand-daughter of the Most Revd Marcus Gervais Beresford, D.D. (1801-1906) archbishop of Armagh between 1862 and 1885. Indeed, the papers that make up this collection were actually entrusted by him to the safe-keeping of the Rt Revd George Otto Simms, formerly archbishop of Dublin and Armagh, who in his retirement deposited them permanently in the RCB Library, and they provide a detailed insight to the thinking of a prominent lay member of the Church of Ireland during the 1940s and 1950s, and the crisis of identity faced by him and others during this unusual controversy.

The presentation incorporates the work of Dr Miriam Moffitt, of St Patrick's College, Maynooth, who has scrutinised and brought to life the contents of Maude's collection which reveals in detail his 18-month unsuccessful campaign to save the prayer for the monarchy, culminating in a final definitive decision at the General Synod of 1950.

A link to her scholarly essay “The Correspondence of Hugh A.C. Maude Relating to the State Prayers Controversy of 1948-50” is included online, together with a list of Maude's papers and a detailed list of the correspondence with those who variously supported or opposed his efforts, in the process. As she comments: ‘The Maude papers contain examples of persons who were horrified at the distancing of southern Ireland from the Empire and the forced removal of the familiar prayers for the British monarch from the order of service, and also from those who were indifferent to the episode, and from yet more people who welcomed the political change’.

Speculating as to why Maude was so vehemently in favour of retaining the prayers for the British monarch and what motivated him to spearhead such a well-organised campaign she suggests ‘imperial affinities’ were ‘strengthened by war-time casualties’. Maude was the third and only surviving son his two elder brothers (Marcus Beresford Maude and Maurice Anthony Maude) having been killed on active service with the British army in the Great War, aged 25 and 26 respectively. As well as the loss of his two older brothers, Maude lost a further 21 cousins in the service of the crown during the First and Second World Wars.

The online exhibition brings all of these issues to life, illustrated with carefully selected examples of the case both for and against the prayers, revealing some of the complexities of Church of Ireland identity at this critical juncture in the evolution of the modern state. See www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive

Archive of the Month aims to showcase the records of the Church of Ireland to a worldwide audience.

World War One Short Story Competition for 15-21-year-olds

Earlier this year the Historical Commemorations and Centenaries Working Group of the Church of Ireland announced its sponsorship of a short story competition for those between the ages of 15 and 21 to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. It is open to anyone within the age group. In order to ensure that students who may have missed the launch of the competition at the end of the summer term don't miss out, the deadline for submissions has now been extended to 24 October 2014 and the awards will be announced by the end of the year.

Entrants are free to write a short story about any aspect of the impact of the First World War in any part of Ireland or on Irish people in the period 1914-18. The story should be fictional and no more than 3,500 words in length. The competition will be impartially and anonymously judged by a panel including the renowned author Glenn Patterson and the QUB historian Professor David Hayton. Glenn Patterson says, ‘It is all too easy to fall into the trap of thinking that previous generations are not just distant, but different. The competition is an invitation to imagine people just like us in circumstances we would hope ourselves never to have to live through.’ Entry forms can be requested from Jenny Compston, Church of Ireland Press Office, by email press@ireland.anglican.org or by telephone: +44 (0)28 90828880.

Statement from the Secretaries of the Boards of Education of the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian Church and Methodist Church

The Transferor Churches welcome the agreement by the Executive that legislation will be drafted to establish a single body to replace the five Education and Library Boards. It is good that a way forward has been found to place the future of educational administration on a secure footing and to remove the current uncertainty. The Transferors also warmly welcome the Executive’s agreement that the proposed Bill will include an additional provision to fund a new body to support Controlled schools. At their annual meetings of General Synod, General Assembly and Conference earlier this year, the three Transferor Churches expressed deep concern at the continued disadvantaged position of Controlled schools and called on the Minister to create a body to support and advocate for the Controlled sector. The Churches are pleased that he and his Executive colleagues have responded and acknowledge the support of those parties whose work over the years has enabled such a positive development. The establishment of this new body will correct a deficit in the education system which has existed for decades and will enable Controlled schools to feel they now have an advocate body to work alongside them to bring about continued improvement in educational outcomes for children and young people.
St Anne’s Cathedral, Belfast to Introduce Daily Choral Service

For the first time in the history of Belfast, Choral Evensong or Sung Compline will be sung in the city every night with the exception of Saturday. St Anne’s Cathedral’s weekly Choral Services recommenced after the summer break on 8 September with Sung Compline at 5.30pm on Monday and Choral Evensong at the same time on Wednesday. On 18 September, Thursday Choral Evensong will be introduced, continuing every Thursday thereafter. The 5.30pm service will also be sung on Fridays throughout the school term. And after Christmas St Anne’s will also offer a Sung Compline on a Tuesday.

The Dean of Belfast, the Very Revd John Mann, said: ‘This is the first time ever, as far as I am aware, that any church in Belfast has had a Choral Evening Service every day with the exception of Saturday, which I don’t think we will be able to manage. All of the Cathedral choirs will be taking part with different sections singing on different nights. The clergy will have more singing to do too!’ David Stephens, Master of the Choristers, said: ‘The tradition of daily sung services is an ancient tradition that is best preserved in UK cathedrals, and draws tourists from all over the world to hear beautiful music sung as part of moving liturgy in stunning buildings. St Anne’s is aiming, for the first time, to have sung services on most days of the week to preserve this ancient tradition and to help the people of Belfast and visitors to the city experience something inspiring during their visit. I’m glad that over the next few months we’ll add more sung services to our weekly schedule, and look forward to the building coming alive at the end of each working day.’ Services on Monday evenings will always be Sung Compline, which is the last Monastic Office of the day, and will last around 15 minutes. Every other evening the service will be Choral Evensong and will last a little over half an hour. All sung weekday services begin in St Anne’s at 5.30pm and everyone is very welcome to join in and listen to the music, prayers, hymns and chants in the beautiful setting of Belfast Cathedral.

Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland Bishops meet to Discuss Contribution of the Churches to Society

In the spirit of the recommendation of the International Anglican / Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission, regular meetings of Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops take place in individual countries to discuss issues of common concern. The third such meeting of Irish bishops took place in Dublin on 11 September last.

Ten bishops were present representing the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference, and the Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of Ireland, and it was a special delight to all present that the Catholic Primate of All Ireland, Archbishop Eamon Martin, was among the participants in his first week as Archbishop of Armagh. Archbishop Richard Clarke was also present and the two primates introduced a fruitful discussion of how the Irish Churches might best contribute with intelligence and vision to the debates of the public square in the rapidly changing Ireland both north and south. Time was also taken for shared prayer, biblical reflection and informal encounter.

The bishops present included:

Church of Ireland – Archbishop Richard Clarke (Armagh), Bishop Harold Miller (Down and Dromore), Bishop Michael Burrows (Cashel Ferns and Ossory) and Bishop John McDowell (Clogher).

Roman Catholic – Archbishop Eamon Martin (Armagh), Bishop Raymond Browne (Kerry), Bishop Kieran O’Reilly (Killaloe), Bishop Tony Farquhar (Auxiliary Bishop of Down and Connor), Bishop Brendan Leahy (Limerick) and Bishop John Fleming (Killala).

Ordination of Deacon, The Revd Alastair Donaldson

The Parish Church of St. John, Fivemiletown was the setting for the ordination to the diaconate of the Revd Alastair Donaldson, who was ordained by the Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, on the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, Sunday 7th September 2014 at 7.00pm.

The processional hymn was Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the first reading from Isaiah chapter 6 verses 1-8 was read by the Revd Canon Dennis Robinson, Psalm 119 verses 33-38 was led by Mr Andrew Gordon, the second reading from Romans chapter 12 verses 1-12 was read by Mrs Joanne Howe, and the gradual hymn was Holy Spirit living breath of God. The Revd Kyle Hanlon, Rector of Fivemiletown, read the Gospel from St Mark chapter.
Making History Talk – Understanding World War I

On this island we are remembering crucial events in our history one hundred years ago. An important public event for all parts of the community was scheduled to take place on 30th September in the Westville Hotel Enniskillen, with former BBC journalist Paul McFadden and Prof Roddy Cowie (retired QUB Professor of Psychology) looking at the impact of World War I. Making History Talk – Understanding World War I has arisen out of dialogue that has taken place between County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge, the Church of Ireland diocese of Clogher, as well as Enniskillen Methodists and Presbyterians. Out of this dialogue has come a desire to organise a series of public events that will promote greater understanding and good relations in the community.

In 1914 most people simply didn’t see the First World War coming. Even now, one hundred years on, historians cannot agree on why it happened. 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 that led to the creation of the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland - one 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 argued about in 1914. Like other events in that decade the memory of the First World War strikes deep chords in us today. Bishop John McDowell said “This event was about helping each of us to take deep breaths, to try and understand what was going on the mind not only of our own community but in the minds of the ‘other’ during this key moment of our history – an attempt for each of us to walk in the other person’s shoes for a moment”.

Grand Master of County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge Stuart Brooker said, “It is a mark of confidence to voice our own views of history. It is an even bigger mark of confidence to take time to hear another person’s viewpoint on the same events. It is not about agreeing or disagreeing but about increasing understanding – this is the pathway to good neighbourliness”.

Bishop Brian and Mrs Hannon celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Suicide Awareness Training Day

A training day will take place on 26th November 2014 commencing at 10.00am and ending at approximately 4.30pm, in the Minor Hall, St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, which has been organized by the Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action. The programme has a natural fluency from emotional health to emotional ill-health then the consequences of which can be suicide and self-harm, then the understanding both theological and historical through to identifying how to respond and finally how to keep ourselves healthy. Commenting on the event, Bishop McDowell said “I would strongly urge clergy and others to attend what promises to be a very professional presentation on a subject of great concern.” For further information please contact the Revd Charlie Eames, Chairman of the Diocesan Board for Social Theology in Action on ceames@clogher.anglican.org or phone 02866347879

Advent Carol Service

An Advent Carol Service will be held on Sunday 30th November at 7.00pm in Clogher Cathedral. The Dean and Chapter hope that all parishes in our Diocese will be represented at this service. All welcome! The collection will go towards raising aid for Christians in Iraq. The number of people displaced now exceeds 1.2 million. The money raised will be channeled to the Anglican Church in Baghdad via the Bishop’s Appeal of the Church of Ireland.
DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2014

Saturday 4th October – Beetle Drive in Killeevan Parish Hall at 8.00pm. Supper will be served. Admission: Adults £5.00 and children £3.00.

Saturday 4th October – Vintage Tractor Run starting at Clabby Parish Hall at 10.30am. Proceeds towards the Restoration Fund.

Sunday 5th October – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (green)

Thursday 9th October – Coffee Evening and Cake Sale in Rossorry Parochial Hall from 7.00-9.30pm. Proceeds towards Parish maintenance.


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

Saturday 11th October – Saint Philip the Deacon (red)

Saturday 11th October – Fivemiletown Parish Auction in the Parish Hall at 10.00am in aid of SAMS.

Sunday 12th October – The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (green)

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

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

Friday 17th October – Variety Concert in Fivemiletown Parish Hall at 8.00pm in aid of SAMS (South American Missionary Society).

Saturday 18th October – Saint Luke (red)

Saturday 18th October – Ardess Parish Auction in the Community Centre, Kesh.

Saturday 18th October – Derryvullen South Parish Auction of firewood and homemade produce at 2.00pm.

Saturday 18th October – ‘GLO’ - The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. From 8.00pm – 10.00pm in Fivemiletown Church Hall. Organised by Clogher Diocesan Youth Council.

Sunday 19th October – The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (green)

Sunday 19th October – A Celebration of Praise with children from Kindlund Kenya together with the choirs of Holy Trinity Primary School and the Model Primary School, Enniskillen in St Macartin’s Cathedral and St Michael’s Church, Enniskillen at 7.00pm.

Monday 20th October – MU Diocesan Event at 8.00pm in Derryvullen South Parish Hall (Tamlaght) with All-Ireland President Mrs Phyllis Grothier.

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

Thursday 23rd October – Evening of Praise in St Patrick’s Church, Monaghan at 7.00pm. Pupils from Monaghan Collegiate and eight national schools will take part in this service.

Thursday 23rd October – Saint James, the Brother of our Lord (red)

Sunday 26th October – The Fifth Sunday before Advent (green)

Tuesday 28th October – Saint Simon and Saint Jude (red)

November 2014

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

Sunday 2nd November – The Fourth Sunday before Advent (green)

Sunday 2nd November – UDR Memorial Plaque Dedication Service in Aghavea Parish Church, Brookeborough at 7.30pm.

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

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

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

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

Sunday 9th November – The Third Sunday before Advent (green)

Wednesday 12th November – CMSI Diocesan Evening at 8.00pm in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.

Friday 14th November – Kesh Rural Deanery ‘Church to Church Youth Social’ in Derryvullen North Parish Hall from 8.00-10.30pm. For those of Secondary School age.

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.
Sunday 16th November – The Second Sunday before Advent (green)

Sunday 23rd November – The Kingship of Christ (white)

Wednesday 26th November – Suicide Awareness Training Day from 10.00am - 4.30pm, in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. Organized by the Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action. For further information please contact the Revd Charlie Eames, Chairman of the Board, on ceames@clogher.anglican.org or phone 02866347879

Wednesday 26th November – Christmas Shoe Box Appeal deadline for boxes to be left in Drumkeeran Parish Hall. If you can fill a shoe-box with Christmas gifts for needy children, that would be much appreciated.

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

Sunday 30th November – Advent Carol Service at 7.00pm in Clogher Cathedral. The collection will go towards raising aid for Christians in Iraq.

December 2014


Thursday 11th December – CMSGI 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 Salvator’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 Macartins 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.

Friday 27th February – Ardass Parish Dinner Dance in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen.

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.
NEWS FOR VESTRIES

Charity Commission for Northern Ireland

The Church of Ireland Charity Registration Monitoring Group was set up jointly by the RCB and Standing Committee to monitor the pilot registration process for charities in Down and Dromore Dioceses and to advise the wider Church. Parishes have recently been contacted by the diocese at the request of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (CCNI), to ask Select Vestries to check and confirm details on the Charity Commission’s Deemed List of Charities. By agreement with CCNI, a Church of Ireland identity is being established to which all Church of Ireland parishes and trusts will subscribe. This will aid the registration process for parishes, the CCNI and the Church. It involves adopting a standard naming process for parishes that will clearly identify them as units of a particular diocese within the Church of Ireland and thus, part of a designated religious organisation under the Charity Act. This will be applied at the point where parishes are registered with CCNI. Before that can happen, however, it is necessary to confirm which parishes and other Church bodies are currently recognised as having charitable status.

Parishes may receive isolated invitations because they are not clearly identified as belonging to the Church of Ireland. In such circumstances the parish should reply to CCNI stating their Church of Ireland status. This will result in the invitation being withdrawn. The parish will be called forward as part of the structured registration process beginning later this year.

Where property and assets are vested (or not) in local trustees, parishes should be aware that (a) the Constitution requires assets to be vested in the RCB, which will register with CCNI and (b) where assets are vested in any other body, the Select Vestry is responsible for ensuring that the assets are properly vested for the benefit of the Church and registered with the Charity Commission.

The Commission intends to register all of the parishes of the Church of Ireland in batches, diocese by diocese. The Diocese and RCB will provide assistance to manage the process and provide support as the process unfolds. Parishes will be contacted when a time has been arranged by CCNI for the registration process to take place in Clogher Diocese.

MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE NEWS

Operation Christmas Child
- Shoe Box Appeal

Every year Mrs Irene Boyd makes a mammoth effort in raising money for children in need through Operation Christmas Child, the Shoe Box appeal. The purpose, that children in situations of extreme poverty would receive at least one present at Christmas. Work has already begun in preparation for that pre-Christmas undertaking. Irene is to be complimented on her vision and all her efforts. Thanks to all who help, and to those who contribute. This will be the 18th year that Irene has organised and pushed for this worthwhile cause.

It is hoped there will be a generous response from within the diocese and from other groups and organisations further afield. Anyone who could assist with the organisation and preparation of the gifts, it would be greatly appreciated, just contact Irene on 028 686 31009. As in previous years, Drumkeeran Parish Hall will be the main collecting and sorting depot for this enterprise. Boxes should be left in Drumkeeran Hall by 26th November at the latest, preferably earlier as the boxes must be sorted and prepared for delivery to reach the needy before Christmas.

There are all year round volunteering opportunities for people to support this ministry in prayer, administration, media, church and community projects. Anyone interested should contact connect@samaritans-purse.org.uk www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

Kindfund – Children’s Outreach from Kenya to the UK and Ireland

A group of 26 Kenyans from Kindfund Children’s Homes in Northern Kenya arrived in Fermanagh at the end of September, as they embarked on a four week visit to the province. Kindfund (Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC 100121) based in Fermanagh, was established as a charity in 2004 to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to help relieve poverty amongst some of the poorest tribes in Northern Kenya, working with the pastoralist Turkana, Samburu and Rendille. Kindfund among other activities supporting local communities, has two registered children’s homes with 110 children. The charity has plans to develop a third home among the Rendille where they currently have temporary
To celebrate Kindfund’s tenth anniversary, much work and preparation has made this dream visit a reality for the children who have been looking forward to meeting people here with anticipation and excitement. During their visit, the young people will sing at a number of events, and as part of the tour they will visit local places of interest, including a number of Fermanagh Primary and Secondary schools, so that the trip has an educative aspect for them. Over a number of weeks, the children have been working hard to prepare, rehearsing for some of the events at which they will outreach to communities here. The visit will conclude with a special finale on Sunday 19th October at 7.00pm in St Macartin’s Cathedral and St Michael’s Church, Enniskillen, when the children will participate in a joint event held between the two churches, where they will be joined by the the school choirs of Holy Trinity Primary and the Model Primary, Enniskillen along with St Macartin’s Cathedral Choir. There will be an opportunity to meet the children over supper afterwards in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall.

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 the 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
CLOGHER DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL

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SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2014 8PM-10PM
FIVEMILETOWN CHURCH HALL

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Your Sunday School, Mothers Union or the whole congregation can bring hope and change lives again this Christmas.

Through Operation Christmas Child you can fill a shoebox with gifts and the box will be sent to some of the most needy and marginalised children in the world. Boxes can be delivered directly to Drumkeeran Parish Hall by arrangement with Mrs Irene Boyd.

Latest date for delivery to the hall – 26th November, preferably earlier to give more time for the preparation and transport so that the gifts can reach the children before Christmas. If you would like further information on this project please contact Mrs Irene Boyd at 028 6863 1009

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YOUTH NEWS

Kesh Rural Deanery Social
Friday 14th November 8pm to 10.30pm at Derryvullen North parish hall.
Church to church youth social for those of secondary school age.

Anois 2014

Anois 2014 are delighted to announce that Jasper Rutherford from Summer Madness will again return this year to be our main speaker at the event. Not only that but the Mark Ferguson Band will also return to lead worship. 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 won’t regret it!
The event takes place from Saturday 25th - Monday 27th October 2014 in Kilkenny for 13 - 19 Year Olds. For further details contact Jonny Phenix on 07850881712 or dyo@clogher.anglican.org or go to www.ciyd.org.

Grace and Peace
By Samuel Harper, Magheracross Parish

Grace and Peace Community Church was founded in South Philadelphia in 2010 and they have been running a summer camp since 2011. The camp runs from 9am to 4pm and has around 50 kids from all backgrounds in attendance. The kids would get two meals (breakfast and lunch) and an afternoon snack everyday.
This was the third year where a team from Northern Ireland (mainly from Portadown) have headed out to help run the summer camp for a few weeks. This year, our team was helping out for the first two weeks of the four week long camp. With this being our third time going out, we had a good understanding and relationship with the camp directors meaning that we had a lot more organising and responsibility than previous years. My personal role at this year's camp was to teach a class. This was initially left for me to decide and we finalised on ‘World Class’. This basically involved teaching the kids about different countries around the world including basic facts like capital, population, and languages. I also tried my best to teach them a bit of the language. We then talked to the kids about situations in the country of the day that they could pray for. The kids seemed to really engage during this time and were really blown away at some of the things that were happening around the world. This was made evident when the guys leading the Bible class would say that the kids made sure to pray for what they had learnt about earlier in world class. Every day, I would teach four classes of varying age with park and pool time in-between.

Once the kids were gone and the cleaning was done, we would have our team time which involved giving our rose and thorn (good and bad thing) for the day. We then took it in turns everyday to lead devotions and then we would spend time in prayer.
The evenings were free time for us to relax and prepare for the next day, but quite often, we would be involved in other church activities like house groups, music practice, or prayer evenings.

At the end of our first week, there was a team of 12 girls from the Netherlands arrived to help out for the last 3 weeks of camp. This was the first time that a group from the Netherlands had come over to help out. This gave us the responsibility to educate them on how camp worked. These girls were a huge blessing to our team because the first week was a struggle at times, especially in the swimming pool and the park, to ensure we had enough leaders to kids.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers and also financial support to allow me to have this experience in South Philadelphia. One main focus of Grace and Peace is on community and including everyone. This is certainly one area of my life that I need to work on and I’m sure there are others out there in the same situation. I would encourage you to step out of your comfort zone in your own church or community and simply talk to someone you don’t know. God has called us all to love our neighbours as ourselves, and by simply striking up a conversation with someone is one way of showing that love.

Thank-you.

From Clones to the Philippines
By Averil Crowe, Clones Parish

During the month of August I travelled to the Philippines with a youth group called Vibe. The first island we visited was called Borokay. From here, we travelled to a neighbouring island each day to work in an Ati school. The Ati people are a tribe who are looked down upon by those around them because of the darkness of their skin. Here we spent time assisting in the building of an extra classroom for the school. We also spent each day, ministering in the classrooms through music and crafts. Our crafts displayed a Superheroes theme and our message was simple: Jesus is a real Superhero. It was a pleasure to bless these people and show them that they are the apple of God’s eye.

During the last part of our 16 day stay, we were privileged to travel back to Malapascua, a small island we have visited each year since 2012. The people, yet again, overwhelmed us with their optimism and strength. This island was badly hit by Typhoon Yolanda and a lot of houses were completely destroyed. However, through God’s grace, not one life was lost. While on the island, we visited Logan Elementary School. Here we ran a programme with teenagers which focused on knowing that our identity is in Jesus Christ. We also spent time travelling from house to house testifying to and praying with the local people. We took part in feeding programmes through providing entertainment for the children as well as handing out food.
The Pastor of Christian Community Church gave us an open door to minister to the children at Sunday School as well as the morning and evening services. We also led a Healing Service in the middle of the week where we were given the opportunity to minister to the people through drama, dance, testimonies as well as offering prayer to anyone who asked.

As always, the locals humbled us by sharing their very best with the team. Their faith and trust in God was such a testimony to us. As well as that, the time of fellowship and worship the team members experienced together was very special and we are in awe at the work God continues to do in each of our own personal lives as we step out to walk into deeper relationship with Him.

Bologna Trip
by Jane Saunderson, Inishmacsaint Parish
I spent from 7 - 23 June in Bologna, home to (arguably) the oldest university in the world, where I and a group of seven others from my church in Durham helped Gianpaulo, pastor of Forte Torre church in Bologna (hereafter ‘JP’) and his wife, Sue to run a kids’ camp. I along with my friends Jonny and Will, who spoke fluent Italian (which turned out to be very helpful), stayed with an elderly woman called Rita, who didn’t speak a word of English!

Camp days were extremely busy: Will, Jonny and I had to leave Rita’s by 6:45 to reach the church building. There was then breakfast followed by prayer at 7:30, and the camp began at 8 as children arrived. The camp continued until 6 as parents collected children, and clean-up and further prayer took a further hour. Throughout the camp we were studying the book of Daniel, seeing the Lord’s sovereignty in all things and that, in the words of the overarching slogan of this fortnight of Camp Torricine, ‘the God of Daniel endures forever’. It was encouraging to see some of the children’s misperceptions about salvation being challenged as many were reading a Bible for the first time. It was also wonderful to hear that a boy called Jacobo has decided to read the Bible for himself. The English lessons were a lot of fun, for both children and leaders, with one of us up front singing specially formulated repetitive songs to help the children remember the verses, then testing them, awarding points to their competition groups, which were named after Mr Men! Each day also included afternoon games, trips to the park and the reading of a Mr Men story, which I did for the first week. Every Monday to Friday after the camp we ate at the house of a member of the congregation. It was wonderful to share in fellowship with our Italian brothers and sisters as they fed us (rather well!) and encouraged us in Christ.

I also had the privilege of taking various sessions on how to teach children and on the official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. It is vital to know the context into which one is ministering the gospel, and thus these sessions have been incredibly useful tools, which I can use to be more effective in evangelism not just in Italy, but also at home.

Moreover, we spent every Sunday experiencing church services at Forte Torre, hearing sermons on Exodus, which gave me a renewed insight into the Old Testament and its gospel significance. The church services were very different from what we would be accustomed to back home. The congregation contained only twenty people and was not in a typical sort of ‘church’ building, but a warehouse instead; Evangelicalism is not considered an established religion, in contrast to the pervasive Roman Catholic influence in Italy. Evangelical churches do not receive any sort of state funding or tax break so that obtaining buildings is very difficult. However, JP and Sue remain hopeful of purchasing a new and bigger building in the centre of the city, and much of the Diocesan Board and Youth Council’s generous contributions went towards the building fund.

Hymns were of course in Italian, typically three original Italian hymns and one translated from English, which made singing a little easier! A piece of bread was passed around and each of us tore off a bit, and small plastic beakers were passed around containing wine, so that the whole congregation could partake of the Lord’s Supper together at the end. JP, who spent his childhood in Italy, preached in Italian through Exodus, though thankfully he gave us an English translation of the main points. Prayers were said in English and Italian, underlining the fact that the gospel is for every nation (Matthew 28:19). On the last Sunday, JP and Sue were back in England, so one of the men of the church preached instead, and it was wonderful to see such a willingness to serve on his part. We also discovered that the church is named ‘Forte Torre’ because of Proverbs 18:10 – ‘The name of the Lord is a strong tower...’ Consistent
with this theme, the camp was called ‘Torricine’ – ‘little towers’.

We had Saturdays off each week, visiting Verona, home to Romeo and Juliet, where we had a wonderful time climbing a tall tower, and visiting the amphitheatre there. We also visited Venice, which was beautiful, and replete with tourists. We were able to share the gospel with two American tourists; we just pray that God would use our weak effort to open their eyes.

It was with a heavy heart that I left Bologna. I had grown to know and love the children we had spent the week with and I pray that many would come along to the new after school club JP and Sue are organising in September and that their parents would settle into Forte Torre.

The thing that has really stood out for me on this trip has been the godliness of JP and Sue: they are prayerful in everything, and despite the mammoth task of evangelism they face (there are, for example just a handful of Christian students out of 100,000 in Bologna) they keep persevering. JP and Sue have comparatively few resources at their disposal, but what they do have in abundance is a passion for the lost and faith in the promises of God, which is more than enough.

It is JP’s ambition that there will be ten evangelical churches in Bologna within the next few decades; please pray for this objective, and that Forte Torre may acquire a new building in a central location, and that the children and their parents would come to saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and settle into Forte Torre - hopefully the first steps in a gospel revolution.

Moreover, I thank God that we know that people from all over the world will be united in eternity worshipping His Son, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God slain for all those who put their trust in him (Revelation 7).

CHILDREN’S SECTION

There’s no catch and no strings attached! It’s just a free Games App based on a ‘tried and tested’ youth games book compiled and produced around 5 years ago. If you have ever been a leader with a group of children or young people, or even needed a few games to play with a group of friends or a family gathering then this App is an essential download. It contains over 150 tried and tested, easy-to-run games in categories such as ice breakers, circle games, messy games and relays. There is a search facility to help you find games for the right situation and a ‘favourites’ page for saving the ones you like.

‘Tried and Tested Youth Games’ is available for Android, Apple and Windows platforms for your phone - just type ‘Youth Group Games’ into the App store search bar.

Please feel free to share it with others - it’s for anyone at all. There is no advertising or links attached to the App - it’s just a free games resource that might help with some of the hassle in finding things to occupy children and young people. You deserve something for free!

And if you like it please give it a review (but feel free not to if you don’t!).

Andrew Brannigan, DYO Down and Dromore
Martin Montgomery, DYO Derry and Raphoe
When God created the earth it was perfect and he was very happy. But people started to do bad things and this made God very unhappy. God was so sad and hurt that he wanted to get rid of all the people and creatures he had created. Although God was upset he is a God of love and he remembered Noah. Noah loved God so God decided to use Noah to save the good things. God told Noah to build a big boat (called an ark), big enough for Noah and his wife as well as their three sons and their wives. God told Noah to take two of every animal and bird onto the ark as well. Because Noah loved God he did what God said, even though he did not really understand. Imagine how much food they would have need on the ark to feed all those animals!

When they were in the ark God closed the door and it rained for forty days and forty nights. At long last the rain stopped but there was so much water no one could get off the ark. Noah sent out a raven which flew back in and out until the water had dried up. Noah sent out a dove but it came back again because it could not find a dry place to land. Seven days later Noah sent out the dove again and this time it brought back a fresh olive leaf. Noah knew the ground was almost dry. Another seven days later Noah sent out the dove for third time. When the dove did not come back Noah knew there was dry land. A while later God told Noah that everyone could get out of the boat. It probably felt strange as there was no one but them on earth and they had to start all over building a house and collecting food.

Noah built an altar to thank God for keeping them safe. God promised to never again destroy all the living things on earth. God sent a rainbow as a sign of His promise.

We might not always understand why God does things but God always knows best and his plans are perfect. We can trust God. Next time you see a rainbow thank God that he loves us and that he keeps his promises.
Help the animals through the MAZE to get into the ark of his promise.

The animals went into the ark in pairs. Draw lines or colour to match the PAIRS of socks.

HELP

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Evening of Praise
Pupils from Monaghan Collegiate and eight national schools will take part in evening of praise in St Patrick’s Church, Monaghan on Thursday 23rd October at 7.00pm. There will be a collection on the night to launch a fundraising effort to purchase musical instruments and provide musical tuition within these schools.

Does your spouse have dementia?
Trinity College, Dublin are carrying out research looking to gain an insight into the health and wellbeing of those who live with someone who has dementia. For more information about taking part please contact Alan Galvin or Dr Maria Pertl at on 003531 896 8414”

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 4 November 2014 in the Killybelvin Hotel, Enniskillen. 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. 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 will be on display. Lunch will be provided. Booking is essential, to book your place or for your club and its members, contact Allison Forbes on 028 82251824 before Friday 24 October.

Community Engagement Initiative at Fermanagh County Museum
As part of the Northern Ireland Museums Council’s Community Engagement Initiative, the museum are developing and delivering a programme that encourages community groups within Fermanagh to engage with the museum’s local history collections.
Johnny McKeagney’s folklore archive is central to the project: “Johnny McKeagney was a man from Tempo who, over the course of 40 years, documented the local customs and traditions of Fermanagh through detailed drawings and handwritten notes. This unique and internationally acclaimed archive is a fantastic resource for engaging communities in the life and traditions of the recent past in Fermanagh”.
If your community group has an interest in learning more about this wonderful archive of illustrated folklore, please contact Louise on 028 66325000 or email louise.rice@fermanagh.gov.uk.

Social Enterprise Hub Programme
The Social Enterprise Hub Programme aims to encourage and facilitate development and growth of the social economy within the Western Social Investment Fund Zone. Any individual, community or voluntary sector group that has a social ethos may be eligible for support and assistance through this programme. There are various elements of support to the programme including: Social Enterprise Taster Sessions; Idea Generation Sessions; Networking and creation of buddy linkage systems; Business Drop-in clinics; Mentoring and action planning; Hot Desk facilities; Meeting rooms; Virtual office – use of internet, printer, copier, phones; Free space within retail premises in Strabane or Enniskillen to test-trade the product/service for a period of 6 months.
If you are interested in the programme contact Mary MacRory or Jill Stronge on 028 82249494 or email mary.macrory@omaghenterprise.co.uk or jill.stronge@omaghenterprise.co.uk.

Positive Futures Community Support Volunteer
Are you friendly and outgoing? Have you good communication skills? An interest in helping others? Enjoy being part of a team? You will have the opportunity to make a difference in someone’s life by supporting them to enjoy the same opportunities available to all citizens. We have a number of people who we support who require you to enable them to participate in an activity of their choice. You will accompany them to a social group/activity in a community venue, club or leisure centre and help them enjoy themselves. Training and support given. Travel expenses paid. Contact Maeve at maeve.donaghy@volunteernow.co.uk or phone her on 078 50851824.

Mencap Buddy Transport
Would you like to increase someone’s independence getting out and about using public and community transport? If so, we have a great opportunity for you! We are looking for someone who can support people with a learning disability to feel confident about travelling independently. Having someone to support them can give people with a learning disability the confidence they need to use public and community transport. As a result of being able to access public and community transport independently, individuals will improve their quality of life, increase opportunities to meet new people, learn new skills and access activities in their local community. Contact Maeve at maeve.donaghy@volunteernow.co.uk or phone her on 078 50851824.

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 Asperagers spectrum, also ASD and High Functioning Autism. Meetings take place in our new premises, 11 Darling Street, Enniskillen on the 3rd Wednesday of
PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt

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The Churchwardens, Gleewardens, Select Vestries and Parishioners of the group would like to send their sincere condolences to Captain Hamilton on the recent death of his father in Newtownards and assure him, his mother, brother and sister of our continued thoughts and prayers at this time.

A good number of parishioners from our group made the journey to Holy Trinity Church Westport on Sunday 14th September to witness the Ordination of Olivia Downey, the welcome we received, the beautiful surroundings and excellent service was enjoyed by all. We extend our congratulations and prayers to Olivia as she commences this new service in God's Church.

Our Harvest Services conclude in Drumsnatt on Sunday October 19th at 3.00pm. The preacher will be Revd Ian Berry.

Clogh Bowling Club meets every Wednesday in the hall and newcomers are always welcome. The Open Pairs Tournament this year will on Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th and Tuesday 7th of October with the final on Saturday 11th October.

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Services
5th October
10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
3.00pm Cooneen Harvest

Changes Ahead in Religious Broadcasting

There have already been some changes when the Medium Wave (MW) transmitter was switched off in 2008 and Morning Services were moved to Long Wave 252 (LW) and DAB (Digital Audio Broadcasting). When this happened it was very difficult to gauge the effect this change had upon regular audiences; and now more change is on the way.

After much reflection and some consultation, it has been decided by RTÉ to proceed with the closure of the Longwave Service on 27th October, 2014. The Revd Eileen Cremin, Chair of the Church of Ireland Broadcasting Committee, encourages those that are ‘technologically literate’, at local level, to offer neighbourly outreach to the most marginalised and technologically challenged listeners, in order to ensure that they are shown how to find the religious content on their TVs, radios or computers. The key message is that the level of RTÉ Religious content – in particular religious services – will be undiminished, with weekly Masses and Services on Radio 1xtra; a Mass or a Service every Sunday and on significant Festival days on RTÉ One TV.

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Some of those who attended Olivia Downey’s Ordination Service in Westport.

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12th October
10.45am Colebrooke MP
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Baptism

19th October
11.00am Colebrooke Family Service
3.00pm Mullaghfad Remembrance Service

26th October
10.45am Colebrooke MP
12.15pm Cooneen MP

Mullaghfad Services
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
7.00pm on Sunday 12th October; 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 The branch meets every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and upwards.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group
The meet every Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-14 years.
The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.
Squirrels (4 - 6 years)
Beavers (6 – 8 years)
Cubs (8 – 11 years)
Scouts (11 – 14 years)

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

Mothers’ Union
September began with an outing to Letterkenny and Londonderry. The first stop at Alcorn’s Garden Centre, Tropical World and Thyme Out Cafe was a wonderful experience for the ladies (and a few gentlemen). An informative tour of the Guildhall in Londonderry set the scene for walking around this beautiful city - The Peace Bridge, The Historic Walls and of course some shops! Everyone enjoyed an evening meal on the way home.
The new Branch Leader, Secretary and Treasurer attended the training day in The Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 13th, where they met members who had taken on new roles and renewed friendships with others.
The members look forward to welcoming Mrs Eva Baxter on Tuesday 16th September, who performs ‘O Suzannah’ the story of Mrs Wesley.
October appears to be a busy month as we host the Autumn Council Meeting on Wednesday 15th, beginning with a service of Holy Communion. The Speaker is Revd Isobel Nixon.
Then on Tuesday 21st at 8pm our Visitors’ Night promises to be special when we have Lynda Bryans coming to speak on Mental Health. Everyone will be made welcome.
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.

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October

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: Revd Brian Harper (Magheracross)

Sunday 12th October
10am Sunday School
11am Holy Communion
7pm SNATCH (Aghavea)
7.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving - Brooke Memorial Hall

Sunday 19th October
10am Sunday School
11am Church Family Service: Meet our Mission Partners

Sunday 26th October
10am Sunday School
11am Morning Prayer
No SNATCH due to Aoin Youth Weekend in Kilkenny

Sunday 2nd November
10am Sunday School
11am Holy Communion
Dear friends,

Communication is changing. Within my pocket sits an electronic device which provides endless opportunities for communication. In its address book are 393 contacts to call, text or email; 532 Facebook friends provide an endless stream of news, links and ice bucket challenge videos; FaceTime and Skype allow video conversations across the internet; and the internet itself puts a whole world of information at my fingertips. One picture recently shared on social media summed it up. 1984 had a Bakelite phone, Polaroid camera, Encyclopedia Britannica, cassette tape Walkman, Television and so much more. 2014 included the functions of all those items in one piece of kit: a mobile phone. Despite there being so many methods of communication, many people are still lonely. Social media seems to highlight the ‘best’ aspects of other people’s lives, carefully photoshopped and enhanced to show off. iPhones might actually lead to increased isolation. Have you ever been in a room or among friends when everyone is staring at their own personalised screen? Throughout the New Testament there seems to be a refreshing antidote to our technological loneliness and iPhone-induced isolation. It’s very simple. Face to face fellowship. The writer to the Hebrews knew the importance of it: ‘Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.’ (Heb 10:25) We meet together as the church to encourage one another, for those times when we are apart. Meeting together is vital if we’re to keep going as Christians.

It’s a theme Paul also raises. As he prepares to journey to Rome, he writes to them: ‘I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong - that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith.’ (Rom 1:11-12). Paul feels this need for fellowship personally in his final letter: ‘Do you best to come to me quickly.’ (2 Tim 4:9). The apostle John, in his two short letters which accompanied his bigger letter, says the same thing twice: ‘I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.’ (2 John 12) and ‘I have much to write to you, but I do not want to do so with pen and ink. I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.’ (3 John 13-14).

Over recent months we’ve been getting to know our new mission partners through emails and prayer letters. Those communications are good, with a flow of information and prayer requests coming from them in their dangerous surroundings. On Sunday 19th October, we’ll be welcoming them in person to Aghavea. We’ll be able to share in face to face fellowship. Come along and be an encouragement. Come along and be encouraged.

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 meets on Monday evenings at 8pm. Matches in the league will soon be starting - full details on the notice sheets each week. 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

We are 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.

We welcomed Val Irvine to our September meeting, who shared the story of the foundation and first year of The Pantry, our local foodbank in Lisnaskea.

GFS

GFS meets on Wednesday nights 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. October will be a busy month with an Activity Day on Saturday 4th, normal meeting on the 12th, GLO youth event on Saturday 18th, and Anois in Kilkenny on the 25th-27th. New members are very welcome - registration forms can be filled in by parents on arrival.

GLO

CDYC Youth Night, Saturday 18th October at 8pm in St John’s Church Halls, Fivemiletown. All young people and youth groups from across the diocese will be welcome. Come along and discover how God’s Light Overcomes!

Bible Study

Passing the Baton: 2 Timothy. Our midweek Fellowship Group Bible Study meets on alternate Wednesday nights at 8pm in the Church Hall. We’ll only be
meeting once in October, on Wednesday 8th, due to the Clogher Clergy Conference over the 22nd.

From the Parish Registers

Funeral
6th October 2014
Emily Florence (Florrie) Ovens, Aghalun, Brookeborough

Find us on Facebook and iTunes
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! Our sermon podcasts are now available on iTunes. Search for ‘Aghavea Church’ and subscribe to have them automatically delivered to your computer or device.

UDR Memorial Plaque Dedication
Sunday 2nd November: 7.30pm UDR Memorial Plaque Dedication Service, Aghavea Parish Church

Ballybay, Clontibret and Muckno

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Muckno

Baptism
The Baptism of Rebecca Jane Dodds baby daughter of Joleen and Andrew and new sister for Evie took place in St Maeldoid’s on 17th August 2014.

Sunday School
It is great to see Sunday School back up and running after a couple of years absence. Mrs Lucy Phair and her assistant Martha O’Connor are the new Sunday School teachers. There are presently 8 children enrolled and we hope that their maybe a couple more children to join us shortly. May God give guidance to our teachers and blessings to our children.

Christmas Tree Festival
St Maeldoid’s are proud to be hosting a Christmas Tree festival from Friday 28th November 2014 open from 2pm to 6pm, Sat. 29th November 2014 Open from 12 noon to 6pm, Sunday 30th November 2014, Open from 2pm to 4pm and at 4.15pm an Informal Christmas Community Carol Service will take place. We are inviting individuals, families, schools, companies, organisations and voluntary groups to enter a decorated tree. Telephone 00353(0) 86 8181468 00353 (0) 861519964 for further details or email castleblayneycoi@eircom.net

Reopening of St Peter’s Church

The reopening of St Peter’s Church, in Laragh, Castleblayney took place on Saturday 13th September 2014 by the Minister for Arts Heritage and Gaeltacht, Mrs Heather Humphreys. There was a large attendance of locals, visitors and distinguished guests. The “tin tabernacle” was decorated so aptly with the harvest theme.

The little ornate 19th Century church was build for the Church of Ireland. It is said that it was brought back to Laragh by the mill owner and his wife, the O’Kanes- from their honeymoon in Switzerland where the new Mrs O’Kane saw and fell in love with it. Designed in a swiss-gothic hybrid style, the church is constructed entirely out of corrugated iron and sits in a small narrow wooded valley alongside the river. At the opening service in 1891, in attendance were the then Bishop of Clogher, the Archdeacon and 10 other clergy from the diocese. The Church was deconsecrated at harvest time in September 1957. With the passing of time the building fell in to serious deterioration, until the Laragh heritage Committee came together to put this quaint tin church back to the picturesque little place it once was. Funding was received from LEADER and the PEACE 3 along with fundraising activities.

The building has been leased by the Select Vestry of St Maeldoids for 25 years to the group. There was a good attendance of parishioners at the opening. The Church is to be used to hold exhibitions, educational talks and community activities. Laragh heritage Group are wished well in their venture.

Harvest Thanksgiving
St Maeldoids harvest will take place on Sunday 21st September.

Interdenominational Carol Service
Our Interdenominational Carol Service will take place on Thursday 18th December at 7.30pm.
Sickness
Unfortunately, there are a number of parishioners who are ill at present. We wish Ethel, Ian and Eddie a speedy recovery from their illnesses.

“Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He is the Father who is compassionate and the God who gives comfort.”

Clontibret

Clontibret News & Reflections
The hymn writer Mrs Cecil Alexander 1818—95 and Carl Boberg 1859-1940 in the respective hymns “All Things Bright and Beautiful” and “O Lord my God” captured the thoughts of us all I am sure in reflecting on the glorious weather of September. We cannot fail to appreciate the work of our creator and give him due thanks. It is testament of God’s enduring power that these hymn writers amongst others appreciated the wonder of the earth and its changing seasons just as we do today.

The Heritage Walk and Talk
The Heritage Walk and Talk, led by Shaun O’Byrne on Saturday, 13th which pre-empted the official opening of St Peter’s Tin Tabernacle, Laragh, was a significant event not only due to the opening of the church with all its history but explained the industrial revolution which affected all the farming communities across Ireland including our own here in Clontibret. We were delighted that the Rev. Neil Phair was on hand to lead the singing of “Holy Is The Seed Time” accompanied by his mother on keyboard.

Mothers Union and Sunday School
The Mothers Union Programme and the Sunday School have both re-commenced. The MU celebrated Holy Communion on Wednesday, 17th in Clontibret led by The Rector and Sunday School recommenced on Sunday 20th. The Rector has plans for the teenagers so that they can get together and no doubt he will have other suggestions on how we can all work more closely to God’s purpose when we have our vestry meeting on Wednesday, 24th.

Baptism
On Sunday, 7th Sunday we celebrated Holy Communion and the Baptism of Ryan Norman Berry, son of Darren and Beverly Berry and brother of Natalie. The Rector very capably coped with his busy workload. He showed he was a very hands on father, cradling Ryan and settling any anxiety he might have before administering Holy Communion to the large congregation.

Students
We are pleased to have two students joining us in Worship. They are Marta Silva from Spain and Marlene Palan from Austria who studying here until June 2015. Over the years Sandra and Ronnie Geary have brought along the students staying with them to church each Sunday. We enjoy getting to know them and hopefully they will have fond memories of their time with us.

Thoughts And Prayers
Our thoughts and prayers are with Dorinda and Nigel Lowey as both their fathers have suffered periods of ill health. We are glad that Leslie Lowey is home and back at work. We trust that Maurice Coyle will soon be home and enjoying good health. We also remember Mrs Ester Dunne who continues to be cared for in St Mary’s. Mrs Dunne, a gracious lady, was a regular attender at Church along with her late husband William.

Senior Youth Club
Senior Youth Club will commence in Clontibret Church Hall for Secondary School age group every Saturday evening from 7-8.30pm, beginning on the 4th of October. Again anyone who has any games e.g. pool/snooker tables, cd music player, badminton rackets etc. etc which they would like to donate for the new youth club, if they could contact the Rector.

Ballybay

Congratulations
We would like to congratulate both Dickson boys on the completion of the Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate and wish them God’s blessing on their next step through life.

Congratulations to a number of our young people in Ballybay. Firstly to Alanna Crawford in obtaining a place at the Royal College of Surgeons to study medicine, to Aaron Dixon on his leaving Cert results, Sophie McKenna and Abraham Dixon on their Junior Cert results and to Alice Crawford on her GCSE results.

Sunday School
Sunday School resumed as of the 21st of September.

Harvest Service
The harvest service will be on the 12th of October at 3.30pm with tea afterwards in the hall.

Condolences
The funeral took place on the 15th of September of Sydney White at Christ Church Ballybay, with burial in the churchyard. Our deepest sympathy to his nephews David and George White, his sisters Essie, Jean and Sally and also the Graham families.

Junior Youth Club
Junior Youth Club will commence on Saturday the 4th of October in Ballybay Church Hall every Saturday night from 6-7pm. This is for primary school age group. Anyone who has any games, or items which they would like to donate for the new youth club, if they could contact the Rector.
Services

Sunday 5th October
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Carrickmacross 10.30am HC
Magheracloone 12 Noon MP
Ardragh 1.15pm HC

Sunday 12th October
The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Carrickmacross 10.30am MP
Magheracloone 12 Noon HC

Sunday 19th October
The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Carrickmacross 7.00pm Service of Thanksgiving for Harvest.
Magheracloone 12 Noon MP
Ardragh 1.15pm EP

Sunday 26th October
The Fifth Sunday before Advent
Carrickmacross 10.30am MP
Magheracloone 12 Noon MP

We in Ireland normally complain about the weather. We had not only a good summer, but a very good summer with a balance of sunshine and rain which kept both summer holiday makers and farmers happy. Yes you heard me right I did use the word happy! The rain came at the right time which provided grass for animals and also silage for storage for the winter. It was very easy to sing at our harvest services “All is safely gathered in”. We truly thank God once again that he has literally provided for man and beast with a good harvest to satisfy all our needs.

St Molua’s Parish Church

The annual Ecumenical service was very well attended. While it was a sunny day it was too breezy to have the service outside. At the outset of the service in the church, Bishop John dedicated a new sound system given by the Babington family in memory of the late Henry Babington. The Gospel was read by Fr. Finnegan. After the service, prayers in the graveyard were said by the Bishop, Fr Finnegan and Fr Crowe. It is said “where there is a will there is a way”. In spite of the lack of space in the vestry, tea was provided for everyone outside on the day.

Birthday Wishes

It was good to join with Eileen White on her birthday. Eileen is from Ardragh parish and owing to ill health is now a resident in the Sacred Heart nursing home Ballybay.

Family Service

Although it was holiday time we had a good number present for the family service. The reading on the day was from Matthew 16 which included the words of Jesus “If anyone would come after me, he must take up his cross and follow me” As an object lesson we used a piece of jewellery with an attached cross. When Jesus talked about taking up the cross, he didn’t mean that that by either wearing a cross as a piece of jewellery or a T shirt with a cross painted on it that we automatically become Christians. For Jesus the cross meant that although he was God, he gave up his divine privilege and became
a servant. He came to earth as a man and became totally obedient to God, even to the point that he was willing to die on the cross. That’s what taking up the cross meant to Jesus. Taking up the cross for us means following Jesus and that is not always easy.

The address was followed by a quiz with parents against kids.

Bowl

The season for in-door bowling has kicked of once again in the Jackson hall, Carrickmacross. We began with the AGM and the election of officers. It is encouraging to see the mix of young people with the adults enjoying their game of bowls.

Choir

Once again we have a number of people whose wish it was to come together to practice some items for the harvest service. We trust that this will go from strength to strength in the future.

Table Tennis

A date has also been set for the table tennis club to begin. We wish both the bowls and the table tennis well as they embark upon a new season of activity. Thanks to those who give of their time and energy to run these activities.

Sunday school

Thanks to those teachers and helpers who have got together and planned their programme for the following months. We trust that God will bless the efforts of all those who take on responsibility of leadership roles in the various activities to lead and guide young people aright.

St Patrick’s Donaghmoynen

An annual prayer and blessing service takes place yearly in the old graveyard of the disused Church of Ireland in Donaghmoynen. The church was built in 1827 and closed 1976. Due to the efforts of a local committee money was sought for the re roofing of the church which means it keeps the building in safe condition. The FAS workers keep the grounds tidy.

Compliments to local people in the area who took on the project for the upkeep of the graveyard and church and their willingness to meet together annually for prayer and fellowship.

Harvest Services

As I write these notes we are looking forward to celebrating the gifts of harvest in Ardragh and Magheracloone parish churches during September. Carrickmacross Harvest is due to take place Sunday 19th October 7pm. Speaker Revd Canon Ian Berry. Supper will be served after the service.

Cleenish and Mullaghdunder

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Church Services for October

Sunday, 5th October
11:00am. Harvest Service, Mullaghdund Parish Church.
Preacher Mr Roy Palmer
No Service, Cleenish.
7:30pm. Harvest Service, Mullaghdund Parish Church.
Preacher Dean Kenny Hall
Wednesday, 8th October
10:00am, Monthly Healing & Communion Service, Letterbreen Hall

Sunday, 12th October
10:00am, HC Service, Mullaghdund Parish Church
11:30am, HC Service, Cleenish Parish Church
Friday 17th October
8:00pm. Harvest Service, Cleenish Parish Church.
Preacher Revd Patrick Balmer

Sunday, 19th October
11:00am. Harvest Service, Cleenish Parish Church.
Preacher Revd Sam McGuffin
No Service, Mullaghdund
7:30pm. Harvest Service, Cleenish Parish Church.
Preacher Revd Richard Beadle

Sunday, 26th October
10:00am, HC Service, Mullaghdund Parish Church
11:30am, HC Service, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday, 2nd November
10:00am, MP Service, Mullaghdund Parish Church
11:30am, MP Service, Cleenish Parish Church

Monthly Service of Holy Communion

This Service is held in Mullaghdund 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 8th October.

Cleenish & Mullaghdunder Mothers’ Union

Details of the 75th Anniversary Celebrations of Mullaghdund Mothers’ Union, held on Sunday 21st September, will be published in next issue. Tuesday 21st October 8pm, Cleenish Parish Hall. Maureen Browne will speak about her work with children and adults through the medium of music with Jo Jingles.

Tuesday 11th November 7.30pm, Cleenish MU Coffee Evening and Sale in the Parish Hall. Entry including supper £3. Everyone welcome.
Cleenish Brownies

Brownies have now recommenced in Cleenish Parish Hall. New girls between the age 7 to 11 years will be welcome on Wednesday evenings at 6.45 to 8pm.

Parent and Toddler Group

The group meets on Tuesday mornings 10am - 11.30am in Cleenish Parish Hall. Parents/Carers and children can interact and avail of play, craft and music activities

Mullaghduan Parish Auction

Details of the Parish Auction held on Saturday 27th September will be published in next issue.

Friends of the Cancer Centre

The annual Country Music Concert in support of this worthy charity, will be held in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Wednesday 8th October at 7.45pm. As usual there is an impressive list of artists, and your support for this important fundraising effort will be most appreciated.

Ballyclare Male Voice Choir

Will be singing in Cleenish Parish Hall, on Saturday 11th October, at 7.30pm. Tickets price £10 are available from Select Vestry members, & Parishioners, or phone 028 6632 2795. See advert.

Sympathy

Mullaghduan Parish expresses sympathy to the family circle of Mrs Maud Stewart, who died in the South West Acute Hospital, on Monday 25th August. Maud was a keen gardener, and always had an impressive display of flowers and shrubs. She regularly attended the monthly Wednesday morning Communion Service, and on 10th September, when that Service resumed following the summer break, a Prayer of thanksgiving for Maud’s life was said.

Mullaghduan Parish also sympathises with Vera Coalter and her family circle, on the death of her sister Carrie Abbott from Fintona. Carrie’s funeral Service was held in Donacavey Parish Church on Friday 12th September. Cleenish Parish expresses sympathy to Derek and Leslie Nixon, on the death of their cousin Maud Eva Noble. Maud’s funeral Service took place in Enniskillen Cathedral on Sunday 14th September.

Cleenish Centre

At this harvest time we thank God for the wonderful weather that we are having and the bountiful harvest that He has given us. At the Centre we have a lot to thank God for as we look out at the beautiful surrounding bathed in sunlight. However our greatest thanks is when we hear stories of the harvest in the hearts and lives of so many who have visited the Centre, and the witness of these young people in their homes schools, colleges and work places when they go back. We thank God for the opportunity of being able to facilitate this work. Once again we are very grateful to our volunteers who give of their time so willingly. We are still looking for more people to come forward for duties both inside eg office, kitchen and outside, to further develop the grounds. 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

There was no monthly meeting during July and August. However three members of the Group attended the West Cavan / West Fermanagh Forum, in Boho Community Centre, on Wednesday 3rd September. It is also pleasing to note Fermanagh District Council has decided to install a Multi Unit Games Area within the Village, and a decision as to its exact location at time of writing is undecided.

During the very good spell of weather it was pleasing to note how the lakeshore path was used, and increasing numbers are now appearing in the Community Garden off Waterhen Lane. One could not fail to notice the excellent bloom of flowers provided by the District Council this year, which included those either side of the church gates, See photo. Many comments have been made by both those visiting, and the local population.

It is also pleasing to record congratulations to our Vice Chairman, George Cathcart and his wife, on the birth of their second baby daughter Emily. It is with regret to note George’s aunt Clare Cathcart, passed away suddenly in Hospital in Brighton, on Thursday 4th September. Clare, the daughter of Arthur & Doreen, was born and reared in Bellanaleck. She also leaves behind two young daughters, and her brother Adrian, who is employed in the local shop.

As new residents are now coming to reside within the Village, the Group would ask for more members to join. Not only does this Group help to provide much needed facilities for the Village, it is also an opportunity to intermix with one another, and to make new friends.

Next meeting, Wednesday 22nd October.

Bellanaleck Local History Group

The Group held a very successful Launch of the WWI Cleenish Island Project on Thursday evening 11th September before a large audience in the Parish Hall. The name of our local Church in Bellanaleck is taken from Cleenish Island. In Bellanaleck is taken from Cleenish Island and therefore our Parish known as Cleenish. Our present Church replaced the old ruins on the Island in 1763, and part of the original is inserted into the present building.

When World War 1 concluded, lands on the Island were divided into twelve plots, and a house built on each farm to accommodate soldiers who served in the War.

Audio & video presentation for the evening was given by Julian Fowler, and Chairman George Stephenson welcomed all present. After the introduction by Margaret Judge, the main speaker and organiser
Marion Maxwell, give a very comprehensive and detailed lecture. This was followed by comments from Gerry Burns representing the Heritage Lottery Fund, and Lauri McCusker, Fermanagh Trust.

It was very interesting to listen to extracts by descendants of the former soldiers, namely Keith Boyd, Jill Mulligan, Kevin McNally, and Jenny Crawford. A recorded message was then played of an interview with Johnny Balfour the only resident to remain on the Island until the connecting bridge was built around 1956. Johnny remained in his former home and worked the land with his family, until he passed away at the age of 101 years. The evening concluded with community singing, and items by Letterbreen Silver Band. See photos.
Holy Matrimony
Mullaghduin Parish Church
Friday 22nd August 2014
David Thomas James Lindsay, and Lisa Jayne Carson
Cleensih Parish Church
Friday 29th August 2014 Colin John Donaldson, and Louise Ethel Elizabeth Nixon
We congratulate both couples, and wish them God's richest blessings for their married life.

Christian Burial
Mullaghduin Parish Church
Wednesday 27th August 2014
Annie Maud Stewart
15 Corraglass Road, Clonaveel, Letterbreen
Aged 88 years

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

Harvest Services
Friday 10th Oct. Augher 8.pm
Preacher: The Revd. John Mc Clenaghan, Rector of Colebrook
Friday 17th Oct. Newtownsaville 8.pm
Preacher: The Revd Aonghas Mayes, Rector of Moy

Lissadell Harvest

On Sunday 7th September a group of forty two including the choir travelled to Lissadell in County Sligo. On arrival we were treated to lunch in the courtyard followed by a most interesting tour of Lissadell House. We were welcomed by the Rector Archdeacon Ian Linton and Mr John Duignan of the Peace Three Project, this was followed by a short tour of the Drumcliffe area and back to the Lissadell Church centre.

A meeting took place, chaired by the Revd. Hazel Hicks and many contributions were made regarding the challenges and also the importance of bridge building, how we are influenced by the past and the importance of good community relations. It was a delight to see nearly two hundred people in Lissadell Church for the Harvest Service which was conducted by the Rector, assisted by Father Christy McHugh and the preacher was Precentor Noel Regan. The combined choir of the Clogher group joined in the singing and sang two anthems accompanied on the organ by Mrs Diane Whittaker. This was followed by a fork supper for the entire congregation in the newly refurbished Lissadell centre. This proved a most enjoyable occasion and afforded us the opportunity of renewing acquaintances and forming new friendships with people from the Sligo area.
The cross border link between these two parishes has enabled Lissadell to draw down grants of approximately one hundred thousand euro which enabled the parish to do much needed improvements to the lovely old cut stone parish school. The result is an excellent facility with accommodation for use not only by the parish but is also available to groups from across the country. This is an important link as these grants are also available in Northern Ireland. Could we or other parishes not avail of the same?

Mothers’ Union
The September meeting of St Macartan’s MU Clogher was held at Somers Restaurant, Fardross where a fire-side auction was held. The leader, Mrs Iris Moffett received invitations to attend Visitor’s Night at local women’s groups. Our own Visitor’s Night will be held next month on 15th October in Clogher Parish Hall at 8.00pm when we look forward to a speaker from Guide Dogs for the Blind. All ladies welcome.

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3rd of October (Friday)
8.00pm Clones HARVEST (concert with meditation, format to be confirmed), Followed by refreshments.
5th of October
10.00am Clones HARVEST
11.30am Newbliss
12th of October
11.30am Killeevan
3.30pm Currin HARVEST
19th of October
10.00am Clones
11.30am Newbliss
26th of October
10.00am Currin
11.30am Killeevan
3.30pm Newbliss HARVEST

Beetle Drive
A Beetle Drive is being held in Killeevan Hall on Saturday the 4th of October at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

Charity Gospel Concert
A charity Gospel Concert will be held in The Creighton Hotel, Clones on Saturday the 18th of October 2014 at 8.00pm. Artists include: Kenny Archer (Dungannon) - Gospel Singer and Yodler. Philomena Nally (Mullingar) – Country Gospel Singer. And Billy McFarland (Ballymena) – Former Showband Legend. The Compere will be our own Walter Pringle. The Proceeds are going to The Widows & Orphans in India. Tickets €10 includes supper. Everyone is very welcome.

Congratulations
To Richard Rusk and Keira Beatty on the occasion of their marriage on the 28th August in St. Tighernach’s Parish Church Clones. We wish them God’s Richest Blessing as they begin their married life together.

Bereavement
We extend sympathy to Mrs Christine Rusk on the death of her mother Mrs Elizabeth J. Irwin. The funeral service was held in Aghadrumsee Parish Church on Tuesday the 26th August. We extend our sympathy also to the wider family circle.

Floral Arrangement Demonstration
Currin Parish Church invite you to a Floral Arrangement Demonstration given by Timothy Elliott of Lisnaskea on Friday 24th of October at 8pm sharp in Scotshouse Community Centre. Tickets are €10 incl supper. There will also be a raffle of Flower Arrangements plus other prizes.

Drumcorrin National School
The school term has resumed at Drumcorrin National School, Drum, Co. Monaghan. We welcomed five new pupils and wish those who left all the best in their new schools. Thanks to everyone who supported the our Summer Quiz. Congratulations to the winners: (1) I. Acheson and D. Stewart; (2) A. Smyton and G. Humphreys; (3) M. Farrell and J. Graham. We look forward to participating in the Evening of Praise in St Patrick’s Church Monaghan on 23rd October.

Colaghty

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October
5th October Holy Communion, 11.30am
**October 2014**

**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

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**November**

**2nd November**  
Holy Communion, 11.30am

**9th November**  
Remembrance Sunday, 11.30am

**16th November**  
Morning Prayer, 11.30am

**23rd November**  
Morning Prayer, 11.30am

**30th November**  
Morning Prayer, 11.30am

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**Wedding**

6th September 2014 Corinna Ginn and Derek Farrell

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**Church Activities**

Many of the church activities will by now or at the time of writing, have restarted their autumn/winter activities and we offer our support and prayers to all involved with each of the particular groups.

Christian Endeavour and Young people’s group resumes on Friday 17th October 2014.

Check notices for times for all parish activities

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**Colaghty Bowling Club**

Summer bowls have ended as the autumn/winter season begins and we wish our members well in the forthcoming Erne League matches. A cheque for £150.00 was handed over to Mrs Janet Kilfedder for the Northern Ireland Hospice, proceeds of the summer bowling by Mr Ken Curtis on behalf of the club. Bowling continues on Thursday’s at 8.00pm, new members always welcome.

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**Young@Heart**

Members of the group went to Westport for a short break during September with an enjoyable time had by all. The next monthly meeting will be 15th October 2014, 10.30am in the parish hall. The committee are looking forward to a new programme of events for the new term. New members are always welcome.

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**Woman’s Fellowship**

Woman’s Fellowship resumes on the 2nd Monday of each month and an open invitation is extended to the ladies in the parish to come along and join in the fellowship. A variety of different speakers address each of the meetings with the first meeting taking place on Monday 13th October, 8.00pm. The speaker on this occasion will be Olive Johnston, Alzheimer’s society. A copy of this year’s programme can be viewed in the porch, copies will be available. Please put the date in your dairy and plan to come along you will be most welcome.

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**Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale**

‘Getting people from where they are to where God wants them to be’

All Sunday Services at 10.15am (Castle Archdale) and 11.30am (Derryvullen North) except 2nd Sunday of each month – 10.30am (Derryvullen North) and 11.45am (Castle Archdale) and other special/occasional services listed below

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**October 2014**

**Wed 1st October**  
Monthly Evening Prayer – Derryvullen North 7.30pm

**Sun 5th October**  
Castle Archdale Junior Harvest 10.15am  
Evening Harvest Thanksgiving 7.00pm  
(Special Music followed by supper)  
Holy Communion – Derryvullen North

**Sun 12th October**  
Service of the Word (Form 5)

**Sun 19th October**  
Holy Communion – Castle Archdale  
Derryvullen North Junior Harvest 11.30am  
Evening Harvest Thanksgiving 7.00pm

**Mon 20th October**  
Evening Harvest Thanksgiving 8.00pm

**Tues 21st October**  
Monthly Quiet Holy Communion –  
Derryvullen North 11.30am

**Sun 26th October**  
Morning Prayer

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**November 2014**

**Sun 2nd November**  
Holy Communion
Services

Derryvullen North Service of Light
Sunday 6th September 2014
Our annual Service of Light marks the opening of our organisations – Mothers’ Union, Women’s Group, Sunday School, Junior Church and Comet Youth Fellowship.
All groups were represented in the readings and prayers and the sermon was based on 2 Cor:4. Deep within the heart flickers the light of the presence of God which never goes out and never fails; right down deep in the middle of all that is weak/vulnerable/fragile (our physical bodies) is something absolutely permanent, constant and which speaks of hope and glory.

Harvest Thanksgiving
Harvest Thanksgiving is upon us again with many familiar happenings. As we celebrate the produce around us we will be giving thanks for our own gifts of time and talents. For just as people decorate our churches with flowers and produce that reflect something of the harvest of their gifts of time and talent, so each of us can give thanks for our own gifts and talents given by God.

Derryvullen North Thanksgiving Services
Sun Oct 19th 11.30am Children’s Harvest – Speaker from CMS (collection to CMS)
7.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving – (Revd Eleanor Hayden)
Mon Oct 20th 8.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving – (Revd Caroline Mansley)
Special Music at all our services and Harvest Supper on Monday evening

Prayer
Creator of the fruitful earth
you made us stewards of all things.
Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness
and steadfast wills to use your bounty well
that the whole human family
today and in generations to come
may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Diary Dates
Tues Oct 14th Tuesday Club at 2.30pm
Wed Oct 15th Women’s Group at 8.30pm
Wed Oct 15th Mothers’ Union Autumn Council at 8.00pm – Colebrooke Parish – Speaker Revd Isobel Nixon – Contemplative Prayer
Mon Oct 20th Mothers’ Union Diocesan meeting in Derryvullen South at 8.00pm – Speaker Mrs Phyllis Grothier (All Ireland President)
Tues Oct 21st Faith & Friendship in Mahons Hotel at 8.00pm
Wed Oct 22nd Mothers’ Union – Speaker Mrs Eva Baxter who will give a talk on the life of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, well known hymn writer (Mothers’ Union is a world wide organisation with over 4 million members in 84 countries. It is open to all women and indeed recently to men. It is a fellowship of believers working in love and service throughout the world. The theme for 2015 is “United in Prayer”. Please consider joining us in Derryvullen North/Castle Archdale – you will be most welcome).
Sun Nov 2nd Ministry of Healing Service in Clabby Parish Church at 7.30pm

Baptism
Castle Archdale 17th August 2014
Charlie Robin & Colin William sons of Colin & Kelly

Marriage
Castle Archdale 30th August 2014
Gareth Steven McBride & Claire Eliza Knox

Christian Burial
29th August 2014
Doris Allen (formely of Clenaghisle) – Interred in Derryvullen North

St Patrick’s Cathedral, Rector as Canon-in-Residence
Duty week for the Rector began on Sunday 24th August. In addition to participation in the daily services Monday 25th to Saturday 30th was Heritage week at the Cathedral. There was daily lunchtime music and evening organ recitals featuring a number of resident and visiting musicians. On Wednesday the resident musicians were joined by the organist from St Peter’s in Belfast. This was a fun-filled activity and singing inter-active period of instruction and learning which turned the children into a formidable choir who performed for parents and visitors before refreshments. Additionally, ‘Lives Remembered’ was a themed exhibition which explored how Ireland was affected by World War 1. There were talks, slide shows and costume characters. The themed display in the North transept had three main components.
1. At the centre is a 20ft tall monument called the Tree of Remembrance. The tree which has been damaged and mostly destroyed by the battlefield bombardments and is surrounded by barbed wire. As the first new monument in the Cathedral for 50 years the tree reminds us of all those lives cut down in their youth (under 18yrs-1%, 18-20yrs-16.3%, 21-25yrs-33.9%, 26-30yrs-23.2%, 31-40yrs-21.3%, 41-50yrs-3.8%, over 50yrs-0.6%). Dark and unattractive like the barbed wire the tree reminds us of the ugliness of war. Visitors are invited to tie small leaf shaped tags to the tree with thoughts, memories and prayers for loved ones (signaling that new life has emerged)
Visitors from all over the world have added details which reminds us remembrance is a world wide human phenomenon.
2. The second feature is one of the only two copies of the Irish Book of Remembrance which records the names of all those who fell. It is thought some 200,000 Irish people fought in the war. The book records some 50,000 names, 11,000 second generation Irish who were born in Britain, Europe, America and Canada. Published in 1923 it records 30,986 born in Ireland. Every county in Ireland lost men and 11,336 came from the present Northern Ireland; 5227 from Antrim, 2048 from Down, 1357 from Londonderry, 1117 from Armagh, 1089 from Tyrone and 498 from Fermanagh.

31 men from Bride St beside the Cathedral were lost and in November 1919 in response to the suffering and people struggling to make sense of the slaughter a Remembrance Day service was held in the Cathedral for the first time in November 1919, thus beginning a tradition which continues to this day. It provides an important opportunity for people to come together as a community to provide mutual support. Each year the President lays a laurel wreath and the RBL a poppy wreath at the memorial.

3. The third element is the Door of Reconciliation. This dates back to 1492 when 2 great Irish families, the Butlers and Fitzgeralds were involved in a bitter, bloody feud. Seeking refuge and sanctuary the Butlers fled into the Chapter Room in the Cathedral with the Fitzgeralds in hot-pursuit.

Fitzgerald realised that the feud was out of control. Through the closed or locked door he pleaded for a truce. The Butlers refused to open the door so Fitzgerald hacked a hole in the door and thrust his arm through as a pledge of good faith (for a handshake). This potential dangerous gesture was enough. The door opened and the two warring factions received one another in peace. Some believe this event is the origin of the expression ‘to chance your arm’, meaning to take the initiative (in reaching out for peace).

“God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself” (2 Cor:5:19)

Mary Delaney/ Patrick Delaney

On the 17th August a lady brought a very interesting item to the Antiques Road Show broadcast from Blair Castle. It turned out to be an 18th Century weaving machine and spool winder given to Mary Delaney, the companion of Queen Charlotte. It was valued at £10,000.

Mary Delaney (1700-1788) was a niece of Baron Lansdowne who married Revd Patrick Delaney in 1743. She had a keen interest in gardening, painting, shell-work and needlework. Some of her work can be seen in the British Museum today. She was a personal friend of Dean Jonathan Swift of St Patrick’s Cathedral Dublin and the composer Handel. Eager to learn throughout her life, Mrs Delaney has been described as ‘a real fine lady, the model of an accomplished woman of former times’. Patrick Delaney was a Canon of St Patrick’s Cathedral (1730 – 44). He was an eloquent preacher, a man of wit and learning and described as ‘the most eminent preacher of his time’. He is associated with works undertaken at Lowestown Chapel of Ease (the old clock tower) in the centre of Irvinestown. Indeed his name is mentioned on the stone inscription near the doorway and a function room in nearby Mahons Hotel is known as the Delaney Suite.

Prayers

Please continue to remember in prayer all who are sick, those who have been bereaved and those experiencing a difficult time. May we seek to help those who for any reason cannot help themselves.

Kesh Rural Deanery

Friday 14th November 8pm to 10.30pm at Derryvullen North Parish Hall. Church to Church Youth Social for those of secondary school age.

Derryvullen South and Garvary

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Calendar

5th October
10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary
12.00 Harvest Derryvullen South
8.00pm Harvest Derryvullen South

10th October
8.00pm Harvest Garvary

12th October
10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
12.00 Harvest Garvary
7.00pm Harvest Garvary

19th October
10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary
12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

26th October
10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

2nd November
10.30 Holy Communion Garvary
12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

9th November
10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

Christian Burial

On Sunday 24th August 2014, following the funeral service in Rossorry conducted by Canon David Skuce, the committal took place in Garvary churchyard of the late Sarah Rebecca Crozier, 47 Brackvede Park, Enniskillen. On Thursday 28th August 2014, following the funeral service
in Enniskillen Cathedral conducted by the Reverend Rob Clements, the committal took place in Derryvullen South churchyard of the late William David Armstrong, 103 Derrychara Drive, Enniskillen.

Bereavements

We extend sympathy to all who are bereaved at this time including Stephen Noble, Coolbuck, and Jean Noble, Ashwoods, on the death of Maud Noble, Enniskillen, mother of Stephen and daughter in law of Jean.

Confirmation

On Sunday 7th September 2014 we woke up to be greeted by a lovely sunny morning. It was the day of the Confirmation for both parishes held in the parish church of Derryvullen South where eleven candidates were confirmed by Bishop John McDowell whom we welcomed on his first visit to the parish.

The candidates shown in the photograph, courtesy of Richard Mason, are, Kirsty Kenwell, Elise Black, Megan McConnell, Victoria Wilson, Abigail Dane, Aaron Hicks, Andrew Dane, Harry Dane, Luke Balfour, Holly Cobain, and George Mason. During the service a Sunday School teacher from Garvary, Paul Trimble, read the Old Testament lesson; Clare Wilson, a parent from Garvary, read the Epistle; and Andrea Cobain from Derryvullen South read the Gospel, to a full church. We continue to remember the newly confirmed in our prayers and would encourage them to play a full part in the life of the parish in its mission and ministry.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Stuart Graham, Drumgoon Manor, Maguire'sbridge, whose marriage with Elizabeth Gibson, Finton, was solemnised in Donacavey parish church, Finton, on Tuesday 1st July 2014. Congratulations also to Lord and Lady Belmore who recently celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Mothers’ Union

The next meeting takes place on Monday 20th October 2014 at 8.00pm in Derryvullen South parish hall, Tamplaght. It is a visitors night open to all MU members in the diocese. We will be welcoming the All Ireland President Phyllis Grothier as our special speaker. It would be appreciated if we knew the numbers coming and would ask visiting branches to get in touch with Mrs Stewart either by phone on 66387236 or email, stewartvalerie@hotmail.co.uk. At the end of the meeting there will be a retiring collection for the worldwide MU Harvest Appeal.

Organisations

The young people’s group GIFT, open to young people from both parishes has recommenced on Sunday evenings in Garvary parish hall, as have the Table Tennis Club on Tuesday evenings and the Bowls on Wednesday evenings. In Derryvullen South parish hall the Scottish Country Dancing meets on Tuesday evenings and new members are most welcome.

Auction

Derryvullen parish are holding an auction of firewood and homemade produce on Saturday 18th October 2014 at 2.00pm. 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.

Remembrance Sunday

This year is a special year as we mark the centenary of the Great War which began in 1914. The memorial services will take place in each parish church on Sunday 9th November. As usual our offering goes to the Earl Haig Fund.

150th Anniversary

A date for your 2015 diary. On Sunday 20th September 2015 at 10.30am in Garvary parish church we will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone in 1865 by the Countess of Belmore, wife of the 4th Earl, Somerset Richard. The Bishop will be the preacher. The rector is preparing a little booklet for the occasion. If any of our parishioners has any documentation they think might be useful to him or any information about the parish which might be helpful in preparation for this publication it would be most welcome.

Devenish and Boho

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Burials

The funeral service for the late Timothy Cathcart, Ely Lodge, Enniskillen was held on Monday 18th August 2014. The service in the home was conducted by
Revd Sampson Ajuka. Burial was in Devenish Parish Graveyard.

The whole community was deeply shocked at Timothy’s tragic death at such a young age, while taking part in a rally at Fardross, Clogher.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his parents, Ian and Karen, sisters Jayne and Sarah, brother Jonathan and the wider family circle.

The funeral service for the late Graham Moses, Leigian, Derrygonnelly was held on Monday 1st September 2014 in Boho Parish Church and was conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka. Burial was in the adjoining graveyard.

Graham who had recently moved from Wales to live in the area and was a member of our parish choir.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Avril and the wider family circle.

Marriage

The marriage of Anna Diamond & Gareth McKinstry was held in Devenish Parish Church on Saturday 6th September and was conducted by the Revd Sampson Ajuka. We are delighted that Anna and Gareth decided to get married in our Parish church and extend our best wishes for their future life together.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Devenish Parish Friday 3rd October at 8.00pm
Preacher Mr Walter Pringle
Sunday 5th October at 11.30am

Coffee Morning for Christians in Iraq

Sunday 19th October from 10.00am to 11.15am in the Reade Hall. This is in response to the Bishop’s request to have special collections to raise aid for Christians in Iraq. It also gives us as a parish time to have fellowship before Morning Service.

Devenish Bowling Club Tournament

Devenish Bowling Club Tournament will be held in the Reade Hall, Monea on Monday 20th October, Wednesday 22nd October, Thursday 23rd October and Friday 24th October with finals night on Monday 27th October. All bowlers are welcome and entries should be forwarded, to Mr William Harpur, The Daires, Monea, Enniskillen Telephone 028 66341237

Parish Sale and Auction

Saturday 8th November at 2.00pm in the Reade Hall

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Wesley and Violet Scott who have celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary.

Donacavey and Barr

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Barr

Barr Parish Church are having Confirmation on Sunday 23rd November at 3pm therefore there will be no Morning Prayer in the church on that morning.

Donacavey

Sunday school 10.15am in the parish hall.
Services will continue each Sunday at 11.30am.

Harvest Services

Sunday 19th October at 11.30am Children’s harvest. Speaker Mr. Abraham Storey.
Sunday evening 7.30pm Speaker Dean R Thompson
Monday 20th October at 8.00pm Speaker Mr. J Irvine. This will be followed by Harvest supper in the parish hall.

Holy Matrimony

1st July – Elizabeth Gibson & Stewart Graham
29th August- Charlotte Beattie & Gareth Booth
We wish these two couples God’s blessing as they begin their married life together.

Bereavements

On 10th September Mrs. Carrie Abbott passed away peacefully in The Harold McCauley nursing home in Omagh. She had been a very active member of our parish up until ill health made it difficult for her and her funeral took place in the Parish Church on Friday 12th September. We remember her family as they mourn her passing.

Mothers Union

Mothers union will open with a service of Holy Communion on Wednesday 15th October at 8.00pm. New members are very welcome.

Dates for your diary

Annual craft fair Saturday 29th November 2014.
Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh

Non-stipendiary Minister:
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Calendar

Sunday 5th October, 2014 The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Donagh 10.30am. Celebration of Holy Communion
Errigal Truagh Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 3.00pm

Sunday 12th October, 2014 The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Tyholland 10.30am. A celebration of Holy Communion
Donagh 3.00pm. Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 3.00pm.

Sunday 19th October, 2014 The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Donagh 10.30am. Morning Prayer
Errigal Truagh 12.00 noon A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 26th October, 2014 The Fifth Sunday before Advent
Donagh 10.30am. Family Service
Tyholland 12.00 noon Service of the Word.

Congratulations

We congratulate Adam Dudgeon on achieving excellent results in his exams and we wish him well as he begins his University studies in Trinity.

Mothers Union

The monthly meeting of the Mothers Union will be on the 15th October, 2014 in the Church Hall. New members will be made welcome.

Prayers

We continue to remember in our prayers those who are in Residential/Nursing homes.

Choir

This year will be a busy year for the choir and a practice takes place on Monday night in St. Salvator’s Church at 8.00pm, in preparation for the forthcoming services and events. New members will be made very welcome.

Girl’s Brigade

Girl’s Brigade meet on Tuesday night in the church at the usual times and we look forward to the opening service.

Holiday Cover

Thanks to Canon Ian Berry for providing pastoral cover and to Roy Crowe for conducting the services when I was on holiday. Thank you.

Thank You

On 31st August after the Combined Family Service Raymond and I were surprised when members of the Select Vestry from the three parishes presented us with a gift and a cake to mark and celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary. The Sunday school children presented us with a bouquet of flowers and sang a special song for us. Thanks to everyone and especially to all who provided the hospitality, it was a memorable occasion and we were deeply touched by the generosity of the church families.

Dromore

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Service Times

11.30am Each Sunday
(9.00am Holy Communion - First Sunday of Month)
The little phrase ‘Sowing Seeds Growing Community’ is one that has been a challenge to me over recent months.

The seed that we sow is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the community that we build is his Church. Its a challenge because it is not always easy to share your faith or find the right words to say. Its a challenge because the community that he is building is made up of very different people held together with the one purpose. To see Christ glorified and his Kingdom grow. Its not just a challenge its a command. We are called to share our faith and the good news of the gospel just as we are called to care for each other and grow together. May Psalm 126 speak volumes to us here in Holy Trinity Dromore in the coming months.

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. 2 Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, ‘The Lord has done great things for them.’ 3 The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. 4 Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev. 5 Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. 6 Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

Every Blessing

James

Theological Student Placement

Over the last few weeks it has been a privilege to get to know Dennis Christie a second year ordinand in the Church of Ireland. Dennis is with us for a 10 week placement which consists of helping during worship on Sundays and also being out and about in the parish for 5 fridays. Please commit Dennis and his family to the Lord in prayer.

Hello, I am currently training for the ordained ministry with the Church of Ireland and I am very grateful to get the opportunity to have a placement with Holy Trinity Dromore. I am married to Jennifer, we have 3 children Abby (11), David (9) and Jonathan (6), and we live in Moira, Co. Armagh.

I grew up in a rural community outside Limavady in the north west of Northern Ireland, but I only came to faith in my early 30’s shortly after my family and I joined the Church of Ireland in Moira. Up until my early 30s, I must confess, I was not close to God. Although I did believe there was a God, I was living a life that did not honour or acknowledge Him and I was unwilling to consider Christ and what He did for me. I can see now that I was selfish and lived to suit my own needs as opposed to God’s will.

I joined a local home group, along with my wife Jennifer, at St John’s Church in Moira, and whilst studying the Book of Mark, with Christianity Explored, I was overwhelmed by the person of Jesus, and I could not find fault in his words. I felt a real sense of freedom that comes with accepting Jesus into my heart, and I am so relieved that He is in my and my family’s lives.

Since coming to faith I have had a strong hunger for the Bible, Bible teaching and listening to sermons. I have felt called to go into the ordained ministry and to serve God and his people for the rest of my days. I left my job as a Consulting Engineer, based in Belfast, in September 2013, and I will be shortly beginning my second year of training at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin. Since beginning my training my wife and I have felt a strong sense that we are in God’s will and if you would like to pray for our family going forward, that would be brilliant.

I am really looking forward to joining you at Holy Trinity, and hope that God bless my time with you.

God bless

Dennis

Regular Pattern

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

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

Revel John Hanson (Dromore Presbyterian)

Everyone Welcome

Ladies Breakfast

The Mothers Union are organising a ladies breakfast on Saturday 11th Oct 2014 @ 10am the cost £5.00 and the speaker is Ruth Carson from “Care for the Family” Belfast. All ladies welcome. More info from Eveline on 8289 9911

There will also be a Ladies Shopping Trip to Ballymena on Saturday 8th Nov 2014 leaving Holy Trinity @ 9am and returning 7.30pm costing £6.50

Fields of Life

As many people are aware the Parish is hoping to send a team to Uganda with Fields of Life in 2015. It is anticipated that the team will re-visit the community with which we already have a link. In 2010 Holy Trinity Dromore raised funds and sent a team to build a school in Burunga Alliance, Lyantonde. Subsequently we have been able to help that community bore a well to provide clean water every day.

Over the coming months we have a number of fund raising events planned. We have already successfully completed some to date but need to raise more money to enable the team to build a teacher accommodation and kitchen, provide a vaccination programme and be involved in other ministry opportunities.
Continuing our fund raising we are hosting a HARVEST BALL on Friday 21st November in the Valley Hotel Fivemiletown. As well as the great food, company and craic there are some fantastic auction entries. A night not to be missed. Tickets are available from the team or by contacting James on 8289 8246

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 Muckross

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Services in October:
5th October 10.00, Templecarne MP
11.30, Drumkeeran HC
12th October 10.00, Muckross MP
11.30, Drumkeeran MP
19th October 10.00, Templecarne HC
11.30, Drumkeeran MP
7.30, Dernasesk Harvest Thanksgiving. Revd Alan Irwin.
26th October 10.00, Muckross MP
11.30, Drumkeeran HC.

Confirmation

Confirmation on Sunday 16th November in Drumkeeran Church at 11.00am. Please remember in your prayers the young people being prepared for Confirmation, their parents and families.

Harvest Thanksgiving

At the time of preparing these notes Muckross Harvest Thanksgiving services had taken place, Friday 12th September when the Revd James Boyd, rector of Dromore, was the preacher, and Sunday 14th when the preacher was Canon Glenn West, rector of Derryvullen North. On the Friday evening Silverstones Male Voice Choir took part and on the Sunday evening we had Paddy and Violet who come to sing at the Sunday evening Harvest each year. We are grateful to the musicians, and to the visiting organists, Joan Quinn and Joy Graham. After the Friday evening service supper was served in the newly refurbished Church Hall. Thanks to those who decorated the church for the Harvest Services, to those who prepared and served the supper on the Friday evening and to all involved.

Details of the services in Templecarne and Drumkeeran will be in the November Magazine.

Baptism

Matthew Alexander Knox, son of Gary and Katrina, was baptised in Drumkeeran Church on 14th September. It is always good to have a baptism and it was good to have such a gathering of the extended family circle. We pray that God will be with Matthew in the days and years ahead, with his parents and with all who will have an influence upon Him.

Sympathy

Mrs Margaret Bruce, formerly of Mill Street, Pettigo, died in the Rock Nursing Home, Ballyshannon, on 21st August and after funeral Service in Templecarne Church was buried in the family plot in Muckross graveyard on 23rd. Margaret had been in failing health for many years. We extend our sympathy to her daughters, her older sister and to the wider family circle. And thanks to those in the Rock Nursing Home for all their caring over many years.

Sunday School

Sunday School recommences after the Harvest Thanksgiving services. During the summer months when there is no Sunday School the children of the parishes seem to disappear. We wish them well as they have begun another school year and look forward to seeing them in church again. And thanks to the Sunday School teachers.

Templecarne Annual Concert

This year the Concert will be held on 6th November at 8.00pm.
Compere: Gary Wilson.
Guest Artist; Curtis Magee
Local Musicians.
This annual Concert is always a most enjoyable occasion and we are grateful for the support, particularly from the local community. We hope it will be well supported again this year.

Shoe Box Appeal

Every year Mrs Irene Boyd makes a mammoth effort in raising money for children in need through Operation Christmas Child, the Shoe Box appeal. The purpose, that children in situations of extreme poverty would receive at least one present at Christmas. Work has already begun in preparation for that pre-Christmas undertaking. We compliment Irene on her vision and all her efforts. Thanks to all who help, and to those who contribute. This will be the 18th year that Irene has organised and pushed for this worthwhile cause. I hope there will be a generous response from within the parish and from other groups and organisations further afield. Anyone who could assist with the organisation and preparation of the gifts, it would be greatly appreciated, just contact Irene, 68631009. As
Thank You

Thank you to Pettigo Methodist Women for their invitation to the women of the group of parishes to their annual meeting on 15th September. And we are looking forward to having the Revd Eleanor Hayden, the Methodist Minister in Pettigo, to preach at the Harvest Thanksgiving service in Templecarne.

Worship

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

Operation Christmas Child

Your Sunday School, Mothers Union or the whole congregation can bring hope and change lives again this Christmas. Through Operation Christmas Child you can fill a shoebox with gifts and the box will be sent to some of the most needy and marginalised children in the world. Boxes can be delivered directly to Drumkeeran Parish Hall by arrangement with Mrs Irene Boyd, 68631009. Latest date for delivery to the hall – 26th November, preferably earlier to give more time for the preparation for transport so that the gifts can reach the children before Christmas.

If you would like further information on this project please contact Mrs Irene Boyd at 02868631009.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamlullen and Drum

Below I have reprinted an article which I found while looking for some prayers, it struck me how useful the internet can be in spreading the word, maybe it will help someone.

“Is there a God?” Patricia Calderon typed into her computer. Ask Jeeves, The Internet search engine, boasts the ability to find the answer to any question. This was just one of many search engines Patricia frequently used to find all kinds of information, from news to music. But could it really tell her about God? Her search started as a search for prayer. Her high-school friend Alicia Huey was diagnosed with terminal cancer, and Patricia wanted to help her, to pray for her. But she didn’t know how. Patricia’s mother, drawing from her religious background, suggested she should pray to St. Jude, although their family had not been to church in years.

So Patricia looked for St. Jude’s prayer on the Internet. “I would look at the screen and then bow my head and try to pray, then look at the screen again to check. But I was getting the words wrong,” she remembers, recalling frustration and doubt.

Next she called a prayer hotline. She listened intently to the man, especially after he told her his name was Jude. “He told me truth,” the 5-foot-2-inch student remembers. “He told me that God loved me, that God wanted to spend eternity with me,” she said. “I thought, That’s really nice theology, but I don’t know if I even believe in God.”

So immediately after she hung up the phone with Jude, she was back online. “Is there a God?” she asked into cyberspace.

The first site she opened was www.everystudent.com, an evangelistic effort by Campus Crusade for Christ. Just a month away from starting college at the University of California-Davis, she knew by the address that the site would apply to her. But she blinked in amazement when she saw the first article. It was titled, “Is There A God?”

“It freaked me out,” she remembers about looking at the entire list of articles. “Every single question I had, it was all right there.”

She started reading, frozen to her computer. The minutes turned to hours: “I read through the whole site, even the articles for guys and the one about eating disorders.”

She read about knowing God, and she read about how to become a Christian. “With the St. Jude prayer, I was trying so hard to get the words right,” she remembers. “But when I read that God doesn’t care about the specific words, He cares about our hearts, it was so freeing. So I just prayed, ‘Yeah, what it says on the screen, God, I want that; I want to know You.’”

Nearly two-thirds (64 percent) of online Americans use the Internet to perform spiritual and religious activities, according to a survey by the Pew Internet and American Life Project. But Patricia’s story is an example of how God is using the Internet to reach young people today.

An America Online survey reported that 73 percent of American teenagers surf the Net five or more days a week and 53 percent go online every day. It was early in the morning when Patricia invited Christ into her heart, with tears streaming down her face. At 2:49 am., she sent an e-mail to Ana Arias, one of 60 Campus Crusade staff members linked through the EveryStudent.com site. Once she left for college, Patricia feared that something might happen to her
mom. "If I pray hard enough," Patricia wrote, "do you think she'll be OK?"

Ana e-mailed back the next day, assuring Patricia that being honest with God about her fear was a good thing, that she should give all her fears to God and trust Him with the future.

"He never shows us the whole future of our lives," Ana wrote, "for if He did, we would not have to trust, we would not have to live a life of faith in Him. He only shows us the next step."

Patricia's next step was college, and one of the first people she met was a student involved with Campus Crusade. She also showed up at the first meeting for the campus group.

"It was a praise night," Patricia remembers. "I was crying the whole time. As we were singing, I felt joy from my head to my feet. I thought, I've been in choir most of my life, but I've never felt like this before."

She filled out a contact card during the meeting, and the following week junior Leslie came to her door. The two became fast friends, and Patricia joined Leslie's Bible study. Within a year, Patricia moved into Leslie's apartment with four other young women. Community, she discovered, was important for her growth as a Christian.

"I struggle with being independent," says Patricia, "because that's how I came to Christ: It was all on my own, just me and God. It's easy to think I can still do it all on my own."

Leslie was a big help. "Patricia is a really smart girl," the now 22-year-old graduate says, "and she doesn't make decisions on a whim. She also has a huge faith that just keeps growing. If something challenges her faith, she addresses it right away instead of just shrugging it off."

Now a junior at UC-Davis majoring in communications, Patricia's life is filled with classes, textbooks and research papers. But she also finds time to learn more about God, soaking up biblical archaeology and investigating other religions. "I want to know what other people think," she says, "so I can know what to say to them."

Every Wednesday, Leslie and Patricia set aside an hour together to talk about God and life, and they frequently use that time to walk around campus and start up spiritual conversations with their peers. One day they talked with people sitting at literature booths on campus, including Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses. "We got them to realize some of the things they believe that aren't consistent," says Patricia. "But it was exhausting."

When she's not talking with people face to face, Patricia often talks to friends online, using instant messaging. She keeps in touch with her friend Adam this way, and frequently talks to him about God.

"After I became a Christian," Patricia explains, "Adam asked me every single question he could think of, trying to shake my faith. But I always had an answer. So I guess he'll always have this weird Christian friend. Or maybe," she adds, laughing, "he'll become a weird Christian guy."

Patricia goes online to check her Spanish grade, then checks the news and updates her weblog, an online diary. Besides becoming a Christian through the Internet, she says her first miracle also happened online, when she was trying to register for classes. All the courses she needed were full. "I just prayed, 'God, I really need to get into these classes,'" she recalls. "Then I checked again and there was one spot left in all of them."

Patricia first met God through the computer, and spends hours in cyberspace. But when she unplugs, she carries these online lessons to the world around her. She still might ask Jeeves a question, but she doesn't settle for the Internet butler. She knows now that she can ask God directly. He answers.

**Aghabog**

Harvest service will take place on Sunday 12th October at 8pm. Guest Preacher: The Rev. Stanley Stewart

Social will be held in Druminan Orange hall on Friday 17th October, also the annual Beetle Drive will be held on Saturday 8th November. All are welcome.

Praise Service will be held in Druminan Orange Hall on Sunday 16th November at 8pm. The guest preacher Revd Stanley Stewart, Clones.

Beetle Drive will be held in Druminan on Saturday 18th October at 8pm.

**Aughnamullen**

On Sunday 14th September we held our Harvest and a Celebration of 150 years of the building of the Church. The building as you see it dates back to 1864 and was hugely credited to Revd E Tardy. His predecessor Revd Porter had carried out extensive work, but after the death of his two children, decided to leave. He swapped parishes with Revd Tardy in Yorkshire for what they thought was going to be break, but both decided to stay. This building was consecrated on the 8th November 1864. The tower and gallery were added in 1827 to the existing building. This structures are still quite young if you take into account that it was built to replace the church that stood on the same site from 1421.

The original church dates back to early Christian times and stood in the centre of the graveyard. Evidence has been found when graves are been dug in that area. This was believed to support not just Church of Ireland but also Roman Catholic services at various times in history as seen in the grave yard of multi denominational burials.

The church has gone under a major new wave of renovations. The last record of this amount of Work was in 1959, We stripped and re-plastered the Chancel, the Vestry and a large section of the back wall. The floor of the chancel also had to be removed painstakingly, due to the under floor collapsing. The tiles were cleaned and restored to their original glory. The exterior has been repointed and the electrical wiring and the heating system has gone under a lot of work too.

On Sunday 14th about 200 people assembled to celebrate with us, some having travelled from Belfast, Dublin and other parts of the island. The Preacher was the very Rev. Kenneth Hall Dean of Clogher. Mr Glenn Moore and the Cathedral Choir provided the music. Refreshments were provided in a marquee at the old school house.

Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Heather Humphreys reads the 1st lesson and the Rev. William Buchanan read the 2nd Lesson, the service was conducted by the Rev. George Beattie minister of Aughamullen.
Dartrey/Rockcorry

While we were in one part of the Parish celebrating the birth of one church on the 14th September in another Parish we lost a very highly thought of member in the person of Mrs Josephine Moore, who had passed away to be with her Lord and Saviour at 6.30am. Mrs Moore had been ill for about 18 months and being such an independent person given in to leaving her home to live with her daughter Hazel. Why do I say independent, well when her beloved husband Bertie had to go into a care home she continued to live in her own home and I quote her own words “I want to continue to live and die in my own home” unfortunately she did not get her wish, although the family did bring her to her own home from where she was taken to the Church. A few months before she died she too had to go to the same care home as Bertie. The upside of this turn of events Josephine and Bertie were able to be together each day. Josephine’s funeral showed how well she was thought of as there was a large attendance at the service. Josephine was always a pleasure to visit, she had a very quick mind and a great knowledge of the bible, She liked the old ways of church, which always started a long discussion. I will miss those visits they were such a pleasure.

All of the five Parishes in the group express their deepest sympathy to Gerald, Hazel, Lynda, George and all her family.

Drum

BBQ

Annual Parish bbq was held on August 23rd in Drum hall. It was jointly hosted by Drum and Aughnamullen. There was a great attendance with over 100 steaks cooked along with burgers, sausages, chips and a great array of homemade salads. Everyone enjoyed a super meal and the meeting with friends over a cup of tea with some sweet delights afterwards. The evening’s musical entertainment was provided by 3 local accordionists Angela, Sandy and Davy. A big thank you to Willie and Daryl who did the cooking, great job as always, and to all the Drum and Aughnamullen folk who provided the food and worked so hard on the night. The proceeds of the event was €1053, went to the very worthy charity ‘Pieta House’ – suicide and self harm crisis centre.
A few of the people who made the B-B-Q a success.

Full Plates – No hunger here.

Presentation to Pieta - Presentation of a cheque for €1,055 to Pieta House from the Drum & Aughnamullen Annual BBQ. Pictured left to right, Harry Weir, Lottie Lancashire, Cecil Lancashire, Helen My Murray, Brian McElroy, Sharon Lancashire, Iela Lancashire, George Montgomery and Betty Jordan.

Harvest Thanksgiving
Harvest Thanksgiving was held on Sunday 7th Sept, there was good support from our group parishes and as always from our neighbouring churches in Drum. Thank you to all who helped prepare and decorate the church, and everyone who brought the flowers etc for the occasion.

Carol Service
Carol Service, our annual carol service will be on Friday 5th Dec at 8pm. We are delighted to welcome back Churchill Silver Band who will provide us with the music again. A festive evening for all to enjoy, so come along and bring a friend or 2!!

Praise Service
A Praise Service will be held in Druminan Orange Hall on Sunday 16th November at 8pm. The guest preacher will be the Revd Stanley Stewart, Clones.

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Services

Thursday 2nd October
11.00am – Holy Communion
Sunday 5th October The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion
7.00pm – Evening Prayer
Thursday 9th October
11.00am – Holy Communion
1.05pm – Healing Service
Friday 10th October
8.00pm – Youth Harvest Service – The Revd Catherine Simpson
Sunday 12th October The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Harvest Service – The Venerable Cecil Pringle
7.00pm – Harvest Service – The Most Revd Dr Michael G St A Jackson
Thursday 16th October
11.00am – Holy Communion
Sunday 19th October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion
7.00pm – African Childrens’ Choir
Thursday 23rd October
11.00am – Holy Communion
1.05pm – Healing Service
Sunday 26th October The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Morning Prayer (Family Service)
7.00pm – Evening Prayer
Thursday 30th October
11.00am – Holy Communion

Holy Baptism
14th September – Harriet Emily Waterson
14th September – Arthur David William Cadden

Christian Burial
26th August - David Armstrong,
103 Derrychara Drive, Enniskillen.
10th September - Dorothy Freeland,
35 Inis Fold, Enniskillen.
12th September - Maud Eva Noble,
20 Leenagreenagh, Enniskillen.

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
courage others to do likewise! Non parishioners
will also be made very welcome!

Harvest Services
‘Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home.’

Friday 10th October
8.00pm – Preacher The Revd Catherine Simpson
Sunday 12th October
11.00am – Preacher The Venerable Cecil Pringle
Sunday 12th October
7.00pm – Preacher The Most Revd Dr Michael G St
A Jackson

The weekend will be filled with celebrations for all
ages. We begin with a special Youth harvest on Friday
evening with interactive liturgy and music geared
towards young people. There will be a talk by a former
student from our 2014 mission team, Revd Catherine
Simpson. Catherine is a gifted speaker and, as always,
will have something very relevant to say. This service
is open to all, both young and not so young and there
will be so a few snacks for those who stick around
afterwards.

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

The service on Sunday evening will be a Community
Harvest Thanksgiving when everyone from across
the town is invited to join in the familiar hymns and
prayers of thanksgiving. The preacher at this service
will be a very well known former Bishop of Clogher
and now Archbishop of Dublin the Most Revd Dr
Michael Jackson. Please encourage and invite your
friends and neighbours to come along and make this
a truly memorable occasion.

Harvest Breakfast
All parishioners are invited to our special Harvest
Breakfast anytime from 8.00am – 10.00am on Sunday
12th October. The breakfast is free of charge however
anyone wishing to make a donation can do so for
our Harvest Appeal. This is designed for parishioners
to have breakfast before or after the 9.00am service
or before the 11.00am service. Please do take up
the offer and meet and have a chat with fellow
parishioners. Please fill in the reply slip enclosed with
your copy of Cathedral News.

Cathedral Open Day
Each year a great deal of work and effort is invested
in decorating the cathedral so beautifully and
colourfully for the Harvest Thanksgiving and yet these
decorations are only seen briefly by those attending
the services. In order that more people can see and
enjoy the harvest decorations this year, the Cathedral
will open on Saturday 11th for visitors to come
along and view the Harvest decorations. Everyone is
welcome to visit during the day or attend any of the
services.

Harvest Appeal 2014
Jesus said ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers
are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to
send out labourers into his harvest.’ (Luke 10:2) In
Christian service there is no resting, God has work
enough for everyone. Don’t just sit back and watch
others work—look for ways to help. Help practically,
prayerfully and financially. Harvest Time is an
opportunity to pause and think of all the goodness
God provides for us in our daily living. Many things
that are readily at our hands are taken for granted
in this day and age, without a thought given to the
provider, not to mention the number of things we
accumulate or waste.

Here is an opportunity to give thanks to God in
appreciation of His goodness to you. You will find
enclosed in your Cathedral News a Harvest Appeal
envelope. Please contribute what you can financially
afford and bring it to church, as you make that extra
effort to come to God’s House to give thanks for His
goodness and loving kindness.

Food! Food! Food!
Would you like to make healthier meals? Or get
better value for money when you shop for food?
Find out how at TWO new programmes on offer this
autumn at St Macartins!

Cook it! – healthier food choices, simple food
hygiene, hands-on cooking and eating the results!
(6 sessions)
Food Values - budgeting for food, shopping choices, hands-on cooking and eating the results! (4 sessions)
WHERE: Cathedral Hall
WHEN: starting October
COST (to cover food ingredients):
Cook it! £15 per person
Food Values £10 per person
Interested? Then register your name and contact details on the sheet in the entrance hall at the cathedral or contact the Cathedral office. Tel: 028 66329917 Email: stmacartins@btopenworld.com
Please indicate which time of day will suit you - morning, afternoon or early evening (5.30 – 7.30pm).
Cook it! and Food Values will be delivered by Mrs Claire Holmes, Dietitian.

Link Parish – visit to St Columba’s Knock

The clergy and parishioners who traveled to St Columba’s Knock for their service of Holy Communion, followed by a picnic in the grounds of Stormont Castle. The weather and the scenery was beautiful and everyone who travelled enjoyed the day. We thank The Revd John Auchmuty and his parishioners for their warm welcome.

Mothers’ Union

The Mothers’ Union began a new season on Monday 8th September with an open night. The speakers were from Youthlife, a practical support group for all who have met with adversity in their short lives. Three teenagers shared their sad personal stories of. With the help and encouragement of Youthlife they have reached a brighter and more promising stage in their journeys of life. We wish them well.

The next meeting is on Monday, 13th October at 8.00pm in the Hilliard Room. The speaker is Val Irvine who will talk on the ‘Building of Foodbanks’. New members will be most welcome.

Nathan Carter – ‘A Christmas Special’

Nathan Carter and his band with special guest and Gospel Singer Crawford Bell will perform ‘A Christmas Special’ in Saint Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen on Monday 15th December 2014 @ 8.00pm. The first part will include Gospel tracks and Nathan will give a varied show with a Christmas focus. There will be no reserved seating, doors open at 7.00pm and ticket holders need to be seated before 7.45pm. There will be an opportunity to meet and greet Nathan afterwards. Tickets are available in person only (no orders by phone) from St Macartin’s Parish Office, Cathedral Halls, Hall’s Lane, Enniskillen (week days only 9.00am – 12.00noon) for a subscription £25.00. This will be a night not to be missed!

Born on 28th May 1990, Nathan spent his childhood years in Liverpool, England, and grew up in a family with strong Irish roots, his folks originating from Newry in County Down. Seems like Nathan was just born to perform, because even at the tender age of four, he began to learn to play the accordion, and in a few short years he had become a head chorister in the Liverpool Cathedral boys choir, touring the world. Nathan is now residing in Enniskillen and with just over four years on the road with his band has recorded four albums and a DVD. ‘Wagon Wheel’, the single taken from the album of the same name has become a huge hit for Nathan, with over a million hits on you tube. Nathan is now a huge attraction on the Irish music scene, and has brought a whole new generation of fans of all ages to Country Music in Ireland. Last year his ‘Christmas Special was a sell out! To avoid disappointment purchase your tickets at an early stage.
Pilgrim Cafe: Adult Faith Formation in St Macartin’s

Adult faith formation is the continual lifelong process of deepening one’s understanding of our faith. It is the church’s 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.

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.

We are starting a new Pilgrim course on the 13th 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, contract Revd Rob Clements on 02866322421 or at rob4t@hotmail.com.

Messy Church

Messy Church meets again on the 16th October for a Harvest themed Messy Church. It starts at 4:00 for a time of creation, celebration and good eats. For more information check us out on https://www.facebook.com/Stmacartinsmessychurch.

Kindfund – Children’s Outreach from Kenya to the UK and Ireland

Kindfund are celebrating 10 years of work and witness in Northern Kenya by bringing some children from their children’s homes to reach out to communities in the UK and Ireland. Some will share their life stories, other will participate through drama, and the children will bring the joy, enthusiasm and movement which is characteristic of Kenyan Christian worship. The children will arrive from Kenya on 25th September and will be visiting the province until 20th October. To conclude their visit a special event will take place on Sunday 19th October commencing at 7.00pm in St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen and concluding the St Michael’s Church, Enniskillen, followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Hall. At this event the children will contribute through music and will be joined by the choirs of Holy Trinity Primary School, the Model Primary School and the Cathedral Choir. A warm welcome is extended to everyone to come along for this special occasion.

The Dean to Preach in Hong Kong

The Dean of St John’s Cathedral Hong Kong, The Very Revd Matthias C Der has invited the Dean of Clogher, The Very Revd Kenneth Hall to preach in St John’s Cathedral on Sunday 26th October. Dean Hall will attend many other events including the annual Michaelmas Fair, the major annual fair of the Cathedral, and gave a special address scheduled for Wednesday, 29th October at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. The topic is “Dialogue with the Other Side – What can we learn from the conflicts in Northern Ireland?” Dean Der said “I would like Dean Hall to give a special address one of the evenings on his experience of working in Northern Ireland, a very polarized and conflicting situation. I believe his insight will be a tremendous wisdom and encouragement for us here in Hong Kong as our society has become increasingly more and more polarized as well.”
Cathedral Prayer
O Lord God, whose glory the heavens are telling in joyous and ceaseless praise: bless the worship and work of our cathedral church; dedicated to your servant Macartin, that through the ministry of those who serve and worship here, that same glory might be seen at the centre of our diocesan life, to the praise and honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)

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His Ways Are Not Our Ways
Recently I have been thinking about the way in which God works. My inspiration oddly enough, has been that annual run I love to do to the best place I know to buy spring bulbs. It is always the same. Mid September, a phone call to my dad, and we both head off with ideas and plans.
The shop we visit is not showy. It is understated, modest, in that best Ulster way, but once through the door, you are greeted with crates of brown wrapped bulbs, which rustle with summery dryness, waiting to be planted. And every year I walk up and down reading labels, and checking final flowering height. And every year I buy mostly what I bought last year, because the ground at the rectory is so inhospitable to many bulbs, so I add more of the same, in order to beef-up the show. My favourite bulb by the way, is an almost black tulip called ‘Queen of the Night’ which hates Fivemiletown soil. It is great for a year, half hearted in year two, and then disappears into the night.
Bulbs, I think, are a great parable of the kind of way in which God works. Something which is buried in the ground, hidden away, having lots of unseem work to do. Drawing in moisture, putting out roots, getting ready to push upwards.
 Didn’t Jesus speak about a seed falling into the ground and dying?
‘I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels--a plentiful harvest of new lives.’ John 12:2. The New Living translation puts it simply; that a harvest comes after a time of sacrifice, dying, hiddenness, but working away. Isn’t that a great promise? God’s ways are not showy. He isn’t results driven. God, Jesus tells us, has an eye for the unseen, the unremarkable, the overlooked.
Or what about that very telling moment in the Temple, when Jesus sees the widow putting in two small coins? An unremarkable person, perhaps. An unremarkable amount given. But deeply valuable to a God who looks on the heart, when we often only have eyes for the outward.
God’s ways are not our ways, I am learning. He values and appreciates, and has an eye for what I, and perhaps we, in both our culture and busy church life, often overlook and cannot see.
That is perhaps one of the reasons I continue to follow on after God. He is not like me. He is able to bless the small, and the overlooked, and draw my attention again and again, to ways that are better by far if only I had eyes to see.
So the bulbs sit in their box. The easy part is picking them and bringing them home. The harder part is the planting. But I might have to wait on a dry day. Perhaps tomorrow.

Parish News
September
September wasn’t particularly mellow for us as a parish. It was more akin to the height of a busy summer.

Marriage
We congratulate Sharon McNeil, daughter of the parish, on her marriage to Robert McAdoo.

South Africa Mission
Another daughter of the parish, Kelly Burke, nee Morrow, left Northern Ireland with her husband and two small sons, to work for two years in mission, in South Africa.

Welcome
We welcomed Jack, Amelia, Bethany and Kasey into the church through baptism. St John’s was filled to capacity on the Sunday all four were baptised. It coincided with one of the first September Sunday’s at Sunday School, and it was great to stand at the back before the service began and realise that we were shuffling around looking for seats.
Ordination

We welcomed friends and family of Alastair Donaldson, and fellow members of the diocese, to the service of ordination. The highlight of the service, for me, was the bishop’s words reminding us that Alastair is ordained to serve in the ‘Church of God.’ And at the same time the service took place in the very local setting of the parish church where he will begin this stage of ministry. May I thank Mr Glenn Moore, who played the organ for the service, readers, wardens, and all who provided for the catering.

Thank You

Thank you also to Joanne and Roger Howe who worked hard to prepare a very beautiful apartment for Alastair during his time with us.

New Clergy

Robbie Robinson, son of our parish secretary, Heather, also was ordained in September. Also, we welcomed Revd Alan Moore to the town as he comes to serve the Presbyterian Churches at Cavanaleck and Aughentaine. We also marked the Methodist and Church Of Ireland Covenant with a shared service held in St John’s, before walking together to the Wesleyan Hall.

Senior Adults’ Ministry

Senior Adults’ Ministry hosted a very positive day with Ann Harland as guest speaker from Diabetes UK. A delicious lunch was provided by Kim McDowell of Edfield’s Restaurant. Holy Communion was celebrated in the parish hall at the beginning of our time together. Thank you to everyone who makes this ministry possible.

Women in Parish Life

Mothers’ Union, MOPS Ministry To Young Women, and MIP Mums In Prayer, came together to think about the contribution of women in parish life, and to share their story with one another. It was a genuinely positive evenings with a sharing from across the church. Well done.

GFS

GFS, Church Lads and Fishers, and our other ministries continue in their work. Christine Baxter has been appointed to carry forward the work of Church Lads.

Thoughts

Sadly many parishioners are unwell. A number are in hospital waiting or recovery from treatment or surgery. Many families are glad of support and encouragement from members of the church. Do continue to pray and encourage as you have been doing.

Congratulations

We congratulate and pray for many of our young people who have received exam results, begin new studies or are moving from home to new courses. Also, seventeen young people began their final stage of preparation for Confirmation. Remember them all in prayer.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Harvest Thanksgiving services will take place in October: 8pm Friday 10 October, in Kiltermon. 11am and 7pm on Sunday 12 October in St John’s. Canon Brian Courtney, Jeff Gawn SU, and Rev’s Andrew Quill will be the guest speakers.

The Harvest Offering this year is being directed to Kelly Burke, the Leprosy Mission, Operation Rescue, SAMS, and Scripture Union.

Services

Usual service times of 9.30am at Kiltermon, and 11am at St John’s, will resume from Sunday 19 October 2014.

God Willing

God willing, work continues to support work identified by Chris Bloomfield in his visit last year to Peru. Men’s Ministry have led the fundraising for a new roof for Santisma Trinidad Anglican School in Lima. They have been cutting wood in preparation for an auction on the weekend of the Harvest Thanksgiving, Saturday 11 October.

Variety Concert

Also, Judith and Keith Anderson have kindly offered to organise a Variety Concert on Friday 17 October, to the same end. Tickets are available from the parish office 98952 2422.

Parish Grounds and Facilities

Finally, may I say thank you to a couple whose work we greatly appreciate. Ronnie and Edith Robertson work hard to keep our parish grounds and facilities in good order. Both parishioners and visitors appreciate their work. Thank you.

Kind regards, Kyle Hanlon

Notes from Mothers’ Union

The September meeting of the Mothers’ Union was held on 8th September. This was “Women’s Ministry” evening and was open to the Parish. Rev. Hanlon introduced the evening and opened with prayer. He spoke about the role of women in the Parish. Mothers’ Union leader, Elvina Funston outlined the background of the Mothers’ Union, and how we reach out to care for others, e.g.: providing food hampers for Social Services for those in need, toiletries and clothing for Women’s Aid Refuge, knitted items for the neo-natal unit in the hospital, knitted teddies for the Accident and Emergency Unit and visits to new mums and babies and the elderly in the community. Prayer is central to the organisation and the theme for next year is “United in Prayer” Joanne Howe, leader of Moms in Prayer (M.I.P) explained how those involved prayed specifically and spiritually for individual children and for schools. She showed a prayer calendar which is used all over Europe and summarised with “Imagine what God could do with an entire generation of prayed- for children” In the absence of Mamie Alexander, the leader of MOPS (Ministry for young women) photographs of the work of MOPS were shown. Irene O’Malley, Hilary Kenny and...
Emily Kells explained their role as volunteers in the crèche, with the mums and with the catering. Rev. Hanlon then spoke on a passage from the Book of Ruth and prayers were led by members of the 3 organisations – Sheila Burke, Hilary Kenny and Kathryn Wilson. Following Grace, supper was served.

**Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully**

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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 on the third Sunday of the month. During the year some Group Family Services will be held and these will rotate between the three Parishes.
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).

**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.

**Drummully Harvest Service**
Sunday 5th October 7.00pm
Mission: Leprosy Mission
Speaker: Sam Smith from the Leprosy Mission.

**Galloon Harvest Services**
Friday 10th October 8.00pm
Mission: Bishop’s Appeal
Speaker: Revd Hazel Hicks

Sunday 12th October at 12noon
Revd Anita will conduct this service.

**Group Family Service**
The first of these services will take place in Galloon Church on Sunday 19th October at 11.00am.

**Mission**
Thank you to all who gave so generously to raise over £800 to help our brothers and sisters in Christ fleeing from persecution under ISIS in Iraq. Please continue to pray for them.

**Mothers’ Union Conference**
A One Day Conference for Young Women (Members and Non-Members) is being held on 4th October 2014 in the Killyhevlin 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.

**TAG (Teens and God)**
TAG is starting back on Sunday 5th Oct, 19th Oct, 9th Nov, 23rd Nov, finish 7th Dec. The meetings will be in Lisnaskea until Christmas then in Newtownbutler in the New Year. It is wonderful to have TAG back again. All parents and grandparents of teenagers are asked to encourage them to attend this time of fun and fellowship on a Sunday evening and to pray for William, Helen and all the TAG team.

**Young Adults Group**
Revd Anita is delighted to announce the formation of this group. They hope to provide an outlet for young adults similar to that of a youth club. Where? In the ‘Loft’, this is the room above the Trinity Hall in Newtownbutler. It is a great space which is being re-decorated at the moment to have a games room, (table tennis etc) and common room, sofas, TV, books, board games. What would it involve? Sports, Movie & Game Nights: Guest Speakers; Worship; Bible Study; Day Trips and other activities. Long term goals include: Volunteering abroad as group from the parishes…, taking a more active role at local level and in church. What is needed? Group Leadership – several members to share workload; financial support for sports and games equipment; TV, general expenses. Input from parish & support from young adults. Guidance, help and support from Revd Anita.

**Confirmation Classes**
Confirmation Classes will begin on Monday 29th September in the newly decorated ‘Loft’ of the Trinity Hall in Newtownbutler. The first meeting is for prospective candidates and parents and I look forward to welcoming you all to our soon to be decorated ‘Loft’. Thanks to all who are helping prepare this space for us.
Confirmation
There will be a Group Confirmation Service with Holy Communion on Sunday 7th December at 11:00am in Galloon Church.

Galloon Parish
Parish Auction
We had a very successful auction on Saturday 6th September. Thanks to all who helped with preparations and also on the day. Thanks also to all those who came to bid and buy. We were very pleased to see so many from the wider community and across the border. We also want to thank the McCartney family for kindly donating items from their late mother’s house to the auction. We look forward to the next auction which will be on 11th April 2015. (DV)

Galloon & Drummully Mothers’ Union
A Branch Meeting will be held on Monday 27th October at 8.00pm in the Trinity Hall. We look forward to a representative from “The Women’s Section of The Royal British Legion” to speak to us on the work they do. This meeting is open to everybody. It will be encouraging to the branch if you could attend and you will be made most welcome.

Just a Thought
One volunteer is worth ten pressed men (or women). God needs volunteers not conscripts.

Sallaghy Parish
Crom Road Tractor Run and Vintage Ploughing Demonstration
Thanks to everyone to helped in any way with this event; those who brought tractors, took part in the ploughing demonstration, businesses who had stall and those who provided prizes for the raffle. In particular thanks to Tommy and Vera Fiddis for all the organisation and for the use of their farm.

Parish Barbeque
A successful barbecue was held in the Church Hall in early September. Thank you to everyone who supported the event through their attendance, by providing foodstuff, by making a donation, by assisting with the setup and tidy up afterwards. In particular thanks to Howard Crawford for his hard work in preparing, organising and cooking much of the food. A total of over £500 was raised.

Mothers’ Union
The monthly meeting will be held in the Church Hall on Thursday 9th October at 8.00pm when Olive Thompson from Dale Farm will speak on Dairy Products and cheese sampling.

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.

Burial
Samuel Noble Armstrong, Keeranbeg, Lisnaskea on Tuesday 26th August 2014, aged 87 years. Dean Raymond Ferguson conducted the service. Jesus said: “I am the Resurrection of the Life.”

Drummully Parish
Group Praise Service
The Group Praise Service held in Drummully on Sunday 31st August was very well attended. Our thanks go to Elizabeth Allister from YWCA Monaghan for her warmth and her wonderful address. The Galloon Group Choir sang three beautiful pieces of music and May and Siobhan played the new clavinova. This evening was a great encouragement to the life of faith in the Group.

The Readers Amy Sommerville Vera Fiddis Darren Morrow

May & Siobhan and the wonderful new Clavinova in Drummully
Thoughts and prayers: Our thoughts and prayers are with Cyril and Gretta Nesbitt who are in Oak View Nursing Home, Belturbet.

All photographs courtesy of Stephanie Wiggins.
each of the hymns by the Rector and other members of
the congregation.

Following the service everyone made their way up
to the rectory where a most enjoyable afternoon was
had by all and especially the children who had a
bouncy castle for entertainment. Our prayers were
answered regarding the rain which stayed away
until all the food was served. Thanks to all the ladies
who provided and served the food. Special thanks
to Raymond Gregg who provided the BBQs and
cooked the meat assisted by Zara Love. Also thanks
to Neville & Adrian Elliott who power washed
outside the previous day and for the men and ladies
who helped set everything up. A total of £450 was
donated to USPG for which the Rector received a
special thank-you from Revd Nigel Kirkpatrick and
£330 for the Rectory Fund.

Prayers
Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our
group of parishes who have been in hospital in recent
weeks. We think of Amy Kettyles, Amy Carson &
Albert Irwin who have all been in hospital recently.

Sunday School
Garrison Sunday School has recommenced at
9.45am in the Church Hall each Sunday church is
in Garrison.
The Sunday School Teachers would like to thank
all who bought raffle tickets and donated items to
the Beauty Hamper which raised £505. Thanks also
to Dawn Purdy & Marion Gregg from the Holiday
Centre for their generous donation of £145.
The total raised for Garrison Sunday School Funds
from the raffle and donations was £650.
Slavin/Belleek Sunday School will recommence on
Sunday 12th October @ 10.45am in the Wark Hall,
Belleek.

Best Wishes On Retirement
The Rector and parishioners from the group of
Parishes would like to pass on their best wishes to
Canon Stanley Bourke from our neighbouring parish
of Innishmacsaint on his recent retirement. We wish
him and his wife Sylvia good health in the years to
come.

Mothers’ Union
The October Meeting will be held on Monday 20th
October when we travel to Derryvullan South to
hear our all Ireland President.

Parish Website:
Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes
on www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org. The web
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Photos & articles etc. for the website to be e mailed
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Social Networking: Follow us on Facebook using the
name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply ‘Like’ our
page to receive updates on events.
Sincere Thanks

Sincere thanks to all those who helped in any way with the outstanding work carried out over recent months in both Trillick and Kilskeery Parishes. Trillick Sunday School Rooms underwent major refurbishment - with design carried out by Art Logue, building works by David Wilson, electrical work by Carson Thompson, painting by Winston Cluff, all of whom, together with members of the Select Vestry: Billy Funston, Linda Brunt, Thomas Farrell, David Thompson, Wendy Keys, Nigel Farrell, May Kee, John Bleakley, Roger Funston, John Knox, William Magee, Norman Kee, Helena Thompson, Pauline Farrell, Joan McAuley and Robin Clements, worked tirelessly to bring about the beautiful ‘Wee House’ that sits on the corner of Ballyard Road.

We are grateful to Omagh District Council for Capital Grant Aid of £3,300 which helped with costs! Such Capital Grant Aid was no longer available when it came to work on Kilskeery Parish Church and Sunday School Rooms but this wasn’t a barrier and again, many folk ‘pulled/are pulling out all the stops’ to create the very beautiful Church in which we gathered on September 14th and the Sunday School Rooms which are in the process of being transformed: Art Logue for his detailed survey, his ‘Water Management’ design on the spire and bell tower and his drawing up of Schedule of Works for Church and Sunday School Rooms; Eric Hunter (Builder) and John Armstrong (People’s Glebe Warden) for carrying out works and Winston Cluff (with more than a little help from Matthew) for painting - a huge undertaking but expertly carried out; together with Select Vestry members: Adrian Irvine, Stanley Hilliard, Gwen Crozier, Herbert Gray, Harold McKinley, James Crozier, David Armstrong, George Lawder, Derek Edgar, Robert Armstrong, Christina Harris, Joyce McKinley and Sam Collins. Two Garys - Gary Coulter and Gary Thompson - have done great things with cushions and floor-covering; David (Armstrong) continues to look after our lighting.

On a personal note: I have two wonderful Rector’s Glebe Wardens - Tommy Farrell in Trillick, who despite being many years in this post and overseeing numerous projects, continues to inspire with his enthusiasm and hard work and Gwen Crozier in Kilskeery, who has undertaken her first large project in the post with such commitment and dedication.

Heartfelt thanks, Tommy and Gwen! Our People’s Glebe Wardens, David Thompson and John Armstrong do a ‘mean job’ also - Thank you David and John for all that you do!

Treasurers play a demanding and skilled part in our Churches and I have been blessed in both John Bleakley, Trillick and Adrian Irvine, Kilskeery - ‘Well done thou good and faithful servants’.

Finally, sincere thanks to the many parishioners who turned out, at both Churches to carry out, carry in, wash, dust and polish - you are the back-bone of our parishes and we couldn’t operate without you!

Parish BBQ

O what a Night! Sincere thanks to all those, too numerous to name individually, who helped in any way ensure the tremendous success of our BBQ.
Messy Kids

Messy Kids Club was overwhelmed, grateful and delighted to receive cheque in the sum of £800 – donations in lieu of flowers, in memory of the late Mrs. Isabella Mills, Trillick – a fine tribute, given her great love of children. We thank the Mills family for their generosity and thoughtfulness.

Trillick Parish Church

Trillick Parish Church acknowledges another very generous sum - £1,000 bequest from the will of the late Mr. Albert Crozier – his presence continuing to be felt among us.

Burial of the Dead

‘Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.’
It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Mrs. Violet Crean, Trevenna Lodge, Killadeas on August 23rd and we extend our deepest sympathy to her sons Ivor and Maurice, daughters-in-law Julie and Alison, her sisters Daisy and Maud, grandchildren Russell, Mark, Matthew and Emma, great-grandchildren Neave, Naomi, Sam and Joel, relations and friends. Casting their cares on you, may they know the gentleness of your presence and the consolation of your love.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Trillick Parish Church, Sunday October 19th at 11.00am with a return visit from the team at Crosslinks and again at 7.30pm with Bishop John.
Kilskeery Parish Church, Sunday, October 26th at 11.00am with guest preacher Dr. Margaret Knox, MU and again at 7.30pm with guest preacher Rev. Andrew Quill.
O what a Night! Sincere thanks to all those, too numerous to name individually, who helped in any way ensure the tremendous success of our BBQ.

Lisbellaw
(including Coolbuck)

Services

Sunday 5th October
11.00am Holy Communion
3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Friday 10th October
Final Version!
8.00pm. Harvest Thanksgiving. - Rev. Gary McMurray (Aghavea)

Sunday 12th October
11.00am Family Harvest Thanksgiving - Miss Marie McCordick 3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck) 7.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving. - Rev. John McClenaghan (Colebrooke)

Sunday 19th October
9.45 am Holy Communion. 11.00am Morning Prayer 3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 26th October
11.00am Morning Prayer 3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 2nd November
11.00am Holy Communion 3.00pm. Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 9th November
10.45 am Service of Remembrance 3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Keith and Sarah Forde, Cavancarragh on the safe arrival on 31st July of their fourth daughter and sixth child, Emily Violet Poppy, a baby sister for Rebecca, Lucy, Jessica, James and Thomas. She was given the name Poppy, as she was born, just as we were about to commemorate the outbreak of World War 1.
Warm congratulations too, to Keith and Deborah Irvine, Shanaco, Lisbellaw on the safe arrival of their daughter, Maisie, on August 8th, a baby sister for Ben and Scott.

Marriage

Deborah Montgomery, only daughter of Paul and Joyce, Tattymacall, Lisbellaw and Richard Mullan, son of Doreen were married on Saturday 23rd August, by former rector, now Dean of Dromore, the Very Revd. Bryan Kerr.
We wish Deborah and Richard every happiness as they begin their married lives in England.
Illness
We continue to remember in prayer those who are in hospital, and those who are ill or recuperating at home.

Sympathy
Sincere sympathy to Simon Evans whose mother died in August, to Mrs Anna Kelly on the death of her younger brother, Edwin in Donegal and to Malcolm Richardson, whose aunt Gladys Nixon died on 9th September.

Sunday School
Sunday school re-opened on September 14th. Sincere thanks to the teachers and their helpers for their weekly commitment to the children. We wish them a successful and enjoyable year as they begin a new programme.

Mothers’ Union
The Mothers’ Union had their opening service on Tuesday 23rd September at 8.00pm, when the Revd. Charles Eames conducted a Service of Holy Communion in the church. After supper in the Parish Centre the Revd. Ruth Watt from Lisbellaw Methodist Church spoke to the members. On October 28th members are invited to attend the Visitors’ Night in Derryvullan Parish Hall where the speaker will be Mrs Phyllis Grothier, the All Ireland President of the Mothers’ Union. New members are always welcome.

Thanks
Sincere thanks to all clergy and diocesan readers for their ministry during August and September.

Coolbuck
On Sunday 27th July, after a service of evening prayer, presentations were made by Coolbuck parishioners to the Rector, Canon Bryan Kerr and his family at a special afternoon tea in Lisbellaw Parish Centre.
Harvest Thanksgiving

Friday 3rd
8.00pm. - Evening Prayer

Sunday 5th
11.30am. - Family Service
7.00pm. – Holy Communion
Speakers on Friday night & Sunday Morning will be CMSI Representatives

Sunday 12th
11.30am. Holy Baptism

Sunday 19th
11.30am. Morning Prayer

Sunday 26th
11.30am. Morning Prayer
(Retiring Collection for Christian Children’s Charities)

Mothers’ Union

Our opening meeting for the year took the form of a very “homely” and meaningful Communion Service conducted by the Rector. In his talk he asked us to think of some of the mothers in the Bible. We thought of the first mother, Eve and how she had to deal with the terrible trauma of one of her sons murdering his brother. Other mothers and the pain and tragedy in their lives were looked at right down to Mary who had to endure the anguish of watching her son be crucified on a cross. Other mothers discussed had very strong influences on the lives of their children and as we read in the Bible sometimes this influence changed the course of history. As we discussed and thought about these women and their lives we were very aware of how important the role of Motherhood really is and how sometimes the influence of a mother can change the course of events in their children’s lives and in that of the community in which they live.

The whole context of the service was very relevant as this idea had been on the minds of the members for some time and it is very apt that our next meeting will take the form of an open meeting in the Archdale Centre on Thurs 9th October at 8.00pm. The main speaker will be Neely Haggan and his topic will be “Effects of Addiction” covering issues of Alcohol/Drugs/Suicide/Depression. Representatives from The Aisling Centre, Solace and Oak Healthy Living Centre will be in attendance to highlight counselling services and support in the area. We are very grateful for all the help these organisations have given us in arranging this meeting and we extend a very warm welcome to everyone. We invite members of other MU branches because we all, like the mothers in the Bible, have a very important role as mothers and grandmothers to guide the younger members of our families and our churches. We hope there will be a good attendance at this meeting as all these issues are unfortunately very prevalent in our community.
Bible Study
A reminder that this will commence on 1st October and continue on the 1st Wednesday of every month through until May 2015 in The Trinity Hall at 8.00pm. This will be an opportunity to share in a time of study and learning about the role of various women in the Bible. Also on the 3rd Wednesday of every month beginning 15th October there will be an opportunity to receive personal prayer and ministry by the laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil for healing.

Prayers
Our thoughts and prayers are with those from the parish who have been bereaved and all who are ill at this time, whether it be in home or in hospital. We especially think of everyone recovering from surgery or undergoing treatment.

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Ice Cream Sunday
Ice Cream Sunday proved to be a great occasion to start the Sunday School year in September and we are grateful to Lexie and Karen Beatty (Spar) and Dale Farm for their support. Tori Benson and Kyle Cadden helped to create the Sunday Sundae with the ingredients representing different aspects of faith and worship. This was a theme that reflected the key points of the funeral address two days earlier of the late Gladys Nixon who, for many years contributed to the youth and children’s ministry in both parish and diocese through her work in the GFS. Her nephew, the Revd Willie Nixon, spoke of her love of Scripture and the Prayer Book and commented on Facebook how much Gladys would have enjoyed seeing the children enjoying their ice cream in church.
October Events

The Mothers’ Union
The Mothers’ Union will meet on Thursday 2nd October 2014 at 8.00pm in the Archdale Hall. The speaker will be a member of staff from Lakeland Plastics.

Harvest Thanksgiving
Harvest Thanksgiving occurs over the weekend of October 10th -12th. Our guest preacher on Friday 10th at 8.00pm is the Revd Canon Liz McElhinney, and on Sunday 12th at 7.00pm we welcome the Revd John Beacom, the newly appointed minister of Ballinamallard Methodist Church.

The Select Vestry Meeting
The Select Vestry will meet on Monday 13th October 2014 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

Home Group Meeting
Home Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings at the home of David and Patricia Beare, 3 Ferney View. The first meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th October and everyone is welcome.

Rector Challenges
The rector is undertaking two challenges in October. The first, on October 18th at Ferney Park, will involve walking barefoot over burning coals, organised by Ballinamallard United Football Club. A week later, he plans to run the Great South Run, a 10 mile event in Portsmouth.

Crosslinks
For the past eight years, the parish, through Crosslinks, has supported Karen Salmon as a link mission partner in Ethiopia. Karen will be visiting Magheracross on Sunday October 26th.

Magheraculmoney

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October 2014
This month we have a team from the church travelling out to South Africa to work alongside the Footprints children's home where two of our parishioners are out working in a full time basis. Pray for them as they prepare to go. Eight people from the parish will be working with the children and helping to teach them and also working in the settlements sharing the gospel and helping people in practical ways and trying to fulfil the command of Jesus when He tells us that what you do for one of the least of these you do for me.

The impact that we will have in South Africa will be minimal but the impact that south Africa will have on us as a team will be transformational. The full implications of our visit to South Africa will only be seen in the light of the team when they return to Kesh. In preparation for going the team have raised also £4000 to date to help build new rooms onto the children's home (the photo below shows Kate Osborne standing in the middle of the new extension where work is ongoing).

Regular Events

Healing Prayer every Friday evening 7.30 -8.30pm
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, 8pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 9.30 – 11 am
24 hour prayer monthly.
Mothers Union - Thurs 18th Sept. Mental Health with Raymond Farrell.
Steamin’ Mugs - Every Thursday 9.30am - 12 noon. Drop into the Fountain Centre for a cuppa & chat.
Friends in the Afternoon - Tues Oct 14th Harvest Thanksgiving meal in the Parish Centre 12.45pm.
Waterworks - Kesh PS 3.15 - 4.15 every Tuesday.

Regular Activities

Fountain Centre
Junior badminton Thursday 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.
Junior Youth Club - Thursday’s 6.30pm - 8pm.
20’s Life Group - Monday’s 7.30pm.
Scouts & Guides have now also resumed.

Looking Forward

Harvest Services
Mullaghfarne Sunday 5th October at 3.30pm
Ardess Friday 10th October at 8pm
Ardess Sunday 12th October 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.
14 September 2014 Poppy Rose O’Reilly daughter of Jessica and PJ O’Reilly of 3 Station Court, Kesh.

Burials
15 September 2014 Tom Williams Main Street Lack

Over the last number of weeks we have been so fortunate in the autumnal weather which will set us up well for the winter months. The crops on the trees have been very good with the trees laden with fruit and in some cases the crop has been so heavy, that the branch broke. We often take so much for granted the plenty that we have, that we forget to thank God.

During September, I was away for few days and the guests at the breakfast gathered around the table. There was more than enough for us all to eat and we talked about different parts of the world and areas where there has been and there still is trouble. One of the people say everyone should experience and learn from different parts of the world. It is so good to see and learn from the different people and cultures of the world. As I though over what was been said, we were so privileged that we have the money to travel. We have the cash to pay for more than enough food to eat, while there are thousands, even millions of people who have very little, or next to nothing to live on. For these people life is a struggle to survive.

Our services of harvest thanksgiving, continue on Friday 10th October at 8.00pm and the preacher will be the Rev. Canon Desmond Kingston and continue on Sunday 12th October at 10.30am. The following Sunday, 19th October, the young people will led us in our worship.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore

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Services

12th October Trinity 17
St Patrick’s 10.30am Holy Communion
Ballinode 3pm Harvest Thanksgiving

19th October Trinity 18
St Patrick’s 10.30am Service of the Word
Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

26th October Last Sunday after Trinity
St Patrick’s 10.30am Morning Prayer
Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

2nd November Fourth Sunday before Advent
St Patrick’s 10.30am Service of the Word
Kilmore 12.15pm Morning Prayer

Mother’s Union

Mother’s Union held their meeting on Tuesday 2nd of September in St Patrick’s Hall where there was a good
attendance to hear the guest speaker Ms Val Stewart. The evening concluded with supper and fellowship. The October meeting will be on Tuesday the 7th of October where Mr Charlie Mills will show slides and give a talk on his recent trip to Uganda.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Trevor & Mary Jordan on the birth of their daughter Julia May.

Holy Matrimony
On Saturday the 30th August – Victoria Workman & David Gilmor were married. We wish them every happiness and God’s richest blessings as they embark on their life together.

State Exams
Congratulations to Lynn Gillanders and Evin McMahon on results attained in the Leaving Certificate and to Jack Sleator and Leon McGowan on results in AS levels. Also to Kyle Gillanders, Adam Garland, Alan McMahon & Beverly McBride on their results in the Junior Certificate. We wish them all well as they continue with their studies.

Ladies Group
The October meeting on Tuesday 21st of October in the Hall will be a demonstration on Jewellery making by Ms Joy & Sammy Hawe.

Harvest Service
The final service for the group will be held in Ballinode Church on Sunday 12th October at 3pm where the preacher will be Mr Jonathan Condell.

Parish Sale
Monaghan Parish Sale will be held on Friday 17th of October from 10am until 2pm. There will be the usual stalls and Tea & Coffee available. Please plan to attend and bring your friends.

Illness
Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our congregation and their families who are ill or recovering, those in residential care and the housebound.

Condolence
We express prayerful sympathy to Ms Elsie Boyd on the death of her Sister-in-law.

Parish Organisations
All Organisations have commenced activities after the summer recess and we trust that they will all have a good year.

Gospel Concert
Ballinode are holding a gospel concert with Monaghan Community Gospel Choir on 24th October at 8pm in the church. Tickets are €10 and proceeds are for the church repair fund.

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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Coffee Evening and Cake Sale
A coffee evening and cake sale has been arranged to take place in the Parochial Hall at Rossorry on Thursday 9th October 2014. All are cordially welcome to come and join us on the evening with proceeds going to parish maintenance and preparations for 175th Anniversary. Please put this in your diary.
Wednesday Club News

The Wednesday Club held their Easter outing on Wednesday 16th April with an outing to a local Coffee Shop and Garden Centre. Their choice was to Granny Walsh’s Coffee Shop at Ashwoods. A large turnout enjoyed the delights of the home bakes and a tour of the Garden Centre. A very enjoyable trip.

A good crowd gathered on Wednesday 14th May for the Annual Rossorry Parish Wednesday Club Summer Outing - this year to Donegal. First stop was at Belleek Pottery for morning coffee and then on to Daniel O’Donnells museum. The merry band then invaded Donegal town for some shopping and an evening meal in the Abbey hotel. A wonderful day was had by all and the weather was good, as well!

The Wednesday Club is celebrating its 15th Birthday in October 2014. In 1999 the club started with 14 members. 12 of those members are still in the club today. At present membership is 40. The club is open to all, both men and women aged 50 years upwards. We meet each Wednesday morning in the Rossorry Parochial Church Hall from 10.30 to 12.00. If you have a spare hour or two call in to see us, have a cup of tea and a chat, you will be made most welcome. There’s always room for 1 or 2 more to join us!

The Club meets again from Wed 10th September onwards every Wednesday.

If you want to know more give Ethel Oldcroft a ring at 66 326339.

Harvest at Rossorry

We are so used to being able to pop into town and choose from a number of large supermarkets, and pick up any kind of food we want, or click and have it delivered.

But we often forget the amount of work that goes into producing the abundance of food we have to eat. This year, after a less difficult winter, the farmers have enjoyed a good summer.

And so this Harvest, come and join with us as we say thank you to God for all of his goodness, and as we remember those who work to provide our food for us.

Harvest Services

Friday 17th October 2014 8.00pm (followed by Supper in the Parochial Hall)
Sunday 19th October 2014 11.00am (followed by a Parish ‘Bring and Share’ Lunch in the Parochial Hall)
7.00pm Harvest Praise (followed by refreshments in the church)

History Made At Rossorry Christening

On Sunday 17th August, a little bit of history was made in Rossorry with the Christening of triplets. There have been twins before – but no one can remember triplets in the history of the parish.

Lorraine and Ian Fulton brought their little miracles for Baptism, accompanied by a large group of family and friends.

The service was conducted by Rev. Canon David Skuce, assisted by Sarah Maguire (one of our Parish Readers).

The triplets (3 girls) Ella May, Abi Rebecca and Mia Estelle were as good as gold, as they were baptised and presented to the congregation. Heartiest congratulations to Ian and Lorraine on this momentous event!!

Farewell to Nathan Barrett

Sunday 31st August was Nathan Barrett’s last day as Organist and Choirmaster of Rossorry Parish. Although we knew from before Easter that this day was coming - it was still a day tinged with sadness for the parish.

Nathan has been with us for 6 years and his enthusiasm and youthful exuberance have brightened up our lives in the world of music. His concerts and his ambitious developments with the choir have contributed to our worship at Rossorry.

We are sorry to see him go - but wish him well in his continued music studies at Trinity College in Dublin.

Following a tribute from Gerry O’Callaghan at the end of the 11 am service, Dorothy Wilson (secretary of the Vestry) presented Nathan with a gift on behalf of the parish, followed by warm and sustained applause.
Parish Register

Bereavements
On 19th July last, the Ashes of Annie SCOTT of Finaghy, Belfast were committed in the family plot in Rossorry. Annie was 93 years old when she passed away in September 2010.

On 22nd August last, Sadie CROZIER of Brackvedge Park, a parishioner of Rossorry, passed away. The funeral took place on Sunday 24th August 2014 at Rossorry with burial afterwards at Garvary Parish Church in the family plot.

On 25th August last, the Ashes of Mabel Winefred LEE were committed in the family plot at Rossorry. Mabel was living in Nottingham, England and was 95 years old when she passed away on 23rd July 2014.

Baptisms
25th May 2014 Lily Mc Kinley, daughter of Neville and Roisin Mc Kinley. (Apology – previously published using Roisin’s maiden name –sorry!!)
17th August 2014 Ella May FULTON, Abi Rebecca FULTON and Mia Estelle FULTON – triplet daughters of Ian and Lorraine Fulton.
17th August 2014 Oscar Frank Hynes, infant son of Michael and Wendy Hynes.

Gospel Concert
Thank you to Miss Panzy Abbott for organising this annual event for Missionary funds. The artists this year were Belle Voce Quartet, Mrs. Gemma Johnston and Tempo Coffee Bar Music Group. The total raised was £1020-00.

Clabby Bowls
The Bowling Club meet on Mondays at 8pm. in Clabby Church Hall new members are welcome.

October/November Diary
1st November 2014 Clabby Auction 1-30pm. Clabby Church Hall all usual items welcome.
2nd November 2014 Diocesan Ministry of Healing Service 7-30pm. Clabby Parish Church.

Dublin City Marathon
Monday 27th October Two of our Parishioners Mr. Alan Robinson & Mr. Malcolm Browne are intending to take part in this annual event to raise money for our Restoration fund. We wish them safety and success on the day and we hope all our parishioners will sponsor them and support them in this effort.

Psalm 117
“Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord.”

Funerals
30th August 2014 Annie Eleanor Cashel Drumackin, Tempo
8th September 2014 William Christopher (Chrisy) Nixon Killyjordan, Clabby
14th September 2014 Cecil Jameson Gilbrooke Care Home Clabby.

Baptism
31st August 2014 Ryan Samuel David Shaw Ramaley Crescent Clabby

Quiz Sheet
Thank you to Mrs. Tanya Armstrong for organising the compiling and selling of the quiz sheet in aid of the Restoration Fund £270-00 was raised to date.

Midnight Walk
Thank you to Mr. Edwin & Mrs. Hilary Armstrong for organising the Midnight walk. The amount raised for the Restoration Fund was £1570-00.

October 2014

Tempo and Clabby

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“Great oaks from little acorns do grow” Marks & Spencer started off as a little market stall. This psalm is written to a small unimportant nation, but has a great vision. All nations and all peoples are summoned to praise God.

What are they called to do? “Praise the Lord”. This is how the psalm begins and ends, like bread in a sandwich. This is what we are called to do at all times. Our main aim in life should be to glorify or praise God and enjoy him forever. He had done all in Christ for our salvation. Who are to praise God? “All you nations” The great commission of our Lord was to go into all the world and “make disciples”. The church began as something small from the first disciples who were called. They went obediently and out of their love of God to proclaim the Gospel into the entire world. The nations can hear the gospel when Christ’s followers obey his commission (Romans 10: 12-17)

Why? Verse 2 tells us why. It is the response of those who have met with and experienced the unfailing love of God and his enduring faithfulness. His supreme demonstration of his love was in sending his only begotten son to die in loneliness, suffering and rejection on a cruel cross so we could be saved from the punishment of sin and know our sins to be forgiven and receive his free gift of eternal life.

This surely is the chief among the many things we and all the world can praise God for.
SNATCH
(Sunday Night At The Church Hall) This is an opportunity for young people from Aghavea, Colebrooke Group of Churches and Tempo & Clabby to meet together. It is for young people of Secondary School age to meet for fun, food, friendship and learning from God’s word. At present SNATCH meets in Aghavea Church Hall at 7-00pm – 9pm. Dates will be announced in Church.

Trory and Killadeas

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Dear Parishioners,
People talk about having a bucket list in life. Things they want to do or see while still alive. A friend in England wants to see the “Northern Lights”, president Obama wanted to see Stonehenge. I have two that I want to complete. I would like to take a boat along the length of the River Shannon and the other wish is to visit County Waterford. I have been in all the other counties in Ireland at least twice but never Waterford. Its good to have a bucket list, things we would like to do, see or touch. The thing about the list is that when we accomplish our goals we can strike them off and add new ones. A few years ago I struck off one when I visited Israel and saw the places of the Bible. Christ tells us in scripture that because he came we are to have life and have it to the full in Him. He challenges us to throw off the things that oppress us and hold us down. Perhaps to have a bucket list of things to change: Things that stop us becoming the people he has called us to be.

The hymn, In Christ Alone contains in its first and last verses some great encouragement for the faithful life.

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song:
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

God the Father gave us life, Christ gave us the call to salvation and The Holy Spirit gives us the faith for the journey. I pray a journey of joy and faith.

Harvest Festivals
Thanks to those who gave items to decorate the Priory and St. Michaels. To our choirs and organists for your music and time. Many thanks also to our preachers Ven. Cecil Pringle and Mr. Keith Browne.
By the time of publication Killadeas harvest will passed. However Trory harvest will be on Friday 17th October at 8.00pm and Sunday 19th October at 11.30am.

County Fermanagh Mission
From the 2nd -9th of November in the District hall (Tempo road) at 8.00pm the Orange Order are holding a Bible Mission. This is open to anyone who wishes to attend. A time of prayer and Bible study on the Epistle of James will be held each night from 7.00pm. On Saturday morning the 8th a prayer breakfast will be held in the Brooke Hall in Brookeborough at 9.30am. As space is limited a place may be booked during the mission.

Diocesan Clergy Conference
This is scheduled for the 21st – 23rd of October and the Rector is attending.

Club Alternatives
Annual Dinner Dance
will be held in The Hotel Kilmore, Cavan on Sat 6th Dec 2014 at 8pm
Dancing to Robert Mizzell
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