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Front Cover

Lorna Armstrong, Alan Morrison and Lorraine Graydon from Christ Church, Maguiresbridge prepare for the men's prayer and rugby breakfast in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 12th October. It will combine an opportunity for Christian fellowship with the Rugby World Cup in Japan. On that Saturday morning, Ireland will take on Samoa at 11.45am with other matches during the morning including England v France at 9.15am. To book a place, phone Alan Morrison at 07811447812 or Harold Nelson at 07713255029. (Missing from the photo is Canon Mark Watson, Rector).

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STIMULATING EIGHT-WEEK SERIES ON 'THE ULSTER PROTESTANT'

An eight-week seminar series exploring the perspectives of writers, from a northern Protestant experience or about a Protestant experience, past and present will be held in Fermanagh and Leitrim beginning this month.



The new cultural conversations series along the border begins on Thursday 10th October in The Glens Centre, Manorhamilton and takes place each Thursday evening afterwards during October in the Glens Centre beginning each night at 7.30pm and continuing until 9.30pm.

The November talks are being held in Garrison Church of Ireland Hall and finishing on Thursday, 5th December with a performance "The First Protestant" at the Regal, Enniskillen. Come along, discover more about this creative pulse and take part in stimulating cross-border cultural conversations with historian Connal Parr.

The Across the Lines IFI funded programme at The Glens Centre, Manorhamilton is creating this opportunity for cultural discussion and dialogue from south to north. Individuals, leaders, teachers and those interested in cultural expression, cultural ideas, 'voice' and questions of identity and belonging are invited to take part. This seminar is organised around the theme of 'The Ulster Protestant Imagination' and weekly sessions will focus on the writings of a northern or border-based playwright (or poet) writing out of a Protestant community background, or about a Protestant experience.

Connal Parr, who will lead the seminars said: "At a time when identity is again in flux on the island of Ireland, it is vital to remind ourselves of the rich and vigorous cultural pulse north of the border, be that working-class communities occasionally written off, or that lost within simplistic 'us and them' assumptions" The series of seminars will challenge stereotypes and one-dimensional portrayals of this diverse and sometimes conflicted group."

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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



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Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Believe it or not I am standing here today giving a Presidential Address to the Clogher Diocesan Synod for the ninth time and indeed on the ninth anniversary of my consecration as Bishop of Clogher. And I do so with equal feelings of gratitude and bewilderment. Gratitude at nine years of steady work and a deepening understanding of the Diocese and you its people. Not everything has gone according to plan and there have been many bumps in the road but we have travelled that road together in faith and hope. Who can tell how successful it has been? We will all know the answer to that one day and probably what seemed to us to be the great realisation of our dreams or the successful working out of our plans will not feature at all in that reckoning which will expose the motives of our hearts much more than the grandness of our plans.

Gratitude also for the many people in this Diocese who have its wellbeing so close to their hearts and who give their time, their talents and their substance so freely to its smooth running. I shall say a little more about that a little later.

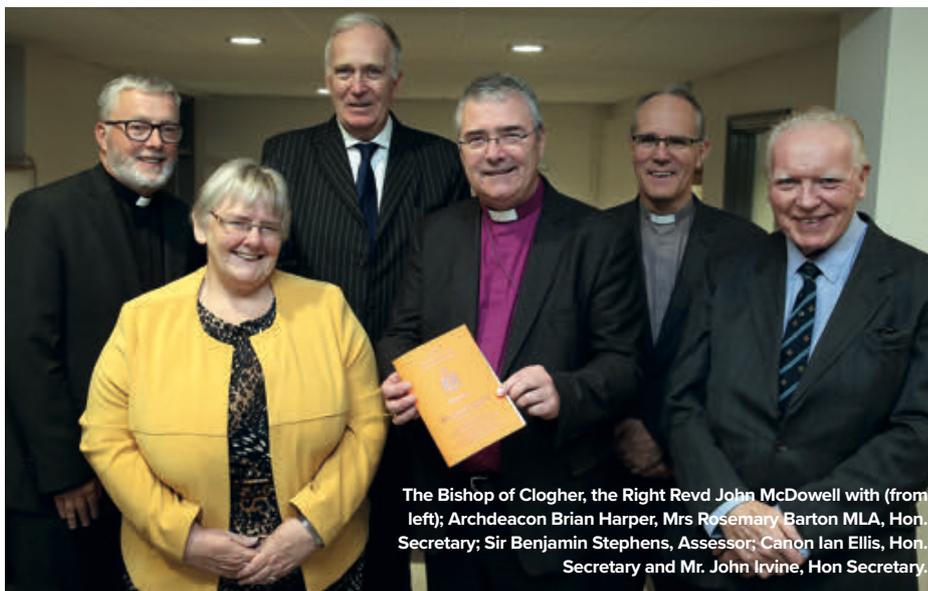
And a feeling of bewilderment. I heard a story the other day about a

nineteenth century Bishop of Exeter. His name was Bishop Lord Rupert Ernest William Gascoyne-Cecil and it was said that he was the perfect Bishop. Hard working, kind, a good preacher, a deep thinker. A perfect husband and father. His one weakness was a certain absentmindedness. Apparently he once sent a telegram to his wife which read "I'm in London. Why?".

Before anybody else says it, I am not laying claim to the title of "perfect Bishop" (far from it) but that question "why" has occurred to me from time to time. Why has Providence placed us where we are; in the various roles that we play out on life's stage? Looking in the mirror in the morning while shaving (that is a time when stray thoughts often come into my head and are to be respected) sometimes even "Why me?". I'm not certain I can answer those questions very satisfactorily but I do want to say something a little later about the more general question of "why the Church of Ireland?". Why are we here? And I want to say it in the context of the 150th anniversary of our Disestablishment and Disendowment.

Some of you may remember that I was scheduled to give a couple of talks/lectures on this subject earlier in the year, in February. Unfortunately the talks had to be cancelled because of my father's final illness and death. [This is as good a time as any to thank all of you who supported me at that time with your presence and your prayers. As I have often said to people in similar circumstances, there is no good age to become an orphan; so your support and sympathy were greatly appreciated]. I'm going to slip in a very scaled back version of those talks later in this Address along with some comments about what it means for us today. I'll be doing that in an expanded form later in the Autumn for the Carleton School so if your appetite is whetted, come along.

However before launching into that I want to say a word or two about the ordinary Synod-related business of the Diocese. It's very far from being the whole work of the Diocese. That goes on Sunday by Sunday and day by day in public worship and private prayer; in preaching and teaching and the administration of the sacraments;



The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell with (from left); Archdeacon Brian Harper, Mrs Rosemary Barton MLA, Hon. Secretary; Sir Benjamin Stephens, Assessor; Canon Ian Ellis, Hon. Secretary and Mr. John Irvine, Hon Secretary.

in visiting the sick and indeed visiting all parishioners. And in a multitude of other ways. But every organisation needs a structure. As I said in a different context in July, spiritual life itself needs a material basis on which to live and there is such a thing as the grace of good administration and management.

The first area I wish to highlight is in Safeguarding Trust for children and young people and adults at risk. A major policy review at central church level within the Church of Ireland has led to a restructuring of our approach in response to legislation in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. As well as the creation of a central Safeguarding Board (and we are fortunate, as is the Safeguarding Board, that Canon Ian Ellis, Rector of Rossorry, serves on that Board) the Children and Young Person's policy has been revised and an adult at risk policy has been introduced. Without going into too much detail (and there is a lot of detail), a great deal of the responsibility for implementing and auditing the effectiveness of these policies has been devolved to Diocesan Councils and Bishops. The Diocesan Council recognised that the scale of what we were being asked to do would have been simply impossible to achieve using our current resources and also given the legal and moral seriousness of the consequences of any shortcomings.

It is for that reason that the Diocese engaged the services of Mr Michael Skuce on a part-time basis to help me and the Council implement the new policies which included the recruitment and training of volunteers (and we need to stress that word) as the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and also the Diocesan Safeguarding Panels, and to evaluate how the policies are being implemented and bedding in. We are extremely fortunate in this Diocese to have people, often very senior in their own full-time vocations, who have been prepared to give their time and talents to these tasks. On behalf of the Diocese I am very grateful to them. We are grateful also to Michael Skuce for the organisational abilities and skills and sheer enthusiasm which he brings to this task...far beyond the limited hours for which he is contracted.

Michael is also helping us along the weary road of reviewing and deepening our GDPR policies but his Safeguarding work has taken priority.

Members of Synod making their way from St. Macartin's Cathedral following the Service of Holy Communion to the Cathedral Hall for Clogher Diocesan Synod.



I think now is a good time to say something about what might become the intolerable burden which regulatory regimes are demanding of voluntary organisations. The Church is a significant provider of services especially to young people but also to adults of all ages. Although there are times when we could have been done better and other occasions when the Church actually inflicted grave harm, for the most part those services have enriched the lives of individuals and communities for hundreds of years. And they are organised and delivered on an almost entirely voluntary basis. And that culture of voluntarism is frankly being undermined by an obsession with regulation that isn't particularly nuanced or, at times, even proportionate.

As a church we are probably in greater danger of atrophying and withering through the excessive demands on our volunteers on select vestries, diocesan boards and council, youth organisations and other fellowship groups, than we are from doctrinal or other spiritual matters. And I know this is the experience of many other Christian traditions and indeed non-religious groups. And it needs to be taken into account.

Aside from this burden it has also become very clear to me as I go

around the Diocese and speak to those involved very close to the ground that the traditional model of self-sufficient and stand-alone parishes or groups of parishes probably cannot be sustained for very much longer.

The breadth of skills necessary to maintain and run a parish no longer exists in a single person no matter how gifted they are and it is clear that much greater collaboration will be needed between parishes and within groups of parishes than has been the case up to now. For instance a group of three parishes needs a total of 18 "officers" if you take into account churchwardens, glebewardens, treasurers and secretaries. A union of three parishes would require just 10 (if there are still church buildings in each of the parishes).

It is also worth thinking about just how much closer a spirit of cooperation is to the spirit of the Gospel than a spirit of competition or of utter independence. Even where a full union of parishes isn't or can't be achieved there is no reason why informal collaboration shouldn't be explored.

I would encourage you also to explore external funding opportunities. Mr Henry Robinson ran an excellent funding information evening just before the summer which was very useful and very

well attended. I know (or at least I think I know) that Henry would be happy to expand and repeat that exercise again in the future to help equip parishes to find financial and other resources that are often going a begging.

Also when I'm on the subject a plea to make greater use of the Church of Ireland's own Priorities Fund which only a small number of parishes have tapped into. And, while I'm about it a suggestion to the Priorities Fund that it might move away from a concentration on physical infrastructure and concentrate much more on helping to build up the human capital and resources which are necessary to an organisation which frankly has too many buildings already but needs to find new ways of resourcing volunteers and volunteering.

And while I'm still on the subject of buildings I do want to say some positive things. As I have said we have a lot of buildings in this Diocese. Churches, church halls, and glebes, among others. With a very few exceptions these are well cared for and looked after. In many parishes there are also substantial building and refurbishment projects going on. In any one year I am usually asked to preach and dedicate such work in five or six parishes. That is a clear indication of how close to your heart these places are. Although Christianity is a religion of spirit and truth, it is also an incarnational religion. The Word was made flesh. So for many of us our spiritual lives, our spirituality, the way we relate to God is inextricably bound up with our places of worship in particular. They are almost always the place where we (consciously at least) first felt the presence of God. Thank you for keeping them so well.

We are also fortunate at the minute to have an exceptional group of rural deans who undertake their work very diligently. As you know we have had an unusually large number of parish vacancies (I think just a blip) and the Rural Deans have been particularly busy. In addition a number of them, but mostly Chancellor Berry, have been covering in the Clones Rural Deanery which has meant yet more meetings. It may well be that I will ask Synod next year to consider amalgamating six into five Rural Deaneries as a possible solution. All of this is only possible due to the willingness and expertise of the Rural Deans and of course the very effective work which Robert Forde does as Glebes Secretary aided as he is by other lay people who serve on the Glebes



Attending the Synod were (from left); Joy Graham, Freda Allingham, Canon Ngozi Njoku and Doreen Earls.

Committee and who make themselves available to attend and assist at Glebes Inspections.

I want also at this point to draw Synod's attention to the work, now nearly complete, of the Property Project which has been carried out by Henry Robinson. This has involved a great deal of work in the archives and online in the Land Registry but has resulted in a database of Diocesan and parish property including details of title and maps. I know that Henry will be sharing his project results with individual parishes and is also willing to undertake updating the database on an "as required" basis. Henry's work along with that of Robert Forde and Michael Skuce and Brian Donaldson are excellent examples of how the expertise and willingness of people who have held very senior positions in secular employment can be brought to bear for the benefit of the Diocese and at excellent value for money.

One final "practical" matter before moving onto what may appear to be a bit remote. The Diocesan Council introduced a Music Bursary Scheme about six years ago. The Scheme subsidises the music tuition of players and singers who commit to a certain level of involvement in the musical life of their parish. It is intended to help enrich our liturgical life (not to compete with it). The take up has been good but not spectacular and I would commend it to your parishes for consideration.

I know that those people proposing and seconding the Report of the Diocesan Council will have more to

say about the work undertaken during the year so I would like to turn now to the subject of the 150th Anniversary of Disestablishment and related matters.

First, if you will bear with me, a little historical summary:

The Irish Church Act passed in July of that year and which came into effect on 31 December 1869 completed the nineteenth century parliamentary reform of the Church of Ireland. The Church Temporalities Act of 1833 had reduced the number of its archbishops to two and its bishops by ten down to the current number of ten. It also began a period of financial reform within the Church. The Tithe Commutation Act, 1838, abolished the support by a largely Catholic and Presbyterian population for the clergy of the Church of Ireland. Now, in 1869, the Church of Ireland, united to the Church of England since the Act of Union in 1801 was to be separated, disendowed and disestablished. Fiercely opposed at the time, the Church's Disestablishment was its liberation.

In a longer perspective the Act of 1869 was more far reaching still. It dismantled an established status that, as the Ascendancy, had endured for over 200 years. The peculiarly English Reformation Settlement involving church and crown in parliament had been replicated in the very different social, cultural, political and religious context of Ireland. The Church of Ireland, a church largely of planters and the Pale and not a majority of either - was accorded a privileged place in government and society. It is not for nothing that, until the late eighteenth century,

Archbishops of Armagh lived at a palace in Termonfeckin near Drogheda. In the first place it wasn't safe to live in Armagh because of local hostility but even when these circumstances changed and it was perfectly possible for the Primate's to live there, they preferred to be nearer Dublin and the Castle.

But it is also very important for us to take note of the fact that the separation of church and state in Ireland took place a full two generations before Partition. Whatever might otherwise have happened, Disestablishment enables the Church of Ireland, like the other churches to continue as one church in two civil jurisdictions. This has allowed it (perhaps required it) to speak to either civil jurisdiction conscious of its place in the other and to speak to both from a grounding in the Kingdom of God.

Disestablishment therefore set the Church of Ireland free to be what it is, a minority tradition in the Body of Christ, a church on the same standing as others in the family of God, one branch of the True Vine. Ours is a church, that, tracing its history through the often-complex history of these islands cherishes its identity as Catholic and Reformed. It retains the three-fold order of Ministry that it has received and through them its inheritance from the churches of the Apostles. It upholds a particular spiritual and theological tradition deriving from Hooker and Cranmer enriched by Catholic, Evangelical and Charismatic experience. It is part of a world-wide communion of churches and of developing ecumenical institutions. Now as one tradition among many in a secular age, it must be comforted, commissioned and empowered by its Lord to be as salt, that little quantity in

the mix, which sterile in quantity, brings life and taste to the whole.

Without being backward looking or inward looking we have much to thank the Disestablishment generation for, particularly in the financial and administrative arrangements which they devised in very short order and which have survived more or less intact right down to today. We must also recognise the confidence, faith and courage of the clergy who, almost to a man (and I'm afraid they were all men in 1869) commuted their government pensions to form the basis of the General Fund of the Representative Body and without which the Church of Ireland probably would not have survived, at least in its island wide form.

But there are one or two matters about establishment and Disestablishment of the Church which we would do well to acknowledge and learn from today. I will have a good deal more to say about these matters at the Carleton Summer School in October when I will try to address the subject "Disestablishment: what have we made of it?". But for now one or two important points which historians have long known and written about but which the church and its leaders such as me need to say.

First, that Establishment and all the Acts of Parliament that supported it over the years were not only intended to give the Church of Ireland a privileged position far beyond its numbers. At best only 12% of the population of Ireland ever belonged even in the most nominal sense to the Church of Ireland. Establishment and those acts of Parliament were quite consciously designed as an instrument of government policy to destroy another Church (the Roman Catholic

Church) and to seriously disable a third one (the Presbyterian Church). Methodism escaped the worst of these disabilities because one of its branches (the Primitive Methodists) retained an institutional link with the Church of Ireland right down to 1912).

That is the clear historical truth of the matter and it is something which we need to acknowledge was unchristian certainly by the standards of the nineteenth century. And even then our forbears, chiefly the bishops, fought tooth and nail to retain our privileged position and with arguments that were as self-serving as they were specious fought in vain particularly in the House of Lords to prevent the passage of the Irish Church Act. Magee, then Bishop of Peterborough and eventually Archbishop of York but who had been a curate here in Enniskillen was one of the great orators of the day. He defended Establishment to the bitter end and it was said of him that "If eloquence could have justified injustice he would have saved the Irish Church".

And secondly to note that the "Establishment mentality" of the Church of Ireland didn't cease with the passing of the Irish Church Act. Certainly over time we learnt not to depend on Big House generosity for our wellbeing. Certainly we learned to stand on our own two feet financially and indeed spiritually (the Church of Ireland has always been the most clearly "Protestant" of the Anglican churches of these islands). Indeed the vestiges of that establishment mentality have had some positive effects particularly in our preparedness to be open to all who wish to call upon our pastoral resources and (within limits) a certain inclusiveness and liberality which has a national church feel about it at its best.

But there have been downsides too. Here in Northern Ireland a certain cosiness with the State which in a non-establishment sense was still able to "look after our interests". But a church and a mentality that is concerned chiefly with its own interests can hardly be called a church at all. It is simply a self-regarding self-preservation society at prayer. We have not been called to look after our own interests but to promote the interests of Jesus Christ as his disciples loving our neighbour as ourselves. It was a bishop of the established church who once said that it was an Irish Protestant's duty "to love God and to hate the Pope". And indeed a very refined (this time English) bishop



Among those attending Synod were (from left); Revd Margaret Pringle, Mrs Ethne McCord and Canon Maurice Armstrong.

who described prayer book worship as “the mean between the gaudy meretriciousness of the Church of Rome and the squalid sluttiness of a Protestant (ie Presbyterian) conventicle”. Those are not sentiments which will find an echo in the passionate and sacrificial love which saturates the Gospel.

In the South of Ireland our default position has been solidarity and survival. And in the circumstances of the Irish Revolution and in the early years of the State there was a certain amount of sense in that. But now, nearly 100 years into the establishment of the State we could perhaps be seen to be making a clearer and more distinctive contribution to the common good, as, for instance I believe we do in our contribution to education.

As a result of this rather strong self-preservation instinct both North and South it's not that we've done much harm except from time to time. But we have prevented ourselves from doing much good in society. It has prevented us from being that leaven which we are called to be. And on this island to use our unique position to facilitate the sort of critical dialogue between and within the different jurisdictions on this island.

Before I draw this address to a conclusion I want to highlight and emphasise some words which I used earlier when I was talking about the consequences of Disestablishment.

I had said that as church alive and well in both jurisdictions on this island there was a requirement that we should speak, conscious of our place in the other and speak to both from a grounding in the Kingdom of God. Last year at this Synod I had some cautious and cautionary words to say about Brexit, the outcome or even the reality of which, was still very uncertain. But whatever uncertainty existed then has now been deepened by all sorts of developments since and, whatever happens, has brought the whole of the UK to what a leading University of London academic expert has called a “constitutional moment”. Who knows where we will be socially, economically and politically in just over a month's time much less a year's time.

Insofar as I have had anything to say about these matters (and the church and its leaders have a duty as an important element in civil society to say something sometimes) I hope I have done so from a Kingdom perspective where the love of one's neighbour is the guiding standard.



George Woods with Revd John Woods at the Diocesan Synod.

I hope you will remember in your private and public devotions the complex and far reaching events which will unfold (I suspect quite rapidly) in the weeks to come. Pray for wisdom, honesty and discernment on the part of our governments. Pray that what beginnings of peace and integration which we have in this part of the world are sufficient to help us understand one another in a world where barriers are going up rather than coming down.

And finally to some thanks. As many of you will know Ruth McKane who worked in the Diocesan Office for about 12 years left us at the start of the year. Ruth had built up a very deep and wide-ranging knowledge of the Diocese and its systems. However she will be missed as much for her positive, cheerful outgoing nature. We are delighted that Sabrina McCabe has been able to take up some of Ruth's duties three days a week.

We have had relatively few clergy comings and goings since last year although it is good to be able to welcome the Revd Philip Bryson to Synod as the rector of Kilskeery and Trillick rather than as the curate-assistant of Magheraculmoney.

The set up in the office has benefitted from Glenn Moore's return to about three quarters of full time working although each of you who has occasion to consult Glenn or ask his advice will know that he still keeps very unsocial hours. This year again I need to thank Ashley our Diocesan Accountant for her unending patience and the lengths to which she is prepared to go to provide advice on wide range of financial matters and particularly her dedication to keeping the Diocese and the parishes up to speed and up to scratch in relation to charities legislation. When we come

to the accounts and financial information in the Diocesan report you will also see evidence of Ashley's tidy mind and keen professional skills.

I would like also to thank David Daniel who has acted as our Diocesan Webmaster for the past number of years. David not only redesigned the website, and helped us troubleshoot, especially when we experienced hacking but he also designed and set up an excellent online Glebes Inspection Reporting system, a resource which David is prepared to support after he has formally stepped down as webmaster. David we are very grateful to you for your diligence and expertise in the dark arts which so few of us understand.

As I said at the beginning of this address we have much to be thankful for but also much to think about and much work to do. In my first Diocesan Synod address in 2011 when I had been your Bishop for less than a week I remarked that (comparing myself with distinguished predecessors and in terms of Strictly Come Dancing) you were exchanging Anton du Bec for John Sergeant. I hope I've learned a few more steps since then and have certainly benefitted from some good teachers. I mightn't quite be up to the standard of “Hit the diff” yet but I look forward to another year of honest and cheerful work in this part of the great Vineyard.

May God guide us this evening and on every day in the future as we go about his work for the building up of his Church and for the honour and glory of his Name.

+John Clogher

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Services

Sunday 6th October

Drumsnatt 9.30am Holy Communion
Clogh 10.45am Holy Communion
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Holy Communion

Sunday 13th October

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th October

Drumsnatt 3.00pm Harvest Service
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th October

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Harvest Service

Harvest Services

At the time of writing we are looking forward to the Harvest Thanksgiving Services in our group. Aghadrumsee and Clogh Harvests take place during September with Drumsnatt concluding this special season on Sunday 20th October at 3.00 pm. Preacher is Mr Keith Brown and soloist is Janice Niblock.

Clogh Mothers' Union

The opening service of Holy Communion will take place on Monday 7th October at 8.00 pm with Dean Raymond Ferguson.

Ladies Group

The Young Ladies Group enjoyed a very interesting talk and demonstration from one of our members Fiona Forster on Divine Wellness. We thank Fiona for sharing her knowledge with us. Our next meeting will be on 8th October at 8.30 pm, when we will welcome Timothy Richmond from the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service.

200th Anniversary

Aghadrumsee's 200th Celebrations continue as we welcome Revd Jean Mackarel and friends for an evening of music and fun on Wednesday 30th October at 8.00 pm.

Choir at Concert

On Saturday 9th November at 7.30 pm, a concert by Larne Community Choir will be held in Clogh Hall. Supper will be served and tickets at £10 are now available.

Sadness

We were saddened to learn of the death of Muriel McAdoo, a lifelong member of Clogh Church where she faithfully played the organ for many years. We extend our sympathy to her sister Carrie, sister-in-law Lorna and her many nieces and nephews. The community was plunged into sadness at the end of August with the untimely death of 19-year-old Ryan Breadon, Magheraveely. We extend our sincere sympathy to his parents, Norman and Heather, brothers Nathan and Kyle, partner Courtney and son Corey. Sympathy is also extended to the family of Eileen Egerton, formally of Fyfe, Scotland who was laid to rest in Clogh graveyard.



Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

Sunday 6th October

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
3.00pm Cooneen Harvest

Sunday 13th October

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th October

11.00am Colebrooke Family Service
3.00pm Mullaghfad Remembrance Service

Sunday 27th October

10.45am Colebrooke MP
12.15pm Cooneen MP

From The Registers

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 15th September 2019, in St Ronan's, Colebrooke, Grace Esther Clendenning, daughter of Gillian and Timothy Clendenning, was baptised. Godparents were Linda Trimble and Alan Magwood. May God bless this little one on her journey through life.

Christian Burial

On Sunday 15th September 2019, a service of thanksgiving for the life of Stanley Beresford Presho was held in St Ronan's, Colebrooke, with interment in Colebrooke Cemetery. Our condolences and prayers are with Gladys, Heather, Pamela, Marie, Maurice and the entire family circle at this time.

Mullaghfad Service

On Sunday 20th October 2019 at 3.00pm our annual Service of Remembrance will be held, with members of Fivemiletown Royal British Legion and Lisburn Royal British Legion attending. Friends and visitors will be most welcome at all of our services.



Confirmation

On Sunday 1st December 2019 (Advent Sunday) at 11.00am in Colebrooke, we will have a service of Confirmation celebrated by the Bishop.

To prepare the candidates for confirmation, I will be holding a series of classes in the rectory each Wednesday, beginning 9th October 2019.

Attendance is required in order to be forwarded for confirmation. Those commencing Second Year or above, at Secondary Education in September 2019, are invited to attend. Please get in touch with me if you have not already placed the names of candidates on the sheet in church.



Photos from the Bible Club activities.

Holiday Bible Club

Our Holiday Bible Club, Maker Fun Factory, was held from Monday 15th to Friday 19th July at 6.30pm each evening in Colebrooke Hall, with a closing service on Sunday 21st July also in the hall.

This year the Holiday Bible Club was attended mostly by a younger group of children than previous years, who each evening enthusiastically took part in every aspect of the club.



Thank you to all our leaders who, not only gave of their time during the week and in the Sunday service, but also helped to set up the hall in the week before the club began, and then took down the decorations and equipment and helped us pack it away once it had ended. Thank you.

Thank you also parents and grandparents for bringing your children each evening, and for your well received support. Next year's Holiday Bible Club is now beginning to be put together (it might seem a bit soon, but it takes a full year to source the items and material required). Further details to follow at a later date.

GFS – Girls' Friendly Society

This returns after their summer break on Monday 23rd September. The branch then meets every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls three years and upwards, and new members will be made very welcome, taking part in games, cookery, craft, bible study and especially having lots of fun. Owing to the increasing numbers of girls, we urgently need additional leaders for the GFS. If you would like to find out more, please speak to Mairead or myself.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Scouts recommenced in late September, and will be meeting every Tuesday from 7pm-8:15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and every Friday for Scouts, 11 – 14 years. The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.
Squirrels (4 - 6 years)
Beavers (6 – 8 years)
Cubs (8 – 11 years)
Scouts (11 – 14 years)

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meet in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7.45pm. New members are very welcome, and we would encourage anyone interested to

come along, give it a try whilst having fun and fellowship with other members. All age groups welcome

Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union

Many friends from the local community joined the MU members on their annual outing on 7 September. The first stop was Seapatrick Holy Trinity Parish Church, Banbridge, where warm hospitality was received from the Mothers' Union Branch and delicious refreshments were served after Mrs Joan West welcomed everyone and Mrs Irene Boyd said Grace. Ven Roderick West brought greetings on behalf of the Parish and joined in the fellowship as he and Joan renewed many friendships from their time living in County Fermanagh. He also explained the story of Joseph Scriven and extended an invitation to visit the Parish Church where a stained-glass window has been placed in memory of the writer of the hymn; 'What a Friend we have in Jesus'. After enjoying the refreshments, Irene introduced the Diocesan President of Down and Dromore Mothers' Union, Roberta McCartney, who brought greetings to all and then handed over to June and Moira from the Diocese who have been involved in the Prison Ministry outreach organized by MU. June and Moira outlined their participation in this project, which is partly funded by a Mums In May grant. Pairs of volunteers visit Hydebank College regularly and host craft classes for those prisoners who wish to attend. Many examples of the craft items were on display as well as stories of lives touched by the love offered in this regular contact. MU also offer a book sharing service, where the same book is read by both parent and child and then discussion on the story helps to build and maintain relationships that are strained by the circumstance of separation. A donation was given towards this Prison Ministry project. Everyone then had the opportunity for retail therapy in Banbridge town and later in the Outlet Centre.

Tired feet but happy ladies relaxed as the coach transported them to Rusk's Restaurant at Clogher Valley Golf Club, Fivemiletown for a tasty evening meal. Thanks were expressed to Valerie Clendenning and Hazel Speer who helped organise the outing and to the driver Fergal from Borderline Coaches for safe travels. The organizers also acknowledged the funding support received from SWAP (South West Age Partnership), towards transport costs.

The MU Visitors' Night is on Wednesday 16 October at 8 pm in Colebrooke Parish Hall, when Mrs Eva Baxter plans to relate the story of Cecil Frances Alexander, the well-known hymn writer. Everyone will be most welcome.

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

7.00pm to 9.00pm on alternate Sunday evenings. Check notices for details

All young people of secondary school age welcome.
Facebook: www.facebook.com/snatchyf
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The Mothers' Union on their outing.

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Wow! What an amazing month! Aghavea parish didn't so much ease back into a routine, and crash into it and keep going! Our Tractor Run was a fantastic success, and we would like to thank all those who brought out such a magnificent display of vehicles – from 1950s Massey Fergusons to 1960s Fords, to new Case and JDs! After a pleasant spin through Lisnaskea, Maguiresbridge and Brookeborough, everyone arrived back to a great lunch of burgers, sausages, tea and drinks! The parish and Select Vestry would like to thank everyone involved in organising the day, and to all who took part and contributed towards a magnificent total of over £1900!

Our annual barbecue and dance was well supported as usual by our own parishioners and by those in surrounding parishes. After a lovely spread of barbecued steaks, burgers and sausages, salads, pasta and rice bowls, followed by a wide selection of desserts, we enjoyed a relaxing evening of song and dance from Bracken Strings. Anyone who left hungry only had themselves to blame! Again, we would like to thank everyone who was involved in any way, and to those who supported us again, we would like to extend another invitation to join us again next year. The event raised over £3000 towards our Building Fund, a fitting total for such a successful evening. As the notes are being prepared, we are getting ready for our Parish Auction on 28th September. With the various lots already in hand, and the wonderful promises of those still to come, we will be assured of a busy day – with some frantic bidding on the many items for sale. A full report will be in next month's notes.

Bible Fellowship

The Bible Fellowship have been busy studying the formative years of the people of Israel, from the Judges to the Kings – and have discovered that many of the challenges in today's world existed even then – greed, deception, power, even "exit-



Some of the tractors entered in the Tractor Run.

strategies"! We've never had an evening when we haven't been challenged to look at our own lives through the power of the Holy Scriptures and have been brought into a much deeper understanding of our relationship with each other, and more importantly with God. Bible Studies continue every other Wednesday in the Committee Room in Aghavea Hall.

Mothers' Union

Many thanks to Mr Roy Crowe for his entertaining evening with the Mothers' Union in September. We are now looking forward to our Visitors' Evening, when Isobel Todd will be joining us for a talk on Homeopathy. Although Isobel now lives in Armagh, she is no stranger to the area, having been born and raised in Clogher. Come along and join us for an entertaining evening.

Bowls Club

The Bowls Club continue to meet each Monday and are looking forward to a new

season of matches and friendlies. As ever, the Bowls Club will be especially looking forward to the Annual Bowls Tournament at the end of October – 28th October to 1st November. Registrations can already be forwarded to the club, and if you need any further details, contact the Rector anytime. We look forward to seeing bowlers from all around at the tournament.

Select Vestry

The next Select Vestry meeting will be on Tuesday 15th October at 8pm in the Committee Room. There is plenty of work still to do, so we look forward to a good turnout that evening. If you are not a member of the Select Vestry, please pray for the members as they seek God's plan for our parish.

The renovation work continues, and with each decision we see the end getting inevitably closer. With the work due to be finished in December, we are starting to get excited about our return to the parish's



One of the earlier models on display.

spiritual home. We will keep everybody up to date with the latest news, and as soon as we know our moving-in date, we'll invite everyone to join us for our unveiling event.

Harvest Celebrations

Our Annual Harvest Celebrations will be held from 4-6th October. There will be the normal refreshments and tea/coffee after each service. The choir will be providing musical contributions, and guest preachers will bring God's word.

Confirmation

The Bishop will be visiting the parish on 20th October to confirm some of our young people. In preparation for this event, Confirmation Classes started on 8th September at the Rectory. Attendance at both the classes and in Church during this period will be important, so please keep it in your diaries/phones! The Rector will be in touch with the individuals already enrolled for the classes, but if you feel that you would like to be confirmed (older or young adults), please get in touch with the rector as soon as possible.



Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno

Vacant.

In charge: Chancellor Ian Berry, (Rural Dean)
Pastoral Care: Chancellor Ian Berry (Rural Dean), Revd James Stevenson and Mr Walter Pringle (DPA).

Holy Baptism

On 31st August in Christ Church we welcomed Sadie Bernadette Steel, daughter of Robert and Aishling. We wish Sadie and all her family God's richest blessing.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Christ Church will be holding their Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 13th October at 3:30pm. Refreshments served afterwards and all are very welcome.

Prayers

Please remember in your daily prayers parishioners who have been ill over the past weeks. We remember those who have been in hospital and are recovering, we pray especially for Joseph Crawford and are delighted to see him improving after his recent surgery. Please remember in your prayers those in nursing homes and residential care, the lonely and the sad.

Christ Church reading Rota

In order for the reading rota to run smoothly during this time of vacancy we would be appreciated if you would take note of your reading date.

The readings have been taken from The Book of Common Prayer but occasionally visiting clergy may change them.

Looking ahead

The Carol Service in Christ Church is on 11th December at 3:30pm

Clontibret

September notes – unfortunately due to an oversight the September notes were not included last month.

Sadness

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of one of the most faithful members of our Church, Kenny Graham, on 27th July 2019. The attendance from



The late Kenny Graham.

near and far, at the Service of Thanksgiving, conducted by Revd Neal Phair and Mr Walter Pringle, was a reflection of the high regard in which Kenny was held in across the community. Kenny had lived all his life in the family home at Gallagher. He attended Clontibret National School along with his

brothers John (dec'd 2002) and Walter, Carradore.

Kenny married Elizabeth Johnston in 1987 and they settled into married life at Gallagher and he and Elizabeth were at church Sunday by Sunday and at all events involving the church. Kenny had served on the select vestry for over 50 years. He had served as churchwarden and was the parochial nominator until his death. Until he was hospitalised Kenny was always standing in the porch to welcome his fellow parishioners as they arrived and was always keen to chat to visitors. He was instrumental in securing funding for the recently completed car park and worked with the Community Development Association to improve the facilities in his local community. Having lived here for almost 80 years Kenny had a wonderful knowledge of the history of the community which he loved to share. In 1967 he decided to start a pipe band in Clontibret. The band was first on the road in 1968 and it is still on the road today. Kenny had retired from drumming but was Chairman of the band and chief negotiator when it came to acquiring funding and planning events. Kenny was Worshipful Master of LOL 776 for a number of years and No 2 District Monaghan LOL and RBP. Kenny was diagnosed with incurable cancer earlier in the year and on Easter Tuesday was admitted to Cavan Hospital and then transferred to St. Christopher's Hospice. There too, "gentleman" Kenny, was nursed with great care by devoted staff. The numbers visiting Kenny were so high that a policy of restricted visiting had to be introduced for his welfare. The family would like to express their thanks to all who visited him and to the devoted staff. The family would also like to thank Walter Pringle for his devoted pastoral care and Rev David Hagan, Rev Jim Hagan and Mrs Hagan and Mrs



Mark Leatham and Glenda Dickson following their wedding in St Colman's Parish Church, Clontibret.

Evelyn Boyd for their ministry and support. Kenny and Elizabeth greatly appreciated the support of all who supported them at this difficult time. Kenny will be sadly missed but is at peace. As a congregation we express our deepest sympathy to his wife Elizabeth, his brother Walter, nieces Kathy and Sharon and nephew Leslie and their families at this sad time.

Congratulations

Warmest congratulations to Mark Leatham and Glenda Dickson on their wedding in St Colman's Parish Church on Saturday, 7th September. Mark has been a member of the Select Vestry and Glebewarden for a number of years and we know that they will both continue to work for the furtherance of God's message in Clontibret. Following Kenny's funeral it was a delight to have the beautifully decorated church filled to capacity for such a happy event. The service was conducted by Revd Neal Phair and Mr Walter Pringle. Mrs Mona Moore played the organ and Mrs Lynda Lindsay serenaded the bride as she made her way to the altar. The Nicholl brothers, Jason and Lee, played violin while the register was signed. Mr Wilson Jebb piped the married couple down the aisle. The reception was held in Errigal House Hotel, Cootehill and Clontibret Pipe Band, in which Mark is base drummer, played a selection of marches and tunes. We wish the happy couple God's richest blessings for their married life.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Mrs Barbara Johns and family on the death of her uncle Egerton Graham and to Mrs Hilda Dickson

and family on the death of her brother-in-law Philip Higginbotham.

Thank You

We would like to express our appreciation to all those providing spiritual cover during our vacancy: Mr Walter Pringle, Revd. James Stephenson, Mr Alan Hill and Mr Keith Browne.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Tea and Coffee Morning in aid of the Holy Family School, Cootehill and to fund missionary work in Papa New Guinea. A total of €1600 was raised and divided equally between both charities.

Muckno

Dates

Harvest Thanksgiving in St Maeldoid's Church on Sunday 6th October 2019 at 3.30pm with Mr Keith Browne and special singing by Bobby Abraham from Tandragee. Tea afterwards in the Church.

Mothers' Union Visitors Night

Wednesday 9th October at 8pm in the Church Hall, Church Street with Revd Colin McConaghie, Rector of Carrickmacross speaking on his trip to Malawi. Everyone welcome.

St Mary's Nursing Home Harvest thanksgiving service

This takes place on Thursday 10th October 2019 at 3pm. Everyone welcome.

Ecumenical Carol Service

This will be held at St Maeldoid's Church on Thursday, 19th December at 7.30pm. More details in the next magazine.

Mothers' Union

The September meeting of the Mothers' Union took place on Wednesday

September 7th Joana and Ella Cronin
11th Sunday after Trinity
Isaiah 11:1-11; Luke 18:1, 9-14

September 8th Julia and Alexander Crawford
12th Sunday after Trinity
Isaiah 18:1-11; Luke 14:25-33

September 15th Wendy Leonard
13th Sunday after Trinity
Isaiah 44:1-12; Luke 15:1-10

September 22nd Gladys Lynch
14th Sunday after Trinity
Isaiah 8:18-9:4; Luke 16:1-13

September 29th The Blinn Family
15th Sunday after Trinity
Isaiah 32:1-5a; 6:1-7; Luke 10:39-19

October 6th William Graham
16th Sunday after Trinity
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-30

October 13th Tara and Darrell Moffitt
17th Sunday after Trinity
St James
(readings chosen by preacher)

October 20th Ean Moffitt
18th Sunday after Trinity
Isaiah 11:1-14; Luke 18:1-8

October 27th Graham and Rebecca Crawford
19th Sunday before Advent
Jail 2:23-32; Luke 18:9-14

November 3rd Elaine McKenna
2nd Sunday before Advent: All Saints
Ephesians 3:11-21; Luke 6:20-31

November 10th Astrid Moffitt
3rd Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)
Haggai 1:1-10; Luke 20:27-34

November 17th Joana and Ella Cronin
4th Sunday before Advent
Isaiah 65:17-23; Luke 21:25-34

November 24th Julia and Alexander Crawford
5th Sunday before Advent
Isaiah 23:1-6; Luke 23:33-47

December 1st Wendy Leonard
Advent Sunday
Romans 1:1-14; Matthew 24:36-44

December 8th Gladys Lynch
2nd Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 5:1-12

December 15th The Blinn Family
3rd Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 31:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11

December 22nd William Graham
4th Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 7:1-14; Matthew 1:18-25

December 24th Tara and Darrell Moffitt
Christmas Eve
Readings to be decided by preacher.

December 29th
United Service.

The reading list at Christ Church, Ballybay.

11th September in the Church Hall, Castleblayney. We are indebted to Mrs Jennifer Leatham who is a member of the Mothers' Union herself for over 30 years, who spoke on Mary Sumner, the founder of the Mothers' Union in 1876. The Mothers' Union remains the greatest memorial to Mary Sumner, with four million members in 83 countries continuing to support marriage and family life through diverse community and development projects. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. Tea and refreshments were served.

Shoebbox Appeal

As Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal gets underway we pray for families in countries such as Romania, Kosovo and Albania that their lives will be enriched with the gift of a Shoe Box. Remembering that many of these children have never received a gift before. Thank you to all who support us at this time.

Congratulations

To MJ Montgomery who has secured a teaching job in St Conleth's Secondary school in Newbridge, Co Kildare.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the Clarke families of Lisburn and Enniskillen on their recent sad bereavement.

Prayers

We continue to pray for all those we know who are unwell at present.

Vacancy

Thank you to all those who minister to us during the vacancy. We pray that God will deliver to us someone in the new year.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh



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Services

Wednesday 2nd October
Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am
Thursday 3rd October
A Celebration of Animals St Finbarr's 7.15pm
Sunday 6th October
Harvest Festival Service St Molua's
Magheracloone 3.00pm
Wednesday 9th October
Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am
Sunday 13th October
Harvest Festival Service St Finbarr's
Carrickmacross 7.00pm – Followed by the
Group of Parishes Harvest Supper
Wednesday 16th October
Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am
Sunday 20th October
Arise and Shine Jackson St Finbarr's
10.30am
Service of the Word Magheracloone 12noon
Wednesday 23rd October
NO Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am
Sunday 27th October
Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am
Holy Communion Magheracloone 12noon
Holy Communion Ardragh 1.15pm
Wednesday 30th October
Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Invite A Friend Sunday Breakfast Service

It was wonderful to see the Jackson Hall filled for our Invite a Friend Breakfast Service on Sunday 15th September. As we gathered, we enjoyed a delicious breakfast together before beginning our worship in the hall on the theme of the Lost Sheep. Revd Colin spoke of how we often take for granted that people we know will stop attending church or turn away from God but God still searches for them. The parishioners were challenged to continue to pray for and invite friends and



The Church Breakfast

family to join our church family. It was great to see a few new faces and some we hadn't seen for a while.

Cantemus Chamber Choir Concert

We were delighted to host an evening of musical entertainment in St Finbarr's by the Cantemus Chamber Choir and friends to raise money for the local Autism Support Group. Lorraine and her choir are no strangers to our group of parishes and often support our events so it was nice for us to support them in their fundraising.

A Celebration of Animals

There will be doggy bags at the ready as we host our first ever 'Celebration of Animals' Service in St Finbarr's on Thursday 3rd October at 7.15pm. We are inviting everyone from the community to join us on the evening and bring along their pet animal or a picture of their favourite pet or animal. 'Alfie' the Rectory dog is looking forward to his first appearance in church and he like the Rector hopes this service will catch the

imagination of the many animal lovers in the area. Donations on the evening will be in aid of Collon Animal Sanctuary who do wonderful work in re-housing and caring for unwanted animals of all varieties.

Harvest Services

Our Harvest Festival Services continue with the Magheracloone Harvest Thanksgiving taking place on Sunday 6th October at 3.00pm where our guest preacher will be no stranger to the parishioners. We are delighted to have Revd Richard Roundtree joining us. Richard retired last year as Archdeacon of Glendalough and is back living in the Glebe in Magheracloone. The St Finbarr's Harvest is on Sunday 13th October at 7.00pm when we will be joined by the Diocesan Youth Officer Jonny Phenix. Our Group Harvest Supper in the Jackson Hall will follow the service in St Finbarr's. We have decided this year that the Harvest Services will be the only service on their given Sunday to encourage parishioners to support the other churches in the Group at this wonderful time of year.



The Cantemus
Chamber Choir

Prayer Meeting

Our monthly prayer meeting starts back on Monday 7th October in the Rectory at 8pm. Each month we take on a different topic and format as we pray for our community, our church, those in need and the wider world.

Jewel's Women's Group

Our Women's Group 'Jewel's' begin their new programme of monthly activities with a meal out at the wonderful surroundings of Cabra Castle on Thursday 17th October. 'Jewel's' gives the opportunity for woman across our group of parishes and their

friends to come together in a relaxed environment to build friendships and grow in their faith. The programme combines social activities with talks and meals out. Anyone interested in attending should contact Caroline Merrin.

Men's Rugby World Cup Breakfast

Our events for men of the parish kicks off in the best way possible (according to the Rector) as we combine food and rugby for a breakfast at the Rectory on Saturday 26th October followed by watching the first of the

Rugby World Cup semi-finals. Breakfast will be served from 8.30am with kick off for the match at 9.00am. There will also be a short talk on Christians in sport.

Youth Group

It was great to have our Youth Group start back in September following the summer break with a typical night filled with laughter, games and worship. Youth Group meets again on Wednesday 16th October and is open to all young people over the age of 11.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Flower containers along the church wall.

Church Services for October / November

Friday 4th October

8:00 p.m. Combined Harvest Service.
Mullaghduin

Sunday 6th October

11:00 a.m. Combined Harvest Service.
Mullaghduin

7:30 p.m. Combined Harvest Service.
Mullaghduin

Wednesday 9th October

10:00 a.m. Monthly Healing Service.
Mullaghduin Hall

Sunday 13th October

10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin
11:30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish

Friday 18th October

8:00 p.m. Combined Harvest Service.
Cleenish

Sunday 20th October

11:00 a.m. Combined Harvest Service.
Cleenish

7:30 p.m. Combined Harvest Service.
Cleenish

Sunday 27th October

10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin

11:30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish

Sunday 3rd November

10:00 a.m. H.C. Mullaghduin

11:30 a.m. H.C. Cleenish

Please note:- Services may change from time to time, updates in Church Porch

Dates for your Diary

■ Tuesday 15th October. Mothers' Union Visitors night, invitation to non-members

■ Wednesday 23rd October, Monthly Meeting, Bellanaleck Community Group, open to local residents

■ Sunday 10th November. Remembrance Sunday

■ Sunday 8th December. Mullaghduin Carol Service

■ Sunday 15th December. Cleenish Carol Service

Monthly Healing Service

At the opening Service on Wednesday 11th September, we remembered with thanksgiving Mrs Bertha Vance and Mr

Cyril Coalter, who passed away since our previous Service. We also prayed for God's healing touch to Mrs Mae Kells, who is presently in Hospital. Mrs Kells is a faithful member of her Church and especially this Service. She is ever ready with a cup of tea and small eats.

The next monthly Healing Service takes place on Wednesday 9th October in Mullaghduin Hall. It combines the usual shortened form of Holy Communion with the opportunity for prayer for the sick and bereaved, followed by a cup of tea and time for a chat.

Select Vestry Meetings

Wednesday 20th November. Cleenish
Thursday 28th November. Mullaghduin

Cleenish and Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Members returned to Autumn meetings with much sadness as they remembered the late Berta Vance, a member of Mullaghduin Mothers' Union who was

called home during the summer break. Berta will be greatly missed having been a regular attender until recent times when she resided in the Tilery Nursing Home, maintaining great interest in the Branch and its members until the end. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family circle. On Tuesday 15th October the Branch will welcome members from surrounding Branches within the Diocese of Clogher and Kilmore to the annual Visitor's Night. We look forward to listening to Stephanie Lavery, guest speaker for the evening. The meeting will be open to parishioners and friends. For further information contact M.U. members. As Branch Leader, Lettie would like to thank Branch Members who regularly visit members at Home, in Nursing Homes, and during periods in Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are particularly with Mae Kells who is seriously ill in Hospital at time of writing this report.

Prayer for the sick

Our loving Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are sick. Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy and ease their pain. Give to the doctor's surgeons and nurses, wisdom, skill and patience, as they seek to relieve suffering.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 15th October at 8pm in Cleenish Hall.

Cleenish Parents and Toddlers

On return from the summer break on Tuesday 17th September we were delighted to welcome new members to the weekly group which runs during school term times on Tuesdays from 10am-11.30am in Cleenish Parish Hall.

Last term we had several new-born babies attending, we look forward to seeing them and our regular toddlers develop as they enjoy creative play, and the opportunity to join in the actions to music each week. We hope Mums/Dads Grandmas / Granddads continue to enjoy the opportunity to have a chat over a cup of tea. Any ideas for developing the Group further are welcome as the committee meet to plan a programme for the incoming term. Please forward your thoughts to Rosita Bridle Tel 6634 8259, chair of the Group, or any member of the committee.

Cleenish Brownies

Brownies recommenced the new season on Wednesday 18th September. New girls aged 7 to 11 years will be made most welcome from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, in Cleenish Parish Hall. Details of the programme for the new season were not available at time of going to Press.

Church Graveyards

For some time plans have been progressing

for the provision of additional car-parking at Mullaghduin Church. Planning permission is now in place, and the work has begun. Annually a working party from Mullaghduin mow the grass and keep the Graveyard tidy. Those involved are shown standing behind Stanley Moffatt, with his ride-on lawnmower. Missing due to work commitments are Emma Scott and Jim Clements. The Graveyard in Cleenish is mowed and maintained by Keyscape, Sligo Road, Enniskillen.

Magazine Subscriptions

A limited number of Parishioners have still to pay their magazine subscriptions for the year 2019. It would be appreciated if this payment could be made as soon as is practical. The total cost for the present year is £15 for 10copies, amounting to £1.50p per copy, which is about equal to the price of a normal daily newspaper. Subscription for the year 2020, will be due in January.

Welcome

Both Parishes extend a warm welcome to Revd Stan Livingston who has taken up duty in the Methodist circuit of Letterbreen, Drumduff, and Knockninny. He now resides in the recently purchased Manse in the Commons, Bellanaleck. Revd Stan is married to Valerie, and they have three grown up children, two girls and a boy. His main interest outside work is fishing.

Property Security

Please remember to revise your property

security, if not already done so. Since our last issue was published, there have been two robberies at/in our private property, one at Gransha in Cleenish Parish which was successful, a large amount of money and some jewellery taken. The second at Letterbreen, in Mullaghduin Parish was aborted when the Police arrived. Some positive news is the perpetrators at the first property have been arrested and are in custody. They were residents at the same address in County Cavan.

Wedding

Mullaghduin welcomed the family and friends of Gemma Vance and Darren Jones for their wedding on Saturday 31st August. The weather was kind, and we wish Gemma and Darren God's richest blessings in their married life together.

Sympathy

Mullaghduin Parish extends sympathy to John Ryan, and his family circle following the recent death of his sister Frances Woodhouse in England.

Cleenish Centre

From Friday evening 6th September, until Sunday afternoon 8th September the Centre had an activity weekend, ending with a barbecue on Sunday afternoon. We are grateful to all those local volunteers who assist with cooking, dishwashing, cleaning, gardening, and who can work generally around the Centre during the



Working Party in Mullaghduin Graveyard.

autumn period. All new volunteers will always be welcome, as we are really in need for new helpers around the Centre in whatever way you can help at all, we would be very appreciative of more help. To hire the Centre, or if you feel that you are called to serve in any way, please make contact by e.mail: enquiries@cleenishcentre.com or telephone 02866 349647. You may also view the Cleenish Centre website.

Bellanaleck Community Group

When these notes are published, the monthly meetings will have resumed on Wednesday 25th September after the summer break. A considerable number of issues will have been discussed at this meeting and will be published in next edition. Thanks again to the maintenance staff from Fermanagh and Omagh

District Council who have kept the grass cut throughout the Village, and in the Community Garden. It is appropriate to mention the floral displays throughout the Village, including the hanging baskets at the church gates, and the flower containers along the church wall etc.

The Group sincerely thank its secretary Owen, who has continually updated its members during the summer period. The next meeting is on Wednesday 23rd October. Enquiries to Group Secretary Owen Wilson, e mail:-owenwilson@btinternet.com.

Holy Matrimony

Mullaghduin Parish Church
Saturday 31st August 2019
Darren Peter Jones, 12 Lisdead Rd. Drumma, Boho and Gemma Vance, 397 Sligo Road, Derryleck, Letterbreen



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Inklings Bible Study

Fellowship and fun as we gather around God's word.

Continuing on 10th and 24th October 7.30pm – 9pm Carmichael Hall Augher. You don't have to be theologian, all you need is a desire to get to know God and His word a little better. Have a chat with Revd. Olie if interested.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union continues on Wednesday 16th October at 8pm in Carmichael Hall in Augher when it will be their 'Visitor's Night' the guest speaker for the evening will be Sarah Vaughan on who will give a talk on her work with street orphans in Kenya.

Knit, Stitch and Natter

Knit, Stitch and Natter continues on Thursday 10th and 24th October, 10.30am-12noon, Carmichael Hall Augher. Come along for a chat, a cup of tea or coffee and something sweet – and if there's time some needlework! New members very welcome.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

St. Mary's Errigal Portclare

■ Friday 4th October at 7.30pm, Guest Preacher - Revd. Colin McConaghie, Rector of Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh.

■ Sunday 6th October at 3pm Family Harvest Service, Preacher – Rector.

St. Mark's Augher

■ Friday 11th October at 7.30pm, Guest Preacher - Revd. Ruth West, Rector of Florencecourt Group of Parishes.

■ Sunday 13th October at 10am Family Harvest Service, Preacher - Rector **St. Mark's Newtownsaville**

■ Friday 18th October at 7.30pm, Guest Preacher - Revd. Johnny McLoughin, Aghavea Parish.

■ Sunday 21st October at 11.30am Family Harvest Service, Preacher – Rector.

Christian Burial

St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher 18th September 2019, Kenneth Cobane, Annaloughan Road, Augher.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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September Services

6 October

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion (followed by refreshments)

Newbliss 11.30am: Holy Communion

13 October (am)

Killeevan 11.30am: Holy Communion

13 October (pm)

Joint Clones/Currin Harvest Festival Service

in Scotshouse Church at 3.30pm. Preacher: Revd Captain Richard Waller from Belturbet. Music: Lisnaskea Church Choir. Service followed by refreshments.

20 October

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer (followed by refreshments)

Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer

27 October

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer

Killeevan 11.30am: Morning Prayer

3 November

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion (followed by refreshments)

Newbliss 11.30am: Holy Communion

Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to Hazel Siberry as she and her family grieve the loss of her sister Florence.

Mothers' Union

The first meeting of this 'term' was held on Thursday 19 September at 8pm in Killeevan Church. Holy Communion, led by the Rector, was followed by refreshments – and members old and new had the opportunity to discuss the forthcoming programme with

our new branch leader, Linda Keating. In addition, our new branch secretary, Heather Hall, gathered contact details from all who wished to join a new MU group chat on WhatsApp ... the joys of technology, all in line with GDPR regulations! Next meeting on Thursday 17 October at 8pm.

Harvest Festivals

On the evening of Friday 20 September, Killeevan and Newbliss parishes celebrated a joint Harvest Festival in Killeevan Church at 8pm. The service featured Jean Mackarell (a Presbyterian minister in Cavan and presenter of a popular religious music programme on our local radio station, Northern Sound) and friends. The service was followed by a fine supper in the church hall, and a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all concerned.

Our next Harvest service will be a joint Clones/Currin Harvest Festival, to be held on Sunday 13 October at 3.30pm in Scotshouse Church. The Lisnaskea Church Choir will sing at the service, and the Church Army's Revd. Captain Richard Waller from Belturbet will be our guest preacher. The service will be followed by refreshments, and all are welcome.

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Services

OCTOBER

6th - Holy Communion 11.30am

7th - 11th Parish Mission 8.00pm

13th - Mission Harvest Family Service 11.30am

13th - Mission Evening Harvest Service 7.00pm

20th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

27th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

NOVEMBER

3rd - Holy Communion 11.30am

10th - Remembrance Sunday 11.30am

17th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

24th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

Parish Mission/Harvest

Our prayer is that the parish mission

week, from Monday 7th - 13th October 2019, excluding Saturday night, in the parish church, with speakers Revd William Anderson each evening, and Jeff Gawn on Sunday morning will be a blessed time for all. As we give thanks for the harvest, for the abundance of God's blessings, let us not forget the spiritual harvest, the



harvest of souls. As God's word of truth is embellished, ignored or disregarded in the present, it is imperative that the truth of the gospel is heard afresh.

The times for the mission will be Monday to Friday, each night at 8.00pm, and Sunday 11.30am and 7.00pm, with the emphasis on 'thy word is truth', John 17: 17. Please put the date in your diary, tell others and plan to come along.

Women's Fellowship

The first meeting of the autumn will take place on Monday 14th October at 8.00pm in the parish hall with worship and reflections following the parish mission. The committee have planned an exciting programme for the months ahead and are looking forward to welcoming members and new members along.

Young@Heart

The autumn season commences on Wednesday 16th October at 10.30am in the parish hall on Fall Prevention. Following the summer recess, this is the first of a series of planned meetings for present members and new members will be made welcome.

Rural Deanery Youth Event

On Friday 22nd November 2019 at 8.00pm in Colaghty Parish Hall, an evening has been arranged for Kesh Rural Deanery and

other churches within the locality for our young people with CARE, Christian Action Research and Education. The evening will seek to engage our youth and young people, age 11 upwards to meet the challenges of moral issues facing them at present. The speaker will be Hannah Arnold of CARE. Please add to your diary and plan to attend this important evening.

Gift Sunday

24th November 2019 – Annual Gift Sunday is an opportunity to give an additional gift to the mission of the church, as God has blessed you – please use the gift envelope included with your weekly offering envelopes.

Ordination of Deacons

On Sunday 15th September in St Macartin's Cathedral, Abraham Storey and Colin Brownsmith were ordained as deacons into Clogher Diocese. As a parish, we take this opportunity to congratulate both, especially Abraham who has helped out in the parish in the past, and wish them both God's richest blessing in their new ministries.

Announcements

Please see weekly announcements regarding times, updates and activities of the various groups that meet regularly.

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13th October

10.30am Family Service, Derryvullen North
11.45am Family Service, Castle Archdale

20th October

10.15am Morning Prayer, Castle Archdale
11.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen North
Sunday School Harvest
7.00pm Evening Harvest Service
7.00pm Evening Harvest Service, Preacher,
the Very Rev K Hall followed by Supper

27th October

10.15am Morning Prayer, Castle Archdale
and Baptism
11.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen North

3rd November

10.15am Holy Communion 1, Castle Archdale



Inter faith forum with Dr. Ali.

11.30am Holy Communion 1, Derryvullen
North

Dates for the diary

- Each Tuesday 8.00pm, Bowling Club
- Each Monday and Thursday, Boys' Brigade
- Choir (DVN) as announced in the weekly bulletin
- 8th Oct 2.30pm, Tuesday Club
- 8th Oct 8.00pm, Faith and Friendship inter-church Bible Study (Mahon's Hotel)
- 16th Oct 11.00am, Shoppers' Service (Holy Communion) in DVN Parish Centre
- 16th Oct 11.30-12.30, Rector's Drop In at the DVN Parish Centre
- 16th Oct 8.30pm, Women's Group
- 23rd Oct 8.00pm, Mothers' Union
- 31st Oct 7.30pm, Parishes' Study Group Course (x3 Wednesdays) in DVN Parish

Centre

- 3rd Nov 8.00pm First evening of Banner Mission in Enniskillen District Orange Hall

South West Acute Hospital Fundraiser

A Grand Charity Concert will be held on Thursday 24th October 2019 at the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen. Doors open at 7.15pm and curtain up at 8.00pm sharp. The concert will be starring Cathy Durkin, White Lightening, Shawn Cuddy, Tony Kerr, Family Affair plus Ireland's No 1 Elvis, Andy Rogers. The compere will be Ivan Kee. Tickets £15 from Tom Read's, St Michael's Bookshop, MR Financial Services, Leslie's Coffee Shop and the Killyhevlin Hotel. The total proceeds will go to the Cardiac, Intensive Care and Stroke Units.

Tuesday Club

The Opening Meeting for the season was held on 10th September. After a Bible Reading and Prayer led by Dr Margaret, the members enjoyed a selection of their favourite hymns. These included "What a friend we have in Jesus" and Dr Margaret explained the significance of the hymn and that the 200th anniversary of his birth would be remembered at the Services on 15th September. The meeting closed with a cup of tea enjoyed by all. Several of our regular members are no longer able to attend due to ill health and frailty and we miss their company at our get-togethers. We would however remind others in the Parishes that this monthly meeting day event is a nice time to meet up for a chat, hear a speaker and enjoy a cuppa.

Faith and Friendship

The first meeting of the season was held in Mahon's Hotel on 10th September. There were 10 members present and Mary Thompson led the opening session entitled, A channel of your peace, which was based on the Beatitudes. The October meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th at 8.00pm and will be led by the Church of Ireland members of the group with the theme being, The other side, based on Mark 4:35-41. The Faith and Friendship group is part of a network of inter-church groups founded by Presbyterian Minister, the Revd Ruth Patterson. Each get-together involves reading a passage of Scripture, examining a reflection on it provided by Revd Ruth and some personal chat about the themes and meaning. There is always a cuppa and biscuit too.

Sunday Schools

At the time of writing it is planned to hold an Act of Dedication for all those involved in Sunday School and Crèche ministry at both Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North. We are blessed by having such a great group of committed and skilled people who as leaders and junior leaders offer such service to the Church and Parish Community. It is especially encouraging to see in both our Parishes younger people coming forward to assist and be part of this ministry alongside those who have been involved for quite a few years.

Mothers' Union

The Opening Service for the year was held on Sunday 15th September. This was a very special occasion as 13 members of the Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North Branch were presented with their Long Service Certificates. Some were unable to be present and will receive theirs at home or on another occasion. These certificates



Recipients of long service certificates at Mothers' Union.

are presented to members with 30 or more years of service. The Diocesan President, Mrs Irene Boyd, attended to present the certificates, along with Enrolling Member Dr Margaret. Mrs Boyd also addressed the congregation with an illustrated talk about the work carried out by Mothers' Union. Certificates were for: Kathleen Jeavons 64 years, Margaret Gormley 56 years, Winnie Gray 48 years, Winnie Breen 48 years, Margaret Knox 44 years, Pat Keys 41 years, Violet Hughes 40 years, Paula Moore 38 years, Valerie Stewart 38 years, Mary Elliott 37 years, Avril Stubbs 36 years, Louie Sweeney 35 years, Sarah Gibson 30 years. The first meeting will be held on 25th September when Diane Graham and a team, who went to Kajiado Diocese, Kenya, will be present representing CMS Ireland. The special theme of Listen, observe, act – in step with God continues until the end of December 2019.

The MU Organisation and the local branch in particular is about a practice of Christian faith and care within a setting of friendship and mutual support. New members are always very welcome.

Inter-Faith Working Group

The Rector, at the request of the Bishop, represents Clogher Diocese on the Church of Ireland Inter Faith Working Group meeting twice per annum in Dublin. The Group encourages mutual understanding between Faiths and examines a range of issues that can emerge as people of different world religions come into contact with each other in work, social and community settings. The Church of Ireland Inter-Faith Working Group is chaired by the Rt. Revd. Kenneth Kearon, Bishop of Limerick.

A meeting of the group was held on Thursday 12th September and the main

speaker was Dr Ali Selim, the resident theologian at the Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland. Nine members of the Church of Ireland were represented at this consultation, which took place in both the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and the Islamic Centre. The occasion included a visit to the mosque and school in Clonskeagh as well as lunch with members of the local Muslim Community at the restaurant at the centre. The previous interfaith consultation earlier this year (5 March 2019) included a seminar with Rabbi Zalman of the Jewish Community and a visit to the Dublin Jewish Museum in Portobello, an area also known as Dublin's 'Little Jerusalem.'



Mrs Irene Boyd, MU Diocesan President with Dr Margaret Knox.

Derryvullen South and Garvary



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Services

Sunday 6th October - The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am - A Celebration of Holy Communion - Garvary Parish Church

Sunday 6th October

Derryvullen South Parish Harvest Thanksgiving Services will take place at 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm in the evening. It is also Tractor Sunday. Tea will be served after the evening service.

Sunday 13th October - The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30 Morning Prayer – Derryvullen South Parish Church
12.00 noon Harvest Thanksgiving Services in Garvary Parish Church and Evening Thanksgiving service 7.00 pm. It is also Tractor Sunday. Tea will be served after the evening service.

Sunday 20th October, 2019 - The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30 A Celebration of Holy Communion - Garvary Parish Church
12.00 noon A Celebration of Holy Communion - Derryvullen South Parish Church



Derryvullen South Parish Hall, Tamlaght.

Sunday 27th October, 2019 - The Fifth Sunday before Advent

10.30 Morning Prayer - Derryvullen South Parish Church
12.00 noon Morning Prayer - Garvary Parish Church

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

In both Garvary and Derryvullen South Parish Church everyone is asked to bring some non-perishable items of food which will be given to the "Food Pantry" after the Harvest Services. The theme this year is "Sharing and Caring". This is one way we can care and share for those who are less well off.

Derryvullen South Barbecue

Thanks to everyone who supported this special occasion. It was an evening of good food, fellowship and fun. Our thanks to the Caterer and to the Mr. Whippy who supplied the delicious ice cream topped with lots of tempting treats. Thanks to all who prepared the hall before and after the event and the ladies for a very welcome cup of tea to end the evening.

Derryvullen South Parish Church Hall

The initial phase of the Parish Hall

Renovation Project has now been completed with a new roof and the addition of an entrance porch with disabled access.

Cards for all seasons

Our beautiful stained-glass windows have been professionally photographed and the images made into cards, which are being sold to raise funds for Phase Two of the Parish Hall Renovation Project. There are eight different designs in each pack. They have been left blank inside for your own message. Packs are on sale in the Real-Life Bookshop, Enniskillen, Val Irvine's Oasis Bookshop in Lisnaskea or from any Select Vestry member.

Variety Concert

A Variety Concert will be held in Derryvullen South Hall (Tamlaght) on Friday 8th November at 8.00 pm. The compere will be Mr. Ian Coalter from Moy. There will be a mix of music, song and comedy and this should be a great occasion in the life of our parish.

Garvary Parish Church Organ

A Jones Pipe Organ which was originally bought in Dublin in 1919 has now been installed in Garvary Parish Church. It was skilfully and carefully brought back to life by Alastair McCartney. Thanks to everyone



Photos from the parish barbecue.





The baptism for the Wilson family.



One of the stained glass windows on the pack of cards for sale.

who contributed to the restoration fund including members of the Mothers' Union who held a tea party to raise funds.

Organisations

The various organisations have now started for the new season. Mothers' Union meetings are held monthly and new members will be made welcome. Scottish Dancing is a way of keeping fit and an evening of fun. The Bowling club welcomes new members and as always the members

look forward to competition time.

Baptism

Olivia Love was baptised on Sunday 8th September, 2019 in Garvary Parish Church. We wish her God's richest blessing on her Christian journey.

Bereavement

Our thoughtful prayers and sympathy are offered to Ian and Mary McGoldrick on the death of Mary's brother.

Prayers

Prayers and good wishes to all who have been ill over the past weeks. We pray for God's healing hand to strengthen the weak and comfort those who are finding life difficult at present.

Visits

As the evenings are now drawing in please remember those who live alone. A dreary day or long night can be transformed by a quick phone call or a visit.

Devenish & Boho



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11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church
Sunday 27th October
10.00 am Family Service, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Family Service, Devenish Parish Church,
7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Holy Baptism

Sunday 18th August 2019 in Boho Parish Church, Oscar Nigel Sealeaf, son of Chris Sealeaf and Rachael Irwin. We send our good wishes and God's Blessing to Oscar, his parents and godparents.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Devenish Parish Church
Friday 4th October at 8.00pm Preacher: Revd Abraham Storey
Sunday 6th October at 11.30am

Mother's Union

By the time you read these notes Mothers' Union will have commenced after the summer break. Our October meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th at 8pm. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Campbell Brown who will speak on the work of Air Ambulance NI.



Revd Emma Carson with her father, Canon James Carson.

Ordination

Emma Carson, daughter of our former rector, Canon James Carson and Mrs. Heather

Carson was ordained as Curate in St Patrick's Church, Ballymena on 8th September. We congratulate Emma and wish her God's blessing on her future ministry in Ballymena and Ballyclug Parish.

Table Tennis Club

It is hoped to start a table tennis club in the Reade Hall on Tuesday nights commencing 1st October. Everyone interested should contact Ken McKeown for further details.

PTA

Derrygonnelly Primary School PTA will be holding a table quiz in the Reade hall on Saturday 12th October in aid of School Funds.

Sale and Auction

Devenish Parish Sale and Auction will be held on Saturday 9th

November at 2.00pm in the Reade Hall, Monea.

Craft Fair

Devenish Parish Christmas Craft Fair will be held in the Reade Hall on Friday 29th November.

Tournament

Devenish Bowling Club Tournament will be held in the Reade Hall, Monea on Monday 21st October, Wednesday 23rd, October, Thursday 24th October and Friday 25th October with finals night on Monday 28th October. All bowlers are welcome and entries should be forwarded to, William Harpur, The Daires, Monea, Enniskillen Telephone 028 66341237.

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Sunday, 6th October

Barr: 10:00am Holy Communion
Donacavey 11:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 13th October

Barr: 10:00am Morning Prayer
Donacavey 11:30am Children's Harvest
7:30pm Evening Harvest
Donacavey 14th 8:00pm Evening Harvest
visiting preacher Rev Clarke Deering



Augharonan Orange Hall which celebrated its rededication.

Sunday, 20th October

Barr: 10:00am Morning Prayer
Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 27th October

Barr: 10:00am Service of the Word

Donacavey 11:30am Service of the Word
with Baptism.

Mothers' Union

This will be held on Wednesday 16th



Scenes from the harvest decorations,



The Bishop with Mrs Anderson who celebrated her 100th birthday.



A cake celebrating the 100th birthday.

October at 8pm: Holy Communion in Donacavey church followed by meeting and tea in the hall.

Children's gifts

'Families Intervention Service' support families in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area and are in need of new items that can be used as Christmas gifts for children and, in particular, teenagers. A collection will be made in both Donacavey and Barr churches from now until the first week in December.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Anderson who celebrated her 100th birthday in July. Mrs Anderson is a long-time member of Donacavey. She has been a faithful member of the Mothers' Union and also the indoor bowling club. As a mark of this she received a gift from members of the respective organisations. Thanks to all who made the Sunday service such a special and poignant occasion.

Rededication

Augharonan Orange hall held a service of rededication on Friday 13th. Many people turned up to take part in a time of celebration for all the renovations that has thoroughly modernised the hall. Visiting clergy and prominent Orangemen were among those who helped in the service.

Harvest

Barr church celebrated the harvest on 15th Sunday. We were reminded of the

many good and wonderful gifts we have received from God.

We praised God for another fruitful year with so much already gathered in for the incoming winter.

The church, as always, was decorated with a beautiful display of flowers and vegetables.

Baptism

Malcolm and Avril were the proud parents of baby Anna Grace who was baptised on 1st September. This was a special day in Anna's life when her parents made promises on her behalf to pray for her and teach her the things of God. The congregation voiced their support in helping them in this task.



At the baptism.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Harvest Services

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer and day and night shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22)

■ Sunday 6th October at 3pm Errigal Truagh - Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 3pm with refreshments afterwards. Guest Preacher is Revd. Gerald McCartney.

■ Sunday 13th October at 3pm Donagh Parish - Harvest Thanksgiving Service with refreshments afterwards in the Parish Hall. This will be themed as "Tractor Sunday". Guest Speaker is Mrs Joy Coulter.

Celebrating Marriage in Donagh

Sunday 18th August we as a group of parishes came together to celebrate marriage. We choose some well-known wedding hymns and Revd. Lorraine gave an interesting interactive sermon on



Photos from the special service on weddings in St. Salvator's Church.

'invitations'. She used a wedding invitation kindly supplied by Mrs. Eileen Fielding. Parishioners dressed up in outfits suitable for a wedding. There were some lovely hats on offer as well as beautiful waist coats and bow-ties. Parishioners went to a great effort for the occasion. We even had two flower-girls as well as a bride's dress (from 40 years ago) and a war-time suit on display, worn by a bride. Revd. Lorraine wore her going away hat for the service. After the service people had time to peruse the large array of wedding photographs on display.

The Light Shines in Glaslough

We are delighted to have the climate justice candle travel to Co. Monaghan. Time and time again in Scriptures we read of the light shining in various places. For example the light of the Gospel shines in the church of Corinth:

When the Apostle Paul came to the city of Corinth he was coming to a city, which at that time already was really greater than Athens in terms of being a commercial centre. The ancient city of Corinth today





Revd Lorraine with Sandra McQuaid, Assistant Staff Heritage Officer, Monaghan County Council.

basically is in ruins. Archeologists have uncovered a good deal of it, but not yet all of it and of course, there's a modern city of Corinth as well. Today in Corinth among its many ruins there is a temple to the god Apollo, and that temple is also a reminder to us of an important lesson, that is, that the Church of Jesus Christ is always tempted to compromise with its culture. Apollo was a god that was given many different responsibilities in both Greek and Roman traditions. Apollo was the god sometimes

of light and darkness, the god of revelation at the Oracle of Delphi, and so the Christian Church always found itself in the midst of this paganism. In the midst of paganism is where the Church began in Corinth. Which reminds us we must start somewhere. On the face of it Glaslough is a small village and it would be tempting to question: "How can we who are so small make a difference?" However, we are what we are and although small God is still willing to use us in His plans. We all have a unique part to play in God's plan.



When the light of the Gospel shines in Philippi in Acts 16. Paul is on his second missionary journey and there he meets a woman with a tender heart and she is a businesswoman who has done well. Her name is Lydia. You have this tormented girl and she becomes a believer after Paul's intervention in her life. Lastly, we encounter a jailer, the tough man, and isn't it interesting that the message is the same for all of them? It's the same message for the poor as for the rich, the educated and the uneducated, and it is the Gospel that binds them together. Now these three are the beginning of the church in Philippi. When the light shines in Philippi it opens up new opportunities for all involved who respond to the light. The light of the Gospel shines on Paul, himself, and he is set free from prison.

When the light comes to Glaslough, what are we expecting it to achieve? For sure, light will expose things but I like to think that as it did in Philippi it will create new opportunities for people to respond to the light.

Light is so important to each of us. Genesis 1 begins: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness."

God who created all things saw the light. He spoke into being and declared it to be good. Before the creation of the sun and the moon, God, who John (1 John 1:5) describes as light and in whom there is no darkness at all, stepped into the formless and empty darkness and brought light. Light certainly brings life and that is what God wanted for His creation, not a lifeless form but a created masterpiece full of the richness of the Creator. God created us to live in the light. The same God who in Genesis 1 transformed the earth, filling it with light, life, land, order, and rule, is the God who is transforming lives today. It is my prayer that we all allow God to transform our lives as we celebrate bringing this light to Glaslough

As the light comes to Glaslough may we desire to come to know more deeply the God of all Creation and to love our wonderful Creator God with greater and greater passion. May our love be shown in actions in how we treat all of God's creation. May we look at our resources and our role in society and decide that we can make a difference both on an individual level and collectively as the people of Glaslough so we can be encouraged to value God's creation more. May we be blessed as we proclaim your justice and enjoy together the fruits of your



Photos from Heritage Week at St. Salvator's Church.



creation. We are created by God to bring love into the world. The Revd. Lorraine has arranged for the candle to be present at the Ecumenical Harvest in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church; then it will travel to Errigal Traugh Harvest followed by St. Salvator's, Harvest in Glaslough and finally it will visit at Glennan Presbyterian Church. Harvest, what a wonderful time to reflect on God's wonderful masterpiece of creation and for us to realise our mandate to care for it. In caring for all of God's creation we will care for others not forgetting we have a responsibility to care for ourselves.

Services in October

Sunday, 6th October 2019 - The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Holy Communion
3.00pm Errigal Truagh Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, 13th October 2019 - The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

3.00pm Donagh Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, 20th October 2019 - The

Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon : Tyholland: Morning Prayer

Sunday, 27th October 2019 - The

Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: Family Service

12.00 noon: Errigal Truagh: Morning Prayer

Confirmation Service

We are delighted to have Bishop John McDowell with us at our Confirmation Service at 10.30am on Sunday 3rd of November. We wish Hannah, Sophie, Rebecca, Rhys, Alexandra, Emily, Colin and Sarah every blessing as they prepare to be confirmed.

A Grant

We are delighted to announce that we have received €3500 from Monaghan County Council Enhancement Programme to replace the current rusty chairs and wonky tables in Donagh Parish Hall. We look forward to purchasing our new tables and chairs and putting them to use, especially with groups visiting us from across the community and

from further afield, across the border too.

Thanks to Revd. Lorraine, David Waller and Alan McAdam who completed the application.

Mothers' Union

We are looking forward to having the Revd. Canon Paul Thompson speak on his experiences of "Prison Ministry" at our visitor's evening on Wednesday 16th October at 8pm in Donagh Parish Hall. This will also be our annual bring and buy sale. Everyone welcome.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all our young farmers who displayed excellent skills in cattle handling both at the Tydavnet Show and in Kilkenny. Well done to Harvey Keith, Jessica and Emma Coulter.

Congratulations to Daisy Montgomery for her excellent historical talk on Bess Mount Park during heritage week.

Congratulations to all who passed their exams. Wishing you ever continued success for your future.

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A Father's Letter

Paul Brand is a brilliant medical doctor who did pioneering work in the treatment of leprosy. He has received the Albert Lasker Award, been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire by the Queen, served as the only Westerner on the Mahatma Gandhi foundation, and had medical procedures named after him.

Brand grew up in India, where his parents were missionaries. At the age of nine he was sent to boarding school in England. Five years later, while a 14-year-old student there, he received a telegram informing him that his beloved father had died of blackwater fever. Brand cherished fond memories of his father, a man who had a great love for people and a great love for the natural world around him.

A short time after he received news of his father's death Paul Brand received a letter from his father. It had been posted prior to his father's death but took some time to reach Brand as it came by ship. Its words impacted deeply upon the young son. Paul's father described the hills around their home and then finished with these words: "God means us to delight in his world. It isn't necessary to know botany or zoology or biology in order to enjoy the manifold life of nature. Just observe. And remember. And compare. And be always looking to God with thankfulness and worship for having placed you in such a delightful corner of the universe as the planet Earth."

Source: Reported in Philip Yancey, Soul Survivor (Hodder & Stoughton, 2001).

In this season of Harvest, whether you work the ground—to bring in a harvest—or benefit from the labour of others, it is important to give thanks to the one who made it all possible in the first place. We give thanks to the Creator! In Psalm 103 the Psalmist is aware that it is easy to forget to praise and thank the Lord, and so he begins to list some of the things the Lord has done for



him to encourage gratitude in his soul.

- 1 *Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.*
- 2 *Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—*
- 3 *who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,*
- 4 *who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,*
- 5 *who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103:1-5*

Why not take a piece of paper and begin to write down things that you should give thanks to God for. Then turn it into a prayer of thanksgiving.

Harvest Services

- Friday 4th October at 8.00pm Harvest Service (Preacher: Revd Adam Pullen)
- Sunday 6th October at 11.00am Children's Harvest Service
7.30pm Harvest Service (Preacher: Canon Walter Quill)

Parish Breakfast (Supported by Mothers' Union)

Our Parish Breakfast will be on Saturday 5th Oct at 10am and this year our guest



speaker will be John Shades from Enniskillen Foodbank. The vast majority of people helped through the Foodbank come via partner agencies who assess them in advance for genuine need. Come and hear more about the great work that the Foodbank is doing, future plans and how you can help. This event is open to all (men and women) and the cost is £5.00. To book your seat contact Eveline on 079 8226 3428 or 028 8289 8911. There will be a retiring collection towards the work of "Enniskillen Foodbank".

GFS and CLB

Mondays (6.45 – 7.45pm)

The Girls' Friendly Society and the Church Lads' Brigade have started up again – this time meeting on the same night. This give the opportunity for some games and activities to be done together as well as separately. There was a good number who attended the opening night and there are great plans for future evening.

Keeping up to date

There are a number of ways that you can keep up to date with everything that is going on in the parish:

- Visit our website www.holytrinitydromore.org
- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore.
- Get a recording of the service on CD every week
- <http://holytrinitydromore.sermon.net> (to download and listen to sermons)

Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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When you read these words in October our harvest services will be over and we have been truly blessed in these services as we gave thanks to God for his blessings to us and for all that he continues to give us as we live our lives.

While the weather did not hit the heights of last year, overall it was not the worse year we have had and I hope that those in the farming community have been able to gather enough feed to see them and their livestock through the winter months.

We have given thanks to God at the various harvest services and were blessed by the worship that we shared and challenged by the various speakers.

Our thanks to Sandra and Brian Ross for speaking and leading our worship at our first Harvest Service in Dernasesk. Thanks also to Mrs Irene Boyd for making the arrangements for this service and indeed for all the services at Dernasesk and to Mr Winston Loane for playing the music at that service.

Thanks to Canon Hazel Hicks for speaking at Muckross Harvest, our thanks to Joan Quinn-Vaughan and Joy Graham for playing at Muckross and to the Tubrid Male Choir led by Mrs Irene Boyd and the Garrison Singers led by Mrs Joy Graham for providing the music at these services. Thanks to Canon Alan Irwin for preaching at Templecarne Harvest and to Mrs Anne Keys for providing the musical pieces and for playing the organ for us.

Thanks to our Sunday school and teachers for leading our worship at the Morning Harvest Service at Tubrid, to Catherine Little from the Bible Society NI for speaking at our evening service and to Mrs Irene Boyd for playing the organ and to the Male Voice Choir for performing for us.

Finally thanks to all who decorated the churches so beautifully for our Harvest Services and to those who provided and



Harvest decorations.

served the food at the Harvest Suppers. As Young Mr Grace of Are You Being Served fame would have said - you have all done very well.

As we leave the season of harvest behind let us remember the promise of God from Genesis that, "as long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

As we look forward, we have some special events taking place.

SEFF service

The first of these is in Templecarne Parish on 6 October at 3pm. We have been asked to host the annual SEFF Service this year and the preacher on that occasion will be Canon Ngozi Njoku from our neighbouring group. You are warmly invited to attend this

service.

We appreciate that some of our neighbouring parishes are holding their harvest services this month and we trust that they will be blessed in all that they do. Our prayers are also with the parish of Colaghty who are holding a mission from 7 to 13 October where the preacher will be Revd William Anderson.

We of course will be looking forward to November and the Season of Remembrance that month brings. We will remember again on Remembrance Sunday the sacrifices made on our behalf in various fields of conflict. As we do so we honour those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and we also resolve to do all that we can to avoid wars in the future.

It is also the time of year when there is an opportunity to offer some Christmas cheer





to a child through the Shoebox Appeal. There are further details elsewhere in the magazine, but I would ask that you consider supporting this initiative if you don't do so already. As always, the boxes will be processed by Irene Boyd and her team of helpers in Tubrid Hall which provides another opportunity to help. If you are interested in assisting, please speak to Irene.

Diary

- Sunday 6 October 2019 Morning Prayer 10.00am Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid
- Sunday 13 October 2019 Holy Communion 10.00am Muckross, Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid

- Sunday 20 October 2019 Holy Communion 10.00am Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid
- Sunday 27 October Morning Prayer 10.00am Muckross, Holy Communion 11.30am – Tubrid

Annual Variety Concert

The 35th Annual Variety Concert will be held in the Youth Hall, Tullyhommon (kindly granted) on Thursday 14 November at 8pm. The Guest Artists will be Kenny Archer and Boxcar Brian with various local artists performing. Please support this annual event which is enjoyed by all.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

Pastoral Cover:
Mr Walter Pringle, assisted by Canon Charles McCollum.

Archdeacon Brian Harper or Canon Ian Berry are in charge.

Rockcorry

Parish Group Barbecue

What a successful evening it turned out to be! Hosted this year by Aghabog parishioners, it was obvious that a huge amount of work had gone on behind the scenes in preparation for the event. The proceeds will be officially handed over later



in the year to Cavan and Monaghan Palliative Care - a very worthy cause which has been and continues to be very supportive and of great help to those suffering from cancer.

Congratulations

Our congratulations and best wishes to Diane and Alvan Good on the birth of their baby girl, Sarah, a little sister for Sophia and a welcome ninth grandchild for Jim and Marion Fannin.

Harvest Thanksgivings

The Harvest Thanksgiving season is under way - the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. The Harvest services continue to be popular and well supported. They do involve a lot of work so your support would be much appreciated.

Personal

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are ill at home, in hospital or nursing home. We also remember those who care for them. We also remember the bereaved.

Aughnamullen

Harvest

Our harvest service was held on Sunday 8th September. Thanks to Walter Pringle for arranging and conducting the service at which we were delighted to welcome the guest preacher, Revd. William Anderson. He gave us an inspiring address. Thanks also to the soloists Alison Oliver who sang two delightful items and the organist Ethel Ritchie for playing the organ and choosing the hymns. Special thanks to those who provided gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables and decorated the church so tastefully and to those who provided refreshments afterwards in the schoolhouse ending the event with a time of fellowship.

Prayers

We continue to remember those who have been unwell lately and those in residential care.

Aghabog

The annual group Barbecue this year was hosted by Aghabog parishioners on Saturday 17th August. Our thanks to all who came from near and far to support this event in which the proceeds go to the Cavan and Monaghan Palliative care. Thanks also to the chef Matthew Norris and his helper Roberta for cooking the steaks, etc, to all the ladies who brought salads etc. served with the steaks and also for all the delicious desserts.



To all who helped in serving the food and washed up afterwards and to those whose set up the hall and tidied up.

Concert

A Country and Gospel Concert in celebration of Drumate RBP 992- 100th Anniversary on Friday 11th October in the Union Hall Newbliss at 8pm. It will be hosted by Gary Wilson and all are welcome. Tea served afterwards and admission is €10.

Harvest Service

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

Beetle drive

This will be held in Druminan Orange Hall on Saturday 26th October 2019 at 8pm. All welcome.

Congratulations

As a parish we would like to congratulate Abraham Storey and Colin Brownsmith on their Ordination as deacons by the Right Rev. John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher on Sunday 15th September. We wish them both well in their ministry.

Drum

Harvest

Our harvest thanksgiving was held on September 1st and we thank Mr Walter Pringle for conducting the service and Canon Billy Johnston for preaching. Also thanks to all those who helped to decorate and prepare for the service.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union opening service will be held in Rockcorry Church on Thursday 17th October at 8pm. Guest speaker will be Diocesan President, Mrs Irene Boyd. Everybody is welcome to attend this service.

Night of Carols

Annual "A Night of Carols" will be held on Friday 6th December at 8pm. The guest choir will be the newly formed chamber choir, 'Cantari Donagh'. Festive refreshments will be served and all are invited to come and bring a friend to kick off the Christmas season.



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Services

Thursday 3rd October

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 6th October The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 10th October

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 13th October The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Harvest Service – The Venerable Terry Scott

7.00pm – Harvest Service – Rev Canon David Ferry

Thursday 17th October

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 20th October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 24th October

11.00am – Holy Communion

1.05pm – Healing Service

Sunday 27th October The Fifth Sunday before Advent

9.00am – Holy Communion



Harvest decorations.

11.00am – Morning Prayer (Family Service)

7.00pm – Holy Communion

Thursday 31st October

11.00am – Holy Communion

Parochial Registers

Christian Burial

■ 16th August - Bertie Alexander White, 12 Drumclay Park North, Enniskillen.

■ 28th August - Ivan Leslie McCutcheon, 19 Hillview Park, Enniskillen.

■ 11th September - Jason Robert Wilson, 6 Crest Road, Enniskillen.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Harvest Services

'Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home.'

Sunday 13th October 2019

11.00am preacher: The Venerable Terry Scott.

Archdeacon of Armagh and Rector of Magherafelt Parish.

7.00pm preacher: Rev Canon David Ferry, former Curate of St Macartin's Cathedral.

Sunday morning will bring us our main Parish Harvest Thanksgiving when the preacher will be the Venerable Terry Scott, Archdeacon of Armagh and Rector of Magherafelt Parish. The Choir will, as always, have special music prepared for the harvest. 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 Rev Canon David Ferry, former Curate of St Macartin's Cathedral. Please encourage and invite your friends and neighbours to come along and make this a truly memorable occasion.

Harvest Appeal 2019

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

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

Harvest decorations

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 for visitors to come along and view the Harvest decorations. Everyone is welcome to visit during the day or attend any of the services.

Ordination of Revd Colin Brownsmith and Revd Abraham Storey to the Office of Deacon

What is OLM in the Church of Ireland? - Ordained Local Ministry

First and foremost, it is an ordained ministry – OLMs are deacons and priests in the fullest sense of the word. A priest is a priest and an OLM is not in any way a second-class ordained minister. They have a different role but their orders are second to none. Secondly, it is a local ministry – limited to the parish/group of parishes, rural deanery or archdeaconry. However, 'local' may be defined in that context. Hence the selection is for a diocese by a diocese and ministry is subject to the bishop's licence for a particular locality. Local is not a diminutive term – local ministry is about valuing the locality and empowering the local congregation.

Thirdly, it is a self-supporting ministry – transfer to any form of stipendiary or what is known as non-stipendiary ministry is not possible without attending a Selection Conference and completion of full ministerial training.

Fourthly, it is a supervised ministry – an OLM is always supervised by a stipendiary priest. He/she may have pastoral and liturgical oversight of a parish and be the go-to priest but an overseeing rector/rural dean/archdeacon should always be responsible for administration and chairs the select vestry.

Fifthly, it is a recognised ministry. It is a particular ministry recognised by the Church and for which training has been undertaken and ongoing support is required. Sixthly, it is a collaborative or team or companion ministry. An OLM is always part of a team of clergy and lay people there to facilitate a 'healthy church'. The OLM should always see that an essential part of his/her role is to support and work with the stipendiary priest.

We welcome Revd Colin Brownsmith and Revd Abraham Storey to this new role. Revd Colin will serve for one year in St Macartin's Cathedral with The Dean and Revd Abraham will serve in Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk with Rev Canon Mark Watson.

Ordination Service

Pictured after the Service of Ordination on Sunday 15th September in St Macartin's Cathedral are Archbishop Brian Harper, Rev Abraham Storey, Bishop John McDowell,



The Ordination service for Colin Brownsmith and Abraham Storey.

Rev Colin Brownsmith and Dean Kenneth Hall.

Revd Chris' Farewell Service and Institution

A presentation was made to Revd Chris and his family on behalf of the parishioners by Hon Treasurer Hope Kerr at his last service with us as Curate on 1st September. Churchwarden Rosemary Wood paid tribute to his contribution to the parish. There were tears as the family made their farewell. Pictured are Churchwardens David Graham and Rosemary Woods, Scott Elliott and Mrs

Hope Kerr with the MacBriuthin family. A large group of parishioners attended Revd Chris' Institution in a blustery Castlerock on Friday 6th September at 8.00pm. He was instituted by Bishop's Commissary, The Ven Robert Millar, Archdeacon of Derry and the preacher was the Dean of Clogher, The Very Rev Kenneth Hall. All were made very welcome at the service after which a tasty supper was served and speeches made in the adjacent Church Hall. The Church and Rectory are situated overlooking the sea, with the railway running behind. It is a beautiful part of Northern Ireland and we



A presentation is made to Revd Chris and his family.

are sure the MacBriuthin family will be very happy there. We know God will bless Chris, Sarah and Noah as they set out on this next stage of Rev Chris' ministry. Revd Chris is pictured at his Institution with The Ven Robert Millar.

Messy Church

Messy Church is Messy! It's Church, so we worship God through Bible stories and songs. There's always glue and glitter, food and fun. Messy Church is open to all children of primary school age and their parents or guardians. The rule is: no child without an adult, and no adult without a child. If you've never been before, even if you or your children aren't parishioners of the Cathedral, you are very welcome to join us! Next Messy Church is on Thursday 17th October from 4.00-6.00pm in the Cathedral Hall.

Confirmation

A Confirmation service will be held in the spring of 2020 for young people of school Year 9 and above. Those who expect to be confirmed should regularly attend church with their families. There is no logical sense in being confirmed if you are not a regular attendee at church! Application forms for Confirmation are available in the Parish

Office for those who wish to be confirmed. Please collect and return them as soon as possible.

Xplore

Xplore is a relaxed, café-style venue for young people in Years 10-12. We want the young people of St Macartin's to feel they belong to the wider church family, to know that they are valued, and to have a safe space to ask questions about faith as a teenager and young adult. We meet in the Upper Room (youth wing) of the Cathedral Halls. Next meeting is on Monday 28th October – From Darkness into Light 7.30-9.00pm. Lots of scary things happen around this time of year. Did you know that at your baptism, your parents and godparents promised to reject the devil and all evil things? But what does the Bible say about ghosts and witches and other things that go bump in the night? What do Christians believe, and what can or should we do at Halloween? Wrap up warm for a torch-lit walk around the Cathedral and the town, some scary stories, fun Halloween games and messy activities.

Pilgrim

Pilgrim is our adult formation group which meets twice a month and will begin again

after harvest. More details on the Pew News.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union recommenced after the summer break on Monday 9th September with a night of 'Fun and Fashion with Cecilia'. The Dean opened the meeting with a warm welcome back to members and friends followed by a reading and prayer. Cecilia is a demonstrator for a French fashion house called Captain Tortue and she showed her autumn range and gave ideas on how to wear scarves and mix and match colours. A lively evening followed with some impromptu modelling, fun and fellowship. Prue Mahood was the lucky winner of a Captain Tortue scarf. Branch business followed before Stephanie Hamilton, Branch Leader, closed the meeting with the Mothers' Union prayer. The next meeting is on Monday 14th October when a visit to HeadHunters is planned.

Men's Life

On Thursday 10th October we resume our Men's Life group with a Harvest Supper in Saddlers Restaurant. Our hope is to regularly bring together all the men of the parish for an evening of fellowship, activities, and guest speaker. We are delighted that the Dean has agreed to come and speak at our first event this season, and we look forward to hearing about his life and his faith. Admission is free, but as we need to confirm numbers for supper, you are asked to reserve a place in advance by contacting Gordon Jackson, Karl Saunders, or put your name on the list in the Cathedral porch.

Tuesday Club

Members met after the summer break on 24th September. Davina Coalter was the speaker who gave advice on improving health and wellbeing. The next meeting is on 29th October at 2.00pm in the Enniskeen Room when Jack Spratt will give instruction on the game of Bocce. On 26th November there will be a General Knowledge Quiz and members are invited to the Senior Citizen party in December. New members are welcome to join regular participants for an afternoon of good advice, fun, food and fellowship.

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

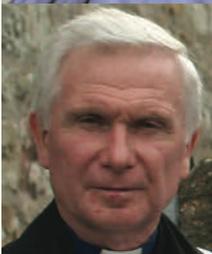


Revd Chris's institution in Castlerock.

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Rushing Around in mellow fruitfulness

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is well underway. Yet, I imagine that you, like many, may be rushing around and not noticing much of it. Someone described this as the season of 'start-ups'. It made me smile. September in the parish can seem like a time when someone fires a starting pistol in a sprint race. Planning meetings held in June seem a long time ago, and there is a scurry to finalise rotas and teaching programmes.

It allows me to say thank you to so many who meet together in this way, to allow the parish's ministries to happen. And to acknowledge the contribution which so many make.

Yet, just as the Autumn beauty deserves greater attention, so too, our church life deserves a rhythm which allows us time to notice the value of one another, and time to spend with God.

Some time ago the Bishop wrote and asked the clergy to do all we can to help make worship together on Sunday the central aspect of parish life. That is more than constantly asking us to attend church. It asks me to prepare well for leading worship and preaching, and to notice well those who gather to be a church, and to give due attention to the Beauty of God.

Harvest Craft Show and Sell

Lots of activity is underway. You might be interested in the Craft Show and Sell, set for the Saturday of the Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend. From 10am-3pm on 12th October, we are thanking God for 'The Work Of Our Hands.' Would you bring something to show that you have made with your hands? Wood, metal, thread, wool, paint, flowers, food. We would love to see and celebrate. There will hopefully be about 20 craft stalls also where parishioners and friends and guests will sell handmade items. Tea, coffee and cakes will be sold in aid of the building work at Kiltermon. The Glebes committee will display the plans for that work. And children are invited to take part in an Upcycling Competition.

Harvest Thanksgiving

God willing, Revd John Rutter, and Dean Raymond Ferguson are our guest preachers during the Harvest services. Sunday School will be with us on Sunday morning and they are thinking about Yvonne Cunningham's recent mission visit to Claire Holmes in Paraguay. Rehearsals for the weekend worship are underway and we look forward to all of the events. 8pm Friday 11th October - Service and supper in Kiltermon, with Revd John Rutter 10am-3pm Harvest Craft Show and Sell, Parish Hall. In aid of Kiltermon building work.

11am Service in St John's, with Sunday School and mission focus.

8pm Service and supper in St John's, with Dean Raymond Ferguson.

Thank you in anticipation to those who will decorate our places of worship. Rehearsals for Harvest worship 12 noon, Sunday 29th September and 6th October in St John's.

One of the pieces is the lovely verses and music of Margaret Rizza:

Take My Hands, Lord, to share in your labours;

take my eyes, Lord, to see your needs.

Let me hear the voice of lonely people,

let my love, Lord bring riches to the poor.

Give me someone to feed when I'm hungry,

when I'm thirsty give water for their thirst;

*Season of mists
and
mellow
fruitfulness*

*when I stand in need of tenderness
give me someone to hold who longs for
love.*

*Keep my heart ever open to others;
may my time, Lord, be spent with those in
need;*

may I tend to those who need your care.

Take my life, Lord, and make it truly yours.

You could listen to this piece as its sung and played. It's easily found online.

Mission Visit

We were really delighted this year that four members of the parish felt called to serve God's people overseas. In May my son Elliott visited Uganda with the Church of Ireland Chaplaincy at Queens' University in Belfast. Muriel Henry and Julie Corbett visited Uganda in June and July with Abaana ministries. And Yvonne Cunningham is still in Paraguay as I write. I know that the weather has been very hot, and that Yvonne has worked hard for the project there. SAMS mission partner Claire Holmes has hosted her, in this Claire's last year in Paraguay.

It is a privilege for us a parish to support these members of the church.

God willing, we will hear more from them this Autumn.

As for me, it's a lovely Autumn day, and I intend to take a walk later, and have the time to enjoy noticing God's world.

Kind regards, Precentor Hanlon.

Mothers' Union

The September meeting, attended by 24 members, was held in St. John's Hall.

Thelma Coulter welcomed members, and our guest speaker Lorna Mitchell. Following the opening hymn, the Bible reading was read by Jennifer Bennett, and Thelma Atwell led the prayers.

Branch Leader, Elvina Funston asked members to stand in memory of Edith Robertson, a very faithful member who had passed away during the summer break. Other members who had also been bereaved were remembered.

The meeting was then handed over to Lorna Mitchell. Lorna, a retired PE teacher, took us through exercises to help our balance, mobility and co-ordination in "Armchair Aerobics"

The vote of thanks was proposed by Sheila Burke.

Following supper a business meeting took place.

Branch Leader, Elvina, thanked Thelma Coulter and Heather Kirkpatrick for carrying the banner at the Southern and Northern Area Services.

Heather Kirkpatrick and Elvina Funston hope to attend part of "The Words of Wisdom" Women's Weekend Event on 19th

October.

Members were asked to consider submitting recipes for inclusion in a new M.U. cookery book being produced at All-Ireland Level.

Our 90th Anniversary Service is being held on 24th November. The Baptismal Frame which is being gifted at this service was admired by members.

The 90th Anniversary Dinner is being held on 27th November in The Clogher Valley Golf Club at 7pm.

The annual Cake sale is being held on 2nd

November in The Buttermarket.

Our A.G.M. to select the new committee for next year is being held at the November meeting prior to packing hampers for the senior members of our church. Branch Leader, Elvina closed the meeting with The Grace.

Fundraiser

There will be a fundraising Coffee Morning, Cake Sale and Auction for Kiltermon Building Fund on Saturday 26th October from 10am to 1pm in St John's Parish Hall,

Fivemiletown (viewing from 9.30am)

to include firewood, local produce and livestock, and a wide variety of top quality items.

We plan to build an extension to the church which will include a kitchen, toilets and an assembly room. We also intend to develop new car parking facilities.

When complete we will have enhanced the church building and facilities for generations to come, where they can meet to worship in this beautiful, historic church. Thank you in advance for your support.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully

Vacant

In Charge: Archdeacon Brian Harper or Chancellor Ian Berry

Pastoral Care: Dean Raymond Ferguson and Mr Roy Crowe (DPA)

Service Times

09:00 Drummully
10:30 Sallaghy
12:00 Galloon

Sunday School Times

Drummully: 9:00-10:00am in Drummully Church
Sallaghy: 10:30-11:30am in Sallaghy Church Hall
Galloon: 12:00-1:00pm in Galloon Sunday School Rooms

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).

Harvest Services

Galloon: Sunday 13th October at 11.00am, Speaker - Canon Maurice Armstrong, Rector of Tempo and Clabby.

Drummully: Sunday 20th October at 7.00pm, Speaker – Chancellor Ian Berry, Rector of Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore.

Galloon

Galloon Parish Auction

Many thanks to all those who contributed in any way to another successful auction. Special thanks to all those from outside the

parish who donated items for sale and also those who came to bid and buy. Already we are thinking about the next auction on the Saturday after Easter 2020

Mothers' Union

Galloon and Drummully Mother's Union will be holding their Visitors' Night on Monday 28th October 2019 in Newtownbutler Church Hall at 8.00pm. The guest speaker will be from the Air Ambulance. All welcome.

Funeral service

The funeral service for Ryan Breadon took place on Thursday 5th September in Galloon Parish Church with burial afterwards in adjoining graveyard. Sincere sympathies are expressed to the entire family circle.

Sallaghy

Mothers' Union

On Thursday 10th October, the speaker at the monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union will be Ashley Charles from the Cherry Tree Bakery. The meeting will start at 8.00pm.

Parish Dance

The next Parish Dance will be held on Friday 8th November with music provided by "Wee Tom" with dancing from 10.00pm – 1.00am. The cost will be £5 including supper and all proceeds are in aid of Church Funds. Everyone will be made most welcome.

Burial Register

John Irvine Bussell, Garrarooky, 158 Crom Road, Newtownbutler aged 84 on 19th August 2019. Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection Life of the Life."

Drummully

175th Anniversary

Our 175th Anniversary in Drummully Parish Church will be celebrated with a joint service on Sunday, 24th November at 3.00pm, the Feast of Christ The King. This is to be officiated by Bishop John McDowell. Supper will be served afterwards in the Church Hall. Everyone will be made warmly welcome.



Drummully Church,

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Services

Sunday 13th October

Belleek 11.30am HC

Kiltyclogher - Harvest Thanksgiving at 7pm

Sunday 20th October

Garrison 10am MP & FS

Slavin 11.30am MP & FS

Sunday 27th October

Kiltyclogher 10am MP

Belleek 11.30am MP

Sunday 3rd November

Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 10th November

Belleek 11.30am HC

Garrison 5pm Remembrance Service

Garden Fete at the Rectory

Thankfully the rain disappeared for the garden fete on Saturday 24th August. A lovely day was had by all and everyone enjoyed the barbecue, the stalls and the children enjoyed all their attractions. Thanks to all the parishioners and visitors for their support. £2000 was raised for the Rectory Maintenance Fund.



Harvest Services

An Evening of Gospel Music and Harvest Thanksgiving was held in Slavin Church on Friday 13th September. The service was led by Canon Ngozi and the preacher was Mrs. Jan Corrie. Lynda Lindsay and her daughter Alice provided five pieces of gospel music.

The Garrison Group Choir, accompanied by Joy Graham sang two anthems: 'Speak my Lord' and 'I want to be a Worker'. Audrey Ovens rendered two poems, entitled, 'Reaping' and 'Hairstyles', which she had written herself and Vivienne Ferguson read one of Katherine Elliott's poems, 'Recollections.'

The Bible Readings were read by Mrs Ann Scott and Mrs Maureen Beckwith. The organist was Ethne Earls.

Harvest supper was served by the ladies in the Parish after the service.

Canon Ngozi, thanked Lynda and Alice for coming to sing at our Gospel Music Harvest Service and for their very uplifting contributions. She also thanked all who had taken part in the service and those who had decorated the church, tidied the graveyard and provided supper.

Mothers' Union

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 16th October in Slavin Church at 8pm when the meeting will have a special guest speaker, Ms Leslie Ward, PSNI. Everyone welcome not just MU members.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been unwell at home in recent weeks. Best wishes to those in nursing homes or residential care.

Sunday School

Garrison and Kiltyclogher Sunday School begins on Sunday 6th October at 9.45am in Garrison Church Hall. Children of school age are most welcome to come. All SS children are asked to bring along each Sunday an item of non-perishable food or toiletries. At Christmas time a hamper of these goods will be given to the food bank to help families who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

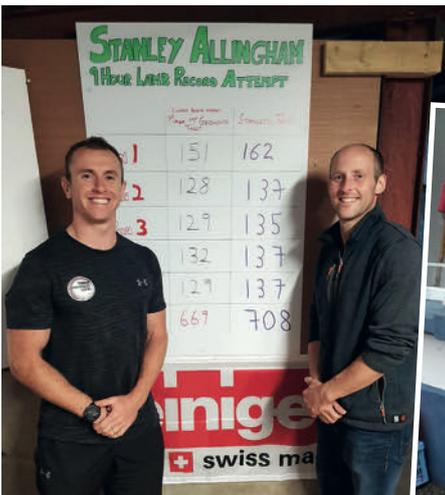
Remembrance Service

Sunday 10th November is the date for our annual remembrance service in Garrison Parish church at 5pm. Members of the regimental associations will be present to lay the wreaths to remember the fallen.

Website

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org. The web manager is Jenna Earls. Photos & articles etc. for the website to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls at doreen@belleek.clogher.anglican.org. Social Networking: Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.





Stanley Allingham (right) at the scoreboard where he sheared 708 lambs to claim the Irish record."



Photos from the garden fete at the Rectory.



Inishmacsaint

Vacant

In Charge: Canon Mark Watson (Rural Dean) or Archdeacon Brian Harper.

Pastoral Care: Canon Mark Watson (Rural Dean), Canon Ngozi Njoku and Miss Isobel Stewart (DPA)

Harvest services

Friday 18th October at 8pm

Sunday 20th October at 11.30am and 7.30pm

Pastoral care

Anybody needing pastoral should please get in touch with churchwardens.

Marriage

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs George Ferguson on their recent marriage.

Prayers

We continue to pray for our sick and elderly in our parish and those who are housebound.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting is on Monday 28th

October at 8pm in the Lodge Room, Derrygonnelly Orange Hall. The speaker will be Mrs Noreen Little, Mothers' Union Diocesan Action and Outreach Co-ordinator.

Dates for your Diary

Friday, 22nd May – Monday, 25th May 2020. Inishmacsaint Mothers' Union trip to Ennis, Co. Clare. Cost £340 for three nights sharing, including Bed and Breakfast and three evening meals. Single supplement £60. Contact Robena Elliott on 028 68641569/07561820087.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Sunday Services

Trillick 10.30 am

Kilskeery 11.45 am

On Sunday 8th September, we said goodbye to Mr Abraham Storey and his wife Gertie. Abraham had looked after us during the vacancy, providing service cover and pastoral care in our group of parishes. Both parishes wish to thank him for his hard

work and dedication to duty and to thank Mrs Storey for her constant support. Gifts were presented to Abraham and his wife at each service by the churchwardens, Helena Thompson and May Kee (Trillick) and Derek Edgar and Alison Fee (Kilskeery). We congratulate Abraham on his ordination as Deacon. Thanks are also extended to Rev John Woods who, as Rural Dean, helped and guided both parishes and provided pastoral cover during the vacancy.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union met in Kilskeery Sunday School Rooms on Monday 16th September. The guest speaker was Mrs Noreen Little (Action and Outreach). Noreen spoke about her role and showcased a selection of quality items which she packs for the various agencies. The next meeting will be on Monday 21st October - A Night at The Movies (The Bishop's Wife) – a romantic comedy starring Cary Grant, Loretta Young and David Niven.

GB

Trillick Girls' Brigade continues to meet each Monday evening 6.30pm- 8pm. All girls who are aged over 3 years as at 1st July are welcome.

BB

Kilskeery Boys' Brigade recommences on 25 September from 7 – 8 pm in Kilskeery Hall. All boys are welcome

Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens – Kilskeery Hall each Tuesday
Over 60s Luncheon Club at 12.30 pm
Boccia games from 2 pm

Bowls Club

Kilskeery Bowling Club continues every Friday from 8pm in Kilskeery Hall. New members are welcome.

Holy Matrimony

7th September: Steven Murphy, son of Raymond and Adele Murphy, married Tammy Clark in St Clement Danes Church, London

Holy Baptism

Kilskeery

18th August: Esme Gloria Gilmore, daughter of Graham and Rachael Cashel, Trillick

Trillick

18th August: Archie Thompson, son of Nigel and Avril Mills, Trillick, a little brother for Harry.



Presentation to Revd Abraham Storey on behalf of Kilskeery Church



Presentations made to Revd Abraham Storey before his ordination in the parishes of Kilskeery and Trillick.

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Services

6th October, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

11am Lisbellaw Holy Communion
3pm Coolbuck Holy Communion

Friday, 11th October

8pm Harvest Thanksgiving with speaker
Melanie Grimsley

13th October, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

11am Lisbellaw Children's Harvest
3pm Coolbuck Evening Prayer
7pm Lisbellaw Praise Service

20th October, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.45am Lisbellaw Holy Communion
11am Lisbellaw Holy Baptism
3pm Coolbuck Late Evening Office

27th October, Fifth Sunday before Advent

11am Lisbellaw Service of the Word for Bible
Sunday
3pm Coolbuck Service of the Word for Bible
Sunday

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union on Tuesday, 22nd October
at 8pm: PWA visitors' night.

Harvest

Harvest thanksgiving in Lisbellaw on Friday,
11th October at 8pm with speaker Ms Mel-
anie Grimsley.

Barn dance

Harvest barn dance and supper on Sat-
urday, 12th October at 8pm with Jason
Kilfedder.

Auction

Parish Auction and Sale of Cakes on 2nd
November at 12 noon.

Right: The Chapel Royal in Dublin Castle was the
official Church of Ireland chapel of the Household
of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland from 1814 until the
creation of the Irish Free State in 1922. Following
Irish independence in 1922, it lay dormant before
becoming a Roman Catholic church in 1943. It is now
deconsecrated.



The MU summer outing to Dublin.



Melanie Grimsley who will be speaking at one of the
harvest services.

Parish Play

Parish Play Dancerella will take place on
29th and 30th November in Lisbellaw Parish
Centre. Tickets £10 (adult) and £5 (child).

Children's gifts

'Families Intervention Service' support
families in the Fermanagh and Omagh
District Council area and are in need of new
items that can be used as Christmas gifts
for children and, in particular, teenagers. A
collection will be made in both Lisbellaw
and Coolbuck churches from now until the
first week in December.

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt
condolences to the family and friends of the

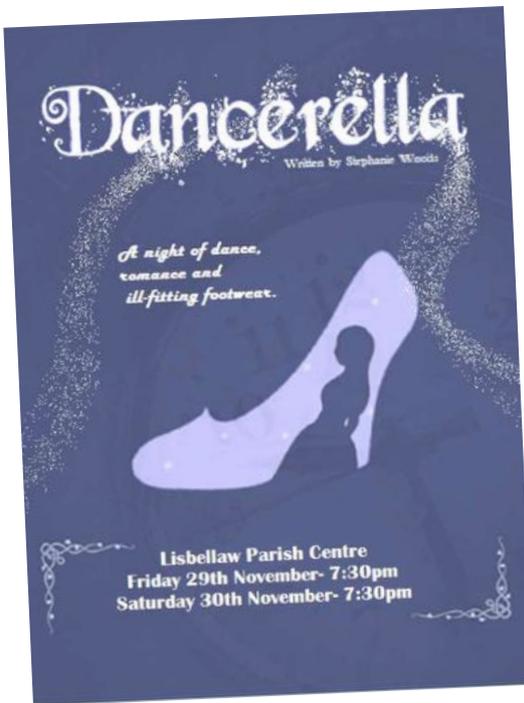




Mr Walter Pringle giving a children's talk.



Baptism of William Acheson.



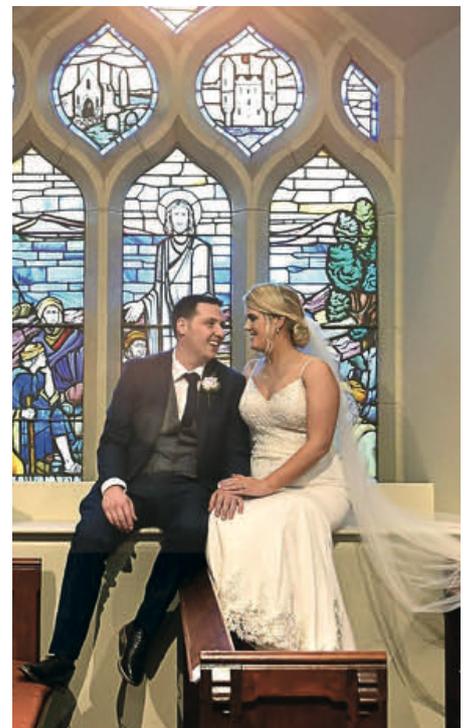
Above: The play, Dancerella.

Below: Mr. Walter Pringle is a popular visiting preacher in Lisbellaw.

late Heather O'Donnell formerly of Lisbellaw; the late Albert Ernest (Ernie) Thompson, formerly of Lisbellaw, the late Judith Clarke, formerly of Lisbellaw and Lisburn, Robert Malone, formerly of Brookeborough and the late Noel Monahan, formerly of Clones and London.



One of the young collectors.



Congratulations to Ashley and Lorna Johnston on their marriage in August.



The Dane family at the baptism service. Baptism of Libby Dane.

Lisnaskea



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Services

Friday 4th

8.00 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 6th

11.30 a.m. Family Harvest Service

Wednesday 9th

3.00 p.m. Holy Communion in Trinity Hall
for Senior Citizens

Sunday 13th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th

11.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 27th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
(Collection for sponsored children)

Burial

Sunday 18th August
Florence Edith McMullen, Castlebalfour,
Lisnaskea.

Our prayers and sincere condolences are
with Florence's husband Freddie and all the
family circle at this difficult time.

Holy Baptism

Sunday 25th August
Jacob George Bates, 18 Castlebalfour Park,
Lisnaskea, son to Michael and Samantha.
Congratulations to you both.

Communion for seniors

This will resume in Trinity Hall on 9th
October and will continue over the winter
months.

Mothers' Union

Our first meeting this year was on Thursday
5th September and we were joined by
friends from neighbouring branches, some
ladies who had attended our sewing classes
and our Diocesan President, Mrs Irene
Boyd, to help us celebrate our new banner.
We had a short meeting first and then our
Branch Leader gave an account of how and
why the banner was made. We had both
banners in the hall and everyone could see
that our branch banner is quite long and
heavy. The new banner is a smaller and
lighter version of the original and will be
much easier to carry at our Area Services.
Earlier in the year we had a sewing class
with tutor Sonia Johnston. Sonia did most
of the work on the banner but she brought

it to the class each night and MU members
at the class were able to do small amounts
of work on it. Doris thanked Sonia for all her
work on the banner and for taking the class
and Bert Robinson for making the poles and
stand. She also thanked Fermanagh and
Omagh District Council for their generous
Grant towards the project. Irene then gave
a short talk using the three lilies, depicted
on the banner, as an illustration of the Holy
Trinity. We were delighted to have Lynda
Lindsay to sing for us. She sang some
beautiful pieces and then led us in a time of
community singing. This was enjoyed by
everyone present and we finished our night
with our usual cup of tea and biscuits. Our
new banner is standing in the side chapel in
the church. At our meeting we remembered
our member and friend Florence McMullen
who had sadly passed away in August. We
expressed sympathy to her husband Freddy
and remembered him in our prayers.
Our next meeting is on 10th October and
Chloe Hogg is coming to tell us about
her time at the Scout World Jamboree in
West Virginia. Sandra McMullen will talk on
her recent trip to India at our November
meeting and then we have our "Christmas
Dinner" slightly early on Monday 25th
November.
We have a busy time from now until
Christmas and we invite others to join us on
all of these occasions.

Magheracross



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Youth Worker

Naomi, our youth worker, has spent the
month of September getting settled in and
getting to know some of the young people
around the village. This has included school
assemblies, church services and a tasty
pizza evening.

Mothers' Union

Magheracross Mothers' Union met in the
Parish Room on Thursday 5th September
for a service of Holy Communion led by
Archdeacon Brian Harper. Joan Quinn-
Vaughan was the organist. A tribute was
paid to Katie Gregg and Sadie Kane, two of
our members who have passed away since
we last met.

Tea and a short business meeting followed.
Arrangements were made for the
forthcoming coffee morning which was held
on Saturday 14th September making use of
the new kitchen and raising over £1200.
Our next meeting is on Thursday 3rd
October when Archdeacon Harper will
speak to us on his experience of walking
the Camino Santiago.

Harvest

Our Harvest weekend runs from October
11th-13th. On the Friday evening at 8pm, our
guest preacher is Canon Ronnie Nesbitt,
Rector of Bangor Abbey.
On the Sunday morning at 11am, we will



Kenny Fisher from Enniskillen Rotary Club on the trip
to Kenya.



Farewell and Hello!

We sadly say farewell this month to David and Patricia Beare to have had a sincere and kind Christian influence in the church and in the Ballinamallard community for many years. David has served as a parish reader and Patricia has been active in the Mothers' union. Together, they have hosted a Bible Study Group in their home and participated in many church events. Their presence has touched many lives. We wish them every blessing as they move to the Craigavon area to be closer to family. We also welcome Peter Booth who has been licensed as a diocesan lay reader and will spend a short time with us to gain experience of worship leading and preaching.

Left and below: Some of our parishioners on the Enniskillen Rotary Club trip to Kenya.

dedicate the new kitchen to the glory of God. It will then be formally opened by Ernie Fisher and used for our Harvest soup lunch. On Sunday evening, the Harvest celebration will conclude at 7pm with an evening thanksgiving and praise.

Overseas Travels

In September, several members of our parish travelled to Kenya to visit a project supported by Enniskillen Rotary Club. Henry Robinson, Angela and Amy McKinney and Kenny Fisher were part of this team. At the end of September, Tanya West departed for Nepal as part of a project in Dental Health. We look forward to hearing about her progress.



Magheraculmoney

Vacant

In Charge:

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Farewell for Revd Philip and Family

Revd Philip Bryson's last Sunday services was on 8th September 2019 at Ardess Parish Church. At the 11.00am service, Revd Philip was presented with a gift and a cheque and Viola was presented with a gift and a bunch of flowers from the Select Vestry and congregation. After the service, we had a lovely barbecue with an array of salads, pastas etc followed by a splendid selection of desserts. Revd Philip, Viola and their four children (Tim, Anna, Mia and Ben) will be very much missed at Ardess Parish Church, however the family has built up connections with the local community since the children were born in Kesh and we are sure we will continue to see them on a regular basis.

Puppet Training and Show

A variety of ages attended the puppet training on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The children practised songs with their sock puppets and finished with a Puppet Show which brought in a crowd of 40 people. The show showed off the skills the puppeteers had acquired as they sang songs, played out the scenes from The Titanic and caught bubbles along to the song "I'm forever blowing bubbles".

Film Night - How To Train Your Dragon 3

This year we had How to Train Your Dragon 3 as our family film. This was a great film with Toothless the dragon meeting the love of 45 people who attended (all ages) and we had popcorn, juice, tea and coffee. Holidaymakers

from Belfast won the 'furthest away' competition and we had a quiz for the kids and the adults.

Holiday Bible Club

We give thanks to God for another successful Bible Holiday Club with over 60 children which took place week commencing Monday 12th August from 10.00am - 12.00 noon each day. This week's theme was the Christian armour and each day concentrated on one of the pieces of the armour (the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the belt of truth, sandals of peace, the shield of faith and the sword of the spirit) through music, games and arts and crafts. The week ended with each child full dressed and equipped in their own armour that they had created throughout the week.

Auction

This year the venue for the auction will be at the Ardess Parish Centre at 22 Ardess Road (opposite the church), Ardess, Kesh. The auction will be on Saturday 19th October 2019. Please do consider what you can donate to the auction and also lend your support by coming along and putting in a few bids. We pray that this year will be particularly successful to enable us to clear the remaining outstanding balance on the church repairs. Check the website for more details.

Harvest

Our harvest celebrations commenced at 3.30pm on Sunday 15th September 2019 at Mullaghfarne with Eileen Cutler taking the service. To continue the harvest celebrations, we will have a service on Friday 4th October at 8.00pm when our speaker will be K Hall. The celebrations continue on Sunday with our morning 9.30am and 11.00am services with H Trimble. Shirley-Anne McCann will also be participating at the 11.00am family service for the children. Please do consider



coming along to join us.

Regular Events

SUNDAYS

Church Services @ Ardess Parish Centre
Morning Prayer: 9.30am
Family Worship: 11.00am
Children's Church (age 3+): 11.00am @ AP Church/Centre
Youth Church (yr 8+): 11.00am @ AP Church/Centre
Connect: 4.30pm - 6.00pm @ The Fountain Centre (starts 8th September 2019)

MONDAYS

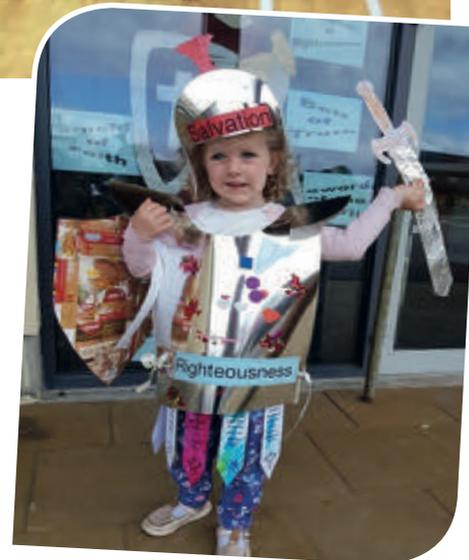
- Magheraculmoney Guides: Rainbows (age 4-7) and Brownies (age 7 - 10) 6.30pm - 7.45pm @ Ardess Parish Centre.
Guides (age 10-14) and Rangers (Age 14+) 7.30pm - 9.00pm @ The Fountain Centre
- Revival Prayer: Mon 8.00pm - 9.00pm @ Ardess Parish Centre

TUESDAYS

- Waterworks (P3 - P7) 3.15pm - 4.30pm @ Kesh PS (term-time only)
- Friends in the Afternoon 2.00pm @ AP Centre (every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month)

WEDNESDAYS

- Wednesday Prayer: 9.30am - 11.00am
- Magheraculmoney Scouts: Beavers 6.30pm - 7.45pm (age 5-7) @ The Fountain



Centre, Cubs (Age 8-10) 6.45pm - 8.00pm @ Ardess Parish Church, Scouts (Age 10 1/2 - 15) @ The Fountain Centre

THURSDAYS

- Fountain Kids Club @ The Fountain Centre 6.30pm - 7.30pm
- In-Stitches 8.00pm @ Upstairs at The Fountain Centre

FRIDAYS

- Healing Prayer 7.30pm - 8.30pm @ AP Centre
- Fountain Youth Club @ The Fountain Centre (Year 8 - Year 14) 7.00pm - 9.00pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

Harvest Weekend 4th - 6th October 2019
Parish Auction Saturday 19th October 2019, 12.00noon @ Ardess Parish Centre
Autumn Soul (Friday 25th - Sunday 27th October) (Year 8 +)

Funerals

23 July 2019 Evelyn Maria Armstrong (89) of Manoo, Kesh.
24 July 2019 Bernadette Lovett (84) of Boa Island, Kesh.
29 August 2019 William Andrew Knox (85) of Gillbrooke Nursing Home, Fivemiletown.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the bereaved.



Photos from the Holiday Bible Club.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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OLM Deacon:
The Revd Abraham Storey

Dear Parishioners,

Praise Service

Praise service on the first Sunday of October in Maguiresbridge at 8.00pm. Group Sponsored Walk.

Thanks to all who supported and took part in the Sponsored walk in aid of the both parishes. As soon as a total is available it will be announced.

Harvest Festival services

Maguiresbridge: Friday 11th October at 8.00pm

Saturday 12th October at 9.30am Men's Prayer and Rugby Breakfast

Sunday 13th October at 10.30am

Derrybrusk: Friday 18th October at 8.00pm (Feast of St. Luke.)

Sunday 20th October at 12.00pm

Please note that this year we are having a harvest gift appeal in each parish to assist



The USC memorial platoon.

with the finances of the new kitchen in Maguiresbridge and the new ventilation system in Derrybrusk.

Church Lads' Brigade and Ulster Special Constabulary service

A large congregation over filled Maguiresbridge church on 8th of September to witness the laying up of the Church Lads' Brigade standard of the parish by Cecil Haire who also read the USC collect. The USC memorial was unveiled by George Beacom on behalf of the local platoon. Last post and reveille was sounded by Kelly Beacom of Maguiresbridge Silver Band. The band led the parade into and out of the church. The organist was Mrs. Naomi Morrison and Mrs Lettie Downey led the Maguiresbridge district choir in singing. The rector preached on Psalm One and on the theme of positive remembrance. Tea was



George and Kelly Beacom.

served by the parishioners after the service in the parochial hall.

Adult Sunday School and Friday prayers: I hope to resume the Adult Sunday School



Maguiresbridge rector and churchwardens at USC service.



USC Officers.



Tea in the parish hall.



The congregation before the start of the service.



at 9.40am on a Sunday morning in the six weeks before Christmas. Daily prayers and coffee will also be held on a Friday morning at 10.30am during Advent.

50th Wedding anniversary

Mr. Harold and Mrs Violet Stubbs



celebrated 50 years of Holy Wedlock on the 29th August. Married by Canon Jackson and Canon Day in Lisnaskea parish church, the family felt that a before and after photograph was essential.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

13th October Trinity 17

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

20th October Trinity 18

10.30am St Patrick's Morning Prayer
12.15pm Kilmore Morning Prayer

27th October Last Sunday after Trinity

10.30am St Patrick's All Age Worship
12.15pm Ballinode Holy Communion

3rd November 4th Sunday before Advent

10.30am St Patrick's Service of the Word
12.15pm Kilmore Morning Prayer

Mothers' Union

The Branch met on Tuesday 3rd September in the church when Mr. Jeffrey O'Toole gave a talk on over the counter drugs pointing out their benefits, the risks when taken with some prescription drugs and possible addiction problems. The meeting concluded with refreshments and fellowship. The November meeting will be on Tuesday 5th November and will be a night of Christmas crafts by Geraldine Kennedy.

Condolences

We express prayerful sympathy to Mr. Dick Shirley and family on the death of his brother.

Ladies' Group

The Ladies Group will meet in the Hall on Tuesday 15th October at 8pm for a talk by Ms. Fiona Gilliland, Physiotherapist Cavan/Monaghan HSE on "How to keep fit and fabulous at any age".

Monaghan Parish Sale

Monaghan Parish Sale will be held on Friday 18th October from 10am- 2pm. There will be the usual stalls, tea and coffee will be available. Please plan to attend and bring your friends. All support welcome.

Illness

Please continue to remember in prayer

those who are ill or recovering, the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

Harvest Services

The first Harvest Service in our Group was on Sunday 8th September in Kilmore Church. The guest speaker was Mr. Roy Crowe, Diocesan Reader and the soloist was Ms. Alison Rountree.

St. Patrick's Harvest was on Sunday 29th September when the guest speaker was Revd Simon Genoe. Thank you to all who cooked and came to the lunch afterwards in the hall.

The Harvest Service in Ballinode Church will be on Sunday 13th October at 3pm when the guest speaker will be Canon Alison Calvin from Killeshandra Group of Parishes.

Parish Organisations

Parish organisations meet each week in the Hall as follows:
Mondays at 10:00am and Thursdays at 8pm - Bowling Club
Each Sunday During church - Sunday School
Wednesdays at 6:30pm - Girls Brigade
Third Saturday of each month - Vortex Youth Group
Thursdays 10:30am-12noon - Play Away
Mother and Toddler Group

Rossorry



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A note from the Rector

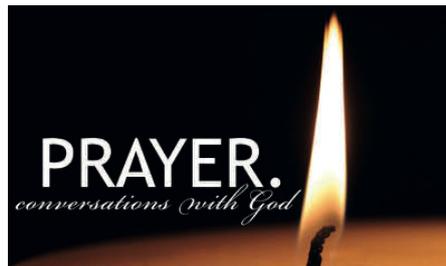
'For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God'

Harvest Thanksgiving in churches is the seasonal opportunity to give thanks to God our creator for his goodness and to offer our best gifts to his service. In Old Testament times the people of Israel were commanded each year to bring a basket of the first fruits of the ground to the place of worship. It was both an offering of thanks and also a reminder that God had given the land, its bounty and the ability to grow food. I invite you to join us for our Harvest weekend as together we bring our thanksgiving to God and enjoy a decorated church with sights and smells of Harvest along with music and helpful messages for the season. It is also an opportunity to make a thank-offering for God's blessings to us as we return our Harvest Appeal envelope. Funds raised will be distributed to mission agencies supported by the parish. Details of the various services are listed below and I look forward to welcoming you to church as we sing once again – 'Good is



The team from Enniskillen Rotary Club.

the Lord our heavenly King'
**Your friend and Rector,
 Revd Canon Dr IW Ellis**



Prayer Group

The Prayer group meets at the Parish office and continues throughout the year with meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The Prayer Group met again on Wednesday

25th September 2019 at the Parish Office at 7.30pm. It will continue to meet throughout the year and all are welcome to join us. Feel free to come and join us when you can - everybody is welcome. It is an informal group (nobody has to perform !!) which meets to pray for the parishioners, young and old, for the world, as well as other good intentions that arise. We finish with the fellowship of a cuppa and a chat.

Rossorry Parishioners in Kenya

Some of our Parishioners were part of the Rotary (Enniskillen) group that went to Kenya in September to carry out charitable works at schools and medical centres (remember 'Sight for Sopi' which you generously supported by donating spectacles). Congratulations to them on their commitment to these good works. Envious of the fabulous weather in Kenya!



Betty Frazer and Heather Ellis were among the group from the Rotary Club in Kenya.



Work going on during the Enniskillen Rotary Club trip to Kenya.



Heather Ellis at a family clinic in Kenya.

Pilates Class monies going to a good cause

The photo is of Jacqueline, an orphan rescued from a family member who was mistreating her, currently living with and being supported and looked after by the Head teacher of the school she is attending. Some surplus money from the running of the Pilates class, in Rossorry, is being used to sponsor Jacqueline for her fees in her final year of secondary education at St Angela's Girls Boarding School Rombo, Kenya.



Betty Frazer with Jacqueline.

Autumn Wedding

Congratulations to Denise Morton and Jordan Armstrong on their recent marriage in Rossorry. Every blessing for the future.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union branch met on Thursday, 19th September when the speaker was Mr. Rodney Connor, who



Rodney Connor from Air Ambulance NI accepting a cheque for £795, proceeds of the Easter Tree donations from Diane Donaldson and Arlene Graham from Rossorry Mothers' Union.

outlined the work of Air Ambulance NI of which he was a Trustee.

The Branch presented a cheque to Rodney for Air Ambulance for £795 as proceeds from the Easter Tree donations.

The next meeting is on Thursday, 17th October at 8pm when Ruth Moore will demonstrate craft ideas for gifts.

Wednesday Club News

The Wednesday Club was closed over the summer but has resumed meetings again in September.

The Club has been running now for 20 very successful years which have brought fellowship and fun to the older members of our parish. Congratulations to all who put the work into making this group the success

that it is.

The meetings of the Club are every Wednesday at 10.30 am, from September until June. Everyone is welcome - there is always room for new members. Further details of dates and speakers appear on the Rossorry Weekly Newsheet in church or online at rossorryparish.com

The Autumn programme is set out below:

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

Sunday School

Sunday School opened again with Registration on Sunday 8th September. The first Sunday School class was held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 15th September.

ROSSORRY WEDNESDAY CLUB

SEPTEMBER	Topic	Speaker
18th	"Dementia Friendly"	Conall SMYTH
25th	"Chocolate Creations"	Fiona ACHESON
OCTOBER		
2nd	Wed. Club 20th Birthday Celebration	
9th	AGM	
16th	"Local History of Past Years"	Julian THORNTON
23rd	"Craft morning – making Keyrings"	Ethel
30th	"Hearing Lost – checkup"	Geraldine KEYS
NOVEMBER		
6th	"Old Enniskillen – by request"	Benny CASSIDY
13th	"Jekita Soaps"	Tanana
20th	"Craft Morning"	Ethel
27th	"Christmas Wreaths"	Marilyn GIBONY
DECEMBER		
4th	Service of Holy Communion	Rector
11th	"Christmas Lunch"	TBC
10th	Craft morning. (Ethel)	
17th	Holy Week Coffee Morning.	
24th	Easter week – no Club.	

Never too late to join in! – Children get a lot from Sunday School both spiritually and socially in a safe and secure environment -protected by the Church of Ireland Safeguarding principles.

Scouts and Guides

Scouts and Guides held their Registration nights on 17th and 18th September respectively and are up and running again with a very full programme of activities and outings. There are always spaces for new members in these very active units. This is a healthy and active social group which helps guide young people into useful skills and socialisation.

Rossorry Ravens Explorers

The ravens went on their three-day expedition in August as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award programme and have been actively preparing their presentations to complete the award. Congratulations to them and their leaders for their dedication and commitment! If you want to know more about our Scout or Guide units call in to a meeting
Beavers -Tues 6.30pm.
Cubs – Wed 6.45pm.
Scouts – Wed 7.30pm or ring Garry Clarke on 02866 323653
Rainbows- Mon 6.15pm.
Brownies – Mon 6.15pm
Guides – Wed 8.00pm or ring Avril Armstrong on 02866 329589

Parent and Toddler Group

The Parent and Toddler group opened again on Wednesday 18th September. The response to this has been amazing. It provides a safe space in the Parish Hall for toddlers to meet and play under the supervision of a parent or grandparent and is a happy and social setting. Always room for a little one! – so feel free to drop in and take part. Details appear in the Rossorry Weekly Newsheet in church or online at rossorryparish.com

Arts and Crafts Classes

The Painting class began on 27th September at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Come and join us at any stage- never too late to get involved- all levels of competence catered for!
The Wool Shed and the Basket Weaving will start in October – so keep an eye out for announcements or give Yvonne a call. The classes are very popular – but there is always room for someone else - so be sure to speak to Yvonne Elliott on 02866 342514 for information.

Our Autumn Term calendar is below:-

Rossorry Sunday School Calendar – Autumn Term 2019

2019	Church Service 11am	Sunday School
OCTOBER		
6th	Family Harvest Service	No Sunday School
13th	Holy Communion	Sunday School in Hall at 11.00am
20th	Morning Service	Sunday School
27th	Morning Prayer	No Sunday School – half term break
NOVEMBER		
3rd	Holy Communion	Sunday School in Hall at 11.00am
10th	Remembrance Sunday service	No Sunday School – Youth service Organisations Parade
17th	Morning Prayer	Sunday School
24th	Morning Prayer	Sunday School
DECEMBER		
1st	Advent Sunday Holy Communion	Sunday School in Hall at 11.00am
8th	Morning Prayer	Sunday School
15th	Morning Prayer	Sunday School
22nd	Family Service Nativity presentation	Parents and children attend church
29th	Morning Prayer	No Sunday School

Services for October 2019

Friday 4th October

8.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service (Preacher -The Rector)

Sunday 6th October

9.00am. Holy Communion.
11.00am. Harvest Praise (preacher – Karl Saunders)
7.00pm Words and Music for Harvest (based on RSCM service for Harvest)

Sunday 13th October

9.00am. Holy Communion.
11.00am. Morning Prayer.

Sunday 20th October

9.00am. Holy Communion.
11.00am Morning Prayer.

Sunday 27th October

9.00am. Holy Communion.
11.00 am. Morning Prayer.

Parish Register

Marriage

MORTON / ARMSTRONG

On 23rd August 2019 Denise Morton and Jordon Armstrong from Enniskillen were married at Rossorry Parish Church. Canon



The Morton-Armstrong wedding which took place in Rossorry Parish Church.



Baptismal service involving the Niedzwiecki family with Archdeacon Cecil Pringle standing for the Rector, Canon Ian Ellis.

Ellis officiated.

God's blessing on their lives together in the future.

Baptism

NIEDZWIECKI, Joseph James , infant son of Sarah and Chris, baptised in Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 1st September 2019 at the 11am service.

Thanks to Archdeacon Pringle for administering the baptism and Sarah for assisting while the Rector was on duty in St Patrick's Cathedral.

May he grow in the faith of Christ.

Contact Us...

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We update regularly events in the church as well as weddings and christenings.

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Tempo and Clabby



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Tempo Parish Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported the Cash for Clobber during the summer when £208 was raised for Church funds. On 7th September a very successful coffee morning and cake sale took place and raised £1625. Thank you to those who provided scones and tray bakes for the coffee morning, those who baked for the cake stall, the helpers prior to the event and all who supported the event on the day.

Clabby Auction

This will be held on Saturday 2nd November at 1.30 p.m. Items for auction would be appreciated and support on the day.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th October in Clabby Church Hall 8 p.m.

when the speaker will be from Pandani in Fivemiletown.

Confirmation

Confirmation will be held in Tempo Parish Church on Sunday 27th October at 11.00 a.m. Please pray for the prospective candidates at this time of preparation - Cindy, Emily-Jane, Katie, Kristen, Ben, James, Oliver and William and their families.

Fireside Fellowship

This takes place at 403 Inver, Tempo Road, Tempo at 2pm commencing on Thursday afternoon 10th October. Everyone welcome to come along to read and think about God's word, to pray for various needs in the world, the Church, those in need, the country and enjoy a cuppa.

Ministry of Healing Service

Ministry of a Healing Service in Tempo Parish Church on Sunday 3rd November at 7-30 pm. Maurice will speak on: God's lessons from a stroke.

Discipleship

What is a disciple? A learner and a follower of a teacher. In Matthew chapter 16 v 21-28. Jesus predicts his death. Peter rebukes him and says: "Never Lord, this will never happen to you". Jesus knew this was a work of the devil in these words and so he rebukes him. He then goes on to speak about what true discipleship is:- Deny ourselves, we no longer live for ourselves, our desires, ambitions, self-advancement, status and honour. We live to honour, glorify and serve Christ. Bonhoeffer said of discipleship and being a Christian "Christ calls us to come and die" we die to

sin and self.

We take up the cross- this means that the Christian disciple life will not always be easy. Christ suffered and told us that would be our lot if we are faithful to him. Today in our world many suffer for Christ, in our society Christians suffer in ways as they stand for the Christian faith, being brought to court, and losing their jobs.

A true Christian disciple: follows Christ daily until death. Jesus promises us reward for obedient, faithful discipleship in suffering. The question before us is are we willing to hear Christ's call to become disciples? Are we willing to travel a road which will involve suffering for his sake and the Gospel? Jesus puts it this way "What will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit soul? "Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" The choice the temporary rewards and comforts of this life or the permanent everlasting reward of Heaven one day? Paul who suffered much, right to death could say before his death "For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord righteous judge will award me on that day - and not only me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 2nd Timothy chapter 4 v 6-8. Could we say the same as Paul? The world we live today and direction it is travelling means that we are called and will be called to show true discipleship. But the promise of God's word is He will be with us and will reward us in heaven one day, when we come to him and and commit ourselves to him."

Trory and Killadeas

Vacant

Services covered by **Canon Billy Johnston**

Revd John Woods, Rural Dean is in charge with **Mrs Sue Hogg, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant**, assisting with pastoral care.

Trory

Church Services

Sunday services will continue as normal at 11.30am with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month, Sunday School will take place during the latter half of service. Holy Communion will be conducted by Revd Dr. William Johnston and Morning Prayer by a variety of visiting clergy and lay readers through to Christmas.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be at 8pm Friday 11th October (Canon McGirr) and at Morning Service Sunday 13th October (Eileen Cutler)

Church decorating will commence after lunch Thursday 10th everyone welcome, your help will be very much appreciated.

Farewell

On Sunday 7th September we said farewell to our permanent lay reader, Colin Brownsmith and his wife Olive. A good turnout at Church was a fitting tribute to them and gave an indication as to the high esteem in which they were held. We shall miss them both and we wish Colin well in his calling, the Church will be richer because of his presence.

Tribute

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank our outgoing treasurer Alison for her dedication and hard work. Alison guided us through a decade of austerity and financial instability with wisdom and forethought and no doubt there were times she felt frustrated and undervalued but it is only fitting to state that her efforts were much appreciated. Thank you Alison.

Prayers

A number of our parishioners are at present in hospital, John Curry and Tom Brownlee. We are told they are making progress and we pray that by the time this report goes to print that they will be well on the way to recovery. To the members who are out of hospital and recovering at home, Alwyn and Mervyn Loane, Sam Smith, Pat Brown and Irene Bownes you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We extend our gratitude to all the medical staff for their skill and care of all the patients. We must not forget the carers at home who are the unsung heroes of our society.

Rectory

The upgrading of the rectory is almost



Presentations were made to Revd. Colin Brownsmith at services in Trory and Killadeas churches.

complete inside and will now require the decorating aspect of the project, while the outside is coming along slowly, (the weather not having been too kind to us) a few work parties will be required to get the grounds into shape.

Mothers' Union

The ladies will meet at Killadeas 8pm Monday 14th October. The guest speaker will be Pauline Hurst, speaking on her experiences in Kenya.

Tuesday Club

Having had an enjoyable afternoon tea and entertainment, thanks to Joan, at the last meeting they will meet again October 8th at Killadeas 2.30pm with the topic, "When we were young."

Keep Fit

Classes will continue at the Church Hall, Ballycassidy on Wednesday at 7.30pm and will run until December.

Bowls

The Bowling Club will host the Trory Pairs tournament Monday 30th September through to Friday 4th October when everyone is welcome.

Killadeas

Wedding congratulations

On Saturday 29th June 2019, The Priory Church, Killadeas hosted the wedding of Peter Allen, son of David and Hazel Allen, Killadeas and Miss Megan Porter, daughter of Howard and Gillian Porter from Castlefin in Co. Donegal. May we take this opportunity to wish them God's blessings as they start out their life together.

Farewell

On Sunday 8th September a presentation was made to Mr Colin Brownsmith to thank him for conducting our services over the last year. We wish him well as he begins his Deaconship at Enniskillen Cathedral. You will be missed Colin and Olive.

Church Services

Church Services continue as usual at 10.00am every Sunday, with Holy Communion on the First Sunday of each month and coffee being served in the Parish Hall after our service on the third Sunday in the month.



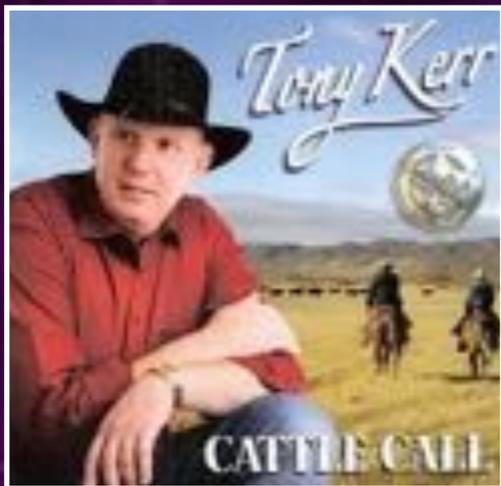
The wedding of Peter Allen and Megan Porter in The Priory Church, Killadeas.

SOUTH WEST ACUTE HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER

Don't miss it!

Thursday 24th October 2019

GRAND CHARITY CONCERT



KILLYHEVLIN HOTEL, ENNISKILLEN

8.00PM SHARP • DOORS OPEN 7.15PM

Starring... **CATHY DURKIN • WHITE LIGHTNING
SHAWN CUDDY • TONY KERR • FAMILY AFFAIR**

**PLUS SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE OF
IRELAND'S NO.1 ELVIS - ANDY ROGERS**

COMPERE - IVAN KEE

Tickets only £15 available from Killyhevlín Hotel, Leslie's Coffee Shop, MR Financial Services, St. Michael's Bookshop, Cathedral Office, Tom Read Menswear, Erne Insurance, Irvinestown, Ivan Moran, Derrylin.

Total proceeds to the Cardiac, Intensive Care & Stroke Units in our Hospital



White Lightning



Shawn Cuddy



Family Affair



Cathy Durkin

Concert promoters Ivan Kee 07768000167 and Paula Moore 07979990628.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2019

• Tuesday 1st October – **Clogher Diocese Safeguarding Training** in Monaghan Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Book a place with Sabrina McCabe (Tel.02866347879 (Option 1) or Michael Skuce (07764638355).

• Tuesday 1st October – **Marshall Beresford and Church Fabric Fund deadline** for applications.

• Thursday 3rd October – **Clogher Diocese Safeguarding Training** in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 7.30pm. Book a place with Sabrina McCabe (Tel.02866347879 (Option 1) or Michael Skuce (07764638355).

• Thursday 3rd October – **Celebration of Animals Service** in St Finbarr's at 7.15pm. We are inviting everyone from the community to join us on the evening and bring along their pet animal or a picture of their favourite pet or animal. 'Alfie' the Rectory dog is looking forward to his first appearance in church and he like the Rector hopes this service will catch the imagination of the many animal lovers in the area. Donations on the evening will be in aid of Collon Animal Sanctuary who do wonderful work in re-housing and caring for unwanted animals of all varieties.

• Saturday 5th October – **Dromore Parish Breakfast** Supported by Mothers' Union at 10am and this year our guest speaker will be John Shades from Enniskillen Foodbank. The vast majority of people helped through the Foodbank come via partner agencies who assess them in advance for genuine need. Come and hear more about the great work that the Foodbank is doing, future plans and how you can help. This event is open to all (men and women) and the cost is £5. To book your seat contact Eveline on 079 8226 3428 or 028 8289 8911. There will be a retiring collection towards the work of "Enniskillen Foodbank".



• Sunday 6th October – **Annual SEFF Service** will be held in Templecarne Church at 3pm conducted by Revd Charles Eames. Revd Canon Ngozi Njoku will be the speaker.

• Sunday 6th October – **Night of Carols** will be held at 8pm. The guest choir will be the newly formed chamber choir, Cantari Donagh'. Festive refreshments will be served and all are invited to come and bring a friend to kick off the Christmas season.

• Monday 7th - Sunday 13th October 2019 – **Colaghty Parish Mission** Thy Word is Truth' excluding Saturday, with speaker Revd William Anderson, formally Tullaniskan

and Clonoe. Monday to Friday services re at 8.00pm and Sunday evening at 7.00pm. Sunday morning service at 11.30am with Jeff Gawn. This mission will incorporate our harvest weekend services with light refreshments in the hall each night.

• Tuesday 8th October – **Clogher Diocese Safeguarding Training** in Lisnaskea Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Book a place with Sabrina McCabe (Tel.02866347879 (Option 1) or Michael Skuce (07764638355).

• Thursday 10th October – **Clogher Diocese Safeguarding Training** in Magheracross Parish Hall, Ballinamallard at 7.30pm. Book a place with Sabrina McCabe (Tel.02866347879 (Option 1) or Michael Skuce (07764638355).

• Friday 11th October – **A Country and Gospel Concert** in celebration of Drumate RBP 992's 100th Anniversary on Friday 11th October in the Union Hall Newbliss at 8pm. It will be hosted by Gary Wilson and all are welcome. Tea served afterwards and admission is €10.

• Saturday 12th October – **Harvest Craft Show and Sell** will take place during the Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend in Fivemiletown Parish from 10am-3pm to thank God for The Work Of Our Hands! Parishioners are asked to bring something made by their hands using wood, metal, thread, wool, paint, flowers or food. We would love to see and celebrate. There will hopefully be about 20 craft stalls also where parishioners and friends and guests will sell handmade items. Tea, coffee and cakes will be sold in aid of the building work at Kiltermon. The Glebes committee will display the plans for that work. And children are invited to take part in an Upcycling Competition.

• Saturday 12th October – **Harvest Barn Dance** in Lisbellaw Parish Centre at 8pm with Jason Kilfedder.

• Saturday 12th October – **Men's Prayer and Rugby Breakfast** in Maguiresbridge Parish Hall. The event coincides with the Rugby World Cup in Japan when there will be matches featuring New Zealand v Italy, England v France and Ireland v Samoa, all taking place during the morning



• Sunday 13th October – **Tractor Sunday** as part of Donagh Parish Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 3pm with refreshments in the hall afterwards. Guest speaker; Mrs Joy Coulter.

• Tuesday 15th October – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for

November issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org

• Tuesday 15th October – **Quarterly Deadline for receipt of Music Bursary applications.**

• Wednesday 16th October – **Shoppers Service** including Holy Communion in Derryvullan North Parish Centre, Irvinestown at 11am.

• Friday 18th October – **Monaghan Parish Sale** will be in St. Patrick's Hall from 10am -2pm. Tea and Coffee will be available as well as the usual stalls and all are welcome.

• Friday 18th October – **Gala Country and Gospel Concert** in aid of St. Macartin's Cathedral Roof Repair and the Poppy Appeal in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 8pm. Artistes appearing include Curtis Magee, John Rafferty, Keelan Arbuckle, Thomas Milligan, The Benn Sisters and Gary Wilson. Further information and tickets from the Cathedral Office; 028 66322917 or contact Billy - 028 66342967/Ruby - 028 66328045 or pay at the door.

• Friday 18th October – **Country and Gospel Concert** in Magheracross Parish Church, Ballinamallard at 8.00pm. Artistes appearing include: Crawford Bell, Margaret Johnston, Revd David McBeth, Sarah McAlpine (Harpist), Silver Tones Male Voice Choir and the Church Choir. Proceeds from the concert are going towards the new kitchen in the Archdale Hall. Admission: £10. Tickets available from Vestry members.

• Saturday 19th October – **Magheraculmonee Parish Auction** at the Ardess Parish Centre, Kesh opposite the church. The organisers are looking for any pledges you may be able to make that can be auctioned off as well as auction items.

• Sunday 20th October – **Annual Service of Remembrance** in All Saints, Mullaghfad at 3.00pm with members of Fivemiletown Royal British Legion and Lisburn Royal British Legion attending. Friends and visitors will be most welcome.



• Monday 21st - Monday 28th October 2019 – **Devenish Parish Bowling Club Annual Tournament** takes place in the Reade Hall, Monea on Monday 21st October, Wednesday 23rd October, Thursday 24th October, Friday 25th October with the finals night on Monday 28th October. Entries to William Harpur (02866341237).

• Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th October 2019 – **Clogher Clergy Conference** in Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal.

- Thursday 24th October – **Grand Charity Concert** promoted by Derryvullen North Parish at the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen. Doors open at 7.15pm and curtain up at 8.00pm sharp. The concert will be starring Cathy Durkin, White Lightning, Shawn Cuddy, Tony Kerr, Family Affair plus Ireland's No 1 Elvis, Andy Rogers. The compere will be Ivan Kee. Tickets £15 from Tom Reid's, St Michael's Bookshop, MR Financial Services, Leslie's Coffee Shop and the Killyhevlin Hotel. The total proceeds will go to the Cardiac, Intensive Care and Stroke Units.

- Thursday 24th October – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, from 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Canon Henry Blair.

- Saturday 26th October – **Coffee Morning, Cake Sale and Auction** for Kiltermon Building Fund from 10am to 1pm in St John's Parish Hall, Fivemiletown. Viewing from 9.30am to include firewood, local produce and livestock, and a wide variety of top quality items.

- Saturday 26th October – **Men's Rugby World Cup breakfast** combining food and rugby at the Rectory from 8.30am followed by watching the first of the Rugby World Cup semi-finals. Kick off for the match at 9.00am. There will also be a short talk on Christians in sport.



- Saturday 26th October – **Beetle Drive** will be held in Druminan Orange Hall at 8pm. All welcome.

- Sunday 27th October – **Special Service of Music** conducted by Dean Raymond Ferguson with professional organist, Dr Joe McKee OBE MA Hon FGCM will be held on Galloon Church at 3.30pm.

- Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2019 – **Aghavea Parish Annual Bowls Competition** in the Parish Hall. Registrations can already be forwarded to the club, and if you need any further details, contact the Rector anytime.

- Wednesday 30th October – **Musical Evening** in St Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee with Revd Dr. Jean Mackarel.

- Thursday 31st October – **Priorities Fund deadline for applications.**

November 2019

- Saturday 2nd November – **Lisbellaw Parish Auction and Sale of Cakes** at 12noon in the Parish Centre.

- Tuesday 5th November – **Board of Education Committee meeting** at 10am.

- Tuesday 5th November – **Glebes Committee meeting** at 11am.

- Tuesday 5th November – **Diocesan Council Meeting** at 2pm

- Friday 8th November – **Sallaghy Parish Dance** will be held in the Parish Hall with dancing from 10pm - 1am with music provided by "Wee Tom." The cost will be £5 including supper and all proceeds are in aid of Church Funds. Everyone will be made most welcome.

- Friday 8th November – **Variety Concert** will be held in Derryvullen South Hall (Tamlaght) at 8.00 pm. The compere will be Mr. Ian Coalter from Moy. There will be a mix of music, song and comedy and this should be a great occasion in the life of our parish.

- Saturday 9th November – **Concert organised by Clogh Parish** with Larne Cross Community Choir in the hall at 7.30pm. Supper served and tickets £10.

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

- Thursday 14th November – **35th Annual Variety Concert** will be held in the Youth Hall, Tullyhommon (kindly granted) at 8pm. The guest artist will be Kenny Archer with various other local artists performing. Please support this annual event which is enjoyed by all.

- Friday 15th November – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for December issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org

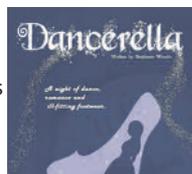
- Friday 22nd November – **Kesh Rural Deanery Youth Event** at 8.00pm in Colaghty Parish Hall. The evening is open to all young people across the Kesh Deanery and beyond. The speaker will be Hannah Arnold of Christian Action Research and Education (CARE) on relevant topics making the news at present.

- Sunday 24th November – **175th Anniversary of Drummully Parish Church** will be celebrated with a joint service on Sunday, 24th November at 3.00pm, the Feast of Christ The King. This is to be officiated by Bishop John McDowell. Supper will be served afterwards in the Church Hall. Everyone will be made warmly welcome.



- Thursday 28th November – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen from 1.00pm to 1.35pm led by Canon Maurice Armstrong.

- Friday 29th - Saturday 30th November 2019 – Lisbellaw Parish Presents their play, **Dancerella** at 7.30 in Lisbellaw Parish Centre.



- Friday 29th November – **Craft Fair** for Devenish Parish will be held in the Reade Hall. More details later.

December 2019

- Monday 2nd - Friday 13th December 2019 – **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** led by Clogher Diocese to Israel and is open to anyone both inside and outside the Diocese. Anyone requiring further information should contact Chancellor David Skuce at Tel. 00353749136187/07764221963.

- Friday 6th December – **Christmas Concert** for St. Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee with the Ferguson Family.

- Saturday 14th December – **Christmas Fayre** organised by St. Tighernach's Parish Church, Clones in the Creighton Hotel Ballroom from 10am until 12.30pm. Christmas Cakes, Puddings, Handmade Christmas Wreaths and a variety of other items. Come and join your friends for Tea. Everyone Welcome



- Thursday 19th December – **Ecumenical Carol service** will be held at St Maeldoid's Church, Muckno, Castleblayney on Thursday, 19th December at 7.30pm. More details in the next magazine.

March 2020

- Sunday 8th March – **Favourite Hymns** in St Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee at 3pm with Revd Olivia Downey.

May 2020

- Thursday 7th - Saturday 9th May 2020 – **2020 General Synod** in Croke Park Meetings and Events Centre.

- Sunday 10th May – **Picnic at Crom** for St. Mark's Parish, Aghadrumsee 200th anniversary year.



- Friday 22nd - Monday 25th May 2020 – **Inishmacsaint Mothers Union Trip** to Ennis, Co. Clare. Cost £340 for three nights sharing, including Bed and Breakfast and three evening meals. Single supplement £60. Please contact Robena 02868641569 for further details.

June 2020

- Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th June 2020 – **Aghadrumsee 200th Anniversary** ending weekend with display of wedding dresses and christening gowns and dress up Sunday.

CLOGHER DIOCESAN BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Results of Bishop's Medal and Archdeacon Ruddell Prizes

The results of the CDBRE competitions 2018-19 on "The Hymns of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander" were announced at Diocesan Synod in September.

The winners were as follows:

BISHOP'S MEDAL

1st - Sarah Taylor, Donagh, Glaslough.

ARCHDEACON RUDELL PRIZE WINNERS

1st - Holy Trinity Church, Lisnaskea - Group Entry.

2nd - St Salvator's Parish, Donagh, Glaslough - Group Entry.

3rd - Hannah Barr, Lisbellaw Parish Church - Individual Entry.

PRIZES WERE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS AND CERTIFICATES GIVEN TO ALL THOSE WHO HAD ENTERED THE COMPETITIONS.

Sincere thanks to everyone who made such an effort to produce their projects.



Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and Bishop's Medal Competitions 2019-2020

Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education invites children and young people to enter the following competitions. This year's theme is:

The Parables of Jesus

During His earthly ministry Jesus frequently used parables to teach his listeners about the Kingdom of God. The competitions this year offer an opportunity for our children and young people to explore a number of these stories, identify the key messages contained in them and explore their relevance for their lives today.

Archdeacon Ruddell Prize

1. Choose and list any **six** parables of Jesus that are recorded in the gospels. (Please include the Bible References)
2. Using illustrations to help, retell any **three** of these parables.
3. Explain what you think Jesus was teaching his listeners, including us, through **each** of these **three** parables.



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

Bishop's Medal

1. Choose and list any **ten** parables of Jesus that are recorded in the gospels. (Please include the Bible References)
2. Retell and illustrate any **five** of these parables and identify the hidden message contained in **each** of them.
3. What relevance do you think **each** of these messages has to your life and to the lives of others today?
4. Why do you think Jesus used parables to teach people about God?



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

Include relevant text, pictures, diagrams, photographs etc.

All entries must be original, the work of those entering

Entries can be handwritten and/or hand drawn or use IT skills to help

All entries should please be left in the Diocesan Office by Wednesday 29th April 2020

YOUTH PAGES

AUTUMN SOUL WEEKEND

Following the success of our visit last year to the IMYC Autumn Soul weekend in Bangor, the Youth Council are proposing to again sponsor a return visit with a diocesan group this year. We will be staying at local church halls and travelling to and from Bangor by coach.

The theme this year is RELEASED - looking at the adventures God has in store for us as you are set free to impact those in the world around us.

The speaker for the weekend is Esther Stansfield who formerly worked for Tear Fund but who is now working with the missionary organisation Latin Link. Esther will be exploring all that God has to set us free so that we can truly live Released lives that will impact our worlds. Come with us and explore the adventures God has in store as we are RELEASED to impact those around us.

CDYC will be providing travel to and from the weekend by coach along with the accommodation. We will be staying in the local parish church halls which are a short walk from the main venue. It's not glamorous but it is comfortable!

Autumn Soul is a purposely designed youth weekend for young people from 13-18yrs. It aims to provide young people with the time and space to meet Jesus in fresh new ways and encounter the Holy Spirit. It's not just about feeling safe, warm and cosy though. It's about taking up the challenge to advance in a walk with Jesus Christ or meeting Him for the very first time!

Young people are invited to enjoy deep worship, inspirational teaching and warm fellowship as well as having time to relax and enjoy themselves!

As with last year the main venue for the weekend programme will be the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church and halls.

The weekend begins with registration at 7pm on the Friday evening with Opening Worship at 8pm. There will be a full evening's programme including Esther's first talk followed by the Late-Night Extras from 10.30pm. Saturday will see more worship, talks, seminars and live music. Finally, Sunday brings the closing worship service and talk from Esther followed by the annual Dodgeball tournament in the nearby Aurora leisure centre sports hall.



Full details and application forms have already been sent to Clergy and Youth Leaders but if you would like any further information please contact:
Jonny Phenix
dyo@clogher.anglican.org
 07850881712

Main stage speaker:
Esther Stansfield



I'm really excited to be coming to Autumn Soul because it's such an innovative, inspiring gathering, full of incredible young people, passionate about God and what he is calling them to do in His big world. It's exciting to see what He has in store for us all!



FRIDAY

7pm
Registration
8:30pm
Worship
celebration
10:30pm
Late Night
Extras

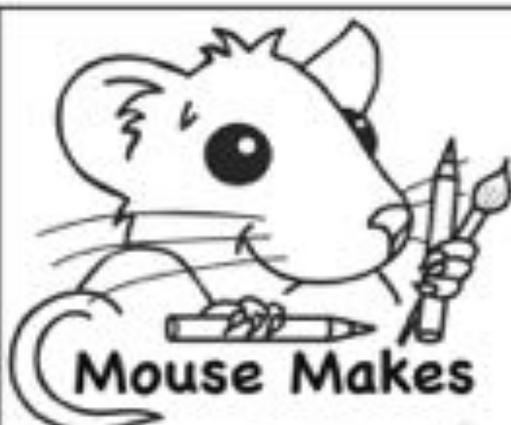
SATURDAY

9:30am Worship Celebration
11:45am Seminars
1pm Lunch
2pm Big Sing
3:45pm Workshops
5:15pm Take away/In Tea & Karaoke
7pm Pre celebration warm up
7:30pm Worship celebration
10pm Late Night Extras

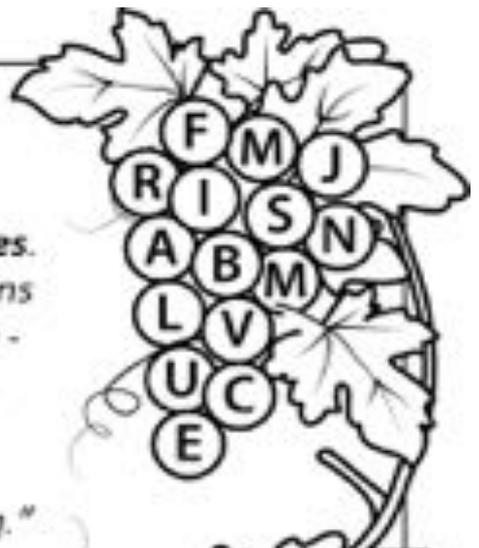
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9am
Mission
Marketplace
10:30pm
Dodgeball
Competition
12:30pm
Brunch
1:30pm
Worship

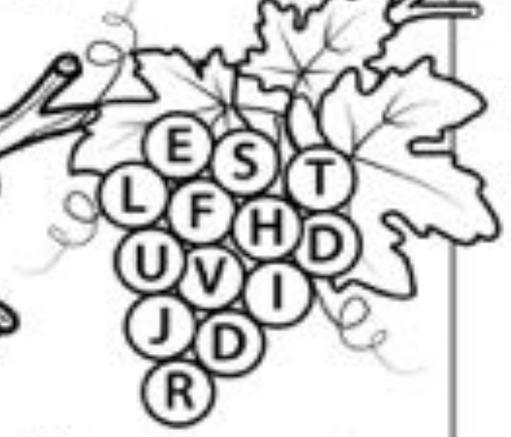
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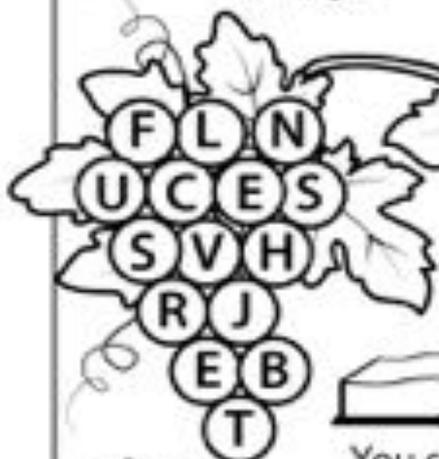
THE TRUE VINE
 Jesus said:
 "I am the vine;
 you are the branches.
 The one who remains
 in me -and I in him -
 bears much fruit,
 because apart
 from me you can
 accomplish nothing."
 John 15:5



"My commandment is this -
 to love one another just
 as I have loved you."
 John 15:12



"No one has greater
 love than this -
 that one lays down
 his life for his friends."
 John 15:13



You can read
 Jesus' teaching on
 The True Vine in:
 John 15:1-17

Each of the word
 in **bold** on this page
 is hidden in the
 bunches of grapes.
 Can you work
 out which bunch
 each word is in?



How many other
 words can you make from:
THE TRUE VINE

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Judges 6:1-7, 11-16, 25-35

Once the Israelites had moved into their
promised land, they obeyed God, but not for
long, so God let other countries invade.

The Midianites invaded every
year, and stole all the food
the Israelites had grown.



The Israelites had to
hide in the hills.



After 7 years,
the Israelites called
out to God for help.

Gideon was secretly
threshing wheat when
an angel arrived.



The Lord is helping you,
mighty warrior.



I don't
mean to be rude, but it
doesn't look like He is.

God said

I will give you the
power.



But my clan
is the weakest in our tribe and
I'm the weakest in my family.

I'll be helping you. Start by pulling
down the altar built for Baal and
build one for Me.



Gideon did as he was told (but he
waited and did it at night).



In the morning, people
came to complain to
Gideon's father



If Baal is upset, he
can take his own
revenge, can't he?



Gideon sent out messages
to call men to fight the
Midianites..



and 32000 came.



New year begins with training events



Some photos from Inishmacsaint Branch's Enrolment Service.

It is the start of a new year in the Girls' Friendly Society and our theme is "Trust in God". Some branches have just re-opened and others are preparing to do so. Fintona Branch kindly hosted our training evening for leaders on 5th September. This was a great evening where 25 leaders from the various branches throughout the Diocese discussed the incoming year's activities – Bible Study, Handcraft, GFS Missions and Cookery, along with other various items. Our Bible Syllabus this year is based on Lydia, Paul and Silas. We are delighted to see Dromore Branch re-opening after being closed for two years and we wish the leaders and the Revd Andrew Quill well with the branch, and we know that they have Mrs Alison Jackson, our All-Ireland President within their parish who will be a great guide and



encouragement to them within the branch. First Aid Training – 13 of our leaders attended First Aid Course in St. John's Parish Hall in Fivemiletown on Saturday, 14th September. Most Branches were represented at the training and we had a very informative day, our trainer was excellent and took time both to explain things and answer questions.



INVITE TO JOIN A TOWNSEND BRANCH

On several occasions we have been asked in Clogher Diocese if we have a Townsend Branch of GFS, the answer is no, but we would be willing to try and get a Branch up and going! GFS All-Ireland have encouraged us to look into the opening of a Townsend Branch in our Diocese. So, if you are a lady over the age of 21 and are interested in joining us, we would be delighted to hear from you. We hope to have a meeting in October/ November to discuss in more detail but for now if you are interested please contact Mrs. Pearl Smyton, Diocesan President for more information. Email: pearlsmytoncloghergfs@gmail.com *Please note: This invite is for any young lady over the age of 21 years, along with past members and leaders.*



A photo from a Coffee Morning which hosted by Inishmacsaint Branch raising funds for their Branch and World Council.

DATES FOR YOUR GFS DIARY:

- Central Council – 16th November, Wesley House, Dublin
- Council Meeting – 25th November, in the Hilliard Room, Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 8pm

DIOCESAN NEWS

Planning and funding regular maintenance and minor repairs

Sometimes we take our Places of Worship for granted, that they will always be there, that they will just take care of themselves. Maintenance plans and procedures can seem like a daunting prospect and are easily put off as we get on with the more important day-to-day stuff.....until, that is, the roof starts leaking or bits of masonry start falling off! The National Churches Trust are delighted to be able to present a half day workshop, led by professionals, where we will explore the importance of maintenance and early diagnosis of potential issues as well as looking at what help is out there to help you stop minor problems becoming major ones. Speakers include Chris McCollum (Conservation Accredited Building Surveyor specialising in historic buildings) and Nigel Mills (Church Support Officer from the National Churches Trust). This interactive workshop will cover a variety of practical issues common to Places of Worship in Northern Ireland. These include:

- The benefits of carrying out regular inspections and maintenance;
- Common issues facing churches and how



- to resolve them;
- How to devise and carry out a simple maintenance plan;
 - Making sure you are doing it right (what you can do yourself, what you should get help with, permissions etc)
 - New technologies available and cost saving tips and techniques;
 - What funding is available to churches in Northern Ireland and how to access it;
 - What makes a good funding application (what funders are looking for, top tips from other churches);
 - Other sources of help available to churches in Northern Ireland;

There will be opportunities to ask questions throughout the session and there will be time at the end to speak on a one to one basis

Feedback from previous events:

- “Good overview of funding and the processes involved”
- “Useful to have maintenance plan templates”
- “I enjoyed the maintenance talk which challenged me to carry out more visual inspections”
- “Sincerest thanks for the experience and I look forward to acting on what I have heard today and building upon the advice”
- “Liked to hear about the approach to funding and the Case Study”

The event takes place on Monday, 7th October 2019 between 10am -12.30pm in Mount Merrion Parish Church, Mount Merrion Avenue, Belfast BT6 0FS.

This event has been made possible through the support of the Historic Environment Division of the Department for Communities

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Tickets £10



Revd Colin Brownsmith with his wife, Olive (right) and Ray and Jennifer Kneeshaw.



Archdeacon Cecil Pringle who preached at the ordination service.

TWO OLM DEACONS ORDAINED IN CLOGHER DIOCESE

The ordination has taken place in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen of Colin Brownsmith and Abraham Storey as Deacons, the first two in Clogher Diocese following their training in Ordained Local Ministry.

The ordination was conducted by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell on Sunday, 15th September 2019.

Bishop McDowell told a large congregation of friends and family members and representatives of parishes where both Colin and Abraham have served as Diocesan Readers, that this was an important day for them and reminded them it was not merely taking up a new job.

"They are taking up a new order, a Holy Order. It is not simply a change in what they do but what they are, ministers of God," he said.

The preacher was the Venerable Cecil Pringle, Archdeacon Emeritus, who said this OLM training was a new step in ministry. Both Colin and Abraham had trained alongside members of the Methodist Church as well as side by side with colleagues in the Church of Ireland.



The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell with Revd Colin Brownsmith and Revd Abraham Storey, ordained as OLM Deacons.

He said those being ordained through this route would help address the needs of ministry throughout Ireland.

He reflected on the changes in the church over the last 50 years of his ministry, during which he said rural populations had declined and a multitude of schools had closed in Fermanagh and Monaghan. In the last group of parishes where he served, there were five primary schools at one time but the last of these had closed 30 years ago.

As a consequence there were amalgamations of churches and clergy and the development of lay ministers.

He said that in a fast-changing world, the church must proclaim the faith relevant and meaningful to today's congregations. During the service which included the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the hymns sung included "Pour out by Spirit from on high," "What a friend we have in Jesus," "Alleluia! sing to Jesus" and "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart." The organist was Mr. Glenn Moore.

The readings were by Mr Scott Elliott, who is training for the ministry; Miss Isobel Stewart, a Diocesan Pastoral Assistant and Parochial Reader and Canon Paul Thompson.

Following the service, everyone was invited to tea in the Cathedral Hall.

Revd Colin Brownsmith will serve one year



Revd Abraham Storey and his wife, Gertrude with their son, Douglas and daughter, Emma.

in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, assisting the Dean, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall and Revd Abraham Storey will serve

for one year in the Grouped Parishes of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk with the Rector, Canon Mark Watson.

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 - Saturday 25th 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





Revd Philip Bryson (second right), instituted Rector of the Grouped Parishes of Kilskeery and Trillick Churches with (from left); Revd John Woods, Rural Dean; Revd John McClenaghan, Registrar; the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell and Archdeacon Brian Harper.

New Rector instituted to the Grouped Parishes of Kilskeery and Trillick

The parishioners of the Grouped Parishes of Kilskeery and Trillick in Clogher Diocese have welcomed their new rector.

The institution of the Revd Philip Bryson as Rector of the Grouped Parishes of Kilskeery and Trillick, took place on Thursday, 12th September, by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell in Kilskeery Parish Church.

Revd Bryson was formerly a Curate in Magheraculmoney Parish, Kesh, also in Clogher Diocese.

A large number of parishioners from both parishes attended, joined by many parishioners from Ardess Parish Church, Magheraculmoney.

The Archdeacon of Clogher, the Venerable Brian Harper presented Revd Bryson as incumbent-elect to the Bishop.

During the service, the representatives from both parishes of Kilskeery and Trillick read the lessons, including Mrs Linda Brunt, a Parish Reader and Mrs Hilary Vance. Psalm 23 was led by Mr Adrian Irvine, a Parish Reader. Parishioners also took part in the



The Bishop with Revd Philip Bryson during the Institution Service.

commissioning.

The Bishop preached the sermon where he commended Revd Bryson to his new parishioners. He also thanked all his clergy and lay people in the Diocese for the sacrifices they have made in their vocational life in the church and asked them to show leadership and become peacemakers in their communities.

The hymns sung during the service included "Here is love, vast as the ocean," "Jesus, the name high over all," "Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing:" and "O Breath of life come sweeping through us." The organist was Miss Elizabeth Armstrong.

The collection was taken up for the Clogher Ministry Fund which facilitates the development of lay and ordained ministry in the Diocese.

At a reception afterwards in the Parish Hall, chaired by the Rural Dean, the Revd. John Woods, tributes were paid to Revd Bryson by Noel Graham on behalf of Magheraculmoney Parish and Revd Bryson was welcomed to his new parishes by Helena Thompson, People's Churchwarden in Trillick and Alison Fee, People's Churchwarden in Kilskeery as well as by Revd Gunther Andrich on behalf of Irvinestown Presbyterian Church and Very Revd Padraig McKenna PP on behalf of



Revd Bryson greeting parishioners as they leave the service.

Trillick Roman Catholic Church.

Replying, Revd Bryson said he and his family were looking forward to working together with parishioners in both parishes and hoped this would be the beginning of a journey together with God in the middle of everything.

Revd. Bryson and his wife, Viola have four children, Anna, Mia, Tim and Ben.

The Bishop concluding the proceedings,

thanked everyone who had looked after the parishes during the vacancy and thanked the Rural Dean for his leadership in the area. Revd Bryson, originally from Belfast served his curacy in Magheraculmoney Parish over the past three years and had previously spent two years in youth work there. He served his deacon intern year in St. Bartholomew's Church near Stranmillis, Belfast.

Worship Forum to share ideas on church buildings

The Northern Ireland Places of Worship Forum is an opportunity for churches organisations with an interest in faith heritage to meet, share, explore ideas and plan towards the future over issues common to the buildings of all faith traditions.

This Forum meeting will build upon the research carried out by the National Churches Trust and the Department for Communities in 2018 and the productive discussions that have already taken place. The aim is to continue to develop an effective mechanism for faith bodies, heritage bodies and other interested parties to increase communication as well as looking to develop an effective strategy to enable greater support for churches and chapels on common building related issues.

The morning will include:

- An update on Northern Ireland Maintenance Project managed by Ulster Historic Churches Trust
- Details of funding and resources currently available to Places of Worship in Northern Ireland
- A showcase of the work taking place at Mount Merrion Parish Church
- Details of a proposed capacity building project for Places of Worship in Northern Ireland
- Planning for future Places of Worship Forums

The meeting will take place at Mount Merrion Parish Church on Tuesday 8th October from 10.00am to 1.00pm and will be chaired by Mrs June Butler MBE.

There will be lunch and an opportunity to network at the end of the meeting.



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St Patrick – an inspiration for all?

Public event by local Churches and County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge, promoting helpful discussion on important issues

A unique public event will take a fresh look at the life of St Patrick and the Ireland of his time, to find inspiration that all can celebrate.

St Patrick – an inspiration for all? will take place in The Killyhevlin Hotel Enniskillen on Tuesday 29th October at 7.30pm.

St Patrick – an inspiration for all? is the latest in what has become a popular series of public events organised by local Churches and County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge, designed to promote helpful discussion on important issues. It 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 local Methodists and Presbyterians.

The speakers will include the Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell and the retired Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher, Bishop Joseph Duffy.

The first speaker will be Bishop McDowell. He has tried to understand Patrick's

way of thinking and believing as he has considered his work over the years. He will trace the outlines of Patrick's faith, including his life changing experiences of captivity and calling.

The second speaker, Bishop Duffy, is a respected scholar of early Ireland and is also the translator of St Patrick's Confessions, one of the only two pieces of writing which can be ascribed to Patrick with confidence. He will speak on 'Understanding the Ireland Patrick lived in'. There will be an opportunity for questions from the floor, before the evening finishes with refreshments.

Speaking ahead of the event, Bishop John McDowell said, "Most of us have a picture of St Patrick in our head. It would be nearly impossible not to have given the tens of thousands of pictures and statues of which abound in every corner of Ireland. By and large he's like what we want him to be."

He continued, "In reality (or in history which is not quite the same thing) he is much more difficult to pin down. Lots has been written

about him but not much by him. And he needs to be allowed to speak for himself."

The County Grand Master of County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge, Wor. Bro. Paul Stevenson said, "St Patrick lived 1600 years ago and is still celebrated today, with each of us having our own perspective on him. We hope this evening will benefit every member of our community, as we discuss and reflect on this major figure the history of Christianity in Ireland."

He added, "We warmly invite every member of our community to this free public event."

St Patrick – an inspiration for all? will take place on Tuesday 29th October in The Lisgoole Suite, The Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen. It will begin at 7.30pm and admission is free. All sections of the community are warmly invited.

The organisers wish to recognise the support of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as well as the Centre for Studies in Irish Protestantism (Maynooth University).

Disability Awareness Training

Clogher Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action are pleased to host a training session on Disability Awareness.

This will be delivered by Katherine-Alice Grasham, Disability Officer for the Anglican Diocese of Leeds. Katherine will give an overview of this subject and will focus on some relevant issues which will include topics like disability and theology, invisible disabilities, practical tips for inclusion, language and discrimination and children and families with additional needs.

This training will take place on Wednesday 30 October 2019 at 7pm in the Hilliard Room, Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. If you require any further information, please contact Revd Charlie Eames.

HOSPITAL SET TO BENEFIT FROM IVAN AND PAULA'S GRAND CHARITY CONCERT

Well-known businessman Ivan Kee and his sister-in-law Paula Moore have joined forces to organise a Grand Charity Concert in support of their local hospital as their way of extending sincere thanks for the dedicated care that they have received there.

The dynamic duo is holding this event, when they expect to top a fundraising target of £20,000, in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, on October 24, 2019 and will direct all proceeds to the South West Acute Hospital's Cardiac, Intensive Care and Stroke Units – all of which hold special meaning to them.

"We are so lucky to have this level of dedicated service on our doorstep," says Ivan, who points out that his gratitude comes from his own personal experience as a heart patient.

"Over the past 10 years I have had to be rushed to the cardiac unit some 24 times to be treated for atrial fibrillation," disclosed Ivan. Ivan continued: "My sister-in-law, Paula Moore from Irvinestown, is also joining me in this venture due to her life changing experience three years ago. Paula was struck down with Herpes Encephalitis. This is a virus that

travelled to her brain and she ended up spending four and a half months in hospital with six and a half weeks of that time in an induced coma. She was given a 30 per cent chance of survival at the start and wouldn't have made her miraculous recovery only for the very prompt diagnosis so early on. She had to learn to eat, talk and walk again and thankfully has returned to good health thanks to the dedication of the staff."

Ivan pointed out that both he and Paula, decided they would organise the concert "to give a little back to these three great units" and show the hospital management and staff how much they appreciate them.

"Words cannot express the attention to detail that the staff provide," highlights Ivan. Ivan or Paula, who can be contacted for further details, note that tickets are available from Killyhevlin Hotel, Leslie's Coffee Shop, MR Financial Services, St. Michael's Bookshop, Cathedral Office, Tom Read Menswear, Erne Insurance, Irvinestown, and Ivan Moran, Derrylin.

• See advert on Page 53.



TWO MORE TRAINING DATES FOR SAFEGUARDING

The training dates for Clogher Diocese Safeguarding continue this month with events in Clones and Kilskeery Rural Deanerys.

The next available event is on 8 October 2019 in Lisnaskea Parish Hall and on 10th October 2019 in Magheracross Parish Hall. The training undertaken by the Diocesan Support Team have already visited Kesh, Clogher, Monaghan, Clones and Enniskillen Rural Deanery areas.

These photographs were taken at the event on 25 September in Tempo Parish Hall.



AN APPEAL...

Who owns this entry for Bishop's Medal and Archdeacon Ruddell prizes?

This file was submitted to the Diocesan Office in June as an entry for this year's competitions organised by the Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education.

This year's competitions were based on "The Hymns of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander."

However there were no names on the entry and the organisers want to find out who submitted this entry so they can receive a certificate.

Please get in touch with Frances Boyd, Hon Secretary of the Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education Tel. 028 66322047.



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CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Standing Committee meets to give update on church matters

The Representative Body of the Church of Ireland met on Tuesday, 17th September 2019, in Church House, Dublin.

The Archbishop of Armagh opened the meeting in prayer and welcomed Mr David Lowe to his first meeting of the RB. The Archbishop also congratulated the Venerable Andrew Forster, Archdeacon of Ardboe, on his election as Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, and thanked the Bishop of Down and Dromore, on his retirement, for the energy he had given the life of the Church in many times and places.

Ms Julie Beck and Sir Paul Girvan were co-opted as members of the Representative Body. The RB was also informed of the re-election of Mr Basil O'Malley (Down and Dromore) and Ms Cynthia Cherry (Connor). The Executive Committee reported that new equipment and training, for the digitisation of records at the RCB Library, has been provided through a grant of €100,000 from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Recommendations to the Standing Committee regarding minimum approved stipends, pensionable stipends, and the Clergy Pensions Fund were approved.

The RB approved the appointment of the following chairpersons of committees, nominated by the Archbishop of Armagh:

Chair, Executive – Mr Henry Saville

Deputy Chair, Executive – Canon Graham Richards

Allocations – Canon Graham Richards

Investment – Mr Kevin Bowers

Property – Mr Keith Roberts

Stipends – Mr Michael Johnston

Library and Archives – Ms Ethne Harkness

Legal Advisory – Mr Lyndon MacCann

Mr Johnston succeeds Mr William Oliver, and Ms Harkness succeeds Dr Michael Webb. The Deputy Chair of the Executive Committee is ex-officio also Chair of the Audit Committee.

An election was held for the membership of each of the above committees. Outgoing members of all committees are automatically eligible for re-election, and nominations were received for three casual vacancies, on the Executive Committee and the Investment Committee. The following persons were elected in respect of those vacancies:

– Mr Henry Algeo (Executive)

– Ms Ethne Harkness (Executive)

– Mr David Lowe (Investment)

The Venerable David Pierpoint and Ms Hilary Prentice were elected as members of the Board of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. The chairpersons of committees and all persons elected will hold office for a three-year term of office.

Mr Algeo and Ms Harkness were also



Chancellor Ian Berry.

appointed as Directors of the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee (designated activity company), of which the Representative Church Body is the sole member.

The next meeting of the RB will take place on Wednesday, 11th December 2019.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Standing Committee News

The Standing Committee of the General Synod met on Tuesday, 17th September 2019, in Church House, Dublin.

Archdeacon George Davison opened the meeting in prayer and with a reading from Matthew Chapter 4.

The Archbishop of Armagh congratulated Archdeacon Andrew Forster on his election as Bishop of Derry and Raphoe and wished him God's blessing as he prepared for his new role. The Archbishop also wished the Bishop of Down and Dromore well as he entered into retirement and commended the energy and commitment with which he had approached his ministry as priest and bishop. The Bishop of Down and Dromore thanked the Archbishop for his friendship and expressed his hope that the unity of the Church across the island of Ireland would be sustained and forged into the future.

Ms Ann Walton was welcomed to her first meeting of Standing Committee, as lay representative of Tuam, Killala and Achonry, having been appointed to fill the vacancy left following the resignation of the Revd Maebh O'Herlihy, on her ordination to serve in the Ordained Local Ministry.

Standing Committee approved the recommendations of the Representative Body regarding minimum approved stipends, pensionable stipends, and the Clergy Pensions Fund. The effect of the resolutions will be as follows from 1 January 2020:

– minimum approved stipend will increase by 2.0% in Northern Ireland and by 1.0% in the Republic of Ireland;

– no stipend shall be less than £30,195 per annum in Northern Ireland or €38,234 per annum in the Republic in the case of an incumbent, a bishop's curate or a diocesan curate over the age of 30 years;

– pensionable stipend shall be £25,498 per annum in Northern Ireland and €36,219 per annum in the Republic in relation to each of the above offices; and

– the rate of levy to be paid by each diocese towards the cost of securing the solvency of the Clergy Pensions Fund will be set at the unchanged percentage level of 13% of the minimum approved stipend.

Standing Committee endorsed a strategic plan for a whole Church of Ireland approach to Children's and Family Ministry, proposed by Canon Ian Berry following discussions with the Children's Ministry Network, the Sunday School Society for Ireland, the Honorary Secretaries and the Representative Church Body.

Standing Committee approved a statement calling for all efforts to be made to ensure the continuity of peace, stability and economic security on the island of Ireland as the UK prepares to withdraw from the European Union.

This year's General Synod passed in motion requesting that Standing Committee explore ways in which the issue of persecuted Christians can be brought more fully to the attention of Synod in 2020. The Inter-Faith Working Group has prepared a paper which it hopes will assist the Council for Mission in its continued work in this area. The paper, which was considered by Standing Committee, refers to the review of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office's support for persecuted Christians, research on persecuted religious minorities in the Middle East and North Africa, the rise of anti-Semitism, and the difficulties experienced by Christians, Muslims and other religious groups in China and the former Soviet states. The working group is continuing a programme of dialogue with religious minorities in Ireland, including Jews and Muslims.

Information about events being co-ordinated by the central Church to mark the 150th anniversary of Disestablishment was circulated to members.

Ms Carolyn Good was appointed to the Advisory Council to the Church of Ireland Centre for Education at Dublin City University, to fill the role of principal of a small rural school as allocated by a resolution of the June meeting of Standing Committee. Ms Good is the teaching principal of Carrigduff National School, Bunclody, Co. Wexford.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Time to bring on the Brexit night watchman

By Bishop John McDowell and Katy Hayward

What would John Arlott have made of it all? Brexit, Boris, and backstops. It is easy to summon up his shade and hear again his inimitable port-over-gravel voice and the calm reassurance of his Hampshire policeman's burr.

"England have played themselves into a spot of bother. They're finding it hard to get momentum having won the toss and opting to bat. And the light is definitely beginning to fade here at Lords as the umpires confer at the Nursery End. The openers are already licking their wounds back in the Pavilion after some very silly strokes. There's a bit of a pause as we wait for the new batsman to appear. Yes, I thought so. I thought it would be. The captain has called up the night watchman".

In some sports now would be the point in the game at which to bring on fresh young legs or maybe even the super-sub. But in England, as summer gives way to the anticipation of autumn in the cool evenings of mid-September, it's no time for heroics. No time to have David Gower flashing needlessly outside off stump with the field set for four slips and a gully and no fewer than two fielders in around short leg. It is time to consolidate. To protect what has been achieved already.

Some cricketing nations rarely if ever use the night watchman. But English pragmatism has always valued modest achievement against the pursuit of impossible goals.

The night watchman isn't there to win the game or even to turn it around. He's not there to show off or dazzle, and is usually a yeoman-like batsman rather than one of the knights of the crease. He'll be happy to give way to the big beasts sometime tomorrow

morning when he has done his job and made his contribution. It's the English way. Of course no analogy is perfect, but as play stands in the great Brexit Test, the conditions are looking less than ideal. Deliberately opting for No Deal as a way out would be akin to pulling all the players off the field and sending them to play the Duke of Norfolk's XI at Arundel. Worse than an admission of defeat – this would be an invocation of it. And a defeat that would have costly and embarrassing consequences for the whole country. After pulling the stunt of No Deal, it would take a long time for the team to be once again considered worthy opponents by any serious nation.

Rather than taking such a drastic route to get out of a bind, there is another strategy that can be played. But it requires the long-view, and more than a little nerve. It also is a tactic that can be used more than once in this Brexit series.

The tricky Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland appears to be the rub. The Government is convinced that it can only get a Withdrawal Agreement through the House of Commons if it is backstop-free. At the same time the EU is equally determined that there can be no Agreement that doesn't contain a safeguard against a hard border in Ireland.

But the Protocol need not work like a 'backstop' at all. It's not a term that was anywhere near nuanced enough to capture the complexity of the issues it was designed to address. It is derived from baseball and refers to the long net used to catch the ball before it flies off the diamond behind the home plate.

The EU likes the backstop because it remains in almost all circumstances. The British Government loathes it for the very

same reason.

The beauty of the night watchman is that he only comes into play when the conditions are far from promising. There are times at which it is necessary to prioritise defence of the wicket over notching up the runs.

Everyone knows from the very moment when the night watchman takes guard that his role is limited. And when the conditions are right and his work is done, he happily leaves the field a contented man – shaking the hand of the higher order batsman walking on to replace him.

As such, the night watchman is indispensable but only until the other big strategic decisions about the game have been made, in light of all the complicated factors that make cricket such a treat for its aficionados.

And big strategic decisions as well as hundreds of little tactical nudges will have to be made in the UK-EU Test match that is to begin on 1 November.

At some point, circumstances may well require the UK to field its team strategically and not rashly. There could be wisdom in putting the night watchman into play between the end of the transition period and before a full new deal has been concluded.

There again, those conditions may never arise. The important thing is that he is at least in the pavilion and padded up.

At this point in Brexit, we don't want an arrangement that determines the outcome of the whole match. But we do need something that will get us through to the next stage of a game with as little drama and risk as possible.

So, let's forget the notion of a "backstop". Let's bring on the night watchman instead.

• *This article was previously published in the Daily Telegraph.*

Country and Gospel Concert for Cathedral Roof Appeal

A Gala Country and Gospel Concert will be held this month to help raise funds for the St. Macartin's Cathedral Roof Appeal and also to assist the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

The concert takes place on 18th October in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 8pm.

Among those taking part will be Curtis Magee, John Rafferty, Keelan Arbuckle, Thomas Milligan, The Benn Sisters and Gary Wilson.

Tickets are available from the Cathedral Office (02866322917), Billy (028 66342967) or Ruby (028 66328045).

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Rachel Love, from Belleek Pottery presenting Doreen Earls with a Mothers' Union badge made specially by herself for all the Mothers' Union members of the branch.



Doreen Earls and Dot Barlow admitting the basket designed for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

BUILDING HOPE AND CONFIDENCE

The MU Theme for 2020 is "Building hope and confidence".

'Building hope and confidence' has been placed at the heart of our call to support individuals and families to transform their lives. As we build our hope and confidence in God we will be inspired and equipped to build hope and confidence in others, in both local and global context. So our themed resources 2020 aim to help us live out our faith to build hope and confidence in ourselves as well as those we support, and to nurture our faith as we continue to walk forward in step with God. Resources for this theme are available on the website.

Dates for the Diary

MULOA event exploring the MU theme 'Listen Observe and Act - in Step with God' on Tuesday 8 October in Lisbellaw Parish Hall at 8 pm.

Please contact Liane or Irene if planning to attend.

Women's Weekend

Women's Weekend on 18th - 19th October 2019 in the Armagh City Hotel.

Council meeting

Autumn Council will take place on Thursday 24th October 2019 in Aghavea Parish Church Hall at 8.00 pm.

Prayer Vigils

A Prayer Vigil will take place on Tuesday 26th November 2019 in Garvary Parish Church at 8.00 pm. A representative from "Ardstraw against trafficking" will be the speaker.

A Prayer Vigil will be held in St Patrick's Hall, Monaghan on Friday 15th November from 11.00 a.m. - 12.30 pm.



Members of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek & Kiltyclogher Mothers' Union with Rachel Love, admiring the replica of the basket given to the Queen, by Belleek Pottery, on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee. The painting on the basket was all done by Rachel.

Evensong

An Evensong Service with guest speaker; Worldwide President: Sheran Harper will take place on Sunday 29 March 2020 at 3.15 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. If sufficient numbers wish to attend coaches can be booked for travel to Dublin.

Cookery Book

The All-Ireland Trustees have agreed the publication of a MU cookery book. Recipes will be collected from members and they will be professionally presented and published and will include some short devotions, poems, graces and quotations from scripture. The MU cookery book will be sold at a cost of £5 per copy.

Each Diocese are being asked to provide for consideration for inclusion in the cookery book:

- Fifteen recipes - five each of starters, main course and desserts;
- Each recipe submitted should be accompanied by a photograph of the

finished dish - this should be presented attractively and the photograph of good quality (easy these days with cameras on most phones!).

- Each must be "tried and tested" by and preferably originate from a member - an entire recipe must not be taken from any other source (that would be breach of copyright!).

- We would like to include some Irish recipes (important if we are going to sell to the GB market or even further afield) and also some vegetarian and vegan recipes.

- Recipes and photographs should be forwarded to lianearmstrong@hotmail.com on or before Friday 18 October 2019.

Pray for Bahamas

Please pray for our MU sisters in the Bahamas as they struggle to face the devastation left by the recent cyclone. Also keep in your prayers all those facing catastrophic fire conditions. May God hold you all in the palm of his hand.

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