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Clogh 10.45am Harvest Thanksgiving
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Sunday 18th October
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Sunday 25th October
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Select Vestry
Following recent Easter Vestry Meetings, the Select Vestries and officers will remain the same as last year in the three churches.

Harvest Services
Due to Covid restrictions our Harvest Services will be very different this year and will consist of one Sunday service in all three churches on Sunday 4th October; Clogh at 10.45am, Aghadrumsee at 12.05pm and Drumsnatt at 3.00pm. Dean Raymond Ferguson will be the preacher at all three services.

Baptisms
Two baptisms took place recently in Clogh Church. Alex Gordon, son of Keith and Andrea Nelson and Callum David, son of David and Kylie McCoy. May God richly bless both families at this special time.

Sympathy
We extend our sympathy to the Leary Family on the recent death of Vivienne’s father Noel Allen, Lisnaskea.

SERVICES

October
Sunday 4 October
10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
3.00pm Cooneen Harvest

Sunday 11 October
10.45am Colebrooke Holy Baptism
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

Sunday 20 October
10.45am Colebrooke MP
12.15pm Cooneen MP

Sunday 27 October
10.45am Colebrooke MP
12.15pm Cooneen MP

Mullaghfad Services
Unfortunately there will be no services in Mullaghfad for the time being due to the current distancing restrictions in force.

Parish Organisations
At present the parish organisations will not be resuming as normal, due to the ongoing Covid 19 situation. When they are able to resume, they will be held as follows:

GFS – Girls Friendly Society
The branch normally 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.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group
The Scouts recommence late September and will be meeting every Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and to 9.15pm 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 normally 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

Colybrooke and Cooneen Mothers’ Union
There will be no branch meetings for the next few months according to Church of Ireland guidelines and a directive from All Ireland MU Trustees. However members continue to communicate with each other using modern technology and pray every Wednesday for each other and the needs of the parish as well as the MU members in the Diocese, All Ireland and Worldwide. Over the last few months members have been encouraged by literature provided by the Diocesan Trustees and more recently the members received a surprise bag of ‘Goodies’ and a beautiful Summer 2020 booklet of prayers and readings provided by a branch member to encourage and bring blessing to each person. Psalm 65 was quoted as well as other Bible references and the following poem so enjoy it again.

Simple Gifts
The smell of the bush after the rain, The desert in flower on a red plain, The coming of sleep after much pain; For gifts simple and profound, We thank you, loving Friend.

The sound of waves along the shore, The children’s laughter as they explore, The promise of love for evermore; For gifts simple and profound, We thank you, loving Friend.

The sight of black swans on a calm lake, The taste of summer in a fruit cake, Travelling by faith after a mistake; For gifts simple and profound, We thank you, loving Friend.

The scent of green grass from the cut lawn, The pure white blossom on a rough thorn, The return of hope with a new dawn; For gifts simple and profound, We thank you, loving Friend.

The fragrance of bread just freshly made, The brimming cup sipped in the shade, The pardon of debts never repaid; For gifts simple and profound, We thank you, loving Friend.

Written by Bruce Prewer, in More Australian Psalms
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Church reopening
It is with great delight mixed with a fair amount of trepidation that we have announced that we are moving back into the church building from the beginning of October. Our first service will be a Harvest Service, and even then we will be restricted by our numbers and in our practices. A note of the different restrictions and practices has been distributed recently, and a copy of them is available on our parish website, http://aghavea.blogspot.com I ask for your support and understanding during these times. We will, no doubt, have to finetune our response to the changes, and will probably make mistakes – and so we ask for you to work with us to make it easier to get through the coming weeks and months.

Harvest Celebrations
Aghavea Parish is one of the most generous churches I have had the pleasure of working with, and this is clearly evident in the gifts that are brought to church each Harvest. These gifts are normally re-distributed to nursing homes and to housebound members of our congregation after the festival, however this year the Covid restrictions mean that we are not allowed to distribute fruit and vegetables to anyone. The advice is that these would need to be disposed off afterwards, which goes completely against our stance regarding food waste in society.

This year we are asking everyone to bring along gifts of tins or packets of non-perishable foods, toiletries, and other gifts that would be then donated to our friends in The Pantry to be delivered to many of the poorest and neediest members of our society. Please do not bring flowers, fruit or veg to the church, but show your extreme generosity in your gifts to the charity.

Societies
Again, this year has had an impact on all sections of our parish life, and none more so than our parish societies. Our Mothers’ Union, Girls’ Friendly Society, Sunday School, Bowls societies are still in suspension waiting upon the right circumstances before they can restart. The leaders of each of them thank you for your continued patience and look forward to welcoming you back again when the times change!

Thanks
The Rector would like to congratulate and thank all members of the Select Vestry and the parishioners for their continued understanding and support during these extremely difficult times. Each Sunday service might have started at 11am, but there was always a team of folks in the carpark from 10am getting it ready! They stayed afterwards to tidy up and set things away and were always available when required. Their efforts should not go unnoticed and should be commended by all.

I would like to thank all those who have been keeping in touch with each other during the long period of pandemic, supporting and helping neighbours and friends. I have heard stories of great personal sacrifice and service, and in a sense, it came as no surprise knowing the Fermanagh folks’ sense of family and camaraderie.

I continue to uphold you all in my prayers and give thanks to God for his blessings upon you all.
Holy Matrimony
We are looking forward to the marriage of Samantha Cronhelm and Shane Moffett which is due to be held in Christ Church, Ballybay, on Saturday 17th October. The couple were originally due to be married last April but had to postpone due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We hope that they have a wonderful day on 17th October, despite the current restrictions and uncertainty, and we wish them a long and happy life together.

Birth of baby Lily!
Congratulations and best wishes to Emma Steele Barr and Terence Barr on the birth of baby Lily. We are looking forward to her baptism in Christ Church, Ballybay, on Saturday 3rd October.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Martha Montgomery who has gained full time employment in Art Mooney’s childcare facility in Oram. Also, Martha has been accepted into college to study part-time for a Level 7 Degree in Childcare. You are going to be one busy lady. Well done Martha!

Sympathy
The parishioners and Friends of St. Maeldoid’s Church, Castleblaney, extend deepest sympathy to the McCully family, Churchill, on the sad passing of Ruth who died after a short illness on 3rd July. Ruth attended the annual Friends’ reunion service and other special services at St. Maeldoid’s and we will sorely miss her.

New readers wanted!
We are looking for new readers in St. Maeldoid’s Church, Castleblaney. If you would like to assist with this important parish ministry, please speak to Janet Hill or the Rector.

Easter Vestry meeting – Ballybay Parish
The Easter Vestry meeting for Ballybay Parish was held in the Parish Hall on Monday 14th September at 8 p.m. Details of the appointments/elections at same are as follows:
- Incumbent’s Churchwarden: Lucas Gray
- People’s Churchwarden: Stanley Moffett
- People’s Glebewarden: Elizabeth Gray
- Parochial Nominator: Elizabeth Gray
- Diocesan Synodsperson: Julie Crawford
- Supplemental Parochial Nominator: Anne Gray
- Supplemental Diocesan Synodsperson: Elaine McKenna

Members of the Select Vestry:
- Elaine McKenna
- Gary Dixon
- Jean Lancaster
- Rev. James Stevenson
- Astrid Moffett
- Joseph Crawford
- Anne Gray
- Julie Crawford
- Tanya Pratt

At a subsequent meeting of the Select Vestry, Tanya Pratt was elected as secretary and Joseph Crawford was elected as treasurer.

Return to school/college
Our thoughts and prayers are with pupils, teachers, parents, Boards of Management and all connected with our school communities at this time as they try to navigate their way through uncharted waters. We hope that the children and young people enjoy being back at school/college again after an absence of almost six months and that they are enjoying learning in a structured setting once more.

Sunday School
Parishes have been advised to postpone the commencement of Sunday School and children’s activities in order that the impact of school openings can be assessed. The Diocese will issue guidance in due course and parishioners will be notified.

Email
If you have an email address and would like to receive emails relating to our group of parishes, please speak to the Rector.

Prayers
Please remember in your prayers all those from our group of parishes who have been unwell, lonely, troubled or saddened in recent months.

Please also remember all of those who have been diagnosed with the Covid-19 virus, those in our community who are fearful or isolated, all frontline staff, those who have become unemployed as a result of the current crisis and all who have been affected in any way.
Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh

Services

Sunday 4th October
Morning Prayer St Finbarr’s at 10.30am (Live on our Facebook Page)
Morning Prayer Magheracloone at 12noon

Wednesday 7th October
Holy Communion St Finbarr’s at 11.00am

Sunday 11th October
Holy Communion St Finbarr’s at 10.30am
Holy Communion Magheracloone at 12noon
Morning Prayer Ardragh at 115pm

Wednesday 14th October
Holy Communion St Finbarr’s at 10.30am

Sunday 18th October
Arise and Shine St Finbarr’s at 10.30am
Service of the Word Magheracloone at 12noon

Wednesday 21st October
NO Holy Communion St Finbarr’s at 10.30am

Thursday 22nd October
Worship and Bible Study St Finbarr’s at 8pm

Sunday 25th October
Holy Communion St Finbarr’s at 10.30am
Holy Communion Magheracloone at 12 noon
Holy Communion Ardragh at 115pm

Wednesday 31st October
Holy Communion St Finbarr’s at 10.30am

Easter General Vestries
Our delayed Easter General Vestries took place across August and July in our three churches. This year being a triennial there was the important business of selecting parochial nominators and Diocesan Synod representatives as well as the elections of vestry members and wardens.

Thank you to all those who have served and continue to serve on our Select Vestries carrying out the important role of managing the running of our three churches.

Copies of each churches annual accounts are available at the back of each church.

United Open-Air Service
For the 5th Sunday of August we met together for an Open-Air United Service in the grounds of St Patrick’s, Ardragh. It was lovely to see so many join us as we worshipped together and enjoyed the bright sun shine in this beautiful location.

Parish Organisations
Due to the continued restrictions around the Covid-19 pandemic we are unfortunately having to put on hold the re-commencement of many of our normal church activities. Bowls, table tennis, our Women’s group Jewel’s and our Men’s Group have all been put on hold until it is safer for them to start up again.

We are continuing to access our Sunday School and Youth Group programmes. Until we feel it is appropriate for them to meet again in person, we will be providing resources for these groups so please see our weekly parish notes for further details.

Prayer Meeting
Our monthly prayer meeting starts back on Monday 5th October in the Parish Room 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.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions numbers at the prayer meeting will be limited to six people.

Worship And Bible Study – Deeper Into The Bible
We begin a new series of our monthly worship and Bible Study in St Finbarr’s on Thursday 24th October at 8pm. There will be a short service followed by an in-depth study as we seek to go deeper into Scripture and encourage one another as we grow together in faith and our understanding of God’s word.

Condolences
As a church family we continue to offer our prayers and support to the Babington family following the death of their brother George. George’s funeral took place in the open air in St Molua’s church graveyard. During a short service, memories of George were shared by Phillip Shirley (George had worked for the Shirley family on Lough Fea Estate for 43 years) and George’s niece Samantha.

Rev Colin continues to lead our worship online.
Organisations
Due to the present Coronavirus Covid-19 situation, organisations are cancelled for the immediate future.
If urgent assistance is required contact Canon Bridle 02866 348259, Rosemary Forde in Cleenish 02866 322795, or Heather Carson in Mullaghduin 02866 323390.

Sunday Services
10.00am Mullaghduin
11.30am Cleenish

Dates for your diary
\begin{itemize}
\item Sunday 4th October, Harvest Service, Mullaghduin; Holy Baptism, Cleenish
\item Sunday 18th October, Harvest Service, Cleenish
\item Sunday 8th November, Remembrance Service
\end{itemize}

Weekly Video
Reminder the Weekly Video is streamed each week from Cleenish Church. It begins with the first verse of a hymn previously recorded by the Choir, followed by prayers and readings by the Rector.

For those of you who can go online the Service is available on the Cleenish website. \url{http://cleenishparish.weebly.com}

Belated Easter Vestries
Mullaghduin
The meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 8th September, chaired by Canon Bridle.
Rector’s Churchwarden - Mrs HE Carson
Peoples’ Churchwarden - JD Coalter
Rector’s Glebewarden - TH Elliott
Peoples’ Glebewarden - JS Moffatt
Select Vestry members - Mrs CV Nixon, Mrs A Wilson, Messrs DWT Benson, WJ Blair, GW

Cleenish
Carson, J Clements, TG Gallagher, J Gamble, AS Humphreys, GR Lucy, G McCutcheon, RA Watterso
Assistant Secretary - Mrs E Clements
Treasurer - Mrs C Nixon
Parochial Nominators - J S Moffatt and J Clements.
Supplemental Nominators - T G Gallagher and D W T Benson.
Diocesan Synodsman - R A Watterso.
Supplemental Diocesan Synodsman - J Gamble.
Parish Reader - R Watterso
Organist - Mrs E Hazlett

Cleenish
The meeting was held in Cleenish Parish Hall, on Thursday 10th September, chaired by Canon Bridle.
Rector’s Churchwarden - Mrs Rosemary Forde
Peoples’ Churchwarden - Mr Cecil Brownlee
Peoples’ Glebewarden - Mr Oswald Clements
Select Vestry members:- Mr Leslie Nixon, Mr Eddie Keys, Mr Ian Crawford, Mr Owen Wilson, Mr Desmond Smyth, Mr Clive Smyth, Mr Trevor Kingston, Mr Robert Donaldson, Mr Robert Forde, Miss Rowena Sheridan, Mrs Marian Keys, Mrs Janet Dowson
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Supplemental Diocesan Synodsman:- Mrs

Rosemary Forde, Rector’s Churchwarden, Cleenish.
Rosemary Forde, Mr Ian Crawford
Nominators:- Mr Robert Forde, and Mr Cecil Brownlee
Supplemental Nominators:- Mr Oswald Clements, and Mr Leslie Nixon
Parish Reader – Rowena Sheridan
Organist:- Mrs Joan Brownlee.

Bereavement
Cathy Gibson
The Church family at Mullaghduin and the wider community were greatly saddened to hear of the death of Cathy Gibson.
Born in Enniskillen in 1957, the daughter of the late Eric and Margaret Dickie, Cathy attended Enniskillen Collegiate Grammer School prior to studying P.E., and English in Liverpool, before returning to Fermanagh.
She commenced her teaching career at Lisnaskea High School in 1978, where she was a positive influence on countless young minds, guiding many into life-long career decisions. In 1982 she married Robert Gibson, and also became a parishioner of Mullaghduin Parish. They were blessed with four children, Kelly, Laura, Lyndsey and Ron; and two grandchildren, Isaac and Kate. Following successful treatment for cancer some years ago, Cathy’s illness sadly returned a short number of weeks ago, and she passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, 12th September.
A Service of Thanksgiving for Cathy’s life was held in Mullaghduin Parish Church on Monday 14th September. Robert’s former work colleagues in F.O.D.C lined the route along Castle Bridge maintaining social distancing, as the funeral cortege made its way from the home to the Church.
We sympathise with Cathy’s family circle, and with her many friends at this sad time.

**Sympathy**

**Lettie Coulter**

Deepest sympathy is extended to Lettie Coulter from the members of Cleenish Choir, and Cleenish and Mullaghdun Mothers’ Union, on the sudden death of her brother, Freddie Crawford during the early hours of Thursday 20th August, in his home at Kinawley. Freddie’s wife was formerly Margaret Scales from Mullaghdun Parish.

**Jack Balfour**

Sympathy is also expressed to Jack Balfour from the members of Cleenish Parish, on the death of his brother Jim, Killadeas, on Friday 11th September.

**Freddie Patterson**

Sympathy is expressed to Mark Edmondson who formally resided with his uncle, a member of Letterbreen Methodist Church, who passed away on Sunday 13th September.

**Herbie Smyton**

Sympathy is extended to the Carson family Circle following the death of their brother-in-law and uncle on Sunday 13th September. Herbie’s wife was formerly Evelyn Carson from Mullaghdun Parish.

**Ordination**

The Ordination Service for Rodney Blair as a Deacon in the Church of Ireland, took place in St Columbus, Portadown, on Tuesday evening 8th September. The ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Rev John McDowell. Rodney will begin his ministry under the guidance of Revd Canon Bill Adair and the people of St Columbus, Portadown. He is a native Letterbreen, Parish of Mullaghdun, Co Fermanagh. His father is Revd Henry Blair, Rector of Tullanisken and Clonoe, Newmills.

**Thanks**

Thanks are due to the members of F.O.D.C., for again providing the flower baskets in Bellanaleck at the church gates, and also providing the flowers in the boxes and beds along the sides of the main road.

**Bellanaleck Community Group**

Due to the present position with the Covid 19, it has been decided to suspend all meetings until the New Year. Unfortunately this also includes the Annual Childrens’ Christmas Party which was due to take place during early December. It has already been confirmed by Waterways Ireland, the proposed Slipway extension at the end of Waterhen Lane will commence this year, and hopefully will be completed by the end of March next year. In respect of the Blueway development,

as discussed there are no plans for development on Lough Erne during the 2020/21 financial year. It is hoped that a wider tourism study would take place, but unfortunately funding has not been secured at this time.

A number of visitors have expressed their pleasure about being able to relax in the Community Garden in good weather. It is situated to the left of Waterhen Lane, and is adjacent to the Loughshore Path. Should any parishioner in Cleenish require assistance within the public domain, contact Owen Wilson 02866 349602, or Sharon Elliott 077325 21533.

**Christian. Burials**

**Mullaghdun Parish Church**

- **Monday 14th September 2020**
  - Catherine Jane Gibson, Cherry Island, Enniskillen.
  - Aged 63 years

- **Tuesday 15th September 2020**
  - Frederick Thomas Patterson, The Tilery Nursing Home, Florencecourt, late of 60 Corraglass Road, Letterbreen aged 92 years.
From the Rector’s Desk

Well hello everyone! It has been quite a while since our last contribution to the magazine and during this time on one hand many things in our daily lives have changed, yet, in another sense there seems to be all too frequent developments to be learned and adhered too.

I am pleased to say that at time of writing the two larger churches within our group of parishes have re-opened for Sunday worship. This was only possible due to the work and diligence of the Select Vestries of both parishes to which I express not only my personal gratitude but also that of the attending parishioners. It was great to see folks again and indeed to hear responses during the service. I know that at present the way we meet to worship as church is very different to what we are used to, however, sadly the guidance and format we have in place is necessary to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your good will and co-operation with this, we are very grateful.

At present we have no directive regarding the recommencement of Sunday School or organisations, we will convey these when we have them.

Finally, the Rector was very amused when she arrived at the Cathedral on the morning of the reopening to find a gift with an inscription in the chapter room. It is pictured above – a 2 - metre stick with a glove on the end! The inscription read “For Rev. Olie to welcome parishioners back to church keeping 2 - metre distance.” ‘Thank you’ to my mystery gift-giver, it received great applause and laughter when it was shared with the congregation that morning.

100th and No Slowing Down!

A little while ago, the rector had a lovely surprise. Mrs Sigrid Owens had arrived at the Cathedral with her daughter Rhonda
to give me a gift – one which I will always treasure. I will let Sigrid explain in her own words, she is an inspiration to us all;

My name is Sigrid Owens and I was born in Berlin in 1933, the same day as Queen Elizabeth II and the same year Hitler was made chancellor. I came to Northern Ireland with my husband in 1952. I have many hobbies but my main one is knitting, I enjoy gardening, cooking, reading and all forms of needlework as well.

I started knitting as a small child following on from my mother and granny. I remember knitting clothes for my doll, small items like tops, skirts, hats and boots. As I got older, I started on larger items like clothes for my children when I would knit matinee jackets, dresses, romper suits and hats. As my children grew, I made knitted items for them including jumpers, waistcoats and socks, not to mention numerous Aran jumpers. As well as knitting I enjoyed dress-making. I did this for other people and the small income came in handy when raising the children.

I started knitting Afghan knitted blankets in 2003. I have made them in various colours and sizes, my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren have all received a blanket as have friends. I have even knitted one to raffle at the day centre in Clogher that I used to attend. When I attended the centre I put together the blankets and crocheted around the edge of the blanket to finish them off for others. Now I am living in Omagh, with my daughter, I still knit and I am currently on blanket 104. My blankets are a mixture of patterns, Aran, American log cabin design and one I do without a pattern to use up odd balls of wool, they are also in various colours.

My blankets have ended up all over the world from England to Australia, every blanket with its number and recipient is recorded in a notebook. Blanket 100 I have given to the Rev Olivia and is shown in the picture, everyone loved the colours in it. Rev Olivia used to ask me to tell her when I got to blanket 100, so I earmarked it for her! Blanket 104, which I’m currently working on is maybe staying in Omagh.

I have loads of wool still to use up so I hope to get to 106 before Christmas. I currently have numbers 101-103 at home and hope to go to Berlin next year and bring them over as gifts. I hope you enjoyed reading this as much as I have enjoyed telling everybody about my hobby.

Returning on their 45th Wedding Anniversary

On Sunday 6th September 2020 we had the joy of welcoming back to St. Mark’s Newtownsaville we had the joy of celebrating the marriage of Miss Sonya Boyd and Mr Tony McKenna. We wish them both God’s richest blessings as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Holy Baptism

- St. Mark’s Augher, 7th June 2020 - Miss Margaret Annetta Lamont
- St. Mark’s Newtownsaville, 1st July 2020 - Mrs Margaret Crawford
- St. Mark’s Augher, 10th August 2020 - Mr Mark Cameron Wylie
- St. Mark’s Newtownsaville, 19th August 2020 - Mrs Norah Johnston

Christian Burial

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- St. Mark’s Newtownsaville, 19th August 2020 - Mrs Norah Johnston

Marriage

On Saturday 5th September in St. Mark’s Newtownsaville we had the joy of celebrating the marriage of Miss Sonya Boyd and Mr Tony McKenna. We wish them both God’s richest blessings as they begin this new chapter in their lives.
Church Family “Forest Bathing”
On Sunday 11 October all members of our Group churches are invited to meet at Hilton Park for a socially-distanced guided walk led by a member of the Madden family. The walk will last for around one hour, and it will take us for a stroll through the woods on this lovely estate – or, as the Maddens say, for a time of “forest bathing”. This walk is part of our Group Harvest celebrations, and will be suitable for all ages. Please note that, if the weather is stormy, we will reschedule the walk to a later Sunday in October.

Fundraising for the Temple Street Children’s Hospital Foundation
Following a fundraising climb of the Cuilcagh Boardwalk Trail on 22 August, the Jordan and the Moore families in Scotshouse have raised over 28,000 Euros in memory of James Moore, who died in July. All the money raised is going to the Temple Street Children’s Hospital Foundation, where James and his family received truly wonderful care. Both families would like to say a heartfelt ‘thank you’ to all the many people who supported them in their fundraising efforts.

Annual General Vestry meetings
Many thanks to everyone who attended our Annual General Vestry meetings in September – and especially to those who were elected to serve in various ways at those meetings. Despite the unusual nature of our current times, there was a happy and positive atmosphere as we discussed the year gone by … and how to move forward in joyful Christian hope on our journey together.

Services
Sunday 4 October
Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer for Harvest
Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer
Sunday 11 October
Curn 11.00am: Morning Prayer for Harvest
(please note that there will be no service in Killeevan this morning)
Sunday 18 October
Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer
Sunday 25 October
Killeevan 11.00am: Combined Killeevan/ Newbliss Morning Prayer for Harvest
(please note that there will be no service in Currin this morning)
Sunday 1 November
Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer

October
Sunday 4th October
Holy Communion at 11.30am
Friday 9th October
Harvest service at 8.00pm
Sunday 11th October
Family Harvest service at 11.30am
Harvest service at 7.00pm
Sunday 18th October
Morning Prayer at 11.30am
Sunday 25th October
Morning Prayer at 11.30am

November
Sunday 1st November
Holy Communion at 11.30am
Sunday 8th November
Remembrance Sunday at 11.30am
Sunday 15th November
Morning Prayer at 11.30am
Sunday 22nd November
Morning Prayer at 11.30am
Sunday 29th November
Morning Prayer at 11.30am

See below, some services, especially Harvest, may change due to current restrictions.

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16: 33

In these words of the Saviour, we find comfort, encouragement and hope. Christ’s victory on Calvary offers us hope through faith in Him as Lord and Saviour to an inheritance that can never fade or perish.
He gives to all who know and love Him, peace of which the world cannot give, the peace that passes all understanding. No matter what we face in this life, sorrows, troubles, sufferings, we can find joy amongst the tears for we have in Christ one who has overcome the world. Let us take our present burdens, fears, anxieties and leave them with Christ who can lighten our load as we trust Him for the present and leave ourselves in His care for the future, He has planned for us all. Plans not to harm us but to give us hope and a future.

Sunday School/Confirmation Class
In September, Sunday school and confirmation became part of Sunday worship due to the current limitations. In seeking to ensure we comply with physical distancing, the church hall has been used for the overflow of services on Sunday mornings. Sunday School and Confirmation was incorporated within Sunday worship on the second and fourth Sundays in the interim period. Parents and children are asked to sit together in social bubbles, as we fulfil our promises made at baptism to teach and encourage them in the Christian faith. Other teaching material/clips will be posted on the parish Facebook page at different times, as a resource for children and young people. Please keep an eye on announcements and the parish Facebook for any changes.

Parish Groups and fellowships
Updates on these will be given and posted on church notices and Facebook page.

Harvest services
“While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease.” Gen. 8: 22 NKJV
While the harvest weekend is noted above with the traditional services on Friday evening, Sunday morning and evening, at the time of writing and with the apprehension and uncertainty with COVID-19, will revert to a Sunday morning service, and a possible replacement with an extra mid-week evening service. Please keep an eye on announcements and for updates on the parish Facebook page.

Gift Sunday
Please remember the Annual Gift Sunday on 22nd November, 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.

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.” 2 Cor. 9: 7 – 8 NKJV

Online Worship
As the restrictions are still in place the online Worship Videos continue each Sunday on the Facebook Page “dvn&ca” and there is also a fortnightly Bible Study Video Series and occasional devotional videos too.

In-Church Worship
It has been good to be able to open the church doors again but we are adjusting to new ways of doing things. All worshippers are asked to wear masks, unless there is an exemption, and this combined with other factors about possible exposure to the virus means that we keep public worship to about 40 or 45 minutes. It has been great to be able to sing congregational hymns again and at the time of writing there are two hymns each Sunday in both Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale. We also have an
additional instrumental time for reflection in Castle Archdale and a solo/duet in Derryvullen North.

Harvest Thanksgiving
By the time of publication the Harvest Thanksgiving will have taken place in Castle Archdale (4th October) and that of Derryvullen North will be on Sunday 18th October. Due to the restrictions there will be only one Harvest Service in each Church and sadly we will not be able to share in our Harvest Suppers. For decorations it will be possible for individuals to place “long life” harvest decorations on the Wednesday prior to the Harvest Sunday or bring something on the day for personal placing. Those who bring such decorations are then asked to personally remove them as they leave Church on the day of the Harvest. There will also be opportunity to give items to the Food Bank and we will have Mrs Jenny Irvine (ARC Healthy Living) give a talk at each of the Harvest Services.

Online Harvest
On Sunday 11th there will be a united Online Harvest Service video. The Rector wrote on a recent Facebook post “I invite you to send me your harvest or autumn photographs and I aim to include as many as possible. You can send them as an attachment on a message to this page or by email to irvinestown@clogher.anglican.org. In the Service video, I will credit you with the photos. As it takes a lot of time to edit a Service video I would ask that those who wish to send me photos to please do so by Friday 2nd October. For data protection purposes the photos must be ones you have taken, must not show people who can be identified and must not show other identifying features eg a tractor number plate. It would also be really helpful to have the photographs in landscape format.”

Mothers’ Union
Like all our parish organisations our MU branch has been unable to meet due to the Covid 19 restrictions but our President, Mrs Irene Boyd, sent literature and information and Enrolling Member, Dr Margareet Knox, was very grateful to Mrs Violet Duncan (Branch Secretary) for assisting by forwarding correspondence and delivering the literature. During the month of October there is a plan for each member to receive a Blessing Bag. It was unfortunate that the Overseas Money was reduced and this year £150 was sent from our own funds and so members are asked to please, if possible, send in their contributions to Mrs Violet Hughes. Several of our members have been in hospital or ill at home in recent months and our prayers are asked for those who are still unwell. We remember especially Mrs Kathleen Jeavons, whose husband of 72 years, Geoff, died a few weeks ago. We also remember the family circle of Lizzie McGonigle, one of our loyal Tuesday Club Members, who passed away in August.

Recent Baptisms
We have celebrated three baptisms in the period of reporting for this edition of the Diocesan Magazine and the details are below but each was significant in different ways.

Harry Law—this was the first one under new temporary conditions with the Rector not being able to touch the water or hold little Harry or bring him for the traditional walk around the church. The Rector used a scallop shell (a traditional and ancient element associated with baptism) for the pouring of the water.

Isobel Julie Palmer—on a Wednesday evening (outside the “covid cleaning window”) family members were in
Derryvullen North and there was a link up with other family members in England via Zoom. Everyone had the order of service and it was great to hear everyone on both sides of the Irish Sea join in the responses and readings and be part of the celebration of the Sacrament.

Emily Joan Kate Ferguson - The Rector was pleased to welcome the Revd Aían Ferguson ... he was attending both as Grandad but also as a Methodist Minister and it was wonderful that he, assisted by Dr Margaret, baptised his Granddaughter little Emily. Under the Covenant between the Church of Ireland and the Methodist Church in Ireland, there is a mutual recognition of ministry and this enabled the Rector to invite him to confer the sacrament on Emily. As Aían was a past Chair of the Irish Methodist Conference his ministry is in fact the equivalent of a Bishop in our Anglican Communion and at the close of the Service the Rector invited him to give the Blessing.

From the registers

Holy Baptism
- Harry Richard Law – Derryvullen North (16th August)
- Isobel Julie Palmer – Derryvullen North (19th August)
- Emily Joan Kate Armstrong – Castle Archdale (30th August)

“Almighty God, bless the homes of these children and give such grace and wisdom to all who have the care of them, that by their word and good example they may teach them to know and love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”

Christian Burial
- Elizabeth (Lizzie) McGonigle 24/08/2020 (Derryvullen North, burial in Castle Archdale)
- Cecil Arthur Hunter 26/08/2020 (Derryvullen North)
- Geoff Jeavons 27/08/2020 (Castle Archdale)

“Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously with all who mourn that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”
Devenish & Boho

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Services
Sunday 4th October
10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Harvest Thanksgiving, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 11th October
10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 18th October
10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 25th October
10.00am Family Service, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Family Service, Devenish Parish Church,

Holy Baptism
Sunday 23rd August 2020 in Devenish Parish Church, Joshua Ferguson, son of Matthew Ferguson and Joanna Patrick. We send our good wishes and God’s blessing to Joshua, his parents and godparents.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services Devenish Parish Church
Sunday 4th October at 11.30am. It would be appreciated if people coming to the Harvest would bring gifts of fruit or vegetables to the Service and take them home immediately after the Service.

Mother’s Union
The outbreak of Covid 19 has brought about many changes particularly in our parish life. In previous years Mothers’ Union would have resumed in September after the summer break, but as you are aware the All Ireland Trustees Body has advised that the time is not yet right for Branch meetings to resume, possibly not to 2021. This decision will, however, be reviewed at the end of November and members will be advised accordingly. This indeed is a regrettable decision but for the safety and welfare of our members we are obliged to abide by the guidelines. We pray that all our members will continue to stay safe and look forward to a time when we are able to resume meetings.

Welcome
We welcome Revd Stephanie Woods as part time Stipendiary Minister to our neighbouring parish of Inishmacsaint and wish God’s blessing on her ministry in the parish.

Good Wishes
We extend our good wishes to the Revd Canon Ngozi Njoka as she leaves the Garrison Group of parishes to take up a new post in London. We wish Revd Ngozi God’s blessing on her future ministry.
Sunday, 4th October: The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 11th October: The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 18th October: The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey 11:30am Harvest Thanksgiving.

Sunday, 25th October: The Fifth Sunday before Lent.
Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Harvest services
Barr held their harvest service on Sunday the 20th September and due to Covid restrictions it was very different from last year. However, it is good to be reminded that in the midst of all the uncertainty we have received a wonderful bounty in crops, flowers, fruit and vegetables. We have every reason to be thankful.
Donacavey will hold their harvest thanksgiving service on Sunday 18th October at 11:30am.
Donacavey Sunday school had an afternoon in the park as a treat for the Sunday school children and this was followed by the presentations of awards for attendance, interest and achievement during the shorter than usual term due to the lockdown.

Perspective is Key
‘Sometimes things are not as they seem.
A woman entered an airport gift shop with an hour or so to spare before her flight. She bought a newspaper and a small package of cookies, then settled into a chair near the gate to wait. As she opened the paper and began to read, a gentleman sat down opposite her, resting his briefcase and a cup of coffee on the small table between them. He opened his paper, too. As she read, she reached for...
a cookie from the bag in the centre of the table, and popped one into her mouth. A few minutes went by and she reached for another cookie, but they had been moved. The package, near empty, was sitting on top of the man's briefcase. "How rude," she thought, taking another cookie and moving the package back to her side. Then she heard the rustle of cellophane and watched as her seat-mate ate the last cookie! She glared at him angrily above her paper, then gathered her things, gave him one last withering stare, and moved to the other side of the waiting area. Her fury did not subside until half an hour into the flight when she reached into her bag for a pen and found - her unopened package of cookies! Perspective is critical, is it not? We do not always have the understanding we need to correctly evaluate the world around us. Even those of us who are Christians are guilty of having a "flatland perspective" that does not take into account the wisdom of God. He sees things we cannot, and His understanding is infinite. (Day 35 of 'Everywhere I Go Bible Reading Plan', YouVersion)

Services
We continue to offer two services each week – one on the Sunday at 11.00am and a Midweek Service on Wednesday at 8.30pm. Our service on Sunday is an 'All-age' Service (open for all ages to come to 'In-Church' Worship), lasting no more than 40 minutes, while our Midweek Service is aimed more at adults (with more in-depth teaching from the Bible), lasting no more than 45 minutes. Both services will also be livestreamed on Facebook (uploaded later to YouTube), offering the service for those who for one reason or another would prefer not to come back yet to 'In-Church' worship.

Sunday School
Resource packs were sent out to all the families in the parish and the Jigsaw lessons will be sent out each month (based around the themes of our Sunday Services). Our WhatsApp Group for parents gives further resources to help parents with the story, crafts, memory verses and songs. We hope to give out the Sunday School prizes around the homes and would appreciate if parents could send photos of the children with their prizes so that we can put them together as a collage to be shown during the service.

Keeping up to date
There are several ways that you can keep up to date with everything that is going on in the parish:
- Like our page ‘Holy Trinity Dromore’ on Facebook
- Watch our Live Streamed Services https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitydromore/live/
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwj585CXlqOq6W6h7_2AiYg/
- Watch uploaded Services on YouTube on a smart TV (uploaded usually on Sunday afternoon)
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore.
- Get a recording of the service on CD or DVD every week.

Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne

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As I write these words, we have been back in our three churches for two months and so far, all has gone well, and we are of course grateful for that. We hope and pray that this will continue and that our normal pattern of worship will soon resume.

Sunday School
It has been decided to delay the opening of Sunday school until Sunday 18 October which will enable us to ensure that any risks will be minimised as much as possible. As the restrictions change on an almost daily basis I cannot really say what format Sunday school will take but as things stand it is likely that it will have to run separately to church in that in Drumkeeran the children will have to go directly to the Church Hall rather than joining us for the first part of the service as would have been the practice in the past.

Harvest Services
We held our Harvest Services in September which were different to previous years but were wonderful occasions, nonetheless. I have included a couple of pictures from the first of these in Muckross and will have some photos of the other services for next month.
Sadly, we were unable to hold a service in Dernasesk as social distancing would basically have been impossible unless we restricted our numbers to a small number of people. I did record a service from Dernasesk on Sunday 6 September to mark Harvest.

I would like to record my thanks to Revd Mark Gallagher, Canon Paul Thompson, and Mrs Eileen Cutler for preaching in Muckross, Templecarne and Drumkeeran, respectively. I truly believe that it is important that we continue to mark the important occasions in our church life as much as we can in these difficult times.

Women Together Group
Our Women Together Group has decided to run a programme of events this year and I am glad that they have done so. The details of this will be circulated and as the ladies meet together while observing the social distancing protocols, we pray that there will be room for the Spirit of God to move amongst them.

Online
I have continued to maintain a presence online and the response to this continues to be encouraging and I hope that my efforts are proving useful for those who are following us on Facebook.

Scripture
I want to turn to a portion of scripture now if I may, Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? These words remind us that Jesus should be the cornerstone of our church and if he is not then we will fail. My prayer is that as a group of churches in North Fermanagh and South Donegal we would always set our eyes on that cornerstone that is Jesus Christ who should be at the centre of our lives.

Remembrance in November
We look forward to the Season of Remembrance in November which should have a particular resonance for us this year as we call to mind all that has happened over recent months. I hope to share some information about the names on the memorials that we remember each year as part of these services.

Return to Church
I would say again that while I understand that for some returning to church is difficult for a number of reasons, I would encourage you to take the step if you can and come back to church. We were denied this right for far too long and we should not take this for granted again. I encourage you all to take care of yourselves and to continue to trust in God for all things including guiding us through the current challenging times.

Parish Register
Marriage
Michelle Knox and Denver McFarland were married at Muckross on 21 August in what was a lovely and blessed occasion. We wish them God’s richest blessing for their life together.

Services
Sunday 4 October
Morning Prayer 10.00am Templecarne; Morning Prayer 11.30am Tubrid.

Sunday 11 October
Morning Prayer 10.00am Muckross; Morning Prayer 11.30am Tubrid.

Sunday 18 October
Holy Communion 10.00am Templecarne; Holy Communion 11.30am Tubrid.

Sunday 25 October
Holy Communion 10.00am Muckross; Morning Prayer 11.30am Tubrid.

Please note the slightly different pattern of services in October due to my availing of a couple of weeks holiday.
Dartry and Rockcorry

The Pandemic

As these notes are being written, Covid-19 continues to dominate the headlines in radio, television, newspapers and emails. Numbers of confirmed cases continue to rise. The good weather (61 days without rain) made the initial stages of the virus easier to cope with. Now, six months further on, with the onset of Winter on the horizon, it is easy for Covid-fatigue to set in and so the importance of adhering to the guidelines put in place remains with us - handwashing, cough etiquette, mask wearing and keeping our distance.

Some of us have found the experience of this “new normal” disturbing and frustrating while others have found it very worthwhile. It is imperative that we look out for and support one another during these unusual times. It is for the good of the whole world as it is for our own good. “May the Lord bless you and keep you.”

Rockcorry

The National School would like to welcome all our pupils back to school again, and we would especially like to welcome our new junior infant pupils to the school. We have had a long break, but the children all agree that it is nice to be back to see friends again. The children are adjusting to the new school rules and routines very well. We are very fortunate that our school building enables us to social distance with ease.

We would also like to wish our last year’s sixth class pupils all the best in their transition into secondary school and for their futures.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy to all those who have been bereaved. Thinking of those who are in nursing homes and have been or are hospitalised and wishing them a speedy recovery.

Aughnamullen

We were delighted to welcome into the church family Abbie Emma, infant daughter of Andrew and Gillian Ritchie and sister to Erin who was baptized on August 30th. We wish Abbie God's richest blessing.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy to the friends of the late George Nixon who passed away on 1st September. His funeral service was conducted by Walter Pringle and Rev Charles McCollom and was buried in adjoining cemetery.
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Services
Thursday 1st October
11.00am – Holy Communion
Sunday 4th October The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
11.00am – Holy Communion
Wednesday 7th October
11.00am – Holy Communion
Sunday 11th October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
11.00am – Holy Communion
Thursday 15th October
11.00am – Harvest Holy Communion
Sunday 18th October The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
11.00am – Morning Prayer
Thursday 22nd October
11.00am – Holy Communion
Sunday 25th October The Fifth Sunday before Advent
11.00am – Morning Prayer
Thursday 29th October
11.00am – Holy Communion

Holy Baptism
1st August - Alana Sarah Gott
19th September - Jaxon Samuel Fawcett
20th September - Isabelle Jeanette Lowry

Christian Marriage
11th September - Amy Louise Dolan and Ryan James Morrison

Christian Burial
7th September - Glenn David Fawcett
31 Cavandale, Enniskillen.

12th September - Robert Gerald (Gerry) Vennard, 17 Leenagrenagh, Enniskillen.

Thursday’s at 11.00
A Service of Holy Communion is held each Thursday at 11.00am. Those who usually attend the early Sunday morning and Sunday evening services should consider (if not working) attending the Thursday service, as it is much quieter than the 11.00am Sunday morning service. PLEASE NOTE: For one week only the Midweek Service will be held on Wednesday 7th October at 11.00am instead of Thursday 8th.

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

- Sunday 11th October 11.00am
- Thursday 15th October 11.00am

Unfortunately this year due to Covid 19 our Harvest Celebrations will be very different. We cannot ask people to spend hours decorating a window or an area of the church that cannot be viewed by others. There will be services on Sunday 11th and Thursday 15th October. The Sunday service will be streamed as usual, and due to having to wear face masks for those in attendance the services will have to be as short as possible! It would be appreciated if some would like to give money for floral decorations for the front of the Cathedral and the porch area. This year parishioners are asked to contribute differently. We are appealing in two ways:
- Contributions of food to Enniskillen Food Bank
- Donations towards the Cathedral Roof Appeal and Repainting Inside Fund
Enniskillen Food Bank
In the UK, more than 14 million people are living in poverty – including 4.5 million children. Enniskillen Foodbank was set up under the auspices of the Trussell Trust as one of more than 1,200 food bank centres in the UK that provide a minimum of three days' nutritionally-balanced emergency food to people who have been referred in crisis, as well as support to help people resolve the major difficulties they face.

So many people in our community have seen a sudden downward change in their finances during the last few months and we are here to help.

The Enniskillen centre caters for need not just in the town, but also in the wider Fermanagh area with outlying "pop-up" centres in Irvinestown, Newtownbutler and Roslea.

Our volunteers sort food to check that it’s in date and store it ready to be given to people who are referred to food banks in crisis. We partner with a wide range of care professionals such as the Housing Executive, health visitors, social workers and even political organisations such as the DUP and Sinn Fein! All such bodies identify people in crisis and issue food bank vouchers to allow needy people to access emergency food at our foodbank. During the pandemic, donations from the public and also from large supermarkets have been extra generous and have allowed us to increase enormously the amount of food given out - we even organised deliveries to people living in advisory self-imposed isolation. Demand has now fallen back to pre-lockdown levels and this has allowed us to build up our stocks (rather reminiscent of Joseph preparing for famine in ancient Egypt) in readiness for what will in all probability be a dramatic increase in need as we progress into winter.

We like to adhere as much as possible to a set list of food items, namely, cereals, soup, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, custard/rice pudding, baked beans, tinned spaghetti, Dolmio type sauces/tinned tomatoes, UHT milk, juices, tinned meat and fish, pasta, rice, noodles, biscuits, tea, coffee and snacks, but we also give out baby food, nappies, toiletries and household detergents etc. on request. Financial donations are also most welcome as this gives us flexibility in allowing us to purchase specific items when there are sudden shortages.

We are indeed very grateful for the support from Dean Hall and members of the cathedral congregation in the past and feel that the words of Jesus apply where he said, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ (Matthew 25:40).

May God bless you all.
Willie Holmes

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

Harvest Time is an opportunity to pause and think of all the goodness God provides for us in our daily living. Many things that are readily at our hands are taken for granted in this day and age, without a thought given to the provider, not to mention the number of things we accumulate or waste.

Here is an opportunity to give thanks to God in appreciation of His goodness to you. 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.

‘FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER’ – 2nd Corinthians Ch 9 verse 7

Parish Organisations
Please note that all Parish organisations will be unable to meet again until they are allowed to do so and all the regulations and guidelines are adhered to. We will keep you fully informed through the Cathedral News and Pew News.

Sunday Lights + Cafe at Enniskillen Cathedral
Sunday Lights + Cafe allows our children to spend time together learning about the Bible, listening to stories about Jesus and His life, singing songs and participating in crafts and games facilitated by our amazing team of leaders. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-5 and Sunday Lights Cafe welcomes children in P6-Year 8. Everyone is welcome and we always love to see new faces!

Both Sunday Lights + Cafe are staying online for the foreseeable future. Weekly sessions will be uploaded to our Children and Youth Google Drive every Friday ahead of service on Sunday. Each session contains a Bible passage, a YouTube video link, some discussion questions for you and your family, an interactive activity idea and short lesson as well as some additional resources. These can be completed at your own pace but make sure to tag us on social media to keep us up to date! Our Google Drive can be found at the following link (this can also be found on our social media pages). https://drive.google.com/...link (this can also be found on our social media pages). https://drive.google.com/

Messy Church at Enniskillen Cathedral
Messy Church is a great opportunity for children to learn about God and the Bible in a relaxed and creative atmosphere. It is a FREE group open to all primary-aged children of all denominations. This year Messy Church is going online! We have created a private Facebook group to share video messages, worship videos, craft instructions, pictures and updates. Packs containing craft supplies will be available to pick up from the Cathedral Hall on specific days (see list opposite). A letter with all these details has been sent to all families on the register last year. New families are always welcome - please get in touch for more information on how you can get involved!

Messy Church @ Home will be held on the third Thursday of each month. This month’s session is on 15th October 2020.
How to Register for Children and Youth at Enniskillen Cathedral 2020/21

Each child or young person must be registered to participate in an organisation at Enniskillen Cathedral. Each organisation has a separate form that must be completed. Children may want to participate in more than one organisation, but you must complete a separate registration form. Although we are not meeting in person, it is crucial to register your child so that we can begin in-person meetings once regulations permit.

A copy of each registration form is available:
• On our social media pages and Google Drive
• On the Enniskillen Cathedral website
• From childrenandyouth@enniskillencathedral.com

Parish Visiting
Since parish visiting will not be possible for some time yet, I would appeal to parishioners to let us know if you are unwell or know someone who is unwell. We can arrange some form of contact to reassure ourselves that we are not in contact with anyone who is unwell or know someone who is unwell.

Cathedral Prayer
May the joy of Christ shine in our eyes, the compassion of Christ reach out through our hands, the word of Christ fall from our tongues and the love of Christ flow from our hearts. Amen.

Sunday School and youth organisations
Fifty something of the usual 200 and something have been able to ‘pre-book.’ But I can’t help wondering how the young, the aged and infirm are all keeping. Sunday School have been told they must not reopen before October, so creatively we will open and enrol online. We hope to meet once each month in some capacity. In October it will be by returning a Harvest themed worksheet, and displaying a Thanksgiving scripture and worksheets in a shop window on the Main Street. Creche, Sparks, Juniors and Seniors will all be reopened and communicated with in some way. The sunflower competition will be made depending on what restrictions are in place at that time.

Cathedral History Book
A number of books, “St Macartin’s 400 Years of Parish History” by Samuel B Morrow are still available at the launch price of £20.00. These would make ideal gifts or Christmas presents for family members and friends, especially those who were baptised, confirmed or married in the Cathedral, and for those who have had relatives buried from the cathedral. Copies are available from the Parish Office or the Deanery.

The sinking feeling was really due to the fact that I had collected a copy of the recently published diocesan magazine from the local Spar shop, given by the shopkeeper who knows that I’m not very prompt at collecting my edition. I did sit down to flick and read, and gave up because so many of the presentations look impossibly perfect. I don’t have a series of well managed socially distanced photos to contribute, and confess that ministry here is usually less than perfect, even in non-pandemic times.

I don’t mean to be unkind. If I had photos to share, they might be of the harried and stressed faces I was able to see in the few Sundays we could meet before face covering became ‘formally recommended.’ I will not get used to the two metres, because I can hardly hear at times what much loved members of the church family are wanting to say behind a covered mouth, and I struggle to join in with the worship in a large hall because the singing must be soft, and everyone seems so far away. It’s not very photogenic, is it?

And I am ever so slightly miffed because the one photo I really did want, the one of the newly appointed Archbishop of Armagh, at Kiltermon Church on Easter Day, wasn’t taken properly, because the photographer had no space on his memory stick!

The Revd Canon Dennis Robinson

Praise is Due To You O God In Zion
Psalm 65

My heart sank when I was reminded that the deadline for sending notes to the diocesan magazine was here, again.
reading the Grace Of Waiting by Margaret Whipp.
A great and demanding little read, available from Real Life for about £9.90 or thereabouts. She deals with the challenges of trusting and waiting on God’s purposes when life throws up a winter, or unexpected times.
And God willing, Bible study this Autumn will go online, as we look at Warren Wiersbe’s great book on the Names Of Jesus. He looks at the biblical meaning of familiar names such as Immanuel and Lamb of God, and those less well considered, such as Carpenter. Wiersbe is a lifetime favourite author of mine. His book is available from Real Life at the moment for less than £3. Amazing.
I would also love to share photos of all the activity happening in house, as 13 of the parish’s members and friends knit beaverishly for the parish to community outreach project planned for Christmas. Small piles of crochet and hand knit dishcloths are being made as a gift... hopefully one to every home. Well done and thankyou for this generosity to others. Perhaps I might also mention the seven families who have been patiently waiting for Holy Baptism, delayed from earlier in the year. In 23 years of ministry I only once witnessed a baptism taking place away from the worshipping congregation, so it has been an adjustment, having to restrict attendance at these midweek and essentially private ceremonies. They have been very well received and greatly appreciated by all involved.

Wedding
And our very kindest regards are to the couple who have managed to prepare for and plan a wedding amidst all of the uncertainty. We look forward to that as October begins.

Condolences
Sadly, a number of parish households have been bereaved during recent months, and we have tried to offer our condolences and support as best as possible.

Visits
And, the restrictions on visiting hospitals and nursing homes continue to be difficult, but many families are appreciative of the communication which is possible by phone, video link, and for some of the open air visits. Thank you to the 10 members who kindly take the list each Wednesday of those requesting prayer for healing. It is reassuring to know that prayer is ongoing. A request for prayer is easily made to phoning the rectory, or by email to fivemiletownparish2@gmail.com

Appreciation
If this season of set-apartness and waiting has done anything, it has slowed something of the frenetic pace and activity many, including us here in the parish, had developed. I have become far more aware in this time, of all of the stresses, strains and demands, many of those who carry ministry here for us, are facing carrying in their own lives. We have drawn on the words of St Peter, to ‘Cast all our burdens on the Lord, because He cares for us.’ I try to pray for you each Sunday and Wednesday as part of the parish’s prayers. And, I have found more time for myself, for my family, for the creatures I share this little patch with, and especially for God.

Psalms
During August I preached through Psalm 119, focussing on God’s words, and as September has opened, we have stayed with the set Psalm for teaching each Sunday.

One particular encouragement was a reminder from God from Psalm 65, just days before we managed to reopen a building for worship. After all of the preparation, and angst, and measuring, I was drawn to the opening words of Psalm 65. It reads, ‘Praise is due to You O God in Zion.’ My experience has been that most churches are not short of those, including myself, who are very quick to say what they want at a service of Divine Worship. The Psalmist turns it around, and reminds me, the worshipper, that I own my praise to God. Praise is due to God, for who He is, in Himself, for the work of Creation, for His faithfulness throughout the ages and generations, and for His saving grace in Jesus. I owe worship to God ... there’s a thought. And to close, I hope something exquisitely photogenic, in case you thought I had stopped having eyes to see what was so lovely in this little patch.

Thank you to sons for sharing.
Kind regards in Jesus, Precentor Hanlon
What is important in Life?
The last few months have given us plenty of opportunity to consider ‘what is most important in life’.
✓ Safety
✓ Family
✓ Love
✓ Food
✓ Health
✓ Friendship
✓ To be heard
✓ Courage
✓ A job
✓ Security
✓ Peace
These will all be responses made amongst so many more, depending on who we are and what our context is. When Jesus was asked what was most important in life, he answered:
Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “you shall love your neighbour as yourself’. Mark 12:29-31
Have you ever found yourself receiving such exceeding favour that you wonder why? My friend, it is because God is lavishing His grace—unearned, undeserved, unmerited favour—on you. And He does it because He loves you. I love reading the Old Testament story of Ruth, a young Moabite widow, because it speaks of God’s amazing grace and His love. The moment Ruth depended on God’s grace or favour, she had full access to His blessings. Of all the fields in Bethlehem, His grace led her to the field that belonged to Boaz, who was not only a wealthy bachelor, but also a relative of her father-in-law (see Ruth 2:3). Boaz was therefore her potential kinsman-redeemer—someone who could redeem her from her plight as a poor and childless widow. Boaz favoured Ruth from the moment he laid eyes on her. Ruth was not even a Jew, yet he cared for her safety by telling her not to glean in another field and to stay close to his young women. He even commanded the young men working for him not to touch her and to allow her to drink the water which they had drawn. During mealtimes, he sat her beside the reapers although she was just a lowly gleaner who picked up what they had missed or dropped. On top of that, he gave her parched grain, making sure that she ate and was satisfied, and that she had leftovers to bring back to her mother-in-law (see Ruth 2:1–18). Ruth simply believed that she would find favour in the field and God placed her at the right place at the right time, so that He could open a door of blessings to her because He loved her. Did you know that Boaz is a beautiful picture of our Lord Jesus? The Bible says that “He first loved us.” (1 John 4:19). Jesus saw you and loved you first, long before you knew Him or loved Him. And He favoured whom He loves. God loves you and now do you love Him? If you love God then this will be shown in your love of your neighbour. What is important to you today?
Services in October
Sunday, 4th October 2020 - The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity
9am: Drummully Parish Church: Harvest Prayer with baptism
10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer with baptism
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday, 11th October 2020 - The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity
9am: Drummully Parish Church: Holy Communion
10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Holy Communion
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Holy Communion

Sunday, 18th October 2020 - The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity
9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer (Family Service)
10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer (Family Service)
3.00pm: Galloon Parish Church: Harvest (Family Service)

Sunday, 25th October 2020 - The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity
9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer
10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

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).
Come and say, ‘thank you’ to God for all that we have at the Harvest Festival services on:
■ Sunday 4th October 2020; 9.00 am: Drummully Parish
■ Sunday 18th October 2020; 3pm Galloon Parish.
With the current restrictions around COVID-19 this year we will not decorate the churches on the Saturday before the
harvest service. Instead people are welcome to bring already assembled decorations on the Sunday before the harvest service. Revd. Lorraine also asks that the children of each parish gets creative. Children can draw a harvest scene, write a poem, write out a harvest verse of Scripture or upcycle old materials to produce a work of art. We look forward to seeing all our children’s wonderful creations that will help decorate our churches for harvest.

From the Registers
Burial Register
- 2nd September: Alice Jane Helena (Ena) Armstrong, Keeranbeg House, Magheraveely aged 85 years.

Jesus said, “I am the Resurrection Life and the Life.”

We remember in our prayers all who have been recently bereaved.

Baptisms
- Sunday 13th September: We were delighted to celebrate two baptisms within our parishes. Alex Henry Derek Johnston, the son of Hannah and Gregory (Sallaghy Parish) and Millie Anne Bates, the daughter of Lindsay and Michael in Galloon Parish.
a cleaner in Belleek Primary School for 30 years and it was there that she and Revd. Stephanie Woods became friends. It was fitting that Revd. Stephanie did a lovely tribute and Eulogy at Alice’s funeral service. Alice was Churchwarden in Belleek Church for a number of years and one of the highlights for her was to bring the Bishop up the aisle for the dedication of the new Church window. Alice helped her late husband David to cut the grass and keep the church grounds and she also helped with the cleaning of the Church. Alice prided in doing everything with dedication. As her health failed, Alice was cared for at home by her loving family and then at Gnangara, Sligo Road, Enniskillen, where she received love and affection. In the past month Alice moved to County Care Home and finally to the SWAH, where she and the family were able to cherish Alice’s final hours with staff who gave great compassion and care. Alice’s remains were brought to Belleek Church on the night before the funeral and were received by the Rector Rev. Canon Ngozi Njoku. The Choir were present as an acknowledgment of Alice’s membership over many years. They sang, ‘Burden are lifted at Calvary,’ accompanied by Joy Graham. Robbie Johnston also sang, ‘Take My Hand Precious Lord’ accompanied by Doreen Earls.

In her remarks, Canon Ngozi said that Alice fashioned her life in a simplistic but profound way, doing everything without a fuss. Even in her frailty she was still smiling. Canon Ngozi thanked Alice’s family for looking after her so well, always having her hair and nails done and dressed beautifully. She said that Alice’s life reflected a life lived for heaven. Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Do not be afraid, I am the way, the truth and the life.’ Alice has gone to be with her Lord whom she loved and served so well in this Church.

The organist at the funeral was Mrs Sadie Moore. The choir sang the ‘Nunc Dimittis’ and Ms Anne McCaughey sang two pieces, ‘O Lord My God’ and ‘Going Home,’ accompanied by Louise Leonard. Our sincere sympathy and prayers to Alice’s children, Priscilla, Marilyn and Garnett, sons’ in law, Patsy and Martin and grandchildren, Gillian, Brian, Ellie, Lauren, Jade and Kyle and her brother Bobby.

Prayers
Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been in hospital or unwell in recent weeks. We pray for our parishioners, May Somerville and Betty McVitty who have both been in hospital during the last month. We remember all those who are anxious during this time of increased Covid infection and pray for peace in their hearts and healing. Please continue to remember Kathryn and John Ovens in your prayers.

We also remember in our prayers those who have been recently bereaved. Sally Carson who lost a brother, Jimmy Balfour and Freddie Boyd on the loss of his brother Ernie and sister-in-law, Maud.

Mothers’ Union
As MU are not currently meeting some of the MU ladies got together for a socially distanced tea in the Wark Hall on 15
September to say farewell to Canon Ngozi and present a gift to her. Doreen showed us a marvellous slide show of events over the last seven years. It was wonderful to reflect back on many memorable events. Ngozi gave so much to our Mothers’ Union in her seven years with us and was a faithful member, travelling with us to visitor nights and theatre trips as well as being our pastor at services. The MU branch of the group wish her every blessing as she prepares for a new chapter in her ministry.

Mrs Lily Graham has also kept herself busy during lockdown by knitting 40 little baby hats for Neo natal and Baby Unit of SWAH. These items have been forwarded to Noreen Little, Unit Coordinator for Faith and Unit in Clogher Diocesan Mothers’ Union.

We sincerely thank Lily who along with Sally Carson and her daughter Wendy for all the hours of hard work and for the resources they have put into knitting in the name of our Mothers’ Union.

Farewell to our Rector
Sunday 4th and Sunday 11th October are the last services in our group that will be conducted by our Rector, Canon Ngozi. We will sadly wish her a fond farewell but give her our every blessing as she leaves to God’s calling to Wembley. She has given so much to our group of parishes in her seven years with us. Details and pictures of her final services will be in next month’s magazine.

Keep up to date
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 Social Networking: Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply ‘Like’ our page to receive updates on events.
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having arrived in Canaan and settled into permanent homes built with bricks and mortar – so the Lord should have His own permanent dwelling in their midst. But as King Solomon stands to pray on the day that this newly built temple is being officially opened for business, he prays, what some might think a cynical prayer. King Solomon prays that, in the future when God’s people mess up, fall from grace, lose their way, wander in their hearts from the Lord their God, that He would hear from heaven and forgive their sin and restore the broken relationship. Is this a cynical prayer or might the King who asked for the gift of wisdom and got it, might he have put his finger on something important? Is King Solomon in his God given wisdom, recognising that the tendency of the human heart is to wander away from God; that the default position of the human heart is to give in to temptation and disobey God’s good plans? We could assume from God’s answer to King Solomon’s prayer that He recognises the need to address this issue and so gives King Solomon a promise. The Lord God asserts that He has heard King Solomon’s prayer and states in response that, “If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land.”

A question that might arise from this is how would you recognise if, as one of God’s people, who are called by His name, you need to take hold of this promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14? What would the tell-tale signs be? It is a question that encourages us to examine our own hearts and wanderings and may be a question that we should ask more often than we do, for the time to take hold of God’s promise could be now!

**“If My People…”**  
Over the last number of weeks we have been thinking about those famous words in 2 Chronicles 7:14, that, “If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land.”

In context, we discover that these words sit within God’s answer to a prayer prayed by King Solomon on the opening of the newly built temple. The people of God had been rescued from Egyptian slavery but perhaps after their long years of captivity, their hearts were not totally “in” their relationship with God. After the Exodus, we are told that their hearts wandered from the Lord. Their inner wanderings of the heart, characterised by disobedience and lack of trust, among other things, led directly to their outer wanderings as they were to spend the next 40 years in the wilderness before entering the promised land and settling down. After living in their Promised Land for some time King David came to the throne. His desire was to build a temple for the Lord God but he was told not to by the Lord. It had been recognised that during their wilderness wanderings, God had travelled in temporary accommodation like His people; they in their tents and He present in the tabernacle. Now that they had ceased wandering, having arrived in Canaan and settled into permanent homes built with bricks and mortar – so the Lord should have His own permanent dwelling in their midst. But as King Solomon stands to pray on the day that this newly built temple is being officially opened for business, he prays, what some might think a cynical prayer. King Solomon prays that, in the future when the church building. By way of responding to that feeling and to enable those not yet certain about returning indoors to be part of a Harvest Celebration we held a Drive-in Harvest Service on Sunday 20th September.

**Back into the Church building for Harvest**

We will be making our move back into our church buildings for our Harvest Celebrations. These celebrations will take place over the two Sundays of the 27th September and the 4th October hopefully allowing an opportunity for all who wish to avail of it, to join together and give thanks for the goodness of God demonstrated in our Harvest.

**Psalms 150**

Each day, on our Facebook page we have been encouraging people to join in a journey through the book of Psalms, starting at 1 and making our way to psalm 150. Elements of each psalm are drawn out and usually turned into a prayer to be prayed and reflected upon for that day. This journey will take us up to 31st December. All of the backgrounds for the psalms are images from Kilskeery and Trillick parish churches.

**Joint Drive-In Services**

Our joint drive-in services continued throughout September following our theme, centred around 2 Chronicles 7:14. We have been pleasantly surprised at the attendance at these services all along and grateful not only to those who have come along as visitors or the faithful congregation but also to those who have helped to make it all possible by lending equipment and their time to set all up each week.

**Joint Drive-In Harvest Service**

We are aware that there remains among some trepidation of returning back into
Vacant

Very Rev Kenneth R J Hall
The Dean of Clogher
is in charge.

Services and pastoral cover provided by Revd. Colin Brownsmith.

Sunday Services
4th October: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
11.00am Lisbellaw: Holy Communion
11th October: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
11.00am Lisbellaw: Harvest Thanksgiving Service
18th October: Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
11.00am Lisbellaw: Morning Prayer
25th October: Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
11.00am Lisbellaw: Morning Prayer
1st November: All Saints’ Day
11.00 am Lisbellaw: Holy Communion

Easter General Vestry
The Easter Vestry Meeting was held, observing social distancing, in the Parish Centre on Thursday 16th July at 8.00 pm. The following were elected/appointed to serve.
Rector’s Churchwarden: Robert Dane
People’s Churchwarden: Ronnie Stubbs
Rector’s Glebewarden: John Gordon
People’s Glebewarden: Rodney Johnston

Vestry Members:

Triennial Appointments:
Parochial Nominators: Charles Barr, Frances Boyd, Jean Graham, Liz Kingston
Supplemental Nominators: Robert Dane, Lizzie Hogg, Victor Mahon, Jeffrey Reynolds
Diocesan Synodsmen: Frances Boyd, Robert Dane, Liz Kingston,
Supplemental Synodsmen: Jean Graham, Lizzie Hogg

At a subsequent meeting of the Select Vestry, Harriett Kirkpatrick was elected as Secretary and Gary Black as Treasurer.

On that evening, the Rector, the Revd Stephanie Woods informed the vestry that she would be leaving the parish at the end of August and taking up the role of Part-time Stipendary Minister in Inishmacsaint Parish. Robert Dane, on behalf of the Vestry expressed huge regret that she was leaving but wished her every blessing.

Thanks from Revd Stephanie
On Sunday 2nd August at a special Drive-in Service in RTD Crawford’s Timber Yard, the Lisbellaw parishioners said their farewells to the Revd Stephanie Woods who was leaving the parish after a remarkable and greatly appreciated ministry lasting five years. (A number of photographs taken at that event appeared in last month’s magazine.) On the previous evening the people of Coolbuck had also gathered to say their goodbyes and express their thanks for the wonderful work she had done among them. Below is a message which was later received from the Revd Stephanie and shared on the Parish Facebook Page.

“Revd Stephanie Woods sincerely thanks all the parishioners of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck for the marvellous send-off they gave her in August. Thank you for the wonderful message delivered from Robert Dane, the very generous gift, the two beautiful trees from the Catering Committee and Mothers’ Union (now gracing our garden) and the amazing messages from so many of you via Facebook and also safely recorded on a memory stick by Frances. I also want to thank Ann Orr, Hannah Irvine and Tiana Grace Abbott for the poetry especially written for me - what an honour! Thank you, too, to Coolbuck for their socially distanced and masked tea party (no-one can do a tea party like them) and for their gifts especially for the painting painted by my own friend Gordon Ramsey. I will always treasure my five years in your parish and will hold you all in my heart forever. It was a privilege and pleasure to walk part of life’s journey with you.”

At the Service in Lisbellaw a presentation was also made to Sharon Moutray who was retiring as Sunday School Superintendent.

Our church organist, Lynda Lindsay who sang each week during lockdown and twice during each drive - in service. All her hymns and songs were posted on Facebook.
Drive - in Services
The last of eight drive-in services in the Parish Centre Car Park was held on Sunday 13th September. Thanks to all who attended these, either in their cars or socially distanced in the Parish Centre. Huge thanks to David Abraham for all his work week after week with the sound system, (kindly loaned from Ballyreagh Hall) to our organist Lynda Lindsay who sang twice at each service and of course to the Revd Stephanie, Dean Raymond Ferguson, Mr Walter Pringle, Mrs Eileen Cutler and the Revd Colin Brownsmith who led the worship.

Revd Colin Brownsmith
It was good to learn at the beginning of September that the Revd Colin Brownsmith would take charge of the parish during the vacancy and lovely to welcome him, and his wife, Olive to the final two drive-in services.

Former Director of Finance and Personnel
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Services For October
Sunday 4th
10.30 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday 7th
8.00 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 11th
10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 18th
10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 25th
10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
(Collection for sponsored children)

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Please note Sunday services remain at 10.30 a.m.

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This very worthwhile effort will go ahead as usual again this year and there will be a few readymade shoeboxes available to pick up in church. Just be aware that no sweets or toothpaste can be sent and each box should include £5 to cover the cost of postage etc. Boxes must be returned to church no later than Sunday, 1st November or the parish office.

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Burial
24th August 2020 - Winfield Walker, Brook Street, Lisbellaw. Deepest sympathy to Winfield’s family and to all in the parish who have been recently bereaved.

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in Waterways Ireland, Colin, a parishioner of Inishmacsaint, was encouraged by his former rector, the Revd Stanley Bourke, to train as a Diocesan Reader. More recently he trained and was ordained as a Deacon as part of the Ordained Local Ministry network and on September 23rd he was ordained as a priest. We look forward to his spiritual and pastoral ministry as we return to church.

Burial
24th August 2020 - Winfield Walker, Brook Street, Lisbellaw. Deepest sympathy to Winfield’s family and to all in the parish who have been recently bereaved.
With the exception of our Harvest services, our worship continues through the month of October with a regular 11am service of Morning Prayer or Holy Communion in the Parish Church. This service will also be prerecorded and published on the parish Facebook page. However, we have been coming very close to our maximum capacity of 20 pews (and a few odd seats). We are looking at a variety of ways of increasing this capacity without compromising our commitment to social distancing and hygiene.

The “Easter Vestry”

The Annual Easter Vestry was held on September 14th with a smaller attendance than usual. Julie Heatherington was re-elected as People’s Churchwarden and Richard Coalter was appointed as Rector’s Churchwarden. Richard replaces Jenny McCrea who has served in this position for three and a half years. During that time, she has endeared herself to the parishioners and has carried out a lot of pastoral encouragement, especially during the summer lockdown. Her welcome and chat for everyone when they arrive at church has been a blessing.

Our Gliebwardens, Roly Hurst and Wilifie Crawford, continue in their roles and the following were elected as members of the Select Vestry: Liane Armstrong, Kenny Armstrong, Ernie Fisher, Harold Graham, Warren Kerr, Gordon Lee, Richard McBride, Jenny McCrea, Howard McMorris, Sammy Nixon, Joan Quinn-Vaughan and Henry Robinson. At the subsequent meeting of the Select Vestry, Howard McMorris was elected as honorary treasurer and Liane Armstrong as Honorary Secretary. Ernie Fisher, Valerie McMorris and Henry Robinson were appointed to serve on Diocesan Synod with Liane Armstrong, Harold Graham and Jenny McCrea as supplementals. The parochial nominators for the next three years are Ernie Fisher, Harold Graham, Julie Heatherington and Henry Robinson with three supplementals Liane Armstrong, Sammy Nixon and Ken McCrea.

Harvest

At the time of writing, we are still planning our Harvest celebration which will be on 10th and 12th of October. There will be church services on Friday at 8pm and Sunday at 9:30am with a Drive-In Service at 11:00am. In order to accommodate everyone, we would encourage parishioners and visitors to only attend one of these events. For everyone’s safety, face coverings are strongly appreciated for indoor services.
Although the coronavirus emerged in Wuhan in China in December 2019, the year of 2020 will go down in history as the year it expanded to touch nearly every corner of the globe and hundreds of thousands of people around the world contracted the disease and thousands of others died.

For the parishioners of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the past six months have been one of the most unusual periods ever witnessed in the life of their parishes. It began on 16th March 2020, when Matt Hancock, the health and social care secretary told the House of Commons that all unnecessary social contact should cease. Then on 23rd March 2020 Boris Johnson told the country that people ‘must’ stay at home and certain businesses must close. This complete ‘Lockdown’ meant that our churches were closed from Sunday 15th March, the third Sunday in Lent. During the 15-week period that followed, Sunday morning worship was conducted in an empty church speaking to a camera so that it could be put up on our grouped parishes factbook page, and we are grateful to the church wardens of both parishes who assisted with this procedure.

With the easing of restrictions, we were delighted to be able to reopen our churches on Sunday 5th July—The Fourth Sunday after Trinity. This was by no means a return to what we had known previously, as normal worship practise. Social distancing where people could be seated two meters apart had to be put in place, which meant many of our pews where out of use—resulting in the reduction of the number of worshippers that could attend. Hand sanitising stations and a one-way system for people to enter and leave the church building, accompanied by many directional signs were also the order of the day. However, these unusual circumstances did not deter our church members who attended ‘Morning Worship’ on that first Sunday of our reopening, and are still attending, despite the recent mandatory wearing of facemasks. I and the members of both select vestries admire your courage and endurance, and we are extremely grateful for your support. Yours in the service of our risen Christ. Abraham.

Sunday Services
Sunday Worship continues in both churches; Christchurch Maguiresbridge at 10.30 am. St, Michael’s Derrybrusk at 12 noon. The posting of one of these services on our Facebook page will continue for those who are unable to attend.

Holy Communion
There will be a celebration of Holy communion on the first Sunday of every month from November onwards.

Thanksgiving Services
At the time of writing we are looking forward to this year’s Harvest Thanksgiving Services; St. Michael’s, Derrybrusk; Friday evening, 25th September at at 8pm with special preacher Revd Johnny McLoughlin, rector of Aghavea Parish; soloist Mrs Katherine Little. Also on Saturday evening, 26th September at 5.30pm.
Harvest Family walk and Sunday Family Harvest Service at 12 noon.
Christchurch Maguiresbridge; Friday evening 2nd October with special preacher Dean Raymond Ferguson (past Dean of Kilmore), Soloist Mrs Lucy woods (Fintona parish).
Sunday Morning Family Harvest Service at 10.30am.

Christian Burial
- Revd. Canon Mark Watson, burial in Derrybrusk, (05-03-20)
- David Kettles, funeral in Maguiresbridge (12-04-20)
- Florence Stratton, burial in Maguiresbridge, (29-04-20)
- Mrs Ethel Riddle, burial in Maguiresbridge, (29-06-20)
- Desmond Edwin Alexander Brady, burial in Derrybrusk (11-07-20)
- Kathleen Whitsitt (nee Brown), burial in Maguiresbridge
- Margaret June Boyd, burial in Maguiresbridge (25-07-20).

Prayers
The parishioners of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk parishes extend their heartfelt sympathy to the families of Mrs. Joan Whittaker on the death of her brother Maurice Wilson, and to the families of Mrs. Violet Stubbs and Mrs Florrie Haire on the death of their brother-in-law. We also extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Loraine Graydon and her family on the death of her father, Mr. Victor Carson.

Holy Baptism
On Sunday 2nd of August we welcomed Charlie, James Boyd into Christ Church Maguiresbridge, and on Sunday, 9th August, we welcomed Alexandra, Catherine Drummond, and Zuri Tracey Hall into St Michael’s church Derrybrusk.
Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore

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Services
11th October
10:30am St Patrick’s (& on Facebook live)
12:15pm Ballinode Harvest Service
18th October
10:30am St Patrick’s (& on Facebook live)
12:15pm Ballinode
25th October
10:30am St Patrick’s (& on Facebook live)
12:15pm Kilmore
1st November
10:30am St Patrick’s (& on Facebook live)
12:15pm Kilmore

Christian Burials
It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Mrs. Elsie Boyd at Cavan General Hospital on Friday 28th August. Elsie was a very faithful member of St. Patrick’s and regular at worship whilst her health permitted. She served on the select Vestry, acted as secretary for a member of year, was a Choir member and was also involved in the Bowling Club. At Diocesan level she trained as a lay reader and travelled throughout the Dioceses taking services as necessary.

Her funeral service was held in St. Patrick’s on Monday 31st August, conducted by the Rector, followed by burial in Coolshannagh graveyard.

We extend sincere sympathy to her nephews, nieces, friends and the wider family circle on their sad loss.

Condolence
We offer prayerful sympathy to Mrs. Doreen Bethel in the recent death of her sister.

Holy Baptism
On Sunday 23rd August in St. Patrick’s Church, Damien, son of Mark and Amanda Hall.
On Sunday 6th September in St. Patrick’s Church, Adam, son of James and Leanna Evans.

We welcome Damien and Adam into the family of God and we pray God’s blessing on them and their families in the times that be ahead.

Harvest Services
Though we couldn’t have our normal harvest services, we marked the harvest thanksgiving in each of the parishes during our Sunday morning services.

Easter Vestry
at the Easter General Vestries for Kilmore and Ballinode there were no changes in any of the office holders and triennial elections.

Exam results
We congratulate Anna Berry on results attained in the Leaving Certificate and wish her well as she proceeds to College to study history and English.

Parish Organisations
Parish Organisation will be unable to meet for the foreseeable future.

Ilness
Please remember in your prayers those from our group who are ill or recovering the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

Bible Study
The Rector continues to live stream Bible study on Facebook from the Rectory each Wednesday at 8PM.

Appreciation
We extend heartfelt thanks to Chancellor Ian and the Rectory family for live streaming Sunday services and Bible study each Wednesday on Facebook during lockdown, keeping us spiritually nourished and connected.

We would want them to know that it was great appreciated by the parishioners.

A note from the Rector
Adapting to change
Planning in business, community or parish life is becoming very challenging as we progress through the phases of this pandemic, and restrictions seem to ease for a while and then perhaps reverse. Thankfully we are still able to enjoy in-church worship and hopefully parishioners will feel more confident about attending as we go through the Autumn.

However, we will have to learn to adapt to changing conditions. We are certainly facing many adjustments particularly as we begin to think about our mid-week work with the various organisations. Hopefully this month we will begin discussing with the leaders of our children’s and youth organisations about what may be possible for face to face meetings. Much will depend on how the school experience is going in the next while.

Over the centuries the church has had to change and develop in response to circumstances of the times. War, disease, economic downturns, political unrest have all come and gone. In modern times the church has had the benefit of a steady state for decades, and now it has entered a period of turbulence. Perhaps we had become complacent. Certainly, the future will challenge us all to find new ways to reconnect with parishioners, to engage with the wider community, to find resilience and to recast our message. We pray that we might be aware of God teaching us new things and be open to the Holy Spirit leading us forward in sharing the Saviour’s love.
‘Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove; teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour’s love’. Hymn 386
Your friend and Rector, Revd Canon Dr IW Ellis

Harvest Services 2020
Rossorry Harvest for 2020, due to ongoing restrictions, is taking place on Sunday 4th October.
The 10.00 am Service of the Word is suited to families and all parishioners.
The 7pm Service is a more traditional type of service.
It was unusual not to have a whole weekend of celebration but the decorations are expected to be as beautiful and many thanks to the team who decorated the Church.

How is the Parish keeping its work going?
The current emergency has changed the way we work - indeed the way we must work. In spite of this we are managing to keep the work of the Parish moving, as best we can. Below are details of the various methods we have devised to provide some level of services and pastoral support to you, the parishioners.

Return to in Church Worship
Delighted to report that we are back in church for services! We went back into church on Sunday 2nd August for the first service. There have also been a number of funerals held in church and a Christening. All is going well and with the help of our volunteer Select Vestry members as ushers we find that people have picked up on the new arrangements quickly. There is one Sunday service each week at 10am – to suit everyone.

Online services
We understand that not everyone is ready yet for in church worship so the Rector prepares and publishes, on Facebook on Sunday afternoon, weekly services of Morning Prayer or Holy Communion as appropriate. These services will continue to be prepared and placed online for Sundays into the foreseeable future. He will, also, continue to provide occasional short ‘Reflections’ aimed at the children of the Parish and he encourages families to allow their children to view these, as they are surely missing Sunday School!

Parish Website (rossorryparish.com)
The website is still up and running and will contain the Rossorry Weekly News Sheet and usually the printed text for upcoming Services which will be screened on Facebook.

Rossorry Weekly News
The weekly News Sheet is still being produced. It contains the text of the Sunday service for use in the church Service, as we cannot have access to our Prayer Book and Hymnal. It will also, contain useful information on Parish life and how we are trying to keep things ticking over. It also contains a reminder of the Safety Protocol for attending church.

CDs for Parishioners
CDs of prepared online services are being prepared and posted out to parishioners who live alone or unable to receive the online postings. These contain two services (Morning Prayer or Holy Communion) and a Children’s video and a copy of The Rossorry Weekly News. These have been well received and are a source of solace for the parishioners who feel isolated and a bit cut off from our Parish life.

Parish Self-Help Volunteer Group
Our plans to set up a self-help group of volunteers to keep in touch with the
elderly and house bound, maybe help with groceries or medication etc. have been curtailed by the change in ‘lockdown’ regulations. However a good number of volunteers came forward wishing to help out – so we have been able to consult with the elderly/ housebound and each volunteer has been allocated a number of Parishioners who they keep in touch with, by telephone, in a befriending service.

This is going well – but if we have missed anyone - let Gerry know in the Parish Office (02866 329889) and they can be added in and allocated to a friendly volunteer.

Annual Vestry Meeting

Easter General Vestry
You may recall that the Easter General Vestry, usually held about a week or 10 days after Easter, was cancelled this year due to the ongoing restrictions. In line with guidance from the Archbishop, the Easter General Vestry for Rossorry Parish took place on Thursday 24th September in the Church. This is a Triennial year – so as well as electing Churchwardens and Vestry Members, we also elected Parochial Nominators and Synod Members (and Supplementalists). The results of elections will appear next month’s notes.

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Clocks go back !
Don’t forget the Clocks go back, one hour, on Sunday 25th October 2020.

Freewill Offerings
Because we have not been permitted to hold Sunday services in church for some weeks, now, many of you have been asking how you can contribute your weekly collection envelopes and other donations. We would like to let you know that we have devised a way of doing that. You will be able to bring your envelopes or send them with a friend to the church door and two members of the Select Vestry will be there to receive them. We plan to have a system in place where you can drive up and drop off your donation and at the same time observe social distancing. This will be on the last Saturday of each month from 10am to 12 noon.

Throughout the period of the Pandemic, the Parish continues to have ongoing costs and your contribution is vital in sustaining its work and ministry. Alternatively, you can send in a cheque with a note of your envelope number and it can be lodged. You may wish to consider setting up a Standing Order and you can do this online with your Bank if you have online banking. The details you need are attached below, for information.

Account name:- ’Rossorry Parochial Christian Stewardship’
ULSTER BANK Ltd.
Sort code 98 06 50
Account number 47986357
You may also drop envelopes off at the Parish Office letter box or consider a bank transfer—include the Reference “ FREEWILL + your envelope number “—so we know who has sent it for recording purposes.

The Parish Office
The Office is still working, (9am-1pm, Monday to Friday) keeping the day to day machinery moving. Please don’t visit - but I will delighted to chat on the ‘phone, take emails or a note through the door or in the post, etc—if there is anything I can do to help. Tel:- 02866 329889
Email :- rossorryoffice@btinternet.com

Services For October 2020
Sunday 4th October
10.00am - Harvest Service
7.00pm - Harvest Praise
Sunday 11th October
10.00am - Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th October
10.00am - Morning Prayer
Sunday 25th October
10.00am - Morning Prayer
Rector: The Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong

Marriage
28th August 2020 - Louise Lorna Sarah Armstrong, Tempo Road, Tempo to Stephen Frederick George Hazelton, Tieges Road, Brookeborough.

Baptism
13th September 2020 - Sam Elliott Veitch, Son of Brian and Jayne Veitch, Edenmore Road, Tempo.

Church Services
We are encouraged by the numbers attending church despite the reduced number of seats. We can still accommodate some more people and still keep social distancing. At the time of going to press and reading these notes we be holding Harvest Services in a different format, but still thanking God for all his blessings material and spiritual. We are keeping the Dial in Service available on 89270880 and the Sunday sermon only by Podcast on the Parish facebook.

Harvest
Harvest time is the time of gathering in the produce from the time of sowing the seed. Paul in Galatians Chapter 6 v 7-9 speaks of the harvest we reap in our lives to our benefit, for our good and blessing, or not to harm, destruction and lack of benefit or blessing. We all live with consequences of decisions we make and paths we choose in life. We are either living our lives, making decisions like sowing seed which are selfish, not God honouring and glorifying because it is from our sinful nature. God is not consulted and at the centre of the decision through Prayer. Or we are followers of Christ, living by faith in him alone and therefore seeking through prayer, reading our Bible and the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the best decision and course of action. God’s word says if we sow to please ourselves (the sinful nature) it will be a sad end - destruction, it will come to nothing. But if we are sowing to please God and do His will then a good harvest will result, a harvest not necessarily seen now on earth, but the harvest of our souls to eternal life Heaven. Paul advises us in verse nine, keep living for Jesus, doing God’s will and work and then God’s followers will reap a great harvest of eternal blessing for patient, endurance. “Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your master”. How are you sowing to-day, who and what are you sowing (working) for? Will your harvest be for this world or for Heaven for me or God?

Quiz Sheets
Thank you to Miss Mary Elliott who once again this year compiled the annual Quiz Sheet and raised £606 for missionary societies which the church supports. Thank you also to the Select Vestry members and others who sold the quiz sheets and to everyone who supported the quiz. Thank you to Vera McConnell for her help and to Mary, Vera and Beatrice for providing the prizes; 1, Derek Armstrong, Fivemiletown; 2, Anna Breen, Enniskillen.

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Parish Register
Bereavement
Over this past number of weeks we have lost a long term Parishioner. We extend our sincere sympathies to his family and assure them of our prayers at this difficult time.

DICKSON, Raymond Thomas, 8th September 2020 (peacefully), beloved husband of Noreen, at his home in Drumlin Court, Sligo Road. His funeral service took place at 2pm on Thursday 10th September at Rossorry Parish Church, (subject to Covid restrictions), with burial afterwards in Rossorry Parish Churchyard.
In Building Capacity

It has been a joy to continue to develop together as a community radiating Christ's love in our blended worship both in building, and online. It's hard to believe, but we have been back in for over two months, and week on week we have been edging ever closer to operating at socially distanced "full house" capacity. On the Sunday before writing these notes we filled almost every nook and cranny we safely could. Both in St. Michael's and Priory, the only space left anywhere was a single seat in the choir stalls.

The above makes my heart leap with joy, and the following I write with trepidation, as I don't want to lose the building enthusiasm, or momentum.

If the trend continues, we may need to split both congregations, just in the short term, until the pandemic is over. We never want to turn away anyone who comes to church, and we don't want a ticket system for our church buildings, but if we do go over capacity on Sunday, in either building, please don't be offended if we ask you to watch the Sunday service at home, and then come join us "in building" for St. Michael's midweek service on Wednesday at 7pm instead of Sunday morning. This midweek services usually take the form of a Late Evening Office or Compline with a short reflection and one sung musical item, but no children's address. On one occasion we even attempted Sung Compline.

Sunday School

While the guidance remains that Sunday School classes are still not to meet in buildings, family units are always welcome as part of any Church gathering. The church is hardly a good representation of the the family of God without our children present. To encourage this, our services are deliberately shortened to 30-35 minutes in building, and all Sunday services except Holy Communion have a short interactive (but still from your pew) children's address, and children remain in their family bubble throughout.

Our Sunday School teachers, hard working as always, have been at work behind the scenes, and have prepared packs for the children to complete by themselves during this time. Huge thanks to Mandelle and Andrea, and their helpers, for their continuous hard work and dedication.

Harvest Celebrations

St. Michael's, Trory Harvest Festival dates;

- 8th October - Church open for Harvest decorating, observing social distancing
- 11th October, 11.30am - A Family Harvest.
- 14th October 7pm - Harvest Readings and music.

Baptism

It was a pleasure to welcome another member into our Church family in Priory, Killadeas with the Baptism of Poppy Hope Aiken on Sunday 13th September. We wish her, her parents John and Joy, and her big sister Maisie God's richest blessings.

Christian Burial

We remember in prayer the family of the late Jean Follis, a joint member of St. Michaels, Trory and Enniskillen Cathedral. The funeral was held in Enniskillen Cathedral on Friday 18th September.

Thanks

Finally, thanks to Archdeacon Brian Harper for pastoral cover, and Mrs. Ellen Stevenson for Sunday service cover while Revd. Mark had a few days off to recharge the batteries.
October 2020

- **Sunday 4th October** – Harvest celebrations in Kilskeery and Trillick: churches with Revd. Philip Bryson.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Lisbellaw Parish Church Sunday service with Holy Communion led by Revd Colin Brownsmith.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Lisnaskea Parish Church Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 10.30am led by Revd Alan Capper.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Magheracross Parish Church Sunday service at 11am led by Archdeacon Brian Harper. This service will also be prerecorded and published on the parish Facebook page.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Sunday Worship in Christchurch, Maguire'sbridge at 10.30 am and in St. Michael's Derrybrusk at 12 noon with Revd Abraham Storey. The posting of one of these services on our Facebook page will continue for those who are unable to attend.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Rossory Parish Church Harvest Services at 10.00am and also at 7.00pm with Harvest Praise led by Canon Ian Ellis.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Fivemiletown Parish Sunday services in the Parish Hall at 9am with Precentor Kyle Hanlon.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Sunday services in the Ballybay Group will take place in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblayney at 10am; St. Colman's Church, Clontibret at 11.15am and Christ Church, Ballybay at 12.30pm conducted by the Revd Elaine Dunne.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Services in Carrickmacross Union with Morning Prayer in St Finbar's at 10.30am (Live on our Facebook Page) and Morning Prayer in Magheracloone at 12noon led by Revd Colin McConaghie.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Services in Cleenish and Mullaghdun with 10.00am Harvest Service in Mullaghdun followed at 11.30am in Devenish and Boho Parish Church and at 11.30am in Cleenish led by Canon Geoff Bridle.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Morning Prayer at 10.30am in Derryvullen North and at 11.45am in Castle Archdale with Canon Paul Thompson.
- **Sunday 11th October** – Sunday services in Aghadruminsee at 10.45am in Clogh; 12.05pm in Aghadruminsee and 3pm in Drumsnatt.
- **Sunday 11th October** – Sunday services in Aghalarner (Calebroke) group at 10.45am in Calebroke with Holy Baptism and at 12.15pm in Cooneen with Morning Prayer led by Revd John McClenaghan.
- **Sunday 11th October** – Sunday service in Aghavea Parish Church at 11am with Revd Johnny McLaughlin.
- **Sunday 11th October** – Sunday services at 10.30am in Derryvullen South and at 12 Noon in Garvany.
- **Sunday 11th October** – Devenish and Boho services at 10.00am in Boho Parish Church and at 11.30am in Devenish Parish Church with Revd Sampson Ajuka.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Sunday services in Clones at 10.00am with Service of Morning Prayer for Harvest and in Newbliss at 11.30am with Morning Prayer led by Revd Roy Taylor.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Morning Prayer in Barr Church at 10.00am and in Donacavey at 11.30am with Revd John Woods.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Dromore Church services at 11.00am with S o W, Miracles of Jesus - Feeding of the 5,000 (John 6:1-16) led by Revd Andrew Quill.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Colaghty Parish Church Sunday service at 11.30am with Holy Communion led by Canon Alan Irwin.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Drumkeeran Group services with Morning Prayer at 10.00am in Muskrock and Morning Prayer at 11.30am in Tubrid with Mrs Eileen Cutler. Due to new restrictions in Donegal, services in Templecarrig will be held in Muckross instead.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Harvest Service in Clabby Church at 10.15pm and Sunday service in Tempo Church at 11.30am led by Canon Maurice Armstrong.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Sunday service in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 11.00am with Service of Holy Communion led by Dean Kenneth Hall. Also Service of Holy Communion on Wednesday, 7th October at 11am.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Galloon Group services at 9am in Drummully Parish Church with Harvest; at 10.30am in Sallaghany Parish Church with Morning Prayer with baptism and at 12.00 noon in Galloon Parish Church with Morning Prayer led by Revd Lorraine Capper.
- **Sunday 4th October** – Sunday services at 10am in Garrison with Harvest Service and Holy Communion (Canon Ngozi's last service in Garrison) and at 11.30am in Slivan Church with Holy Communion.
- **Sunday 11th October** – Lisbellaw Parish Church Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 11am with Revd. Colin Brownsmith.
- **Sunday 11th October** – Lisnaskea Parish Church Sunday service of Morning Prayer at 10.30am with Revd Alan Capper.
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- **Sunday 11th October** – Monaghan Group services at 10.30am in St Patrick's (and on Facebook live) and at 12.15pm in Ballinlough with Harvest Service led by Chancellor Ian Berry.
- **Sunday 11th October** – Rossoery Parish Church Sunday service at 10.00am with Morning Prayer led by Canon Ian Ellis.
- **Sunday 11th October** – Troy Church Family Harvest Service at 11.30am led by Revd Mark Gallagher.
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- **Sunday 11th October** – Services in Carrickmacross Group begin with Holy Communion in St Finbar's at 10.30am followed by Holy Communion in Magheracloone at 12noon and Morning Prayer in Ardglass at 115pm with Revd Colin McConaghie.
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**Wednesday 14th October – Troy Church**
Harvest Readings and Music at 7pm with Revd Mark Gallagher.

**Thursday 15th October – Harvest**
Thanksgiving Service in Inishmacsaint Church at 8pm with preacher, Revd John Woods. Services continue on Sunday, 18th October at 8pm in the church, with the preacher, Melanie Grimsley, author of ‘Beauty for Ashes.’

*Due to seating restrictions, please let the churchwardens know which service you wish to attend.*

**Thursday 15th October – Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submissions** for the November edition.

**Sunday 18th October – Lisbellaw Parish Church with Morning Prayer at 11am.** led by Revd Colin Brownsmith.

**Sunday 18th October – Lisnaskea Parish Church with Service of Morning Prayer at 10.30 a.m.** led by Revd Alan Capper.

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**Sunday 18th October – Monaghan services** continue for those who are unable to attend.

**Revd Abraham Storey.** The posting of one Christchurch, Maguiresbridge Sunday Worship in also be prerecorded and published on the at 11am led by Revd John Woods.

**Sunday 18th October – Clones Group Sunday services** in Clones at 10.00am with Morning Prayer and in Newbliss at 11.30am with Morning Prayer led by Revd Roy Taylor.

**Sunday 18th October – Dromore Church service** at 10.00 am in S o w, Living for God - The Fruit of the Spirit’ (Mark 4:35-41) led by Revd Andrew Quill.

**Sunday 18th October – Colaghy Parish Church Morning Prayer at 11.30am with Canon Alan Irwin.**

**Sunday 18th October – Drumkeeran Group services with Holy Communion** at 10.00am in Tempelcarrig and Holy Communion at 11.00am in Tubrid with Revd Charles Eames.

**Sunday 18th October – Morning Prayer in St. Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen at 11.00am led by Dean Kenneth Hall.**

**Sunday 18th October – Family Services in Galloon Group at 9am in Drummullly Parish Church; at 10.00am in Sallyagh Parish Church and at 3.00pm in Galloon Parish Church led by Revd Lorraine Capper.**

**Sunday 18th October – Garrison Group services** in Garrison at 10am and in Slavín at 11.30am.

**Tuesday 20th October – Diocesan Council meeting at 2pm in the Main Hall, St.Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen.**

**Friday 23rd October – Institute of Revd Francis Rutledge to Magheraclooney Parish in the Parish Church with an invited congregation and dependent on restrictions in place at the time.**

**Sunday 25th October – Lisnaskea Parish Church service of Morning Prayer at 11am with Revd Colin Brownsmith.**

**Sunday 25th October – Lisnaskea Parish Church Sunday service of Morning Prayer at 10.30am (Collection for sponsored children) led by Revd Alan Capper.**

**Sunday 25th October – Magheracross Parish Church Sunday service at 11am led by Archdeacon Brian Harper. This service will also be prerecorded and published on the parish Facebook page**

**Sunday 25th October – Sunday Worship in Christchurch, Maguirebridge at 10.30 am and in St. Michael’s Derrynbrusk at 12 noon with Revd Abraham Storey. The posting of one of these services on our Facebook page will continue for those who are unable to attend.**

**Sunday 25th October – Monaghan services at 10.30am in St Patrick’s (and on Facebook live) and at 12.15pm in Ballinode led by Revd Roy Taylor.**

**Sunday 25th October – Morning Prayer at 10.15am in Castle Archdale and at 11.30am in Derryvullen North with Canon Paul Thompson.**

**Sunday 25th October – Sunday services at 10.30 am in Derryvullen South and at 12 Noon in Garvagh.**

**Sunday 25th October – Family services at 10.00 am in Boho Parish Church and at 11.30 am in Devenish Parish Church with Revd Sampson Ajuka.**

**Sunday 25th October – Morning Prayer in Barr Church at 10.00am and in Donacavey Church at 11.30am with Revd John Woods.**

**Sunday 25th October – Sunday service in Killeevan Church at 11.00am with Revd Roy Taylor. This will be a combined Killeevan/ Newbliss Morning Prayer for Harvest (please note that there will be no service in Currin this morning).**

**Sunday 25th October – Dromore Church service at 11.00am with S o w, God’s World - The Wise & Foolish Builder’ (Matthew 14:22-33) led by Revd Andrew Quill.**

**Sunday 25th October – Colaghy Parish Church Morning Prayer at 11.30am.**

**Sunday 25th October – Drumkeeran services with Holy Communion at10.00am in Muskross and with Morning Prayer at 11.30am in Tubrid with Revd Charles Eames.**

**Sunday 25th October – Morning Prayer in St. Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen at 11.00am led by Dean Kenneth Hall.**

**Sunday 25th October – Morning Prayer in Galloon Group at 9am in Drummullly Parish Church; at 10.30 am in Sallyagh Parish Church and at 12.00 noon in Galloon Parish Church led by Revd. Lorraine Capper.**

**Sunday 25th October – Garrison Group services in Kilclochyther at 10am and in Beltiee at 11.30am.**

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**November 2020**

**Sunday 15th November – Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submissions** for the December 2020/January 2021 edition

**Thursday 26th November – Provisional date for the Clogher Diocesan Synod in St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen (the Cathedral rather than the Hall) at 7pm. Details will be confirmed in due course.**

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**Sunday 25th October – Services in Carrickmacross Group with Holy Communion in St Finbars at 10.30 am, Holy Communion in Magheraclooney at 12 noon and Holy Communion in Ardragh at 11.30pm led by Revd Colin McConaghy.**

**Sunday 25th October – Sunday services at 10.00am in Mullaghduin and at 11.30am in Cleenish led by Canon Geoff Brie.**

**Sunday 25th October – Sunday services in Aghardumsee Group at 10.45am in Aghardumsee at 12.05pm and Drumsnatt at 3pm.**

**Sunday 25th October – Sunday services in Aghalurcher (Coblemore) Group at 10.45am in Coblemore and at 12.15pm in Cooneen with Revd John McClennagh.**

**Sunday 25th October – Sunday service in Aghavea Parish Church at 11am with Revd Johnny McLoughlin.**

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CHILDREN’S SECTION

The tale of the RICH FOOL

JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A MAN WHO HAD LOTS OF LAND WHICH GREW WONDERFUL WHEAT.

I HAVEN'T ANYWHERE TO KEEP ALL THIS FOOD

I KNOW! I’LL PULL DOWN MY BARNS AND BUILD BIGGER ONES.

THE MAN DEMOLISHED HIS OLD BARNS...

...AND BEGAN TO BUILD NEW ONES.

SOON I’LL BE THE RICHEST MAN IN THE TOWN!

I’M SO LUCKY - I CAN EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY!

BUT THAT VERY NIGHT, THE MAN DIED!

WHAT GOOD WERE HIS RICHES NOW?

RIP THE RICH FOOL

JESUS EXPLAINED - IT’S NOT YOUR WEALTH THAT MATTERS, IT’S HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE THAT’S IMPORTANT.
Jesus said:
“The kingdom of heaven is like a __________ seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the __________ of all the seeds, but when it has grown it becomes a tree, so that the wild __________ come and nest in its branches.”

Read
Matthew
13:31-32

Jesus said:
“You do not need more faith. There is no ‘more’ or ‘less’ in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree “Go jump into the lake” and it would do it.”

1 Corinthians 3:7

So the one who plants is not important, and the one who waters is not important. Only GOD is important because He is the one who makes things grow.”

2 Corinthians 9:10

Look out for seeds in the park and garden and in your kitchen store cupboard.

How many different seeds can you find?

Find the words in bold on this page in the word search

HARVESTWOES
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ACROSS
1 He must be ‘the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well’ (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
4 ‘For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ’ (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
7 ‘They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end’ (Psalm 107:27) (4)
8 See 19 Across
9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
16 ‘He has sent me to bind up the — ’ (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
19 and 8 ‘ — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel’ (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4) (4)
26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
27 ‘Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father’s house into a — !’ (John 2:16) (6)

DOWN
1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
4 ‘No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ’ (John 3:3) (5)
5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
6 ‘He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord’ (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul ‘a great deal of harm’ (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
14 ‘This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me’ (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
15 One of Noah’s great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
16 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
22 Bats (anag.) (4)
23 ‘You strain out a — but swallow a camel’ (Matthew 23:24) (4)

Crossword Puzzle answers on page 63
Many skilled knitters, who are Mothers’ Union members from different branches in the Clogher Diocese, have been busy during lockdown.

The Trauma Teddies are a great success in the local hospital.

Noreen Little, Action and Outreach Coordinator on the Trustee Board, delivered 50 teddies to the SWAH during the summer for nurses to give to children who had been admitted to casualty or to the Children’s Ward.

Despite the restrictions on movement and limited contact between members, the Mothers’ Union membership continues to show their love and fulfil the aim ‘Christian Care for Families.’

The Diocesan President wishes to convey her thanks on behalf of the Trustees, to each Branch Leader for their continued support and interest in their branch members. The leadership team in each branch has been active in contacting members, delivering supplies when restrictions allowed and continuing to pray earnestly for the needs of members both locally, in All Ireland and Worldwide.

Please be encouraged as you read Psalm 91 as we MU members serve a faithful and loving Great God who knows our every need. Keep praying and serving.
Heritage Project

St Salvator’s Church

The Billis School

My name is Daniel Waller. I am nine years old. I live at Mullaghpeak, Emyvale, Co Monaghan.

I attend St Salvator’s Parish Church in Glaslough and attend The Billis School. I am the fourth generation that has attended the Church and School.

Three years ago I had to ask my Grandparents about their experience at school and church days for homework where I took notes and still remember interesting facts. My Grandparents died suddenly in an accident over a year ago and I would love to share my story of my Granny Louise Waller’s memories during her early days.

Granny Louise Waller was born in 1941 in Stramore, Emyvale Co Monaghan. She attended The Billis School in 1946. It is located near Glaslough in Co Monaghan and it is still in use. It is in the province of Ulster.

Granny Waller along with her brothers walked to and from school. They walked 6 mile each way. Every morning Granny had a lot of work to do before she went to school. She worked in the vegetable garden, and fed hens and small livestock.

Granny did not have any pencils and copy books. They used chalk and wrote on slate. When they got older they wrote with ink and fountain pens.

At lunchtime she played games like skipping, hopscotch, and ball games. Her favourite game was Hopscotch.
Granny took apples, homemade bread and milk for breaktime. There was an open fire and sod of turf was used. There were no such thing as electric fires. Granny’s teacher was called Miss Lindsay. She was very cross. There was a cane used if children were misbehaving or did not complete their homework.

The Billis School is still presently used as a school. My Dad went to the school when he was young in 1976. My three older brothers attended it also in 2002. My younger brother Luke and I are presently in the school at the moment. We are the fourth generation that has attended the Billis. It is a two teacher school. Our Principal is Mrs Ruth Williamson and she teaches the Senior room and Mrs McAree teaches the Juniors. We have also a Learning support teacher and a secretary. Long ago there was no extra support in schools. We have a great area outdoors to play and have a lot of sports equipment to play with. Long ago there was not a lot of stimulating play activities. They had to make their own games.

We also do a lot of fundraising to keep our school running. Long ago there was no such thing as fundraisers.

We have nice lunch to take to school and every Tuesday dinner arrives for us from the Blackwater centre.
If children misbehave in school in this day and age they receive extra work or are kept in at lunch time. Children long ago would have been called names such as “stupid” or “dumb” if they didn’t understand and they would be punished. Nowadays there is extra support in schools for children with additional needs who need help and there is more knowledge and specially trained teachers. In 2010 there was an extension built on to the school. There was a PE /Assembly room, toilets, an office and a classroom extension. The outdoor area was also all tarmaced and a carpark was laid out for transport to and fro.

My Granny attended St. Salvator’s Parish Church in Glaslough which was built in 1665.

Glaslough means “Green Lake”. The rector Rev J.G McKinley was in the parish when she was born. He was teaching the word of God there from 1938 -1941. When he left then Rev E.L Keane came in the year 1942-1944. In 1942 Electric light was installed in the church. My Granny attended the Sunday School which was held in the church and was taught by the Rector. They learnt hymns and catechism. In 1943 Rev Cotter came to minister in St Salvator’s. My Granny Louise’s favourite hymn she learnt was “God is always near me”.

St. Salvator’s Parish Church.
My Granny Louise Stewart married Joseph Waller on the 31st March 1964. My Granny told me that the population was reduced after the famine of 1845 and after the division of Ireland when many parishioners left the district. In 1951 St Salvator’s and Tyholland parishes were formed into a group. In May 1960 Errigal Truagh and Errigal Shanco parishes were added to the group making a total of four parishes. In 1965 Errigal Shanco church was closed.

In 1966 there were 41 families in St Salvator’s Parish and 113 people. A lot of local people died during World War I and World War II including Sir Norman Leslie. There is a War memorial on the grounds of St Salvator’s which was erected by the church and the Leslie Family in 1930. We lay a wreath every year on Remembrance Sunday to remember those who fought in the battle.

Today there are 30 families in St Salvator’s Parish. It is a very lively church. We hold special community events, Harvest and Carol services, Girls Brigade and Mothers’ Union Services.

Every year we hold a very special event before Christmas Day “The Winter’s Tale” which is an evening of
music and verse which reflects the true meaning of the Christmas story. There are candles lit along the paths to the church as well as the inside to bring some added charm to the historic and beautiful church building. My 3 older brothers lit the candles using glass jars and battery tealights. My Grandparents really enjoyed this event every year. They were so involved in The Winter’s Tale in the decorating of the church and they also sang in the choir along with my Mum. The musical director is Mrs Ethne McCord who trains the Donagh Community Choir and the Junior Church Choir.

Following the event in the church everyone present walks to Castle Leslie where tea, coffee and mulled wine and mince pies are served.

On occasions like this friendships are renewed and fellowship is shared. These occasions sets the scene to celebrate the real reason for the season is the birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Long ago there were no big services held in my Granny’s younger days. There were no refreshments either.

The children play a big part in the parish, they are involved in the Junior choir, Sunday school, Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade. They also play musical instruments and are all involved in our family services on the 4th Sunday of the month. The Sunday School also completes the Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and the Bishop’s Medal every year. So far we have won three 1st places, five 2nd places and one 3rd place in the Archdeacon Ruddell Prize. We have won the Bishop’s Medal 5 times. Long ago there were examination tests my Granny did at the end of the Sunday school year and received a book at prizegiving day.

We also have trips, for example going bowling, cinema and soft play area. Long ago my Granny never had trips away with her Sunday School or School.

To conclude my project My Granny had another favourite Hymn she learnt called “Amazing Grace”. It is a Christian hymn that was published in 1779 with the words written in 1772 by an English poet and Anglican clergyman John Newton.
Faith and Anxiety – new Children’s Ministry resource

EVERYDAY IDEAS AND STRATEGIES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

The Church of Ireland Children’s Ministry Network has published a new resource: Faith and Anxiety – Everyday ideas and strategies for adults and children. This includes tips for parents of anxious children, and for anxious parents and parents more widely, and a range of faith–filled ideas for dealing with anxiety when faced with new or emotionally demanding times and transitions.

It covers:
- tips to encourage talking;
- tips to encourage listening;
- ways to deal with anxious energy, racing thoughts and big feelings;
- ways to ground yourself when together and when apart; and
- tips for reassurance.

The resource runs to eight pages, with plenty of illustrations.

Please feel free to share this with any parents you know for whom you think it may be helpful.

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Need some help with your children's school fees?

The Secondary Education Committee (SEC) grant is available to help Protestant families attend Protestant Secondary schools. We can help with tuition and boarding fees.

2021/22 grant application process opens October 2020
For eligibility and how to apply see www.secgrant.ie

Queries? Call or email our grant advisor

info@secgrant.ie 01 5514693
Archbishop returns to lead ordination

Two clergy in Clogher Diocese, the Revd Colin Brownsmith and Revd Abraham Storey, have been ordained to the priesthood in the Church of Ireland, the first in the Diocese, following their training in Ordained Local Ministry. They had spent the past year working as Deacons.

The service in St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen, on Wednesday, 23rd September, with the congregation socially distanced and wearing face coverings, was led by the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd John McDowell, who was back in the Cathedral on the 9th anniversary of his consecration as Bishop of Clogher.

Joining him was the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall; Archdeacon Brian Harper; Archbishop’s Commissary; Canon Colin Moore, Registrar for the Province of Armagh and Canon Paul Thompson, who preached the sermon.

The hymns, “Pour out thy Spirit from on high,” Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire” and “Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,” led by members of the Cathedral Choir and accompanied by Mr. Glenn Moore, organist. The readings were by Dean Kenneth Hall.

During the Rite of Ordination, the Archbishop and other clergy present, placed their hands on the heads of the two candidates and both Revd Colin Brownsmith and Revd Abraham Storey.
Revd Abraham Storey with his wife, Gertrude and son, Douglas. Their daughter Emma was unable to be present.

The socially distanced congregation in St. Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen.

Storey were vested with a stole and presented with the Bible by the Archbishop. The service concluded with the celebration of Holy Communion.

Revd Brownsmith is looking after the pastoral needs and leading services in Lisbellaw parish with Coolbuck while Revd Storey is continuing with his ministry with Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk parishes.

Dean Kenneth Hall, who led the Bible readings.

Canon Paul Thompson, preaching the sermon.
Henry Francis Lyte’s book 'The Spirit of the Psalms' revived by local parishioner

A new book which brings a modern twist to one of the great works of famous hymn writer, Henry Francis Lyte, has been published by a parishioner in Clogher Diocese.

Dr. William Holmes, a leading member of St. Macartin’s Cathedral parish, Enniskillen, used modern technology to interpret the text from poor quality photocopies of Lyte’s original book, “The Spirit of the Psalms” as this book had been out of print for over 150 years.

Henry Francis Lyte worshipped in what was St. Anne’s Parish Church which in 1923 became St. Macartin’s Cathedral and he was also a pupil at Portora Royal School, Enniskillen in the early 1800s. He went on to become an Anglican clergyman.

The idea of a book came about after Dr Holmes had been in conversation with the former chaplain at Portora School, Revd Canon Desmond Kingston, after the mid-week service.

The subject turned to the life and times of Henry Lyte and Canon Kingston indicated that he would love to obtain a copy of ‘The Spirit of the Psalms’, but as it had been out of print for over 150 years, its acquisition seemed impossible.

Dr. Holmes undertook an internet search which proved to be fruitless but did find some very poor-quality photocopies - on one of which, a person’s hand obscured part of the text!

He determined that Lyte’s book should be revived and used the modern technology of optical character recognition (OCR) to generate electronic text. This then had to be carefully edited to ensure faithfulness to the original, as OCR techniques can be inexact, especially where the pages being scanned are damaged or smudged. In time he finally produced an electronic book running to over 40,000 words.

As language has evolved much in the past two centuries, he found that not only were various words used by Lyte archaic, but also there were a number of expressions that to modern eyes were obscure in their meaning. Rather than alter any of Lyte’s text, he therefore added notes, comments, and spelling corrections to enhance the impact of the work.

The book was first published in electronic form on various Amazon websites around the world, and more recently has been listed on the same websites, including Amazon.co.uk, as a paperback.

Henry Francis Lyte is responsible for writing some of the greatest hymns sung in churches here including the world famous hymn “Abide with Me” which has been recorded by many performers, including Doris Day and the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and was even used as the backing music during a performance by 50 dancers at the opening of the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Although it is familiar to a great number of people, even those of no particular Christian faith, the name of its author would not be as much so.

Henry Francis Lyte, was from 1803 until 1809, a boarder at what became Portora Royal School and worshipped in the town’s Parish Church of Saint Anne, which became St Macartin’s Cathedral in 1923.

Lyte went on to study Divinity at Trinity...
College Dublin and later ordained in the Church of Ireland in 1814. In 1827 he became the vicar in Lower Brixham, Devon. He was a prolific writer and penned many publications including poems and spiritual songs. One such work was entitled ‘The Spirit of the Psalms’, Lyte’s paraphrases of all 150 of the Psalms of David. He intended these to be used in Christian worship, particularly in his congregation, which was largely composed of fishermen and their families. As a faithful pastor, Lyte strove hard to encourage his flock. ‘The Spirit of the Psalms’ was one of the ways he chose to help them to understand the teaching of Christianity and to encourage their spiritual awareness through music. The book differed from other versions that had been published, in that Lyte allowed himself more liberal freedom in interpretation. Rarely did he attempt to keep close to the Biblical text, as he himself said in the second edition 1834 preface, where he states, referring to himself, “...he has endeavoured to condense the leading sentiments of each (psalm) into a few verses for congregational singing.” Two of his most famous are probably his interpretation of Psalm 67 – ‘God of Mercy, God of Grace’ and Psalm 103 - ‘Praise my Soul the King of Heaven’. This new devotional work is a fitting tribute to a genuinely great man of God, whose productive life was all too short, ending in 1847 in Nice, France, probably because of tuberculosis.

Charity supports Protestant families with school fees in Republic of Ireland

A charity in the Republic of Ireland aims to support Protestant schools there with financial assistance. The SEC is the Secondary Education Committee, an independent charity that administers the Protestant Block Grant scheme. A spokesperson stated; “We are funded by Irish government’s Department of Education and Skills. We provide financial assistance to help Protestant families attend the 21 fee-charging Protestant secondary schools across the Republic of Ireland.

“Our grants are means tested and are designed to reduce the amount of fees you pay in proportion to your ability to pay. “The SEC supports Protestant families to exercise their right to attend Protestant-managed schools. We believe that a family wishing to send their child to a school that accords with their own faith tradition should not be prevented from doing so due to their financial position. “Geographically it can be difficult to access a Protestant secondary school in the Republic of Ireland as there are only 26 Protestant managed secondary schools in only 12 counties. For many Protestants wishing to send their child to a Protestant school, boarding school is the only option and this comes at a high financial cost. “The grant is paid directly to the school to reduce the amount of fees a family pays. “The application process begins with the completion of a registration form (available directly from the school), then the completion of an application form. “Monaghan Collegiate School is an eligible school for the grant. The deadline for registration is 30 November 2020. “Details of how to apply can be found on the website www.secgrant.ie”

DIOCESAN MINISTRY OF HEALING

Parishes in Clogher Diocese have been asked when making a contribution to the work of the Churches Ministry of Healing to please send them to Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong, 403 INVER, Tempo Road, Tempo, BT 94 3 G Q, due to the retirement of its treasurer, Miss Helen Humphries.

The Diocesan Ministry of Healing thanks Helen for her faithful service on the Committee for over 30 years, most of them as treasurer and also her support at all the services and events organised by the committee and her representative role at central committee.
Supporting our children as schools re-start

By Peter Hamill and Robert Dunne

Starting school again in autumn is always a time of change, new teachers, new subjects, new routines, exams, perhaps a new school. How much more is this true in 2020?

Going to school has become a huge challenge for children, parents, school staff and those in management, and many parents and carers having managed lockdown may well be wondering what this next phase has in store. As the schools look to reopen, advice is available to prepare their children to return to education in this new environment.

The Republic of Ireland’s National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS) describes this year as “a time of change, with new rules and routines to learn, in order to keep everyone safe.” Change is a process, not an event, and it takes time. It is often helpful where possible to take things in small bite sizes, one day at a time, and to encourage children and young people to do this, particularly in the early weeks.

Try to build in as much certainty as possible in a time that is so uncertain. In time, a new routine will develop, and routines have value, in and of themselves for mental health because they provide predictability. Communication is important and everyone should be encouraged to communicate how they are doing, including when and how they are struggling with the pandemic, bearing in mind that it is completely normal to feel anxious during a time of change.

Schools have developed countless creative approaches locally and have been encouraged nationally to share pictures of what the school building will look like with families and staff before the re-opening takes place. Being able to imagine the physical space is likely to be helpful to the student.

Young people are resilient and learn from others. This challenging time provides important opportunities for parents and educators to model responses and coping strategies that will help students to learn helpful ways to manage their own fears and anxieties.

Mental health matters and everyone will need continued support as they adjust to the new term. People respond to crises in different ways, and government public health websites provide pointers to help which include the importance of keeping in touch with friends, relatives, and neighbours, talking about worries, avoiding information overload, and keeping active. The Northern Ireland Executive’s mental health advice gives specific guidance on talking with children about the pandemic, including not being afraid to ask children what they have heard about the outbreak. Try to answer a child’s questions in a way that is appropriate to their stage in life and avoid giving them too much information. The advice across the island is also to avoid over-exposure to news coverage of the virus. Creative activities, such as playing or drawing, can help children to express how they feel about a crisis which has been without parallel in most of our lives.


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Church of Ireland Gazette
Online Digitization Complete: 1950-1959 Editions Now Freely Available Online

by Dr Susan Hood, Librarian and Archivist, RCB Library.

www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive

The Representative Church Body Library’s long-term project to digitize and make freely available the complete run of the Church’s all-island newspaper, the Church of Ireland Gazette (in print since 1856) is about to be fulfilled with the addition of the remaining decades from 1950 to 2009 to the existing online search engine: https://esearch.informa.ie/rcb

This project began modestly in collaboration with the Editor and Board of the present-day Gazette, back in 2013 with the content of the 1913 editions uploaded. Since then, a combination of state funding, private sponsorship and the support of central Church funds has enabled organic growth. Previously, researchers have had free access to editions up to 1949. Now, thanks to a generous grant from the Irish Government’s Reconciliation Fund, administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Library has been enabled to finish the job.

Commencing today (Tuesday, 1st September), and concluding in the early months of 2021, the RCB Library will incrementally release all remaining editions of this rich resource from 1950 to 2009 (at which point the Gazette becomes available as an e-paper) at decade intervals, each in conjunction with an online exhibition under the banner headline: ‘The Borderless Church’.

The first presentation is an analysis of the 1950s by Dr Marie Coleman, Reader in modern Irish history at Queen’s University Belfast. Her text is richly-illustrated and brings to life the many topical issues of national and international significance covered in the Gazette’s pages during the decade. These include Dr Noël Browne’s Mother-and-Child Scheme, the Fethard-on-Sea boycott, and the rise of what was then termed as the ‘Paisley movement’, as well as apartheid policies in South Africa, and the impact of the Revd Martin Luther King at the time of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

The presentation will be followed by the release of later decades, concluding with a reflection on the 1990s and 2000s by the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd John McDowell. Archbishop McDowell remarked: ‘It is a great achievement that this worthwhile digitization project is being completed, enabling the journey of one Church community on the island of Ireland to be shared as widely as possible. Researchers can now explore this primary resource for themselves, and draw their own conclusions about the nuance and complexity of identity during this critical period. We trust it will encourage the Church community and others to look more critically at its past and how attitudes may have evolved through the Troubles and subsequently.’

Dr Susan Hood, Librarian and Archivist, said: ‘We are indebted to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Simon Coveney TD, and the Reconciliation Fund, for such generous support especially at this difficult time when small institutions like ours must restrict physical access to keep the public safe. We commend our service provider Informa who have worked so positively with us to deliver the incredibly fast and accurate search engine which is highly-valued by researchers, and we thank Dr Marie Coleman and all the subsequent Borderless Church contributors who have used this unique source to share their understandings and memories.’
The Representative Body and the Standing Committee of the General Synod both met through online formats on Tuesday, 15th September 2020.

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A joint statement to the members of the Church of Ireland from the Archbishop of Armagh and the Archbishop of Dublin

The Most Revd John McDowell and The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson

The Church of Ireland’s two Archbishops have issued a joint statement to the members of the Church, to mark Harvest and to reflect on the way ahead following the recent announcements of restrictions, to protect public health, in both jurisdictions on the island of Ireland:

“This time of the year is normally one of new beginnings for parish activities and, for many, a celebration of bringing the harvest home. The timeless rhythm of farming life and the unchanging pattern of the seasons is a source of reassurance in these challenging times.

“This is also a critical moment in our collective effort against the coronavirus. In following the call of our Lord to love our neighbours as ourselves, we all have a responsibility – and the power to make a difference – in containing the virus through our everyday choices and actions.

“A return to restrictions is a reminder of our own limitations and the complexities faced by those in political leadership. We, like countless others, pray that there will be brighter days ahead. This situation, as with many recorded in Scripture, will pass but until then, this is a journey on which we all must continue together.

“We thank all members of the Church of Ireland who have kept faith in these times and acknowledge that the Church’s ministry of care never stopped even when the strongest lockdown measures were in place. Indeed, parishes across the island are to be commended on how they are responding creatively in sustaining services of worship and meeting personal and pastoral need.

“While more patience, compassion and discipline will be required in the coming months, we can be confident that this can be a time of renewal as we take up opportunities to be carriers of hope, to serve and care in local communities which will become more familiar to us.

“Over the shorter days and longer nights, we should consider how acts and words of kindness can continue to help frontline workers, who deserve our continued support and gratitude; people who will be facing renewed restrictions whilst living alone; and all who are especially at risk through age or another vulnerability.

“What we can celebrate at Harvest can be brought into the months ahead: a faith in the God whose love never fails his people; hope that the Earth and all within it is the Lord’s; and the love of a natural world where God offers to us the beauty of the lilies in the field and mourns the death of every sparrow – how much more do we matter to him.

‘Alongside this message, we commit to praying the following prayer daily with an invitation for others to join with us:

“Heavenly Father, Lord of all creation

We thank you for the coming of the harvest
And for those who maintain the provision of food.
Enable us to become better stewards of your creation,
Thinking always of our legacy to future generations.
Mindful of the unequal burdens borne by the old and the sick in this emergency
Inspire us also to be unsparing in giving ourselves in the service of our neighbour
And in support of all who continue to work on the frontline...
In government, in hospitals and care homes, and in the community.
All this we ask in the Name of your Son, the servant of all. Amen.’

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wanted - Young people 16-25 years for unique apprentice programme

Fermanagh Trust has developed a unique course where young people who show potential for community activism and leadership can gain a real insight and working knowledge of the world of Grant-Making and administration ‘Grant-Maker Apprentice programme.’

Young people who participate will develop skills in presentation, research, negotiation, decision-making, leadership, team-work etc. and they will have opportunities to gain positions on active community Boards across Fermanagh. As a result of participation young people will have increased their confidence, improved their employability and have been part of a team of young people who will have made an active contribution to the improvement of their community.

Fermanagh Trust is accepting nominations from organisations or from Individuals for this course! The deadline for applications is 23rd October 2020.

The programme is aimed at young people who show leadership skills and have a real passion for making a difference in their community, it is a packed programme beginning in November and ending in April 2021. Young people who participate will work with others to identify areas or causes they are passionate about and they will develop a Fund which they can distribute to individuals or organisations who can do something to make a difference in that area. Young people will develop negotiation skills, presentation skills, interview skills, decision-making, problem solving etc. at the end they will also be given opportunities to join existing Community Boards as active members. A link to all these documents and further information can be found on our Website: http://www.fermanaghrtrust.org/special-initiatives/grant-maker-apprentice-programme

Approximately 15 young people will:
• Participate in a varied programme of team-building, individual and group work activities
• Champion, promote and allocate funding to an area of particular personal interest to make a positive contribution to local or wider community and or society
• Work with others to develop a wide range of new skills and make a positive contribution to your community.
• Have the opportunity to become a participating member of an existing Community Board.
How to support people who are blind or partially sighted to participate in everyday life

The Royal National Institute for the Blind along with other partner agencies and organisations have issued advice to the public on how they can support people who are blind or partially sighted on how to take part in everyday life during this period of restrictions with Coronavirus pandemic. Blind and partially sighted people indicated how they find social distancing more difficult to maintain, and this can cause anxiety. There is a risk that the positive actions taken as a society to ‘return to normal’ could create barriers for people who are blind or partially sighted.

“It is important therefore that we work together to share information and take steps to support equality of access,” a spokesperson from RNIB has said. The challenges faced by blind or partially sighted people make social distancing almost impossible for them. It is therefore everyone’s responsibility to ensure a safe distance is maintained at all times, and to be kind and supportive by sharing information and directions about potential obstacles in the environment.

Be Aware - Be Kind - Offer Help

- Be aware that a person who seems to be encountering some difficulty may have a visual impairment, even if this is not obvious.
- Be kind to the person: don’t ignore them, don’t push past them.
- Offer help but always ensure you make your presence known first e.g. introduce yourself and offer assistance.
- Always afford a blind or partially sighted person the required social distance. Offering verbal instructions may be helpful in certain circumstances e.g. raising awareness of a one-way system in operation, or restricted seating on public transport.
- Never make physical contact with a blind or partially sighted person without seeking their consent.
- It is permissible to help anyone who is vulnerable, at risk or who needs support, including guiding for people with sight loss.
- If you are guiding a blind or partially sighted person, public health advice still applies, and you should limit the amount of time spent less than two metres apart. Wear a face covering and if possible, a fresh pair of single use disposable gloves, but always ensure that you maintain good hand hygiene and sanitation practices.
- In a waiting area, if seating is arranged to allow for social distancing, assist the person to find a suitable seat.
- When queuing, be careful not to block the path of someone who is blind or partially sighted.

How to approach a guide dog owner

- Saying “hello”. Never be afraid to approach or speak to a guide dog owner. Many will appreciate the conversation or support.
- Harness on means hands off. A guide dog in harness means “I’m working”. Do not distract a working guide dog.
- Contain your excitement. Always seek permission from the guide dog owner before approaching a guide dog. Staying calm is part of their job.
- Don’t feed a working guide dog. Offering food to the dog can result in disruptive behaviour like begging for food and scavenging off the ground.

More information

For up to date information on Northern Ireland’s COVID-19 regulations and guidance, please visit the NI Direct website at the following link: https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus-regulations-guidance

This information has been developed in partnership between RNIB Northern Ireland, Guide Dogs NI and Health and Social Care.
Deadsline nears for new grants for Northern Ireland church buildings

Churches and chapels in Northern Ireland have until 5 October 2020 to apply for grants to carry out essential maintenance or urgent repair work in the first round of funding from the National Churches Trust’s new Treasure Ireland project.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to churches and chapels of any Christian denomination that is open for regular worship. Work must be to the main church building or an attached hall which must have been constructed as a place of worship at least 30 years ago.

**Grants are available for work including:**
- Roof repairs
- Rainwater goods maintenance and repairs
- Lime mortar and masonry repairs
- Stonework repairs
- Repairs to window and door structures

Grant applications can be made online at www.nationalchurchestrust.org/treasure-ireland-grants.

Treasure Ireland is a new project to support historic places of worship in Northern Ireland which will run for three years from 2020 - 2023.

In addition to grants for repairs, the project also offers help and advice with maintenance to help keep churches or chapels in good condition and so avoid having to carry out expensive repairs. Treasure Ireland aims to increase the number of people visiting churches in Northern Ireland for days out or as part of a holiday. At least 100 churches will be added to the National Churches Trust’s ExploreChurches website, making it easy for visitors to discover the architecture and history of Northern Ireland’s faith heritage.

Claire Walker, CEO of the National Churches Trust, said: “If you are responsible for looking after a place of worship, Treasure Ireland will make it easier for you. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a serious impact on the finances of churches with many unable to raise money from worshippers, visitors or from the hire of church halls. Our new grants programme offers help with the cost of repairs and essential maintenance and will help keep the churches and chapels of Northern Ireland in good condition.”

Treasure Ireland is run by the National Churches Trust, the UK’s church buildings support charity with funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Pilgrim Trust and the Department of Communities.

Use disposable gloves, but always ensure that you maintain good hand hygiene and sanitation practices.

- Wash or sanitise your hands frequently. Carry hand sanitiser gel with you at all times: lots of shops expect you to use their sanitiser on entry but it might be difficult to find.
- Carry a spare face covering and disposable gloves to cover any circumstance/situation where they might be required, e.g. where you may need assistance when out and about.
- Consider using complimentary precautions such as the changing of clothes after being in close, or direct contact of less than one metre proximity to someone, and the sanitising of any additional aids with an antibacterial wipe, e.g. a Ramble Tag, for guiding purposes.
- Where possible, journeys should be planned to avoid crowded areas and peak times on public transport. If planning to use public transport, the use of face coverings is now mandatory.
- To follow current government guidance on the use of face coverings. Please visit the NI Direct website: https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-face-coverings

You must use face coverings when you are on public transport, in shops, and/or in enclosed spaces, unless you are exempt.
Deadline set for this year’s Operation Christmas Child shoebox donations

This year’s Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child is well underway and local co-ordinator, Irene Boyd MBE has issued an appeal about an earlier deadline.

She says filled shoeboxes must be with her at Drumkeeran Church Hall during the week beginning, Monday, 9th November. This means that all those shoeboxes donated will then be able to their final destinations in time for Christmas.

Irene has been involved in co-ordinating the project for over 25 years and is extremely grateful to everyone, whether individuals, schools or groups, who have faithfully supported the project over the years. In that time she estimates that some 110,000 shoeboxes will have arrived at her collection centre.

Her work begins in January when she visits the post-Christmas sales to buy essential items for shoebox fillers using donated money and then in August and September, she liaises with schools and groups distributing leaflets and preparing for the arrival of filled boxes throughout October and November.

Children in need in more than 100 countries will be in even greater need of shoeboxes because of the global pandemic of Coronavirus.

How to fill a shoebox:

■ The official labelling asks whether the shoebox gift is for a boy or girl and which age range, e.g. 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years.
■ Prayerfully prepare to pack the shoebox gift as it may be the only gift the child receives.
■ In the standard size shoebox, place a quality toy such as a doll or a football with pump as well as other fun toys and hygiene items and school supplies. Include a personal note and photo and pray for the child who receives the gift.
■ Attach a donation of £5 to cover shipping charges and administrative costs.

If you would like any further information, log onto www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ
Asthma Society

The Asthma Society of Ireland which covers Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland is keen to promote their services to churches and their parishioners. They hope that parishioners throughout Ireland can help with donations as their fundraising has been decimated due to the effects of Covid-19 on society and restrictions on having events. The charity’s vital services include a free Adviceline for Asthma/ COPD sufferers where someone can have a fully qualified respiratory nurse discuss how they are managing during these stressful times of the Covid-19 pandemic.

More information can be obtained from www.asthma.ie

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ACROSS:
1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

DOWN:
1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

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