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'So we are ambassadors for Christ...' 2 Corinthians 5:20

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Farewell to Archbishop Richard Clarke

Archbishop Richard Clarke celebrated the Eucharist and preached in St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral on Sunday evening 2nd February 2020 for what was his final occasion as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. He had announced in November 2019 his intention to retire on 2 February which in the church calendar is known as The Presentation of Christ in the Temple or Candlemas, 40 days after Christmas.

In his sermon Archbishop Richard reminded us that at Christmas, Christ had come as the light of the world and at Candlemas that light is brought out by God's people to the whole world.

The Archbishop said that tonight he will be 'letting go' of the Armagh Crozier (his staff). He went on to say that we are all challenged to let go of things that we may cherish most, for the sake of the gospel. But one thing we should never let go of is the hand of Jesus Christ.

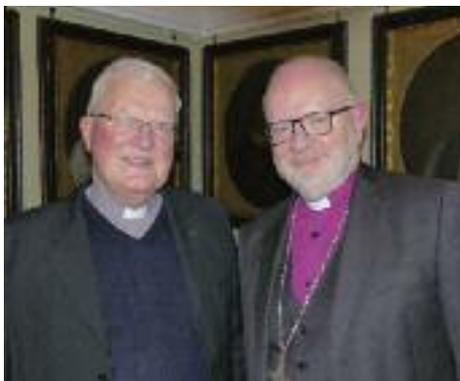
The Cathedral was filled to capacity with many guests, friends, clergy and church leaders. Representatives from civic society including the Earl of Caledon - Lord Lieutenant of Armagh and Lady Caledon. The Lord Mayor of Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Council.



Following the service in the Cathedral, supper was served in the Alexander Synod Hall.



Archdeacon Terry Scott paid tribute to Archbishop Richard on behalf of the Clergy and Readers while Canon Bill Adair presented a gift on their behalf.



Diocesan Secretary Jane Leighton spoke on behalf of the people, the diocesan staff members, Diocesan Council and the various Boards, thanking Archbishop Richard for all that he has meant to us all. She finished off with a witty limerick which brought smiles and laughter in abundance.

Honorary Secretary Helen McClenaghan presented gifts on behalf of the people.

Archbishop Richard responded graciously and thanked the many people who had been with him on "his adventure" as primate - the clergy and people of the Armagh Diocese, the Diocesan staff and volunteers, the central church staff, the House of Bishops and his friend and co-Archbishop of Armagh - Eamon Martin.



Cover Photo:
New Archbishop of
Armagh and Primate
of All Ireland - Bishop
John McDowell

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Bishop John McDowell elected as New Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland

On behalf of the clergy and laity of Armagh Diocese I offer the heartiest of congratulations to Bishop John McDowell on his election as our next Archbishop.

Bishop John can be assured of our good wishes and prayers as he prepares for his translation on 28th April.

We very much look forward to welcoming him, his wife Mary, and daughter Dorothy to Armagh.

Terry Scott
Archdeacon of Armagh



Message from the editor – Jonathan Hull

Dear friends

It goes without saying that we are living in unprecedented and challenging times, with things changing on a daily basis.

The parish notes in this issue of the Ambassador Magazine were prepared before the directive to suspend church activities, so most of the forthcoming events listed are now obviously postponed.

However we decided to go ahead and publish this issue, hoping that it would be of some value to you all as we endeavour to keep in touch during these times.

As I write on 19th March, plans are being put in place to broadcast Sunday Worship services via the internet and other means and hopefully by the time you are reading this, we will have established this.

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress. My God, in whom I trust. (Psalm 91:1-2)

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Anthem: Hosanna in the Highest (Palestrina)
Sermon: The Dean
- 3.15pm Choral Evensong & Litany Setting: Wood in D
Anthem: Let all the world in every corner sing (V Williams)

Sunday 12th April – EASTER DAY

- 11.00am Sung Eucharist (Rite 2) Setting: Sumsion in F
Anthem: The Strife is O'er (Ley)
Sermon: The Dean
- 3.15pm Choral Evensong Setting: Brewer in D
Anthem: Blessed be the God and Father (S S Wesley)

Sunday 19th April – The Second Sunday of Easter

- 11.00am Eucharist (Rite 2) (said with hymns)
Sermon: The Dean
- 3.15pm Choral Evensong sung by the Armagh Diocesan Singers

Sunday 26th April – The Third Sunday of Easter

- 11.00am Sung Eucharist (Rite 2) Setting: Stanford in C
Anthem: O Sons and Daughters (Davies)
Sermon: The Reverend Tony Davidson, Ecumenical Canon
- 3.15pm Choral Evensong Setting: Harwood in A flat
Anthem: This Joyful Eastertide

Sunday 3rd May – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 11.00am Eucharist (Rite 2) (said with hymns)
Sermon: The Dean
- 3.15pm Friends Festival Service of Choral Evensong sung by the Armagh Diocesan Singers

Sunday 10th May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 11.00am Sung Eucharist (Rite 2) Setting: A German Mass (Schubert)
Anthem: Now the green blade riseth (Wood)
Sermon: The Reverend Canon Bill Adair, Treasurer
- 3.15pm Choral Evensong & Litany Setting: Stanford in B flat
Anthem: Awake thou wintry earth (Bach)

Sunday 17th May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter / Rogation Sunday

- 11.00am Sung Eucharist (Rite 2) Setting: Noble in B minor
Anthem: The Heaves are Telling (Haydn)
Sermon: The Dean
- 3.15pm Choral Evensong Setting: Hylton Stewart in C
Anthem: Thou visitest the earth (Greene)

Sunday 24th May – The Seventh Sunday of Easter / Sunday after Ascension Day

- 11.00am Sung Eucharist (Rite 2) Setting: Missa de Sancto Albano (Willan)
Anthem: Above all praise (Mendelssohn)
Sermon: The Reverend Canon Barry Paine, Prebendary of Ballymore
- 3.15pm Choral Evensong Setting: Wood in C minor
Anthem: Laudate Nomen Domino (Tye)

Sunday 31st May – The Day of Pentecost / Whit Sunday

- 11.00am Choral Matins (Rite 2) Setting: Te Deum in B flat (Stanford)
Anthem: Come, Holy Ghost (Plainsong)
Sermon: The Dean
- 3.15pm T.B.C.

WEEKDAYS

- 9.30am Matins
9.30am Holy Communion Wednesdays and on Saints' and Holy Days

Sat 25th Apr - St Mark the Evangelist

Fri 1st May - St Philip and St James, Apostles

Thurs 14th May - Saint Matthias

Thurs 21st May - The Ascension Day Sung Eucharist at 10am

12.00pm Prayers for the Healing of the City and our Nation – 1st Wed of each month

SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday 2nd February at 6.00pm

A Celebration of the Eucharist to mark the conclusion of the primatial ministry of the Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke.
Celebrant & Preacher: Archbishop Clarke

Sunday 23rd February at 3.15pm

GFS Diocesan Festival Service

Wednesday 6th March: Ash Wednesday

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Dean

7.30pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 17th March: St Patrick's Day

10.00am Holy Communion in Irish

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Dean

Saturday 21st March 5.00pm

Choral Evensong – St Patrick's-tide, followed by wine and cheese in the Music Hall

Saturday 28th March

3.00pm Memorial Service for Major General The O'Morchoe, former Officer Commanding the Royal Irish Fusiliers.

CONCERTS

Friday 13th March at 8pm

Brian Kennedy will give a concert as part of The Home of St Patrick Festival, Brian is one of the country's most inspired and revered ambassadors of music. He is not only a prolific songwriter but a master interpreter of lyrics as well, and audiences around the world continue to praise his exceptional vocal talents.

Support for the evening is by singer/songwriter Eilidh Patterson.

Please note that tickets for this event are available from the Visitor Information Centre on 028 3752 1800 or via visitarmagh.com

Friday 27th March at 8pm

SELB Chamber Ensemble concert.

RECITAL SERIES

Retiring Collection for the Cathedral Choir Endowment

Sunday 9th February at 4.15pm

Mr Eoin Cassidy.

CHARLES WOOD SONG COMPETITION

Saturday evening, 14th March. Final Round in the Cathedral.

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BAPTISM:

1st March 2020 - Isobel Essie Rea O'Duil, (Loughgilly).

BURIAL:

23rd January 2020 - Anne Sterritt, (Drumbanagher).
1st February 2020 - George Whiteside, (Drumbanagher).

THE POYNTZPASS PLAYERS STAR IN COMEDY 'WHATEVER WILL BE WILL BE!'

On Friday evening, 7th February 2020 at 8pm, local drama group, the Poyntzpass Players performed the Comedy, 'Whatever will be, will be!' in the Sir Henry Wilson, Memorial Hall, Loughbrickland, to a full house. Our warmest congratulations to all the cast and especially to Acton parishioner, Mr Ernest Poole on his most entertaining portrayal of farm worker Ned McGee. The Comedy was written by Mr Frank Watters, the well-known and multi-talented retired Principal of St Joseph and St James's Primary School Poyntzpass. Well done Frank. More please!!

WALKING SAINT PATRICK'S WAY

A group of Church of Ireland clergy, (Rt Revd Darren McCartney (Rector of Clonallon and Warrenpoint with Kilbroney), Revd Adrian Dorrian (Vicar of LAMP), Revd Brian Cadden (Rector of Castlewellan and Kilcoo), Revd Andrew Campbell (Rector of Skerry, Rathcavan & Newtowncrommelin), Revd Geoffrey Haugh (Rector of Knocknamuckley) and the Revd Iain McLeavey (Deacon Intern), have set themselves the task of walking St Patrick's Way in stages. The pilgrimage walk, stretching 82 miles from the Navan Centre outside Armagh to its conclusion at Patrick's final resting place at Down Cathedral, takes in some of the key sites relating to Patrick's heritage. On Monday, 24 February, on the Scarva to Newry stage of the walk, the group stopped in Poyntzpass and visited Acton Parish Church at 10.30am, where they were greeted by the Rector and a celebration of the Holy Communion followed.



LOUGHGILLY ORGANISE TABLE QUIZ, COFFEE PARTY AND FAMILY FUN DAY

The Parish Fund-Raising Committee has been very busy over recent months. A most enjoyable Table Quiz was held on Friday evening, 6th March in Glenanne Orange Hall. Billy Baines was the Question Master and a great night's craic was had by all. The total amount raised for church funds was £340.

The Committee has also organised a Coffee Party to be held on Saturday, 23rd May from 10.30am until 2.30pm in the Millennium Hall, Mountnorris. Admission is £5 per person, (includes refreshments).

A Family Fun Day and BBQ has also been arranged to take place on Saturday, 25th July in Loughgilly Parish Church Car Park from 12 noon until 5pm.

DRUMBANAGHER BIG BREAKFAST

This event will take place on Saturday, 28th March in the Church Hall. Please do come and enjoy a great breakfast. You will be made very welcome.

DRUMBANAGHER ANNUAL TRACTOR ROAD RUN AND BBQ

This event will take place on Saturday, 6th June commencing at 12 noon from the Church. Entry fee is £10 per tractor and includes BBQ afterwards. Please do come and bring your tractor and enjoy a great day out.

KNIT AND NATTER CRAFT GROUP

Our industrious Craft Group which meets twice a month in Drumbanagher Church Hall supports, 'Apple-Blossom Baby Basics (ABBB) Mullavilly'. Recently the Group received the following kind message from the ABBB Mullavilly Co-ordinator: 'On behalf of ABBB Mullavilly, I would like to pass on our heartfelt thanks for your kind donations of knits and toiletries. We have been able to put these wonderful donations to great use for mothers and babies who are in great need'. If anyone is not familiar with the 'Baby Basics' project, there was a most helpful article published in the October/November 2019 edition of the Ambassador.

ANNAGHMORE

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BAPTISM

Sunday, 8th March 2020
Meg Matchett, daughter of Ryan and Samantha
Kourtney Jessica Gillespie, daughter of Matthew and Lynsey

GFS PARENTS' NIGHT The GFS Parents' Evening will be on Saturday, 4th April at 7.30

pm in the Parish Centre. Together with the BB, who will have had their Parents' Night a few weeks previously, we thank the leaders of both organisations for the effort and dedication they demonstrate each year in providing some really interesting activities in the annual programme for our young people. Thanks also for the 'extra curricular' work they do in taking young people to competitions and in hosting larger scale events with other companies and diocesan groups here in Annaghmore.

EXODUS PROGRAMME We are delighted to congratulate and support one of our young leaders, Sophie Pinkerton, who has been accepted on an Exodus team of Christian discipleship training for 4 months, followed by a mission trip in July to Moldova. Sophie has grown up through our Sunday School and parish organisations, giving back a great deal as a young leader in recent years. We shall be praying for Sophie that God may use this special time for her to grow as a Christian disciple as she seeks to serve the Lord.

MAUNDY THURSDAY This year we will be having a slightly different approach to Maundy Thursday with a mini agape meal together. Our Sunday School leaders are keen to involve the children in a meal together, remembering the Last Supper Jesus had with His disciples. With worship, Bible readings, prayers and Holy Communion integrated into the evening we are looking forward to what we hope will be an interesting learning experience for all ages.

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY

The Good Friday Service will be held at 8.00 pm to which we invite everyone in the local community. With music, Bible readings, prayers and reflections we spend time at the cross remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for our sins. Easter Sunday begins with a service of Holy Communion at 10.00 am followed immediately by an Easter Celebration Service at 11.00 am. We are grateful to all who prepare music for each of these occasions which enhances our worship so much.

FAMILY FUN DAY On Saturday, 18th April our older youth (15 - 18 year olds) are organising a special Fun Day for families. Having been given a small grant towards innovation and leadership the young people have collectively decided they wanted to support a cancer charity. Therefore, all proceeds from the day will be given to their chosen charity. Thanks to Julie Mullen and Julie Allen for their guidance in all of this.

TRACTOR RUN The annual Annaghmore Tractor Run will be taking place on Saturday, 2nd May, beginning with breakfast

in the Parish Centre from 10.00 am with tractors departing at 12.30 pm. The cost per tractor is £15, with all proceeds going towards the Parish Centre Building Fund.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS As a church family we have been fervently praying together for our BB Captain and Glebewarden, Raymond Campbell, as well as our mission partner, Claire Holmes, both of whom are undergoing treatment for cancer. Please pray with us for both of them as well as some other relatively young people connected to the parish who are in a similar situation at present.

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CAFE CHURCH

During February we linked up with Cancer Focus for a Cafe Church service.

It was a very moving, hope filled time. Steve McIlwrath shared his experiences of going through treatment for throat cancer and Jon Bartholemew, accompanied by his dad Ian, shared some superb songs he'd penned while going through treatment. Emma McCann from Cancer Focus spoke about the work of the charity.

These services are great opportunities to link local church with the wider community.

PSALMS IN SCHOOLS

Thanks to generous help from the Board of Education, we are linking with our two local Primary schools over the next few months to explore the book of Psalms with P6/7 children.

We'll be looking at Psalms as poetry, talking about good days and bad days and the importance of writing down thoughts and feelings. The project will close with a special concert at Ardrea; date yet to be confirmed.

AN EVENING WITH NIAMH MCGLINCHEY

Niamh sang at Desertcreat in the Autumn and brought the house down. We are delighted to announce that she's singing at Ardrea Hall on Saturday 25th April @ 8.00pm

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Our whole community was saddened by the sudden death of Nicky Graham on Thursday 20th February.

Nicky was laid to rest at Desertcreat on Sunday 23rd. Please keep his wife Libby and the family circle in your prayers.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ardrea Easter Vestry : Tuesday 31 March at 7.00 pm

Desertcreat Easter Vestry : Thursday 2 April at 8.00 pm

HOLY WEEK

Thursday 9 April : Tenebrae at Ardrea at the later time of 9.00 pm

Good Friday : Desertcreat at 8.00 pm

EASTER DAY

Outdoor service at Tullyhogue Fort at 8.30 am followed by breakfast in Desertcreat Hall.

Going Service at Desertcreat at 10.30 am

TRACTOR RUN

Our annual Tractor Run will be in Desertcreat on Saturday 18 April. Breakfast served from 9.30 am

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PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK SERVICES

On Palm Sunday (April 5th, 7pm), a special service featuring hymns, anthems and readings focused upon the Passion will take place in St Mark's. We very much look forward to this service of grateful remembrance for the Lord's sacrifice, which will feature our Parish Choir.

During Holy Week, short said services will take place in church each morning at 8am. Evening Services will take place at 8pm (excl. Maundy Thursday). On Maundy Thursday (April 9th), the evening Holy Communion Service will take place in the context of a meal in the Crozier Hall from 7pm. Everyone is invited to share with us on this very special occasion during which the Archbishop will celebrate Holy Communion. To assist with catering preparation, Sign Up Sheets will be available in the Church Porch.

The Preachers during our Holy Week Evening Services will be our Parish Clergy. Leading our thoughts at the '3 Hours Service' (Good Friday from 12noon to 3pm) will be Rev'd Henry Blair (Rector of Tullaniskan & Clonoe). Please feel free to join us at any point during the 3 Hours Service and stay for as long as you wish.

EASTER SUNDAY

Early risers are greatly encouraged to make the short trip to The Argory for the Easter Dawn Service at 6am! Morning Services shall take place in church as usual at 8.30am and 10.30am (Family Holy Communion Service) with breakfast being served in the Crozier Hall from 7.30 to 8.30am. Please plan to join us as we praise and celebrate the risen Lord together.

The Easter Evening Service (7pm) will feature Hymns and Readings celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus. Everyone will be most welcome to join us for what will be a most uplifting praise service.

UNITED SERVICE

The Evening Service on Sunday, May 10th (7pm) will take the form of a United Service in St Mark's along with our friends Armagh Methodist and 1st Armagh Presbyterian churches. Set amidst the annual Christian Aid week, during the week previous volunteers from our three churches will collect donations in our city for this very worthy cause.

THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Each morning from Thursday 21st May until Saturday 30th we shall meet in St Mark's Church to pray from 9.15am – 9.45am. Everyone will be most welcome to join us as we gather to pray according to differing themes each day.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Our annual Children's Day service will take place in Church on Sunday, June 7th (10.30am). We always enjoy the Sunday School and Junior Choir participating in worship and wish to thank their leaders for all of their dedication throughout the year. A Parish Picnic will follow in the Palace Demesne.

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CHRISTIAN BURIAL: 27

Feb: Dawn Harkness (Tamlaght)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Palm Sunday 5 April (three churches)

Monday 6 April – Tamlaght 8pm: Tuesday 7 April – Ballinderry 8pm:

Wednesday 8 April – Ardboe 8pm: Maundy Thursday 9 April – Tamlaght (H.C.) 8pm:

Good Friday 10 April – Tamlaght (Children's Service) 10.30am: Ballinderry – 8pm.

'The week that changed the world continues to change our lives.' Anonymous

EASTER SUNDAY: Sunday 12 April – Holy Communion (three churches)

TAMLAGHT MOTORBIKE SHOW: This is a novel idea from Tamlaght parishioner Raymond Young (07724239595)! This Motorbike Show, road, race and classic bikes will be on display in St. Luke's Parish

Hall, Coagh, BT80 0EJ on Saturday 18 April 2020 from 11am – 4.30pm. Entry £5pp under 10's free. Refreshments will be served A TALKSHOW with local riders will take place at 2pm in the hall. What an opportunity for ALL bike enthusiasts!

For more information call Raymond!

"Let us not give up meeting together.....but let us encourage one another-----and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25.

We look forward to welcoming many on Saturday 18 April!

TAMLAGHT CHURCH EVENING of Floral Arranging Demonstrations:

The evening of Floral Arranging was very enjoyable. We are grateful to the demonstrators from Cookstown Floral Art Club. Namely: Eunice Cuddy, Gillian Burrows, Sandra Rea, Emily Martin & May Burrows for entertaining us by displaying their creative talents. Thanks to the ladies of Tamlaght Flower Arranging Group for providing a delicious supper and to the men who helped with car parking and general preparations for the event. Finally, a big thank you to all who attended the big event. The total amount raised was £1180 for Church funds. (Valerie Porter)

A big thank you to Valerie and the team for a successful and enjoyable evening.

PRAISE AND PRAYER TIME: We will meet on Monday 18 May in Ardboe Parish hall at 8pm and on Monday 29 June in Tamlaght Parish hall at 8pm. Please join with us on these important evenings. "Sometimes all you need to do is pray." Anonymous

BIBLE DISCOVERY: We shall meet in Tamlaght Parish Hall after Easter at 8pm. Our evenings are a wonderful opportunity for all gathered to have their voice as we learn together.

"The Bible was not given for our information but for our transformation." Dwight L Moody

MOTHERS' UNION: The MU Festival Service will take place on Wednesday 20 May at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.

GENERAL VESTRY MEETINGS

TAMLAGHT – MONDAY 27 APRIL at 8pm.
BALLINDERRY – TUESDAY 28 APRIL at 8pm.

ARDBOE – WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL at 8pm.

"The resurrection of Jesus demands not our applause but our allegiance, not our compliments but our capitulation." Anonymous.

BALLYMORE

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BURIAL

22nd January – David Lyness

21st February – Trevor Boston

22nd February – Valerie Baurain (nee Scott)

MOTHERS' UNION will attend the Maundy Thursday Service in Church on 9th April followed by the Branch Meeting in the Hall afterwards with supper. 20th May is the date of the Festival Service in Armagh.

WALKMORE (Parish Walking Group) is back in action meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, leaving from the Church Car Park at 10am. New venues each month and new friends to be made. Everyone welcome.

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be raising funds for Action Mental Health. Thanks to all who supported the Lenten Lunch on 8th March and the sponsored walk in Clare Glen on 29th March.

GOSPEL EVENINGS were held in Ballymore Parish Church on Sunday 2nd February and Sunday 22nd March. Guest artistes: Men in Black Gospel Group, Paul Berry and Amy Eakin on the first evening and the Dromore Male Voice Choir were the special guests in March. The retiring collection in February was in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association and Church Funds and brought in over £1700. In March the collection was for the Craigavon Cardiac Care Association along with Church Funds. Both evenings were very well supported and we are extremely grateful to Emo Overend for co-ordinating the two events.

FLOWER FESTIVAL: As part of the VE Day 75th Anniversary celebrations Ballymore will be hosting a special Flower Festival with the theme "Let there be Peace" from Friday 8th May to Sunday 10th May. Catering will be available throughout the weekend. Booking is essential for coach parties and groups. Please contact Mrs Sophia Dillon Tel: 07763 654758. World War II memorabilia will be on display during the weekend and on Sunday 10th May there will be a number of WWII military vehicles in the Church grounds.

LENT: Throughout Lent there will be a midweek service on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in Church. This is in addition to the normal weekly Wednesday Communion Service at 10.30am.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER: On Wednesday and Thursday of Holy Week there will be a celebration of Holy Communion each morning at 10.30am and an evening service at 7.30pm on Monday through to Thursday evening. On Good Friday there will be a Service in Ballymore at 2pm and at 7.30pm. The Church will also be open all day for prayer and meditation. **EASTER DAY:** 9am Holy Communion; 11am Holy Communion; 7pm Easter Praise.

EASTER GENERAL VESTRY MEETING: Monday 20th April at 7.30pm in the Minor Hall.

PARISH WEBSITE: For further details of Parish activities please visit www.ballymoreparish.org

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HOLY WEEK

Holy Week services will be observed throughout our Parochial group each evening at 7.30pm as follows:

Monday 6th St. Luke's, Mullaglass
Tuesday 7th St. Luke's, Belleek
Wednesday 8th St. Luke's, Ballymoyer
Maundy Thursday Christ Church, Bessbrook
Good Friday St. Luke's, Mullaglass

Daily devotions will also be observed each morning in Christ Church, Bessbrook at 8.00am.

EASTER SUNDAY

All services at the usual times and each will be Holy Communion.

ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY MEETINGS

Ballymoyer and Belleek Union: Tuesday 21st April 2020 at 8:00pm
Mullaglass: Wednesday 22nd April 2020 at 7:30pm
Camlough: Thursday 23rd April 2020 at 7:30pm

SAINT MARK

The annual Holy Communion Saint's Day service celebrating St. Mark the Evangelist will be held in Christ Church, Bessbrook on Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm.

THE ASCENSION DAY

The annual Holy Communion celebration of The Ascension Day will be held in Christ Church, Bessbrook on Thursday 21st May at 7.30pm.

5TH SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

The next Parochial Evening Service for the 5th Sunday in the month will be held in Christ Church, Bessbrook on Sunday 31st May at 7.00pm.

LINDSAY CHORALE CONCERT

Christ Church, Bessbrook are hosting a 75th VE Day Anniversary Concert featuring 'Lindsay Chorale' in Christ Church Parish Hall on Friday 8th May at 8pm. Tickets are now available to purchase. Priced at £10.00 each, tickets are available from the Parish Secretary on 07485 057 667 or by email at honsect.christchurchbessbrook@gmail.com The Lindsay Chorale is a mixed voice choir, based in Co. Down, who perform at engagements throughout Northern Ireland and further afield and performed in Down Cathedral in 2019, at the installation of June Butler, All Ireland President of the Mothers'

Union.

CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICES

Our annual Children's Day Services will be held as follows:

Mullaglass Sunday 31st May at 10.00am
Bessbrook Sunday 7th June at 11.30am

IN MEMORIAM

On Monday 24th February 2020 Mrs Winnie Dillon passed away suddenly at he home in Latt Villas Mullaglass. We continue to hold Charlie, Pamela and Karen in our prayers along with the wider family circle.

Mrs Irene Chapman was a resident in Avilla nursing home, her funeral service was held in Roselawn crematorium on Saturday 29th February 2020. We continue to pray for her family.

Sunday 8th March 2020, we laid Joan Irwin to rest in the churchyard and St Luke's Mullaglass. Again we offer all our love and prayers for John and Jim and the extended family.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Clonfeacle

Baptisms: 1st March 2020, Tommy Stephen Williamson

Burials: 21st February 2020, Lavinia (Vena) Kerr

Derrygortreavy

Funeral service: 21st February 2020, Lavinia (Vena) Kerr

PARISH VISITING

We are encouraged to have three newly-trained Parish Visitors for the grouped parishes of Clonfeacle, Derrygortreavy and Eglis, to add to the existing team, and due to be commissioned on 29th March. The Service of Commissioning is on Sunday 29th March at 7.30pm in Kildress Parish Church. We give thanks to God for our Visitors as they take this step of faith and begin this important ministry, and are praying for them.

FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP AND FUNDRAISING:

The three parishes have each planned fun and fundraiser events this term, towards parish funds.

Clonfeacle Parish held a very successful Big Breakfast on 1st February. An All-age Outing by coach to Lisburn for ten-pin bowling and food was enjoyed on 22nd February. Clonfeacle Car Boot Sale is

planned for Saturday 28th March at the old school, Benburb. Gates open from 9am for 10am start.

Eglish Parish held an uplifting Gospel Concert in Holy Trinity Eglish (Drumsallan) on 28th February. Guest artists included soloist Linda Lindsey, Lisnadill Harmony, and Cavanapole Pipers. The concert was followed by a delicious supper.

Derrygortreavy Parish has planned a Table Quiz and Stew Evening on 20th March towards parish funds, and three parishioners plus the rector are planning to take part in a fund-raising abseil for Friends of the Cancer Centre, on 4th April, from the Tower block of the City Hospital, Belfast – in super-hero costume!



Eglish (Drumsallan) Choir at the recent Gospel Concert in Holy Trinity Church.

LIFT THE ROOF

... an INTER-GENERATIONAL and INTER-PARISHES evening of music and praise, in Clonfeacle Parish Church on Sunday 26th April at 7pm, organised by the Time Out youth group, with Rev. Henry Blair and friends from Newmills, plus a visit from David Brown (AYAC), followed by supper. This event for everyone! Visitors and guests of all ages welcome.

LENT

During Lent and beyond, the parishes have lots planned, for our Lenten journey and outreach.

Wednesdays in Lent (2), 11th March: The Church and Healing Today', 7.30pm in St Patrick's Clonfeacle, for all three parishes. Special teaching meeting led by the Diocesan Ministry of Healing. This will be followed by a guest service, A Service of Wholeness and Healing, on Sunday 29th March (Passion Sunday) at 3.30pm in Clonfeacle, Benburb.

St Patrick's Day: Clonfeacle Parish will be 'Celebrating Patrick' in a St Patrick's Day Family Communion Service, Tuesday 17th March, at 10.30 a.m. in St Patrick's Church, Clonfeacle - an informal service for all in the parishes. Children are invited to come in costume, and guests welcome.

Wednesdays in Lent (3), 18th March: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion, Clonfeacle; 7.00 p.m., Compline, in Holy Trinity, Eglish (Drumsallan); and MU Young Members, 7.30pm, Film on the life of Corrie Ten Boom. **TIME OUT** youth group, Sunday 22nd March, 7 - 8.30pm, Kilnacart Hall, Derrygortreavy.

Easter Vestry Meetings are planned for Monday 23rd March, Derrygortreavy, Tuesday 24th March, Clonfeacle, and Wednesday 25th March, Eglish.

GFS and BB

GFS enrolments took place for the Clonfeacle (Benburb) and Derrygortreavy branches on 1st March. Parents' Evenings are on Friday 3rd April (Clonfeacle Branch) and Tuesday 28th April (Derrygortreavy Branch). Benburb BB Parents' Night is on Friday 13th March at 7.30pm in Benburb Presbyterian Hall. The parishes are proud of all our children and young people.

HOLY WEEK

- **Sunday 5th April, Palm Sunday**, services at usual times - 9.30, 10.45, 12 noon
- **Tuesday in Holy Week**, 7th April, 8pm, Compline, Drumsallan.
- **Wednesday in Holy Week**, 8th April, Holy Communion, 10.30am, Clonfeacle, and The Way of the Cross, 8pm in Derrygortreavy.
- **Maundy Thursday**, 9th April, 7.30pm in St Patrick's Clonfeacle, with special guest preacher Dr Patrick Mitchel, Director of Learning at the Irish Bible Institute, Dublin, and author of the recently-published book 'The Message of Love' (Bible Speaks Today series). Visitors and guests welcome.
- **Good Friday**, 10th April, 12 noon: 'The Hours', reading of the Passion Narrative, Clonfeacle, and Tenebrae, 8pm in Holy Trinity, Drumsallan. Visitors and guests most welcome.

EASTER DAY, Sunday 12th April: Easter Communion in all three churches at the normal times, of 9.30, 10.45 and 12 noon. (No Sunday School).

BEYOND EASTER DAY

- Messy Church, Sat 2nd May, 10.30 am – 12 noon, in Benburb Parish Hall. Theme: 'Messy KidsAid', with special programme and youth-and-children's speaker from Christian Aid. For families, youth and children of all ages.
- Sunday afternoon, 17th May, provisional date for Three-Parishes' Picnic.

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BAPTISM

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DEATHS

Mrs Prudence Forde
Mr William Cardwell

It was with great sadness that we laid to rest two of the oldest members of our church family who both had reached the age of 89. William (Willie) and Prudence (Pru) were both very faithful member for many years, Prudence and her husband were sextons in the church for many years. Their passing will be a great loss to the church and our prayers and sympathies are with their families and friends.

EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday Service 10th April @ 8 p.m.
Easter Sunday Holy Communion 12th April @ 11.30 a.m.

MOTHERS UNION

The Mothers Union Overseas was held on the 8th March, at the service new members were enrolled by Mrs Lorraine Richardson (Enrolling Member), and MU members led the prayers and read scripture. The congregation learned more about the work of the Mothers Union both in Ireland and across the world. The M.U. meet in the Parish Hall on the last Wednesday night of the month and everyone is welcome.

CROSSDERNOTT TOTS TIME

Tots Time continues to go from strength to strength under the leadership of Mrs Vera Kelso and her team. One of the children who regularly go to Tots Time was with his mum in a local supermarket when they met Sr. Valerie. As he was leaving he shouted to Valerie "I'll see you in church." Tots Time meet in the parish hall on a Thursday morning from 10.30 am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome.

YOUTH CLUB.

The Youth Club has loads of interesting things happening at the weekly meetings thanks to the leadership of Emily and her team of volunteers. A big thank you is due to everyone involved for their dedication and service each week.

BOWLING CLUB

The bowling club annual fun bowls tournament will take place from Monday 13th April to 16th April 2020 and the charity

who will benefit from the tournament is a local one for cancer care called Charis. It has a home at Lough Fea where it provides all kinds of treatments etc from people suffering from Cancer. Everyone is welcome to the tournament.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School meet at 10.30 each week and everyone who is year 1 and above are welcome. Thank you to our Sunday School teachers for their service to the children of the church each Sunday.

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It's hard to believe that already we are preparing to celebrate Easter! Please note our services for this Holy Season...

LOOKING BACK, Confirmation was a highlight for the young people and the Archbishop's Retirement Eucharist – both in the Cathedral – were memorable events.

The traditional Lenten services focussed on the Study Course provided by USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel) and were a stimulating examination of "Living in a world of Difference"

LOOKING AHEAD, please note the following dates for your diaries!

PASSIONTIDE: As we look forward to Holy Week and Easter, please note the following dates for your diary:- We observe our Lord's Passion with our customary Holy Week Services beginning on Palm Sunday (5th April) with services at 9am, 11am and 7pm our service of Palm Praise. Services continue during the week at 8pm (Mon-Fri) on the theme "Matthew and Jesus" looking at his account of the Passion.. Our traditional Children's Service will be on Good Friday 10th April at 10.30am.

EASTER DAY: Our services on Sunday 12th April are at 9am; 11.30 Easter Communion and at 7pm Easter Praise and Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Please plan to attend and celebrate that wonderful event – the RESURRECTION! The Dawn Service is at 6am at the Argory.

ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY: will be held on Wednesday 22nd April at 8pm in the Parish Hall, when again we hope for a good attendance from all in the Parish as we look ahead to the future, and especially in this year when we have the Triennial Elections to very important positions

MOTHERS' UNION: The Corporate Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, 9th April at 8pm; the Annual Dinner on Thursday 16th in the Braeside, the Diocesan Festival Service will be on Wednesday 20th May in the Cathedral at 730pm with the Annual Outing on Saturday 9th to Hillsborough Castle.

VE DAY: "Victory in Europe Day" is being observed on Friday 8th May with a short service at the Cenotaph at 3pm with a major Service in Derryloran on Sunday 10th May at 3pm followed by a Parade to Killymoon Castle and a special event there to mark the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII.

ASCENSION: We celebrate this important day with Holy Communion at 1030am on Thursday 21st May, followed by refreshments.

CHRISTIAN AID: We thank everyone who supported our recent Soup Lunches during Lent, and now look forward to the week of house-to-house collections which begins with the annual Praise Service on 10th May in 1st Cookstown Presbyterian Church at 7pm featuring a host of local musical talent.

WELCOME: We bid a warm welcome to the Rev Michael Currie on his Installation in 1st Cookstown Presbyterian and wish him every blessing in his ministry in our midst in the days to come.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: we are still taking bookings for the visit to Israel in September.. Please contact the Rectory 02886762261 if you are interested in joining us!

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HOLY BAPTISM

St John's Moneymore
12th January 2020: Hunter Benjamin Stewart-Convery son of Lisa and Daniel
9th February 2020: Charlie Thomas Wilson, son of Jeffery and Laura

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

St John's Moneymore
13th January: Valerie Carson
3rd March: Thomas Ireland Jordan, 85 years
St Matthias' Ballyeglish
5th March: William John (Billy) Irwin (taken by Canon Norman. Porteus and Rev. Drew Dawson)

NOTICES

To date we have had just two of our new Messy Church services. These have

replaced the usual Sunday service and have proved to be a wonderful addition to our service menu! Informal, easy-going...and warm, which both young families and senior members alike have enjoyed. We will continue with our Messy Church on the 19th April, the Sunday after Easter, 11.30 St John's Hall.

We are also delighted to support and encourage not one, but three people into Lay Reader training. Each of the candidates have submitted the following so that you can learn about them and what they are doing.

THREE LAY READERS IN TRAINING

I am David Carleton.

I belong to St Johns Church. I was baptised, confirmed and married in the church. I also attended

Ballyeglish Sunday school. I'm a Father of two. I work in NHS as a Mental Health Nurse.

God has placed on me a calling to serve him more fully through a teaching and leadership within the church as a Reader. The role of a reader is a unique position provides a link between the church and the world. As a Christian in the work place can offer a different outlook

answering questions others have. The Readers course is 2 years in duration. It's academic and practical organised by the Theological Institute in Dublin. Armagh diocese provides local input covering various Theological subjects. Becoming a Reader is a privilege and responsibility of sharing Christ with those who do not know him. As Christians we resolve to work by God's grace through the local church. Through personal contacts to make this a reality; reaching others and winning them for Christ. Growing in discipleship both ordained and lay can serve the faith in ministry.

Hi Everyone, my name is Rhonda.

I live in Magherafelt and work as a quality administrator in a local firm. I have 2 children and I am in a relationship with Jackie. I have been attending St. Johns, Desertlyn for approx.2 years now, where I have been enrolled in Mothers union, assist Betty with church warden duties (as and when required), sing in the choir and help with any other activities as required.

A few months ago, I was made aware that there was a need within the Church for Readers and in particular Dioscean Readers; so over the past number of months I have applied, been interviewed and accepted unto this course. The course is due to commence in March and will be held over approx. 2 years. It will involve travelling to Armagh and Dublin for study time. Within the course I will be learning to lead church services – deliver sermons – help with communion and of



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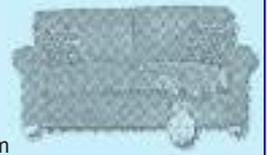
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course read lessons. The course is assessment/ modules based. Upon completion of the course, if/when I am then commissioned by the Archbishop, I hope to serve churches around the border areas. These churches are not as fortunate as our church here at St. Johns in that they do not have a permanent rector or indeed Readers to help lead their worship services.

I know that it will involve a lot of hard work and is in no way an easy undertaking alongside my other responsibilities of work and family life but I believe that God has called me to do this work and has lead me to this path. (with prayer and faith he is my strength and my guide along life's path). With his help, grace and strength I pray that I will fulfil his plan for me. I am excited to start this course as I feel it will help bring God's voice to the others. I will also get to visit new places, see new faces and most importantly do God's work in remote areas of Ireland.

In completing this course, it does not mean that St. Johns will be forgotten about, in fact I would hope to be of more service to St. Johns, where I will help with the creche (soon to open), continue to attend mothers union and sing in the choir. I acknowledge that none of this would be possible for me if it were not for the love, friendship and support that I have received since joining St. Johns and I thank you all and pray that we can continue to enjoy God's blessing together.

God Bless
Rhonda

Hello Everyone,

My name is Jackie Carson for those of you who don't know me, I am father to Andrew and James. in law to Karen and grandfather to Lily and Jack.

My occupation is a print manager at Gortreagh Printing, Cookstown, where I have served for 40 years. I have a keen interest in football and have achieved many accolades both for playing and coaching. I enjoy music/singing both solo and as part of the church choir. I have also been doing other work – that is Church work. My church work at St. Johns started when I was about 8 years of age with my grandfather, Jonny McMenemy. He was the caretaker of the parish hall (assembly rooms), Moneymore. I had simple enough tasks he would allow me to do, such as setting out chairs and helping him cut the grass.

Little did I know then, that this would lead to my further church work for both Kildress church of Ireland as a scout leader and chairman of scout committee and then to St Johns where I now hold a seat on the Select Vestry, also assistant church warden, reading lessons and any other jobs required of me within the church - including setting up

the walking football, helping with the creche which is to open soon, and a member of the church choir – including singing at concerts. About 1 year ago Rev. Stringer invited me to become a church Reader. Which encouraged my application to be a Diocesan Reader. One of the deciding factors to do the course was a visit to meet Florence Gallagher also a diocesan reader in the Diocese of Armagh. I met Florence in Newtownhamilton. I felt that I could make a difference to those churches in and around the border areas and Republic of Ireland. This is where I feel the Lord was leading me as it involved visiting/helping other churches in the diocese. This journey will be a challenge, but one I feel I will rise to as I have in the past both on the football field and within my personal life.

The course itself involves 2 years of study, hard work and learning to lead a service and deliver sermons along with reading lessons to name but a few things – of course this will be linked to trips to Dublin and a number of assignments/modules just like being back at school for me, which could be a struggle as I left school in 1980.

Its not all bad though as I am looking forward to the challenge it will present such as meeting new people, visiting new churches and perhaps getting a few new ideas for our own church. As for those that know me well – you will know the biggest challenge for myself will be keeping the sermons to 10 mins and under.

My personal life has taken a few twists and turns but through it all there has been One strength, Love, Encouragement, Comfort and without which I could not and would not be here today.

God has a masterplan for all to follow and I believe that is what I must do now. In God we trust, God bless.

Jackie

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HOLY BAPTISM
1st March 2020 – Harry John Steen (St Michael's)

HOLY MATRIMONY
12th February 2020 – Ashleigh Hawthorne & Ryan Scarlett (St Michael's)
19th February 2020 – Gillian Ferguson & Nigel Neville (St Michael's)

CHRISTIAN BURIAL
23rd February 2020 – David Burrows (St Michael's)

WORSHIP:
Holy week begins on Palm Sunday, 5th April with the next musical evening at 7pm, "The

journey to the cross", told in music and song by Andrew Boyd's Choir from Pomeroy. Services take place nightly at 7.30 (Monday-Saturday), with three services in each Church – Mon, Wed & Thurs in St Patrick's, Tues, Fri and Sat in St Michael's. Easter Sunday the services will be at the "usual" Sunday service times of 10.30 and 12.00, and not at the "early" time as in previous years.

End of year prizegivings will be held at the family services on 17th May in St Patrick's, and 24th May in St Michael's.

Summer time services – during June, July & August the services will be at the traditional "summer times" of 10am in St Patrick's and 11.15am in St Michael's

FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL:
Musical Evenings in spite of the storm, about one hundred people gathered in St Michael's to hear the Donaghmore Children's Choir at the February Musical evening. The next will be on Palm Sunday (see above under Holy Week)

GFS Parents evening – Easter Friday, 24th April, 7.45, Donaghmore Hall

SELECT VESTRY MEETINGS: Tues 28th April Donaghmore Easter General vestry, Thurs 30th April Castlecaulfield Easter General Vestry. Mon 8th June (Castlecaulfield), Tues 16 June (Donaghmore).

New Life Group coffee morning (fundraiser) Sunday 3rd May, parish hall (before the morning service)

MOTHERS UNION: Donaghmore AGM Wed 1 April, 7pm. Castlecaulfield to be confirmed. Diocesan festival Service Wed 20th May @ 7.30 in Cathedral. Donaghmore outing Sat 6 June.

RECTORY APPEAL fundraising for the Rectory Appeal is continuing well. Thanks to all who have pledged and contributed already, and those who have set up sanding orders. At the time of writing we are looking forward to the "Night at the movies".

We are also looking forward to "Café Communion" in St Michael's, a new development in integrating the Sunday School more fully into the life of the church.

Clothing Bank: the clothing bank in Castlecaulfield Parish Hall continues to raise funds for both the Boys Brigade and the Church. If you are having a spring clean, please leave any old clothes, shoes, towels, sheets etc in the bin – there is always room for more!



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NEW BEGINNINGS

The word 'Lent' comes from an Old English word 'Lencten', meaning spring season. It's a time of new growth, new life and, within our church and school communities, new appointments.

Congratulations to Mr Mike Buchanan, who has recently been licensed as a Eucharistic Minister.

As we say farewell to Ms Susan McCullen, principal of St Peter's National School, we wish her every blessing and success in her new appointment as principal of 'Le Cheille'. On a personal note, I wish to thank her for all her help and co-operation to me during my year as Chairman of the Board of Management. Following Ms McCullen's new appointment, we are pleased to welcome our new principal, Ms Geraldine McKenna, who takes up her post early in April. As both Ms McCullen and Ms McKenna take up their new roles, we remember them in our prayers.

Congratulation to Mr Graeme Treadwell MBA, who has recently been appointed as Chairman of the Board of Management of Dundalk Grammar School. Graeme continues his family tradition of service both to Kilsaran Union and Dundalk Grammar School: like his father, Charlie, he is a past pupil of the school and a valued member of the Select Vestry of Kilsaran Union.

At the time of writing, we still await the announcement of our new archbishop's name. We remember all whose task it is to discern God's will in the appointment and we hold our new archbishop in our prayers as s/he prepares to take up his/her primatial ministry. For Archbishop or Principal or even for ourselves embarking on a new project, the prayer is the same:

Lead me, Lord. Lead me in thy righteousness.
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only

That makest me dwell in safety.
(From an anthem by SS Wesley, 1810 – 1876)

COLLON

The work on the roof in Collon church is scheduled to begin shortly and with this in mind, the last service in Collon took place on 23rd February. Congratulations to all whose tireless efforts made this huge project possible. As a consequence of the temporary closure of Collon, there is a change to the previously advertised venue of the Lent service on 11th March: it is transferred from Collon to Dunany.

HEALING

We have planned two special Rural Deanery events, focussed on healing. The first will be a teaching session and will be held in Castlebellingham Church on 25th March at 7.30 pm. The second will be a Healing Service with laying on of hands, in St Nicholas' Church, Dundalk, at 7.30 pm. Both will be conducted by Canon Jim Campbell, assisted by the clergy of the rural deanery. We will extend invitations ecumenically across the community and hope that every parish in the rural deanery will be represented.

MOOREHALL ARDEE

Every month, at 11.30 am on the fourth Thursday, in the Oratory of Moorehall, there is a service of Holy Communion. These are for the residents in Moorehall and parishioners wishing to attend are most welcome.

LENT SERVICES WEDNESDAYS IN LENT at 7.30 pm

Please note the change of venue from Collon to Dunany on 11th March

4th March	Dunleer
11th March	Dunany
18th March	Drumcar
25th March	Castlebellingham
1st April	DUNDALK

Every Wednesday at 10 am HC in St Peter's, Drogheda

17th MARCH ST PATRICK'S DAY

09:45	MP	Ardee
10:00	HC	Drogheda
11:15	HC	Dunleer

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday 4th April	10.00 HC
Drogheda	
Tuesday 5th April	10.00 HC
Drogheda	
Wednesday 6th April	10.00 HC
Drogheda	

Maundy Thursday 7th April

19:30	HC	Ardee
19:30	HC	Drogheda

Good Friday 8th April	18:00
Castlebellingham	
Drogheda	20:00

EASTER SUNDAY 12th April

08:15	HC	Drogheda
09:45	HC	Ardee
10:00	HC	Castlebellingham
11:30	HC	Drogheda
16:00	EP	Drumcar

DRUMCREE

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At the end of January, and into the beginning of February, Heather and I had the pleasure of having a good friend stay with us for the week. Hilary and I studied together in St Johns College, Nottingham where I was blessed to be able to complete my final year of theological training. Hilary has recently returned to minister in Blackburn diocese, after a lengthy period of time spent ministering in South Africa. Hilary witnessed many things in South Africa which deeply impacted her. As I look out onto the rectory lawn and see the Snowdrops and Crocuses, I am immediately reminded of a story which Hilary shared. After a particularly traumatic time in South Africa, she was attending a spiritual retreat in Wales and she saw a single Snowdrop beginning to peep out of the ground. Many of us look at this beautiful little flower as a sign that winter is nearly over and spring is on the way, for Hilary in that moment she looked at it as a sign directly from God. For her, it spoke of hope, encouragement, a new phase and a symbol of new life. During this Lenten time, as we prepare for Easter, we too can look forward to a new phase and new life, 1 Peter 1:3 says 'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead'. 2 Corinthians 5:17 reaffirms this by saying 'therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here'. What amazing promises, advice and encouragement are provided in God's Word.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Lots!! As previously mentioned, planning is coming together for our youth's mission trip to Grace Family church, Connecticut. Some of you probably associate "mission trips" more with developing countries and I think for this reason, the trip has the potential to have an even bigger impact on those going. When we see homelessness, poverty and challenges which one of the most powerful

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nations of the world faces, it is more shocking and a 'wake-up call' for all of us. As I always say, the mission field is all around us and I pray that this experience will help give our young people the confidence to outwork a servant's heart in this community. We have had great fun with the fundraising events to date, a table quiz, fork supper and concert to name a few and another one for you to put into your diary is a "Colour run" on Friday 1 May, please keep an eye out on social media and the church notice sheet for more details.

Last year we had a great church family day out to Fort Evergreen, followed by BBQ in Newcastle, this year we are planning to visit Streamvale Open farm, on Saturday 25 April, again to be followed by a BBQ (there always needs to be food involved).

Costs have been subsidised and places limited to a specific number, so please get your name down with Laura ASAP.

It may seem like a long way off but planning has been ongoing for some time for the church fun day, auction and vintage rally on Saturday 6th June, if you have any items of furniture, any "pre-loved" bits and bobs that you no longer use or need etc, then why not have a good old spring clean and let us know, we can even collect it from you if that helps. Remember to keep the day free, we need lots of volunteers to make it all happen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Each Tuesday night @ 7:30pm, Lenten prayer in the Prayer room

27 March – BB Display and Parents night

3 April – GB Display and Parents night

6 – 10 April – Holy week services each night @ 8pm

16 April – Mothers' Union with speaker Stephanie Parks, 'Living life with Lucy'

1 May – Colour Run fundraising night

21 May – Mothers' Union with speaker Hilary Turkington, 'Enjoying life daily with Jesus'

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Rector: VACANT

Rev Elizabeth Stevenson

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A2J

Our Youth Fellowship, A2J, meets every Sunday evening, so we can finish the weekend with friends and prepare for the week ahead by prioritising God in our thinking.

From September, many new faces have been coming to join us as young people have invited friends along to be part of a growing ministry. We've been through a Christians in Sport series called Essentials,

encouraging young people in how to share their faith and pray for friends. Our leaders brought their own take to each element of the series which meant it was engaging and varied. We spent a few weeks looking at young people in the Bible, why their story is included, what we can learn from them and how relevant the message is today.



During the week, we have a couple of small groups, which allow young people to develop their faith further, get to know each other better and be comfortable sharing experiences and asking questions. This is something we would love to offer to more of our young people in the future.

On the Saturday before Shrove Tuesday, A2J hosted a Pancake Stacks and Coffee Morning to fundraise for activities and resources. The team worked hard to serve hundreds of pancakes and ensure many hungry customers left feeling full and content! The morning was really well supported by friends and family which gave a lot of encouragement to all involved.

In March, we head off to Ballintoy on our Youth Weekend which has often proved to be a significant time for young people on their faith journey and also in developing relationships with friends. Summer Madness falls at the end of June and many of our

group have already booked their tickets. We are so blessed to have such a relevant and dynamic Christian festival, dedicated to encouraging and equipping our youth in their faith and so we look forward to being part of the mix in 2020.

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

We were delighted to welcome the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides with their Leaders, to our February Day celebrations, as part of their Thinking Day celebrations. The Rainbows and Brownies enjoyed singing some action songs and all sections took part in the Bible reading and prayers. The Parish is most appreciative of the dedication and commitment of the Leaders, to the Girlguiding organisations, week by week.

YOUR STORY, MY STORY

As we continued in our special series of hearing inspirational stories of faith, on Sunday 8th March in St Anne's, we welcomed Heather Flanigan who shared her story of how faith impacts her daily life and in particular her work. Heather is Secretary of the Christian Police Association in Northern Ireland and has a keen interest in supporting colleagues, as well as using her faith as a foundation when dealing with some very complex and difficult situations.

LENT AND EASTER SERVICES

Throughout Lent, our special Wednesday evening services focussed on the importance of prayer. Each week, we concentrated on a character from the Bible and examined their prayer and its impact. Following each service, there was an opportunity to "Stay and Pray", with a time

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of seeking the Lord and praying for ourselves, our parish and our world.

During Holy Week, we will have a series of creative events designed to keep our focus on Outreach with the Gospel into the Community. We also look forward to our 'Messy at Easter' and our special Easter Day services as we celebrate the Resurrection.

EASTER GENERAL VESTRY

The Easter General Vestry will take place on Thursday 23rd April at 8.00pm

MOTHERS UNION

At the February meeting of the Mothers' Union, the special speaker was Alyson Scott, who is the Overseas Representative on the MU Board of Trustees for Armagh Diocese. Alyson shared stories of the difference that the work of Mothers' Union makes in our Overseas Branches. At the end of the meeting, Lynda Stewart handed over gifts for the Diocesan Baby Basics Project. Alyson was overwhelmed with the generosity of all who donated and explained the difference that these gifts will make in a new mother and baby's life.



VISITING SPEAKER

Drumglass Parish has a long-standing partnership with The Leprosy Mission and has supported their excellent work over many years. We look forward to welcoming Joanne Briggs, National Director, to share with us at our 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. services on Sunday 10th May.

REACH MENTORING

Never before have young people been under such relentless pressure. Drumglass Parish is delighted to be partnering with Reach Mentoring, in supporting its work in schools across Dungannon. The local co-ordinator, Grant Martin, will be giving us an update on the work, at our morning services on Sunday 17th May. Please come along and hear more about this important work and be encouraged as Grant shares the story of the fantastic progress in Dungannon.

PSNI LADIES' CHOIR

On Sunday 17th May at 6.30pm, St Anne's Dungannon will provide the wonderful setting for a special evening of music and

praise, with the PSNI Ladies' Choir. This will be a great occasion which everyone will enjoy, so please put the date in your diary and plan to attend.

SHOPPERS' SERVICE

Our popular Shoppers' Service meets every Thursday at 11am in The O'Connor Room. The short service and time of fellowship provides a great opportunity for people from across Dungannon and the local area to come together and worship. Why not come along and join in? Please note that there will be no Shoppers' Service on 16th or 23rd April.

PARISH HALL REFURBISHMENT

On Sunday 1st March, the plans for the refurbishment of the Parish Hall at St Anne's were launched. This exciting venture will dramatically improve the access to our buildings, as well as upgrading our safety systems and providing additional meeting spaces. Drumglass Parish is committed to ensuring that we honour the legacy of faithful generations, as we build for the future and continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus across Dungannon and beyond.

VACANCY

During the time of vacancy it is vitally important that we continue to pray. Please join with us as we pray for our nominators and ask that God would reveal His will very clearly.

DUNDALK GROUP OF PARISHES

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LENT SERVICES

Ash wednesday in st nicholas, dundalk at

7.30pm

Wednesday 4th march in creggan church at 7.30pm- theme 'faith' (hebrews 11:1-7)

Wednesday 11th march in st andrews, bush at 7.30pm- theme 'hope' (titus 2:11-3:7)

Wednesday 18th march in st pauls, heynestown at 7.30pm- theme 'love' (1 john 4:7-12)

Wednesday 25th march in st marys, castlebellingham at 7.30pm- deanery evening of teaching on god's healing

Wednesday 1st april in st nicholas, dundalk at 7.30pm- service of laying on of hands for healing

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday 6th april in creggan at 7.30pm

Tuesday 7th april in st andrews, bush at 7.30pm

Wednesday 8th april in st pauls, heynestown at 7.30pm

Maundy thursday 9th april in st marys, ballymascanlan at 7.30pm- service of holy communion and washing of feet

Good friday 10th april in st nicholas, dundalk at 7.30pm

EASTER DAY SERVICES

Creggan 9.30am family service/ holy communion

St marys, ballymascanlan 10.45am holy communion

St andrews, bush 12 noon family service/holy communion

St pauls, heynestown 10.00am holy communion

St nicholas, dundalk 11.00am family service/holy communion

EASTER EGG HUNT AND FAMILY SERVICE

The annual easter egg hunt and family service will be held in st marys, ballymascanlan on saturday 4th april at 3pm. Everyone very welcome especially young families with children. We pray for

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good weather as we begin the day with a short family service in the church and then the children are 'let loose', but supervised of course, to locate the chocolate goodies hidden around the church grounds and gardens.

GOOD FRIDAY

St nicholas, dundalk will be open from 11am to 5pm on good friday for private prayer and devotion. A member of the clergy team will always be available in the church. At 3pm, there will be a formal reflection on the cross in the church's side chapel.

PARISH JOINT SERVICE

There will be a joint group of parishes service in st nicholas, dundalk on sunday 29th march at 11am. This will be a praise service and focussed on the eleven initial disciples after the resurrection, what became of them and where the gospel was spread through their ministries.

SHOPPERS SERVICE

The next shoppers service will be held in st nicholas, dundalk on thursday 26th march at 12 noon. Everyone very welcome. The church will be open from 11am to 1pm.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study continues on thursdays at 7.30pm in st richards side chapel, dundalk. All very welcome to come along and join us in fellowship as we study deuterio-isaiah together.

MOTHERS UNION

The mothers union will hold their 'lady's day' service in st richards side chapel, dundalk on monday 23rd march at 8pm. All ladies very welcome to attend.

ST PATRICKS DAY HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a service of holy communion in st nicholas, dundalk on st patricks day at 11am. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Calling all children! All children aged between 4 and 12 are very welcome to attend our sunday schools in creggan, st andrews, bush and st nicholas, dundalk. The sunday schools run consecutively with the services in each of these churches. The children are present in the churches at the start of the services and then are led to their own room and 'space' by the teachers for age appropriate learning and fun. Parents/guardians feel free to bring children along, even for the first time. You would be made very welcome

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group continues to flourish in st nicholas, dundalk. Young people aged 12 and over are very welcome to come along

for fun and fellowship each sunday morning alongside the service time in the church. The young people have their own 'space' and learning time together.

TROLLEY MINISTRY

Please continue to support the trolley ministry in st nicholas, dundalk for the local homeless. We thank the lord for everyone who continues to donate non-perishable items for this ministry, for prayer and for reaching out to growing numbers of homeless people on the streets of dundalk.

**ERRIGLE KEEROGUE,
BALLYGAWLEY AND
KILLEESHIL
VACANT**

BALLYGAWLEY MOTHER'S UNION

Our April meeting will be the Good Friday Evening Prayer service, Errigle Keerogue, 10th April 7.30pm.

We will have our annual outing in May. Please contact Anne Barrett, MU Secretary, for details.

PRAYER MEETINGS

The Prayer meetings will continue on the second Wednesday of each month in the Rectory at 8pm.

THE CEILIDH HOUSE continues every Tuesday night in the Rectory. The door is open every Tuesday evening, do come along for as long or as short a stay as you wish, bring a friend if you wish, but be sure to enjoy a relaxing cuppa and a chat.



SERVICE TIMES: The Joint Service in April will be on Easter Sunday, 12th April, with Holy Communion at 11am in Ballygawley. Services will then be at the regular time in each church on Sunday 5th, 19th and 26th April.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

- Maundy Thursday 9th April, Holy Communion, Killeeshil, 7.30pm
- Good Friday 10th April, Evening Prayer, Errigle Keerogue, 7.30pm
- Easter Sunday 12th April, Holy Communion, Ballygawley, 11am

NEW RECTOR: We are delighted that Rev. Naomi Quinn has accepted the position of Rector for our parishes and we look forward

to her installation, provisionally set for Friday 15th May subject to confirmation by the new archbishop.

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KILDRESS & ALTEDESERT

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During Lent I am leading a Wednesday morning bible study with a book called Lentwise – spiritual essentials for real life by Paula Gooder and I love it. Just last week in a session on Spiritual Nourishment – keeping going, I was so moved by the following extract from that session that I share it with you all: at the start of their wonderful book Sleeping with Bread: holding what gives you life the Linns tell the story of the children who were orphaned and left to starve during the Second World War. Many of those who were rescued and placed in refugee camps were discovered to be unable to sleep at night. Eventually the helpers discovered that, if the children were given a piece of bread to hold, they were able to go to sleep in the guarantee that they would find nourishment in the morning.

I was very moved by this tragic physical, psychological and emotional trauma for those so young. I was broken to read this and hope at some stage to read this book. How awful to read this and yet this is the experience of so many physically within our world while others are overfed and complacent. We all have much that feeds our bodies, and here I go again on a rant about waste! Anyone who knows me knows how I despise waste full stop and, I grow sad to see and sometimes experience spiritual famine. Brothers and sisters if we want to see God's Kingdom come, we desperately need food for our souls as well as our bodies. This season of Lent comes with the fresh challenge of denial, a not so popular thought in modernity, but for the Christian this is our calling – the calling is to take up our cross and follow. To follow, to go deeper into abandonment- abandonment to the King. I have the cautious aim of reading a new book every month over 2020 and I am doing ok but one that I read in January illustrated so strongly the power of prayer, it was a book that offered a timely reminder of what we are up against and it was a good read.

Across the Diocese of Armagh, we have lots of diverse needs within Parish life – we have lots of good, and lovely things happening and with this all, we have challenges and pain and are called to pray and not cease. I love worship in all its diversity and we in

Kildress look forward to having a special service on Sunday the 26th of April at 12MD celebrating favourite hymns, I love most hymns and this one is among them. The words are very apt for all of us during this season of lent.

Guide me O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak but thou art mighty; hold me with thou powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Love from us all in Altedesert and Kildress

KILLYLEA, CALEDON AND BRANTRY

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FROM THE REGISTERS BAPTISM

Brantry
16th February : Sarah-Louise daughter of Steven and Leanne Mc Neill

KILLYLEA

St. Mark's hosted the Ash Wednesday Service. Our thanks to Timothy Morrow for playing the organ. The theme for Lent is the Greatest Sermon ever preached. Jesus words are always relevant, and always contemporary, but we rarely read the whole sermon in its context. Parts are often taken in isolation from the whole, because Jesus touches upon a wide range of topics in the sermon. There is a stark warning at the end-two builders, both hear Christ's Words; only one does them.

The Big Breakfast is on 26th March. It may have already happened by the time you read this. If you missed it, I am sorry. Make sure you don't miss the barbecue on Friday 29th May, juicy steaks, fine food and entertainment by "Smooth the Band."

CALEDON

Derrylackeagh Contractors have almost finished. The Hall is now looking as if its in use, and we hope it will be. This project has been funded by the Department for Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Mid Ulster Council, Housing Executive NI and the Armed Services Covenant Trust. The original Village School was built in 1807. The Earl of Caledon gave it to the church on condition that it be available for parish and community use.

Madge Johnson celebrated her 100th birthday in style. We hope she will be able to come to the official re-opening of the Hall. She and George Doupe were involved in fundraising to build the last extension

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Caledon Christmas Tree Festival will run from Friday 4th December to Sunday 6th December 2020. St John's Church will be open for viewing of trees decorated by local community groups, schools and other organisations. Refreshments will be served in the newly refurbished and extended hall.

KILLYMAN

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DAY OF PRAYER

On the 31st January we held a day of fasting and half night of prayer for our Parish Mission. Despite the weather the Church was never empty on the evening.

BURN'S SUPPER

Our Burns Supper was a great success. Everyone who attended really enjoyed the Scottish dancing and the variety of entertainment. The haggis was addressed, and a delicious supper was enjoyed by all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School children are learning about the Fruit of the Spirit each week and they've led the prayers and sang at all Family Services. It is really encouraging to see a large number of families coming across to church and availing of the Pew Packs for the children to use before the service.

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING

Bible Study takes place on a Tuesday evening at 8:00pm and it is encouraging to see numbers averaging around 25-30 each week.

The Parish Prayer meeting takes place during Lent on and Wednesday at 7:00pm and after Easter will return to 7:30pm.

GOOD COMPANIONS

Good Companions meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from Sept- May. Recent meetings have involved a variety of speakers. Rev Canon Derek Kerr spoke to the group about his extensive knowledge of the Royal Family. Local novelist Emma Heatherington spoke to the group in February and everyone really enjoyed her visit. At the first meeting in March Russell Lucas spoke about hearing impairment. If you are free on a Thursday come along and enjoy the craic!

TRIP TO ISRAEL

32 people left Killyman on 14th February and all returned safely on 22nd February after a truly brilliant week in Israel. It was a week where the Bible was brought to life by walking the paths of Jesus, visiting places we have read about many times and where we learnt more about the scriptures and about life in Israel. We are indebted to Rev.

Mark for all the preparation he put into the trip. His scripture teaching at each of the sites really enhanced the visits and complemented the historical information provided by Tamar our tour guide.



EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday- 11:30am Liturgy of the Palms, 7pm Evening Worship
During Holy Week services will take place in Church each evening at 7:30pm. There will be Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday.
On Good Friday:
Morning Prayer 7:30am
10:30am Family Service followed by refreshments.
2:00pm Hour at the cross
7:30pm Evening Worship
Easter Sunday
8:30am Holy Communion
11:30am Holy Communion
7:00pm Easter Hymns and Readings

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rev. Mark Gallagher who has been elected as incumbent of the Grouped parishes of Trory and Killadeas.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Youth Parade will take place on Sunday 17th May at 11:30am.
Children's Day will take place on Sunday 7th June at 10:30am.

JUST A THOUGHT...

Jesus came to this world with purpose. He came for a reason. He came to die in our place, and rose again so that we can have life (John 3:16). What does Jesus' Death and Resurrection mean to you?

KILMORE & ST SAVIOUR'S DOBBIN
VACANT

HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 26th January, Alice Jaymie daughter of Matthew and Krystina Wilson
Sunday 9th February, Ollie Robert son of Steven and Kelly Hewitt.

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK 6TH – 10TH APRIL will take place in St Aidan's Kilmore each evening @ 7pm
On Tuesday evening we will be joined by

members of the CLCG Brigade the speaker will be their CEO Mrs Victoria Jackson.

EASTER SUNDAY 12th April, there will be a service of Holy Communion in St Saviour's Dobbin @ 10.30am and St Aidan's Kilmore 12 noon. A Service of Easter Praise will take place @ 7pm in St Saviour's Dobbin

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY:

Friday 20th March in St Aidan's Kilmore Parish Centre 7pm: Curry & Quiz Night

Sunday 29th March St Aidan's Kilmore 7pm: Stainer's Crucifixion

Friday 24th April St Saviour's Dobbin Church Hall 7pm: CLCG Brigade Parent's Night

Wednesday 20th May St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh Mother's Union Festival Service

Thursday 21st May Thursday Friendship Club Outing to the North Coast, bus leaving Dobbin Carpark @ 10am returning approx. 8pm

Sunday 21st June Poyntzpass Silver Band playing in the Rectory Grounds, light refreshments will be served.

LOUGHGALL & GRANGE

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EASTER:

Sunday 5th April: Palm Sunday; Church dinner in St. Luke's Parish Hall after the morning service @ 11.30am. Holy week:

Services Monday, Wednesday and Good Friday in St Luke's Loughgall at 7:30pm Tuesday and Thursday in St Aidan's Grange at 7:30pm

Easter Day:
10am St Aidan's Grange
11:30am St Luke's Loughgall

ST LUKE'S LOUGHGALL

On Friday 3rd April: Beetle Drive, raffle and light supper in St. Luke's Church Hall @ 7pm in aid of supporting Dawn Currie as she travels to Rome for the Dance World Cup Finals in June! All welcome!

Saturday 25th April: Antiques and Collectables Fair in St. Luke's Parish Hall from 10am – 4pm.

Friday 8th May: VE Day celebrations organised by Loughgall and District Improvements Association. A variety of special events to mark this historic occasion within the local country park and village.

Sunday 22nd May: Café Church in St. Luke's with breakfast served from 10.45am. Service starts @ 11.30am. Family Service in St. Aidan's @ 10am.

ST AIDAN'S GRANGE

Friday 1st May: In St. Aidan's Parish Church:

The Lowry Singers present 'I come to the Cross | A Reflection in Music & Readings'; Director: Elizabeth Seale | Organist: Philip Elliott.

With Special Guest: Richard Yarr Presenter of BBC's 'Sounds Sacred'.

MOTHER'S UNION | DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 26th April: Mother's Union 70th Anniversary Service in St. Aidan's @ 3.30pm. Refreshments served afterwards in the church hall.

16th May – Mother's Union outing – details to be confirmed.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

7th June – St Aidan's Children's Day/ Gift Day with a Parish Lunch. Further details to follow.

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"LENT & HOLY WEEK"

Our daily early morning Services continue throughout Lent each weekday Monday – Friday at 7.30am. Lasting 20 minutes and with an emphasis on quiet time they are the perfect way to start the day. It's not too late to give them a go! We look forward once again to joining with our friends from Woods and Gracefield for our Holy Week evening Services. These begin with a Healing Service on Palm Sunday evening at 6pm in St Swithin's and continue each evening at 8pm, moving around the 3 churches.

CL/CGB

The Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade celebrate 50 years in the Parish this year. We look forward to marking this milestone at the annual Parents night on Friday 3rd April at 7:30 in the Hall. We would be especially delighted to have with us on that evening former leaders and members as well as the families and friends of our existing members. Continuing thanks to Jean and her leaders for all they continue to do through the Brigade in the Parish

THE BIBLE COURSE

This interactive, video led course is provided by the Bible Society. It has been designed so that all those taking part can learn more about the Bible, talk through some discussion points, take time alone in private study, and of course, exchange thoughts over a cup of tea or coffee. It has been led by our curate Revd David McComb on the 5 Tuesday evenings in March. We take a break for Easter and then gather again to round things off on 21 & 28 April and 5 May.

We meet at 7.30 in The Salters' Room

LENT CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE AND LUNCH

Thank you to all who came along to our Christian Aid Lent Service and Irish stew lunch held in the Hall on Sunday 15th March. It was a most memorable Service and a very tasty lunch. We also managed to raise some funds for the Christian Aid Lent appeal. Special thanks to Beth and all her helpers for making it happen. If, as a result, you've been inspired to help with the Christian Aid week collections throughout the town in May please speak to Beth.

BABY BASICS

Thank you to all who continue to support the recently started Baby Basics centre based at St Swithin's. We are especially grateful to all those who have donated items and to our "team" of helpers who pull it all together, and by doing so make a real difference. To date 17 Moses baskets have been distributed through the referral system along with in other cases baby baths, cots, toiletries and clothing for young siblings of the new born baby. All your efforts are very much appreciated.

MILLTOWN VACANT

PARISH VACANCY

During the vacancy please pray for the Board of Nominators, and especially our Parochial Nominators as they seek to appoint a new Rector. Pray also for the Rural Dean and Select Vestry, and all our Parishioners as they continue with the various Parish activities. May we all work together for the Glory of God.

PARISH BIBLE CLASS

Bible Class will recommence on Tuesday 21st April in the Minor Parish Hall at 7.30pm

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 6TH – 12TH APRIL

The Revd Canon JNT Campbell will officiate at our Evening services during Holy Week Monday - 7.30pm Missionary Focus with the Sunday School & CE.

Tuesday - 7.30pm Holy Week Service.
Wednesday - 7.30pm Holy Week Service.
Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm Holy Communion

Good Friday

10.00am Children's Service
7.30pm Holy Week Service.

Easter Sunday

11.00am Holy Communion
6.30pm Easter Praise: Hymns and Readings

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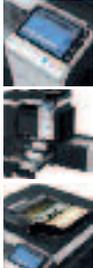
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MU & GFS TOWNSEND

Wednesday 20th May Mothers' Union Festival Service in Armagh Cathedral at 7.30pm.

GFS

Sunday 3rd May Youth Sunday Services, 11.00am and 6.30pm.

BOYS' BRIGADE

Friday 3rd April Parents' Evening. Please come along and support our young people and their Leaders

Sunday 3rd May Youth Sunday Services, 11.00am and 6.30pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will finish for Easter on Sunday 5 April and will recommence on Sunday 26th April 2020

Monday 6th April 7.30pm Children will be taking part in the Missionary Focus evening as part of Holy Week services

Sunday 3rd May Youth Sunday Services, 11.00am and 6.30pm.

BOWLS

Bowls will finish for Easter on 23rd March and will resume on 20th April

Each year the Club runs a very successful Fun Bowls Competition to which bowlers come each evening from a wide area. Starting on Monday 27th April at 7.00p.m. and continuing each Monday evening in May.

MILLTOTS

Milltots finish for Easter on Thursday 2 April and will recommence on Thursday 23rd April.

TENNIS COURTS

The courts will be open for play from Saturday 4th April – although we request that during Holy Week (Monday 6th– Friday 12th) play will finish at 6.00 p.m. to allow for Church Services.

EASTER GENERAL VESTRY

The Easter General Vestry meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Parishioners whose names appear in the Register of Vestrymen/women, and are contributors to Church funds, will be eligible to vote for the members of the Select Vestry and to nominate the People's Church Warden for the next year. Kathleen Douglas, the parish treasurer, will also be presenting the financial report for the past year. Please come along and support the work of the Vestry.

CONDOLENCES

It is with much regret that we learned of the death of Amy Dorothy Crawford on 7th January 2020. Amy was the widow of the late Revd Albert E Crawford, former Rector of Milltown from 1953-1965, and was instrumental in founding the Junior GFS in Milltown in 1963. The Funeral service was on Thursday 9th January in Holy Trinity Parish Church, Banbridge, followed by committal in The New Cemetery. Our deepest sympathy goes to son Paul, daughter Gillian, and the extended family circle.

We were also saddened to learn of the death of Florence Victoria Frazer on 22nd February 2020. Florence was the widow of the late Canon James Stewart Frazer, former Rector of Milltown from 1965 - 1971, who died on 15th October 2019. The Funeral service and Thanksgiving for her life was held in St Ignatius' Parish Church, Carryduff, on Tuesday 25th February, followed by interment in St Aidan's Churchyard, Glenavy. Representatives from the parish attended the service bringing our deepest sympathy to David, Hilary, Jonathan, Victoria and the extended family on their sad loss.

FROM THE REGISTER

Baptism

19th January 2019

Oliver Norman Lucas

Son of David and Rebecca

Burial

Wednesday 5 February 2020

Victor Scott Hayes.

Marriage

18 January 2020

Jamie Greenaway and Chelsea Wall.

DR Congo

We are encouraged to see the progress on the second building for the CCD Orphanage Project in North Kivu Diocese, DRC amidst and in spite of all the fighting there and the Ebola emergency. The walls are now plastered and it is hoped it could be ready for use by the summer. There are many displaced people and refugees being cared for in Butembo, hosted by families from within the diocese, including that of Bishop Ilesomo. Food and essential emergency supplies are also being funded.



Although it is a massive struggle, the people there are grateful for the continued support of Milltown, Killyman, St. Michaels Belfast and the Dundalk group of parishes through CMS Ireland. We continue to pray for peace, stability and healing in that great country, and protection from harm and disease for everyone within the diocese, especially for Mama Mbambu, her helpers and the children in the orphanage.

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FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

In light of the continuing developments surrounding Coronavirus, we have decided to postpone the Festival of Flowers and Music, which was due to be held on the weekend of Friday 29th – Sunday 31st May.

Groups which had booked will be contacted directly and we will be issuing a new date when this health crisis has been resolved.

CONCERT

Likewise, our evening of country and gospel music featuring Second Chance on Friday 3rd April at 8pm has also been cancelled. If you purchased tickets, please contact the person who sold them to you for a refund.

ORGANISATIONS

Please check the church's Facebook page to receive updates on meetings and cancellations

BIG BREAKFAST

On a much brighter note, a huge thank-you to all those who donated items and catered at the Boy's Brigade Big Breakfast. It was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who were there.

COULD YOU NOT WATCH WITH ME ONE HOUR?

At the time of writing all services are continuing as normal, but once again please check the parish Facebook page for updates.

PALM SUNDAY

11.30am – The Cross of Christ: A Meditation of Hymns and Readings
6.00pm - Compline

HOLY WEEK:

Wednesday

7.30pm – Holy Week Reflection

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm – Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

7.00am – 7.30pm – ALL DAY PRAYER VIGIL

On Good Friday the church will maintain an unbroken vigil of prayer from 7 in the morning until 7.30 at night. To ensure that this chain of prayer is unbroken throughout the day there will be a list at the back of the church asking people to sign up for half hour slots. Either way you are very welcome to drop in at any stage. Do come!
7.30pm – Words from the Cross

EASTER DAY:

11.30am – Holy Communion
6.00pm – Holy Communion

HOLY BAPTISM

9th February '20
Georgina Margaret, daughter of Stephen and Clare Weir, Clonmore

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday: 9.30am Holy Communion
11am – Family Service
(note change of service)

Followed by **Palm Sunday Soup Lunch** - Proceeds in Aid of Lent Project – CMSI
Everyone is then welcome to come along to our **'Spring Walk'** in Peatlands Park, meeting there at 2pm when we will be thinking more about our **'FIFTH MARK OF MISSION' – TREASURE: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.** (There will be no evening service in church). Please come along prepared for whatever weather is forecast.

HOLY WEEK:

Monday 7pm – Children's Service in the Church Hall
Tuesday 8pm – Holy Week Service
Wednesday 8pm – Holy Week Service
Thursday 8pm – Holy Communion
Good Friday 8pm – Tenebrae Service

EASTER SUNDAY:

9.30am Holy Communion
11am Holy Communion
7pm – Hymns and Readings for Easter Day

SECOND MARK OF MISSION – TEACH :

To teach, baptise and nurture believers. Our newly formed House Groups are going well with around 20 meeting every two

weeks to study the book of Acts. This has been a real encouragement to all those attending since September and a great opportunity for folks to come together to grow their faith, to enjoy fellowship and of course get to know one another better over a cup of tea at the end. There is always room for more people to please consider coming along and speak to Caroline or Eddie or the Rector for more information. Our Junior Bible Class also continues alongside the Confirmation Group as we help our young people to discover more about God and how they can live as Christians in the world today and know that God will walk with them in the years to come.

THIRD MARK OF MISSION – TEND :

To respond to human need by loving service. Apple Blossom Baby Basics is now up and running and we would like to thank all those from neighbouring parishes and churches, schools and other groups who have donated items to make this happen. We have already been able to provide some new mums with a filled 'Moses Basket' and I know that these have been greatly appreciated. If you are a social worker, health care professional, health visitor, or even as a Rector, and come across someone who you would know would benefit from one of these baskets, please do get in touch with us. For more information please see our Facebook page, 'BabyBasics Mullavilly' or call us on 07856885737 or email us on mullavillybabybasics@gmail.com if you would like to make a referral or request.

MULLAVILLY YOUTH CLUB

We started our new Youth Club on the first Saturday evening of March. It was great to see a good number of young people come along and enjoy the evening. Thank you too to those who have offered their help as leaders and to David Brown the Diocesan Youth and Children's officer who has been a great support and help in getting our Youth Club off the ground. Initially the YC will meet on the 1st Saturday evening of each month from March until June. Then recommence again in September.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES: FACES FROM THE CROSS

Monday 6th - Friday 10th April at 8pm each evening.
Preacher: Canon Neville Hughes
We'll be looking at the different groups of people around the cross. Come along and invite your family and friends.

HOLY WEEK PRAYER ROOM

Our Prayer Room will be open during Holy Week in the upper room of the Colthurst Hall. More information will be available on the notices sheets and our Church Facebook page.

CELEBRATE EASTER

You're welcome to join in our special Easter Sunday services on Sunday 12th April, as we rejoice that Jesus is alive:
11am Easter Family Celebration
6.30pm Easter Praise Service with the choir

PARAGUAY MISSION TEAM

Please pray for the Mission Team from Richhill as they journey to Paraguay on Wednesday 15th April (DV). Audrey, Clare, Jim and Gary will be joining up with Mags Southern to work with the church in Concepción, where our mission partner Claire Holmes has been for many years. Pray for safety in travel, for God's power and presence each day, and for God's love and grace to be known as we share in the work of the gospel. Thank you to everyone who has supported the team in lots of different ways - we really do appreciate all your help and support.

You're invited to share in the Team's Commissioning Service on Sunday 5th April at 6.30pm in St Matthew's Church, when the preacher will be Rev Stephen McElhinney (SAMS Mission Director).

SIXMILECROSS & TERMONMAGUIRKE

Rev. Alan Barr
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SUNDAY SERVICES

1st Sunday	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday	Morning Prayer
3rd Sunday	Morning Prayer
4th Sunday	Family Service
5th Sunday	Healing Service.

GENERAL EASTER VESTRY 2020

General Easter vestries for 2020 take place at Sixmilecross on 25th March at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.
Termonmaguirke on 1st April at 7 pm also in the Parish Hall.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Wednesday 8th April. Evening Prayer in Termonmaguirke at 8 pm.
Maundy Thursday 9th April. Holy Communion in Sixmilecross at 8 pm
Good Friday 10th April 2 pm, Hot Cross Bun Family Service Termonmaguirke.

EASTER SUNDAY

Termonmaguirke 9 am Holy Communion.
Sixmilecross 10.30 am Holy Communion.

Missing in Action? Young men and the Church.

At a recent workshop held by the Diocese of Armagh (21st February 2020), clergy and lay workers from the Diocese examined matters and issues impacting on the place of young men in the Church.

The "Missing in Action" workshop aims were as follows...

1. That participants on the "Missing in Action" workshop, would be better informed, resourced and challenged as to how to better engage with young men..
2. That through presentations and roundtable discussions, good practice ideas that engage young men in children's ministry are highlighted and explored.



The workshops were facilitated by Rt. Rev Ken Clarke, Mrs Sinead Hughes (Promoting well being specialist lead, Southern Trust) and Mrs. Heather Antony and Mr. Harry Simpson (Boys to Men programme (St.Mark's Portadown). Around 25 individuals from across the Diocese took part in this workshop and contributed much learning and insight to the facilitated discussion.

There can be little doubt that across wider society men and young men in particular (those aged 16 to 25 years old) can experience negative significant life changing events and circumstances. Sinead Hughes for example coming from a challenging yet encouraging perspective on men's physical and mental health noted that in terms of suicide for example 12 men die by suicide each day and that across the UK, three out

of every four deaths by suicide are men. Taking his lead from 1Timothy, Bishop Ken Clarke spoke of his experience of ministry to and with men in the pursuit of a Christ like holiness and the particular challenges facing men. He observed that in his experience some men (by no means all) can hit their 40's and 50's and encounter what he termed their "manopause" whereby men seek a re-direction in terms of life and work that is meaningful. This can be a difficult journey for men, one the church may not always best understand.

The final workshop led by Heather Antony (Youth worker St. Mark's Portadown) and Harry Simpson focussed on the work of the parish and a group of volunteers working alongside Primary schools teaching boys (and girls) many practical skills, building resilience and self confidence for children

transitioning from primary to secondary school. The importance of this work was noted particularly for some young boys who for complex reasons may not have a male role model at home. It was also commented upon that with few men entering primary school education such a lack of a male presence also led to some young boys not encountering a male teacher/role model until secondary school.

Feedback during and after the workshop has been in the main very positive. It was observed that a three hour workshop in terms of how the Church might better support young men would only just about "scratch the surface" of this issue. It was also noted that when it come to supporting any "demographic" (such as young men) the Church has much to learn and yet in Christ much to offer and that across Armagh Diocese many men's ministries and initiatives were well established.

One participant in addressing the question as to young men being "missing in action" in terms of their engagement with the Church asked the question "What actions do we want/need men to give themselves to?". I for one have been pondering that question too...



CHURCH ARMY NOTES

Sr Valerie Thom writes ...

Church army is forever changing, but at the heart of everything is the ethos of our founder Wilson Carlisle Sharing faith through word and action.



Zacchaeus Outreach Project



Lots of interesting things happening soon. It has been confirmed by Liverpool Football Club Foundation that they will be visiting in August. Keep an eye on this page for further details. There will be loads of exciting things happening.

At the Armagh Bands Forum AGM in Aghavilly Orange Hall we launched the 2nd book of people stories called *Our Band, our Families, our Stories*. It makes just as good reading as the first and if you would like a copy either visit the bus or contact Valerie. We held a pre launch evening where those who had written articles for the book got a chance to see it. It was a lovely evening held in Killymoon Castle. This evening was part funded by a grant for events such as this.

chair was presented to him at the event. The event was supported by a lot of the local bands. Valerie attended and took some photographs and received a great welcome and great chats with loads of the band members who call on the bus. The bus was back on the road as the first parade of the season was held on the 17th March in Armagh for Cormeen Rising Sons of William band parade. It was a busy night on the bus and we had a great welcome from all the bands.

In February there was a big fundraiser held in Armagh Orange Hall called *Webbers Wheels*. It was to raise money to buy Tim Webber a new wheel chair and the wheel

With the committee of the project we have decided to update the bus as she is beginning to feel its age. To help with the cost we are issuing a fire side quiz sheet



which we would be delighted if anyone was willing to help us sell a few.

Valerie has been busy doing talks all over the place about the project and is always amazed about how little people actually understand about the band community, their fund raising efforts etc.

If you have a group and would like Valerie to come and talk to about the project you can contact her on 07736644051, 028 8774 9920 or valeriethom2@btinternet.com

Mothers' Union

Wednesday 22nd April at 7.47 in Termonmaguirke Church Hall.

TEA AND A CHAT

Our Weekly drop-in restarts on Wednesday 29th April at 10.30 in Termonmaguirke Hall. Everyone welcome for a cuppa and a chat. We usually finish around noon.

TARTARAGHAN & DIAMOND

Rev. Canon David Hilliard
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For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. (Isaiah 41: 13 NIV)

FROM THE REGISTERS:

HOLY BAPTISM: 26th January 2020 in Tartaraghan, William Alexander, son of Gary & Kathy Kirk, Derrylileagh Road.

16th February 2020 in Tartaraghan, Lorcan James, son of Robbie & Laura Silcock, Clonmacash Road.

23rd February 2020 in Tartaraghan, Jay Brian, son of Courtney & Graeme Williamson, Coalisland.

MOTHERS' UNION: Church Service on Monday of Holy Week (6th April) in Tartaraghan at 8.00pm. Next meeting on 20th April (Diamond) – speaker, Joanne Dobson, who helped give a gift of life to her son, Mark. Festival Service in the Cathedral on Wednesday 20th May at 7.30pm. The MU Outing will be on Saturday 23rd May.

HOLY WEEK: Services on Monday, Wednesday and Good Friday in Holy Week at 8.00pm in Tartaraghan. Children welcome on Good Friday, 10th April, at 10.30am (Easter Egg Hunt). In Diamond, there is a short service at 7.00pm on Good Friday. In Tartaraghan, the Boys' Brigade leads the Good Friday service at 8.00pm.

HOLY COMMUNION (TARTARAGHAN): Wednesday 8th April at 3.00pm (during Holy Week).

EASTER SUNDAY 12th APRIL: Family Communion at 8.30am & 11.30am (Tartaraghan) and 10.00am (Diamond). At 11.30am, the Puppet Theatre also takes part.

TARTARAGHAN SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST on Easter Sunday, 12th April. Sunday School Prize-giving Service will be on Sunday 10th May at 11.30am.

CHI-ME: Three relaxing sessions with Faye Chisnall, on three consecutive Wednesdays 10.00am – 11.00am, 15th – 29th April, in

Tartaraghan Parish Hall. All welcome!

DIAMOND GRANGE COFFEE MORNING: Saturday 18th April from 10.00am. Home baking, fruit & veg, plants & shrubs.

EASTER VESTRY MEETINGS: Tartaraghan: Tuesday 21st April 7.45pm. Diamond: Wednesday 22nd April 8.00pm.

ALL AGE SERVICE with Sunday School children taking part, on Sunday 26th April, with guest speaker, David Brown, Armagh Diocesan Development Officer for Youth and Children's Ministry.

DIAMOND SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE will be on Sunday 7th June at 10.00am.

IN THE PIPELINE among other things are a sponsored walk for all the family (in Fermanagh) to sponsor the Youth Fellowship, a Children's Mission week in early June in Tartaraghan with Colin Tinsley, a Puppet Service and Lunch in Tartaraghan in June, and a BBQ and Social with Embrace Socials in Diamond Parish Hall, in aid of Diamond parish, on Saturday 12th September. More details to follow!

MEN'S GROUP: Alternate Sundays in Diamond Parish Hall at 3.00pm. Contact Richard 078 3626 6810.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP meets 5.00pm – 7.00pm in Tartaraghan Parish Hall on the last Sunday each month. All young people of secondary-school age upwards (from both churches + friends) welcome!

CONFIRMATION: Candidates are meeting on Sunday evenings in Tartaraghan Parish Hall 5.00pm – 6.00pm.

TARTARAGHAN WEEKLY PROGRAMME:

COFFEE AND CHAT: Mondays at the Rectory 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

CIRCUIT TRAINING: Mondays & Thursdays in Sports Hall 7.00pm – 7.30pm.

BOWLS: Tuesdays at 8.00pm in Sports Hall.

CHAIR EXERCISE: Wednesdays 10.00am in Parish Hall.

WALKING CLUB meets all year round every Thursday – meet at Tartaraghan church 10.00am to share transport. Info and programme: Mary Odgers: 07745 625125.

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP: Thursdays alternately in Diamond and Tartaraghan Parish Hall at 8.00pm.

TARA TOTS for carers and tiny tots – Fridays in Parish Hall 10.00am – 12 noon.

FACEBOOK: "Saint Paul's Church Tartaraghan" "St Paul's Diamond Grange Church" and "5th Portadown Boys Brigade, Tartaraghan".

FLOWERS: (Tartaraghan):

12 – 19 April: Jill Jackson.

26 April – 3 May: Maud Wright.

10 – 17 May: Harriett Millsopp.

24 – 31 May: June Matchett.

7 – 14 June: Elizabeth & Dorothy Mathers.

21 June: Mary Odgers.

28 June: Jennifer Greenaway.

5 – 12 July: Georgie Turkington.

19 – 26 July: Vangie Poots.

TULLANISKEN AND CLONOE

Rev. Henry Blair
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Lent is that time of year when we all join with society in giving things up. The world uses the season for Lent as an excuse for dieting and eating less, and yet that is not what Lent is about in any sense! Lent was traditionally a time of preparation leading up to the celebration of Easter. It was a time when the early church looked to focus more on God and the sense of giving anything up was to spend that time for Him.

Today, as with much in our world, we hold onto an element of things and abandon what it really means.

Can I encourage you to not just have Lent as a season for focusing on yourself, but rather deepening our relationship with God and a time of preparation. As Lent will soon draw to a close what about we keep our focus on our relationship with God through the 50 days from Easter to Pentecost! What about if we live our lives with a renewed focus and pur-pose to serve and live for God. With this in mind we will be looking at living with purpose during the period from Easter to Pentecost as we study the Purpose Driven Life during our midweek fellowship and Sunday services.

Lets find a new purpose in life as we start a new decade with God in a fresh way.

EASTER 2020

Wed 8th April 8pm Service Tullanisken church

Thursday 9th Holy Communion Clonoe

Good Friday 10th Service of Easter readings and songs in Newmills

Easter Sunday 9.45am Holy Communion Clonoe

11.00am Holy Communion Tullanisken

'RAISE THE PRAISE'

Come along on Sunday 26th April and join us in Benburb and the Rev Suzanne Cousins in St Pat-rick's Clonfeacle (Benburb) at 7pm where the Blair family will be providing the music and the Rev Henry will be speaking.

MOTHERS UNION

7th April Speaker - David McCarter Bowel Cancer UK.

May Night out to Killymoon Golf Club.

GFS

GFS parents night brought their year to a close on Saturday 4th April in Tullanisken hall.

BOYS BRIGADE

BB display brought the year to a close on Friday 3rd April in Tullanisken hall.

MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday's 7.30pm in the Minor Hall for an informal time of Worship, Bible Study and Prayer,

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The club will meet on second Wednesday each month at 10.30am
8th April Speaker - Mervyn Walker gardening.
7th June - Annual outing to Yeats Country Co Sligo.

NEWMILLS PARENT & TODDLER GROUP - Thursday's 10am - 12 noon term-time.

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS.

VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, marks the day towards the end of World War Two when fighting against Nazi Germany came to an end in Europe.

At 3pm on 8 May 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill made an announcement on the radio that war in Europe had come to an end.

To mark this occasion the first May bank holiday moves by 4 days from the Monday to the Friday and in Newmills we are marking the occasion with a number of events. On the Friday evening the bells will ring out at 7pm to join with others across the country and at 7.30 there will be a stew dinner and concert setting in context the significance of the VE Day and on Sunday 10th May we will have a service of Celebration that the war is officially ended and remembrance of those who gave their lives locally in securing that victory.

PARISH REGISTERS BURIALS.

24 Jan 2020 Mr Robert Patterson, 29 Drumragh Crescent, Newmills.

25 Feb 2020 Mrs Barbara McAteer 26 Tullywiggan Cookstown

3 Mar 2020 Mrs Linda Glendenning, 4 Doras Terrace, Newmills.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as they mourn at this time.

TYNAN, AGHAVILLY AND MIDDLETOWN

Rev'd Matthew Hagan
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CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Aghavilly:

3rd January 2020 - Christina May Gordon, Enfield England

27th January 2020 - Maria (Cis) Magwood, Milford, Armagh

Middletown:

22nd February 2020 - Lilian (Lily) Elizabeth McLoughlin (nee Hearst), Richhill.

HOLY BAPTISM

23rd February 2020 - Charlie Samuel Speers son of Peter and Stephanie, Killylea.

TYNAN COMMUNITY ABC COUNCIL PROGRAMME

Tynan Development Committee Limited in conjunction with ABC Council are embarking on a Horticultural Community Project Programme which will involve adults and children. The first free event took place recently in Tynan Parish Hall when Groundworks provided an intergenerational workshop with everyone making Bird Feeders - all adults and children in our community who attended enjoyed the event. We are embarking on a full range of workshops funded by ABC Council. As part of this partnership programme we look forward to our new polytunnel which is to be located in the Community Garden Project in the walled garden at the rear of Tynan rectory. If you would like to have a raised bed for growing flowers, fruit and vegetables please contact the rector. The project is open to the community. Please come along and enjoy the friendship and fellowship.

DIOCESAN YOUTH OFFICER VISIT

Mr. David Brown, Diocesan Development Officer - Youth & Children's Ministry visited all three Churches recently and spoke at each of the Family Services about his work in the Diocese and the range of activities available in the Diocese to our young people.

TYNAN YOUTH GROUP

The Tynan Youth Group meet on alternate Friday evenings in Tynan Parish Hall commencing at 6.30 pm. New members of Primary School age will be made most welcome.

MIDDLETOWN CRAFT CLUB

The Middletown Craft Club continues to meet in Middletown Parish Community Hall each Monday from 10.15am -12.15pm. Please come along and enjoy the friendship and fellowship.

WEDNESDAY TOGETHER CLUB

The Wednesday Together Club is held in Aghavilly Parish Hall for all members of the community and meets from 10am -12.30pm each week. Come along and learn a new skill or craft and enjoy the friendship and fellowship as well. Recently the members had Rev. Nick Cooper, Ballygowan and Mr. Nevin McAnea speaking about their work in Muldova.

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

A "Time for Prayer" meets on the first Monday of each month in the Committee Room, Tynan Parish Hall at 7pm. Please come along or make your prayer requests known to the Rector. Everyone welcome.

TAM GETAWAY CLUB

The members of the TAM (Tynan, Aghavilly and Middletown) Getaway Club enjoyed a very relaxing 3-night city break in Prague. Those who travelled on the trip enjoyed the friendship and fellowship with each other not only in the Aghavilly Youth Club minibus but also during their time in Prague where they visited Prague Castle and enjoyed a river cruise along with some shopping. All those who were present are eagerly awaiting the next trip.

EASTER VESTRIES

Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter Vestries and sincere thanks to the members of the Select Vestries in Tynan, Aghavilly and Middletown for all their work during the past year – your work has been very much appreciated.

AGHAVILLY YOUTH CLUB

Meets each Friday evening from 6.30pm to 8.00 pm for primary school age children and from 8.00pm – 9.45 pm for senior members. New members always welcome.

WOODSCHAPEL

Rev. Ruth Murray
Telephone: 028 7941 8311



During Lent, our Wednesday evening services have been looking at anxiety and how we might 'manage' the way that we address it with the help of various passages of scripture. Do please join us at 8pm in St John's as our series comes to a conclusion.

Once again, we look forward to the sharing of services with St Swithin's in Holy Week. Services will be located as follows – 6.00pm on Palm Sunday – Healing Service in St Swithin's. 8.00pm on week nights: Monday in St

Coronavirus Armagh Diocesan Response

Below is some very helpful and practical information issued by Bishop John, our Archbishop-elect, to his clergy in Clogher. I think they are very helpful as we work out our response to the challenges unfolding day by day and commend them to you. I am most grateful to Bishop John for sharing them with us and trust that they will help answer many of the questions we have all been seeking guidance on regarding the functioning of everyday parish life. Further advice will no doubt be given in due course. Please remember Bishop John in your prayers and continue to support and pray for each other, our parishioners and all those who find themselves on the front line at this time, especially all who work in our Health Service.

Terry Scott
Archbishop's Commissary

Armagh Diocesan Response Guidance Archbishop-elect John's Pastoral Message

As you will be aware, coronavirus is presenting major challenges to the whole of society on the island of Ireland, including to the Churches. It is important that we respond responsibly and proportionately to these challenges. You will have seen that as well as the Diocese, the Presbyterian Church and the Methodist Church have also issued guidelines today. Undoubtedly we will all have to do things differently, at least during the period of this emergency, and possibly beyond that time. However we need also to remember our calling to worship God not only "with our lips but in our lives" as we say in the General Thanksgiving.

Governments and the public health authorities, North and South, have provided

us with very useful guidance, which they will continue to update. But they cannot be expected to know every detail of local circumstances and in light of developing circumstances it is now up to us as a Diocese and as parishes to apply and adapt the broad principles to make sure that their intention is effective where we live and work. For that reason, as you will see, we are cancelling all normal church services as of today (17th March) until further notice. That applies to midweek services too. Funerals will of course continue to take place, but will need to strictly adhere to the public health advice on hygiene and physical distancing. Further advice on funerals will be provided. Although the more usual phrase at the minute is "social distancing" I think it is better to speak of "physical" distance, as the last thing we want to do is to completely dissolve the social bonds of our families parishes and communities. Where possible churches will remain open at certain times for private prayer, provided the public health hygiene guidelines can be met. Further advice will be issued as occasion demands.

As parishes we will also need to think again about how we can be near to people, to demonstrate our love to them, in ways which may require physical distance but does not mean that we are cut off from one another. Clearly there are people who are more at risk than others. I would encourage clergy and parishes to ensure that the worship of God continues in some form (perhaps by people in their own homes saying Morning Prayer at an agreed time, and in that way to be involved in "corporate" prayer. It may well be that civil authorities will ask churches to make ourselves (our human and physical resources) available to be of practical assistance and I know we will respond in the spirit of the generosity of God.

I need hardly say that I trust you will pray for all those who are anxious and fearful; all

those who are vulnerable to this disease and, perhaps above all for all health care workers.

By showing our love and care for vulnerable parishioners and in the wider community, we should also demonstrate that we are a community of faith and hope. This is a medical epidemic which we should not allow to become an epidemic of despair.

I am writing this on St Patrick's Day and can't help reflecting that his calling from God to return to a land where he had been a captured slave must have tested his faith sorely. Even in the midst of his mission, the prospects of a successful outcome must have seemed remote. But with prayer and persistence Patrick fulfilled his calling to such an extent that he will be remembered in virtually every corner of the globe today. Our own calling in these very trying times may not be as spectacular as Patrick's, but if we listen to the call of God in Jesus Christ we can have some confidence that in years to come we will be remembered as those who did what they could and perhaps even a little more when help was needed.

+John Clogher

1. PUBLIC WORSHIP

Services – All public acts of worship, including Sunday services, Lenten services, Baptisms and Confirmations (including preparation), should cease from 17th March 2020 until further notice. Parishes, where possible, may consider providing access to Churches for private prayer and reflection, should this be the case then hygiene and physical distancing guidance must be observed.

Online & Media Resources – Resources

for worshipping from home will shortly be made available online. If your parish intends to co-ordinate worship resources that can be accessed online, please inform the Diocesan Communications Officer so that information of such can be circulated.

Innovate – Clergy and parishes are encouraged to consider alternative ways to offer worship and spiritual support to individuals and your community. Anxiety levels will rise and people will be looking for spiritual resources accessible at home to help them. Parishes should give consideration to the preparation of resources for parishioners, including those without Internet access.

Daily prayers - Daily prayers can help give structure to our days for those who are housebound with more time for thinking and reflecting. You may wish to consider signposting people to the online resources at <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/prayer-worship/book-of-common-prayer/2004-texts/texts> and to produce local booklets to offer as personal copies only (please do not pass these around).

Prayer times - Setting up regular prayer times and using the church bell to sound the times of prayer, use of online conferencing facilities such as Skype, Facetime, Zoom, telephone prayer partners, could positively help to establish a sense of corporate prayer and the strengthening of the praying community.

2. PASTORAL CARE

Clergy, Lay Readers and Diocesan Pastoral Assistants – The health and well-being of parish and diocesan clergy together with support staff and volunteers is of paramount importance, both for their own protection and for those they minister to. Those with underlying health conditions, those that develop symptoms, and those over 70 years of age should adhere to government guidance concerning self-isolation and should inform a neighboring member of the clergy or supervising member of clergy of their availability / unavailability in order to enable the continuation of pastoral ministry in the

parish. Clergy are asked to co-ordinate the provision of pastoral care in their parishes in cooperation with neighbouring clergy.

Home Communions – All Home Communions should cease from 17th March 2020 until further notice.

Visitation Protocols – All pastoral visitations should cease from 17th March 2020 until further notice. Instead Clergy and/or Diocesan Pastoral Assistants should contact those needing pastoral care in parishes by telephoning them. The hospital chaplains are no longer permitted to carry out hospital visits unless expressly invited to do so by hospital staff. Clergy who are asked to visit parishioners in hospital or residential care should only do so if permitted by the hospital/residential facility and with the consent of the individual's family. Hygiene and physical distancing measures must be observed.

Pastoral and practical support - Develop a plan for the pastoral and practical support of those who are vulnerable or housebound in the parish (the plan must of course adhere to safeguarding policies and hygiene practices). Consider developing a 'Love thy Neighbour' scheme for those in self-isolation with a team of volunteers to: Regularly contact by phone to alleviate loneliness; Report concerns as to their health; Collect urgent supplies & shopping; Post mail. You may want to consider offering to hold next of kin details for parishioners who live alone, but make sure any such personal information is stored securely and you have the individual's permission to have these details in keeping with General Data Protection regulations. Identify and brief lay people who can provide telephone support and prayer for those who are fearful or otherwise distressed.

Self-isolated - For those who need to self-isolate, consider how people can be supported with phone calls and via social media, and help with the delivery of shopping and / or medication. It is very important that all church members involved in such support are very clear on and committed to adhering to the Government's isolation and general hygiene advice.

Funerals – Funerals should ideally be

attended by family members and close friends only in order to keep numbers in attendance low, it is advisable that funerals are not publicly advertised in order to avoid large gatherings. Congregational singing should be avoided, hygiene advice and physical distancing should be adhered to, physical contact, including handshaking, and funeral teas should not take place. Copies of prayers for the sick and the dying and also a copy of the funeral service could be helpfully sent to those unable to attend the funeral of a friend or relative. Thanksgiving Services could be considered appropriate by those bereaved at a future date when possible.

Weddings – Weddings can take place under very restrictive circumstances in accordance with Government guidance, therefore it is preferable that weddings should be postponed.

Mental Health and Hardship – Efforts should be made to support those who may be struggling with mental health issues and/or hardship. It will be important to take measures, such as regular phone communication, to help alleviate loneliness and despair.

3. COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Volunteer Mobilisation – In time volunteer support may be necessary for medical staff and for individuals in the community. Churches are well placed to channel information, particularly on requests for volunteers. Information will be circulated to clergy and parishes when available.

Public Reassurance – Clergy can offer an important public reassurance through “the sacrament of presence” and being seen to be “present” and available. This does not include physically visiting those diagnosed with COVID-19 or those who are self-isolating: clergy need to protect themselves and others, making sure they adhere to hygiene precautions. Clergy can also be a trusted voice in a community and help with the distribution of government advice ensuring isolated members of the community are aware of the precautions they can take. Network as appropriate with

local health, welfare, safety networks, funeral directors and other service providers. Ensure contact details for these service providers are held by key parish leadership. Be aware of local information and peculiarities eg changes in public utilities or services that affect your community specifically.

4. PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Premises - All public parish premises should be closed from 17th March 2020 until further notice, this includes Churches and Church Halls. Parishes, where possible, may consider providing access to Churches for private prayer and reflection, should this be the case then hygiene and physical distancing guidance must be observed. In due course there may be need for church premises to be made available for civic response purposes, these can be considered compassionately as they arise. **Easter Vestries** – All Easter Vestry meetings should be deferred until further notice and existing officers should remain in post until circumstances allow. Legal advice concerning rescheduling is being sought.

Select Vestries – All Select Vestry meetings should be deferred until further notice. Matters requiring urgent consideration by a Select Vestry should be considered using electronic means such as teleconferencing, email circulation.

Parish Organisations – All parish organisations, including Sunday School, Youth Organisations, Senior Citizen Activities, External Groups that utilize parish facilities etc should be cancelled from 17th March 2020 until further notice.

Charity Returns and Annual Accounts – Further guidance is being sought concerning submission of charity returns and approval of annual accounts.

Continuation of Ministry – A template document to facilitate the continuation of ministry in parishes will be issued shortly.

5. DIOCESAN OFFICE

The Diocesan Office will be closed from 17th March 2020 until further notice. Mail will be received at the Diocesan Office and forwarded to the relevant person. Staff can be contacted by email or by telephoning the **Diocesan Office – 028 3752 2858** There is an answerphone service on this line and messages will be picked up daily.

- Diocesan Secretary - secretary@armagh.anglican.org
- Admin Assistant – office@armagh.anglican.org
- Archbishop's Secretary – Abpsecretary@armagh.anglican.org
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- Youth Officer – doycarmagh@gmail.com
- Communications Officer – dco@armagh.anglican.org
- Diocesan Architect – office@leightonjohnston.com

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Diocesan Magazine – The April/May edition of the Diocesan Magazine will be produced as planned.

Information and Guidance – The diocesan website will be used as the principle point of communication to provide regular updates for parishes and the general public. Information will also be made available through the diocesan Facebook page and through press releases. Information particularly for the attention of parishes and clergy will be circulated via email.

Reaching out – Parishes, with their own websites and Facebook pages and those without these are welcome to use the Diocesan Website and Facebook Page to communicate the latest advice to parishioners and worshippers. Please email dco@armagh.anglican.org with information.

7. DIOCESAN DIARY

All Diocesan meetings and training events are cancelled until further notice.

'So we are ambassadors for Christ...' 2 Corinthians 5:20

Swithin's, Tuesday in Gracefield, Wednesday in St John's, Thursday (with Holy Communion) in St Swithin's and Friday in St John's.

On Easter Day, 12 April, we look forward to bringing a particular word out of hiding as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. We used this word a lot on the Sunday before Lent, and at the end of that service we rolled it up and 'hid' it (in plain sight) in a bag at the front of the church. It begins and ends with 'a,' has four syllables and means 'Praise the Lord!' We are 'fasting' from this word during Lent and we will enjoy using it again and again on Easter Day! Do celebrate with us!

We are running a programme called 'Parentalk – the Primary Years' in Gracefield Church Vestry. It is open to all who expressed an interest. Those who attended have been given the opportunity to talk about the day-to-day challenges they face, as well as sharing the things that are going well. We enjoy a cuppa together - and many laughs!

Over 100 guests enjoyed 'Good Food in the Woods' on Friday 28 February in the Church Hall. A free meal was offered to all parishioners who have helped in the renovation of two church buildings while we remained financially in credit. Many of those attending left a donation for Christian Aid, which amounted to just over £700. As well as our meal, we were 'fed' between courses, and at the end, by drama presentations from 'Play it by Ear.' A great evening of fellowship and thanksgiving – many remarked that a similar meal should be available after every Sunday Service!

This year our Easter Vestry meeting will take place on Wednesday 22 April. All are welcome to attend.

Our organist in Gracefield, Heather Simpson, retired in following our Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 13 October after

33 years of service. Heather was reluctant to receive any gift to mark the occasion, but on her suggestion Pew Bibles were purchased for Gracefield Church and these were dedicated on Sunday 1 March. Thank you, Heather, for such commitment to Gracefield over the years. We did manage to present Heather some flowers, a framed picture of Gracefield Church and a new Hymnal to mark the occasion! Pew Bibles were also purchased for St John's and these, too, were dedicated on that Sunday.

The porch area at St John's has recently undergone a major change as we have, after many years of discussion, managed to put in place disability access. There is also new tiling being laid with a large mosaic of an eagle as the centre piece – the symbol of St John. Our thanks are given to Mrs Carrie Booth, her daughter Marleen and other family members who have presented the mosaic in memory of the late Mr John Booth, Carrie's husband. A fitting gesture that will remain with us for many years to come.

JOY! Continues to meet (usually) on the second Wednesday of each month at 10.30am. It is for Just Older Youth and is open to all – parishioner and their friends, and others who may like to join us. We have elevenses, an activity or a guest speaker, and a 'Thought for the Day, with a hymn. We have planted daffodils, heard about crime prevention, had a Beetle Drive and learnt how to make a shepherd's crook. We even had a go at fashioning a Brigid's cross out of reeds. We hope to have the opportunity to ask an expert for gardening advice and participate in some chair exercises. Join us - for some JOY and fellowship.

The MU outing on Saturday 6 June will include – a visit to Mission to Seafarers, Belfast, shopping at Sprucefield, a tour of Hillsborough Castle, and tea at Magheralin Parish. Have you signed up yet?!



Chris and Ross from 'Play it by Ear' take to the stage as Jonah and his mother (!) during an evening of Good Food in the Woods.



Heather Simpson with one of the Bibles that was presented to mark the occasion of her retirement as organist in Gracefield after 33 years.




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Around the Diocese



Newly formed Mullavilly Youth Club with their leaders & helpers



100th Birthday Celebrations for Madge Johnston of Caledon Parish Church.

St. John's Parish Church, Caledon

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Around the Diocese



World Day of Prayer Service in Derryloran Parish featuring Zimbabwe with members of the Organising Committee and a floral arrangement in the national colours of Zimbabwe.



Renovations to Caledon Parish Hall.



Tynan Aghavilly Middletwon trip to Prague.



Serena Hamilton and Wendy Gibson admire the Memorial Quilt at Derryloran Parish Church.



Representatives of the community at the recent Mid Ulster Victims Empowerment Dedication Service in Derryloran including Judith Thompson, Victims Commissioner, and Arlene Foster, First Minister.



Keeping fit at Tartaraghan Folk of all ages do their best to keep fit at 'Circuit Training' twice a week at Tartaraghan Sports Hall. Led by Gary (front right), who puts everyone through their paces, it's a case of fitness and fun!

Profile of Bishop John McDowell

The Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, has been elected by the House of Bishops as the new Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. He succeeds Archbishop Richard Clarke who retired on 2nd February this year.

Bishop McDowell (aged 64) was ordained in 1996 and has served as Bishop of Clogher since 2011.

He was previously Rector of St Mark's, Dundela, in East Belfast (2002-2011), Rector of Ballyrashane (1999-2002), and Curate of Antrim (1996-1999).

He has also served as an Honorary Secretary of the General Synod (2008-2011) and is currently Chairman of the Church of Ireland's Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue.

Speaking on his election, Bishop McDowell said:

'I am overwhelmed by the confidence which my fellow bishops have placed in me to fill this ancient office.

I look forward to working with them in the time to come and to serving the people of the Diocese of Armagh

and the Church of Ireland in whatever way I can.'

The translation will take effect from Tuesday, 28th April, and the enthronement date will

be announced in due course. Upon taking up his responsibilities as Archbishop of Armagh, Bishop McDowell will be the 106th in the succession of abbots, bishops and archbishops of Armagh since St Patrick.

Brief biography of Bishop John McDowell

The Rt Revd Francis John McDowell grew up in Belfast and pursued a career in business prior to training for ordination.

He was ordained in 1996 and initially served as Curate of Antrim, in the Diocese of Connor (1996-1999).

He was subsequently Rector of Ballyrashane, in the same diocese (1999-2002), and Rector of St Mark's, Dundela, in the Diocese of Down and Dromore (2002-2011), during which time he was also an Honorary Secretary of the General Synod (2008-2011). He has also served as the Church of Ireland's contact person for the Porvoo Communion (2007-2013) – a communion of Anglican and Lutheran Churches in Europe which share a common life in mission and service.

He was elected Bishop of Clogher in May 2011 and consecrated as bishop in St



Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, in September of that year.

Bishop McDowell holds a BA (Hons) in History from Queen's University Belfast

(1978), a Diploma in Business Studies from the London School of Economics (1984), and a BTh in Theology and Biblical Studies from Trinity College Dublin (1996).

He is married to Mary, who teaches in Enniskillen Royal Grammar School, and they have one daughter, Dorothy, a student at Oxford University.

Ambassador Deadlines

Each month there is a flurry of activity around the deadline dates for entries to the Ambassador. Given the recent changes in our monthly cycle, here are the deadline dates for each of the issues of the Ambassador.

June/July 8th May 2020



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