



Anglican Communion – Church of Ireland – Diocese of Clogher

Carrickmacross and Magheracloone with Ardragh Group of Parishes



St. Finbarr's Carrickmacross, St. Molua's Magheracloone, St. Patrick's Ardragh



Newsletter

November 2009

Worship

Midweek Communion

There will be no midweek services for the first two weeks of this month. The Rector will be away on the 4th and 11th. There will be services on the 18th and the 25th at 10.30am in St. Finbarr's with prayer for the sick and laying on of hands as requested.

Christmas Carols

The first of the parish Carol Services will be in Carrickmacross on Sunday 13th December when the young people from the Sunday School will put on a pageant with carols. On Sunday 20th there will be Carols with Holy Communion in Ardragh at 1.00pm, and services of lessons and carols in Magheracloone at 3.00 and Carrickmacross at 7.00pm.

*Notes for the newsletter should
be with the Rector by the last
Sunday of the month please*

Christmas Communions

Christmas is one of the festivals at which every confirmed member of the church is encouraged to receive the sacrament. There will be a service in Magheracloone on Christmas Eve at 11.30am. On Christmas Day services are in Carrickmacross at 8.00am and 10.30am and in Magheracloone at the earlier than usual time of 9.15am.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance of those who died in the cause of peace in two world wars of the last century and in the peacekeeping missions of the United Nations since then will be observed on the 8th November in our churches in the usual way.

Hymn Rehearsal

We are planning to have a run through of all the Advent and Christmas music on Monday 9th November at 8.30pm in St. Finbarr's. These practices have been very useful in sorting out

who knows what and finding the favourites, as well as being good fun. All are welcome.

**CROSSDUFF PARISH CHURCH
(NEAR SHANTONAGH)**

**ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE
SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2009
AT 3PM**

**CONDUCTED BY: REV ROBERT KINGSTON
GUEST PREACHER**

**REV WILLIAM BUCHANAN
MINISTER OF BALLYBAY GROUP
OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES
SOLOIST**

**MRS ELEANOR WILSON
EVERYONE MOST WELCOME**

Prayer Meeting

On Sunday 15th November at 9pm in St. Finbarr's we will have the third of our monthly prayer meetings. We will just sit quietly in the dimly lit church and make our prayers for whatever is on our hearts. You do not have to pray aloud but can if you wish and we have produced a guide to help us begin. All are welcome.

House Dedication's

When families move into a new home as well as a house warming there is the opportunity for a short service in which we ask God's blessing on all those who will use it. In the Greek Orthodox tradition

this is done for every house in the parish in the Epiphany season at the beginning of the year. In recent weeks we have been delighted to be asked to dedicate two new home in the parish, those of Ms. Gillian Hill and of Mr Sammy Babington and we wish them many years to enjoy their new homes.

Parish News

Confirmation Classes

As mentioned last month the Bishop will be coming to us on the 7th March 2010 when he will confirm our candidates. We already have a number of candidates and are having our first planing meeting on Monday 2nd November at 7pm. If anyone else is considering confirmation please let the Rector know. We would remind you that if any adults are interested in preparation we are intending that the Study Group will do a Christian Basics course, something like an Alpha Course after Christmas which could also be regarded as a confirmation preparation time.

Christmas Party

The annual party for all the pre-confirmation young people of the parish will be held on Saturday 19th December at 3pm in the

THIS MONTH

Monday	2 nd	7.30 Confirmation Class 8.30pm Study Group, Parish Room
Wednesday	4 th	No Midweek Service 8.30pm Bowls Club
Friday	6 th	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis
Monday	9 th	7.30pm Confirmation Class 8.30pm Hymns Rehearsal in St. Finbarr's
Tuesday	10 th	Clerical Conference
Wednesday	11 th	No Midweek Service Clerical Conference 8.30pm Bowls Club
Friday	13 th	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis
Sunday	15 th	9.00pm Prayer Meeting in St. Finbarr's
Monday	16 th	7.30 Confirmation Class 8.30pm Study Group, Parish Room
Wednesday	18 th	10.30am Midweek Service, St Finbarr's 8.30pm Bowls Club
Thursday	19 th	8.00pm Mothers' Union and Friends
Friday	20 th	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis
Monday	23 rd	7.30 Confirmation Class
Wednesday	25 th	10.30am Midweek Service, St Finbarr's 8.30pm Bowls Club
Friday	27 th	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis
Monday	30 th	7.30 Confirmation Class 8.30pm Study Group, Parish Room

NEXT MONTH

Sunday	6 th	3.00pm Carol Service, Crossduff 7.00pm MU Carols, Newtownbutler.
Monday	7 th	8.30pm Select Vestry, Carrickmacross
Tuesday	8 th	8.00pm Hymn Rehearsal, St. Finbarr's
Sunday	13 th	10.30am Children's Christmas Pageant, C'macross
Saturday	19 th	3.00pm Children's Christmas Party
Sunday	20 th	1.00pm Ardragh Carols and Christmas Communion 3.00pm Magheracloone Carols 7.00pm Carrickmacross Carols

Sunday Services

1st November 2009, 4th Sunday before Advent, Proper 26 (Gr)

Ruth 1.1-18, Psalm 146, Hebrews 9.11-14, Mark 12.28-34

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	Rector

8th November 2009, 3rd Sunday Before Advent, Proper 27 (Gr)

Ruth 3.1-5, 4.13-17, Psalm 127, Hebrews 9.24-28, Mark 12.38-44

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracloone	11.45am	HC	Rector

15th November 2009, 2nd Sunday before Advent, Prop. 28 (Gr)

1 Samuel 1.4-20, Psalm 16, Hebrews 10.11-14, Mark 13.1-8

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	MP	Rector

22nd November 2009, Sunday before Advent, Prop. 29 (Gr)

2 Samuel 23.1-7, Psalm 132.1-12, Revelation 1.4b-8, John 18.33-37

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Rector

29th November 2009, Advent Sunday, Year C (Violet)

Jeremiah 33.14-16, Psalm 25.1-9, 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13, Luke 21.25-36

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Rector

6th December 2009, 2nd Sunday in Advent (Violet)

Malachi 3.1-4, Benedictus, Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	Rector

Parish Ministry Team

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Jackson Hall. Please remember that this is not just for the Sunday School children in Carrickmacross but for children from all the parishes whether they get to a Sunday School or not. We would mention that it would be good if all the families coming can bring some items for the tea.

Reports

Harvest Thanksgivings

Mr Keith Browne was the first of our Harvest preachers this year getting us off to a good start at St. Patrick's Ardragh. Dean Cecil Faull who had led quite a few services during the last vacancy came back to us in Magheracloone and was in excellent form giving us an amusing, short and sharp message which really made us think. We thank Meta Kinnear for providing the music in her usual lively manner. The final service in Carrickmacross had the benefit of live music on the organ and other instruments thanks to the Lewis family and the young people from the Sunday School did a little play which their leaders had helped them prepare. Canon Charles Kenny pleaded with us to return to the original intentions of the Bible writers and to avoid trying to get the text to say things

it was never intended to say.

Harvest Supper Dance

Our Harvest Thanksgiving season was rounded off with Magheracloone's fund raising dance in the Community Centre which it can be said exceeded all expectations. There was a great band, Valley Forge, a great atmosphere, a wonderful tea, much remarked upon, great effort put in to selling tickets and advertising it and a wonderful result, over E2100 which was rather more than expected. We sincerely thank everyone who worked for this and supported it. It will more than cover the expenses incurred in all the work that went into the church over the summer. We thank the Community Centre's committee which did not charge us for the use of the Centre and all those who gave the excellent range of spot prizes.

Ardragh Coffee Evening

In the same weekend as their Harvest Service Ardragh ran a Coffee evening for the parish and we thank all those who supported the parish at both the service and the get together. After the Coffee evening a total of E477 was lodged to the Ardragh church repair fund after paying for the lawn-mower provided for the FAS

scheme. Sincere thanks to all who made this possible.

Steadfast House

The Rector recently handed over a cheque, the proceeds of fund-raising in the parish, to Mr Malachy Marron and Ms Jane Hill on behalf of Carrickmacross Parish for the benefit of the Centre. Steadfast House is the designated local charity the Select Vestry has decided to support and the proceeds of a special collection at the Carol Service in Carrickmacross will again go to this worthy local cause.

Carrickmacross Workparty

We would like to thank all those who turned up to work on tidying the church grounds at St. Finbarr's after the work on the wall. There is now a trench behind the wall making it somewhat safer.

Disabled Access

In a recent discussion with the Conservation Officer she indicated that she would not be agreeable to any soil being removed to allow a gently sloping path to be cut alongside the Convent School wall to make access to the church easier. So something which would have been quite simple has now become a lot more complicated and we will have to discuss at the Select

Vestry how we can proceed from here. We are committed to a policy of disability assistance and awareness in our churches and hope that in the end sense will prevail on the part of the authorities.

Diocesan News

Holy Land Fund

This autumn the Diocese of Clogher will be engaged in several events, leading up to Christmas designed to raise money for the Holy Land Medical Relief Fund.

During 2008/2009, almost one hundred people visited the Holy Land on two pilgrimages organized from within the diocese of Clogher. Challenged forcibly by the humanitarian crisis which had unfolded in Gaza, people across the diocese generously supported the work of the Christian Al Ahli Hospital, where all who suffered injury in the hostilities were treated without discrimination.

The Holy Land Medical Relief Fund is an initiative which came about as a result of a direct request to me, as bishop, to suggest further ways in which to offer practical help to these beleaguered people. The fund seeks to support the development and delivery of medical services in the Holy Land, by supporting financially those

hospitals administered by our sister diocese, the diocese of Jerusalem. These hospitals are charitable and non-profit making. They receive no support from the government and their services are open to everyone.

There is now a committed group of individuals embarking on a fund raising initiative to raise \$100,000 towards the purchase of a C.T. (computer tomography) for St. Luke's Hospital, Nablus. (Since this was written an American organisation has come up with the funding for the CT scanner so the Clogher committee have decided to provide the money for other equipment needed at the hospital.) We are seeking your support in this urgent work of practical and strategic development of services which we, in our own situation, would regard as essential and, dare we say it, an automatic entitlement.

Organisations

Bowls

The Bowling Club which meets on Wednesday nights in the Jackson Hall has recommenced and new members would be very welcome. The emphasis is on the social side of things with the bowls being the fun that keeps members coming back for more so do join up even if you are not sure how good your bowling might be.

Mothers Union & Friends

The November meeting will be a meat cookery demonstration and will be on Tuesday the 17th at 7.30pm in O'Gorman's Supervalu Supermarket by kind invitation.

The October meeting was moved to the Rectory at short notice and was introduced by Mrs Caroline Merrin speaking about what can be found about our ancestors on the internet. This was followed by a lively session in which members were shown how to find out information for themselves. We thank Caroline for sparking off such an interesting evening.

Ethel Coulter from the MU in Clontibret has invited us to a meeting at 8pm on Wednesday 4th November in Clontibret Hall at which Eithne McCord will speak about the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Contact her at 9746373 for more information.

Mrs Beth Harrison has written on behalf of 1st Castleblayney, Frankford and Corvally Presbyterian Women's Guild to invite us to a Visitor's night on Thursday 5th November 2009 at 8pm in Castleblayney Presbyterian Hall. The guest speaker will be Mrs Roberta Irwin with special singing from the Castleblayney Quartet. She would

be grateful to know how many members might be attending.

The MU Diocesan Carol service will be held in Newtownbutler Parish Church on Sunday 6th December at 7pm to which all are welcome.

Study Group

November meetings will be on Mondays the 2nd and 16th , It seems very unlikely we will complete the course by Christmas such is the level of discussion generated by our consideration of the implications of Darwin's theories for theology. We thank all those who have made the meetings so interesting.

Junior Table Tennis

This has been something of a victim of its own success in that we have so many young people coming our facilities are not really big enough. We are trying all sorts of approaches to finding room that we can afford and we thank all those who have made enquiries for us. Unfortunately as we write we are still looking for something really suitable that we can afford..

People

Birth

Congratulations to to Rachel and Alan Hill on the arrival of their

new daughter Hannah a sister for Amy and Faith.

Charity Shop

A Charity Shop is opening next Sunday at the top of Farney Street, Carrickmacross, to help raise funds for residential premises for men and women with Special Needs who attend Steadfast House.

Donations of Clean Clothes, Handbags and Cases, Good Shoes, Ornaments and Trinkets, Jewellery, Books in Good Condition, Paintings and Pictures, CDs and DVDs are welcome - along with anything else that can be sold for a few bob!

Donations can be delivered to the Charity Shop this Thursday 29th, Friday 30th, and Saturday 31st. If clothes are packed in black bin bags and marked with R, then a Recycling Company will buy them from us.

The Charity Shop will open for business at 10am next Sunday, 1st November, and will remain open from 10am to 6pm, 7 days a week.

To offer your services or for further information, please ring Francie Cassidy, Chairman of the Board of Steadfast, at 086 06 80 933, or any other Board Member. Thank you!