



Anglican Communion – Church of Ireland – Diocese of Clogher

Carrickmacross and Magheraclaone with Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



Newsletter

January 2009

Worship

Unity Week Service

This year it is the turn of St. Joseph's Church to host this annual service for all the churches in Carrickmacross. It will be held on Tuesday 20th at 7.30pm and the Rector has been asked to preach.

Midweek Communions

This is celebrated on the Thursday morning of each week unless the clergy clerical clashes. In January the services will be on the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th all at 10.30am.

Rector away

The Rector will be away on the 18th January because of a family wedding. Depending on the weather at the time he will be away for a day or two before and after so during that time any parish matters will be dealt with by Ms Naomi Quinn on Mobile 0864097087. The services will be led by Mr Kenny Rutledge, Diocesan Reader from

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

Maguiresbridge and there will be no service in Ardragh on the 18th.

News

Gaza

Our Bishop, the Rt. Rev Michael Jackson, plans to lead another Diocesan Pilgrimage to Israel in February and has asked the Diocesan Board of Mission to raise money to take to the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, Suheil Dawani, to be used for the Anglican Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City. We will have an offering box available each Sunday in January towards this Bishops Fund.

Episcopal Relief & Development Supports Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza

Since the recent upsurge on December 27th, the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict has left more than 550 people dead, and 2,500 injured. Episcopal Relief & Development's partner, the Ahli Arab Hospital, reports devastating civilian casualties and a rising death toll in Gaza City.

During this time of crisis, Episcopal Relief & Development remains in close contact with its partner the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

Episcopal Relief & Development has responded to an urgent appeal from the Diocese by sending initial emergency funds to the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza.

"We continue to monitor the needs of the Diocese of Jerusalem and are preparing to send additional emergency funds. Please pray for the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Al Ahli Arab Hospital as they risk their lives to provide lifesaving emergency care to people injured in the ongoing conflict" said Rob Radtke, President of Episcopal Relief & development. Al Ahli Arab Hospital, located at the heart of Gaza City, has treated more than 100 injured civilians since the beginning of the December attacks. The hospital continues to provide essential emergency health care to injured civilians. Ahli Arab Hospital has not turned anyone away despite increasingly dire conditions. The staff and volunteers at the hospital desperately need medicine and emergency supplies to continue their life saving work.

"We join Episcopalians around the world in a prayer for peace," said Radtke.

Presiding Bishop Speaks Out About Attacks on Gaza

By: The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori - Date Posted: 12/29/2008

I ask all people of faith to join with the Episcopalians in Jerusalem who this Sunday dispensed with their usual worship services and spent their time in prayer for those who are the objects of this violence. I pray for leaders who will seek a just peace for all in the Middle East, knowing that its achievement will only come when they

have the courage to act boldly. But they must do so now, before the violence escalates further. It is only through a just and lasting peace that the hope of the ages can be fulfilled, that hope which we mark in the birth of a babe in Bethlehem.

People

Bereavement

We express our sympathy to the relatives of Mr Davy Babington who was buried in Magheraclone on Monday 8th December. He had lived in the parish for nearly all his 88 years except for some years on his aunts farm at Muff and for a short time in England. He was a quiet unassuming bachelor and we sympathise especially with his brother George who cared for him so well in latter years.

Marriage

On Saturday 29th November the marriage of Miriam Kingston and Roy Shewry was celebrated in the beautiful setting of St. Patrick's Church in Ardragh. We wish them every blessing in their future life together.

Activities

Study Group

There will be no Study Group meeting in January as there are other commitments for Monday nights in other Parishes. Hopefully we will get going on the 16th February.

MU and Friends

The outing organised to the Haarlem Gospel Choir was well supported by

THIS MONTH

Thursday	8 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	9 th	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis
Thursday	15 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	16 th	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis
Tuesday	20 th	7.30pm	Unity Week Service, St. Joseph's
Thursday	22 nd	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	23 rd	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis
Monday	26 th	8.00pm	Ardragh and M'cloone Select Vestry
Thursday	29 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's

NEXT MONTH

Tuesday	3 rd	8.00pm	Carrickmacross Select Vestry
Monday	9 th	8.00pm	Hymn Practice, Carrickmacross
Monday	16 th	8.00pm	Study Group
Thursday	19 th	8.00pm	Mothers' Union and Friends
Wednesday	25 th		Ash Wednesday

COMING SOON

March	Friday	6 th	Women's World Day of Prayer
March	Tuesday	17 th	St. Patrick's Day

parishioners. The choirs style is enthusiastic and engaging but we will probably not adopt it in Carrickmacross. It was most interesting to see how church music is done in other places!

The January meeting is a 'Pot-Luck' supper to be held in Freddie and Caroline Merrin's home at Ballyloughan House on Thursday 15th at 8.00pm. If coming contact Caroline to arrange who is doing what.

Table Tennis

The two junior and one senior teams have all been busy recently practising and playing some games. In Division 7 our team lost 18 to 16 to the very

strong Bailieboro team showing that we are beginning to reach a good level. In the Cup our team lost 6 to 5 again to Bailieboro and our Division 6 team lost 20 to 12. We are sure these margins will diminish as our young people get more experience.

Notices

Belleek Festival

There will be a Flower Festival in Belleek Parish Church from the 22nd to the 25th May to celebrate the bicentenary of the church and the founding of the Belleek Pottery. Groups are welcome and catering is available.

Sunday Services

4th January 2009, 2nd Sunday after Christmas (White)

Jeremiah 31.7-14, Psalm 147.13-21, Ephesians 1.3-14, John 1.10-18

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	Rector

11th January 2009, 1st Sunday after Epiphany (White)

Genesis 1.1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19.1-7, Mark 1.4-11

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

18th January 2009, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (White)

1 Samuel 3.1-10, Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18, Revelation 5.1-10, John 1.43-51

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Mr Kenny Rutledge
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Mr Kenny Rutledge

25th January 2009, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (White)

Jonah 3.1-5, 10, Psalm 62.5-12, Mark 1.14-20

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

1st February 2009, 4th Sunday after Epiphany (White)

Deuteronomy 18.15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8.1-13, Mark 1.21-28

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	Rector

8th February 2009

(White)

Genesis 1.1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19.1-7, Mark 1.4-11

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
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