



Anglican Communion - Church of Ireland - Diocese of Clogher



## Carrickmacross, Magheracloone and Ardragh Group of Parishes

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



# Newsletter

November 2012

## Worship

### Carol Services

The annual Carol service will be held in Crossduff Church near Shantonagh on Sunday 2nd December at 3pm.

The Carol Service in Ardragh will be combined with Christmas Communion on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 1pm. Then we have a Carol Service in Magheracloone at 3pm again on the 23<sup>rd</sup> followed by Carrickmacross at 7pm.

### Christmas Communions

We are planning to have these in Ardragh with the Carol Service, in Magheracloone on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm, and 9.15am on Christmas morning and in Carrickmacross at 8am and

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

10.30am.

### Hymn Review

We will run through the upcoming Sunday music on Mondays 12th November and 10th December at 8pm in St. Finbarr's. Anyone is free to come to this sing along and review of the hymns.

### Midweek Service

Every Wednesday at 10.30am we have a Holy Communion Service in St. Finbarr's with particular prayer for those who are unwell as requested. Everyone is welcome.

## Parish News

### Children's Party

It still seems like a long way off but our Children's Party will be on the 22nd December at 3.00pm. Please remember this party is not just for Sunday School members but for all children associated with any of our three churches. Please mention to the rector if

## THIS MONTH

Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Study Group in Parish Room
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, Jackson Hall
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Hymn Rehearsal in St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	MU and Friends in Parish Room
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, Jackson Hall
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Study Group in Parish Room
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, Jackson Hall
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, Jackson Hall
		8.00pm	Christchurch Fayre, Ballybay

## NEXT MONTH

Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.00pm	Crossduff Carol Service
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3.00pm	Orphan Society AGM
		8.00pm	Study Group in Parish Room
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Hymn Rehearsal in St. Finbarr's
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	MU & Friends Pot Luck Supper
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	3.00pm	Children's Christmas Party
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Carol Services
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm	Midnight Communion, Magheraclone
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Christmas Communion, Carrickmacross
		9.15am	Christmas Communion, Magheraclone
		10.30am	Christmas Communion, Carrickmacross

your children can come so we do not miss anyone out in our list for Santa.

## Reports

### Cabra School

After many years of planning and fund raising the extension to Cabra School is complete and the official opening will be on Friday

9th November. We congratulate the Principal, Board of Management and Parents Association on this achievement.

### Harvest Thanksgivings

Our first Harvest Thanksgiving in Ardragh welcomed as our preacher, Mr John Irvine, Diocesan Reader, who gave what one parishioner said was the best

Harvest Sermon he had ever heard! Thank you John. It also afforded the opportunity to export some barley on the stalk to Northern Ireland where apparently it is in short supply. The service in Magheraclone welcomed the Rev Joyce Rankin, Rector of Bailieborough as preacher. While the timing clashed with Kingscourt and other nearby services we were delighted to have a good number of visitors with us. The Harvest Thanksgiving in Carrickmacross turned out to be quite a party with young people from the parish and members of the Latvian Lutheran church taking part in the musical offerings. The Rev Artis Druvitis preached in English and his Reader translated each sentence into Latvian. It was a most enjoyable and encouraging night to mix with other Christians in this way.

## People

### Hospital

There have been some people in hospital over the month for treatment and operations and it is good to know that they have all progress well after their treatments. We pray that they will continue to find healing. We continue to pray for those who struggle with long term illness.

## Wedding

Two young couples have made their marriage vows over the past month or so.

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October Aidan Smyth and Margaret Gartlan were married in St. Molua's Church Magheraclone. The witnesses were David Byrne and Rebecca Smyth. Fr Jimmy McPhilips of Kilanny, Margarets home parish assisted the rector and after the wedding the couple laid a floral tribute on Mrs Mary Smyths grave as she had been such a great inspiration to them and the whole family. We wish them every blessing as they begin their married lives together in Carrickmacross.

We also offer our congratulations and good wishes to Leslie Babington of Magheraclone and Patricia Carolan of Kingscourt who were married in Kingscourt on the 5th October. We wish them every blessing every happiness in their married life together.

## Holy Baptism

Noah Peter Walker Finnegan was baptised in St. Finbarr's during the morning service on Sunday 30th September. His sponsors were Enda, Jason and Sinead Finnegan and Nicoletta Corbo. We wish every blessing on Peter and Dawn his parents as they continue on the adventure of Christian parenthood.

## Coffee for Cancer

Margaret Babington and Rose Hand ran a successful coffee morning recently. Generous cheques were given to both the Carrickmacross and Kingscourt branches of the Cancer Society which do wonderful work in supporting those affected by cancer locally.

## Organisations

### Table Tennis

This is up and running on Friday nights at 7.30pm for the most junior members with more experienced members coming a bit later. New members are welcome any night.

### Mothers' Union

The next meeting is on Thursday 15th November at 8pm when Arlene Carroll will give a talk about First Aid. We are planning to have a Pot Luck Supper on the 13th December in Robert and Doreen Monahan's home by their kind invitation.

### Bowls

The season is in full swing on Wednesday nights. The club is based in the Jackson Hall but for the next few months we have many 'away' matches. Club nights begin at 8pm.

### Study Group

This will meet in November on

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Parish Room. For the autumn/winter session we have turned to the Jewish Scriptures and study the book of Ezra.

## Notices

### Carrick Counselling

Counselling and Psychotherapy services available at Carrickmacross Workhouse, Shercock Road. Issues dealt with include Anxiety, Depression, Grief, Self-Confidence, etc. Contact Geraldine McCabe, MIACP, at 087 94 83 256 or carrickcounselling@hotmail.com

### Healing through Sound

Orchestral Gong and Tibetan Singing Bowl Concert in Carrickmacross Workhouse, Shercock Road, next Friday, 9th November, at 8pm.

Close your eyes and de-stress while you take in the soothing sounds of this unique concert by Dolph Albers, Gong-Master. As you will be lying down to help you fully relax, bring a yoga mat or blanket and pillow.

The cost is €20, and booking is advised, so please contact Brian at 086 04 88 945 or jsjbrian@gmail.com

### Rekindle

Crosslinks (missionary society) would like to invite you along to the Rekindle Series which is

taking place near you.

Sundays

November 2012 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Enniskillen Cathedral Halls

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4th November: With Karen Salmon and Jo (via live link)

11th November Camps and Short-term teams

18th November Long-term mission (Raymond & Jackie Givan, Uganda 2013 / Ram and Grace Ramamoorthy, North Africa, 2013)

25th November Johanne Martin

Rekindle is a 4 week series on God's mission and where you fit. It's for anyone, any age.

### **Cross Border Program**

Co-operation Ireland has been appointed to deliver the Monaghan Cross-Community/ Cross-Border Networking Programme and it is financed by the European Regional Development Fund through the PEACE III Programme.

I work for Co-operation Ireland and I am the Manager of the Monaghan Minority Faith Capacity Building Project and the Monaghan Cross Border Cross Community Networking Project.

I am holding the launch and information session in the Union Hall, Newbliss on Thursday 1st November 2012 (7.30pm-9.00pm)

and an information session in the Iontas Centre on Monday 5th November 2012 (7.30pm – 9.00pm).

The project duration is August 2012 until October 2013 and the key objective of this project is to build capacity, build links and networks between communities in Co Monaghan and on a cross border basis so as to develop trust and understanding. Importantly, the project will strengthen and renew existing links and contacts that have been formed through earlier work and previous projects and it will create new relationships and links.

The projects will focus on cross-border and cross-community relationship building through the entwined processes of social interaction, communication exchange, networking and sharing of cultural experience to improve relationships between minority faith communities in Co Monaghan, the main faith community in the county and with other communities in Northern Ireland. It will promote respect and understanding and develop the confidence for future and on-going engagement with the wider community.

I am interested in recruiting groups from a minority faith, youth, cultural, music, arts,

## **Sunday Services**

### ***4th Nov. 2012, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent, Proper 26 (Gr)***

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

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	Rector

### ***11th Nov. 2012, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### ***18<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent, Prop. 28 (Gr)***

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

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Mr W. Pringle
Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Mr W. Pringle
Ardragh	1.00pm	MP	Mr W. Pringle

### ***25th November 2012, 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

### ***2nd December 2012, Advent Sunday, Year C (Violet)***

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

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

## **Parish Ministry Team**

**Rector:** Rev Robert Kingston, 042 9661931, 087 6386463

**Readers:** Florence Collins, Alan Hill, Caroline Merrin, Doreen Monahan

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women, men, horticulture, older people, drama/arts background to partake. Please see attached the information flyer.

I would greatly appreciate if you could announce the Castleblayney event in your churches at Sunday services.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email or on tel 0044 7753789940. Caroline Murphy

### **Safe Pass**

Safe pass course on in the workhouse Shercock Rd. If interested please contact Cathal Bannon on 087 6785837

### **Disability Awareness**

Make Disability Awareness Your Focus in Church on Sunday 18 November 2012

This has been a remarkable year in raising the profile and increasing public awareness of people with disabilities as sportsmen and women competed with total passion and commitment at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. There is, therefore, no better time than this to raise awareness at the local level of disability within the life of the Church: to celebrate participation and to encourage greater involvement of people with disabilities of every kind. The third Sunday in November has been designated as Disability Awareness Sunday – now an annual event in the Church of

Ireland. This year it falls on Sunday 18 November and the Standing Committee's Working Group on Disability is encouraging parishes to mark and participate in the day as creatively as possible.

The Revd Canon Dr Will Murphy, Chairman of the Working Group, says; 'The purpose of Disability Awareness Sunday is to help churches focus on disability not just for one day but for that day to lead to ongoing inclusion of people with disabilities in the life of the Church. The day will provide churches with an opportunity for people with disabilities to take part in the services and through this and other ways to raise the awareness of disability among the church community in general. There are various helpful resources for parishes to use such as those produced by 'Through the Roof', which is a brilliant organisation, offering advice and guidance through its website as well as its publications. Grove Booklets are also very helpful. Of these, Mark Bredin's True Beauty: Finding Grace in Disabilities is excellent in explaining the importance of every church being inclusive in relation to people with many different disabilities. I trust everyone can get involved with

enthusiasm in this initiative in 2012 and beyond.’

## **Mission**

Middletown Presbyterian Church invites you to a New Life Mission from Sunday 18th November to Sunday 2nd of December at 8pm each evening (except Saturdays). The prayer meetings will be at 7:30pm each evening. The preachers are the Revd. Dr. Joseph Thompson and the Revd. Drew Moore. There will be special singers and testimonies. Everyone welcome!

## **New Life**

You are invited to a New Life Youth Event on Saturday 1st December at 8pm in Middletown Presbyterian Church Hall. The speaker will be Colin Cooper. Music will be by Authentic. Authentic is a worship band whose desire is to share Jesus. Colin and Authentic want to introduce you to Jesus through song, media presentation and God’s Word.

## **Lifted from Other Mags**

The fee for the Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

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Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

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Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

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Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

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For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

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Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

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Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

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The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

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Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

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Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

(Rosaleen Colman)