



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

October 2010

## Worship

### Central Service

Please note that on the last Sunday of October there will only be the one service in the Group. This will be a service of Morning Prayer in Carrickmacross at 11am led by Mr Roy Crowe a Diocesan Reader. This will be his first time leading worship here since his recent licensing. The Rector is away on that day and it is not possible to provide the full range of services so we hope that everyone will come to the central service please.

### Harvest Thanksgivings

The first of these services will be held in Magheracloone on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm when the preacher will be the Rev William Stacey the new Rector of our neighbouring parish of Kingscourt. The second is in

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

Carrickmacross on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm and the preacher at this will be the Rev Christy Irwin the minister of our local Presbyterian congregations in Castleblayney and Corvally. The Ardragh service this year is being held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm and the preacher at this will be the Rev Florence Taylor who is in charge of the local Presbytery.

Corvally Presbyterian Church have asked us to mention that their Harvest Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm and all are invited to attend.

### Hymn Practice

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm we will have a run through of the hymns that are listed for the coming weeks and in particular for the Harvest Thanksgiving in St. Finbarr's. All are welcome.

### Midweek Communion

Each Wednesday morning in October we will celebrate Holy Communion at 10.30am in St.

Finbarr's with laying on hands as requested.

### **Prayer Time**

This month's quiet time will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00pm in St. Finbarr's Church.

### **Castleross Service**

We now have a 2pm service every first Wednesday of the month in the Chapel in Castleross. We currently have seven residents associated with our church and if anyone else would like to come to this service you are very welcome indeed as it is fully wheelchair accessible.

### **Early Communion**

There is a communion service in St. Finbarr's every Sunday at 8am. The only exception in October will be on the last Sunday, the 31<sup>st</sup>, when the rector is away and there will only be one central service in Carrickmacross at 11am.

## **Parish News**

### **Child Safety**

At the recent Panel Training in Monaghan it was suggested that parishioners and parents in particular should be updated on the requirements of child safety legislation, what our church has applied through the Safeguarding Trust project. The MU has kindly

*St. Molua's Church, Magheracloune*

## *Harvest Supper*

## *Dance*

*Magheracloune Community Centre*

*on*

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October*

*from 10pm to 1pm*

*Music: Valley Gold*

*Ticket: £10*

agreed to arrange this meeting which will be in the Parish Room on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. The Rector will introduce the topic and lead discussion.

### **Rector away**

We have to go away for a few days from the 27<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The Rev Margaret Pringle will be in charge and her number will be on the answer phone.

### **Study Group**

This will continue on Mondays the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October looking at the Minor Prophets who in most cases have a major message. The first discussion proved most stimulating and we would welcome new participants.

## THIS MONTH

Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Hymn Practice, St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion
		2.00pm	Castleross Service
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	MU & Friends, Child Safety
		8.00pm	Monaghan Youth Council AGM
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00pm	Prayer time, St. Finbarr's
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Study Group, Parish Room
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis
		9.00pm	Magheracloune Harvest Dance
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Rural Deanery Inspection
		8.00pm	Magheracloune Select Vestry
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Study Group, Parish Room
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion

## NEXT MONTH

Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion
		2.00pm	Castleross Service

## COMING SOON

Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	3.00pm	Crossduff Carols
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00pm	Magheracloune Carols
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.00pm	Ardragh Carols and Christmas HC
		7.00pm	Carrickmacross Carols
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	7.30pm	Community Carols, St. Finbarr's
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.30pm	Christmas Communion C'macross
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.00am	Christmas Communion, C'macross
		9.15am	Christmas Communion, M'cloone
		10.30am	Christmas Communion, C'macross

### Tree Cutting

Carrickmacross Select Vestry has decided to cut down the tree at the

entrance to the church and replace it with something more decorative and have asked for this mention to

## Sunday Services

### *3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010, 18<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Trinity. Proper 22 (Green)*

Lamentations 1.1-6, Psalm 137.1-6, 2 Timothy 1.1-14, Luke 17.5-10

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

### *10<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 19<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Trinity, Proper 23 (Green)*

Jeremiah 29.1,4-7, Psalm 66.1-11, 2 Timothy 2.8-15, Luke 17.11-19

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30pm	Family	Mr Keith Browne
Magheracloune	3.00pm	HTG	Rev. W. Stacey

### *17<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 20<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Trinity. Proper 24 (Green)*

Jeremiah 31.27-34, Psalm 119.97-104, 2 Tim. 3.14-4.5, Luke 18.1-8

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Magheracloune	11.45am	HC	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	MP	Rector
Carrickmacross	7.00pm	HTG	Rev. C. Irwin

### *24<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 5<sup>th</sup> before Advent, Proper 25 (Green)*

Joel 2.23-32, Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18, Luke 18.9-14

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracloune	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	3.00pm	HTG	Rev. F. Taylor

### *31<sup>st</sup> October 2010, 4<sup>th</sup> before Advent. Proper 26 (Green)*

Habakk. 1.1-4, 2.1-4, Psalm 119.137-144, 2 Thess. 1.1-4, 11-12, Lk 19.1-10

Carrickmacross	11.00am	United Service	Mr Roy Crowe
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## Parish Ministry Team

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be given in the news letter in case anyone did not see the mention last month.

## Architect's Inspection

Mr Stephen Leighton, the Diocesan Architect will be

carrying out the five-yearly inspection of Parish Buildings on the 19<sup>th</sup> October. He will begin in St. Finbarr's at 9.15am continue to the rectory about 10am, Magheracloune at 11am and Ardragh about midday. We hope that one warden will be able to be at each venue.

### **Magheracloune S.V.**

The Rector has to apologise to members for not being able to attend the last meeting and cancelling it at short notice. We hope to re-arrange it for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm and hope that this will suit everyone.

## **People**

### **Sick**

Please continue to pray for all those who are sick among us especially those who have suffered strokes, those who are expecting babies, people who are having problems investigated and who have had to be put on new treatments. We pray for the health services and those who work in them in these days of great change.

## **Reports**

### **Silver Repaired**

One of the lovely chalices we have for communion in Carrickmacross was slightly

misshapen and awkward to use. We thank John Howell for repairing it and making it fully usable again.

### **New Select Vestry**

The Diocese has now agreed that we will have a separate Select Vestry and separate accounts for all three churches. St. Patrick's Ardragh is now recognised as a full parish and we have become a Group of three parishes rather than a union within a group. We will have to decide what to call ourselves but for the moment we will use the term Carrickmacross Group, though maybe Farney Group might be more accurate. We would be glad to hear comments on this.

## **Diocesan News**

### **Youth Council AGM**

The Monaghan Youth Council AGM is being held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, the same night at the MU sponsored meeting on Child Safety. If anyone would be free and willing to represent us at that meeting we would be most grateful. They organise their list of annual activities and it would be good if we had input to this. Any offers?

## Organisations

### Mothers Union & Friends

The October meeting as mentioned elsewhere is about Child Safety in the parish and will be open to everyone. The opening service and planning meeting were well attended and a programme has been drawn up for the year. It was really good to have some younger mothers along and we hope they can get involved in the young families activities organised by MU.

### Table Tennis

Junior Table Tennis is held on Friday nights in the Jackson Hall. After last years very successful season we are hoping for even greater success this year. We continue the pattern we developed last year with the younger members arriving at 7.30pm and the older members coming from 8.00pm. The session will end at 9.30pm when the Senior Club usually comes in to practice.

## Church News

### Diocesan Synod

This was held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September and the main business was the proposal of a new Financial Scheme for the Diocese. The main change for us will be that instead of automatically

receiving a subsidy from the Diocese we will have to ask for what we need each year to keep going. The full cost of running the diocese for the past year, as detailed in the new scheme will be totalled in November and divided equally among all thirty or so parishes. We will then have to agree how this will be split between our three congregations. The Select vestries who can't meet the full amount will apply at the beginning of each year for a subsidy which can be up to 25% of the Assessment. This scheme is planned to run for ten years and we pray that it will give greater clarity to our future.

## Articles

### Parish History

Over the summer we have been gathering information about the history of the parish. We print here information about the most recent clergy and as space allows we will print more of the history in future. If anyone has extra information, corrections or photograph's we would be delighted to hear from you.

After Canon Moffett's death in 1914 the Rev. Thomas Stewart Watson was instituted to the parish in March (according to the Diocesan Register). Again a student of T.C.D. he gained his

B.A. (with a Junior Moderatorship in History and Political Science) in 1886. He was awarded a Divinity Testemonium in 1887 and was ordained Deacon in 1887 by the Bishop of Kilmore to serve as Curate's Assistant in Boho in Clogher. He was Priested in 1888 and served as Rector of Clogh from 1891 to 1903. After a spell in Clontibret he came to Carrickmacross. During his time Inniskeen and Killany parishes was joined to Carrickmacross in 1923. He became Prebendary of Donacavey in July, 1927 though this was combined with his continuing as Rector of Carrickmacross. Canon Watson and his wife Annie had three daughters and a son. Their eldest daughter, Kathleen married Joseph Witherington of Annacroft on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 1926. Joseph and Kathleen lived at Belle Vue Carrickmacross but sadly she was dead within a year being buried in God's Acre on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 1927 by Canon Maurice Stack. Canon Watson's second daughter Edith married the Rector of Kilshannig in Cloyne, the Rev. Frederick Charles Hill. This is now part of the Mallow Union of Parishes and it was part of Rector Kingston's responsibilities before he came to Carrickmacross. His daughter Nora married a James Hanna from Holywood Co. Down and she had a son Desmond who was ordained and was Rector of Dromore, Co. Down. His son Henry joined the Malaysian Colonial Service and died as a Japanese Prisoner of War. Another daughter, Hester Adelaide gained a B.A. From T.C.D. And was the Headmistress of Rochelle School in Cork, dying in retirement in 1976 in Delgany, Co.

Wicklow.

Canon Watson's burial entry in the Carrickmacross Burial Book records "The Rev Thomas Watson, Vicar of Carrickmacross was buried October 26<sup>th</sup> 1937, aged 76 years." His wife Annie had died a year previously but her burial is not recorded in Carrickmacross.

A newspaper report on his funeral is pasted in one of the Parish Registers. It tells us:

"The attendance at the funeral of the Rev. Canon T.S. Watson, Carrickmacross, Rector in that Parish for almost a quarter of a century was representative of the professional, commercial and public life of the town and the surrounding districts. There were sympathisers from distant parts and the clergy of the Diocese in Graduate robes, walking in a body, led the immense cortege. The remains were borne on the shoulders of residents.

"Canon Watson had completed his 50<sup>th</sup> year in the ministry of the Church of Ireland. He was President of Carrick and District Old Age Pensioners Committee, a member of the District Jubilee Nursing Association and secretary for 30 years of County Monaghan Protestant Orphans' Association,

"The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Rev. Dr. J. MacManaway. DD performed the Last Service assisted by the Rev. Canon Stack (Magheracloune) and Professor O'Connor (Magheracloune).

The report then goes on to list the members of his family and other close mourners, followed by a list of the clergy of the Diocese who attended, followed by a paragraph listing the

'general public' who attended including Major Shirley and the Right Rev. Mons(eigneur) McKeown, P.P., H.R. Meacock the Headmaster of the Grammar School, the staff and pupils of the Grammar.

The Rev. Thomas Henry Royle had been the last full curate in Carrickmacross between 1881 and 1883 and was not replaced. However, in 1923 Lucas William Henry Dickson who had been ordained in the Church of England was made headmaster of the Weymouth Grammar School and assisted Canon Watson as curate until he moved to Durham in 1926.

The Rev George William Allen Howard who came to Carrickmacross as Rector in 1937 was a native of Cookstown and was educated at St. Catherine's College in Cambridge which he entered in 1909. He was made Deacon in 1912 in Armagh and Priested in 1914. Having served various curacies and having been a Chaplain during the First World War he was Rector of Donagh before coming to Carrickmacross, Inniskeen and Kilanny in 1937. He retired only three years later in 1940 and died on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1941 aged only 59 years.

Mr. Howard was followed by the Rev. Richard Whitehead who was Rector here from 1940 to 1959. He was born in 1884 in Roscrea, Co. Tipperary and served in the First World War with the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He was injured and invalided out of the Army in 1917. Three years later he was made Deacon and in 1922 was ordained Priest. He started his ministry as Curate's Assistant in Clones and served in eight

parishes as Curate or Rector before coming to Carrickmacross in 1940. St. Patrick's Church in Donaghmoynne was added to Carrickmacross in 1953. Mr. Whitehead remained until his retirement in 1959 having been made Prebendary of Devenish in 1958. After retirement he lived in Dublin and died on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1965. His wife Mona died in Dublin in 1978.

We pass quickly over the more recent clergy. The Rev R. Bertram Livingstone was Rector from 1959 to 1963 During his time Magheracloune and Ardragh were added in 1961. He was followed by the Rev William Butler Heaney 1963 to 1973 who retired in recent years having become the Archdeacon of Kildare. Canon James Jackson Stevenson served here from 1973 to 1984. During his time Donaghmoynne, Inniskeen and Kilanny were closed in 1976.

The Incumbency of the parish remained vacant from 1984 to 1987 and it seemed unlikely that the Parish would again be in a financial condition to support a full time minister. The Rev Henry Hubert Boyland was made Bishop's Curate in 1987 and by 1990 matters had improved to the point where he was made Rector. He remained as Rector until his retirement in 1993. He was followed by the Rev John Leslie Sutcliffe who was in Carrickmacross from 1994 to 2001 and who in turn was succeeded by the Rev David Cole, Rector from 2001 until his retirement in 2006. The current Rector is the Rev Robert George Kingston who was instituted to the Parish in April 2007.