



Anglican Communion – Church of Ireland – Diocese of Clogher

Carrickmacross and Magheraclone with Ardragh Group of Parishes



St. Fionnbarre's Carrickmacross, St. Molua's Magheraclone, St. Patrick's Ardragh



Newsletter

October 2007

Worship

Harvest Thanksgiving

The final Harvest Thanksgiving in our Group will be held on Sunday 14th October at 7.00pm in Carrickmacross. There will be no morning service in Carrick. that Sunday.

The preacher will be the Ireland Mission Adviser, Linda Chambers from USPG, the 'United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel' which is the oldest of the Missionary Societies in our church. Like CMS which we heard about in Ardragh and Magheraclone, USPG has also gone through some major changes and as we think about how we should get involved with Mission again it is important we try to understand what is going on and what we should do.

In Ardragh David Gough, who has

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recently joined CMS from Concern and is now responsible for supporting the re-emerging church in war damaged southern Sudan, gave us the background theory about how, rather than sending long term expatriate missionaries, the focus is now on supporting local churches in Africa in the projects they see to be necessary, sending short term people with financial support to help them achieve the local goals. He encouraged us to think about helping the local Anglicans in southern Sudan set up a series of health clinics.

In Magheraclone Roger Gough who joined CMS at the beginning of the year from Inter-serve and is now responsible for contacts with the church in India, Nepal and so on outlined a similar situation to David and spoke about a remarkable organisation for disabled people in Nepal founded and being run by someone who is himself disabled and who CMS is now supporting. A group of Irish

people will be going to Nepal next year to visit this project and perhaps get themselves and their churches at home directly involved in this project. Against the background of what is happening in our own health service It was interesting to hear that some governments in Africa and Asia are asking Christian organisations, even where Christians are in a minority, to take over the running of state hospitals as they cannot trust anyone else to run them.

So we look forward to what USPG will have to say to us and we hope that there will be good support for this service from all the churches in the area.

There will be light refreshments in the Jackson Hall after the service.

Confirmation

Bishop Michael Jackson will be with us on Sunday 21st October for a service of Confirmation. The service will be in St. Finbarr's in Carrickmacross and will begin at the later time of 11.30am. This will be a united service for the whole Group and there will be no other service that day. Please continue to pray for Victoria, Emma, Richard, Keith, Patrick, Lisa, Laura and Amanda. We sincerely apologise to Amanda for mistakenly listing her as Rachel for the past few months.

Canon Atkinson

On Sunday 28th October the services at 10.30am in Carrickmacross and 11.45am in Magheracloune will be led by Canon Donald Atkinson.

There will be no early communion service on the 28th as the Rector will be away.

Midweek Communion

During October there will be midweek communion on Thursday at 10.30am only on the 4th, 11th and 18th. There will be no midweek communion on the 25th as the Rector will be away. Unfortunately it looks as if Thursday morning may not work out too well and we may soon shift to Wednesday morning. Please look out for further announcements.

Christmas Services

In the diary we have outlined a draft schedule for Christmas services as discussed at the Magheracloune/Ardragh Select Vestry meeting. We still have to make arrangements for Carrickmacross and may have to alter the schedule given in this months listing. If anyone has any comments about this schedule please contact the Rector.

Readers

We are beginning to develop a rota of lesson readers in St.

THIS MONTH

Monday	1 st	8.00pm Meeting about Donagh Group
Tuesday	2 nd	8.00pm Select Vestry Magheracluone and Ardragh
Wednesday	3 rd	8.00pm Bowls in Jackson Hall
Thursday	4 th	10.30 Midweek Communion Carrickmacross 4.30pm Diocesan Synod, Clabby
Friday	5 th	10.00am Quiet Day in Colebrook with Bishop 7.00pm Confirmation Class
Sunday	7 th	7.30pm Corvally Harvest Thanksgiving
Wednesday	10 th	No bowling in Jackson Hall, Tournament
Thursday	11 th	10.30 Midweek Communion Carrickmacross
Friday	12 th	3.30pm St. Mary's Castleblaney Harvest Thanksgiving 7.00pm Confirmation Class 8.00pm Decoration of St. Finbarr's for HTG
Wednesday	17 th	8.00pm Bowls match with Newbliss in Jackson Hall
Thursday	18 th	10.30 Midweek Communion Carrickmacross
Friday	19 th	7.00pm Confirmation Class
Monday	22 nd	Rector away until 31 st October

NEXT MONTH

Tuesday	13 th	8.00pm Select Vestry meeting Carrickmacross
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COMING SOON

Sunday	2 nd December	Annual Carol Service, Crossduff
Monday	3 rd December	Monaghan Orphans AGM, Carrickmacross
Tuesday	4 th December	Select Vestry Magheracluone and Ardragh
Sunday	23 rd Dec.	1.00pm Christmas Communion, Ardragh 7.00pm Carol Service Magheracluone
Monday	24 th Dec.	11.30pm Midnight Communion, Magheracl.
Tuesday	25 th Dec.	9.00am ? Holy Communion Magheracluone 10.30am Holy Communion Carrickmacross

Finbarr's and would like to thank those who have already offered to read. We would be glad to hear from more people.

Service rota

At a meeting of Magheracluone

and Ardragh Select Vestry it was felt that there should only be one Holy Communion Service per month in Magheracluone. This will be on the second Sunday of the month at the 1145am service.

Sunday Services

7th October 2007, 18th Sun. after Trinity. Proper 22 (Green)

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

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

14th October 2007, 19th 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
Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	7.00pm	HTG	Linda Chambers

21st October 2007, 20th 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	11.30am	Confirmation	Bishop
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28th October 2007, 21st 5th before Advent, Proper 25 (Green)

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

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Canon Atkinson
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Canon Atkinson

4th November 2007, 4th 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	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	MP	Rector

11th November 2007, 3rd before Advent, Proper 27 (Green)

Haggai 1.15b-2.9, Psalm 145.1-5, 18-22, 2 Thess. 2.1-5, 13-17, Lk. 20.27-38

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
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Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector

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Sunday School

We have three adult leaders for the Sunday School in St. Finbarr's and the problem is that we need two adults to go out each Sunday. Ideally we would like to have at least six leaders and would be glad to hear of volunteers. Leaders will have to receive training and Garda vetting so the sooner we get offers the sooner we can take the pressure off those taking part.

At the meeting to organise the Sunday School it was felt that the Diocesan Core Programme would be difficult to use in its current form given the wide age range and small numbers we are dealing with. It was felt a copy of the Core Programme be given to parents to see if they can cover the suggested topics at home and the Rector will work at adapting the programme to our needs

Diocesan News

Bishop's Synod Address

Speaking at the Diocesan Synod on the 4th October in Clabby Bishop Jackson referred to ordained ministry in the diocese. He said: 'The Reverend Alison Seymour-Whiteley was ordained deacon on May 31st in St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher. Likewise in Clogher Cathedral on June 9th the Reverend Elizabeth Thompson was ordained priest –

to a rather convincing local drum-beat which was more than a match for the technique shown by the archbishop of York when he was with us in 2006 if those of you who were present recall! These were tremendously joyous occasions in the lives of these two individuals, their families and in the on-going life of the diocese in both mission and ministry. Mr Charles Eames and Mr Simon Genoe continue in training for the ministry and Mrs Lorriane Capper has already begun training this year. We continue to appreciate the work of retired clergy and Readers who make it possible for us all to be members of a Diocese which runs with efficiency and where worship continues in a regular cycle availing of talents of those who generously give of themselves in preparation for and conducting of such worship Sunday by Sunday.

This is not the time to be complaining! It is indeed fashionable to say –and I hear many people saying it –that 'nobody is going into the church' these days. It has not always been the case and indeed it may not be the case in the future, but as things stand we are tremendously fortunate in terms of ministry in our diocese and now is not the time to be grumbling. The vast

majority of our parishes have clergy. We have an increasing pool of committed, talented Non-stipendiary Clergy. We have Diocesan Readers and Parish Readers who are very much at ease with the people among whom they work and with the work which they are doing. And, unique in the Church of Ireland, we have Diocesan Pastoral Assistants who have made a tremendous impact and contribution across the diocese in less than a year. All of this should encourage us to be in good heart and discourage us from listening too readily to the prophets of doom on every occasion.'

The full text of his address can be found at:

<http://www.clogher.anglican.org/index.php?p=news07/016>.

Church News

Graham Kendrick

Well-known singer/songwriter Graham Kendrick and his band will be in concert as part of the Out of the Ordinary tour in **Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin on Friday 5th Oct & Saint Patrick's Cathedral Armagh on Sunday 7th October**. The event will mix elements of concert presentation with congregational participation, using songs drawn from Graham's writing over the

years, and including some from his latest album Out of the Ordinary.

Parish Reorganisation

A proposal to amalgamate Monaghan and Donagh Parishes involving the closure of Kilmore, Tyholland and Errigal Truagh churches was not agreed to at the Synod but it did raise the whole issue of the number of churches per head of Church of Ireland population in Monaghan. There is not really a shortage of clergy in the Church of Ireland as compared to other churches but there seem to be areas where it is difficult to fill vacancies. There is definitely a shortage of local ministries, e.g. Lay Readers in Monaghan. The discussion highlighted the need for a debate in County Monaghan about the future needs of people in the area and the potential for growth in the Church of Ireland.

People

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 2nd of September Alex Daniel O'Neill, baby son of Nigel and Janine and brother of Leah, was baptised in St. Molua's Church, Magheracloune. His Godparents were Graham McDaniel, Matthew Duffy and Dominic McDaniel. We will pray for them and Alex's parents as they take on

the responsibilities of his Christian nurture.

Congratulations

Best wishes to Rachel and Alan Hill on the safe arrival of their baby daughter.

Sick

This month we have made particular mention of Ruth, Robert, Margaret, George, Adam and Walter and continue to hold them up as we write this thanking God that Ruth and Robert have so much improved.

Organisations

Choir

Occasionally we are having major problems with new hymns in Carrickmacross and it would be good to have at least some people familiar with the hymns before we sing them. It is probably a bit premature try forming a choir but would it be possible to get an hour some evenings, say every month or six weeks, to go over the hymns listed for the coming weeks to learn them or make changes to the listing? We will pencil in a practice session for the Monday night before the Confirmation Service, the 15th October from 8.00 to 9.00pm.

Bowls

This has recommenced and is running most Wednesday nights at

about 9pm in the Jackson Hall. If you are thinking of joining the club it is still not too late to come and see what it is like. There is no meeting on the 10th October and a match with Newbliss on the 17th October in the Jackson Hall, on Tuesday 23rd away in Castleblaney and on the 7th November away in Bailieborough.

Women's Group

Following the meeting in June to discuss the formation of a women's group in the Carrickmacross group of parishes and the survey that followed, on September 10th the women met for a planning meeting and to discuss the results of the survey.

- It was agreed to form a group - Mothers Union and Friends. All will belong to the group and those that wish to will join the Mothers Union.
- Rosemary Kingston was elected as the Chairperson/Enrolling member., Eleanor Howell as Secretary, Florence Collins as treasurer and Margaret Babbington, Sadie Breaden, Siobhan Dolan, Anne Hill, Caroline Merrin, and Helen Sweetnam were elected as committee members.
- A programme for the

coming season was agreed.

Provisional programme.

October 11th - Cake decorating

November 8th - Health, focusing on Cardiac Resuscitation

December 13th - Flower Arranging and Mulled Wine with Mince pies

January 10th - Pot luck supper and everyone is to bring to favourite items and say why they like them.

February 11th - Gardening or local history to be confirmed.

March 13th - Internet

April 10th - Crafts –possibly pottery

May 8th - Outing, possibly a meal and a show.

Fuller details will be given out at the meeting.

The Committee met and have agreed that the fee for this season will be:

€10 for friends.

€28 for MU members. This extra covers MU membership dues.

MU Young members Conference

Theme is "Desperate Housewives", Dublin 19th, starting 5.30pm and 20th October, finishing 3.30pm. If any of the women, (aged under 40, or with a child in primary school or of a preschool age), are interested

please let Rosemary know. A car load might even be interested in going on the Saturday. It would be an opportunity to meet and network with others.

MU Diocesan Council is on 18th October in Colebrooke. Rosemary is going and if any other MU members are interested in going she would be delighted to have travelling companions. There will be a guest speaker.

Notices

Monaghan Orphans

We would like to thank all those who supported the collection for the Monaghan Protestant Ophan Society in September. The total from all our churches came to E270. We would just remind everyone again that the MPOS will be holding its AGM in the Parish Room in Carrickmacross in early December and we hope that any parishioners who are free to come along will do so.

Website

The latest parish newsletter can be seen in .pdf format at www.carrickmacross.clogher.anglican.org/