



Anglican Communion - Church of Ireland - Diocese of Clogher

Carrickmacross and Magheraclone with Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



Newsletter

September 2010

Worship

Castleross Service

We have been invited to use the new Prayer Room in Castleross Nursing Home for a 2pm service every first Wednesday of the month. 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.

Early Communion

Beginning on the first Sunday of September the 8am early Communion service that we have always held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month will be held every Sunday. The only exceptions will be when the Rector is not available and we will give good notice of this.

Hymn Practice

On Monday 6th September at

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

8.00pm we will have a run through of the hymns that are listed for the coming weeks in St. Finbarr's. All are welcome.

Prayer Time

Having this quiet time to just sit and ponder and pray seems to be quite popular and we will have our September time on Sunday 12th at 9.00pm in St. Finbarr's Church.

Harvest Thanksgivings

The first of these services will be held in Magheraclone on Sunday 10th 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 Carrickmacross on Sunday 17th October at 7.00pm and the preacher at this will be the Rev Christy Irwin the minister in charge of the local Presbyterian congregations in Castleblayney and Corvally.

The Ardragh service this year is being held on Sunday 24th October at 3.00pm and the

preacher at this will be the Rev Florence Taylor who is in charge of the local Presbytery.

Sunday School

In Carrickmacross we had a planning meeting early in the holidays in which we looked at a rota of leaders and possible topics. It was agreed that we should divide into two groups meaning we do need extra leaders. Sunday School in CMX will begin on the 5th September with Florence and Siobhan leading and Lorna doing the music.

Midweek Communion

Each Wednesday morning in September we will celebrate Holy Communion at 10.30am in St. Finbarr's.

Parish News

Select Vestries

There will be a meeting of Carrickmacross Select Vestry on Wednesday 22nd September at 8pm in the Parish Room. On the following week on Tuesday 28th at 8pm there will be a meeting Magheraclone of the Select Vestry in St. Molua's. We will have a meeting of Ardragh parishioners after church on Sunday 19th September.

Cutting Tree

The Select Vestry in Carrickmacross has discussed

making applications for permission to cut the tree near the entrance to St. Finbarr's as it is leaning dangerously and its roots are damaging the steps. There are mixed feelings about this and it was agreed that parishioners should be asked as to whether anyone would object to the tree being cut and being replaced with a smaller species.

Reports

Upgrading

The extra heating for St. Finbarr's is now installed and we express our sincere thanks to the anonymous donor and the others who have provided it. We look forward to a comfortable and economically efficient heating system when the cold weather comes back.

The Vestry room is also being redecorated and we thank Mrs Irene Merrin for her generosity in provided an oak wooden floor to replace the carpet originally given in memory of her late husband and Mr Freddy Merrin who has provided new cupboarding in memory if his later father Eric.

The hallway has also been repainted and a new cupboard has been fitted to hide the clutter of brushes and flower arranging items which were sitting in the

THIS MONTH

Wednesday	1 st	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
		2.00pm	Holy Communion in Castleross N.H.
Monday	6 th	8.00pm	Hymn Practice, St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	8 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	10 th	7.30pm	Table Tennis in Jackson Hall
Saturday	11 th	9.30am	Safeguarding Trust Training in Monaghan
Sunday	12 th	9.00pm	Prayer Time in St. Finbarr's
Monday	13 th	8.00pm	Mothers Union and Friends opening service
Wednesday	15 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	17 th	7.30pm	Table Tennis in Jackson Hall
Sunday	19 th	2.00pm	Ardragh parish Meeting after Church
Wednesday	22 nd	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
		8.00pm	Select Vestry meeting in Carrickmacross
Friday	24 th	7.30pm	Table Tennis in Jackson Hall
Monday	27 th	8.00pm	Study Group in Parish Room, CMX
Tuesday	28 th	8.00pm	Magheracloune Select Vestry
Wednesday	29 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Thursday	30 th	4.00pm	Diocesan Synod in Enniskillen

NEXT MONTH

Wednesday	6 th	2.00pm	Holy Communion in Castleross N.H.
Sunday	10 th	3.00pm	Magheracloune Harvest Thanksgiving
Sunday	17 th	7.00pm	Carrickmacross Harvest Thanksgiving
Sunday	24 th	3.00pm	Ardragh Harvest Thanksgiving

corner. We thank Robert Greer and our Fas worker for undertaking this work.

Silver Repaired

One of the lovely chalices for communion we have was slightly misshapen and awkward to use. We thank John Howell for repairing it and making it fully usable again.

St. Molua's Day

The Open Air service on Sunday 1st August was blessed this year with good weather and was well attended. The Rev. Fr. Jimmy McPhillips, the Curate in Kilanny Parish preached a thoughtful sermon about our inadequate images of God. We thank him and the P.P. of Magheracloune, Fr Tom Finnegan and his curate Fr. Philip Crowe who also took part, and our musicians Lorna and

Sunday Services

5th September 2010, 14th Sunday after Trinity, Proper 18 (Gr)

Jeremiah 18. 1-11, Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14.25-33

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

12th September 2010, 15th Sunday after Trinity, Prop. 19 (Gr)

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28, Psalm 14, 1 Timothy 1.12-17, Luke 15.1-10

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

19th September 2010, 16th Sunday after Trinity, Proper 20 (Gr)

Jeremiah 8. 18-19.1, Psalm 79.1-9, 1 Timothy 2.1-7, Luke 16.1-13

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

26th September 2010, 17th Sunday after Trinity, Prop. 21 (Gr)

Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91.1-6, 14-16, 1 Tim. 6.6-19, Luke 16.19-31

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

3rd October 2010, 18th Sunday after Trinity, Proper 22 (Gr)

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
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	Rector

Parish Ministry Team

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Victoria Lewis. A cup of tea after the service encouraged people to mill around and talk creating a very pleasant atmosphere in the graveyard which thanks to Paul on our FAS scheme was looking exceptionally well.

Barbecue

The Carrickmacross Barbecue was a great success with a beautiful evening and a very large number of people attending. We would like to thank the sub-committee who undertook to run it and made such a marvellous success of it. We also thank those who gave such generous gifts and sponsorship and all who came along on the night. It was also very successful financially making over E4500.

Dance

The Ardragh Parish fund-raising dance in Corduff Community Centre was very generously supported by our neighbours and made a total of over E6000 which is a good start towards the cost of the work which needs to be done on the building. We say a sincere thank you to everyone involved.

Diocesan News

Synod in Enniskillen

We would remind those who have been elected to represent the

Group at Synod that I will be held in Enniskillen on Thursday 30th September.

Panel Training

Those who are Panel members for the Safeguarding Trust child safety system for our church are invited to a Panel Training session in Monaghan on the 11th September.

People

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Mrs Mavis Pepper and her family on the untimely death of her son in law's sister Jennifer Anderson of Lisasturrin, Kingscourt who's funeral took place in Kingscourt on Friday 2nd July. Our sympathy is also extended to Mrs Margaret Babington on the death of her uncle Richard Senior in Abbeyleix

Bereavement

Mrs Evelyn McCabe was originally from England but spent a large part of her married life in Carrickmacross where she was a lively member of the parish, singing in the choir, as a member of the bowls club and in many other ways. Poor health caused her to move to Oriel House where she was lovingly cared for for many years. She died just after her 80th birthday and was buried in God's Acre on the 17th June after a

funeral service in St. Molua's. We extend our sincere sympathy to all her family.

Organisations

Mothers Union and Friends

The Opening meeting will be held on the 13th September at 8pm in St. Finbarr's. It will consist of a short service followed by a meeting to discuss plans.

Study Group

During the summer we had hoped to put together a short film on the history of the St. Finbarr's. So many other things happened on Monday nights that we did not get very far with this. We will not give up on it but during the autumn we will try to find a time to finish this off but we will use the Monday nights, beginning on the 27th September, to return to Bible Study looking at the Minor Prophets.

Table Tennis

We would hope to re-commence Junior Table Tennis on Friday nights in September in the Jackson Hall on the 10th. We will use 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.

Notices

School Grants

There are various funds available for held with Secondary School fees. Most of these are dealt with by the schools but there is one, The Sandy Martin of Coraven Trust which is handled by the Bishop and for which the Rector has application forms.

Flower Festival

There will be a Flower Festival - 'Radiating Christ' held in St. Columba's Church, Omagh from 27th to 30th May, 2011.

Details of viewing times are included in the flyer, but I would like to draw your attention to the Opening Service with preacher Rt .Rev Ken Good (Bishop of Derry and Raphoe) on Friday 27th May @ 7.30pm and the Closing Concert on Monday 30th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Group catering is available for coach parties (morning/afternoon tea and meals available).

For additional details and advance catering bookings please email drumraghflowerfestival@gmail.com or tel. 028 87726043 (RoI 048 8776043) (tel bookings from 1st September).

Thanking you, in anticipation of your support.

Elizabeth Seale

Articles

Summer Madness

Summer Madness is Ireland's largest Christian festival. It takes place over the first weekend in July in the King's Hall; South Belfast. The festival was commissioned nearly twenty years ago by the Church of Ireland Youth Department. It started out first at Castle Archdale, Lisnarick, Co. Fermanagh, then held in Gosford Forest Park, Armagh, but due to the foot and mouth crisis in 2001, the festival re-located to the King's Hall, where it has remained ever since. The festival is aimed at young people, and consistently targets those aged 15-25, however it is also popular with families. The festival generally attracts around 5000 visitors a year, and many of these choose to camp on site.

There are a wide variety of activities on offer during the day. Seminars, debates and workshops are run daily in various venues around the King's Hall. In addition to this, there is a large sports and activities programme, an internet cafe, a venue for clergy and youth leaders, and a cinema. There is a large exhibition hall, with a bookshop, games area, and a cafe venue run by Tearfund which sells Fair Trade produce.

The festival places great emphasis on the arts with the SMart programme (in association with Exodus) and a number of local bands play each year. For the past two years, the Christian rock group Delirious? have played

concerts at the festival, and other big names such as Ryan Griffith and 4Kouners have also visited.

The focal points of the festival however, are the worship meetings, held twice-daily in the King's Hall usually for one and a half hours. Here, the vast majority of campers will join to worship God and listen to teaching. Worship would take the form of a different band each day, The Rend Collective Experiment, Ryan Griffith, Ben Cantelon and Four Kornerz leading worship in song. Speakers would then share their stories and lead us in prayer. Speakers this year included Rachel Gardner, Alan Scott, Krish Kandiah, Bishop Ken Clark (Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh), and Reggie Dabbs who is fast becoming one of the most in-demand speakers for teenagers. On Sunday morning of the festival, a communion service is held using the Anglican liturgy, which many consider a very central point of the festival.

The Prayer Ministry team at the festival have gradually introduced several different points of response for the daily meetings. These included a prayer wall; a candle lit reflective venue, and the opportunity for artistic response, confessional station and a healing prayer point with the prayer ministry team.

Summer Madness operated a 'community outreach' programme from 2003-2007 branded 'Streetreach', which continues to inspire local groups to connect with

community needs and offer young people the chance to serve and demonstrate God's love in practical ways and in 2008 a similar programme under the banner of 'Urban Soul' began in Dublin.

I was invited to attend Summer Madness this year by a friend, as part of the Kilmore, Elphin and Ardragh Diocese. They have planned an initial 3 year project. This year they invited 14 young people between the ages of 15 and 18 and 3 youth leaders over from South Carolina as part of an on-going link between the two Diocese. Next year the Diocese are taking a group of young people over to South Carolina and in the third year they hope to arrange a joint Mission Trip, possibly to the Developing World. During the two weeks the youth from South Carolina were in Ireland they not only attended Summer Madness but also enjoyed many cultural experiences such as tours of Belfast and Dublin which my friends and I joined in on. During there time in Ireland many friendships were made between the two diocese during are time spent together.

Avoca Manor

Having come home from Summer Madness I then prepared myself to head off to the Postal Bible camp in Avoca Manor, Co. Wicklow which is owned by The Scripture Union. The Scripture Union run various camps all throughout the year, however this camp is run by Noel and Liza McMeekin who are the Leaders of Postal Bible School. Approx 100

young people between the ages of 11 and 17 attend this camp every year. To attend you have to complete a series of bible study sheets over the year which are sent out every month. These sheets then have to be completed and then sent back and are marked and sent back to you. The camp is based around various outdoor and craft activities. There are also bible study meetings which must be attended in the morning and evening. This year is my 5th year to attend Avoca and I have made many good friends over the years.

The McMeekin's son Gareth has also converted his garage (who lives outside Drum in Co. Cavan) into a youth club for the youth who live close by. It runs on the last Saturday of each month and it called the SHED which stands for Serving Him Every Day. It is a fun place to hang out with your friends, play games and learn about the bible.

Youth Group

Next year we are also hoping to set up a youth group in Carrick. A lady from America, Joan with the help of others, is hoping to be able to open a youth group for the youth of the Carrickmacross and surrounding areas when she returns from finishing her study's in America next year. Plans for this are still very much in construction at the moment however.

By Victoria Lewis