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Bishop Kenneth writes - Five Marks of Mission

Mission is at the very heart of what we are as a church. The word “mission” simply means “being sent” and time and time again we read in the Gospels of Jesus sending his disciples into the world to bring the good news to all. After his resurrection Jesus greets his disciples in the upper room with “peace be with you” and then “as the Father has sent me, even so I send you” (John 20.21) and Matthew 28. 19-20 reads “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

Rooted in that central commitment to mission, the church down the ages has always reached out to others to share the good news of the Gospel. The great travellers and discoverers of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries were quickly followed by missionaries, following the command of Jesus, and soon Christianity became a global religion.

But mission is not just about the church overseas. It’s also about ourselves, our own country and our own neighbourhood. We too need to share our faith with others, and to welcome those in our area who are curious about faith and wish to know more. In the diocese we talk about being a welcoming church, being open to welcoming the stranger, the visitor, the curious, and to ensure that if they do come into our parish church they will find there a warm and welcoming community which is open to others.

Our Spiritual Tourism initiative seeks to be open to the many tourists and visitors who come to the South and West of Ireland and help them recognise the faith which lies behind and within our ancient and historic buildings, the faith inherent when we celebrate the wonder of God’s creation.

Mission is also about ourselves – the quality and depth of our own faith. How has our faith deepened in recent years? Have we joined a bible study group or read a book about faith in recent years? Have we moved beyond the faith we learned years ago in Sunday School and Confirmation class?

Human beings need structure and organisation, and in recent years the Five Marks of Mission have become the structure for mission in Anglican churches worldwide. In five short phrases our modern understanding of mission is outlined.

In a very real way all five are rooted in the first one – “to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom” but we need all five to mark out our Christian duty in today’s world; the responsibility to teach the faith, to respond to human need, address injustice and violence in the world, and to protect creation and the world we live in.

These Five Marks of Mission are being taken up by churches all around the world, including our own church, and you will be hearing more and more about them as we all strive to work out in our day the implications of Jesus command to us all to go and make disciples and to teach the Good news in our own community and generation.

With kind regards
+ Kenneth

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The Five Marks of Mission

The five marks of mission express our common Anglican commitment to, and understanding of, God’s holistic and integral mission:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth
Editorial - Weather & Climate

What extraordinary summer weather we've been having. Many will have enjoyed the hot, dry, almost Mediterranean conditions, even though it brought hose-pipe bans. But farmers are in despair: grass has stopped growing, and crops have withered in the fields.

Those with animals have been feeding fodder intended for next winter, since the pastures are bare and the late, wet spring depleted reserves. They fear that without a good autumn grass crop they will not have enough fodder for the winter. High prices for scarce bought-in fodder threaten losses that could bankrupt them, and I hear tales of farmers selling stock at low prices.

Some tillage farmers have been selling poor standing crops for silage. Yields are down, though a neighbour says he is compensated by a high price for his barley straw to use as feed.

Is this all down to climate change? Climate is about statistics – a single hot, dry summer doesn't prove anything. But it is consistent with what the climate modelers are telling us is the likely future here in Ireland – more frequent hotter, dryer summers and wetter winters.

One canny retired farmer tells me he thinks this year will cause farmers to change their behaviour to reduce the business risks posed by climate change. He suggests the higher stocking levels promoted by Government policy such as Food Harvest 2020 are unsustainable – the probabilities of long, wet winters and hot, dry summers in a warming world causing fodder shortages are just too high. We can expect to see many farmers go to the wall, he says, as lower stocking levels will not provide the income they need to service the loans they took out to intensify their businesses.

Farmers need our prayers at this time of crisis. Let us pray that they may receive a fair return for their labour, and that in the providence of God the sun will shine, the rain will fall, the grass will grow, and all God's creatures will be fed.

God bless, Joc Sanders

For when one considers the universe, can anyone be so simple-minded as not to believe that the Divine is present in everything, pervading, embracing and penetrating it?

(St Gregory of Nyssa, c.335 – c.395)

Newslink

Newslink is the diocesan magazine for the United Diocese of Limerick, Killaloe & Ardfert, which also includes the historic dioceses of Aghadoe, Clonfert, Emly, Kilfenora and Kilmacduagh. For further information about the United Dioceses see the diocesan web site: www.limerick.anglican.org. Newslink also covers Methodist Midlands and Southern District Circuits within the boundaries of the Church of Ireland Diocese.

Editor

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Within Prayer

Partners in Prayer - September 2018

Each Sunday in September
Church of Ireland: The Diocese of Meath & Kildare and Bishop Pat Storey.

2nd September, 14th Sunday after Trinity, Green
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of South America and Most Revd Gregory James Venables, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina.
Diocese: For school children as they begin a new school year, many at a new school, and for their teachers, that our diocesan schools may be for them places of happiness and learning.

9th September, 15th Sunday after Trinity, Green
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, and Most Revd Justin Badi Arama, Archbishop of South Sudan & Bishop of Maridi.
Diocese: We give thanks for the beauty and bounty of God's living earth, and pray that each one of us may learn to tread lightly on it.

16th September, 16th Sunday after Trinity, Green
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, Archbishop of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum.
Diocese: We pray for those responsible for the care of our churches and glebes, that care for God's living earth may be at the heart of their decision-making.

23rd September, 17th Sunday after Trinity, Green
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Mpwapwa, Tanzania and Rt Revd Jacob Erasto Chimeledya, Bishop of Mpwapwa.
Diocese: We pray for those who by selfishness or ignorance damage God's living earth, that they may change their ways.

30th September, 18th Sunday after Trinity, Green
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda and Most Revd Stanley Ntagali, Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala.
Diocese: We give thanks for the harvest of God's living earth, and we pray that we may share our blessings with those in need.

7th October, 19th Sunday after Trinity, Green
Church of Ireland: The Diocese of Cashel, Ferns & Ossory and Bishop Michael Burroughs.
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church and Most Revd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.
Diocese: At this harvest season we pray for those who grow, process, distribute and prepare our food, that they may receive a just reward for their labours.

Prayer before a service

Lord, our very being here today is a prayer.
By being here we say 'We love you, Lord'
- and appreciate all you have done in saving us from our sins.
By being here we say 'Thank you, Lord',
- because we are aware of all the daily blessings you shower on our lives.
By being here we say 'Use us, Lord',
- because we offer ourselves again to your service, to live for your glory.
By being here we say 'Help us, Lord',
- because we face many trials and temptations and need your grace.
By being here we say 'Change us, Lord',
- because we want to be more like Jesus in all we say and do.
Our being here today is a prayer Lord, whether spoken or not.
Hear us we ask, in Jesus’ Name. Amen

By Tony Horsfall (adapted)

A Morning Prayer

Forth in your name, O Lord I go,
My daily labour to pursue,
You, only you, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.

The task your wisdom has assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil,
In all my works your presence find,
And prove your good and perfect will.

These verses by Charles Wesley (Church Hymnal 567) make a lovely morning prayer - to sing in the shower, perhaps?

FAMILY FUN DAY

United Diocese of Limerick & Killaloe
Diocesan Council for Mission
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on Sunday 30th September 2018
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Further Details from Edward Hardy by telephone, text (087 290 7553) or e-mail (edhardy70@gmail.com)

All Ages Welcome

Love your neighbours

Remember the poor when you look out on fields you own,
on your plump cows grazing.
Remember the poor when you look into your barn
at the abundance of your harvest.
Remember the poor when the wind howls and the rain falls,
as you sit warm in your dry house.
The poor have no food except what you feed them,
No shelter except your house when you welcome them,
No warmth except your glowing fire.
Greetings to Everyone as we all return to the routines of Autumn, Winter and Spring. I do hope that many of you took the opportunity to worship in a different environment when you were on holiday... something like the proverbial Ballymena Presbyterian in Paris who, accosting a Gendarme with the request to be directed to First Paris, ended up at Mass in Notre Dame! A change they say is as good as a rest, though I should doubt that in his case!

My last piece shared with you the experience of worshipping in Jakarta. 1,600 at each of four services in the one Parish each Sunday with a €15 million Centre to serve the entire community side by side with the Church and Schools. What did I learn from that for our faith life here in Birr, in the Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe, in the Church of Ireland?

Taken with our experiences in China, Swaziland, Botswana, South Africa and Egypt in recent years, Indonesia has taught us that the Christian Faith is flourishing in the Global South in extraordinarily diverse circumstances – quite unlike the current experience of the Church in the Global North, except perhaps for the Bible Belt of the United States of America, which itself is quite a separate phenomenon. In turn that means that the post Reformation missionary movements of all the Churches of Europe and North America were remarkably successful exercises in implementing the Gospel commands as differently expressed by Paul, Matthew, Luke and John. And that means that we can give thanks for being part of a tradition of Gospel faithfulness that has real success as an ancestor. It also means that we can relish the fact that we are part of a living tradition that can accommodate itself to very diverse cultural circumstances. Our Gospel is adept at adapting to the needs and conditions of peoples whoever they are, wherever they are and whenever they are. The writer of Colossians is absolutely right “ ...in whom and through whom ALL THINGS HAVE BEEN RECONCILED MAKING PEACE BY THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS”: He writes of JESUS.

The Church of Ireland Priorities Fund is now open for applications. The fund provides resources for growth within the Church of Ireland and the wider community. Contributions to the fund come directly from parishes and since its establishment in 1980 over €17 million (£14 million) has been distributed in grants. Four categories are currently supported by the fund:

- Training – lay and ordained;
- Christian education;
- Outreach initiatives; and
- Innovative ministry in a rural context.

The closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is Monday, 31st October 2018.
Diocesan Synod of the united dioceses of Limerick, Killaloe & Ardfert – Election Results 2018

Lay Member of the Representative Church Body: Yvonne Blennerhassett, Diocesan Secretary

DIOCESAN COUNCIL 2018-2019
Chairman: The Bishop,
Ex-Officio Member: The Diocesan Secretary

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Mr. Ivan Stephens, (Ardfert & Aghadoe)
Mr. John St George (Limerick & Emly)
Mr. Peter Whyte (Killaloe & Clonfert)

One replacement Lay Member on the Committee on Elections
Mr Peter Whyte

Lay Representative to the General Synod Board of Education
Mrs Margaret Brickenden

Election of Clerical Supplementalists for General Synod
Limerick and Emly – Dean Niall Sloane
Ardfert and Aghadoe – Rev Isabel Keegan

ELECTION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE
The Standing Orders requires the election of eight of the newly elected Diocesan Council members to the Finance Committee. They are elected by Diocesan Council members – two to be elected from the Diocese of Ardfert and Aghadoe, four from the Diocese of Killaloe and Clonfert and two from the Diocese of Limerick and Emly.

The Bishop and the Diocesan Secretary are ex-officio members of the Committee and Ms Phyllis Mason attends as a representative of Peever's Slye Cotter Accountants.

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Ven S J Lumby (Ardfert and Aghadoe)
Very Rev G Paulsen (Killaloe and Clonfert)

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Mr K Brislane (Limerick and Emly)
Mr A Eadie (Ardfert and Aghadoe)
Mr E Hardy (Killaloe and Clonfert)
Mr J Clarke (Limerick and Emly)

The Diocesan Secretary thanks the Returning Officer, Mrs. M. Groves for her assistance in preparing, sorting and counting the voting papers for this year’s Diocesan Synod.

Mrs. Margaret Groves, Returning Officer
Ms. Yvonne Blennerhassett, Diocesan Secretary
August 2018

Wise Words

We do the works, but God works in us the doing of the works. – St Augustine of Hippo

He who labours as he prays lifts up his heart to God with his hands. – St Bernard of Clairvaux

The humble knowledge of thyself is a surer way to God than a deep search after learning. – Thomas à Kempis

Nobody can fight properly and boldly for the faith if he clings to a fear of being stripped of earthly possessions. – St Peter Damian

Jesus alone can make atonement because He IS the atonement – the at-onement of God and man. – Very Rev Gonville ffrench-Beytagh

Hearing is not believing

A wise schoolteacher sent this note to all parents on the first day of school:

‘If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I’ll promise not to believe everything he or she says happens at home.’

Deliver us...

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter the Lord’s Prayer. Then one evening at bedtime she attempted it solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer. ‘Lead us not into temptation,’ she prayed, ‘but deliver us from e-mail. Amen.’
The Five Marks of Mission – 2: “Teach”

By Archdeacon Wayne Carney, Chairperson of the Diocesan Council for Mission

Last issue, we examined the first of the Marks of Mission (as formulated by the Anglican Consultative Council in 1984), which was “Tell – Proclaim the Kingdom of God”. The second mark is “Teach – Teach, Baptise, and Nurture New Believers”. The title comes from then Great Commission at the end of Matthew’s Gospel, when Jesus told his disciples, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”

But most of us don’t have very many ‘new believers’ in our parishes! Does any of this apply to us? It does, of course, and for two reasons. First of all, we need to encourage learning in our parishes, for any new believers, and for those of us who have been around a long time. Even if we feel we don’t ‘need’ a course, we should support it, so that others can avail of it – especially ‘new believers’. Secondly, we might actually learn something worthwhile ourselves. Many parishioners had their formal ‘theological education’ end with Confirmation Class. And so we ask: how much do we know about our faith? About the Bible? About what we believe as Anglicans? When I went to theological college, I assumed I had a sufficient elementary knowledge about all of those. But, in the first few weeks of study, my reaction to all I was learning, particularly about the Bible, was ‘As a Christian, I should have known this already’! I’m not talking about the deep Biblical and theological concerns we got into later, but the basic information about what we believe, about how the Bible was written, about why it matters. Jesus told us to obey everything he has commanded us. How can we do that if we don’t know what that is?

Here are just a few examples: We may be aware of the heated arguments between those who believe literally in the Biblical story of Creation, and those who believe in evolution. It is often presented as ‘either you believe in God, or you believe in science’. It is nothing of the kind! A careful study of the first two chapters of Genesis show that there are two different Creation stories, written at different times by different people. Their intent was to show THAT God created the universe, and to explain how sin separates us from God. To believe that they were written just to tell us historical facts about Creation is to sell them short – they are much more important than that!

Other examples: Did you know that Paul’s Epistles were written before the Gospels were? Or that the four Gospels are not literal biographies of Jesus, but were carefully written to make particular points about our relationship with God through Jesus that their authors wanted to be emphasised?

What has this to do with Mission? Everything! As Christians, we need to understand our faith in order to share it with others, particularly our children or godchildren or other family members. And we need to make our churches not just places to worship God on Sundays, but also centres of learning, where our faith can grow. All of this will make our parishes more attractive to others. There are so many people today seeking answers to the questions of this age. Our parishes, and we ourselves, can help meet that challenge, if we are equipped to do so.

Digital Skills for Citizens – free training

Iolar Training and Limerick Social Service Centre will be running free Digital Skills for Citizens computer and internet training courses in Limerick beginning in September. The courses are open to everyone and will run for two hours per week for five weeks. Training is aimed at beginners and new users and gives participants the knowledge, skills and confidence to use the internet.

These days, increasingly, many government and commercial services are only available online. As a response, the Digital Skills training from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment aims to give everyone the basic knowledge how to access the internet and ensure that no one is left behind. Participants learn how to use email, websites, look up information, local newspapers, listen to radio programmes and watch TV and videos online. Other modules include learning how to access government services and information, how to pay bills, book flights, make video calls, shop online, use online banking, digital photography, social media, and much more. The learning environment is fun and interesting, and learners are encouraged to ask questions and participate fully.

The courses are suitable for beginners and are completely free. Access to a PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone is helpful, but not essential. An Eircode (postcode) is required to register. Courses will run on Mondays at 9 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM, 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM.

For more information, or to reserve your place on a course, please call Iolar Training on 089 420 7708.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Jordan March 2019

To guarantee your place on this Pilgrimage please contact McCabe Pilgrimages and place your deposit on 0044 20 8675 6828 or info@mccabe-travel.co.uk by 1 October 2018.
Diocesan Organisations

Girls Friendly Society

CLOUGHJORDAN BRANCH
Weekly meetings will begin on Wednesday, 12th September. There will be no meeting on 19th September. Meetings will start again on Wednesday, 26th September.

Branch is looking forward to hosting the Diocesan Fun Day on Saturday, 22nd September and to welcoming friends from Birr, Nenagh and Roscrea branches for the afternoon.

DIOCESAN CAMP 2018
Camp was held in the Faith Mission Centre, Durrow on the weekend 15th – 17th June. On Saturday the group visited Waterford city for shopping and then Dunmore East for activities at the Dunmore Adventure Centre. Everybody had a most enjoyable weekend and came home tired but very happy.

ALL IRELAND TRAINING
Training for newly elected officers was held on 22nd and 23rd June in the Theological Institute, Dublin. The theme for the training was ‘Serving for a Purpose’. Grace Healy and Rose Langley represented the Diocese. The training given by All Ireland President, Alison Jackson, was both informative and enjoyable – full report at Diocesan Council.

DIOCESAN SYNOD
Synod was held on 23rd June in Villiers School, Limerick. Many thanks to Audrey Clarke Gordon for setting up the GFS stand as GFS President & PRO were attending All Ireland Training in Dublin.

UP COMING EVENTS
- Diocesan Fun Day – Saturday, 22nd September 2018 in Cloughjordan (2.30- 5pm) cost €5 per girl. All welcome.
- GFS World Day of Prayer 29th September – please remember the work of GFS World Wide in your prayers on this day.
- Diocesan Council will take place on Monday, 22nd October in Nenagh.
- Christmas Craft Day will take place in Roscrea on Saturday, 1st December.
- Diocesan Prizeday & Service 2019 is due to be held in Roscrea – date to be confirmed.

WORLD COUNCIL, SOUTH AFRICA, JUNIOR DELEGATE 2020
Every three years a Junior Delegate is elected to attend the World Council along with the Senior Delegate. The Central Office has requested each diocese to put forward one GFS member aged 18 to 25 years, to apply for this position. All girls interested in applying for the position should contact Killaloe President at killaloepresidentgfs@gmail.com

Hope you all had a lovely summer and are now ready to start work on the new Craft and Bible Study syllabus – lots of fun and fellowship planned for the year.

If you wish to contact Killaloe President please email Rose at killaloepresidentgfs@gmail.com (note new GFS President email address)

Mothers’ Union

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
- September 6th – MU Holy Communion Service Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin 11.15am hosted by the Limerick & Killaloe Diocese
- October 6th MU All Ireland Service of Thanksgiving, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin 3pm. All Welcome!
- October 12th/13th – Women’s Getaway Weekend, Cavan Crystal Hotel
- October 20th – Diocesan Council/Trustees, Embury Close, Adare, Co. Limerick 10.30am Trustees followed by Council at 11.30am
- November 3rd – All Ireland Council, Springfield Hotel, Leixlip 10.30am
- November 11th – 16 Days of Activism Vigil, Richmond Terrace, Henry Street, Limerick 3pm. Speaker – Deirdre Barrett, Adapt House Women’s Refuge. All Very Welcome!!

VISIT TO DERRY & RAPHOE, OUR LINK DIOCESE
Members from our Trustee Board were invited to spend a weekend at the end of July with our Link Diocese in the Raphoe part of the Diocese, and what a weekend we were treated to! We met in Donegal Town where we went on a guided tour of Donegal Castle followed by afternoon tea in The Mustard Seed, a cafe run by volunteers. That evening we were invited to the See House in Londonderry, where Mary Good, DP for Derry & Raphoe and her husband, Bishop Ken hosted a wonderful evening of dinner and music.

Saturday morning started with a visit to the beautiful Glenveigh National Park House and Gardens and then on to lunch with members
from the Clondehorkey Branch. This was followed by a tour of Horn Head and then dinner in the seaside town of Dunfanaghy, followed by entertainment and a wonderful supper provided by the Convoy and Raphoe Branches.

Sunday morning we met at Raphoe Cathedral for morning coffee and a service led by Dean Arthur Barrett. We then were treated to lunch at the Deenary with our hosts and the Trustee Board of the Derry & Raphoe Diocese, after which we travelled home.

A huge “Thank You” must go to all those who made sure that we had such a wonderful weekend and to the ladies who very kindly hosted our members. Certainly, when we host the return visit we will have to up our game and show off the sights and delights of the Limerick & Killaloe Diocese!!

MULOA

At the end of July I attended a Conference in Swainick in the UK where we built on the training that we had already received within the Diocese in our effort to Listen, Observe and Act within Mothers’ Union to understand the needs of our members and the wider community, and also to see where Mothers’ Union is going in the future and how we can be more effective. We will be bringing further training to all our branches in the New Year. “God of grace, enable your servants to carry out your mission on earth through the work of Mothers’ Union at home and overseas”.

Lucy Kavanagh DP

MARY SUMMER DAY

Seventeen members from Adare, Askeaton and Limerick branches enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon in Curraghchase Forest Park to mark Mary Sumner’s birthday on 9th August. We enjoyed afternoon tea and lots of chat in de Vere’s Café and then some of us ‘Followed in Mary Sumner’s Footsteps’ with a walk in the lovely grounds whilst others took it easy in the sunshine. Coming in the midst of the summer break members enjoy the opportunity on Mary Sumner Day to get together and have a relaxing time.

‘Preparing for Winter’ is the title of our next branch meeting in Limerick on Monday 17th September when we will get some advice on keeping well during the colder months. We will meet in Richmond Terrace at 8.00pm and, as always, everybody is welcome.

SYMPATHY

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Gwen Flynn. Gwen was Branch Leader of our Aughrim Branch for several years and will be greatly missed by all.

United Diocesan Youth Council

SUMMER MADNESS – SEE PAGE 15 FOR PHOTOS

On Friday 29th June a group of enthusiastic young people and leaders from throughout the Diocese travelled on a bus to Glenarm, Co. Antrim for the 5-day annual Christian festival known as Summer Madness. We were grateful to be joined on the bus by youth groups from other Dioceses such as Cork, Dublin & Glendalough and Meath & Kildare, which led to a significant increase in numbers. Throughout the festival there really was something for everyone, whether it was relaxing by the tents in the sun, attending seminars relating to faith & life, playing team sports such as soccer against other youth groups, ultimate frisbee etc., late night discos, watching acoustic competitions, doing water sports, swimming by the sea or even just coming along to the beach just to be with friends. The worship was good as we were led by talented worship bands. And the worship speakers were amazing as they really inspired us through their life stories and encouragement. Overall it was a brilliant festival that really showed a lot of growth in the faith and friendships among our young people. And lastly it is very important to highlight the lovely summer tropical weather we had throughout the whole festival. With not a single drop of rain in sight, it really helped to add to the wonderful experience of the festival.

JUNIOR SUMMER CAMP – SEE PAGE 15 FOR PHOTOS

This year’s Junior Summer Camp was held at the Lissadell Youth Centre, Lissadell, Co. Sligo, beginning on Sunday 15th July. The worship times during the week were led by Canon Jane Galbraith with the worship being based on Scripture Union’s ‘Teambuilders’ holiday club. This holiday club package was in relation to sports and how Christianity is like a sports team because of the way we’re stronger together in our faith by helping each other as a team. In small groups, we looked at various characters in the bible such as Joseph, Moses, Esther and of course Jesus to see how they all worked with others in different teams. The week was packed with activities in different centres such as Donegal Adventure Centre, Sligo Bay SUP & Zip IT @ Lough Key Forest Park. Whether it was surfing, paddling, climbing or swinging through trees there was something for everyone. People also enjoyed the onsite activities during the week such as the table quiz, manhunt, team challenger and disco. It’s safe to say that everyone left the camp on the Friday with smiles on their faces.

FUTURE EVENTS

Fundraising Car Treasure Hunt & BBQ with Disco

On Saturday 8th of September, UDYC Fundraising Car Treasure Hunt and Barbecue & Disco will take place at Cloughjordan Parochial Hall, Cloughjordan, Co Tipperary. The Car Treasure Hunt will commence from Hall at 5.30 pm with Barbecue and Disco commencing at 7.30 pm until 10.30 pm. All are welcome. €10 per person or €30 for families. All donations of desserts & traybakes would be really appreciated.

Multi Activity Day

We look forward to our Multi Activity Day on Saturday 22nd September commencing at 9.45 am at Birr Outdoor Education Centre, Roscrea Road, Birr, Co. Offaly for a range of water and land activities. This event is for all those from 3rd to 6th class in National School. At 5 pm the group we will travel to Supermac’s for food and St. Brendan’s Church Birr for Worship. A bus will operate to and from the event serving Adare, Limerick, Nenagh, Moneygall & Roscrea. Booking Essential by Monday 17th September.

International Exchange Trip to Romania

From Friday 26th October until Sunday 4th November it is hoped that UDYC will join a group from Romania and Germany for an Exchange trip to Romania. The trip is for those from 15 years and upwards. Full details available shortly.

For more information on any of our events or activities, please contact Edward (087 290 7553) or myself. Email: udyc@limerick.anglican.org or our UDYC Facebook page. Until next month, Oscar (086 247 6327).
Music at St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS
See advertisement on page 16 for details of September and October Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts.

10 ON THE 10TH OF THE 10TH
To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Lunchtime concerts in Saint Mary's Cathedral there will be a reception following the concert on the 10th October. Admission is free and all are welcome.

SAINT MARY'S 850TH
As part of the celebrations in Saint Mary's there will be a free organ recital entitled 'For those we have loved', in the Cathedral on Sunday 9th September at 5pm. The event has been generously supported by Mr Peter Griffin who has a long family association with the Cathedral. All welcome.

The Choir of King's College, Cambridge at St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick
Reviewed by Patrick & Marie Rowley-Brooke

One of the greatest glories of the Anglican tradition is its choral heritage, with those Cathedrals who are blessed in retaining their choirs noting increased attendances throughout Britain and Ireland. Congregations come for spiritual nourishment through the music, rather than the preaching! Undoubtedly one of the most outstanding of Cathedral choirs is the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, who paid their first visit to Limerick to give a concert as part of the celebrations for the 850th anniversary of St Mary's Cathedral on Monday 16th July. The relatively high ticket price did not deter audience numbers, and every seat was sold out for this superlative event. See photo on page 21.

Many congratulations are due to Peter Barley, St Mary's Musical Director, for his vision and energy in enabling this prestigious visit. Congratulations also to all the Cathedral volunteers involved in the event; it was one of the most efficient and smoothly run concerts we have ever attended.

King Henry VI established King's College in 1441 with the intention that there would be daily singing of services; this continues to be the primary role of the Choir. From the 20th century onwards the choir has built up a global reputation for choral singing, not least as a result of its annual world-wide broadcast of the Nine Lessons and Carols at Christmas. Unlike many cathedral choirs who now include girls, King's College has retained the tradition of being all boys and men and comprises 16 choristers – from age 8 upwards, 14 choral scholars and two organ scholars who are all undergraduates at the College, and as such the average age is significantly younger than most similar choirs. Stephen Cleobury, who has been Musical Director since 1982, conducted the Choir and the concert was part of a tour undertaken in England, with Limerick being the only overseas venue.

The choice of music for the first three pieces highlighted not just English choral composers from the 16th to 20th centuries, but composers with a particular link to the Choir, in particular Orlando Gibbons – a very distant predecessor of today's Choristers, having sung in the Choir between 1596 to 1598. These were followed by two pieces from Judith Weir who not only studied music in Cambridge but also, in 1985, was the first composer to be asked by Stephen Cleobury, to provide a contemporary carol for the annual Carol Festival. Entitled Illuminare, Jerusalem, it was the only reference in the Concert to the Choir's Christmas offerings. An organ prelude (Alleluyas) by former chorister and organ scholar Simon Preston followed the second of Judith Weir's pieces and the first half closed with a magnificent interpretation of 'Vox Dicentis' based on the text from Isaiah, Chapter 40, and set to dramatic music by Edward Naylor who, though not an alumnus of the Choir, spent most of his life in Cambridge.

The second half of the programme was dominated by four of Hubert Parry's elegiac 'Six Songs of Farewell': 'I know my soul hath power'; 'Lord, let me know mine end'; 'Never weather-beaten sail'; and 'My soul, there is a country'. The other pieces were by Elgar (Psalm 48 – Great is the Lord), Herbert Howells' Psalm Prelude (for organ), and Ralph Vaughan-Williams (Psalm 90 – Lord, Thou hast been our refuge).

Most of the pieces sung were set to words from Scripture, or to words by English poets (John Davis, Thomas Campion, Henry Vaughan, Henry Bramley, along with a text attributed to the Anglican Bishop of Gloucester, Godfrey Goodman). The exceptions were the two texts chosen by Judith Weir. In her vibrant Illuminare, Jerusalem, she utilized a medieval Scottish text and the words had a pulsating raw authenticity enhanced by exciting and engaging harmonies. This continued in the second piece by Weir where she had selected words by the French churchman Hildebert of Lavardin (11th century). The music for this piece was, for us, the highlight of the evening; complex, haunting, demanding.

It is difficult to write reports of musical events without letting some subjectivity enter and with the embarrassment of riches of English choral music we felt that, without compromising the programme, one of the Orlando pieces, and two of the Parry's Songs of Farewell could have been omitted to perhaps showcase music by Purcell, Byrd, Tallis, Taverner, Britten, Warlock, Rutter, Bax – but of course when undertaking a tour, any choir must respond to the particular themes of all the venues at which it sings.

The singing was exquisite both in tone and dynamics, the overall mood reflective, restrained, and intense, perhaps encouraging us all to ponder as we not only celebrate the past 850 years of the life of the Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin, but also contemplate what the future of the Cathedral might look like. In this I was reminded of, and grateful for, the exciting Three Choirs concerts that St Mary's Limerick shares annually with St Canice's, Kilkenny, and Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford. I hope such an outstanding example of choral singing that we heard from Kings College, Cambridge, will inspire and renew our own singers and organists as they continue their vital and life-giving ministry of music to us all.

A very fine programme with excellent accompanying notes and translations where required was slightly marred by a slight hiccup in the description of the final piece 'My soul, there is a country'.

Following a standing ovation, a lovely touch at the end of the evening was the presentation of gifts to the Choir – one from the Cathedral, and one from City Hall, represented by the Mayor of Limerick City and County.

We left St Mary's Cathedral uplifted and with the memory of one of the youngest members of the choir who sang in the front row, whose rapturous expressions almost throughout epitomised the hold the music had on us that night.
Continuing Ministerial Education
The training days for people in ministry in the dioceses resume after the summer break with workshops in Askeaton Rectory on the topic of Spiritual Tourism and preparing for Remembrance Day.

SPIRITUAL TOURISM
On Monday 3 September, Canon Patrick Comerford and Archdeacon Simon Lumby are leading a working day on bringing spiritual tourism to our parishes. This day includes a field trip to two or three sites in Askeaton linked to Spiritual Tourism, including the ruined Templar Tower at Saint Mary's Church and the cloisters in the ruins of the 15th century Franciscan Friary, Participants are asked to bring with them examples two opportunities for spiritual tourism they have experienced during their summer holidays: one positive and one negative. The programme is offered in two sessions: from 11 am to 3.30 for day-time participants, and from 7 pm to 9.30 pm for people in ministry who are also in secular ministry.

PREPARING FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY
This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, and Remembrance Day this year falls on a Sunday, Sunday 11 November 2018. A working day in the Rectory in Askeaton on Monday 15 October looks at how to plan for Remembrance Day on this year’s centenary. Where do I find resources and readings? What is appropriate in a parish church on this Sunday? How can we be sensitive to a variety of views and challenges to this day in a parish? Once again, this programme is offered in two sessions: from 11 am to 3.30 for day-time participants, and from 7 pm to 9.30 pm for people in ministry who are also in secular ministry.

Although these days are designed for priests and readers, spouses, partners and friends are always warmly welcome. Further details are available from Patrick Comerford.

SCHOOL NEWS
Editor: No notes from schools this month as they remained closed as we go to press

Kiltallagh National School, Castlemaine

Kiltallagh N.S.
Celebrating 80 years
On Saturday September 22nd, we will celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the opening of Kiltallagh N.S.
You are cordially invited to join us in the school for a Service as 12 noon, with Bishop Kenneth Kearon.
Afterwards we will enjoy an open afternoon, where you will be able to browse over old photos and memorabilia whilst savouring some light refreshments
Bigi Ann, Bigi Linn!

The 25th annual Brian Ború festival took place in Killaloe from 4th to 8th July. It is great that these events brings so many visitors to the town. The organisers go to all lengths to put on so many various and a variety of events. Killaloe cathedral was yet again part of the festival welcoming people to the cathedral. The tours of the cathedral as well as the bell tower tour and bell ringing remains ever popular. The genealogy workshop took place in the cathedral on Saturday 7th July. Our congratulations to the organisers for putting on yet another successful festival this year.

Betty Hogg (née Browne) died on 3rd July at Rosary Hill Nursing Home in Castleconnell where she was resident for the last few years of her life. Betty was a member of Clonlara Church and although her memory had faded in her later years she still remembered her church. The funeral service was held at Clonlara on 5 July where she was laid to rest beside her husband Seamus in the church grounds. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.

Rick Boelens funeral service took place at Killaloe Cathedral on Saturday 11 August. Rick’s sudden death was a shock to the family and community. It was wonderful to see so many hundreds of people fill the cathedral to say a fond farewell. We continue to hold Gay and Rick’s three daughters Tara, Kerry and Lucy in our thoughts and prayers.
Lauren Manning was baptised on Sunday 5th August at All Saints Church in Castleconnell. It was lovely to have all the extended family as part of Sunday morning Eucharist service. Our congratulations to Mark and Serena and little sister Elie. Our thanks for their invitation to the congregation back to their house for refreshments. Great weather always helps with lovely garden parties, which it certainly turned out to be.

Lauren with her family following her baptism.

The Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series takes place again this year at All Saints Church Castleconnell. Starting off on 28 August with Gavan Ring and Santa Ignance, then 25 September Victoria Massey and Pádraic Ó Cuinneaghaín, 16 October Amatis Piano trio, and 27 November Hugh Tinney all at 8 pm.

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PRAYERS
We continue to remember Betty Eades, Pamela Edge, Pam Reid, and baby Saoirse in our prayers. Whitten and Linda Gill and their family wish to thank all the many parishioners who gave donations for the Women’s Mini-Marathon in aid of the Jack & Jill foundation and baby Saoirse Gill. We have been praying for Saoirse for many months, and it was fitting to be able to add a tangible gift to our prayers.

BAPTISM
On Saturday, 4th August, Archdeacon Carney was honoured to baptise his grandson, Blaise, in the ancient Knights Templar chapel in Creac’h, near St-Brieuc, in Brittany. Congratulations to his parents, Kathleen and William Landin, and big brothers Owen and Lucien.

HONOURS
Congratulations to two of our young people, who were among those confirmed by Bishop Kenneth in Birr on the 24th of June. Joshua Pyle, from Birr Parish, who won a Scholarship for Villiers School, and Leah Shaw, from Seir Kieran parish, who won a Scholarship for Kilkenny College. Both have just graduated from Oxmantown School. Congratulations as well to their teachers for all they have done to prepare such outstanding students.

SUMMER SERVICES
Many thanks to the Revd Janet White Spunner, David Frizelle, Suzanne Corcoran, and Jerome Phair, who looked after Sunday services during the Archdeacon’s vacation.

HARVEST SERVICES
It’s the time of year when our thoughts drift from enjoying the sunshine to celebrating the harvest. The planned dates and times for our Harvest Thanksgiving services are as follows:
Lockeen: Sunday, 23rd September, 3:30 pm
Birr: Friday, 5th October, 8:00 pm
Dorrha: Sunday, 7th October, 3:30 pm
Lorha: Sunday, 14th October, 8:00 pm

FAREWELL AND WELCOME
Our best wishes are with Canon Bob Hanna, who has been Rector of the Drumcliffe and Kilnasoolagh Group of Parishes (centred on Ennis) since 1994, who has retired effective the end of August. Our prayers are with him as he begins a new stage in his life, and with the group of parishes, as they begin a search for a new rector. We welcome Fr Tom Hogan, as he takes up his new role as Parish Priest in St Brendan’s Roman Catholic Parish in Birr. We look forward to working with Fr Tom, who has come from Ennis, and building on the fine ecumenical relationships we have had in our community over many years.

Roscrea Group of Parishes
St Burchin’s Church Bourney, Christ Church Corbally, St Molua’s Church Kyle, with St. Cronan’s Church Roscrea
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Deepest condolences are offered to Pam Wallace and her family on the death of her father Cecil Cole and to Joy, Nuala and Henry on the death of their father John Dudley and to Revd. Lesley Robinson.
on the death of her sister Gwen Cooper-Flynn. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, they are blessed indeed says the Spirit for they rest from their labours.

Heartiest congratulations to David and Marjorie McCorduck who celebrated fifty years of marriage in July. And to Marina Carry on the announcement of her engagement to Eoin Wall in July.

Many congratulations to Adrian Hewson. The whole group of parishes were invited by Adrian Hewson to his sixtieth birthday party in July. The party took place in the Methodist Hall, where speeches of congratulations were delivered by representatives from all four churches. The party was preceded by a celebration of the Holy Communion where a large crowd gathered in thanksgiving before God.

THE BOOK OF DIMMA
HRH Prince Harry and his wife the Duchess of Sussex went to see the Book of Kells in Trinity College Dublin, but surely, they will not have failed to see, in the same cabinet, the Book of Dimma! This little pocket gospel book was written in Roscrea.

A few months ago an ecumenical group from Roscrea went to visit ‘our’ little book.

We were delighted to have been enabled to have a private viewing in a private room. There it snuggled on a comfy white cushion; open, on a small table to one side of the room. On the other side of the room three of the conservators told the story of how the little book had been rebound, producing the volume before us. The magnificence of the illumination was thrilling. The rows and rows of neat Latin script, humbling; all created by eighth or ninth century hands.

Father Malachy, of Mt. St Joseph's Cistercian Monastery Roscrea, has long had an interest in bookbinding and the contents of Book of Dimma, this was specially observed by the good people of Trinity. Afterwards, we shared a short service of worship prepared by Fr. Malachy using some of the liturgy and particularly the intercessions from the book. A hymn composed for the occasion by Joan Murray and dedicated to Cronan was sung. Canon Jane supplied some words for the event.

It was a wonderful day, rounded off by a visit to the Geography Building to hear from Dr. Wyse Jackson speaking about the remarkable flora and fauna stone carvings outside the building and the geological marvels of the structure inside the building.

It is our (fond) hope that the HRHs will be invited to Roscrea to see a copy of the book in the place where it was written, and be enthralled by the story of how it got from Roscrea environs to Dublin University over one thousand years later. The work of Adrian Hewson will continue to be pivotal in this endeavour.

ROSCREA TOWER WORKS
Phase 2 has begun at last! The workers looking like lego men as they are seen high up on the scaffolding, a reminder of those who planned to build such a large and majestic structure for the town back in 1812. Working to repair the louvers, the men have had to turn off the clock chimes...it is remarkable how that sweet sound, hardly registered most of the time, is greatly missed, most of the time!

ST. BURCHIN’S, BOURNEY are experimenting with alternative times for services. Saturday evening Holy Communion at 8.00 p.m. has been well received so far. This provides an opportunity for the whole group of parishes, especially during the summer, when schedules are more relaxed but often hectic, not to neglect to come together in worship. Saturday evening is possible instead of Sunday morning.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations and best wishes to Revd. Paul Fitzpatrick on a further chapter of his ministry as Curate in Limerick City Parish. Revd. Paul and his family hail from our neighbouring parish of Aghancon.

Congratulations to the rector of Blessington Revd. Leonard Ruddock who began studying for the auxiliary ministry while running his retail business in Roscrea and was ordained in 1994 to serve in the Roscrea Group of Parishes. He transferred to full time ministry in 2006 and served as Curate in Stillorgan and Blackrock (Dublin) from 2006 to 2008. He has been Rector of Blessington Union of Parishes since 2008 and Rural Dean of West Glendalough since 2010. Leonard is married to Hazel and they have a family of two, Gary and Amanda.

Revd. Canon Leonard Ruddock 12th Canon of Christ Church Cathedral Dublin.
Summer Fun with UDYC

For reports on Summer Madness and the Junior Summer Camp see page 10.

Worship at Summer Madness

Group at Summer Madness 2018

Group at Junior Summer Camp 2018

Apple-bobbing at Junior Summer Camp

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Rev Paul Fitzpatrick joins the Limerick City Parish Ministry team

Limerick City Parish were delighted to welcome the Rev’d Paul Fitzpatrick on Saturday 30th June as part of the ministry team. The service of welcome, which was conducted by the Bishop of Limerick & Killaloe, included representatives from the Chapter, Diocesan Team, Ecumenical Guests and parishioners of Limerick City Parish.

Revd. Paul said “It was a wonderful poignant service that my family and I experienced, for it bridged my past ministry within the context of a welcoming and licensing service. It launched me solidly into current ministry for Limerick City Parish as a curate assistant. I am very privileged indeed. On behalf of Betty, Maebh and I, may we express our appreciation to the people and worshipping community of Limerick City Parish for their welcome, hospitality and labour. We are so grateful to Bishop Kenneth Kearon and Dean Niall Sloane, Canon Dr. Maurice Elliott (who delivered the sermon) and so many who collaboratively assisted and prepared the service. We received wonderful feedback from all quarters regarding its depth and relevancy. I/we appreciate and acknowledge past history, former colleagues, our families and friends and so many who encouraged and helped us. With the help of God and with the support of my parishioners and Dioceses I hope I may, as my licensing testified, ‘preach the Word of God, administer the Sacraments, and perform all such other Offices therein’, to the best of my ability. I look forward to a wonderful learning curve and opportunity and look forward to contributing to the life and times of the Limerick City Parish.”

Lunchtime Concerts September/October 2018, 1.15pm

Wednesday 5th September
Sabine Ducrot (piano) - Music by Chopin

Wednesday 12th September
Andrew Tessman (organ)
Music by Rheinberger, Vierne, Tessman and Parry

Wednesday 19th September
Irina Dernova (piano)
Music tba

Wednesday 3rd October
Giovanni Grano (Verona, Italy) - guitar

Wednesday 10th October
Celia Donoghue (clarinet) & Ethna Tinney (piano)
Music by Saint-Saens, Finzi and Bartok
(Special concert to celebrate 10 years of St Mary’s lunchtime concerts)

For details on all of the musical events held in Saint Mary’s Cathedral please log onto www.saintmaryscathedral.ie

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Eight years ago, the Church of St Michael and All Angels Waterville would have been, by any sensible measure, a candidate for closure. A well-meaning but misguided renovation in the 1960s left faded pink-washed walls, a dry-lined ceiling, a vestry with a rotting chipboard floor and heating provided by calor gas cylinders in the main aisle. It was not unusual for ministers at the monthly service to find themselves the sole members of the congregation; in the summer months seasonal visitors boosted numbers by a few every now and then.

In contrast, on Sunday July 29th 2018, a congregation upwards of 80 people enjoyed an ecumenical service of thanksgiving for the work, mostly done by local volunteer craftsmen, which has transformed the building into a house worthy of the God whom we worship within it. Local clergy Revd Brian Rogers and Revd. Michael Cavanagh were joined by Fr. Gerard Finucane, P.P. of St Finian's Waterville; sisters Maddy and Maeve sang a close-harmony setting of the 23rd Psalm, and after the service the home-made cakes and biscuits added to the sense of celebration.

The renewal of St Michael's has not happened overnight - rather the Vestry and local community have worked together to implement a pragmatic strategy which enables the building to become a resource not just for the Church, but the wider community.

This co-operation has been key to what we now enjoy. Starting with the relationships created by the offer of use of the building for the annual Charlie Chaplin film festival, and building a shared desire to see St Michael's as a part of the Waterville Heritage, a leasing agreement has now been agreed between the RCB and the IRD (Integrated Resource Development Waterville) initiative, strongly supported by the South Kerry Development Partnership, allowing the building to attract external grant funding.

In conjunction with generous financial support from legacies and local people, this has enabled a complete renovation. Restored stained glass windows are mounted on hinged brackets to allow natural daylight if required (and if the sun shines!). The fibreboard lining has been removed revealing a beautiful oak-beamed roof. A new floor in the vestry and at the rear of the chancel complements the original tiling. Complete redecoration, including new doors, restoration and revarnishing of the pews, inspired a local resident to donate a set of very comfortable pew cushions; a new heating system ensures that the congregation don't have to shiver through winter sermons; striking contemporary lighting and a state-of-the art sound system support the worship environment.

In all of this, St Michael's continues as a place of worship, but also provides opportunities for the establishment of a Local Heritage Centre, and a venue for a wide range of cultural activity. The lease model points the way to making sure that 'seasonal' churches, with a small resident population but nonetheless a very real ministry to visitors, can be supported with grant funding. to proclaim the Gospel in surroundings that are worthy of Him.

At the ecumenical service of thanksgiving in St Michael's Waterville on Sunday 29th July 2018
Greetings from Kitwe, Zambia
from Rev Keith Scott

Lyn and I have been teaching here for nearly two years now. Lyn teaches what is called Academic Literacy, basically the skills to read, write and study in English. All education in Zambia is in English. Our students, however, don’t have the sort of high level language skills required for third level study. Lyn is their enabler. I have been teaching Old Testament, Dogmatics, Hermeneutics and Greek. There are two other members of staff, Francis Mwansa, who is our Rector and Steven Chibubi. Between them they manage just about all the other subjects. We also bring in a couple of part-time teachers when we need them.

To set the scene Kitwe is a copper mining town in Zambia which is more or less in the middle of southern Africa. We are not far from the border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo, our next door neighbour. It’s a big city, about 500,000 people. It’s got many of the things a big city is likely to have, including modern shopping malls and traffic jams. It also has a great deal of poverty. Those shopping malls are for the few with money to spend, many of them expatriates employed in the local mines. Most of those traffic jams are caused by heavy goods vehicles and the inevitable minibuses which provide public transport. The drivers drive as if death is about 100 meters behind and closing. Inevitably it is sometimes a lot closer.

Bustling cities do not fit most people’s imagination of Africa. For many Africa is either wide open spaces filled with lions and elephants or a war zone with grim young men carrying rifles. Zambia has the spaces. It’s about the size of Germany and France put together, so the population of about 14 million people is fairly scattered. The most densely populated part of the country is called “the line of rail” because it is around the railway line that carried the copper ore from the copper mines around where we live to the southern border and beyond. Although the railway line is more or less defunct there is a main road following the route and passing through all the old established towns, filled with heavy trucks, mostly carrying copper ore. Most of the people in the country live somewhere along this line, mostly in the copper mining cities, like Kitwe, or in the capital, Lusaka. The rest of the country is fairly underpopulated. In fact there is a huge national park in the middle the country, which is about half the size of Ireland and virtually empty of people.

Zambia has never been involved in an external war and never had a civil war. The worst which has ever happened has been street protests, civil disobedience and the exercise of the economic power of the mining unions. As a result, although Zambia is far from prosperous, it at least has some infrastructure, and a working economy, for a given value of “working”.

We are in the tropics, just south of the equator, so by the time you read this it will be getting hot again. June and July are our coldest months, and again you might be surprised to hear that it does get cold. Some mornings it was down to 7 or 8 degrees Celsius, and never getting any warmer than the late teens. That’s a struggle in houses which don’t feature heating or even glass in the windows. It’s also our dry season. In Zambia it never rains from about mid May to late October, or even early November, every year. Happily, with the help of Bishops’ Appeal and CMS Ireland we were able to drill two bore holes over the last year. When we first arrived we struggled for water, now we just turn on a tap. A luxury for which we are always grateful.

Lyn and I will be back in Ireland in October for about four months. If you would like to get in touch with us we would love to catch up with old friends. Just call the CMS Ireland Belfast office and leave your details. They will pass those on to us.
CMS Ireland Team Visit to Kenya, July 2018
By David Tough, Tralee & Dingle Unions

Editor: This is an abbreviated version of David’s full report, which can be found on the diocesan website www.limerick.anglican.org.

Church Mission Society Ireland (CMSI) exists to equip the church in Mission and has been working in partnership with the Church of Ireland and churches in Africa and Asia for many years. Volunteers are invited to join Mission Experience Teams visiting various countries and Mission Partners each year.

In July, the Twende Team, made up of Robert Hoffman and David Tough (Tralee & Dingle Unions of Parishes) with Rev David & Lorna Palmer (Magherally Parish), visited CMSI Mission Partners Ronnie & Maggie Briggs working with Kajiado Diocese of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

Following a Commissioning Service in Seagoe Parish Church, we were delighted to welcome Rev. Roger Thompson from CMSI to St. John’s Church, Tralee where we had an African themed service before we left for Kenya.

MISSION AND DEVELOPMENT
Bishop Gaddiel Lenini formally welcomed us to Kajiado Diocese. The Diocese has about 50 Parishes with about 90 Clergy, Lay readers and Evangelists. There is a vision of growth and the challenge is to sustain that growth. The Diocese in partnership with CMSI and the church in Ireland has two driving forces: 1 Mission and outreach 2. Meeting physical and social needs. Bishop Gaddiel stressed that Mission and Development go hand-in-hand - “an empty stomach has no ears”.

OLOYOOSIAN GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL
Lorna, who is a singer, musician and leads a Gospel Choir spent some time at Oloyoosian Girls Secondary school, teaching the girls some songs for Sunday service in the Cathedral. It didn’t help that the electricity was off for most of the day and the keyboard malfunctioned, however such are the challenges that have to be overcome through perseverance and prayer.

MASAI RURAL TRAINING CENTRE (MRTC)
Robert, who is a farmer, spent some time at MRTC Isinya. Here he experienced a hands-on approach to livestock management, vaccinating cattle, dipping sheep and baling hay by hand.

The MRTCs are part of the Diocesan Mission and Development programme. The 4 pillars, Church, Agriculture, Health and Education are supported by Sustainability through income generating projects and Ronnie and Maggie have the job of managing their rejuvenation and development.

SEMINARS FOR CLERGY, LAY READERS AND EVANGELISTS
The two Davids participated in training seminars for Clergy, Lay Readers and Evangelists both at Kajiado and at Imberikani speaking on Spiritual Leadership and the Call to Ministry. We were very encouraged by the large enthusiastic turnout and the powerful testimonies of several of the participants. The participants were grateful for the training received and there is a real hunger for good Biblical teaching.

PASTORAL VISITS
We had the privilege of sharing in pastoral visits to people in their homes. In both homes we were warmly welcomed and shared fellowship together along with piles of food and copious cups of chai (tea).

In the first home we met Mama Helen and her daughter Patricia. At one time, Helen had been very ill, having tried doctors and hospitals without cure. She had a great interest in the work of the Sunday School and when she saw the children sitting on the ground, she went out and bought some chairs for them. From that time on she was healed of her illness, Bwana asifiwe – Praise the Lord!

In the second home we met Monica and her friend Ann, along with some of Monica’s grandchildren. Please pray for Ann that her back may be healed and that her family may make the right decisions.

EMMANUEL CATHEDRAL, KAJIADO
Emmanuel Cathedral was the setting for two services on our first Sunday. The Olyoosian Girls Secondary school choir performed songs directed by Lorna. The team members all introduced themselves and Rev. David Palmer gave the sermon. We all felt truly blessed to experience such lively worship (you wouldn’t think that 4 hours in church could be so enjoyable!)
CONCLUSION
Despite the many challenges facing the church in Kenya, it is a growing church, and we were very impressed by the sincere welcome we received from everyone and how people speak so openly and naturally about their faith in Christ.

Special thanks to Ronnie & Maggie Briggs and all the various hosts who looked after us so well in Kenya and to the CMSI Staff at home for all the preparation and support both before and during our visit.

A big “Thank You” also to all our family, friends and parishioners for the generous support we have received for the various projects in Kenya. To date over €5000 euro has been raised by Robert and David over and above the team costs which we funded ourselves.

Please pray for these projects and the people we met in Kajiado Diocese. For those interested, Twende Team are available to share the good news of God’s work in Mission and Development in Kajiado Diocese. Bwana Asifiwe, Praise the Lord!

ECI Climate Justice Candle visits Kenmare & Dromod Union by Rev Michael Cavanagh

On Sunday 22nd July, The Church of the Transfiguration, Sneem and St Patrick, Kenmare hosted the Climate Justice Candle in special services as part of their progress towards the objectives of Eco-Congregation Ireland. The regular congregation was joined by visitors from the US, Germany, England, Greece and Limerick, illustrating the fact that we are one family under God, all with an equal share in the responsibility to nurture and protect His beautiful creation. The Rt. Rev’d Kenneth Kearon Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe was present at these services.

Rev Michael Cavanagh gave an example of the issues we must address from the week’s news, when the luxury goods manufacturer Burberry announced that they were to destroy around £30million of their products ‘in order to preserve the exclusivity of their brand’. This followed on from recent stories describing the owner of Cartier watches and MontBlanc stationery declaring that they had destroyed some £430million of their own goods for the same reason.

Irrespective of the utter waste, he wondered how the craftsmen and women who created such superb quality work felt, knowing that their skill was considered of no value compared with the need to maintain profits. And how then must God feel when He sees His own creation abused and treated as disposable in the name of economic ‘growth’, with warnings about climate catastrophe and social disintegration ignored for the sake of financial gain?

The issue is not new, he continued; exactly the same careless overconsumption is recorded in the Book of the prophet Jeremiah, and it is inevitable that the same outcome will result, with warnings ignored as ‘fake news’ for the sake of financial gain. In the great scheme of things, there does not appear to be much that we, as individuals, can do – decisions are made at governmental levels by those least likely to suffer the consequence, with the poorest being the ones who will feel the pain.

It seems likely that the motive for addressing climate change will be primarily economic, with technology seen as the way to salvation, at least for those who will be able to afford it.

But that will not be the answer, and we can make a difference. Einstein didn’t actually say ‘Insanity is doing the same thing and expecting different results’, but it’s true nonetheless. What happened to Judah and its leaders will happen again; and it is again only God who will be able to come to our rescue. This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. (Jeremiah 31:33)

The permanent answer to Global warming and Climate change is not technology, or indeed any man-made solution – neither should our motivation be economic or nationalistic. It is by each and every one of us having the heart and mind of Christ, and making social justice our first and highest priority. If we seek to serve rather than to be served; to care for the poor and dispossessed; to put our efforts into creating a society where every part of God’s creation is equally valued; to truly love our neighbour as we love ourselves – then all the rest will follow.
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September is the time when we get back to our normal routines after the summer break. But in the Nenagh Union there will be a change to the schedule of services starting in September, as follows:

1st Saturday in the month 5pm Vigil Eucharist St Mary’s, Nenagh
1st Sunday 9.30am Templederry Eucharist
11am St Mary’s, Nenagh Eucharist
2nd Sunday 11am St Mary’s Eucharist
12.15pm Killodiernan Morning Prayer
3rd Saturday 5pm Templederry Vigil Eucharist
3rd Sunday 11am St Mary’s Family Service
4th Sunday 9.30am St Mary’s Morning Prayer
11am Killodiernan Eucharist
5th Sunday 11am St Mary’s Service of Wholeness and Healing

If you find yourself in the area you will be made most welcome!

THE APOSTOLIC VISIT OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
To mark the Apostolic Visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to Ireland on the occasion of the World Meeting of Families, warm ecumenical greetings were extended from the Church of Ireland people of the Nenagh Union to Fr Des Hillary and the Roman Catholic people of Nenagh. On Tuesday 21st August, the Rector was pleased to accept an invitation to a service of Evening Prayer, in the Church of St Mary of the Holy Rosary in Nenagh, to mark the opening of the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, and to read one of the lessons. On August 15th the Rector, representing the Church of Ireland, attended a gathering in Modreeny, Cloughjordan, to mark the first stage of a walk by pilgrims, visiting some of the monastic sites in the area, on their walk to Dublin for the Papal Visit and Mass.

THE WISE OWLS OF ST MARY’S
Having had to take down most of a huge tree in the grounds of St Mary’s National School for health and safety reasons, the school was left with a sizeable trunk of a tree. The question was, what to do with it. The Board of Management decided to call in a tree sculptor who fashioned two ‘wise’ owls, a fitting tribute and memorial to Mr Denis Croft, who did so much to help with the refurbishment and extension of the school some years ago, and who died in 2016. This is a very beautiful, lasting tribute to a much-loved parishioner, who contributed so much to the Nenagh Union. The sculpture is proving to be a great talking point with pupils, locals and passers-by.

Choir of King’s College, Cambridge
The Choir of King’s College, Cambridge performed before a packed audience in St Mary’s Cathedral, Limerick as a high point of the 850th Anniversary celebrations.

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BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Lelie and Alison Austin on the baptism of Eoin on the 1st of July; to Aisling and David Goulding on the baptism of Tom on the 15th July; to Donna and Charlie Cavanagh on the baptism of Charlie and James on the 22nd of July; to Heather and Brian Healy on the baptism of Noah on the 19th August.

It was a real joy for us to share in these baptisms with family and friends and we pray God’s blessings on both the children and their parents.

CONFIRMATION

The following children were confirmed by Bishop Kenneth on the 24th of June in Borrisokane Church of Ireland-Ava Austin, Tom Austin, Lucy Fitzgerald, David Persse, Dylan Wallace and Kate Williamson. The service was well attended by family and friends as we were reminded of the celebratory nature of our faith. This joy is shown as we share together in Holy Communion, remembering all that God has done for us through his Son and the ongoing witness of the Holy Spirit.

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Des Larke who celebrated his 80th birthday on the 15th of July and Jonathan Dann who celebrated his 90th birthday on the 29th of July.

THE TALBOT EXPEDITION TO CANADA

A plaque will be erected in the Church Green in Cloughjordan to commemorate the Talbot Expedition to Canada which will include some of the following information.

“In the Spring of 1818 forty-four families, from the Cloughjordan and surrounding areas left for Canada on a subsidised emigration scheme organised by a local land owner, Richard Talbot. They arrived in Cork on May 4th 1818 but had to wait for another six weeks for their ship, the Brunswick, to arrive. The voyage took forty-three days and it experienced much tragedy including the death of twelve of the children at sea. They arrived at the end of July and after some delays they set out for Quebec, but further delays there saw fifteen of the families settle in that region. The rest of the party travelled onto Toronto and then eventually to London Township, where they received their land grants of 100 acres each for each male settler over the age of seventeen years. While this expedition was modest in size and beset by difficult travelling circumstances it had a significant impact. It led to a lasting legacy of chain migration, which brought hundreds more Protestant and Roman Catholic families from Tipperary to two parts of upper Canada in succeeding generations. This was to have important social and political consequences for that part of Canada.”

(Adapted from an article by May Casey, 2018)

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CHURCH SERVICES CONTINUE THEIR USUAL ROUTINE:

Kinnitty at 10 a.m.
Aghancon at 11.30 a.m.
Dunkerrin at 9 a.m.
Shinrone at 10.30 a.m.
Holy Communion in Dunkerrin & Shinrone on the first Sunday of the month and in Kinnitty & Aghancon on the second Sunday of the month.

Sunday 29th September is a fifth Sunday. It will be the turn of Aghancon to host the Group service at 11.00 a.m. More details will be announced nearer the time.

PASTORAL

Ollie Edward Sheppard was baptised in St. Finnian’s, Church, Kinnitty on Sunday 8th July. Ollie is a son of Ian and Sarah, and grandson of Ivan and Dorothy.

Mr. Cecil Cole, Aghancon parish, died on the 19th July with his funeral service taking place on the 22nd July. He was laid to rest in Dungar cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to his immediate family, sons Trevor and Derek, daughters Sandra and Pamela, to his daughters and son-in-law, grandchildren and his neighbours and many friends. Many thanks to Adrian Hewson for preaching and sharing his memories of Cecil.

Ollie Edward with his parents and Godparents

Jayne and Blaine with their wedding party
On Saturday, 18th August, Robert Maxwell and Christina O’Connor were married in St. Finnian’s Church. Christina is from Galway and Robert from Scotland and now living in Galway. They saw the church while driving through Kinnitty and decided that that was where they would get married. They are wished every blessing as they settle back into Galway.

The marriage ceremony for Jayne Dempsey, daughter of Raymond and Mary, and Blaine Lyons, son of Noel and Patricia Lyons, was held in Aghancon church on the 28th July followed by a reception in Abbeyleix Manor Hotel. It was good to welcome Canon Arthur Minion who preached and took part in the service. What a pleasure to see the happiness and joy which was shared with their lovely daughter Aoife. We wish them every happiness and God’s blessing for the future.

Many friends from the Group of Parishes were sad to hear of the death of Rosemary Haythornthwaite in France. Both she and Brendan are very fondly remembered from their time in Shinrone. May all those who are bereaved find comfort in the memories of their loved ones and peace and joy in the knowledge of God’s love.

PARISH FETES
Many and sincere thanks to all those who supported the parish fetes in Shinrone, Dunkerrin and Aghancon. A lot of work goes into preparing for them but they are a lovely way of meeting people socially.

LOOKING AHEAD
Emma Mooney from Glascloon, along with others from her year in Villiers, is going to Uganda next Easter to experience the work being done by Zest4Kids. As is usual, she needs to raise funds before she can go, so do please support her in any way you can.

Work has begun on the rectory and plans are in place for redecoration and the usual ‘tidy-up’ jobs that arise once any house is vacated. The Diocesan Ministry & Resources Committee will have paid a visit to the Group of Parishes by the time these notes appear and we pray that God will guide us into the future ministry of the church.

COMMEMORATING THE CENTENARY OF THE END OF WWI
Shinrone Heritage Group are organising a special ecumenical event on Sunday, 11th November in St. Mary’s Church of Ireland, to pay tribute to those from the locality who gave their lives in the war and those who served and returned home. This event will take place during the morning with a reception and exhibition in the Community Hall afterwards.

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EDWIN BAILEY WRITES
I was surprised when Canon Bob asked me to coordinate the Drumcliffe Union with Kilnasoolagh parish notes for Newslink for the next few months. As you are all aware from the last issue of this magazine Canon Bob Hanna retired the end of August after 24 years of service to the church and parishioners of mid and west Clare. A huge parish with a scattered Church of Ireland representation stretching from Shannon Airport in the south to Kilkee in the west, up to Ballyvaughan in the northern Burren area and east to Tulla. His annual mileage must have been extraordinary, we know he enjoyed fast cars but he needed one to cover the distance. His last service in the parish grouping has not taken place as we go to print, that is scheduled as a combined service for the three congregations of Spanish Point, Kilnasoolagh and Drumcliffe in St Columba’s Church Ennis on Sunday 26th of August. Comment on that event in the next issue.

KILNASOULAGH PARISH BARBEQUE
In Newmarket-on-Fergus we held a parish barbeque on the 28th of July at Kolossi House, home of Clinton and Julie Dickerson. This gave us the opportunity to say good bye to Canon Bob in a relaxed atmosphere in the beautiful surroundings of The Dickerson’s very special garden. Parishioner Ekki Wurm, a statistician among other things, had done his homework. Research in the preachers book revealed that Canon Bob had visited and led service in Kilnasoolagh church 668 times during the 24 years he has spent with us. Ekki in his research, and calculating that Bob spoke for about 20 minutes on each occasion he delivered a sermon, found that Canon Bob had spoken to us from the pulpit for 13,360 minutes, or in hours 222hrs 40min. The ladies who love baking (and gentlemen!) are certainly

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familiar with the website www.bbcgoodfood.com. According to the recipe for “Carrot & Cream Cheese Cupcakes” it takes 20 minutes to bake 12 cupcakes. Therefore a cook could have made 8,016 cupcakes during Bob’s sermons at Kilnasoolagh. Now if we put the churches of St Columba, Spanish Point, Shannon, and Kilkee, and a sprinkling of St Fachtnan’s Cathedral Kilfenora into the picture, I wonder how many cupcakes a good cook could have baked during Bob’s sermons, 25,000 plus I guess. We thank congregation member Ekki Wurm for this piece of purposeless but fun information. But more to the point was the speech by church warden Paschal Sage who expressed the congregation’s feelings of loss and sadness at Bob’s retirement. Paschal, on behalf of the congregation, presented him with a gift and the good wishes of all. We wish him God’s Blessing into the future.

RECENT ILLNESSES
At St Columba’s church, Noma who is from The Republic of South Africa, has recently broken her ankle and is subject to wearing a surgical boot but with assistance from son Michael she is getting around successfully. Michael who is only 9 participates in services by lending a hand with the collection and other necessary jobs on Sunday mornings. We wish them both well and God’s Blessing and a speedy recovery for Noma.

At Kilnasoolagh church we thank God for the recovery of Douglas Reid from a recent illness. He has been transferred from Limerick University Hospital to St Josephs Hospital in Ennis where he is recuperating from a brain haemorrhage and undergoing a physiotherapy regime. We ask you to remember him in your prayers and hope he will be out and about again in the not too distant future.

We also ask your prayers for Bill and Lena Kirkby from Shannon where Lena has been admitted to hospital for long term care. Meeting Bill recently he misses Lena’s company at home and visits her as often as possible. Bill over the years has been an occasional worshipper at service in Kilnasoolagh and we wish him Gods comfort and blessing in difficult times.

CHURCH OF ST JAMES KILFIERAGH
In Kilkee the church of St James was deconsecrated in August 2017 and efforts were being made locally to sell the church. A sale has now been agreed under the guidance of Drumcliffe Select Vestry and a figure of €185,000 will be realised from the process. We wish the purchaser every success in his efforts to turn the premises into a family home. The pulpit which was carved locally is still in the church and we believe that it will be donated to The Limerick Civic Trust for use in St Munchin’s Church which will become a museum in the old Medieval Quarter of Limerick city. We thank John Donovan for his dedication in seeing this process to completion.

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The parish community was deeply saddened by the death of Gwyn Cooper-Flynn, 54. Gwyn and Reverend George were much loved for all that they brought to our parish from 2008 to 2014. Our deepest sympathies go to her sons Stuart, Scott, Ross, Robin and Dale; to her grandsons Matthew, brother Wilbert, sisters Isobel (Delahunt) and Reverend Lesley Robinson and their families. So many people made the long journey to Co. Laois to convey their sympathies in person, as a sign of their deep affection for Gwyn. We are most grateful that Bishop Kenneth was in attendance at the funeral in St Jude’s Church, Annatrim, along with the rector and Canon Trevor Sullivan. The funeral was led by Reverend Lesley Robinson, Canon Ruth Gill, Reverend Ian Coulter and Father Bernie Costello.

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On July 21st Laura Wakefield and William Kerr were married in St John’s Church Ballinasloe, in a service led by the rector and Reverend Alec Purser of Stradbally Parish Union. We with Laura and William continued blessings in the years ahead.

PARISH UPDATE
Gerry Argent celebrated his 80th birthday on July 5th in the company of the select vestry of the Creagh Parish Union. We welcomed George & Beatrice Newton that night to their new roles as parish treasurers, as part of a newly established Finance Team. We were also delighted to establish a new Ahascragh Working Group, as a sub-group of the select vestry. The new Parish Development Team met on July 17th, as they continue to support the life of the parish with prayer and discernment.

Woodlawn Church hosted a united service on July 29th. We were delighted to congratulate Catherine Seale that day on the news of her engagement to Tony Duggan, and to pray for Paul Seale and Ruth Treacy as they prepare for their wedding in September.

We congratulate Ashley and Sarah Weilly on the birth of their daughter Harper Daisy.

The rector was guest preacher in Abbeystrewry Parish (West Cork) on August 5th. We are most grateful to the parish readers who covered his services in the parish that day; to Dean Maurice Sirr for leading Holy Communion in St John’s Church Ballinasloe and Holy Trinity Church Aughrim on August 12th; and for Reverend Patrick Towers and Canon Trevor Sullivan for providing pastoral cover whilst the rector was on holiday.

The rector was delighted to take part in a service of celebration in Loughrea Cathedral on August 21st as part of the of the World Meeting of Families which coincides with the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland this month.

On August 30th we welcomed back the staff and students of The Glebe Nation School after their summer holidays.

The annual Sale of Work for St Matthew’s Church Clontuskert will take place on Thursday 6th September at 7.30pm in the old Glan school house, including a sale of cakes, jams, plants, toys, books and bric-a-brac.

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What a summer! Thankfully the rain has returned, yet it was great to see crowds of people enjoying water sports and the Shannon river swimming pool at the bridge in Banagher. A first for us in this beautiful part of our Island.

Sadness also came to our parish over the summer. It was a terrible shock to Kenneth Bracken and family to be with William for a short time in hospital. William a young man, Dad and Grandfather is strongly missed not only by the family but also in Church. Not very long ago a very proud Grandad in Church, nursing and loving every moment with the latest grandchild. Not forgetting a great day following the Baptism in Birr Methodist. To Kenneth, Andrea and little family your loss is also ours. Our thanks to Patrick coming back to the parish and thoughts on the day.

Funeral of Louis Mc Master to Banagher Tuesday 5th June. Louis had lived in Sligo for some time.
Funeral of William Bracken to Banagher Saturday 23rd June. A very great loss to all our community.
Funeral of John Henry Culbert to Portumna Sunday 8th July. John had lived in Canada working on the trains for many years. we also remember the Cooper Flynn, Delahunt and Robinson families with the loss of Gwen in recent days.

Despite the cloud of sadness and loss over the parish we had a really nice outdoor service of Holy Communion at the old Moystown Church site. Lots of reminiscing and a number making their way down to the old school remains for a moment of reflection. We look forward to an annual service and picnic at Moystown.
Our Monthly Thursday Holy Communion in Clonfert Cathedral has been well attended and we must consider if we continue into the Autumn.

July ended with Cream Teas in the Rectory and a fantastic day, we managed to raise funds for Banagher Church, but perhaps more importantly we had a great day of fellowship. The Rectory and gardens are to be used again for the annual Banagher Church B B Q Sunday 26th August, perhaps a photo next month.

Thank you to all who helped in any way over a summer of many contrasts. We look forward to the new season in September and working up for Harvests. Not forgetting the Diocesan Mission event around Clonfert Cathedral on the 5th Sunday afternoon.

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From the Dean
Summer
I hope all our readers had a restful and enjoyable Summer. As things return to ‘normal’ and a new term begins may I draw your attention to the wide range of activities and events taking place in the parish (full details below).

Changes in policy
Please note that from October Newslink notes for Limerick City Parish will only feature events that have taken place within the parish. Whilst I am still happy to record significant events, I have taken the editorial decision to no longer print Obituaries. I would appreciate readers support and understanding in this matter.

Saint Mary's 850th
A special service of thanksgiving for the life of Saint Mary's will be held in the Cathedral on Saturday 8th September at 3.30pm. Numerous representatives from across the city have been invited to attend and 4 former bishops will also be present. Please feel free to join us in our celebrations.

Dean's Clinic
The Dean will hold clinics in the Cathedral from 7-8pm on the following dates:
4th September
11th September
25th September

Congratulations
To Frank & Dolly Shier who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 31st July. Following the service on the 5th August Dolly cut a special cake which was enjoyed by all. She is pictured here with the Dean.

ST MARY’S 850TH
For the last quarter of the year a number of events will be held as we continue our 850th anniversary celebrations. Please consult the relevant brochure or visit www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org for more information.

Also as part of the celebrations in Saint Mary's there will be an free organ recital entitled ‘For those we have loved’, in the Cathedral on Sunday 9th September at 5pm. The event has been generously supported by Mr Peter Griffin who has a long family association with the Cathedral. All welcome.

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To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Lunchtime concerts in Saint Mary's Cathedral there will be a reception following the concert on the 10th October. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Harvest Thanksgiving
The Annual Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held on the following dates:
- Saint Mary's Cathedral: Sunday 7th October at 11.15am. Preacher: The Ven. Andrew Orr
- Saint John's Church, Abington: Sunday 7th October at 3.30pm. Preacher: The Rev'd John Ardis
• Saint Michael’s Church:  Sunday 14th October at 10am.  
  Preacher:  The Rev’d Aonghus Mayes
The churches will be decorated the day beforehand – donations of 
flowers and vegetables will be most welcome.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY
We are grateful to the leaders of our Sunday Club who have 
organised a wide range of events and activities for the coming 
months.  Children who wish to remain in church can avail of the 
Children’s packs at the back of the church and/or follow along in 
our Parish Communion services with the ‘I can join in the Holy 
Communion Service’ booklets.

• Saint Michael’s:  Sunday Club begins a new term on Sunday 9th 
  September.  The Club meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of every 
  month during term time.
• Saint John’s:  Godly Play begins a new term on Sunday 9th 
  September.  The Club meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of every 
  month during term time.
• Saint Mary’s:  The O’Brien Chapel now doubles as Junior Church 
  area for pre-school children.  A selection of toys and activities 
  are available every Sunday.

Children are always welcome at our services and junior activities!

SELECT VESTRY
The Vestry will meet at 7.30pm in the Saint Mary’s Cathedral on 
Thursday 13th September.

CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS
All our groups are about to commence a new term.  New members 
are always welcome.  Please contact the parish office for more 
information.

SAINT MICHAEL’S NATIONAL SCHOOL
As a new school term begins we welcome all those who are starting 
out at Saint Michaels, in particular we welcome all the new Junior 
Infants!

AN ABHAINN
The Autumn edition is now available.  The deadline for submissions 
to the next edition is the 15th November.

FROM THE REGISTERS
Confirmation
29th April 2018 (in Saint Michael’s Church) - Richard Sleeman and 
Eva Rusk

Funerals
5th July 2018 (in Saint Mary’s Cathedral) – William (Bill) Gilmour

Our sympathy and prayers are with all those who have been 
bereaved:
• Adelaide, Garrett, Clare and their families on the death of Bill.
• Avril, Nigel, Peter and their families on the death of their 
mother, Molly Reynolds.

Adare and Kilmallock Group of Parishes
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CONDOLENCES
We offer our condolences to the family of Tony Tarry, who died on 
24 July.  His funeral was held at St. Nicholas Church, Adare, on 30 
July, followed by burial in the old Adare cemetery.  Tony and his wife, 
Mary, were the former owners of Islandmore Stud and have lived in 
recent years in Adare.

SECOND FRIDAY EVENTS
Our events on the Second Friday of the month in the summer are 
outside gatherings, to take advantage of the long evenings and, we 
hope, good weather.  The July and August outings did not disappoint.  
In July we played golf on a lovely evening at the Adare Pitch & 
Putt, owned by church member Ronnie Baker.  We thank Ronnie and 
Martina for their hospitality.

In August, we hiked up the hill Knockfierna, a popular hiking 
destination near Adare.  It was a stunningly beautiful and clear 
evening, and the 360-degree views from the top were the best some of 
us had seen.

At the top of Knockfierna

The Second Friday event in September, on Friday the 14th, will be 
a traditional-language Evensong service, to be held at St. Nicholas, 
Adare, at 7.30pm.

VILLAGE FETE
We reported in the last issue that St. Nicholas Church, Adare, would 
be the venue for the annual Adare Village Fete on Sunday, 24 June.  
This year, the date fell in the middle of our extreme heat wave (last 
year it was cold and rainy).  The impromptu sale, for a voluntary

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donation, of elderflower cordial by the Parent Association of St. Nicholas School, as an adjunct to their plant stall, was a genius idea and did a great business because of the heat of the day. (The sales of hot drinks didn’t do so well). Nevertheless, it was a good day. All the churches, schools, and some charities in the village benefited from the proceeds of the Fete. We again thank all the volunteers who worked so tirelessly before, during, and after the event.

Hurling Fever in Adare - well done Limerick!

HARVESTS
Despite the tough weather we have had this year, we will still of course celebrate Harvest Festivals. The first will be at St. Nicholas, Adare, in conjunction with St. Nicholas School on Friday, 28 September, at 7.00pm, followed by the traditional auction of the offered produce.

Tradition is that 9 days later, on a Sunday, we have a joint harvest service of Croom, Kilpeacon, and Adare. This year, we have invited our neighbours from Crecora Roman Catholic Church to join in the service and have asked one of their priests to preach. This follows on a joint service held in the Crecora R.C. Church last November, when Rev. Liz Beasley, Rector, preached on the Reformation, followed by refreshments together in the Crecora National School. We all enjoyed the evening so much that we agreed that we should join together again this year. The date and time are still to be determined.

The Kilmallock Harvest Service is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, 21 October, at 3.00pm, but this will be confirmed in the next issue.

Rathkeale & Kilnaughtin Group of Parishes
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Summer is coming to an end, the school is reopening, parish activities are getting back to their usual routines, and for many us memories of holidays, sunshine and hurling finals man be beginning to come to fade.

But the summer fun in the parish this year is worth remembering. It included baptisms, engagements, weddings and choir visits, the fun of the parish barbeque. Summer visitors to the parish and the rectory included the Kirwan and Bailey families from England, and the Revd Kevin Conroy and Olive Conroy from Co Wicklow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN RATHKEALE:
Now that children are returning to school, Shirley Sheahan is organising the Sunday School in Rathkeale. The start-up date is Sunday 9 September, at Morning Prayer in Holy Trinity Church, Rathkeale. All children in the Group of Parishes are welcome.

HOLY BAPTISM:
Samuel Jacob Teskey, son of Dr Garrett Teskey and Sandra Teskey (nee Mulvehill) of Ardnavagh, Rathkeale, was baptised in Holy Trinity Church, Rathkeale, on Sunday 24 June. The sponsors are Shane Teskey of Swords, Co Dublin, and Dr Maeve Mulvehill, Adare. Sam’s grandparents, John and Rae Teskey of Reens, Ardagh, and Dr Patrick and Maria Mulvehill of Adare were present, with the wider circle of family members and friends.

MARRIAGE:
Nicola Catherine (Nicky) White of Nantenan and Robert Daniel (Rob) Foley of Cork were married in Saint Mary’s Church, Askeaton, on 7 July. Nicky, a nurse now living in Cork, is the daughter of Simon and Hilary White of Nantinan. The reception afterwards was held at Nantenan.

NEWCASTLE FONT:
The old font from Saint Thomas’s Church, Newcastle West, has been refurbished, restored and is now on view in the Desmond Castle in Newcastle West. This font was presented to Saint Thomas’s Church by the Earl of Devon, and was used in the church for baptisms until the church was deconsecrated in 1958 and demolished in 1962.

Canon Patrick Comerford spoke at the event on 27 June, and the attendance included Bishop Kenneth Kearon, Dean Niall Sloane, and Grellan Rourke and John McMahon of the Office of Public Works.

FROM SAINT MARY’S TO SAINT MARY’S:
The choir of Saint Mary’s Cathedral, Limerick, visited Saint Mary’s Church, Askeaton, on Sunday 24 June and sang Choral Evensong to celebrate the Feast of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist.

GREEK FIRE:
The joint group service for the fifth Sunday of the month this summer was a celebration of the Eucharist in the rectory gardens on Sunday 28 July, followed by the parish summer barbeque. €250 was raised to help the victims of the recent fires in the Athens region in Greece.
Waiting for the Parish Eucharist and Barbecue in the Rectory gardens ... €250 was raised for the victims of the recent fires in Greece

‘A MOTHER’S JOURNEY’:
Friday 28 September: clothes swap and gathering at 8 p.m. in the Rectory, Askeaton. Women of the parishes and friends are invited to a fun evening to help ‘A Mother’s Journey’ build a playground for children in Morocco.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES:
September has five Sundays in the month, so there is a joint group celebration of the Eucharist in Castletown Church on Sunday 30 September at 11 a.m.

1. Sunday 2 September (Trinity XIV): 9.30, the Eucharist (Holy Communion), Saint Mary’s Church, Askeaton; 11.30, Morning Prayer, Saint Brendan’s Church, Kilnaughtin, Tarbert.
2. Sunday 9 September (Trinity XV): 9.30, the Eucharist (Holy Communion), Castletown Church; 11.30, Morning Prayer, Holy Trinity Church, Rathkeale.
3. Sunday 16 September (Trinity XVI): 9.30, Morning Prayer, Saint Mary’s Church, Askeaton; 11.30, the Eucharist (Holy Communion), Saint Brendan’s Church, Kilnaughtin, Tarbert.
4. Sunday 23 September (Trinity XVII): 9.30 a.m., Morning Prayer, Castletown Church; 11.30, the Parish Eucharist (Holy Communion 2), Holy Trinity Church, Rathkeale.
5. Sunday 30 September (Trinity XVIII): Fifth Sunday joint group celebration: 11 a.m., Parish Eucharist (Holy Communion 2), Castletown Church.

ADVANCE NOTICE:
Harvest Thanksgiving Service: Friday, 5 October, 8 p.m., Holy Trinity Church, Rathkeale.

ROSE OF TRALEE:
The Roses, escorts and entourage participated in the Sunday service in St. John’s on the 19th August. A long tradition in Tralee, for years a civic service in conjunction with the Festival of Kerry was held at which all the participants and the Rose committee attended. However, recently a different format has been followed with Roses attending services in the various churches in the town. It was lovely to welcome them to Church and to meet them during refreshments in Teach an tSolais afterwards, many thanks to all who contributed to the service.

CHURCH GATES:
The Church gates and the Teach an tSolais gates were very tastefully repainted. Many thanks to Robert Groves who organised the funding, cleaning and painting.

OPENING OF ST JOHNS:
It was possible to keep St Johns open for a few hours daily during the festival of Kerry with a special Guided Talk on Friday 17th. Heritage week. https://www.heritageweek.ie/whats-on/event/visit-st-johns-church-of-ireland

GOLDEN JUBILEE:
Congratulations to Robert and Betty Groves who celebrated their Golden Jubilee in July.

BLUE SAPPHIRE:
The colour associated with those who celebrating sixty-five years of marriage, so Blue Sapphire congratulations to Billy and Alice Mason of Farmers Bridge.

Congratulations and every happiness to those couples who began their married lives this summer, a time of joy and celebration.
- Brendan and Emma Poff who were married in Portugal.

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Rev. Angela Lewis and Gerrard Hanafin at their Wedding in St Mary’s Church, Dingle
• Jason and Fiona Peever who were married in Waterford.
• Revd. Angela Lewis and Gerrard Hannafin who were married in St. Mary’s Church in Dingle. Angela is a priest from Bardsey, Leeds and Gerrard has family from the Dingle area. The service was conducted by Fr. Joe Begley, assisted by Revd. Phyllis and Revd. Andrew Sheard from Emsworth, UK – very much an ecumenical occasion!

WELCOME HOME:
Welcome home to David Tough and Robert Hoffmann after their trip with CMS to Kajiado Diocese in Kenya. See report on page 19.

FUND RAISING QUIZ:
A fund raising quiz will be held in O’Riadas bar in Ballymac on the 21st September.

THE BOYS’ BRIGADE LEADER APPEAL:
The Boys Brigade hopes to restart on Friday September 28th and are seeking more leaders to run the company; anyone interested in becoming a leader please contact Collette Price on 086 318 8736 as soon as possible.

Boys’ Brigade beach Garden in St John’s

KILGOBBIN PARISH FUNDRAISER:
On Monday 6th August, there was a sale to raise funds for the repairs needed to Kilgobbin and Killiney churches, in the Old School Rooms, Camp, which raised €1585.00. We would like to thank all who generously donated to the stalls, gave of their time, and their support. A big thank you to all who came and made the day so successful, especially our local community. It was a happy day, with wonderful fellowship.

SYMPTHATHY:
We extend our sympathy to the following families and friends whose loved ones passed away recently:
• The family of Richard Williams from Ballymacelligott.
• The O’Donnell family in the loss of nephew, Michael Hayes.
• The family and friends of Breda Sherwood.
• The family of Elizabeth Mansfield of Meadowlands.
• The family of Donagh McMahon.

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TIDY TOWNS:
Killarney has always been there or thereabouts when the annual judging of the Tidy Towns takes place and this year’s drought caused us problems to say the least. With the hosepipe ban in place, our lawns and flowering plants suffered greatly, and in the case of the flora, terminally. As St Mary’s is in the centre of the town and very much in the eye of the judges – it being directly across from the Town Hall – we had little option but to replace all of our flowers. David Doherty and Mike O’Sullivan set about the task with gusto and they were “assisted and advised” by possibly the worst pair of botanical critics on the face of the planet; Kathleen Giles and Adrian Hilliard – see photo below. That said, once they were escorted off site the work resumed and the task was accomplished with the church exterior considerably enhanced with the new splash of colour. Let’s hope we get a mention in the judges summary.

RECTORY WALLS:
Another worthwhile project was also completed in time for the Tidy Towns annual visit; a complete make-over of the rectory external walls. These received criticism in the synopsis of the 2017 competition as they were crumbling with flaking paint and were very unsightly. The select vestry agreed a budget of €2,500 approx. to bring in an outside contractor to patch, seal and re-paint and the outcome certainly vindicated the cost incurred with the rectory exterior once again looking resplendent in the early autumn sunshine.

OUTSIDE LIGHTING:
We have had outside LED lighting installed on a trial basis illuminating the external walls and tower of the church in a range of colours on a trial basis since early March this year. The results have been spectacular which has resulted in a much increased through-flow of visitors and the time has come to decide whether or not to purchase. The old external lighting was owned and maintained by the Council but replacement bulbs and fittings are proving problematic and therefore the provision of any external lighting is intermittent and very unsatisfactory. With that in mind we have approached the council to sponsor/part-sponsor the new lighting system which we now hope to have permanently installed shortly.

INTERNAL PAINTING:
A select vestry subcommittee has been established to identify ways and means of having the interior of St Mary’s painted. This follows several years of serious expenditure on internal and external works to identify and deal with the ingress of moisture and resultant internal damage to both the plaster and paint works. This is a massive undertaking and the costs are anticipated in being in the region of €60,000 to €70,000.

RUNNING A CHURCH OF IRELAND:
As can be seen from the foregoing, the costs of maintaining and running our churches are colossal and take up a massive amount of time and effort in fund raising and other commitments. Some people will argue that there is too much time and money put into buildings and other physical assets and we should just concentrate on what we’ve got and focus on ministry only. This is a flawed logic; we are inheritors of an extraordinary heritage and our buildings and
grounds are in integral part of that heritage. Because of this it is incumbent on us to look after God’s house and to do what we need to do to ensure we will pass on that inheritance in an appropriate condition to ensure a continuing welcome to locals and visitors long after we have gone to our own rewards.

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THE GRAND KILTALLAGH SCHOOL RE-PAINTING PARTY.
The Kilcolman area had two exciting events this summer. In preparation for the celebration on the 22nd of September of the 80 years since the school was founded (more about this elsewhere) it was decided that the school should be repainted inside and out for the occasion. So in July Project manager John Flynn having been quoted 3,000 euros for the job invited us all to contribute paint, funds, or time to assist in the repainting. We believe in leadership by example, so we turned up to offer our help. When we arrived at 8.30am much of the outside re-painting was nearly finished, so we were assigned some white book shelves, and in no time other people turned up to paint. The O’Dowds a farming family from near the school, some of the Boyle family and youngsters from the school, and two helpers from England, one originally from Kilcolman and one from Berkshire. Everyone worked hard and wrists, knees and backs a little bit the worse for wear we all had a grand day and John fed and watered us.

The present students have prepared a book of memories and photographs and we all look forward to the big day in September. Meanwhile we begin to prepare for an autumn of various activities.

BAPTISM OF MAISIE O’NEILL
Our second event was the Baptism of little Maisie O’Neill surrounded by her parents Karagh and Naill and their extended family, (photo courtesy of her grandfather Ken O’Neill) and a very full congregation, she was welcomed into the Christian Community at a very special gathering in St. Michael’s, Killorglin. Both of us were free to celebrate with the family so little Maisie had not one but two priests to help her and her family celebrate this first beautiful stepping stone in her life. Hopefully one day she too will join our school in Kiltallagh, as we prepare to celebrate its remarkable history and all the many lives who have begun their learning experiences there.

BUCK FAIR came to Killorglin as usual this year, and during the horse fair which was really special, we saw youngsters racing jaunting cars and riding horses plus lots of young foals, goats and ducks, not to mention King Puck of course, but one of our parishioners thought that the height of amusement was to see her two clergy Ann-Marie and Isabel trying out the electric rowing machine to help raise money for the local youthful rowing club. Ann-Marie won the over 75 group and Isabel the over 65! As you can see.

Later we were invited by the Champ family to watch the procession from the flat above the shop they used to own in Killorglin Square. A front seat for the Fair.

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The months of July and August are often reported in the media as the ‘Silly Season’ when there is little news to report. Not so down in the Wild West, when we have the blessing of welcoming visitors from our Christian family around the world with stories to share. It can however be a little disconcerting to find out over post-service coffee that there have been four visiting clergy in the congregation who will not have been able to stop themselves from awarding marks for presentation and technical difficulty in the sermon you’ve just preached. So long as they don’t tell you the score, it’s not so bad.

This year in particular, we have enjoyed being able to offer a number of couples, mostly American, who requested it, a blessing or renewal of marriage vows on anniversaries – Kenmare seems to be the destination of choice for ageing romantics!

In addition, in July we gasped with delight as we saw the results of the locally-driven restorations in St. Michael Waterville (see article on page 17), and in August Dean Niall brought his collection (actually mostly Evelyn’s collection) of Teddy Bears for the Annual TB Picnic service. He reminded us that even though we might all be very different (some cuddlier than others), we are equally loved by
God just as each one of those Teddies – and badgers, and parrots and penguins and roller-skating cats and monkeys and dragons and whoever else – is loved and cared for.

But amidst the joys of the Summer, perhaps the most poignant and memorable service was a Thanksgiving for the life of Jacqueline Linney, attended by half the town of Kenmare. Jackie was truly, without exaggeration, one of the warmest and loved members of St Patrick’s congregation and all the other groups which she enthusiastically joined. She became ill on a visit to her daughter in America, and sadly died some days later without returning home, so we never had a chance to say our goodbyes. But we know that she’s safe in the arms of her Saviour, and when we meet her again, we’ll smile.

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We’re starting a new venture at Christ Church. Sean and Mary Roys are opening an afterschool in our hall. Some of you will know Sean as our Mission Worker and Mary has substantial experience in early childhood education.

The after school is called Be Bright and will operate five evenings a week and no doubt there will be school holiday clubs to follow.

The church hall has had a bit of an overhaul and really looks great. The idea now seems to be that after schools are more like home than school so Sean and Mary are including lots of options for creative and fun activities so children can feel that they are leaving the school day behind! There will of course be the opportunity to get your homework done. We all know there is no escape from homework!

If you have any enquiries about the service please get in touch with Sean – 083 838 4875 – places are filling up fast.

We’re also now hoping to make a real start on our garden project. For those of you who know Christ Church you will remember the church vestments were incredible, making us seem very drab by comparison today! And there are plenty more exhibitions to come this year. Do pop in and have a cup of tea or coffee and don’t forget Knitters4Life on Monday and Tuesday mornings and happily The Word Irish Music Cafe will be back, just keep checking out the Facebook page for details.

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An outdoor BBQ followed the open-air service. Tasty burgers and animals near and far. All in all, it was a most enjoyable afternoon.

Hymns related to creation and prayed for pets/livestock and other fights nor nipping/biting of hands during the blessing. We sang dog, ducks, cats and hens) and we thanked God most specifically brought pictures of their pets who couldn’t attend that day (sheep from across our circuit and beyond gathered at Derry House, the circuit and we blessed 7 dogs that attended the service! Several from around the world have been welcomed at our worship at 11am and the map at the back of church has filled up as people have placed a dot indicating where they have travelled from. The Gateway in Kenmare has continued to enjoy the prayer times and bible studies through the summer with the summer in for coffee proving popular! The Lighthouse in Millstreet hosted an appraisal service for a local preacher in training. It has been wonderful to see how God has put new people in place in all 3 churches who have a call to preach. Killarney church has hosted two teams from USA. The first team led a worship celebration and a children’s holiday bible club which looked at the life of Gideon. The second team led a further holiday bible club with a theme of ‘Weird Animals’. Plans are already afoot to welcome teams from UK and Ireland next summer. Many visitors from around the world have been welcomed at our worship at 11am and the map at the back of church has filled up as people have placed a dot indicating where they have travelled from. The Gateway in Kenmare has continued to enjoy the prayer times and bible studies through the summer with the summer in for coffee proving popular! The Lighthouse in Millstreet hosted an appraisal service for a local preacher in training. It has been wonderful to see how God has put new people in place in all 3 churches who have a call to preach. Killarney church has hosted two teams from USA. The first team led a worship celebration and a children’s holiday bible club which looked at the life of Gideon. The second team led a further holiday bible club with a theme of ‘Weird Animals’. Plans are already afoot to welcome teams from UK and Ireland next summer. Many visitors from around the world have been welcomed at our worship at 11am and the map at the back of church has filled up as people have placed a dot indicating where they have travelled from. The Gateway in Kenmare has continued to enjoy the prayer times and bible studies through the summer with the summer in for coffee proving popular!

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SUNDAY SERVICES:
10:00am – Borrisokane
11:30am – Cloughjordan on 1st & 2nd Sunday’s
10:15am – Cloughjordan on 3rd, 4th, & 5th Sunday’s
11:45am – Roscrea
7:00pm – Shinrone

Summer is coming to a close. We can tell the seasons are changing as the nights begin to draw in. As I write this article, children, youth and young people are preparing to head back to school. My hunch is that they are excited to see their friends and mates soon but not as excited to get back to work! I would feel the same!

This past summer we enjoyed celebrations. On Sunday 8th July folks from across our circuit and beyond gathered at Derry House, the home of Phyllis Gee, for a blessing of pets service. This was a first on our circuit and we blessed 7 dogs that attended the service! Several brought pictures of their pets who couldn’t attend that day (sheep dog, ducks, cats and hens) and we thanked God most specifically for them and the joy they bring us. Thankfully, there were no dog fights nor nipping/biting of hands during the blessing. We sang hymns related to creation and prayed for pets/livestock and other animals near and far. All in all, it was a most enjoyable afternoon. An outdoor BBQ followed the open-air service. Tasty burgers and sausages were enjoyed by all. We ended our time together with more outdoor fun: a water balloon toss. Because of the warm, dry weather no one was too bothered to get wet!

We have also known sorrow this summer. Sadly, Ken Holden, the husband of Elizabeth Holden from our Borrisokane congregation passed away in late July after a time of poor health. A short service of Thanksgiving was held at the crematorium in Dublin. A memorial service honouring his memory and giving thanks to God for his life was held on 22nd August in St Flannan’s Cathedral in Killaloe. We hold Elizabeth and all the extended family in our prayers during this difficult and sad time.

As we look ahead to Autumn, we anticipate the Harvest season. Here is our special service schedule; all are most welcome to attend!

Friday 28th September at 8pm – Harvest Service in Shinrone Sunday 30th September at 7pm – Harvest Service in Roscrea
Friday 5th October at 8pm – 150th Anniversary and Harvest Service in Borrisokane Sunday 7th October at 7:30pm – Harvest Service in Cloughjordan

Our annual district MWI Autumn Conference will be held on Sunday 16th September in Cloughjordan Methodist at 11am. Coffee will be offered at 10am. All are welcome to join us for this service whose theme will be on prayer.

Afterwards, there is lunch in the Mt. St. Joseph’s Monastery Guesthouse in Roscrea at 1pm. Following that from 2:30-5:30, there is a ladies afternoon retreat led by Lisa Frost, a United Methodist Retreat leader and Spiritual Director from Louisiana. We will continue to explore the theme of prayer. Folks are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes and to bring a journal to write in. Bookings are needed for lunch (€20) and/or the retreat (€5). Please contact Michelle Kennedy at 087 9389845 or shell.kennedy1@yahoo.ie.

And don’t forget the National Ploughing Championship takes place in Tullamore from Tuesday – Thursday 18th – 20th September. The Methodist Church in Ireland will have a large stall where complimentary biscuits, buns, and tea/coffee are handed out as a way of “loving our neighbour as ourselves.” We also offer a listening ear and prayers, if needed. Enjoy this amazing agricultural show and come visit us! Also pray for this ministry of hospitality and for those who do visit our stall. May they know the love of God is real and ever-present.

Our Boys’ Brigade will resume later this month. Leaders will contact members with details of first meeting. If you’re interested in joining, please contact our captain, Alison Hayes, at 086 6030225 for more information.

Autumn blessings,
~ Rev. Shannon

~ Rev Shannon with some of the blessed dogs and their owners
Jesus told a story to describe God’s kingdom. A vineyard owner went to the marketplace at dawn to hire workers to pick his grapes.

I’ll pay you the normal wage for a day’s work.

He went out again at 9 o’clock... and mid-day...

and 3 o’clock... I’ll pay you a fair wage.

At the end of the day...

They were given a whole day’s wage...

and so were those who had worked all day.

Pay the last workers first.

You paid them the same and we worked all day!

I want to give those who were hired last the same as you got.

My friend, you agreed to work for a day’s wage.

Or are you jealous because I’m good to others?

Can’t I do what I want with my own money?

Jesus concluded...

So those who are now last will be first, and the first last.
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