

**Dunnalong Crafty Crafters
Annual Christmas Craft and Gift Fair**

**In
Magheramason Prebyterian Church Hall**

On Saturday 26th November

11am to 4pm



Items for inclusion in the next Parish Magazine
should be emailed to
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**St John's Church of Ireland
Dunnalong**

**Leckpatrick & Dunnalong Parishes uphold the policies of
Safeguarding Trust**



We seek growth
We serve in teams
We encourage leaders
Transforming Community, Radiating Christ



*God's blessings
grow when they
are shared.*

Leckpatrick and Dunnalong

Parish Magazine

Harvest 2016

*Sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and declare his works with rejoicing. Psalm 107:22*

Reflection from the Rector.....

The children are now back at School and Sunday School. It's a delight to have them with us again, we missed them during the summer break. We thank God for them and for the teachers and helpers who devote their time to educating the children in the faith.

Today's church has an opportunity to share and preserve stories of older adults, stories which will benefit younger people. To share Scripture with the children on their level and in their language is a privilege and it promotes an opportunity to share their gifts and talents to benefit mission of children in other parts of the world.

God our Father, we pray for all children and young people at every level, and ask that this may be a good year for them. Let their learning be rewarding as well as challenging, and let them enjoy the growth that comes from new experiences. Give them spirits of joy and confidence, and help them to live gratefully at all times, and be aware of your goodness to them. Bless their teachers and all others who are involved in their educational process. Grant that all of us may share the excitement of the season. You have made our world extraordinarily beautiful and fascinating, and we praise you for everything, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thoughts are now turning to Harvest time. As I write this note I have just come indoors from the garden at our home in Garvagh where I was helping my husband, rather grudgingly to begin with I might say, to pick apples from his small orchard (22 trees) at the bottom of our garden. It was one of those grey summer days with a threat of rain. Once out in the warm air I thoroughly enjoyed the experience but I have to tell you, I was glad when we had finished. For the day, it was physically tiring. It gave me a tiny insight into just how hard farmers have to work at growing and harvesting their crops and looking after their cows, sheep, etc.

Leckpatrick

Mrs Joanne Kerr £40.00
For the use of the Milliken Hall catering for the Ballymagorry 10k

Leckpatrick WI £30.00

Jean McCausland £200.00

Geraldine Moriarty £100.00

Thank you to everyone who gives donations to the parish. These play a vital role in maintaining the church and are greatly appreciated.

Foyle Hospice Donation

Foyle Hospice wish to acknowledge a donation received from Donnalong parishioners of £74.01 and €1.42.

SAFEGUARDING TRUST PARISH PANEL

In accordance with the recommendations in "Safeguarding Trust" the Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice for Ministry with Children. A Parish Panel has been appointed to implement this code. If you have any concerns regarding issues around children please contact a Panel member.

Mrs Kaye Nesbitt, Mr Mervyn Clarke and Rev Irene Lyttle

Pastoral Care – Hospital Visitation

Please let the Rector know if you require a pastoral visit or if you or a relative are in hospital.

Donations Received

Dunnalong In Memorial

In loving memory of David Lynch
From his sister Mamie

£100.00

In loving memory of Elsie Lynch
From her daughter Christine and Eddie Miller

£20.00

In loving memory of Noel James Scott Robinson
From his mum Annie, brothers, sisters and their families

£130.00

In loving memory of Sadie Scarlett
From her daughter Sandra, son in law Raymond
and granddaughters Fiona and Nicola

£100.00

In loving memory of Elizabeth and Bobby Kelly
From the Kelly Family

£70.00

Leckpatrick In Memorial

In loving memory of Kathleen and George Kelly
From the Kelly Family

£100.00

Baptismal Donations

Leckpatrick

Molly Eden Monteith

£100.00

Marriage Donation

Dunnalong

Lynsey Robinson and Andrew Colhoun

£200.00

We visit supermarkets and take for granted all the produce that is on the shelves for us to choose from. What if we arrived some day and there were no food or milk on the shelves of any of the shops or supermarkets for us to buy. Panic would set in immediately. Very few of us have a vegetable garden at home any more.

Let's just reflect for a moment how blessed we are!

Harvest is one of the most wonderful times of celebration in the church year.

At Harvest Festival, we celebrate:

- the goodness of our God in providing to us the bounty of earth, sea and sky*
- the goodness of God who grants to us both seedtime and harvest*
- the goodness of God who shares with us the love that is in his heart and calls us to likewise share.*

The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it... 'He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate – bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.' (Psalm 104, 14-15)

We are also blessed by the hard working farming community (here and all over the world) who with the help of God, keep us supplied with our daily needs.

In celebration of the 150 years anniversary in Dunnalong, a special "Sowing and Reaping" Harvest weekend will be held in the church from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd October. Come and see the Harvest changes that have taken place over these years. Join with us in thanking God for his goodness and pray that he will continue to bless us in the years to come.

*God grant you the blessings of this season,
Rev. Irene*



Harvest - A Short History

Harvest is from the Anglo-Saxon word hærfest, "Autumn". It then came to refer to the season for reaping and gathering grain and other grown products. The full moon nearest the autumnal equinox is called the Harvest Moon. So in ancient traditions Harvest Festivals were traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon. This moon is the full moon which falls in the month of September.

An early Harvest Festival used to be celebrated at the beginning of the Harvest season on 1 August and was called Lammas, meaning 'loaf Mass'. Farmers made loaves of bread from the fresh wheat crop. These were given to the local church as the Communion bread during a special service thanking God for the harvest.

Nowadays the festival is held at the end of harvest, which varies in different parts of Britain. Sometimes neighbouring churches will set the Harvest Festival on different Sundays so that people can attend each other's thanksgivings.

Farmers celebrated the end of the harvest with a big meal called a harvest supper. Some churches and villages still have a Harvest Supper. The modern British tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall.

Parish Register



Burial of the Dead

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"

Leckpatrick

Monday 18th July, 2016
Thomas George McCausland

Holy Baptism

"Let the children come to me ... for to such belongs the kingdom of God."
St Mark 10:14

Leckpatrick
Sunday 31st July, 2016
Molly Eden Monteith



Sunday 14th August 2016
Ryan-Lee Shields

Holy Matrimony

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Dunnalong

Thursday 28th July, 2016
David Barr and Tracey Duncan



Saturday 24th September, 2016
Lynsey Robinson and Andrew Colhoun



Mr George McIntyre recently announced his retirement as sexton in Leckpatrick Parish Church. George has been Sexton for the past 16 years. When the rector announced his impending retirement to the congregation she said “George has been dedicated in his work here, totally reliable and diligent in his duties; and this husband and wife team have kept the church and hall in excellent condition”

George has been supported by his wife Lizzie and family in his duties. George you are wished a very long and happy retirement.

Leckpatrick and Dunnalong Mothers’ Union

Mothers’ Union members welcomed Rev Paul Hoey to their monthly meeting on Monday 26th September where he entertained the members and guests to some wonderful hymn singing and the importance of music in church. Rev Paul introduced Rev Ben from Butare Diocese to the members and even taught us to sing in Swahili. The next meeting will be on Monday 24th October at 7.30pm in the Milliken Hall with a Christmas theme - guest speaker will be Wendy Olphert. Members are reminded this will also be a ‘Bring and Buy’ night.

New members are always welcome, further information from Mrs Anne McCurry (Branch Leader) or the Rector.



Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" but also Dutch and German harvest hymns in translation helped popularise his idea of harvest festival and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service. (source Wikipedia)

The tradition of Thanksgiving in the United States is now four centuries in the making. The first Thanksgiving Day is considered by most to have been celebrated as a result of the first bountiful autumn harvest in the Plymouth Colony of modern-day Massachusetts. The Pilgrims who crossed the Atlantic landed into a bleak November winter and saw half of their numbers perish during the course of the cold season, as food was in short supply after the long journey. Having had better luck through the subsequent summer, the grateful people “established a day of thanksgiving and invited the local Indians to share their bounty” (Appelbaum 1984).

“Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;” *2 Corinthians 9:10*

Sunday 9th October

Leckpatrick Harvest Festival

Service at 11.30am

Guest Speaker Rev Liz Fitzgerald

Donations of Flowers, Fruit or Vegetables needed. The church will be open for decoration from 1.30pm on Saturday 8th October.



**"SOWING AND REAPING"
SAINT JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH
DUNNALONG**

21st to 23rd
October 2016

**CELEBRATES 150 YEARS
WITH VINTAGE DISPLAYS**



AND

FLORAL CREATIONS



Friday 21st 11am to 8pm
Opening Service at 2pm
With Bready Jubilee Primary School Choir

Saturday 22nd 11am to 8pm



Sunday 23rd 2pm to 5pm
Closing Service Sunday 23rd October at 7.30pm
Derg Valley Choir
Special speaker Rev Mark Lennox



Tea/Coffee served daily

Come and enjoy together this milestone in our church's history

"This church is a testimony to the way we have grown and prospered"

Congratulation to all who celebrated special anniversaries during the summer months!

Congratulations to:

Esdale and Ronnie Kelly - 50years

Vickie and Alex Forbes - 50 years

Freddie and Edna Parkhill - 34 years

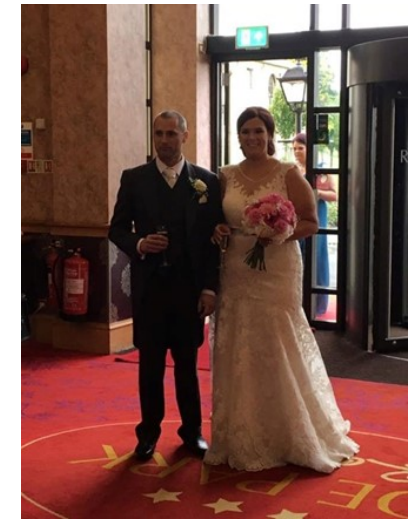


Congratulation to

Lyndsey Robinson and Andrew

Colhoun on their recent wedding in

Dunnalong Parish Church



Happy Birthday to all who celebrated milestone birthdays over the summer months

George McIntyre 82nd Birthday

Edna Parkhill 60th Birthday

Jennifer Henderson 40th Birthday



Dunnalong Concert in Strabane Academy on

Wednesday 22nd February 2017

Details to follow

Visit to Leckpatrick Monday 22nd August.

Geraldine Moriarty the grand-daughter of Thomas Moriarty who was the first rector of the united parishes of Leckpatrick and Dunalong. Both her grand-father and grand-mother, Sibyl are buried in Leckpatrick graveyard.



Mrs Vickie Forbes hosted Geraldine to afternoon tea in her home.

"Sowing and Reaping"

Dunalong 'Window of Remembrance'

Appeal for photographs of past members of Dunalong Parish Church who have now sadly passed away.

If you wish to have photographs of your loved ones placed in the 'Window of Remembrance' during the special harvest weekend please contact to Anne McCurry or Ruby Hamilton as soon as possible.



Friends of Dunalong

80's Disco

Fox Lodge Cricket Club

Friday 7th October

DJ Ivan

Everyone Welcome

Adm £5.00

From Rev. Irene...

A short **Meditation** on **The Lord's Prayer**:

I cannot say **OUR**,
if my religion has no room for others and their needs.

I cannot say **FATHER**,
if I do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily living.

I cannot say **WHO ART IN HEAVEN**,
if all my interest and pursuits are in earthly things.

I cannot say **HALLOWED BE THY NAME**,
if I, who am called by His name, am not holy.

I cannot say, **THY KINGDOM COME**,
if I am unwilling to give up my own sovereignty and accept the righteous reign of God.

I cannot say **THY WILL BE DONE**,
if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot say **ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**,
unless I am truly ready to give myself to His service here and now.

I cannot say **GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD**,
without expending honest effort for it
or by ignoring the genuine needs of my fellow man.

I cannot say **FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US**,
if I continue to harbour a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say **LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION**,
if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where
I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot say **DELIVER US FROM EVIL**,
if I am not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm
with the weapon of Word and prayer.

I cannot say **THINE IS THE KINGDOM**,
if I do not give the King the disciplined obedience
of a loyal subject.

I cannot say **THINE IS THE POWER**,
if I fear what my neighbours or friends may say or do.

I cannot say **THINE IS THE GLORY**,
if I am seeking my own glory and recognition first.

I cannot say **FOREVER**,
if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.

I cannot say **AMEN**,
unless I honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer."

Confirmation

**June
2017**

If you are considering Confirmation, but have not been attending church for a while, now is your chance to start getting back in step! In any event, Church and Sunday School attendance is a basic starting point for all who are considering Confirmation.

Please pray for the following.....

- The house bound, lonely and bereaved.
- Diocesan Opportunity 2016
- Newly Baptised Children
- Newly Married Couples
- A good harvest
- Diocesan Synod October 20th
- For the starving children of Yemen
- Peace in Syria

