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**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**White Horse Hotel, Campsie at 8.00pm**

*Featuring*

***TV Programme – Keepin ‘er Country***

***COUNTRY LEGENDS - MICK FLAVIN & SUSAN McCANN,  
COMPARE & COMEDIAN, GARY WILSON***

***The Ryan Turner Band, Gary Gamble, David James, Tony  
Kerr,***

***Rev Jason Kernohan and Rev David McBeth***

Admission £12.50

Tickets available from the churchwardens, Andy Deans  
or the Parish Office

**REV DAVID'S**

**'ALL SAINTS' CLOONEY 150<sup>th</sup> COUNTRY GOSPEL CD**

The Rev David is releasing a limited edition Country Gospel CD to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church at the Country Music Night. The CD is featuring six new country gospel songs and will cost £10.

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE CD WILL GO TO ALL SAINTS' CLOONEY  
CHURCH.**

As this is a limited edition CD, there will only be 1000 copies available,

so why not pre-order by ringing Sarah at the Parish Office.

## **September 2017**

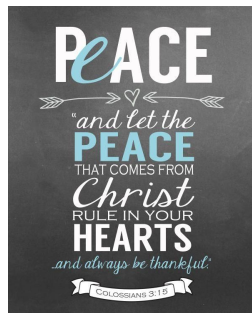
### **REFLECTION from THE RECTOR**

The summer weather really has been very poor and over the past few days many areas have experienced flooding and some peoples property has been destroyed. Children are getting ready to go back to school and is about to begin term.

Life in general can be like the weather, very hard to fathom what is going to happen. Our world changes so rapidly and it can be difficult to keep up to date with all that is going on. Young people are better able to be aware and understand all the latest changes, but older people can easily feel left behind.

The good thing is that amidst all the changes, the unpredictability of our modern world, God never changes, and can always be depended on. This is His world and He is in control, even when it doesn't always seem that way. There are concerns about global warming and climate change, and violence in many places, and we are right to be concerned about such things. But we must never forget that the world was made by God and He is still in control. We do need to discern His will in these things, and seek to order things in accordance with His will. This means that we really do need to pay more attention, and then to take action accordingly.

God can also be depended on to watch out for us and to provide for us, when we allow ourselves to come under His control. God not only made the world but He also made us and He cares for us. He loved us so much that He sent His own Son to die for us. So we know we can depend on Him, to desire what is best for our lives. Our challenge is to open up our lives to Him and to bring ourselves under His Fatherly rule. When we allow Him to have full control of our lives, we will discover peace, contentment and fulfilment, that we could never find by ourselves. We may not be able to depend on the weather, but we can depend on the One who loved us and died for us, and who longs to meet our every need and bring joy and happiness to our lives.



**“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” (Colossians 3 : 15)**

### **HOSPITAL VISITING**

The Rector would greatly appreciate it if parishioners would inform the Parish Office if they are going into hospital or have family members in hospital who would like a visit? The rector cannot visit people if he is not informed that they are in hospital.

## RETIREMENT OF MR HARRY WALKER

It is with great sadness that the Select Vestry have accepted the resignation of Mr Harry Walker as Sexton of the Church. Harry, and his wife Tillie have been very dedicated and faithful to this ministry and will be greatly missed.

## WHAT'S ON: SEPTEMBER 2017

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

#### The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.15am Holy Communion I
- 11:00am Holy Communion II
- Food Bank Appeal
- 6.00pm Praise Service

- 2.00pm Knit n Natter ASC
- 6.30pm Rainbows and Brownies ASC
- 7.00pm Bible Study ASC
- 7.15pm All Saints' Choir-Church
- 7.30pm Guides - ASC

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

- 11.00am Bible Study - ASC
- 7.30pm Select Vestry Meeting ASC
- 7.30pm All Saints' Bowling Club ASC

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

- 7.00pm Guys Club ASC
- 7.30pm All Saints Bowling Club ASC

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

- 9.00am Lisnagelvin PS Assembly
- 10.00am Little Saints' ASC
- 2.00pm Seymour Gardens-Service
- 8.00pm ASCA Meeting ASC

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

#### The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.15am Holy Communion I
- 10.00am Sunday School ASC
- 11:00am Commissioning Service of Sunday School Leaders

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

- 2.00pm Dale View – Service
- 7.15am All Saints' Choir Church
- 8.00pm Ladies Guild ASC

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September

- 11.00am Bible Study ASC
- 7.30pm All Saints' Bowling Club ASC
- 8.00pm Prayer 72 Meeting ASC

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

- 2.00pm Foyle Fold-Service
- 3.30pm Sevenoaks Service
- 7.00pm Guys Club ASC
- 7.30pm All Saints' Bowling Club ASC

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

- 9.00am Lisnagelvin PS Assembly
- 10.00am Little Saints' ASC
- 6.30pm Beavers & Cubs ASC

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September

#### The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.15am Holy Communion I
- 10.00am Sunday School Registration
- 11:00am Morning Prayer II
- 4.00pm Ordination-Rev Rhys Jones

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

- 10.30am Mid month service ASC
- 2.00pm Knit n Natter, ASC
- 6.30pm Rainbows and Brownies ASC
- 7.30pm Guides ASC
- 8.00pm Concert White Horse Hotel

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September

- 7.30pm All Saints' Bowling Club ASC

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September

- 10.30am Saint Matthew HC Church
- 2.00pm Tea Dance ASC
- 7.00pm Guys Club ASC
- 7.30pm All Saints' Bowling Club ASC

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

- 9.00am Ebrington PS Assembly
- 10.00am Little Saints'-ASC

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September

#### The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.15am Holy Communion I

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

11:00am Baptism/Family Service

2.00pm Knit n Natter -ASC

6.30pm Rainbows and Brownies ASC

7.00pm Bible Study, ASC

7.15pm All Saints' Choir Church

7.30pm Guides ASC

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

7.30pm All Saints' Bowling Club ASC

### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

9.00am Ebrington PS Assembly

10.00am Little Saints' ASC

6.30pm Beavers & Cubs ASC

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

7.00pm Guys Club Closed

7.30pm All Saints Bowling Club ASC

### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

## **SEPTEMBER FLOWER ROTA**

DATE	DONATING
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Samantha and Peter Lynch
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Eileen Charles
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Marion Martin
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel Canning

## **MEET OUR NEW CURATE – REV RHYS JONES**



Well All Saints' it looks like I have finally gotten here! Sarah, who looks after the parish admin, has thoughtfully asked for a few short lines of introduction so you have an idea who the new Curate and his family are, so here goes.

Samantha and I have been married since 1994 and we have four children all of whom have Welsh names in honour of my father who came from, you guessed it, Wales!

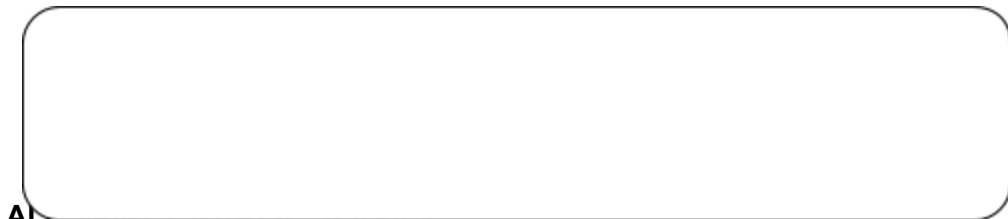
Their names are Rhiannon (aged 21) Bryn (20) Cian (17) and Gethin (11). Samantha and I both come from the exotic city of Maghera at the bottom of the Glenshane Road, where two years ago we moved into a new family home. We both are looking forward to meeting and getting to know all of you in the parish, so don't be afraid to stop Samantha or myself and say hello as we strive to make new friends and settle into new surroundings and way of life in the maiden city.

Before embarking on this new career, I worked in the Department of Agriculture in drainage and flood prevention. That was my job for almost a quarter of a century so full-time ministry is a whole new experience for me and my family. On a more personal note I am a huge Arsenal and Linfield

fan, and if you happen to follow Man Utd, I want you to know straight away that I am praying you will see the error of your ways and turn from darkness into light!!

My passion in ministry is pastoral care and sharing the word, and I look forward to supporting the Rector in these important tasks among you all. That's all for now, but I know we will get to know one another over the coming weeks and months. God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,  
Rhys & Samantha.



### **ALL SAINTS' PRAISE SERVICE**

After the summer break our monthly Praise Services resume on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 6pm. The service makes good use of excellent modern worship songs and provides a very meaningful form of worship. There are guest speakers and singers each month and the worship is led by our own praise band Versus. All are very welcome to come along. The guest singer for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September is John Porter and Guest Speaker, Mr Norman McCorkell.

### **COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

The commissioning of Sunday School teachers and leaders will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at the morning service. All Sunday School teachers and helpers are encouraged to come along.

### **MID- MONTH HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

The mid-month Holy Communion Service takes place on the third Wednesday of each month at 10.30am in the All Saints' Centre. It is a service open to everyone where they receive Holy Communion and afterwards enjoy a cup of tea and a time of fellowship. This month the service will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. We would encourage everyone to come along particularly those who can't attend Sunday Services or haven't been to church for some time. If anyone needs help with transport please contact the parish office.

### **ALL SAINTS' HARVEST CELEBRATIONS**

Harvest Celebrations this year will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The guest speaker will be the Rev Ian Linton, Rector of Drumragh and Mounfield, Omagh.



Died peacefully at Altnagelvin Hospital. Beloved wife of the late George Wallace, and loving mother of Roberta, Gordon, Margaret and Caroline, dear mother in law of Isobel, John and Sammy, and a devoted grandmother, great grandmother, and great great grandmother.

### **9<sup>TH</sup> AUG ~ RACHEL LOUISE THOMAS**

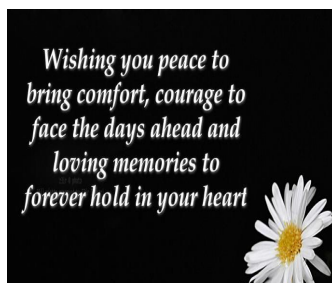
Died peacefully at Foyle Hospice (in the tender loving care of her family). Much loved daughter of Melanie and Nicky, darling sister of Jennifer, Gary and Mark, much loved granddaughter of Nanny Karen and Hugh, and great-granddaughter of Meta, and the late Lorraine and Eddie, a precious and adored niece and cousin.

### **11<sup>TH</sup> AUG ~ IAN (JOCK) CAMPBELL**

Died suddenly at his home 4, Rosstown Gardens, Waterside, (formerly of Dumbarton, Scotland) Dearly beloved husband of Winifred (Winnie) nee Boyd, much loved Daddy of Andrew, Rosemary, Rachel, Jeanette, Wendy, John and Fiona, adored grandad and great-grandad, loving brother of Dave, dearest uncle of Catherine and Helen.

### **15<sup>TH</sup> AUG ~ MARGARET (GRETA) LAMB**

Died peacefully at Altnagelvin Hospital, late of Parklands, Londonderry. Much-loved wife of the late Peter, dear sister of William, Kathleen and Jim and the late Isobel and Josephine.



### **IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

A number of parishioners experienced bereavements over the summer months. Mrs Hilda Sergeant on the death of her father, Edward (Eddie) Wilson who died on 4<sup>th</sup> August. Also Mrs Ida Robinson's Father, Mr Harold Bryce who died on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and to all who have lost loved ones, we trust that the Risen Lord will bring comfort and peace.

## **PARISH REGISTER**

### **MARRIAGES**

**5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017~DAVID OETTING AND KATHRYN JILL MOORE**

**3<sup>RD</sup> AUG 2017~DAVID EDWARD JOHNSTON AND PAMELA CLAIRE THOMPSON**

### **BAPTISMS**

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017**

**ALEX JOSEPH WILLIAM SMYTH**

Son of Craig and Lynn, 89 Ivy Mead

Baptismal Gift £20

## **BRODY BRIAN SEAMUS MC CALLION**

Son of Patrick and Dionne, 120 Kinsale Park

**SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

## **ROBERT GEORGE (BOB) GALLAGHER**

Son of Robert and Anne-Louise, 5 Bellwood Grove

Baptismal Gift £100

## **CHARLIE MC GARRIGLE**

Son of Michael and Marian, 76 Heron Way

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M.I.D.@.A.S is short for Ministering In Digital at All Saints and refers to our work through social media such as the Facebook page and the soon to be launched website. As part of M.I.D.@.A.S we have set up an online prayer team which currently consists of 10 members who pray daily for those who contact us via Facebook with their prayer requests. I create an anonymous prayer square which is posted to the Facebook page and the prayer team. If you have any issues you would like prayer for, just drop a wee message on the All Saints' Clooney Facebook Page and our Prayer team would be happy to pray for you.



## **DONATIONS in memory .....**

### **In Loving Memory of ~ William (Willie) Cummings BEM**

Doreen, Gillian & Rhonda Guy, 17 Cadogen Park	£30
Terry & Geraldine Cathers, 7 Caw Hill Park	£30
Bonnie & Aubrey Oliver	£20
Harry Walker, 64 Mourne Drive	£20
Mrs Muriel McCleery, 4 Dorchester Park	£20

### **In Loving Memory of ~ William (Billy) McCahon**

Wife Vera, 15 Somme Park	£300
Son Alan & daughter-in-law Debbie, 9 Park Lane, Hampshire	£200
Counsell Family, 10 Maryville Road, Bangor	£40
Marion Thomas, 42 Bann Drive	£25
Alan & Maureen Neely, 35 Lyndhurst Road	£20
Peter Hughes, 19 Somme Park	£25
Culmore True Blues LOL 1866	£25
TS McCarter	£15
Pat, Hazel, Roslyn & Irene Olphert	£30
Mrs Maureen Loughrey, 224 Culmore Road	£50



Mr & Mrs David Bigger, 11 Durham Park	£25
Mervyn & June Harvey, 9 Iona Terrace	£40
Bertie & Elaine Kelly, Ayr, Scotland	£20
Elsie Hockley, 61 Cawhill Park	£20
Mrs Louise Campbell, 13 Clooney Park West	£25
George & Marie Wilson, 305 Sligo Road	£25
Harry & Avril McClay, 14 Erosmore Drive	£25
Darren & Karen Burnett & Family	£50
Elizabeth Philson, 14 Manning Way	£10
David & Lynn Buchanan, 2 Bonds Street	£10
George & Lily Lindsay	£20
Mr & Mrs G Moore, 67 Gainsborough Drive, Belfast	£40
Mrs Pamela Boyd, 28 Somme Park	£100

### **In Loving Memory of ~ Kathryn (Briggs) Friel**

Mum & Dad, Mr & Mrs Briggs and husband Brian Friel and Father & Mother in Law, Mr & Mrs Friel	£150
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### **In Loving Memory of ~ Dorothy Peck and Olive Geach**

Nieces Dorothy Mahy, Jackie McElwee, Margaret Donnell, Irene Harkin, 11 Drumgesh Gardens	£50
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### **In Loving Memory of ~ Sylvia Simspon**

Sister Helen Johnston	£50
Scholes Family c/o Robert Scholes, 11 Coole Drive, Enniskillen	£50
Waterside Voluntary Welfare Committee, c/o Robin Hamilton, 5 Enagh Cres	£25
John Colhoun, 5 Somme Park	£10

## **DONATIONS in memory .....**

### **In Loving Memory of ~ Tommy Hamilton**

Wife Diane, daughter Laura and son Matthew, 66 Nelson Drive	£100
Sister Kathleen Blackhurst, 77 The Meadows, Shephshed	£40
Sister in Law Veronica Hamilton & Family, 14 Landsdowne Road	£50
Harold & Jean Curry, 66 Abbeydale	£20
Shirley Black, Strathfoyle	£10
Yvonne & John Smyth, 18 Torrens Avenue	£20
James Hamilton, Tullyally	£15
First Source Team	£145
Doreen, Gillian & Rhonda Guy, 17 Cadogen Park	£20
Knit n Natter Group	£25
Charlotte McAuley, 27 Sperrin Park	£10
Helen Moore, 18 Blackthorne Manor	£20

Browning Club ABOD	£30
Fawney Fort RBP 143	£20
Brother Scott Goligher LOL 461	£20
Marion Adair, 13 Ardlough Road	£25
Alistair and Kathleen Simpson, 192 The Fountain	£20
Harry and Marie Diamond	£20
Harry and Tillie Walker, 64 Mourne Drive	£20
Lily and Ivan Gillespie, 47 Hazelbank Road	£20
Andrena Duddy, 65 Nelson Drive	£40
Kathy and Randal Scott, 41 Agherton Drive, Portstewart	£20
Aunt Marie Hamilton & Family, 82 Lincoln Courts	£20
Violet and Alex Joseph, 87 Cawhill Park	£20
Isobel and Dawn, 18 Mill Park, Eglinton	£20
Mr and Mrs Morris Adair, 81 Seymour Gardens	£50
Sister in Law Vivienne Steven Laird and family, 226 Lincoln Courts	£40
Katherine, Raymond, Stephen & Rachel Kane, 172 Abbeydale	£20
John and Margaret Kennedy, 20 Curryfree Road	£20
Vivienne and Sammy Hamilton, 36 Riverside Park	£20
Ian and Pauline Peilow, 102 Irish Street	£30

### **In Loving Memory of ~ Barbara Fowler**

The Fowler Family, 1 Salisbury Crescent	£500
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### **In Loving Memory of ~ David and Ruth Wisner (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)**

Daughter Carolyn & Son in Law Les Thompson, 49 Abbeydale and Daughter Irene & Son in Law David Hawthorne, 105 Donneybrewer Rd	£100
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### **In Loving Memory of ~ John and Malcolm Downs**

Mrs Adeline Downs, 71 Bann Drive	£100
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### **In Loving Memory of ~ Malcolm Doherty (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)**

Wife Ida, 13 Tosh Avenue	£50
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### **Holy Communion**

May Armstrong, 12 Bush Gardens	£20
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### **Birthday Memories of ~ Lexie Ross**

Wife Roberta Ross, 2 Faulkner Court	£20
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### **Wedding Donation**

Mrs Rosemary Moore, 59A Rosstown Road	£200
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### **PARISH BIBLE STUDY**

A Parish Bible Study is held on alternate Wednesday evenings at 7pm and Monday mornings at 11am in the All Saints Centre, to provide an opportunity for parishioners to learn more of the Bible's teachings, and to be more equipped to live out the faith in life. We have a good number of people who come regularly, but there is room for many more. All of us could benefit from sound Biblical teaching. The Bible study is run in a warm friendly atmosphere; you will not be asked to

answer any questions and if you prefer just to sit and listen, that is fine. There is a cup of tea and a time for a wee chat at the end. I would take this opportunity to invite you to come along to the Bible Study.

Dates for September are: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 11am, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 11am and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm.

## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We had a great year in Sunday school last year with over 58 children registered on the roll which is the largest number we had for many years. We are expecting to exceed that number this year. Sunday school registration will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 10am in the All Saints Centre. The Rev McBeth and the Sunday School Superintendent will give a short presentation about the incoming year of Sunday school.

All Parents/Guardians are required to come along on that day to enrol their children for Sunday School and sign the relevant forms. Children from P1 upwards should be coming to Sunday school each week. All children who come along to Sunday school will be made very welcome and receive prizes at the end of the Sunday school year.



*There are many children who have been baptised in the parish, and their parents have taken on the baptismal vows to bring them up in the faith, and yet those children have not been brought along to Sunday school. Parents must take responsibility for the Christian up-bringing of their children, and should make sure their children come to Sunday school and church each week. It is one of the promises parents make at their child's baptism.*

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

This year's Confirmation class will begin on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September and all those who have been attending confirmation class in preparation for their Confirmation which takes place in June 2018 should be present each week. A further requirement for those wishing to be confirmed is that they attend church each week.

Those seeking confirmation in 2018 should be attending Sunday School and Church in preparation for their Confirmation. Those who are not prepared to do so will not be accepted for Confirmation



We have spaces available for new girls aged 4-7 in the 8th Londonderry Rainbows. Come along on Wednesday 13th September to the All Saints' Centre, from 6:30-7:30pm.

What Do Rainbows' Do? We do crafts, activities, have fun, play games, learn new things and make new friends.

To find out more about Rainbows' Visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk/rainbows](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/rainbows)  
To Join go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested) to register. There is a £50.00 fee to pay for the whole year, which can either be paid all at once or in weekly instalments.

We are also looking for helpers. If you are available for 1 hour per week on Wednesday evenings, please contact Rachel Dougherty on [07584652252](tel:07584652252) or [racheldougherty30@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:racheldougherty30@yahoo.co.uk) if you can help in any way.



Beavers and Cubs will be back in action on Tuesday 19 September 2017 at 6.30pm in the All Saints' Centre.



## **CLOONEY YOUTH**

Throughout the month of August Clooney Youth had different activities happening each week. We had a movie afternoon, a games morning, a trip to Portrush on the train and a night at the bowling alley. Each event was lots of fun and we are looking forward to different things happening in the new term including an afterschools drop in (provisionally on a Monday afternoon) and different trips with the Confirmation class and secondary school class. We would love to see more young people coming along and getting involved in all the activities we are running. Kirsty



## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

### **Stepping into the storm**

This morning saw me waking up after only three hours sleep, feeling like I'd been hit by a train. My mind had been doing overtime and I guess I went past my sleep,

so waking up with two boisterous kids was just not the easiest thing. As the clocked ticked on closer to church time I found myself pulling the blanket over my head thinking "I'll stay home just this once, I'm too tired"

But I couldn't settle. I knew that as tired as... I was God wanted me to come to church. I sat on my pew and stifled my yawns as I waited for the service to start thinking I should have stayed in bed!

As the opening bars of the first hymn started I felt myself relaxing into the warm, comforting familiarity of church, and realised of course I was glad that I had come. The reading that preceded the sermon was the famous story of Jesus walking on water and calling Peter from the boat. The sermon then went on to discuss when we face life's storms. We all face them from time to time, sometimes a little squall, sometimes a maelstrom. I could reiterate what was a very relevant sermon to my own life and indeed all of our lives, but I thought perhaps I would focus on taking the first step.

For me, today's lesson was getting myself up and out the door when I really didn't feel like it. Life gets us all like that sometimes. Sometimes the simplest thing can be too much for us, but it's important, no matter what the circumstances that we take that first step in faith. Be it getting out of bed in the days when the world is just a bit scary, going into the world, no matter how "peopley" it is, or if it feels like you are stepping off a boat in a storm, the first step is the hardest, requires the biggest leap of faith. It's easy when life is running smooth to assume that all is ok with your faith. It's when times get tough that we often find that we let God in through the cracks in our brokenness, the hard part can be taking that step out in faith, and not stopping.



We all feel the doubt that Peter did when he started to fall, but in faith he cried out to Jesus and he was rescued.

He just had to call out.

You just have to call out. Just ask. It's actually that simple. You just have to have the faith and be prepared to take the necessary steps through the storm. Just don't forget, when life gets better, which it will, that you have to keep on walking, helping others take their first steps in faith, and journeying through their storm.

God bless you all

### **FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE RECTORY**

The weather kept fairly good on the Family Fun Day at the Rectory for the large crowd of parishioners and children who attended. Parents, children, family and friends all enjoyed the fun, games, food and craic. Thank you to the large team of

helpers involved in making this a great day particularly Sarah, Kirsty and Rhonda who did all the organising and to Andy and Elma who did all the cooking. A big thank you also goes to everyone who set up the marquee, brought food, those who served food and all those who helped in any way. Look forward to next year.

#### **4<sup>TH</sup> JULY CELEBRATIONS & KEEPIN'ER COUNTRY**

At the 4<sup>th</sup> July Celebrations this year we were joined at the rectory by the Television Programme "Keepin' er Country" which follows country music fans. The programme is broadcast on RTE and on BBC 1 on Monday nights at 10.40pm. The programme is currently producing a programme which will feature the Rev McBeth and it was there on the 4<sup>th</sup> July to film him, however many parishioners got in on the act and were filmed too. Some were filmed with a group of cowboys, others riding on horses and dancing. The show will be broadcast on RTE in November and in February of next year on BBC1. We will keep you well informed.



It was an absolutely brilliant night, the music was good, the food was good and the craic was ninety. Thank you to everyone who helped put up the marquee, decorated the marquee and tables, the catering, and a special thanks to Bobby and Tanya Keys for organising the cowboys and horses - it made it really special. Here's to next year when we will be joined by the television crew of the television programme Nashville. (If only)

#### **ALL SAINTS CATERING – 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST CELEBRATIONS**

The catering at the 12<sup>th</sup> of August celebrations once again proved to be a great fundraiser for the parish raising £3,146.89 after expenses. It takes a lot of hard work and a great team working together to cater at the 12<sup>th</sup> Celebration's. I would like to thank Andy and Elma Dean's for the mammoth task of organising the 12<sup>th</sup> Catering. To all parishioners who helped in any way before the event, setting up tables, making sandwiches, tray bakes etc. Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication it is greatly appreciated.

#### **HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB**

The Holiday Bible Club was held in the All Saints Centre from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. The Holiday Bible Club started off with an opening service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> in Church with the commissioning of the team. The theme of the Holiday Bible Club was 'Amazing Treasures'. During the week approximately 55 children from P1 to P7 turned up during the day. The children who attended took part in Bible teaching, singing, prayers, crafts, and games. The week was a great success and was enjoyed by all. I want to thank Kirsty and all those involved in running the Holiday Bible Club. I would also like to thank all those who donated food, biscuits, juice, crisps etc. and you the parents for sending your children.

## **ANNUAL FLOWER HOME AND CRAFT SHOW**

At our Annual Show on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August this year there was a variety of flowers, vegetable and cake stalls. Alongside this there was a number of stalls displaying candy, jam, patchwork, knitwear, bric a brac etc.!!!

There was also variety of events organised for children - farm animals, face painting, a children's craft stall and decorating of cakes and buns.

At the end of the show there was an auction.

During the show, tea's were served by the Ladies Guild. Thank you to Sarah, Gillian, Rhonda and Louise for organising the show, to all those who donated items for the auction or helped in any way and to those who came along and to the sponsors of the show.



The final amount raised at the show will be included in next month's magazine.

### **Letter from AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Dear David

*'A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child'. Forest Witcraft.*



This quote is certainly truly for the congregation of All Saints' Clooney and Ebrington Primary School who so enthusiastically embraced the African Children's Choir as they started their UK concert tour. I am certain the staff and choir members will not forget their special time with you as they continue their tour.

Thanks for your generous hospitality of time and resources. Please pass on our thanks to all those who made the visit so successful and also accept our sincere thanks for the total of £2060.67 raised at your concert, it is truly a blessing for our ministry.

Special thanks to Sarah Cox for co-ordinating our visit and bringing the event together along with Rhonda on the day itself, it really was a wonderful evening.

With every blessing

Sylvia Callister  
Business Manager



## **150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

### **ALL SAINTS' DAY SERVICE**

This year on "All Saints Day" Sunday 5th November, All Saints' Clooney will officially celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the consecration of our beautiful church.

To mark this historic occasion there will be one service on "All Saints Day" at 3pm.

The service will be conducted by the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Reverend Richard Clarke and the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, the Right Reverend Kenneth Good. The worship will be led by Britannia Band and All Saints' Clooney Choir.

(We are eagerly waiting on confirmation from Songs of Praise to confirm their attendance). We will also be joined on the day by surviving rectors and curates and clergy from the diocese.

At the service, we will remember with thanksgiving the wonderful inheritance which has been passed down to us. We will give thanks to God for all His servants both living and departed who gave rise to the founding, building, maintenance, and adornment of this great church. We will give thanks to God for the special memories both happy and sad we have of this church, as small children brought to be baptised, as teenagers confirmed, God's blessing on our marriage and the sad occasions of the funeral service of a loved one. We will also pray that this church which was set apart for God's honour and service will continue to do so. That those called to minister here will faithfully preach the gospel and faithfully administer the Holy Sacraments. That the Church will continue to flourish and grow in the future.

I would encourage all parishioners to record this date in your diary and make every effort to come along and give thanks to God for the past 150 years of this wonderful church.



### **Prayer 72**

Prayer Room plans are taking shape and we look forward to the room being open from 10am to 10pm from the 30th October - 4th November. We look forward to an amazing time of prayer connecting with an awesome God and celebrating 150 years of All Saints' Clooney Parish church. There will be a planning meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

### **All Saints' Black White and Red Gala Friday 10th November 2017 – White Horse Hotel**

As part of our 150th Anniversary celebrations, we are hosting a Black White and Red ball, now before you go rushing to order a Tuxedo or a Gucci dress, relax, our dress code is smart but relaxed enough for you to boogie so if you have a black suit, white shirt and a red tie, and ladies, just anything you are comfortable in that's



black, white and/or red then come and celebrate this momentous year with us at the White Horse Hotel! Admission £25 which includes music by Hudson Blue and a four course meal. More details to follow in our October magazine.

## **‘ABUNDANT LIVING, CHEERFUL GIVING’**

The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe is currently introducing a Stewardship Programme throughout the Diocese called ‘Abundant Living, Cheerful Giving’. The Programme will be presented at one morning service in October to the parishioners of All Saints’ Clooney in October. The following questions provide an outline of what the Stewardship Programme is about.

### **1. What is the purpose of the Stewardship Review?**

The ***Abundant Living, Cheerful Giving*** Stewardship Review in October 2017 is designed to provide each of us in the Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe with an opportunity to consider before God our response to his goodness and generosity. Without an occasional stewardship review, our giving to God can remain static, even though our income may have changed, as the years go by.

### **2. Why is a review of giving needed at this time?**

While a small number of parishes in this diocese have had a review of giving in the past few years, 55% haven’t done so for more than ten years. Furthermore, they are agreed that there can be a real benefit in the review being conducted in every parish in the diocese at the same time – i.e. October 2017.

### **3. What will any increase in giving be used for?**

Any increase in giving will help cover the day-to-day current and future costs of the parish, and will be for Select Vestries to allocate towards ministry and mission, in their own parishes or beyond.

### **4. How are Parish assessment figures arrived at?**

The Finance Committee of the Diocese annually sets an assessment’ figure for each parish. For All Saints’ Clooney the figure is approximately £75,000 and is based on the parish population. A small fraction of the assessment also helps to support smaller parishes within the Diocese. All Saints’ Clooney pay approximately £55.00 per adult and per child for those registered as a member of the parish regardless if they make a contribution or not. For a family of 2 adults and 2 children the parish pays approximately £220.00. Therefore it is important that every family makes a contribution to the FWO.

### **5. If giving is a freewill offering, why encourage people to review how much they give?**

Giving is an integral part of Christian discipleship. It is a spiritual yet practical response to God for his love and generosity towards us.

Our giving to God must always be a free and personal response, without pressure from anybody – *‘what you have decided in your heart to give’* (2 Corinthians 9:7). In this review, there will be encouragement for all of us to be generous and to be cheerful in our response to God’s abundance; there will ***not*** be pressure or instructions about how much anyone must give.

## **6. Why is this giving review coinciding with autumn/harvest time?**

There is an obvious biblical link between harvest time and giving. From Old Testament days, there was the clear expectation – and even the command – to give to God from the ‘first-fruits’ of the harvest. It was as people gathered in the blessings of the crops that they became particularly conscious of their indebtedness to God for his generosity, and they responded to his love with generous giving. We are aware that a giving review at harvest-time can present parishes with some practical challenges, such as the pattern of harvest services worked out in some communities, but these logistical issues can be overcome with some planning and flexibility