

CALENDAR

15th November: 10.30 Morning Prayer – Garvary
12.00 Holy Communion – Derryvullen South

22nd November: 10.30 Morning Prayer – Derryvullen South
12.00 Morning Prayer – Garvary

29th November: 10.30 Family Service – Derryvullen South
12.00 Family Service – Garvary

6th December: 10.30 Holy Communion – Garvary
12.00 Holy Communion – Derryvullen South

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

A funeral service for May Johnston (nee Graham), Fyagh, was held in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, on Tuesday 6th October 2009, followed by the committal in the adjoining churchyard. May who died aged 79 years was born near Derrylin, the eldest of a family of three. After marrying Robert Johnston, May and her husband lived for a time at Clones before moving to Co Fermanagh. Sadly her husband died in 1991, and she donated in his memory an electric piano to the Sunday school which is still in use today. Following her declining health she was well cared for in the Tilery Nursing Home, Florence Court, where she passed away. We extend sympathy to her brother, Bob (Enniskillen) and sister Oreal (Canada).

HARVEST

Harvest remains a popular event and our churches were once again looking well following the fine effort by all who donated items and decorated the churches for our annual harvest celebrations. Along with the singing by the choirs and young people accompanied by the organists, our well attended congregations enjoyed the old familiar hymns of praise. We much appreciated the messages brought to us from God's Word by our preachers and the personal links with the area by the Reverend John Pickering was of special local interest. Originally Methodists from Omagh, John's parents moved to Enniskillen where they worked in a confectionary shop near the Railway Hotel. John joined the Church of Ireland and was confirmed in Derryharney parish church at the age of 22 years entering the ministry at the age of 24. He has recently written about his difficult time in later life in a book entitled "Drumcree"

BOWLING CLUBS

Garvary Bowling Club AGM took place in Garvary parish hall on Wednesday 30th September 2009. The following were elected: Canon J W Stewart, chairman; Hilda Lucy, secretary; Maud Shaw, treasurer; Neil Curran, captain; John McQuaid, vice-captain; Valerie Morris, ladies' captain. A healthy balance sheet was presented by the treasurer and a detailed report of another successful year presented by the secretary.

The chairman expressed the club's good wishes to Hilda and Neil following their recent ill health and wished the club well for the incoming year. Derryvullen Bowling have also recommenced their season after another successful year in which they came first in the Erne Bowling League. Both clubs would welcome new members. Feel free to get in touch with either Hilda Lucy, Garvary, or Roland Nixon, Derryvullen.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the branches will take place in Derryvullen parish hall on Monday 16th November 2009 at 8.00 pm. This is a visitors' night and we look forward to welcoming Mr Frank Allett.

BUILDING FUND

As we approach Advent, Mr John Irvine has once again offered to circulate a quiz sheet to raise money for Garvary building fund. We hope this will help make the long dark evenings more bearable! So why not buy a quiz sheet, put a few logs on the fire and enjoy the experience.

READERS

The Office of Reader is an ancient and honourable one (Rev 1:3). It has been said that Jesus was the first Christian Reader, reading the scriptures publically on the Sabbath in his home synagogue at Nazareth recorded in the Gospel According to St Luke chapter 4. But we can go back even to the Old Testament which witnesses to those who read the scriptures publically for all to hear, people such as Ezra the prophet, priest and scholar (Nehemiah 8). At the end of November the Church of Ireland is acknowledging our debt to Readers such as our own Mr John Irvine by holding a centenary service in Dublin where General Synod met and approved the commissioning of Readers in the Church of Ireland one hundred years ago. There is a sense in which we should all be readers. The King is to take the lead by reading and obeying the scriptures everyday (Deut 17:19). Psalm 1 verse 2 sets the tone of the whole of the Psalter by declaring the joy of everyone who reads the scriptures daily and obeys in their daily living God's Word written (Article 20, BCP 783). Timothy was acquainted with the scriptures from childhood (2 Tim 3:14). The importance of teaching the young and reading to them from the scriptures is not to be underestimated. (Ps 78:5f).