

CALENDAR

18th October: 10.30 Morning Prayer - Garvary
12.00 Holy Communion – Derryvullen South

25th October: 10.30 Morning Prayer – Derryvullen South
12.00 Morning Prayer – Garvary

1st November: 10.30 Holy Communion – Garvary
12.00 Holy Communion – Derryvullen South

8th November: 10.30 Morning Prayer – Derryvullen South
(Remembrance) 12.00 Morning Prayer - Garvary
Sunday

BEREAVEMENTS

We extend sympathy to all who have been bereaved recently including Sam Nixon, Tamlaght, on the death of his brother in law, George Moore, Derrylyn; and Brian Kenwell, Tamlaght, on the death of his father, Ernest Kenwell, Fivemiletown. Following a funeral service in Garvary for the late George Graham Forde, 4 New Row, Lisbellaw (formerly Glassdrumman, Garvary), the committal took place in Tempo. We extend sympathy to his wife Irene and brothers, Cecil and Fred).

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting takes place in Garvary parish hall at 8.00 pm on Monday 19th October 2009 when the speaker is Miss Kay Elliott who will give a devotional talk on the subject of "Shoes for Life".

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This year we again have our Act of Remembrance. The offering, as usual, will go to the Earl Haig Fund. There will be no Sunday school.

DERRYVULLEN PARISH CHURCH

Major work to repair the plaster on the east gable of the church is hoped to take place shortly. Unfortunately there has been a delay with the tenders, but these are now being processed by the vestry.

THE NEW KITCHEN

We are delighted to be able to say that work to install a new boiler outside, rather than in the middle of the rectory kitchen, and the installation of a new kitchen following new tiling to the floor and redecoration, is now complete. The new heating system is very effective and efficient and the new kitchen has been worth waiting for. The workmanship has been of a high standard and money well spent. As we intimated last month we plan to have an open day this Autumn at the rectory for parishioners. A date for this will be circulated in due course. The experience of camping in the garage on a gas stove, kindly lent, has been a healthy enlightenment and has helped us appreciate the benefits of modern facilities. We have no wish to go back to the “good old days”!

HARVEST

At the time of writing one of our Garvary harvest preachers, Christopher Wilson, has just phoned to say that he will be in Australia on Sunday 11th October and will not be able to meet his commitment to us. We hope that it might be possible for him to come on another occasion.

SONGS OF PRAISE

The BBC “Songs of Praise” each Sunday can be an inspiring programme. Some months back it focused on musicians who told their story about their faith and the part music plays in their lives. Music played an important part in the life of the German reformer Martin Luther. From Old Testament times, and in the worship of the Christian Church music has always been important not least at Harvest when it is expected that the choir will sing a special piece and when we all join together in those familiar hymns. One of the songs which were sung on that particular Songs of Praise before the summer was, however, unfamiliar but the words seemed very appropriate and were accompanied by music nicely played by the orchestra. It is in fact one of the new hymns in our new hymn book (no.458) and one which we might possibly use ourselves in the future. The words were written by the English Methodist minister Fred Pratt Green from York and Hull Circuit, and the music is written by Charles V Stanford. It will be worth your thoughtful reading and sometime your joyful singing.

When, in our music, God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound: Alleluia!

So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,

Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
When utmost evil strove against the Light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!