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Sharing Faith Today

CARRIGROHANE UNION OF PARISHES

St Peter's, Carrigrohane
St Senan's, Inniscarra
The Church of the Resurrection,
Blarney

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Summer 2019



Everyone is invited to our
annual Sausage sizzle and
Birthday party on

Sunday 16th June 3.30 - 5.30pm
to celebrate **10 years** of 'The Lighthouse'
in The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney



**Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to bring so much
enjoyment to those who came to MUSIC AMONG THE TREES !**



CONGRATULATIONS to Michael Kenning as he begins his ministry as Diocesan Lay Reader! So many people have benefitted from Joan Hales' gentle & wise leading & teaching in her role as Lay Reader! On your retirement – we say a very big **THANK YOU JOAN!**

New team members needed

Have you ever thought I'd like to help with some group? Or felt like God is calling you to do something but you're not quite sure what that is? Or I'd like to help but I don't think I have the right skills?

If this is you, well then maybe 'The Lighthouse' is exactly the place for you. There are so many different ways you can help as part of 'The Lighthouse' team. Perhaps you are good at meeting and greeting people then the welcome desk might suit you, or you like to cook and/or serve meals, then the kitchen might be for you, or you like to do crafts or messy activities then the activity stations might be just the place for you. Then there is also the need for people to help with set-up and/or tidy-up. Or perhaps you are interested in technology and would like to help in that area. There are just so many ways you could help. You might have an unusual skill or interest and be wondering, would it be useful, could I share it one Sunday?



If this is you, why not have a chat to either Robert or April after church or email lighthouse@cupcork.ie . You never know you might end up doing something you never dreamed was possible!



MUSIC AMONG THE TREES – 2019

So much lovely
music, so many
great acts, so
much fun, so
many happy
people - AND
funds raised for
Dogs for the
Disabled and
GOAL's Appeal for
Cyclone Idai !



A few of the Adventurers and their Bug Hotel (thank you Dean!) – an eco friendly contribution towards the 200th celebrations of St Senan's!



Learning about bees from Pat Whelan at the picnic



The Pollinator Patch

Warm enough to picnic after the United Service on June 2nd – when we welcomed Harry Mullins at his baptism



CALENDAR FOR JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2019

Saturday 8 June - 11 am – 4 pm, 'Flowers Among The Trees', hosted by Ballincollig Flower Club €5 entry in aid of Pieta House & Breakthrough Cancer Research. All welcome!
Also Diocesan Synod day!

Sunday 9 June

9.30 am – Morning Prayer in St Peter's, Carrigrohane
11 am – Sunday AM (with Adventurers), Parish Centre
11 am – Holy Communion in St Senan's, Inniscarra
11 am – A Service of the Word in The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

Tuesday 11 June

10 am – Blarney Toddler group in the Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

Friday 14 June - 11 am – 'Sparks' Toddler group in the Parish Centre (last of the term)

Saturday 16 – Sunday 16 June

Cork Summer Show on the Showgrounds, Curraheen – with MU baby change facility provided all weekend

Sunday 16 June

9.30 am – Holy Communion in St Peter's, Carrigrohane
11 am – Sunday AM (with Adventurers), Parish Centre
11 am – Reflective worship in St Senan's, Inniscarra
3 pm – The Lighthouse in The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

Sunday 22 June

11 am – 3 pm – A Day of Reflection with Rev Anne Skuse in St Multose Hall, Kinsale

Sunday 23 June

9.30 am – Holy Communion in St Peter's, Carrigrohane
11 am – Sunday AM (with Adventurers), Parish Centre followed by bring & share lunch
11 am – Morning Prayer in St Senan's, Inniscarra
11 am - Holy Communion in The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

Monday 24 June

8 pm - Select Vestry meeting in The Glade, Inniscarra

Sunday 30 June

9.30 am – Holy Communion in St Peter's, Carrigrohane
11 am – Sunday AM (with Adventurers' party), Parish Centre
11 am – Morning Prayer in St Senan's, Inniscarra
11 am - A Service of the Word in The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

Sunday 7 July and Sunday 4 August

9.30 am – said service of Holy Communion in St Peter's, Carrigrohane

11 am – United Celebration in the Parish Centre

Sunday 14 July and Sunday 11 August

9.30 – St Peter's, Carrigrohane

11 am – Sunday AM, Parish Centre

11 am – St Senan's, Inniscarra

8 pm – The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

Sunday 14 – Saturday 20 July

New Wine Conference in Sligo - can still book at www.newwineireland.org

Sunday 21 July and Sunday 18 August

9.30 – St Peter's, Carrigrohane

11 am – Sunday AM, Parish Centre

11 am – Reflective Worship, St Senan's, Inniscarra

8 pm – The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

Sunday 28 July and Sunday 25 August

9.30 – St Peter's, Carrigrohane

11 am – Sunday AM, Parish Centre followed by Bring & Share Lunch

11 am – St Senan's, Inniscarra

8 pm – The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

Monday 12 August - Seniors' Summer lunch party in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane at 12.30 pm - ALL WELCOME (please let the office/Patsy know if you can come).

Day of Reflection with Rev Anne Skuse

St. Multose Hall, Kinsale

Saturday 22 June

11.00 am - 3.00 pm



Take time out to renew and refresh

Bring your lunch – tea and coffee
provided

This is an event which is open to anyone

who would like to come;

it is facilitated by Mothers' Union in Cork, Cloyne and Ross

FLOWERS AMONG THE TREES

By Ballincollig Flower & Garden Club

In aid of Pieta House and Breakthrough Cancer Research



**THANK YOU SO MUCH
TO MEL AND THE
FLOWER & GARDEN
CLUB! IT WAS JUST
WONDERFUL!!!**



The Carraig Centre – Update

As we work towards the tender process and choosing a builder, we'd be grateful for continued prayer support for the project!

Prayer points:

- Thanks to God for his guidance and inspiration throughout the project
- Thanks for some success in the awarding of grants to date – and persistence as we continue this work
- Approvals needed from the Diocesan Council and RCB for the setting up of the CLG and leasing arrangements
- Completion of the tender process and building contractor selection for the main build over the next 2 months
- Successful negotiations with our anchor tenant
- Continued energy, persistence, patience, wisdom & faith for the committee members

THANK YOU! TCC Committee

Thanks to Chuck & Kathy for the times of daily prayer in St Peter's throughout **Thy Kingdom Come** - a global prayer movement from Ascension to Pentecost that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer



Cork Autism Conference 2019 Autism: No Limits, Just Possibilities,

Sunday September 22nd, Silversprings Hotel,
Tivoli, Cork.

The conference provides a unique forum for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistic Adults, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism.

All are welcome. More info here:
www.bookwhen.com/autismcork
or call 089 239 8900



Thank you

to everyone for the lovely flowers, card, afternoon tea-time date together and gift vouchers, marking the 20th anniversary of the parish office – we really appreciate them all !

Jaki & Patsy

Church of the Resurrection - Blarney

Summer 2019 Evening Services

Theme: 'What are we doing here?'

An opportunity to worship, study the Bible, discuss, pray and respond to God - thinking particularly about what we are being called to do as Christians today here in Cork and beyond.
All very welcome



July 14 - Having Confidence in the God of the Bible
July 21 - Confidently proclaiming the Gospel
July 28 - Confidently growing in faith
August 11 - Confidently serving others
August 18 - Confidently working for justice
August 25 - Confidently caring for creation

8pm for an hour followed by refreshments
More information check out www.cupcork.ie



Seniors' Summer Lunch Party

Parish Centre, Carrigrohane

Monday 12 August at 12.30 pm

All welcome – feel free to bring friends!

An idea of numbers would be very helpful, so please let the office or Patsy know by Friday 9 August if possible (but late arrivals very welcome!)

FROM ROBERT:

The past few months seem to have flown by - ever since returning to the Parish from sabbatical it has been an amazing kaleidoscope of activity - Holy Week with Russ Parker, followed by an amazing youth camp and then into teaching on the Diocesan Certificate of Christian Studies course on mission and Ministry, a pilgrimage to Scattery Island, the on to General Synod in Derry as well as house maintenance appointments and then music amongst the Trees and then a reunion of our year group - 10 years ago I was ordained deacon (where have the past 10 years gone?) It was also a privilege to have been at the Cathedral to celebrate and acknowledge Joan Hales ministry commitment as a Lay reader and to attend the licensing of Michael Kenning as he completes the course and now has been appointed to the Lay Reader position.

Every week for the past 2 1/2 months have been things out of the normal - things to celebrate, things to work towards, amazing things to give thanks to God for and looking forward there seems to be even more to do - that's before the 28th June!

Having touched on some of the highlights - I would like to get specific about a few things:

General Synod thoughts

The 2018 General Synod held in Armagh was my first as an elected synod person - I came away with a mix of emotions - sadness and frustration from the way the debates were carried out in regards to possible reform of representation which looked like they were going to be highly divisive but also encouraged about some of the other reforms around liturgy.

Going into this year's Synod I was worried and concerned that some of the previous year's debates would resurface but came away feeling highly encouraged and greatly impressed by the work completed over the year which saw some of the most impressive work synod had carried out.

A new set of liturgies including Service of Prayer and Naming and Funeral Service in Cases of Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Neonatal Death - having been involved in the Liturgical Advisory Committee whilst these were being completed it was amazing to see the sensitivity and thoroughness with which the Synod worked in detail

The mission and ministry of the dioceses of Limerick and Tuam were discussed with the prospect of amalgamation - this again proved much less controversial than previous plans - and there was full support for the plans going forward

The plans for reducing the numbers at General synod received a recommendation from standing committee and again there was good support the plans which seem to give a fair weighting across the dioceses.

I have been very impressed with how the Church of Ireland continues to discuss and do its business but on the whole there is good things happening across the Church including Climate Change - more on that in the next edition of Connect!

I managed to make it up to the podium on 3 occasions:

Once to ask a question as to how young peoples' voices are being heard in a forum such as synod - I think this one is absolutely critical

The second to ask a question as to how the new safeguarding Trust trainings are being evaluated and why there was no Lay representation on the safeguarding board

The third was about Pioneer Ministry, and how fresh stories of good practice should be shared across the Church.

All in all - there is great things happening around the Church of Ireland and we should be proud that there is such good news to be shared across the island.

Dissertation

Now that my dissertation has been graded and I know that I've completed my MA in mission (yay!) I can begin to share some of my findings - I'd love to chat to anyone who would like to hear my findings.

The topic was - 'An investigation into *'Implementation Deficit Disorder'* in the Church of Ireland (ROI) with particular reference to Pioneer Ministries and Fresh Expressions of Church'

Basically I was looking at what the Church of Ireland said it should be doing and the reasons why it might not want to do the things it needs to be doing.

A few key findings:

- There is a discussion between a 'cosy club-like church' and a 'gimmick Church' and somewhere in the middle is a very missional orientated Church that is highly effective.

- There are Historical reasons why the Church of Ireland might not want to be missional but needs to get beyond that in order to present the Gospel today
- Leadership needs to be challenged and supported in order for things to Change
- We are living in a 'post-christendom' era and we need to find new ways of 'being church'
- There are really good examples in all sorts of places that are reaching out in new ways and these need to be celebrated
- 5 Marks of Mission are brilliant ways of thinking about Church.

I wrote 15,000 words on the topic which when appendices were written came to 65.000 words.

It is now my hope and prayer that these words and research will not sit on a page but will be shared with others over the coming weeks and months. I already am sharing some findings with the Clergy of Kilmore diocese and Bishop Paul here in Cork with the hope of influencing the future direction of our Diocesan Strategy as under God we go forward.

Grateful Thanks

It is with grateful thanks to the Select Vestry and the wider parish for the work which has been completed on the Blarney house:

- The Installation of a Shower in the main bathroom
- The extension of the driveway
- New fencing panels on one side of the garden following the deterioration of them during winters which caused various ones to cave in
- Interior painting & new blinds

This work has been carried out to a very professional standard and leaves the house ready for the years ahead. I recognise that this type of work is usually carried out in a vacancy but by doing it at this stage has been wonderful and very welcome as I prepare to share the house with a new inhabitant! (aka Noelle). Thank you particularly to Robert Devoy who has been overseeing this work and Ciaran McKeown as Glebe warden last year agreed that this work was necessary.

Charting a Future with Confidence

The Bishop has asked me to Chair the implementation group made up of people from the diocese looking at the future of mission and ministry in the Diocese - I'm excited about this as I do believe it has the potential to make

some important decisions as we go forward. This builds upon preparatory work carried out by many over the past 3 years. Please do pray for this additional aspect to my role in this area.

Our website cupcork.ie

Our website is not currently looking its best - over the past month we've suffered from a virus which managed to get into all of our code - thankfully nothing was lost and it contains no data that is not in the public domain but it simply messed up a lot of files.

We're using this opportunity to re-create the site and make it a bit more user friendly and to update the data contained within it. Over the next month things will be added to the site as I get the opportunity to do that.

If you have any ideas on how to improve things I'd be delighted to hear from you.

Robert



Thank you to everyone who helped, led, catered (thank you Marion!) and prayed for the Easter Youth Trip to Bandon:

A FEW COMMENTS FROM THE FEEDBACK FORMS...

What will you remember, and hold on to, from the 'Exploring God' sessions?

That God is always there no matter what mistake you make – he'll always welcome you back.

The stories and personal trials the speakers shared, and how they got through them.

That you don't have to develop a faith straight away and it's OK to question God sometimes.

Highlights:

Worship – beach trip – talks & dramas – meeting people – music – sessions – all of it! – leader hunt....the list goes on !

You may have seen the recent Chernobyl series on Sky, reminding us of the disaster that happened so long ago - the effects of which are felt today and will be long into the future. Rosie Devoy Pullin volunteers with the Burren Chernobyl Project which makes a huge difference in Gorodishche Orphanage for children and young adults with special needs – many of which are results of the disaster.

Most of these children will spend their lives in institutions but BCP are working on a project to help give some of them the opportunity of freedom – a house on the campus where the young people are trained for independent living, giving them hope for a brighter future.

In July Rosie goes on her fourth trip in two years to volunteer and spend quality time with the children and young people. Pullin Trees is sponsoring her trip but she's raising money to take to help the development of the house. The windows are in but the work is at a standstill until more money has been raised.

Everyone is welcome to a **COFFEE MORNING** in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane from **10 am – 12 noon on Tuesday 25 June** where you can chat with Rosie and hear more about the project, enjoy the refreshments and donate whatever you'd like to into the box. Every cent given will go directly to finance the work on the house. There'll be toys and colouring for smallies!



The house ...



Rosie with Dima, now firmly part of her family – who has spent his whole life in the orphanage, but now has the hope of independent living.

PARISH CONTACTS AND OFFICE HOURS:

The Parish Office is closed Mondays and open on: *Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm; and Wednesdays 9.30 am – 5.30 pm.*

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WEBSITE: www.cupcork.ie & find us on Facebook!



Thanks to Michael Kenning, Chuck Hohnbaum and Robert Ferris for organising the pilgrimage to Scattery Island – part of the 200th celebrations of St Senan's!
A wonderful day!!!



Celebrating 10 years of 'The Lighthouse'

10 years ago when we started The Lighthouse, Messy Church was a relatively new way of doing church but has grown and spread. Now there are well over 3000 Messy Churches all over the world and across many Christian denominations. The Lighthouse, our Messy Church in Blarney, is a space where everyone is welcome to come and explore the Bible and their relationship with God through activities of all kinds in a relaxed and safe space. The meal at the end has become a very important part of the afternoon where we all get to relax and enjoy time together after the busyness of the activities. Between these two elements is our Celebration where we have time to sing and praise God and hear his word. We have explored all sorts of stories and themes and done many different activities over these past 10 years.

Everyone is invited to come along and join us to celebrate 10 years of The Lighthouse on Sunday 16th June 3.30-5.30 for activities, Celebration and our special sausage sizzle tea with Birthday cake. If you've never been before come along and see what we do, if you used to come but don't anymore come along and remember all those afternoons of messy activities, stories and songs, if you've ever wondered what is Messy church and might it be for us then come along, join in and see what it is all about. We would love to make this a really special occasion with lots of people, to honour and praise God for all he has done. **Robert and April**