



CARRIGROHANE UNION OF PARISHES

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

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July/August 2022



Thank you to everyone who planned, organised, played and sang at the lovely Music Among the Trees concert in St Senan's, Inniscarra in June – and special thanks to Fiona Giles – a great compère for the evening!





Welcome

to Deirdre Lightbody – the newly in post Parish Administrative office who is also taking over the bookings for The Carraig Centre – and to Mary Gleeson – the newly in post Finance officer!



And a few departing words from Patsy...

Robert F (I think jokingly!) said that there should be a departing editorial from me! As the time has drawn near, I thought maybe I will write one!

The Parish Office began 23 years ago...when Francis Rutledge was Rector. Jaki and I were both interviewed for the post – and the panel decided they wanted us both. So we began by sharing a post...and that post, over the years, developed into two fairly separate part time jobs. One of my biggest pleasures has been sharing the space and the work with Jaki! We've had a lot of fun and learned so much together over the years as new challenges



have presented themselves. It's been very special, and helpful, to have each other to lean on a little! The photo is us – enjoying afternoon tea in Blarney. That was a gift from the parish when the office was 20 years old! Deirdre and Jaki will continue the fun and make a great team!

George Newell arrived quite soon after we'd opened the office – then we saw William Olhausen as Rector – and then Ruth Jackson (as she was then!) as Curate. Ian Jonas followed William and Robert Ferris followed Ruth as Associate Minister! Katie and Matt had come as youth workers when William was in post – and now we have Sarah Louise as youth worker, with Matt moving to the post in The Carraig Centre. So many changes over the years – but always a great working environment with caring and lovely people! George taught us lots of tech stuff in the early years...and Robert has rescued us and helped us

more times than we can remember! Francis always joked that the pension plan was 'heavenly'! I'm about to find out!

Working in this role has given me a bird's eye view of many of the things that have happened in the parish over these years, including some of the biggies like the wonderful week of Connect 2012 and the many building projects: the church buildings, the houses and all the grounds continue to be maintained, improved and cared for so well; the St Peter's parish centre extension was great – and enabled so much to happen. Of course it was always intended as an 'until we can move into Ballincollig' stage – and, almost unbelievably, that has happened! I've been privileged to witness the many miracles and fairly super-human commitment that that has taken – and to Bill Lane and all the team, thank you for so much – the majority of which is unseen! We can already see how much we are able to serve the wider community, as well as have a lovely centre for the whole parish – and the potential for the future is even greater.

That same bird's eye view means I've seen the massive amount of work and care that all the parishioners do as volunteers across the parish – the wardens and SV, the home group leaders and participants – with Alpha and other courses, in the youthwork and kids' and family work, the welcoming and the catering, the maintenance and the cleaning – and in all the 'simple' caring, contacting and 'minding' moments. The church truly is the people and I'm so thankful to be here!

I wanted to take the opportunity to say '**thank you**' – first and foremost to **Jaki!** Then to all the other bosses and staff members and volunteers who've put up with me and helped me along – and taught me so much. Also I wanted to say thank you to the rest of you all – the members of the parish family. Thank you for your patience and for your encouragement – and your forgiveness for (many!) mistakes! Words of appreciation and understanding help us all – and they certainly help in an office that is trying to serve the needs of so many different people and strands of work! Of course, over all these years, we've said goodbye to many people who have died – or moved – and I'm grateful to so many of them too.

I always said I'd try and do anything – except the money! That didn't work! So my special thanks to the patient, forgiving and amazing people who have served and continue to serve the parish as volunteers in this demanding role: Ivan McMahon, Mick O'Dea, Jim Casey and now, Janice Healey Bird. This side of the work has given me the most frights in the night and stretched the old brain cells the farthest! I'm delighted to see Mary come along to take over – she brings much experience and skill to the role and will be a wonderful help to the Treasurer and finance team.

I can remember how reluctant I was to apply for the job in the first place – I even had my own little version of Gideon's Fleece to assure me that God thought it was a plan! And as with everything when we (finally!) say yes to him – the much bigger blessing has been mine.

Sorry – that turned out to be rather more than 'a few departing words'! Over and out!

Patsy



July-August 2022 Worship in Carrigrohane Union of Parishes

For links to online services – check out www.cupcork.ie/hall

Date	St Peter's, Carrigrohane	The Carraig Centre, Ballincollig (also on-line)	St Senan's, Inniscarra	The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney
3.7.22	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am United Celebration		4 pm Service of Baptism
10.7.22	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am Sunday AM	11 am Holy Communion	7.30 pm Evening worship
17.7.22	9.30 am Family Service	11 am Sunday AM		7.30 pm Evening worship
24.7.22	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am Sunday AM	11 am Morning Prayer	7.30 pm Evening worship
31.7.22	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am Sunday AM		7.30 pm Evening worship
7.8.22	9.30 am Morning Prayer	United Celebration led by the Adventurers & team		
14.8.22	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am Sunday AM	11 am Holy Communion	7.30 pm Evening worship
21.8.22	9.30 am Family Service	11 am Sunday AM		7.30 pm Evening worship
28.8.22	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am Sunday AM	11 am Morning Prayer	7.30 pm Evening worship
4.9.22	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am United Celebration		



Summer Thought

As the summer comes along – it is my hope and prayer that it will be a time of resetting, relaxing and renewal.

As I look back at the past year, I have found myself in what can be described as ‘firefighting mode’ all too often. Whether it be all of the requirements around COVID, the challenges around getting things back operational and many other unseen challenges which have faced us as a parish.

I am looking forward to taking time (amidst the weddings & interviews) this summer to work with the office, to pray and to discern what God might be calling us to during the Autumn.

This summer as you see from the magazine will have various highlights dotted throughout.

I also commend to you our summer series of services in Blarney – these will be short reflective services with input from parishioners and friends of the parish – looking at scriptures which have been helpful to them down through the years. Bible & Me will hopefully allow us time to reflect upon what God might be saying to us over these months.

So, as you reset, relax and renew this summer I commend taking time out to enjoy God’s creation.

Thank you to Patsy

You will have read Patsy’s editorial elsewhere in Connect. On Sunday the 3rd of July, at the United Celebration, the parish will have an opportunity to say thank you to Patsy for her work and to wish her well in retirement.

In my 9 ½ years in the parish I’ve known Patsy to be a wholly dedicated, prayerful and compassionate administrator who has helped kept this union of parishes afloat in many ways. Her knowledge of the people of the parish is unparalleled, and her love of the Lord that she has displayed in the midst of her work has been incredible to witness.

Patsy and Jaki in the office have been an incredible team and seen us through some difficult days, but many great days too as she herself has recounted.

I will say more at the July United Celebration, but for now – on behalf of the parish - thank you Patsy – for your 23 years of faithful service in this role and we wish you well in retirement.

Robert

Carraig Centre Charity status



It was with great celebrations that we, after literally years of

work and many meetings with the Diocese, Vestry and Carraig Centre Board – can announce that the Carraig Centre is now a Charity registered with the Charity Regulator. I want to thank all those who got us to this point both within the Parish and the Diocese. Particular thanks to Ivan McMahon and Jane Moffatt who have been heading this section of work up for the Vestry.

This will now be followed up with the Revenue Commission in order to get a CHY number. For the parish record & also for parishioners to know, here is what we will be doing at the Carraig Centre.

Charitable Purpose

- Advancement of religion
- Other purpose that is of benefit to the community
 - Advancement of community welfare including the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, or disability

Charitable Objects

- The main objects of the Carraig Parish and Community Centre CLG are to support the mission and ministry of Carrigrohane Union of Parishes,
- to provide opportunities for people in the Ballincollig area to explore and develop a Christian faith in a manner approved by the Select Vestry of the Carrigrohane Union of Parishes and consistent with the principles and ethos of the Church of Ireland,
- to advance community welfare in a manner approved by the Select Vestry of the Carrigrohane Union of Parishes and consistent with the principles and ethos of the Church of Ireland by providing services and programmes to meet local needs while working in partnership with local community groups and other churches.

Mothers' Union in the Diocese has planned two summer events – just a chance to gather and enjoy the summer and each other's company!

- Meeting in Timoleague church at 11 am on Saturday 16th July for a short time of prayer and a tour of the wonderful mosaics in the church – with Rev Kingsley Sutton. Then time for a walk and bring-your-own picnic lunch!
- On Mary Sumner Day (founder of MU) – on Tuesday 9th August – meeting in St Mary's church in Doneraile at 11 am – again for a short time of prayer and then time to walk in the park and enjoy a bring-your-own picnic lunch!

Everyone is very welcome – just come along!

For members in the parishes – we're also invited to attend one of the two 'Transformation Now' encouragement events, either in Clonakilty hall on Saturday 27th August or in Carrigaline hall on Saturday 10th September – 10 am coffee for 10.30 am start with bring-your-own lunch finishing the morning by about 1.15, and home journeys started at 2 pm.

"A maintenance & repair day" will be held in St Peter's on Saturday 16th July, from 10 am onwards. It would be great if members of the parish, who have the time, could help out for a few hours please. The proposed tasks would include:-

- Preparation and painting of the 20 ft container
 - Drilling of the drainage holes in the porch area (myself & Robert Devoy will provide the tools for this)
 - Clean up of graveyard (including repair of opened graves/vaults)
 - Clean up & weeding in area of St Peter's Hall
 - Gutters in Ashling cottage
 - Moving the cast iron pieces to the storage container until a final decision is made by Select Vestry in regard to disposal
- and any other tasks identified!!

Please let Ciaran McKeown if you'd be available to help.
Our thanks - the Glebe Wardens."



Thank you to MU members and friends who 'manned' the baby-change facility at the Cork Show in June – especially to our own Pam who sorted the rota – and Mick who moved the furniture from TCC!

The Diocese & Ukraine Response

Bishop Paul at Diocesan Synod recently said: "Through the Lapp's Charity we have already housed 4 Ukrainian households around the city. In the case of Kingston College, we have had the generous donation of €200,000 from The One Foundation and today's grant from Protestant Aid of €50,000.

So together with the big donations, I wish wholeheartedly to acknowledge the overwhelming and immediate response from you – individuals and parishes in the Diocese, and from complete strangers.

People who simply 'saw it in *The Irish Times* sent in money – including one cheque for €20,000 from someone we do not know. Andrew Bird, son of David, passed around the email to a group of friends. They are now a team of volunteers led by Cobh solicitor, Charlie Daly, who has mobilised the people of Mitchelstown, to get involved, as well as countless businesses throughout the County.

RTE producers saw the photograph, and DIYSOS: Build for Ireland are now on board, with some of the houses to be done by a vast team of volunteers – we are still recruiting – between 4th and 15th July: 6 houses in nine days. And, as I say, they are being equipped

and furnished by Protestant Aid.”

Next week we will start filming for the RTE DIYSOS: Build for Ireland series at Kingston College which, if you count the value of that input, is estimated at approximately €1.5 million. In addition, our own Kingston College fundraising efforts and the efforts of our team of volunteers has raised €600,000. Believe it or not, it won't be enough to do what needs to be done, but we will press on in faith and hope and in the knowledge that we are doing a good thing. Thank you to everyone who has supported us - and, as ever, more volunteers would be welcome! – If you wish to support this initiative, please do make contact with Bishop Paul Colton or the diocesan office.

Sanctuary Church status

At Diocesan Synod this year a motion was adopted encouraging churches around the diocese to become Sanctuary Churches – The Vestry are considering this and if you would like to encourage this please do get in touch with Robert over the summer. Below is some of the information we received.

Places of Sanctuary Ireland is an all-island network of groups in towns, cities and local communities which share the objectives of promoting a culture of welcome, and inclusiveness right across every sphere and sector of society, so that wherever people seeking sanctuary go they will feel safe, find people who welcome them and understand why they are here, and have opportunities to be included in all activities.

“We the Select Vestry of Carrigrohane Union of Parishes wish to affirm our support for the Places of Sanctuary movement and our desire to work towards achieving 'Church of Sanctuary' designation. We will seek to develop and embed in our Parish a culture of welcome and hospitality towards asylum seekers and refugees in our own community and across our island. While we recognise that this will be a process of growth and learning within our particular situation, we state our commitment to the following general principles.

- *Offering a positive vision of a culture of welcome and hospitality to all;*
- *Creating opportunities for relationships of friendship and solidarity between local people and those seeking sanctuary;*
- *Recognising and encouraging partnership and network development across localities;*
- *Identifying opportunities for working on common cause issues within and cross communities;*
- *Celebrating and promoting the welcome and contribution of people seeking sanctuary;*
- *Engaging people seeking sanctuary in decision making processes at the levels and in all activities;*

Promoting understanding of asylum and refugee issues, especially by enabling refugee voices to be heard directly.”

Pastoral Appointments

As ever – Robert is available and delighted to make pastoral calls – simply let me know if you would like a cuppa – either at home, in a coffee shop or round at the Carraig Centre. Email robert@cupcork.ie or phone / text Robert on 0851800720.

Parish Meeting

Thursday 21 July - St Peter's, Carrigrohane - 8 pm

The Select Vestry recently asked for a sub committee to review the use of the parish properties; their future maintenance and management costs, together with their investment needs. The sub committee was also asked to make recommendations. This has been done, and the report discussed by the Select Vestry in May. We now wish to open this discussion to the parish as a whole and to get people's views. A Parish Meeting will now be held on Thursday 21 July, where the main points of the report and recommendations will be presented and the meeting then opened for further discussion, which will be reported to the Select Vestry. Please do come along to the meeting in St Peter's Church at 8 pm on Thursday 21 July.

An update on our own Ukrainian response:

Over the last 6 or 8 weeks we have been repeatedly impressed by the response to our several appeals to support Together-Razem's Women for Women appeal, the Irish Red Cross appeal for children's welcome packs and most recently the bikes, scooters and toys appeal supporting Kate Durrant's activities "Welcome to Blarney". We have delivered over 100 each of women's hygiene packs and children's welcome packs and more still coming in! Mothers' Union in various locations around Cork have contributed in a major way as have some local businesses and many individuals. Thank you to Janet Lane and Elana Coadil for all the sorting, cleaning and packing of these packs! More than 10 bikes, scooters and toys have been delivered to a new group in Crookstown, with more still needed, and big thank you to the individuals concerned - you know who you are!

More recently we have engaged with a large group in Victoria Cross student accommodation and have set up a little group of volunteers with Matt to coordinate a response focused on providing entertainment for the children during the summer months and some English classes for practice and social integration. We are delighted that Mothers' Union, through the diocesan AFIA (Away From It All) project, has agreed to provide up to €3000 funding for these activities. We have had our first Lego camp, provided free of charge by Laura O'Keeffe of Brickz Club on June 23/24/26/27 last. Around 20 children and parents participated ably coordinated by Anna, Victoria and Polina, three capable and enthusiastic volunteers from the wider Ukrainian community. We have been delighted to welcome them and many more to our Sunday AM services as well, and we are trying to find ways to include Ukrainian in the services as many don't speak much English!

I know you will all join with me in welcoming our Ukrainian guests and friends into the community!

Bill



CUP Cork Youth Summer Activities

July

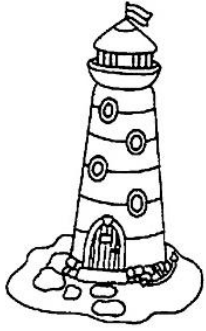
- Youth Café at TCC: 2:30-4:30pm
Friday 15th
Change of Date to Wednesday 20th
Friday 29th

All secondary
school aged
Young People
Welcome

- Family Fun morning Tuesday 19th 10am-12pm (Helpers needed)

August

- 1st-5th: Move
- Tuesday 16th : Beach Trip /Picnic (TBC)
- Wednesday 17th 3-5pm : Family Fun Afternoon (Helpers needed)
- Friday 26th: Family Fun Evenin - 6-8pm St Peter's Field
Carrigrohane



The Lighthouse – Messy Church in Blarney Celebrating 13 years !



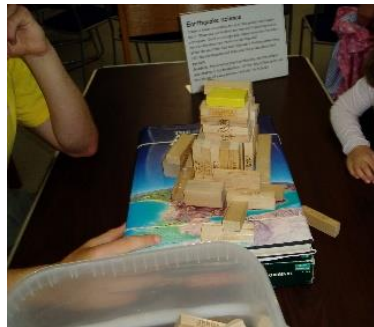
On Sunday 26th June our theme was celebration and we looked at the story of Paul and Silas in Philippi from Acts 16: 11-34. As always we began with activities based on this story: paper boats were made and sailed on the water, to represent the journey by boat which Paul and Silas took to



reach Philippi; biscuits were iced, to think about Lydia and the hospitality she showed towards Paul and Silas; a little booklet telling the whole of God's story in six short sentences, was created by folding and making one cut to the A4 printed page, as it was Paul and Silas telling this story which brought Lydia and the prison guard to faith; a prayer activity where everyone was encouraged to chat and catch from God; a craft activity



Paul and Silas in jail, where fuzzy craft pipe cleaners were used as the prison bars; and an activity where the challenge was to build a tower and then to see what



happened when they moved the 'earthquake plate', a box and a book on top of each other with four marbles sandwiched in between! After the activities we had our celebration time. We began by singing and doing the actions to 'So amazing God', then listened to the Bible story, made a thank-you God paper chain at our prayer time, sang Every step, had notices and sang Happy Birthday as we were celebrating 13 years of The Lighthouse and finished this section in our usual way by saying the Messy Grace, as we all stood in a big circle together.



The afternoon ended with a meal and where we shared food and chatted together. Dessert of course was the birthday cake (I forgot to take a photo of it!) During this time, I went around and asked the children which was their favourite activity or part of the afternoon? Here are some of the answers: 'all of it', 'the little book', 'icing the cookies', 'everything'. One young boy summed up his experience by saying 'this is the best day ever'.

The Lighthouse takes a break for July and August and we will be back again in September.

April

Changes in the office

With Patsy's departure – and Mary & Deirdre taking up their roles:

For Finance enquiries – please email mary@cupcork.ie

For things to be include on email update – jaki@cupcork.ie

For Connect Newsletter articles, bookings for our parish

buildings – deirdre@cupcork.ie

For general office enquiries – please continue to email office@cupcork.ie

Jobs @ Carrigrohane Union

Over the summer we hope to fill 2 vacancies:

- The Parish Associate Minister / Curate post. (re-advertised)
- Church Army Pioneer Evangelist / youth worker post (new post which will be widely advertised – it will be on the jobs section of our website in early July – www.cupcork.ie/jobs)

Both of these posts are integral to our mission and outreach in the parish please do pray for those who might apply.



September 2022 newsletter

Please note that any articles or photographs for the next edition of Connect need to be emailed to deirdre@cupcork.ie or left in the Parish office on or before: **Monday 15 August**

PARISH CONTACTS AND OFFICE HOURS:

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Community Leader and Lead Evangelist in The

Carraig Centre: Matt Gould – 085 1080067

matt@carraigcentre.ie

Carraig Centre Bookings Manager TCC: Bill Lane -

bill@carraigcentre.ie

Youth Worker: Sarah Louise Hockey -

sarah@cupcork.ie

The Carraig Centre reception desk is open from 9 am – 5 pm each weekday.

The Parish Office (in The Carraig Centre) is open each weekday morning from 9.30 am -1.30 pm

Phone: 4877260 - office@cupcork.ie Jaki

Godfrey, Parish Secretary - jaki@cupcork.ie

Deirdre Lightbody - Parish Administrator & TCC

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Mary Gleeson – Finance Officer –

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WEBSITE: www.cupcork.ie & find us on

Facebook and YouTube!

CUP Bank Details for Standing Orders or direct lodgements:

Carrigrohane Union Select Vestry
Current Account, AIB, South Mall,
Cork.

Account: 21109077

IBAN: IE89 AIBK 9342 8321 1090 77

BIC: AIBKIE2D

Continued grateful thanks to everyone for generous giving to the life & work of the Parish.

Please note that any lodgements and Standing Orders that are anonymous means your generous giving can't be included in the annual Tax Reclaim that is such a great help in our annual finances. If you prefer your name not to be on the bank statements, but you are willing to the office know who you are, we can do the necessary work to substantially increase the value of your gifts.

Toy Library

Just a reminder that we're open for 'business' on the first Friday of every month – in the playroom of The Carraig Centre from 12 – 1 pm!
(even in the summer!)

Safeguarding Trust

The Rector, Select Vestry and parish leaders are committed to upholding good practice in the Parish's ministry with children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Should you have a concern or suspicion regarding child welfare in the parish, please contact a member of the parish panel below or any of the statutory agencies:

Robert Ferris – 085 1800720; Jane Moffatt – 086 8935866; Ivan McMahon – 086 8125792

MELTING POT

MEET, EAT, LAUGH, TALK

AT THE MELTING POT LUNCH

IN THE CARRAIG CENTRE

ON WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST

12.45 FOR 1 PM LUNCH

***ALL WELCOME* –**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN COME: 4877260 OR
OFFICE@CUPCORK.IE**

OR PATSY ON 087 6413559 (A TEXT IS FINE!)

**A DONATIONS BOX WILL BE AVAILABLE – CONTINUING
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE**

BISHOPS' APPEAL UKRAINE FUND THAT

GOES FULLY AND DIRECTLY TO

CHRISTIAN AID AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY!

**(JUST A NOTE: AS IT'S SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - THIS IS STILL AN
ADULTS EVENT - NOT A FAMILY EVENT !)**



On behalf of the whole parish, on 19 June, Ivan McMahon thanked Katie Gould for her years of youthwork – even thanking the kids for sharing their mum and dad on so many Friday and Sunday evenings! If you missed the occasion, you can still hear Ivan’s words on the recorded service on Facebook or YouTube. He said Katie’s honesty, commitment and compassion had enriched the lives of many young



people through the last years. Katie was presented with beautiful flowers, a gift cheque and a booklet of messages of appreciation and encouragement, from young people past and present, their parents and other people from across the parish.

Some Family Fun this summer...

We haven’t a Holiday Club this year – but we do have a couple of occasions designed for parents/carers and children (geared towards primary but all ages most welcome) to come together for games, stories, activities, prayer, refreshments and play – all around a theme from the Bible:

Tuesday 19 July from 10 am – 12 noon in The Carraig Centre

Wednesday 17 August from 3 - 5 pm in The Carraig Centre

and Friday 26 August for a family BBQ in the St Peter’s Field, Carrigrohane from 6-8 pm (bring a salad or pud if you can!)

It will be very helpful to have an idea of numbers for these events – so please book in on Eventbrite:-

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/carrigrohane-family-fun-events-692359>

Or leave your name and how many will be coming on 4877260.

If you only decide at the last minute...come anyway!

**Mothers' Union in Ireland – speaking up for
victims of domestic abuse, in all it's forms**



‘Souls of Our Shoes’

**Everyone is welcome to call in and explore this (no charge)
Exhibition**

- a powerful & compelling place, with shoes that seek to tell stories on behalf of people who experience physical or emotional abuse

**in The West Wing of
The Carraig Centre,
Ballincollig P31 PV20**

Opening Saturday 6 August and remaining in place for the month. The doors will be open from 10 am – 4 pm each day. Sometimes there will be someone ‘on duty’ – and sometimes it will just be open and available.

Don't look away, act against abuse



**It is God's intention for all human
beings, male, female, child and adult,
to enjoy safety, freedom, dignity
and fullness of life."**

(From the Scottish Inter-Faith Statement)

Carrigrohane Union of Parishes:

Our Mission:

- Our mission is to be an authentic, open community of all ages and stages:
- Making whole-life disciples of Jesus who live and share his gospel
- Praying, playing, and learning together
- Worshiping God passionately



Our Identity:



Carrigrohane Union is a union of churches whose members are drawn from near and far. Each of our four congregations seeks:

- To be centred on the life and teaching of Jesus
- To grow in his love together
- To express his love in action



Our Purpose:

We seek to be a church for everyone; following Jesus's example of serving our community, making disciples, and enabling people to experience the generosity of God.

Our Values:

We value:

- **Risk taking** which allows us to try new things because we worship a creative God
- **A whole life spirituality** which encompasses prayer, Bible study, outreach and living out our faith
- **Generosity** of time and resources because we worship a generous God
- **Relevance** making sure that what we do connects with everyday life in Cork
- **Encouragement and support** within the community, helping each other through tough times and celebrating through good times
- **Enabling people of all ages** and backgrounds to find their God given place as we create and celebrate our changing community
- **Developing an inter-generational church** where people from all ages learn, grow, and serve together

