

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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Harvest Traditions

This year I received funding from the arts Council or Ireland and the Cork County Arts Office to undertake a project documenting Harvest Thanksgivings across a number of County Cork Parishes. I wish to provide a visual archive of a custom that is unique to the Church of Ireland and that has been celebrated throughout Ireland since 1899. As a child I attended St Mary's in Marmullane ,Passage west where the Harvest Thanksgiving



was a highlight. The church was lavishly decorated with Fruits, flowers and sheaves and was always well attended on this occasion. As a budding artist the visual beauty of the decorated church clearly made its mark.

I was hugely inspired by Author Deirdre Nuttall who published *Different and the same, A folk history of the protestants of Independent Ireland* in 2020. I first heard Deirdre speaking on the National folklore collection podcast about traditions and customs unique to the Church of Ireland and I was immediately intrigued. Previous to this the collecting of Church of Ireland customs and traditions had been largely overlooked by the NFC. I followed this up by visiting the new archive in Dublin where I read hundreds of interviews and questionnaires completed by members of the church of Ireland community. A common thread throughout the transcripts were fond memories of the Harvest Thanksgiving, not only the church service itself, which was a highlight but also the social events and farming activities surrounding it. Older interviewees spoke a lot about threshing, the sharing of farming equipment with neighbours and of course the celebrations that marked the successful gathering in of the harvest.

As with all Art projects this soon developed into a much broader and richer project than anticipated. I have been documenting Richard wood on his Farm in Faha as he moves through the seasons from ploughing, to sowing, growing and harvesting oats and barley. This August I documented Ricard making sheaves in preparation for the forthcoming Harvest Thanksgiving in St Senans. Richard has been making sheaves for the Church for the last 25 years. Coincidently, these sheaves will be shared with St Andrews in Kilmurray and also Castleventry, which is a lovely gesture itself. I hope the result of this part of the project will be a short film. Alongside this I will be photographing and filming up to twelve West Cork churches during Harvest Thanksgiving and hopefully following this up by interviewing participants about their Harvest memories. It is my great hope that this will provide a visual archive of a wonderful unique custom and tradition for future generations.

Debbie Godsell is an artist and educator based in Macroom co cork.

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Date	St Peter's Carrigrohane	The Carraig Centre, Ballincollig	or links to online se www St Senan's, Inniscarra	The Church of the Resurrection Blarney
02.10.22			9.30am Harvest Celebration 11am Harvest	
09.10.22	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Sunday AM	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion
16.10.22	9.30am Morning Prayer	11am Sunday Am Holy Communion		11am Service of the Word
23.10.22	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Sunday AM	11am Holy Communion	
30.10.22	9.30am Family Service	11am Sunday AM		11am Service of the Word
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TCC serving idea. Using the Foyer to provide *'a warm winter welcome'*

What?

An evening hangout space in the foyer of TCC for individuals/families over the winter.

Could be 6-9pm or similar. Tea and coffee and toast. Board games / TV on. Most significantly, we will have the heating on!

Why?

We have a looming energy crisis this winter. For some families, they may well be choosing between heating their homes and eating a decent meal. Is this a need in Ballincollig? Maybe - Simply put, we don't know, only one way to find out!

How?

A volunteer/staff host to be around and provide a welcome, and lock up at end of the evening.

Could be run on a similar way to our reception volunteer rota. We would not be 'in-loco parentis'. Families would be welcome, but supervising their own children.

The centre will be open anyway for evening activities/groups.

There will be a small challenge not disrupt the evening groups in various meeting rooms.

When?

Winter months. Could go with the 'clock change' - **30th Oct to End of March.**

Evening Time: 5-8pm, or 6-9pm

<u>So, could you spare a few hours one evening a week to provide a warm winter welcome?</u>

If this is something that interests you, do talk to **Matt** in the Carraig Centre, or call him on 0851080067.







The Lighthouse – Messy Church

in Blarney

On Sunday 25th September we had our first meeting after the summer break. It was super to see everyone again and to welcome a new family too.



Our story for the day was all about Daniel. We began as usual with activities based on the story. This time we had six activities. 'Sacred objects', where all

had a chance to look at the chalice and paten used during Holy Communion; 'Which food?', where we were thinking about which foods Daniel might have eaten or not eaten, pictures were cut from magazines and then stuck in the correct place on the poster, 'Nebuchadnezzar's

> dream collage' where a picture of the statue in Nebu-





chadnezzar's dream were decorated with various different coloured papers; 'Measurements of Nebuchadnezzar's golden statue' where the idea was to see how big the golden statue was; 'Furnace painting' where pictures of the furnace, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego ended up in, were painted and 'Mini Lion puppets' where lion puppets

were made from cupcake cases and lolly sticks. The colouring table was also visited by lots of the children.

During the celebration, there was some great singing and actions and super listening to the story, which had several stories within the story as we told Daniel chapters 1 - 6. After the notices and Messy Grace, we had a lovely time chatting together as we ate and looked at the photos taken during the afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the meal and the chocolate krispies for dessert!

The dates for the 'The Lighthouse' for the rest of this term are: Sunday 23 October, 27 November and 18 December 3.30-5.30pm. Do come along and join in the fun and learning while we praise and worship God. All are welcome.

The Lighthouse team are looking for new members. Do you enjoy being with children and their families? If so, then this may be an area where you might like to serve. If anyone is interested, please contact April at

lighthouse@cupcork.ie.



Ukrainian Crisis Response Update

Ukrainian Support Team

All during the late spring and on into the summer and now the autumn, we have been proactive in responding to the Ukrainian crisis as needs arose and opportunities presented themselves.

Since Easter or before and continuing to this day, we cooperated with Together4Ukraine and the Irish Red Cross to promote their appeals for welcome bags for women and children. To date, over 130 welcome packs for women and children have been collected, sorted and given to Together4Ukraine in Blackpool and the Irish Red Cross. In addition we have



been collecting toys, bikes and scooters for distribution to newly arriving groups in several locations, including Victoria Cross Student Accommodation, Green Glens Arena, the Ukrainian response warehouse in Blackpool and most recently St. Josephs convent near Dennehy's Cross. The response from the wider

> community and particularly our own parish members and friends has been extraordinary and continues to this day as well.



During the summer months The Carraig Centre offered a wide range of third party provided camps and activities for children. Taking advantage of these and the great goodwill of the providers as well as our own summer fun days, we were able to provide a great summer activities for a group of Ukrainian kids residing temporarily in Victoria Cross. Lego, art, music, science and YMCA fun was on offer. The Community Foundation of Ireland and Mother's Union provided very helpful finance to make these activities possible as well as the providers offering free places, and free or heavily discounted camps for the children and teens. The Community Foundation finance also supported a part time Ukrainian speaking worker organising,

participating and supporting the activities. An enthusiastic group of Parish people and friends also set up and organised twice weekly English classes to

encourage a group of up to 45 Ukrainians of all ages in their English familiarity. Looking ahead, we have just been awarded a further grant for the year ahead to continue the work of supporting and liaising with

the Ukrainian community.

As several of our new Ukrainian friends started coming along to Sunday AM in the Carraig Centre, we have been able to build bonds of friendship and support with them. As the summer progressed and it became clear that Victoria Cross Student Accommodation was very temporary, we decided to

look at a conversion of the new wing of the old Parish Centre into residential use for a small number



of the people we were connecting with. The Select Vestry passed this proposal in August, the RCB in early September and work commenced installing a shower and providing washer/dryer, fridge/freezer and domestic furniture for 5 or 6 people. We aim to have the space occupied on September 22. We have applied for grant aid for this conversion from a new fund from the RCB and Benefact (former Ecclesiastical Insurance).



There are a huge number of people who have made wonderful contributions to this effort. From our Ukrainian friends themselves : Hanna Bank, Viktoriia Tymoshchuk and Polina Movchan, to Laura Kenna who stimulated the English Class effort, to our own Kate Durrant who has an extraordinary ability to make connections and sort out challenges, not to mention innumerable members of CUP, too many to name individually! This was truly a parish wide effort, and

will continue to be so, demonstrating the loving heart of CUP! A huge "Thank You" to



Abigail at the Lighthouse



It's been a great first couple of weeks getting settled in to the Carrigrohane Union—in particular I was delighted to be part of my first Lighthouse session on 25 September! Lighthouse is the local expression here in Blarney of Messy Church—a network of resources and creativity all geared towards connecting with families in our local communities. In my previous ministry roles I have experienced Messy Church in different spaces and places, and it was really wonderful to experience how things work here in the Lighthouse!

It was a delight to see the core values of this ministry coming through. There was plenty of space for messy creativity with a variety of activities for children and their parents to engage in together, for this particular session all focusing on the



story of Daniel. There was an atmosphere of celebration as we shared in song and a Bible story together. And there was the wonderful hospitality of enjoying a meal together before the afternoon closed. Well done to team leader April, and to faithful team members Marg, Veronica, Laurel and Oisín, and thank you for making myself and my husband Karl feel welcome to the team!



Do you know families who might enjoy the Lighthouse? Please feel free to spread the word and invite them! The Lighthouse seeks to be an engaging and welcoming space for all ages and stages! The Lighthouse generally happens on the fourth Sunday of the month and our next Lighthouse session will take place on 23 October, 3:30-5:30 pm at the Church of the Resurrection in Blarney.



All our upcoming dates for the rest of the year are on the parish website: <u>https://</u> <u>cupcork.ie/mclighthouse/</u> or email team leader April Gunn on <u>light-house@cupcork.ie</u> if you'd like more information.

Connecting With Us via Social Media

We're on Facebook—facebook.com/cupcork

We're also on Youtube—youtube.com/ cupcork





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

