**DIOCESES OF KILMORE, ELPHIN & ARDAGH**



**The Rt Revd Dr Samuel Ferran Glenfield**

Elected Bishop of Kilmore and Elphin & Ardagh by Electoral College

on 4 February 2013

Consecrated in St Patrick’s Cathedral, Armagh

on 31 May, 2013

Installed in The Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin and St John the Baptist, Sligo

on 9 June, 2013

Installed in The Cathedral Church of St Fethlimidh, Kilmore

on 16 June, 2013

**Minutes of 2020 Diocesan Synod**

**The** **152nd annual meeting of the Synod of Kilmore** was held jointly with the first ordinary session of the **35th Synod of Elphin & Ardagh** via postal correspondence due to the Covid 19 Pandemic and restrictions around gatherings

Scrutinisers of clerical and lay votes were appointed and the counting of votes was held in a safe environment, following the governments covid guidelines.

The results of elections were announced via The Scribe.

The President addressed the Synod through a diocesan-wide written address as the Synod could not meet in person. His address was as follows;

*“Dear Synod members,*

*This has been an extraordinary year and I am writing to you rather than addressing you in person in*

*the Bush Hotel. Our world has been turned upside down by the COVID-19 pandemic. It has disrupted virtually every aspect of our lives. It has placed huge strains on health services and economies across the globe. It has hit our homes, churches, schools, hospitals, care homes and businesses. It has brought illness and death. It has not gone away. It looks like it will linger long into 2021.*

*In church we faced the first lockdown in mid-March which lasted until the beginning of July.*

*That meant we were not able to observe Lent, Holy Week and Easter. We missed Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.*

*We were not able to conduct our annual General Easter Vestries. Nearly all of our usual church activities were suspended for over three months. Confirmations were cancelled, Baptisms postponed, Weddings put off. Funerals were curtailed which was very hard on bereaved families.*

*Our schools, too, were closed in this period and remote learning became the order of the day bringing challenges for teachers and children alike.*

*In July we returned to Sunday worship under controlled restrictions and people began to trickle back to church.*

*It was a welcomed return. I want to commend all those who had to work so hard in order that many of churches were able to reopen. Sadly, some of our churches were not able to reopen due to the stringent guidelines. September came and schools returned following strict guidelines and we prepared to have low key Harvest Services. Then just as things were beginning to settle a second wave of the virus resulted in church closures, although schools remained open. As we approach Advent it is not clear that we will be able to return to Sunday worship in the run up to Christmas.*

*This unprecedented disruption has brought many challenges to our church. These will not be resolved in the short term.*

*They will have to be addressed when the virus is behind us. 2020 was supposed to be the culmination of our 2020 Vision which we will need to revisit when we can see the road ahead. The challenges brought about by COVID-19 have been met with fortitude, faithfulness and flexibility. Church people have got on with their lives as best as they could.*

*They have complied with health guidelines, they have looked after their families and looked out for those in need.*

*They have been faithful in prayer and giving and appreciative of what has been done for them. They have adapted to the constant changes asked of them;*

*home working and home schooling. They have used online services, social media and used Zoom meetings. In other words, they have risen to the challenges thrown at them by COVID-19.*

*I want to commend our clergy and teachers. Clergy have been asked to do counter intuitive things. They have not been able to conduct live services or to visit homes, hospitals, care homes and schools for much of the year. Nonetheless they have been very active and adaptive doing online services and studies and using many different platforms to keep in contact with their people. They have been very grateful of the support they and their families have received.*

*Teachers have likewise had to adapt to online learning and to the very different classroom experience the new school year brought. Principals and their support staff have to be praised for their efforts to prepare schools for the new term and to keep schools open for learning.*

*Finally, I want to thank some people who kept the show on the road this year. Sarah and Ann have been very busy in keeping diocesan administration going.*

*Archdeacon Craig his team of contributors have produced online Diocesan services which have reached well beyond the diocese. Jenny Horner has made sure our communications have been flowing. Damian Shorten has been a huge asset in enabling us work with children and young people remotely. Maud Cunningham who personified all that is good about Kilmore Elphin and Ardagh died this autumn. She will be greatly missed but her legacy will remain alive amongst us.*

*There has been much talk about resilience during the COVID-19 crisis. Hope for the church does not lie in our resilience but in God's faithfulness to his people.*

*Biblical prophets like Micah encourage us to walk in faith in the ruins of the present time in the name of God who will lead us into His future.*

*So, may we live by faith and walk in hope together with our God.*

*+ Ferran*

**Motions from Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh:**

**MOTION 1**

“That the report of Diocesan Council be considered”

Proposed by Revd Canon Patrick Bamber and seconded by Mrs Rita Day that the report be considered.

“That the report of the Diocesan Council be adopted subject to any resolutions of the Synod relating thereto”

Proposed by Revd Canon Patrick Bamber and seconded by Mrs Rita Day

**Communications from General Synod**

It was announced that the 2021 General Synod would be held in via Zoom in September

**SYNOD OF KILMORE, ELPHIN & ARDAGH**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021**

**KILMORE, ELPHIN & ARDAGH SYNOD ELECTION RESULTS**

**Representatives of KILMORE, ELPHIN & ARDAGH**

**The Representative Church Body (2021-2023)**

Lay Member: Mrs Sarah Taylor

**General Synod (2020-2023)**

**Kilmore Clerical Representatives**

The Very Revd Nigel Crossey

The Revd Canon Hazel Hicks

The Ven Canon Craig McCauley

The Revd Alastair Donaldson

The Revd Ruth West

The Revd Ian Horner

The Revd Albert Dawson

**Kilmore** **Lay Representatives**

Mr Neville Bagnall

Ms Sophia Bleakley

Mrs Jennifer Bullock

Mrs Rita Day

Mrs Laura Dunlop

Mr William Foster

Mr David Jones

Mr Wilson Kells

Dr Nicholas Lipscomb

Mr Clive Magee

Mrs Cynthia Poyntz

Mr Nigel Trenier

Mr Roy Woods

**Elphin & Ardagh** **Clerical Representatives**

The Revd Canon Patrick Bamber

The Revd Linda Frost

The Revd Canon Edward Yendall

The Ven Capt Isaac Hanna

The Revd Maurice Elliott

The Revd Malcolm Young

Supplementals:

The Very Revd Arfon Williams

The Revd Christiaan Snell

**Elphin & Ardagh Lay Representatives**

Mrs Ivy Boddy

Mr Peter Clampett

Ms Susan Compton

Mr Michael Hall

Mr Edward Lindsay

Mrs Joy Little

Mr Damian Shorten

Mrs Sally Siggins

Mrs Diane Stewart

Mrs Sarah Taylor

Mr Alan Williamson

Mrs Lynn Wright

**Episcopal Electors (2020-2023)**

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The Revd Nicholas Jones

The Revd Alison Calvin

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Supplementals:

Mr Aaron Magee

Dr Nicholas Lipscomb

Mr Neville Bagnall

Mr Robert Fannin

**Elphin & Ardagh Lay Representatives**

Mrs Sarah Taylor

Mr Damian Shorten

Mrs Joy Little

Mr Alan Williamson

Mrs Isla Poyntz-Ryder

Mrs Sally Siggins

Mr George Armstrong

Supplementals

Mr Edward Lindsay

Mrs Miriam Gunn

**Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh Diocesan Court (2020-2023)**

**Clerical Representatives**

The Very Revd Nigel Crossey

The Ven Canon Craig McCauley

The Revd Canon Patrick Bamber

Supplementals:

The Revd Albert Dawson

The Ven Capt Isaac Hanna

**Lay Representatives**

Mr Desmond Lowry

Mr William Foster

Mr Damian Shorten

Supplemental

Mrs Sally Siggins

**Kilmore Elphin & Ardagh Diocesan Council (2020-2021)**

**Kilmore Clerical Representatives**

The Revd Albert Dawson

The Revd Alastair Donaldson

The Revd Ian Horner

The Revd Nicholas Jones

The Revd Capt Richard Waller

The Revd Ruth West

Ex-officio: The Very Revd Nigel Crossey

The Revd Canon Hazel Hicks

The Ven Craig Canon McCauley

**Elphin & Ardagh Clerical Representatives**

The Revd Canon Patrick Bamber

The Revd Linda Frost

The Revd Simon Scott

The Revd Christiaan Snell

The Revd Canon Edward Yendall

Ex Officio: The Very Revd Arfon Williams

The Ven Capt Isaac Hanna

**Kilmore Lay Representatives**

Mr Neville Bagnall

Ms Sophia Bleakley

Mrs Jennifer Bullock

Mrs Pamela Crozier

Mr William Foster

Mr David Jones

Mr Desmond Lowry

Mr Cyril Moore

Mrs Cynthia Poyntz

Mr Wayne Poyntz

Mr Roy Woods

Ex-officios: Dr Nicholas Lipscomb

Mr George Taylor

**(Duly to be appointed at Diocesan Synod)**

**Ardagh Lay Representatives**

Mr George Armstrong

Mrs Aideen Huston

Mrs Diane Stewart

Mrs Lynn Wright

**Elphin Lay Representatives**

Mrs Susan Compton

Mrs Martha Cornwall

Mrs Joy Little

Mr Alan Williamson

**Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh Committee of Patronage 2020-2023**

**Clerical Representatives**

The Ven Craig Canon McCauley

The Very Revd Nigel Crossey

The Revd Canon Patrick Bamber

The Revd Canon Hazel Hicks

Supplementals: The Ven Capt. Isaac Hanna

The Revd Simon Scott

**Lay Representatives**

Mrs Sarah Taylor

Supplementals: Mr Cyril Moore

Mr Alan Williamson

Mr George Taylor

**Ardagh and Kilmore Board of Education**

**Kilmore Clerical Representative**

Very Revd Nigel Crossey

The Ven Canon Craig McCauley

The Revd Albert Dawson

**Elphin and Ardagh Clerical Representative**

The Revd Canon Patrick Bamber

The Revd Simon Scott

The Ven Capt Isaac Hanna

Very Revd Arfon Williams

**Kilmore Lay Representative**

Mr Desmond Lowry

Mrs Cynthia Poyntz

Mrs Rita Day

Supplemental; Mr Neville Bagnall

**Elphin and Ardagh Lay Representative**

Mr Damian Shorten

Mr Alan Williamson

Supplementals; Mrs Isla Poyntz-Ryder, Mr Edward Lindsay

**DIOCESE OF KILMORE, ELPHIN & ARDAGH**

Chancellor

Mr William Prentice, 70 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

**Kilmore Diocesan Trustees**

The Revd Canon Hazel Hicks

Mr Desmond Lowry

Mr George Taylor

The Rt Hon The Earl of Erne

**Elphin and Ardagh Diocesan Trustees**

Mr Andrew McHugh

Mrs Violet Satchwell

Mr Richard Wood-Martin

**Diocesan Registrar**

The Very Revd Arfon Williams

**Honorary Secretaries to the Diocese 2020-2023**

To Be duly appointed at Diocesan Synod

**Honorary Treasurers 2020-2023**

To Be duly appointed at Diocesan Synod

**Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh Diocesan Councils and Finance Members 2020-2021**

###### Chairman

The Bishop of Kilmore and Elphin & Ardagh

###### Honorary Diocesan Secretaries 2021-2024

To Be duly appointed at Diocesan Synod

###### Honorary Diocesan Treasurers 2021-2024

To be duly appointed at Diocesan Synod

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| **Clerical Members (2020-2021)**  The Revd Canon Patrick Bamber  The Revd Albert Dawson  The Revd Alastair Donaldson  The Revd Linda Frost  The Revd Ian Horner (F)  The Revd Nicholas Jones  The Revd Simon Scott  The Revd Christiaan Snell  The Revd Richard Waller  The Revd Ruth West (F)  The Revd Canon Edward Yendall  **Ex-Officio Members**  The Very Revd Nigel N Crossey (F)  The Ven Canon Craig McCauley (F)  The Very Revd Arfon Williams (F)  The Revd Canon Hazel R.Hicks ( to be duly appointed at Synod)  Supplemental: The Revd Richard L. Waller  **Lay Members**  Mr George Armstrong (Kenagh)  Mr Neville Bagnall (Munterconnaught)  Ms Sophia Bleakley (Killegar)  Mrs Jennifer Bullock (Kinawley & Holy Trinity)  Ms Susan Compton (Roscommon)  Mrs Martha Cornwall (Ballinlough)  Mrs Pamela Crozier (Killesher)  Mrs Rita Day (Manorhamilton)  Mr William Foster (Kilmore) (F)  Mrs Aideen Huston (Mohill)  Mr David Jones (Columbkille)  Mrs Joy Little (Boyle)  Mr Desmond Lowry (Castleterra (F)  Mr Cyril Moore (Kilmore) (F)  Mr Roy E Woods (Kildallon) (F)  Mrs Joy Little (Croghan) (F)  Mrs Diane Stewart (Ballymacormack)  Mr Alan Williamson (Lisadell) (F)  Mrs Lynn Wright (Granard)  Ex-officio: Dr Nicholas Lipscomb (Killesher) (F)  Mr George Taylor (Newtowngore/Corrawallen) (F) (To be duly elected at Diocesan Synod)  Mrs Sarah Taylor (Diocesan Administrator) (F) |

**Members under 36**

Ms Sally Siggins

**Members Representing Young People**

Mr Damian Shorten

**Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh Diocesan Finance Committee**

Those members of the Diocesan Council indicated (F)

#### Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh Diocesan Glebes Committee 2020-2021

Assistant Secretary: The Very Revd Arfon Williams

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| **Clerical** | **Lay** |
| The Very Revd Nigel Crossey  The Revd Alastair Donaldson  The Revd Linda Frost The Revd Albert Dawson | Mr David Jones  Mr George Taylor  Mr Desmond Lowry  Mrs Rita Day  Mr Alan Williamson |

**ARDAGH AND KILMORE DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Ex Officio Governors**

The Bishop, The Deans, The Archdeacons

**Elected Governors**

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| **Clerical** | **Lay** |
| The Very Revd Nigel Crossey | Mr Des Lowry |
| The Revd Albert Dawson | Mrs Cynthia Poyntz |
| The Ven Canon Craig McCauley | Mr Damian Shorten |
| The Revd Canon Patrick Bamber | Mr Alan Williamson |
| The Ven Capt Isaac Hanna |  |
| The Revd Simon Scott |  |
| The Revd Arfon Williams |  |
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| Supplementals | Mr Neville Bagnall |
|  | Mrs Isla Poyntz - Ryder |
|  | Mr Edward Lindsay |

**Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh Diocesan Court 2020-2023**

Chancellor: Mr William Prentice, 70 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

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| **Clerical** | **Lay** |  |  |
| The Very Revd Nigel Crossey  The Ven Canon Craig W. L. McCauley  The Revd Canon Patrick Bamber | Mr Desmond Lowry  Mr William Foster  Mr Damian Shorten |  |  |
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**Representatives to the General Synod 2020-2023**

***Kilmore***

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| **Clerical** | **Lay** |
| The Very Revd Nigel Crossey | Mr Neville Bagnall |
| The Revd Canon Hazel Hicks | Mrs Sophia Bleakley |
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| The Revd Albert Dawson | Mr David Jones |
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| The Revd Simon Donohoe | Dr Nicholas Lipscomb |
|  | Mr Clive Magee |
|  | Mrs Cynthia Poyntz |
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| ***Elphin & Ardagh*** |  |
| ***Clerical*** |  |
| The Revd Canon Patrick Bamber | Ms Susan Compton | |
| The Revd Linda Frost | Mrs Deborah Davitt | |
| The Revd Canon Edward Yendall | Mrs Ruth Galbraith | |
| The Ven Capt. Isaac Hanna | Mrs Joy Little | |
| The Revd Maurice Elliott | Mr Adam Norris | |
| The Revd Malcom Young | Mrs Diane Stewart | |
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# Committee of Patronage Kilmore Elphin & Ardagh 2020-2023

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| **Clerical** | **Lay** |
| The Ven Canon Craig McCauley | Mrs Sarah Taylor |
| The Very Revd Nigel Crossey |  |
| The Revd Canon Patrick Bamber | **Supplementals:** |
| The Revd Canon Hazel Hicks | Mr Cyril Moore |
|  | Mr Alan Williamson |
| **Supplemental** | Mr George Taylor |
| The Ven Capt. Isaac Hanna |  |
| The Revd Simon Scott |  |
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# Episcopal Electors 2020- 2023

***Kilmore***

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| **Clerical** | **Lay** |
| The Very Revd Nigel Crossey | Mrs Cynthia Poyntz |
| The Ven Canon Craig McCauley | Miss Sophia Bleakley |
| The Revd Ian Horner | Mr Desmond Lowry |
| The Revd Ruth West | Mr William Foster |
| The Revd Canon Hazel R. Hicks | Mr David Jones |
| The Revd Alastair Donaldson | Mrs Jennifer Bullock |
| The Revd Nick Jones | Mr Cyril Moore |
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|  | Mr Aaron Magee |
| The Revd Albert Dawson | Dr Nicholas Lipscomb |
| The Revd Simon Donohoe | Mr Neville Bagnall |
| The Revd Tanya Woods | Mr Robert Fannin |
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| **Elphin & Ardagh** |  |
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| The Revd Canon Patrick Bamber |  |
| The Revd Linda Frost | Mrs Sarah Taylor |
| The Very Revd Arfon Williams | Mr Damian Shorten |
| The Revd Simon Scott | Mrs Joy Little |
| The Ven. Captain Isaac Hanna | Mr Alan Williamson |
|  | Mrs Isla Poyntz Ryder |
|  | Ms Sally Siggins |
|  | Mr George Armstrong |
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| The Revd Christiaan Snell | Mr Edward Lindsay |
| The Revd Malcolm Young | Mrs Miriam Gunn |

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| **Representatives of the United Diocese** | |  | |
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| **Representative Church Body** | |  | |
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| Mrs Rita Day | 2020-2023 | | |
| Mrs Sarah Taylor | 2022-2025 | | |
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| **Standing Committee of the General Synod 2018-2021** | |  | |
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| The Revd Canon Hazel R. Hicks | |  | |
| The Revd Ruth West | |  | |
| Mrs Sarah Taylor | |  | |
| Mrs Laura Dunlop | |  | |
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| **Church of Ireland Bishops’ Appeal** | |  | |
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| Mr Albert Dawson | |  | |
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| **Board of Education of the General Synod 2018-2021** | |  | |
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| Mr Michael Hall | |  | |
| The Very Revd Nigel N. Crossey | |  | |
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| **Incorporated Society for Promotion of Protestant Schools in Ireland** | |  | |
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| Mr Arnie Griffin | |  | |
| **Protestant (Local) Board of Education Cavan Royal School 2020-2022** | | |  |
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| Mrs Cynthia Poyntz | |  | |
| Mr Desmond Lowry | |  | |
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| **Board of Tullyvin and Benbawn Endowed Schools 2020-2022** | |  | |
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| Mr George Middleton | |  | |

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| **CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF KILMORE, ELPHIN & ARDAGH** |  |
| **ON 1 OCTOBER, 2020 WITH THE YEAR OF ORDINATION** |  |
| The Revd Captain Richard A. Beadle Dip.Ebg. | 2016 |
| The Revd Canon Patrick Bamber, M.A. B.Th. | 2002 |
| The Revd Canon Alison Calvin B.A.(Hon), B.Th, P.G.C.E. | 2009 |
| The Very Revd Nigel Crossey, M.A.,M.Th., Dip.Th. | 1984 |
| The Revd Alastair P Donaldson, B.Th.(Hon) | 2015 |
| The Revd Simon Donohoe B.A.(Hon) P.Grad.Dip. Th. Pastoral Studies | 2015 |
| The Revd Linda Frost, Dip.Clin. & Past.Coun. Prof.Cert.in Min M.Th. | 2013 |
| The Ven Captain Isaac J. Hanna, Dip.H.E. | 2008 |
| The Revd Canon Hazel R. Hicks, B.A. | 2008 |
| The Revd Ian E. W. Horner, B.A.(Hon), M.Th. | 2013 |
| The Revd Nicholas T. Jones LL.B, B.A.,P.Grad. Dip. Leg Prac, P.Grad. Dip Th & Past Prac | 2012 |
| The Revd Canon Mark R. Lidwill. Dip.Th. | 1987 |
| The Ven Canon Craig W. L. McCauley, B.A., B.Th., Grad.Dip.Hum | 1999 |
| The Revd David T. Moses, B.A. (Hon), Bus. Stud. (U.U.J.), Prof. Cert. in Min. | 2017 |
| The Revd Simon M. Scott, B.Agr.Sc Prof.Cert.in Min | 2016 |
| The Revd Mark Smith, M.A. (Cantab), B.Th | 2017 |
| The Revd Christiaan Snell, B.A.Th, L.Th | 2007 |
| The Revd Richard L. Waller, B.Sc. (Hon) Dip.P.G.C.E. H.E. Prof. Cert. in Min. | 2016 |
| The Revd Ruth J. West, B.Sc. (Hons), B.Th., M.A. | 2012 |
| The Very Arfon Williams, B.D, M.A., Dip.Lig.,D.PS.T., D.PT | 1984 |
| The Revd Tanya J. Woods | 2002 |
| The Revd Canon Edward T. Yendall, B.A. Th, (Hon) with Credit, Cert Th,. | 1998 |
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| **Clergy with General Licence** |  |
| The Revd Canon Ronald J. Bourke |  |
| The Revd Canon David A Catterall |  |
| The Revd Canon Janet M. Catterall |  |
| The Very W. Raymond Ferguson |  |
| The Revd Dr William J. Johnston |  |
| The Revd Canon R. William (Billy) Stafford |  |
| The Revd Michael G. Wooderson |  |
| The Revd M. Ann Wooderson |  |
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## Diocesan Clerical Staff Changes September 2020 – September 2021

The Revd Canon Alison Calvin (resigned February 2020)

The Revd Mark Smith (appointed Minister in Charge of Kildrumferton Group May 2021)

The Revd David Moses (resigned July 2021)

The Ven Captain Hanna (resigned August 2021)

The Revd Canon Sandra Lindsay (Deceased July 2021)

The Revd John Addy, The Revd Adam Norris, and The Revd Xanthe Pratt (ordained Deacons September 5th 2021)

The Revd Andrew Pierce (ordained Deacon September 12, 2021)

The Revd Albert Dawson, The Revd Steve Frost, The Revd Adam Norris, The Revd Ed Smyth, and The Revd Malcolm Young (Ordained Priests September, 19th 2021)

**Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh Parochial Representatives on the Diocesan Synod**

Clerical and Elected Lay Members (elected by the Easter Vestries 2020)

**Kilmore**

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| **Parish/Group** | **Clergy** | **Lay** | **Supplemental** |
| Arvagh Carrigallen  Columbkille  Gowna | H. R Hicks  (Canon)  *(Priest-in-Charge)* | Simon Johnston  Gladys Richardson  David Jones  Louise Knight | Elvis Curran  Shirley Brereton  Helen Hall  Aisling Dewart-Cartwright |
| Bailieborough Knockbride  Mullagh  Shercock | Ian W. Horner | Russell Waller  Derek Boddy  Linda Wedlock  Damien McCormack  Victor Scott | David Gray  Billy Howell  Donald Howell  Valerie Shekleton  Robert Wallace |
| Belturbet (Annagh) Cloverhill  Drumaloor  Drumlane | Tanya J Woods | Stella Talbot  Susan Woodhouse  Kenneth Smyth  Austin Dunne  Clive Magee | Dennis Storey  Anne Parker  Nigel Trenier  Ivan Hewitt  Justin Good |
| **Cavan** (Urney)  Denn  Derryheen | Mark R. Lidwill (Canon) | David Mulligan  Margaret Mulligan  Derek Graham  Dawn Graham  Kenneth Heaslip  Edwin Mahood | John Clarke  Paul Heaslip  Lorna Hamilton |
| Cootehill (Drumgoon) Ashfield  Killesherdoney | Vacant | Norman Foster  Jason Hall  Pearl Deane | Jonathan Smyth  George Middleton |
| Drung Castleterra  Killoughter  Larah & Lavey | Nick Jones | Robert Fannin  Billy Reilly  William Roberts  William Birney | Keith Clarke  Desmond Lowry  Robert Sturgeon  Barbara Smith |
| Florencecourt Killesher  Killinagh | Ruth West | Viola Dourish  Nicholas Lipscomb  Basil Chambers  Lancelot Forde  Harold Johnston | Robert Brownlee  Michael Wright  Jenny Baker  Robert Thompson  William Sloane |
| Kildallon Newtowngore/  Corrawallen | Richard Waller  (*Curate to the Bishop)* | Kenneth Magee  Jennifer Johnston | Stanley Morton  Miriam Fisher |
| Kildrumferton Ballymachugh  Ballyjamesduff | Mark Smith  *(Priest in Charge)* | Ian Stokes  Grace Higgins  David Hawthorne | Winifred Acheson  Colin Gordon  Kerry Heaslip |
| Killeshandra Derrylane  Killegar | Vacant | Deborah Clarke  Sadie McNally  James Gilhooly  Sophia Bleakley | Jacqueline Pierce  Fiona Magee  Jim Beatty  Jenny Lynch |
| Kilmore Ballintemple | Nigel Crossey (Dean) | William Foster  Wendy Swan  Cyril Moore  Robert Lowry | Kenneth North  David Scott  Frank Brady  William Cowan |
| Kinawley and Holy Trinity | Alastair Donaldson | Gladys Thompson  David Roe  Jennifer Bullock  Betty Emo  John Rutledge | George Darling  Norman Emo  Sarah Jordan |
| Manorhamilton Killasnett  Drumlease/  Killenumery  Finner  Rossinver Innishmagrath & Killargue | Richard Beadle  (Captain)  *(Curate to the Bishop)* | Patricia Gillespie  Joyce Gillmor  Georgina Fox  Bridget Idenburg  Maigréad Harris | Caroline Durneen  Lorraine Stuart  Marbeth McAleenan  Pamela Kerr  Helen Reid |
| Swanlinbar Templeport  Tomregan | Simon Donohoe  (*Priest in Charge)* | Jarima Wilson  Jaqueline Kells  Mervyn Foster | Avril Graham  Gracie Gould |
| Virginia Billis  Killinkere  Lurgan  Munterconnaught | Craig W. L. McCauley  (Canon)  (Archdeacon) | Cherry Smyth  Barbara Geddes  Patricia Roe  Rosemary Woods  Neville Bagnall | Florence Cassidy  Jennifer Shekleton  Greer McGeachy  Harold Whitley |

**Elphin & Ardagh**

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| **Parish/Group** | **Clergy** | **Lay** | **Supplemental** |
| **Ardagh (4)**  Tashinny  Ballymahon  Kilcommick (Kenagh) | Vacant | Felicity English  Geraldine Farrar  Myrtle Kenny  George Armstrong | George Farrell  Pearl Jones  John Farrell  Jennifer Jones |
| **Boyle (3)**  Boyle & Ardcarne  Aghanagh  Croghan | Edward Yendall  (Canon)  (Priest in Charge) | Rory Anderson  William Reid  Joy Little | Sabrina Owens  Andrew Bryan |
| **Calry (3)** | Patrick Bamber  (Canon) | Orla Murrin  Margaret Henry  Jim Shannon | Temitope Ososamya  Breda Roberts  Hilda Latten |
| **Drumcliffe (5)**  Drumcliffe  Lissadell  Munninane | Vacant | Peter Langan  Niall Brennan  Jill Barber  Cathy Clarke  Patricia Henry | Ronnie Lawson  Derek Chambers  Valerie Simpson  Christopher Clarke  Linda Regan |
| **South Leitrim (5)**  Mohill  Farnaught/Aughavas  Oughteragh Group  Kiltoghert Group | Linda Frost | Aideen Huston  John Dugdale  Ivy Boddy  Myra Best  Peter Clampett | Muriel Abbott  Jean Humphreys  Patricia Woods  Ruth Wilson  Shirley McCormack |
| **Mostrim (4)**  Edgeworthstown  Granard  Clonbroney  Streete | Christiaan Snell | Edward Lindsay  Lynn Wright  Kenneth Percival  Linda Butler | Harold Ferguson  Joe Heaslip  Frances Forster  Janet Butler |
| **Riverstown (4)**  Taunagh    Ballysumaghan  Kilmactranny | Vacant | Hilda Shaw  Cynthia Bright  Susan Wall | Muriel Ingram  Andrew Taylor  Roy Johnston  Hilda Cogan |
| **Roscommon (4)**  Kiltullagh  Rathcline  Roscommon  Donamon | Vacant | Martha Cornwall  Miriam Gunn  Glen Ryder  Susan Compton | Heather Swanick  Deirdre Kenny  Ronnie Johnston  Violet Satchwell |
| **Sligo Cathedral (4)**  Knocknarea  Rosses Point | Arfon Williams  (Dean) | Adam Norris  Iris Shaw  John Addy  David Wray | Caroline Armstrong  Alexina Warren  William Lynch  Edward Bourne |
| **Templemichael (5)**  Killashee  Ballymacormack  Clongish  Clooncumber | Simon Scott | Jenny McCormack  Diane Stewart  Charles McCord  Doreen McHugh  Alfred Moorhead | Andrew Ralph  Amanda Stewart  Sylvia Quinn  Ann Howard |

**Clergy with General Licences and Lay Persons elected by the Lay Members of the Diocesan Council in respect of them:**

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| Non Parochial Clergy | **Lay Members** |
| Ronald S. J. Bourke | Sandra Barber  Rita Day |
| Janet M. Catterall | Alan Williamson  George Taylor |
| W. Raymond Ferguson | Louis Acheson  Mary Geelan |
| William J. Johnston | Robert Sturgeon  Linda Johnston |
| R. William Stafford | Robert Patterson  Aaron Jones |
| Michael G. Wooderson | Wayne Poyntz  Margaret Scott |
| M. Ann Wooderson | David Gillespie  Iris Shaw |
| David A. Catterall | Isla Poyntz-Ryder  Damian Shorten |
| The Revd Andrew Pierce | Pamela Crozier  Sally Siggins |
| The Revd Ed Smyth |  |
| The Revd Adam Norris |  |
| The Revd Steve Frost |  |
| The Revd Malcolm Young |  |
| The Revd Xanthe Pratt |  |
| The Revd Albert Dawson |  |
| The Revd John Addy |  |

The following persons were elected to membership of the Diocesan Synod by the Diocesan Council pursuant to the Church of Ireland Constitution, Chapter 2, Part I, Section II. (**not** exceeding eight)

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| Sarah Taylor | Desmond Lowry |
| Ivy Roberts | Cynthia Poyntz |
|  | Roy E. Woods |
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DIOCESE OF KILMORE,ELPHIN AND ARDAGH

**THE REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL FOR THE**

**YEAR TO SEPTEMBER 30th, 2021**

**1. MEETINGS**

During the year the Diocesan Council met three times as did its Finance Committee. The Glebes Committee also met regularly, either separately or as part of the Finance Committee.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the restrictions around gathering in numbers, the Council and its Committees had to meet virtually, via Zoom. While we were unable to meet physically together, we were thankful for the means to be able to carry out the business of discussion and decision-making and serve the Diocese through other means.

Bearing in mind the important role that the Diocesan Council members hold in exercising their responsibilities it is essential to ensure there is fair representation from parishes throughout the Diocese and this should be borne in mind when nominating and electing members.

**3. PERSONNEL AND DIOCESAN EVENTS**

In May, the Revd. Mark Smith was appointed as the Minister-in-Charge of the Kildrumferton Group of Parishes. Revd. Mark, his wife Ruth and their daughter Martha have come to Co. Cavan from Holy Trinity Church, Frogmore just outside London. We pray for all God’s blessings on him and his family as they love and serve God in the Kildrumferton Group of Parishes.

In September eight people from the Diocese was ordained. This is extraordinary! Xanthe Pratt, John Addy and Adam Norris were ordained deacons in Sligo Cathedral to serve as Ordained Local Ministers in their local area.

Andrew Pierce was ordained deacon in Kilmore Cathedral. Andrew will serve his diaconal year as an intern in the Lurgan (Virginia Group of Parishes), before his curacy next year.

Finally, Albert Dawson, Steve Frost, Ed Smyth and Malcolm Young, were ordained priests or presbyters at St. George’s, Carrick-on- Shannon to serve as Ordained Local Ministers in their local area.

Mr. Damian Shorten continues to serve as our Children and Youth Co-ordinator in the Elphin & Ardagh part of the Diocese and also assists with youth ministry in the Kilmore part of the Diocese.

The Diocese is always so appreciative of the help and ministry it receives from retired Clergy, the Non-Stipendiary Ministers and, the Diocesan and Parish Readers. These people willingly take services throughout the Diocese or in their parishes so that, as far as possible, a regular pattern of Sunday worship continues, especially through vacancies in parishes.

**4. DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATION**

***Diocesan Office***

The Diocesan office continues to operate from 20A Market Street, Cootehill, Co. Cavan.

We are very appreciative of the work undertaken by Ms. Ann Smith in her role in the Diocesan Office, especially during the times of a pandemic, where she faithfully serves our Diocese.

***General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)***

The EU GDPR Regulations must be at the forefront of many Parish Secretaries’ minds. Information on GDPR continues to be made available to all parishes and it is very important that the regulations are strictly adhered to.

The Diocese had no breaches in GDP regulations and continues to assess how we can protect our Diocesan members’ data best.

Further information is available at www.gdprandyou.ie and on the Parish resource section of the Representative Church Body website www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources.

***Safeguarding Trust***

Even during the pandemic Diocesan youth and children’s work was undertaken through online means, which did mean that, as ever, Safeguarding Trust training is still an essential training that needs to be completed by the dedicated volunteers and youth fellowship leaders across our Diocese. This training was provided via Zoom by Damian Shorten and was a convenient means of continuing to provide training in pandemic times.

The Diocese appreciates the training that our Diocesan Adult Safeguarding Panel, consisting of Ms. Jennifer Bullock, The Revd. Tanya Woods, and Mr. George Armstrong, have undertaken to keep up to date with the Safeguarding for Vulnerable Adults policies. Over the coming year, we hope that more training will be provided for clergy and those in parishes that work with vulnerable adults

The Safeguarding Trust Training Scheme in Northern Ireland continues to be reviewed.

For any queries regarding Safeguarding Trust contact, in the first instance, should be made with the Diocesan Office in Cootehill.

The Diocese would like to acknowledge the help of the Representative Church Body and in particular, Mr. Robert Dunne and Mrs. Margaret Yarr for their assistance in this matter.

***Returns to the Diocesan Office***

Thank you to all Rectors and Parish Officers who return the required documents to the Diocesan Office promptly. You are assured that we do not collect unnecessary information and that what is requested is used either for our own Diocesan business or is the information required by the RCB. Please also let the office know if there are any other changes taking place in your Parishes, e.g., change of officers, email address changes, or addresses so that communication will be received promptly. It is very helpful that email addresses and mobile phone numbers are given where appropriate as this often speeds up communication. It is also advisable to set up generic email contacts for Parish Officers, e.g., secretary@????????, treasurer@????? which can continue to be used when officeholders change. This system also avoids the use of personal email addresses which is not recommended under GDPR.

**5. DIOCESAN ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES**

***Priorities Fund***

Parochial Assessments include the Diocesan contribution to the Church of Ireland Priorities Fund. The 2020 target was €12,090, which is 50% of the usual contribution, in light of the Covid pandemic. This was collected via assessments. This means that everyone contributes equally to this very useful fund which helps with the development of ministry in many ways.

The Diocese greatly appreciates the tireless work of those who administer the Scheme in the Representative Church Body who are extremely approachable and helpful.

Parishes considering making an application to Priorities Fund should carefully note the criteria before completing the Application Form which is available from the Representative Church Body, Telephone 01- 4125607. Remember that all applications must be endorsed by the Diocesan Council and submitted before the closing date of 31st October each year.

***Diocesan Assessments***

Ms Sarah Taylor, the Diocesan Administrator, presented the Budget Assessments for 2021 at the November meeting of the Diocesan Council. These were approved.

The figures given to parishes for their assessment include the costs of stipend and other ministry expenses. The “Diocesan Contribution” of €37 had been carefully calculated to cover the various levies and administration costs of running the Diocese, Youth Officer wages and expenses, Episcopacy Assessment, and the requirement of the Church of Ireland Priorities Fund. Parochial Assessments are determined to allow the Diocese to provide the best possible ministry, whilst taking into account the needs and the capacity of parishes.

The Assessment Flow figures (the quarterly payments made by parishes) are constantly examined and are discussed at each meeting of the Finance Committee. It is generally pleasing to note that most parishes are making an effort to comply with the request to pay their Parochial Assessment near the beginning of each quarter. This does much to alleviate cash-flow problems in the Diocese because the monthly charges incurred for Clergy stipends and other administration expenses must be met. Where amounts remain unpaid the diocese can charge interest on the amount outstanding and other steps can be taken to address the problems as the Diocese can no longer afford to meet their obligations for the costs of ministry without timely payments from all Parishes. It is also a requirement that when a vacancy occurs in a Parish a Board of Nomination cannot be called until the Parish has no debt outstanding.

The Diocese is grateful to our Parishes who continued to faithfully meet their assessments during the pandemic, even though our parishes were unable to meet in the Church Buildings. This ensured our hard-working Clergy were able to be paid their stipends during these difficult times.

***Charity Legislation***

In the Republic of Ireland, the registration and reporting procedure has been slow to be fully implemented and the Diocese is still awaiting further guidance from The Representative Church Body (RCB) as to when individual Parishes can register. Some progress has been made since last year in that parishes are now beginning to implement the Governance Code, with various policies being approved by our Select Vestries. The Charity Regulatory Authority (CRA) continues to work with the RCB to streamline the registration and reporting process for both the Diocese and Parishes.

We must acknowledge the help of the Officers of the RCB and the employees of the CRA for their help in the process.

The Diocese continues to avail of the audit services of independent auditors, Moran McNamara in Carrick on Shannon to comply with the CRA Legislation in the Republic of Ireland.

Parishes are asked not to ignore any communication from the CRA but to contact the Diocesan Office with any queries before replying directly to the CRA. Whenever further progress has been made help will be available at a wider Church and Diocesan level.

In Northern Ireland, the Charities Commission has implemented the structure for parishes to comply with the legislation. The Commission has been extremely helpful with their guidance which has meant that the Northern Ireland Parishes are fully registered and have a clear system for annual reporting to be compliant.

***Tax relief on Donations***

All Parishes should continue to be encouraged to register with the Revenue Commissioners/HM Revenue and claim back tax relief on all qualifying donations. Governments in both the Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland are still generously refunding tax paid by parishioners and this provides a vital source of finance for Parishes.

Bearing this in mind it is strongly advised that all parishes implement an envelope system/Direct Debit mandate system so as many donations as possible qualify.

Many Parishes across the Diocese have been registering with the relevant body and the income from this tax relief has proven to be invaluable for financing ministry in the Parish.

If any parishes require assistance with these schemes, please contact Mrs. Sarah Taylor at the Diocese Office who will help any Parish Treasurer with the process.

***VAT Refunds for Charitable Bodies***

This year was the third year of a three-year period in which parishes could claim back VAT on expenditure they incurred during 2020. Many of our parishes availed of this option with the assistance of Ms. Ann Smith and Mrs. Sarah Taylor and are waiting on their refunds.

***Church Repairs Fund and Other Sources of Funding for Church Maintenance***

The Diocese continues to run the Church Repair Fund which is well received by many parishes. In this funding, parishes that contribute €100 or more per annum to the Diocesan Repair Fund are eligible to make an application to the Diocesan Council for grants for Church repairs. This fund can often be very helpful to Parishes when they are trying to finance repair work. Applications should be made to the Finance Committee and the Diocesan Council through the Diocesan Office and details of the proposed expenditure should be included. Payment is made on the production of receipts and Parishes can generally make an application to the fund every three years.

Parishes should bear in mind that two funds exist in the RCB from which it may be possible to receive assistance where repairs are carried out to Churches. Application forms for the Beresford Fund and the Church Fabric Fund can be obtained on the RCB website [www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources) and should be submitted nearing the completion of repairs. The completed forms must be signed by the Bishop and the Diocesan Secretary and submitted by 1st March and 1st October of each year.

Further grant aid may be available from the All Churches Trust (the Trust fund of Ecclesiastical Insurance). Details of the fund can be obtained from their website [www.allchurches.co.uk](http://www.allchurches.co.uk).

***Diocesan Communications Officer***

Ms Jennifer Horner continues in her role as the Diocesan Communications Officer and the Diocesan Council appreciate her work in maintaining the Diocesan website and promoting Diocesan events. Parishes are asked to inform Jennifer of upcoming events, activities and services which they wish to have placed on the Diocesan website. Likewise, parishes are advised to send news and reports to Jennifer in a timely manner.

**6. PAROCHIAL**

***Glebes***

The Diocesan Council wishes to thank the Glebes Committee that serves faithfully to ensure our church property is maintained to a high standard. It is also highly encouraging that most Select Vestries take a pride in maintaining their glebe houses to such a standard that provides a comfortable home for the Rectory family.

Parishes are reminded that when renovations or repairs to buildings in their care are required they should contact the Diocesan Office and send details of all planned work, except minor alterations, so that they can be examined by the Finance and Glebes Committee before being taken to the Diocesan Council for advice and recommendation. In most cases, this recommendation will also have to be forwarded to the RCB before anything, but ‘urgent work’ can be carried out. Following this procedure often avoid difficulties later on and ensures that the best possible advice is sought.

***Glebe Land – Lettings***

It is very important that proper care is taken of Glebe Land and that regular inspections of the ground and fences take place.

Where land is vested in the RCB their rules must be followed. This means that when land is being let it must be properly valued and advertised through an agent. A formal letting agreement can then be drawn up through the RCB.

Whilst this may seem cumbersome it has been proven time and time again that when problems arise (and this also includes property) the legal services available from the RCB when property or land is vested in them prove invaluable.

Select Vestries are urged to consider requesting that property vested in other bodies, e.g. local Trustees is transferred to the RCB. This does not mean that the property is ‘given’ to the RCB but merely secures it in a professional body which will remain constant in the future.

***Glebe Guidelines – Upkeep of Rectory and Grounds***

A booklet ‘Guidelines for Glebes’ was produced by the former Glebes Secretary, The Revd. Andrew Quill, and this has been distributed to all parishes. It is an invaluable document for both Rectors and Glebe Wardens and all Select Vestries should ensure that copies are made available.

Other valuable advice regarding properties can be found in the Parish Resource section of the Church of Ireland website and in booklets produced by Ecclesiastical Insurance.

***Properties Vested in the Representative Church Body***

Legal title to the vast majority of buildings (churches, clergy residences, halls, etc.) used by parishes throughout the Church of Ireland is vested in the Representative Church Body. Select Vestries are responsible for the day to day maintenance of such buildings, including ensuring that adequate and appropriate insurance indemnity is in place.

If the parish is contemplating a significant repair, alteration, extension, demolition, or disposal of such properties, the prior approval of the RCB must be obtained. Before granting such approval, the RCB requires a recommendation from the Diocesan Council. The Diocesan Council wishes to point out that because of the scheduling of meetings of the RCB, it can take up to four months for this process to be completed. A much quicker result is often achieved, but this is only possible when all of the appropriate information is submitted to the Diocesan Office in good time. “Last minute” submissions can be delayed due to having to be referred back to the parish because of missing or inadequate information.

Where trees need to be cut on property vested in the RCB, permission should be sought in advance where at all possible, although in emergencies, dangerous trees should be dealt with. The RCB also requires that where a tree is removed two trees are planted in a suitable alternative location.

***Forms of Consent to Alterations***

The correct RCB forms for Consent to Alterations must be used when any changes in the structure and furnishings of churches are proposed. The forms will be signed by the Incumbent, Select Vestry, and Architect (where applicable) and by the Bishop or Ordinand, and then submitted to the RCB before planning permission is sought. Permission must be given by the RCB before any work commences. Copies of these forms are available from the Parish Resources section on the RCB website at www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources/land-buildings#section-99

***Insurance***

All parish insurance policies must be reviewed regularly and fit for purpose. Not only should the level of cover provided for parochial buildings etc. be kept up to date, but the parish should also be aware of any exclusion clauses which might be in this policy, e.g., does full cover continue even though a Rectory may be unoccupied for a long period during a parochial vacancy? What about malicious damage or a burst pipe?

Adequate insurance is also particularly important where special events are planned in parishes and sometimes a simple phone call to the provider of the policy will clarify if sufficient cover is in place.

**Select Vestries should also be aware that, during a vacancy in a Parish, the parochial insurer requires to be informed that the Rectory is going to be vacant for a period; otherwise, full indemnity might be prejudiced.**

**If a Select Vestry has doubts about any aspect of its parochial insurance, it should contact its insurance company or broker without delay and seek their professional advice. Select Vestries should also note that Ecclesiastical Insurance will freely check that parochial insurance cover is sufficient – this is especially important if any sort of ‘adventure activity’ is planned.**

***Safety Statement and Child Safeguarding Statement***

Each Select Vestry is required to have a Safety Statement which is based largely on the model prepared by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc. Care should be taken to ensure parishioners are aware of its existence and that it is displayed on appropriate notice boards.

Also, in the Republic of Ireland parishes, to comply with the Children First Act 2015, a Child Safeguarding Statement must be displayed in every premise in which children and youth ministry is held.

All parishes must have a clear poster displayed with photo ID and the name and contact number for members of the parish panel to comply with Safeguarding Trust regulations. Where possible this information should be displayed in a ‘child friendly’ manner.

**7. REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY**

Officers in the Representative Church Body have been extremely busy over the past year to meet the needs of parishes. Much useful information has been published on the Church of Ireland website at www.ireland.anglican.org and particularly relevant information for parishes is available on the “Parish Resources” section of the website at [www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources).

The Council and its various committees want to record their deep appreciation for the advice, support and guidance which is given freely to all who makecontact with the RCB’s Officers. This year, they have had to keep up to date with a large volume of new government legislation all whilst faced with the additional challenges of working remotely due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Despite this, they continue to provide much support and guidance in a very caring and considerate manner, despite the ever-increasing workload pressures and for this we are most grateful.

**8. GRATITUDE**

This year has been a very busy year in the life of the Diocese, and has been a very different year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This has meant that we have had to adapt how we do things and has also meant we have had to adapt to how we do Church also.

There is no doubt that the smooth running of the Diocese is enhanced by the valuable teamwork of both clergy and lay working together and we thank God for the encouraging leadership of Bishop Ferran. The teamwork alleviates the pressures of the work and certainly makes it very enjoyable.

We would like to thank everyone who contributes to the work of the Diocese, giving of their time and knowledge. A very special thanks must go to Ms. Ann Smith who works so hard in the Diocesan office. She has ensured that there has been a presence in the Diocesan office dealing very efficiently with the everyday affairs of the Diocese during all this time of uncertainty.

Thank you, one and all, for your contribution. It is a pleasure to work with this Diocesan team and the wider Diocese.

*Sarah Taylor*

Diocesan Administrator

**DIOCESE OF KILMORE,ELPHIN AND ARDAGH**

**THE REPORT OF THE GLEBES COMMITTEE FOR THE**

**YEAR TO SEPTEMBER 30th, 2021**

This previous year has proven challenging for our Glebes Committee with travel

restrictions and other limitations imposed with the coronavirus but our Glebes

Committee Members, continued to carry out their duties and they are to be

commended for their hard work.

Members visited properties throughout the Diocese and met with Occupants and

Glebe Wardens.

Where premises had become vacant, they were inspected as soon as possible so

that Parishes could be given guidance as to the best way forward. Sometimes

this entailed having a professional survey carried out which meant that Select

Vestries had a clear picture of the condition of the property and guidance on

the associated costs to bring it up to standard.

Most of the properties that were inspected were maintained to a very good

standard to provide a comfortable and secure home for either a Rector or a

Tenant and Select Vestries are to be commended for this. In the case of a house being occupied by a Rector it is our aim to have a Diocesan Glebes inspection

every three years but where properties are rented out they need to be inspected annually. Select Vestries should also bear in mind that the Glebe Wardens

should also have a formal inspection once a year. Rectors should also report

any problems as they occur so that they can be addressed promptly.

***Letting of Glebes and other Church Property***

A range of Church Property in the Diocese is rented out and this is generally a good way to keep the premises in good condition and make some money for a Parish. However, there are certain rules that must be adhered to in order to conform to the requirements of the Representative Church Body where the property is vested in them and, through the Trustees of the Parish (the Select Vestry) the rules of to the Charity Commission (NI) and the Charities Regulatory Authority (RoI)

must be adhered to.

Before a letting will be considered by the Representative Church Body, the

following information will be required:-

1. An up-to-date rental valuation from a qualified valuer.

2. The amount of rent to be paid by the tenant.

3. A bank reference in respect of the proposed tenant and, if possible, a

reference from a previous landlord.

4. Details of length of tenancy i.e. one year, eighteen months, review terms, etc.

If the letting is for business purposes, this must be clearly stated as

different rules apply to business tenancies and it is important that an

appropriate agreement be drawn up in these circumstances. Planning permission

for ‘change of use’ will be required and the necessary permission should be

sought from the local planning authority.

The same rules as above apply for the letting of Glebe lands and regular

inspections should be carried out to ensure good fencing, drainage, adequate

water, etc. EU Regulations re Nitrates must also be complied with.

There should be a clear arrangement for the collection of rent (preferably paid into a Parish Bank account and clearly documented) and the surplus monies may be used for the purposes approved by the Diocesan Council. A separate ‘Glebes

Account’ should form part of the Parish Annual accounts and should show both

income and expenditure on the property.

If for any reason the tenant falls into arrears with the payment of rent

immediate action should be taken and both the Diocesan Office and the

Representative Church Body informed promptly so that corrective action is taken as soon as possible.

Where properties are vested in Local Trustees or other bodies it is important

that all information is kept up-to-date as they are responsible for all of the

above but they will not have the support of The Representative Church Body if

difficulties arise and will have to employ their own Solicitor when one is

required. Select Vestries will, however, have to comply with the Diocesan

requirement to publish a Glebes Account in their annual report and also meet the requirements of Charity Legislation. Select Vestries are advised to seriously

consider transferring the vesting of all properties they are responsible for to The Representative Church Body which will be a ‘constant’ body as opposed to the more transient nature of individuals.

**Glebewardens**

Glebewardens are required to be appointed under the provisions of Chapter III of the Constitution.

The duties of the glebewardens are:

• To assist the Incumbent and the Diocesan Glebes Committee in the care and management of the glebehouse and lands.

• To ensure that the glebehouse is painted externally (where appropriate to the exterior finish) at least quinquennially and that one room within glebehouses be repainted every year (in consultation with the Incumbent) or alternatively three rooms every three years.)

• To be present at repair and vacancy commissions and any other authorized

inspections of the glebehouse and lands.

• During the vacancy in the incumbency to see that the caretaker appointed

by the Diocesan Glebes Committee fulfils his/her duties (including maintenance

of adequate insurance).

It should be noted that if a glebewarden is unable to attend a commission he/she shall nominate a member of the Select Vestry as deputy.

**Annual Check List**

(This is not an exhaustive check list, but is a guide as to questions to ask and regular action to be considered to avoid larger problems later on. Although this is under the title ‘Annual Check List’, some items require more regular

attention than annually.)

**OUTSIDE**

**ROOFS**

 **TILES, SLATES or OTHER ROOFING MATERIALS** - Is there any sign of frost,

snow or wind damage? Is there debris from broken slates and tiles on the ground? Are there any loose, slipped or missing slates or tiles? Are there any large

areas of moss on the roof covering?

ACTION: Check the roof after a bad storm or heavy rain.

 **VALLEYS and CHIMNEY FL**ASHING – Are there signs that the flashing or valleys need replaced. Is there adequate height to flashing around chimneys?

ACTION: Check timbers, in roof space, around chimneys to see if there are any

signs of leaks. Look for daylight coming through the roof covering into the

attic along the valley and again signs of leaks on valley boards or rafters.

 **EAVES** – Do fascia boards and soffits look like they need to be repainted

(where timber has been used)? Are they secure?

ACTION: Clean eaves at least once a year and where timber has been used,

establish a maintenance schedule in consultation with a professional painter

(based on the paint used and exposure to the elements as some may require more

regular attention than others due to the direction they are facing).

R**AINWATER GOODS & DRAINS**

 ***GUTTERS amd DOWNPIPES*** – Do the gutters slope correctly? Is the water

carried away effectively? Are there any stains on the wall suggesting blocked or damaged sections? Are the fixings secure? Do the gutters and downpipes need to

be repainted?

ACTION: Clear away leaves and debris regularly, especially during/after Autumn.

 ***GULLIES*** – Does the gulley catch all the water from the downpipe? Are

gullies free from leaves and other debris? Does the water flow away effectively after rainfall?

ACTION: Clean gullies regularly and remove any silt and debris. Clear any

blockages using drain rods.

 ***MANHOLES and DRAINS*** - Are accessible drains, manholes, inspection chambers and outlets clear and in good condition?

ACTION: Ensure that wet wipes or cotton buds are not thrown down the toilets.

Check drainage systems at the same time as you check the gutters, downpipes and gullies.

**WALLS**

 ***DOORS and WINDOWS*** – Do doors and windows show signs of deterioration? Are the window sills in good condition? Where sills are concrete, do they show signs of the reinforcing bars rusting badly or signs of pieces crumbling away (due to freeze and thaw)?

ACTION: Clean windows eternally every 2 to 3 months and take note of any signs

of weathering.

 ***EXTERIOR WALL FINISH*** – Does the wall surface look in good condition? Are

there signs of structural cracks appearing in the walls (particularly around

windows and doors)? Does the plinth show signs of drainage problems (large damp patches and moss)?

ACTION: Ensure that surface water can quickly drain away from the building and

that the ground level is kept at least 150mm (or 6”) below the damp proof course (DPC), unless the wall has been ‘tanked’ where the ground level is high.

**INSIDE**

 ***CHIMNEYS, FIRES & BOILERS*** – When is the last time that a service has been carried out on these? Are they working efficiently? Are the cowls in place?

ACTION: Ensure that chimneys are cleaned once a year and that boilers and

rayburns/agas are serviced as per the recommendations. Make sure that working

smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are fitted and instruct the occupants to test

these regularly.

 ***CONDENSATION*** – One of the most common damaging factors in property is the build-up of condensation and this is most often noticeable in the corners of

ceiling and upper walls.

ACTION: All rooms should have some means of ventilation in the form of pipes

and grills, trickle vents or latches on windows or fans and occupants should be encouraged to use them.

**Insurance**

It is vitally important that all insurance policies are fit for purpose,

regularly reviewed and kept up-to-date. Where property is vacant the Insurer

must be informed so that appropriate cover is in place.

**Security**

It is recommended that an appropriate alarm is fitted to a property. If this is a ‘monitored’ system it is important that all contacts are kept up-to-date and

are numbers that are likely to be available twenty-four hours per day. It is

also important that where the Insurance provider has been informed that an alarm

system is fitted that this is used at all times.

Where property is remote consideration should be given to the fitting of ‘panic buttons’ in appropriate

places in the house.

Every effort should be made to ensure that boundary fences and gates are in good condition. This is particularly important and, where young children are

resident in a house secure catches or locks should also be fitted to gates.

Useful information on the maintenance of glebes can be found on The

Representative Church Body website:

www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources/land-buildings#section-97

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**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO VARIOUS PHILANTROPHIC FUNDS 2020**



**Sterling Accounts**



**Primary Schools**

**Serving Church of Ireland Children from Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh**

**KILMORE**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Group** | **Name of School** | **Roll No** | **Address** | **Phone No** | **Enrolment** | **No of Teachers** | **Principal** |
| Annagh | Fair Green N.S. | 13271 | Railway Rd, Belturbet | 049-9522803 | 39 | 3 | Ms Gail Young |
| Billis | Billis N.S. | 12099 | New Inns, Ballyjamesduff, Co Cavan | 049-8544653 | 92 | 5 | Ms Karen Devine |
| Cavan | Cavan No 1 N.S. | 11517 | Farnham St, Cavan | 049-4362122 |  |  | Ms Sabrina Faulkner-Richardson |
| Drung | Drung Central | 10563 | Drung Po, Co Cavan | 049-4338317 | 19 | 2 | Mrs Georgina Smith |
| Killeshandra | Killeshandra N.S. C. of I. | 11205 | Main St, Killeshandra Co Cavan | 049-4334822 | 58 | 4 | Mrs Gwenda Richardson |
| Kilmore | Kilmore Central N. S. | 19322 | Farragh, Ballinagh, Co Cavan | 049-4332661 | 48 | 4 | Ms Naomi Scott (Acting Principal) |
| Cloonclare | Masterson N. S. | 8390 | Chruch Lane, Manorhamilton, Co Leitrim | 071-9855540 | 24 | 2 | Ms Zara Ball |
| Kildallon | Newtowngore Central N.S. | 9353 | Newtowngore, Co Leitrim | 049-4333955 | 22 | 2 | Ms Zena Anderson |
| Tomregan | Ballyconnell Central N. S. | 11409 | Church St, Ballyconnell,  Co Cavan | 049-9526055 | 25 | 2 | Mrs Lavinia Tilson |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Model National School** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bailieborough | | Bailieborough Model School | Bailieborough Co Cavan | 042-9665689 | 105 | 5 | Mr Niall McHugo |
|  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Local Churches National School** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drumgoon, Cootehill | | Darley N. S. | Cootehill,  Co Cavan | 049-5556055 | 109 | 6 | Mr Derek Middleton |
|  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Florencecourt Controlled Primary School** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Killesher | | Florencecourt Primary School  Little Bridges Community Nursery | 32 Marble Arch Rd, Florencecourt, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh. BT921DD  32 Marble Arch Rd, Florencecourt, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh. BT921DD | 028-66348225  028-66348225 | 107  26 | 5  1 | Mr David Coffey  Mr David Coffey |

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| **Elphin & Ardagh** | | | | | | | |
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| **Group** | **Name of School** | **Roll No** | **Address** | **Phone No** | **Enrolment** | **No of Teachers** | **Principal** |
| Kiltullagh | Ballinlough N. S |  | Ballinlough, Co Roscommon | 094-9640477 | 16 | 2 | Ms Geraldine Kelly |
| Boyle | Boyle Parochial N. S. | 17329H | Knocknashee, Boyle, Co Roscommon | 071-9663555 | 27 | 2 | Ms Mary Lynch |
| Calry | Carbury N. S. Sligo | 19495L | The Mall, Sligo | 071-9161014 | 200 | 12 | Ms Linda McMahon |
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| Mohill | The Hunt N.S. | 08673V | Castle St, Mohill, Co Leitrim | 071-9631326 | 24 | 2 | Mrs Hazel Tuthill |
| Templemichael | St John’s N.S. Longford |  | Battery Rd, Longford | 043-3341316 |  |  | Mrs Joanne Bowers |
| Mostrim | St John’s Edgeworthstown | 13313S | Ballinalee Rd, Edgeworthstown, Co Longford | 043-6671620 | 20 | 2 | Mrs Gail Waters |
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| Edgeworthstown | St Thomas’ Rathowen | 18591C | Rathowen, Co Westmeath | 043-6676210 | 20 | 2 | Mrs Susan Notley |



**Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh**

Mothers’ Union Report 2020

2020 brought many changes to the work of Mothers’ Union within the diocese as we were forced to move from traditional gatherings to the use of Zoom and online services. Many planned events had to be cancelled. However, members rose to the challenge and great work has been done, despite the restrictions imposed during the Covid pandemic. Huge efforts have been made to stay connected, to support the many families who have been bereaved, to help those in any kind of need through prayer, phone calls, door visits (when possible), letters, cards, gifts etc. We all became very creative in finding new ways to reach our members and those in need within the community.

Bishop Glenfield completed six years as Diocesan Chaplain at the end of 2019, and in May ‘20 we held our Diocesan Festival service online which included the commissioning of Rev Richard Waller, our new chaplain. This service was viewed over 1000 times! Since then, we have had several online services with the highlights being Mothering Sunday service, a second festival service aired from Ashfield church and a special service to mark 16 Days of Activism against gender- based violence. These services were all wonderful opportunities to reach hundreds of people, with Mothers’ Union members from many different branches taking part from the comfort of their own homes. We were also blessed to be able to ‘attend’ All Ireland and events and services through the use of modern technology. We also continue to have daily midday prayers on Facebook.

Within our branches, members continued to knit for local hospitals and several nursing homes, and to provide items of clothing, handcrafts and homeware to Womens’ Link Longford, Sleep Out Cavan and DVAS in Sligo. Numerous trustee meetings, diocesan council meetings and branch meetings took place using Zoom.

Through our AFIA (Away From It All) scheme, five families in 2020 were able to enjoy a family day of fun and adventure. They also received a voucher and a follow up message at Christmas.

There were changes to our Trustee body with Canon Sandra Lindsay, Sophia Whyte and Kathleen Nairn completing their trienniums – in fact, Canon Sandra and Sophia had both been on Trustees for many years. Sadly, Canon Sandra passed away earlier this year. She was a wonderful ambassador for Mothers’ Union and will be greatly missed by all of us. New trustees Dolores Henderson, Phyllis Cassidy and Violet Magee were welcomed at the beginning of 2020.

At the time of writing this report (Sept21), branches are planning to reopen in line with Government and Church of Ireland guidelines. Mothers’ Union All Ireland has also issued a helpful document to ensure the safety of our members. Each branch has been presented with MU masks for each member. We look forward to two special services to mark 16 Days of Activism against gender violence – In Sligo Cathedral on 27th November and in Virginia church on 4th December.

As I near the end of two three-year terms as Diocesan President, I wish to express my thanks to Bishop Ferran and all clergy for their prayerful and practical support over the past six years and to all trustees and Mothers’ Union members for their wonderful commitment to the work of Mothers’ Union in Ireland and worldwide.

“The Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and His faithfulness continues to each generation” Psalm 100 v 5

Hazel Speares

Diocesan President



**Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh**

**The Girls’ Friendly Society 2019-2021**

As with all similar activities that would have taken place in our church halls, G.F.S has not met formally during the period of Covid. This does not mean we have been idle or disengaged from the objectives of the society which is to “Bear ye one another’s burdens”.

In August 2019, All Ireland training was held in Carrick-on-Shannon with the theme of “Building on sure Foundations”. The day was led by our All Ireland President, Alison Jackson, who introduced her doll “Faith” to illustrate the impressive variety of Badges and achievement awards currently on offer to the girls in the society. We had the pleasure of Sarah Wheelhouse to talk about and advise on dealing with challenging behaviours and Steve Grasham of the Church of Ireland Youth Department on how to attract, retain and value our leaders and helpers.

The new GFS mission partner is Isabelle Prondzynski of the Church Missionary Society Ireland. Her work is based in Kayole, Nairobi, Kenya, and in November, G.F.S Central Council welcomed Antony Njoroge from Kayole as a guest speaker. Anthony told us about Isabelle’s work at Tujisaidie school where she educates children from the Kayole slums and about his work with children and youth at risk from crime and drug abuse. All in attendance were very moved by his talk and Alison Jackson presented him with a cheque for the Urban Development Programme of All Saints’ Cathedral, Nairobi.

IN February 2020 Killeshandra branch said farewell to Canon Alison Calvin as she left to take up a new ministry in Kilkeel Parish. The branch presented her with a small token of appreciation for her commitment and dedication to the branch.

In May GFS held a virtual Diocesan service where girls and leaders from all branches took part. Thanks to Archdeacon Craig for all his help in organising the service.

During the summer months, Alison Jackson encouraged branches to reopen with the help of social media. Girls were very eager and crafts packs were put together for every girl. Some branches conducted their own parish services via WhatsApp. Some branches continued with their badge work, the Photography badge is a new Achievement Award and stunning pictures were captured on camera.

Thank you to all those who have been working behind the scenes at home and in their communities. We look forward to re-opening and seeing how our branches will look as they return to normal.

Thank you, also, to the Scribe team for their continued support of GFS.

Finally, I would like to thank all the branches and their clergy for their continued enthusiasm for GFS. It is a true acknowledgement of the value of GFS to the life of the parish.

Jackie Pierce

Diocesan President

Visit [gfs@www.girlsfriendlysociety.ie](mailto:gfs@www.girlsfriendlysociety.ie)

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Bishops Appeal report – September 2021.

Bishops Appeal over the last eighteen months has been challenged in its ongoing development aid to the programmes already in progress in the far-flung corners of the world, but it has risen to that challenge with vigour and has not allowed its funding programmes in Health, Education, Rural Development programmes and Disaster Relief in the less well-off parts of the world to be affected.

In health, the funding programmes have centered around the continued purification water programme in India, assisting in funding in sanitation programmes in Burkina Faso, HIV and AIDS programmes in Mozambique and India and in the last few months issued emergency funds to assist in the vaccination programme for Covid 19 in India. It has also worked with partners in funding the reduction of Child mortality rates and mental health issues in many African countries.

Education is the key to developing any society and in recognition of this Bishops Appeal has continued to support the education and training of young people. Teacher training has been supported in Uganda and vocational training for women in communities in Ghana. Equality has also been a priority and gender-based education programmes in Zambia and Bolivia has enabled the wider society in those countries to develop programmes which can only be of benefit in the long-term goal of an inclusive society. The importance of literacy development programmes will be continued to be supported in countries such as Pakistan.

In the area of development, the adage of giving a man a fish and he eats for the day, but teach a man to fish and he can feed his family for ever comes to mind. The many programmes which support self-help groups such as the saving schemes which enable people to take out loans for livestock in Ethiopia gives a meaning to their lives and helps develop a community which will support itself in time. The development of rain harvesting in rural communities and the support for farming communities along with support in food programmes for displaced people in different parts of the world are proving to be a success.

At the start of the 21st century who would have thought that we would see so many calls for emergency aid in a very rich world. Ireland itself has the fastest growing economy in the EU and its GDP in 2021 was $94,392 per capita which is an increase of $24,000 per capita in 4 years or roughly a 30% increase. With this wealth Ireland has continued to be the largest contributor to aid programmes per capita in the world. Bishops Appeal has been part of this in giving and supporting many emergencies and calls for aid, funds have been released to assist in Haiti which has had two devastating earthquakes in the last ten years, the half a million refugees leaving Myanmar, the Yemen request for aid in the cholera outbreak, the constant stream of refugees across the Mediterranean sea to Europe from the Middle East and Africa, the Covid Vaccination programmes in the poorer countries of the world, making funds available when disaster hits a country where peoples lives are devasted with famine, floods, earthquakes and wars.

Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh diocese has continued to contribute to all of the above and more, it is our Christian calling that we share our wealth with the less well off in our world. Just because the people affected by wars, earthquakes, famines and floods to name a few, live on the other side of the world and we only see and hear about these calamities on the news, God has called us to love our neighbour as ourselves. Please continue to support the Church of Ireland Bishops Appeal and I thank you for all you have given as part of our diocesan mission of compassion and understanding.

Revd. Albert Dawson

Representee, Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh Diocese on Bishops Appeal.

**Kirwan House**

**Under Protestant Aid**

The objectives of Kirwan House continue undiminished under the administrative umbrella of Protestant Aid. The new Board of Governors met in June of this year to agree support grants for 40 families covering over 50 students.

Notwithstanding the new streamlined application process and new synergies associated with the Protestant Aid connection, Kirwan House maintains its unique identity as Irelands oldest charity, having been established in 1791.

Application Forms for education grants are available in April of each year and can be requested from [info@kirwanhouse.com](mailto:info@kirwanhouse.com).



**Youth of Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh**

**Annual Youth Report 2019/2020 and 2020/2021**

There have been so many changes in the world since I wrote the last of these reports for the Diocesan Synod Book of Reports. This has particularly been the case when it comes to youth and children’s ministry. However, in parishes throughout our diocese and across this island, this challenge has been turned to creativity. Clergy and lay leaders adapted to continue to minister to those younger generations for whom lockdowns have been especially disruptive. This is a clear example of the commitment of so many who give time and energy to this vital work, and let me begin by acknowledging this and taking the opportunity to thank them all. May God establish the work of their hands (see Psalm 90:17)!

In November 2019 (how long ago that feels!), we held the first of our Diocesan Confirmation Days. This was held in Killeshandra Parish Hall, Co. Cavan, and saw Confirmation candidates from the Kilmore part of the diocese gather for fellowship, activities, and teaching on what the life of faith we commit to at Confirmation is all about. Simon Henry of the Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD) was our guest speaker, and he entertained and engaged all those present in his own inimitable way. A parallel event took place in the Cooper Memorial Hall and Taunagh Parish Church in Riverstown, Co. Sligo, on 7th March 2020 — less than a week before schools closed. Simon also joined us for this Confirmation Day which saw confirmands gather mainly from the Elphin & Ardagh areas. Over 100 young people were present over these two days, and we pray that it will have been helpful to them as they continue their life in the fellowship of Christ and his Church. Thank you to the Bishop for his support of these events and presence at them, the hosting parishes, the clergy and leaders who organised groups and attended, and anyone else who helped in any way.

Everything changed in the week or so after our event in Riverstown, and we all became more familiar than we ever thought we would with video recording and conferencing equipment and software — especially ZOOM, which is now in all of our vocabularies as a noun and a verb! It is impossible to recount all of the things which have been provided for young people through these means (both from individual parishes and from the diocese). These provided contact and encouragement which I know has been greatly appreciated by so many young people and their families. A few examples which had a broad range of involvement were the numerous Virtual Nativities for Christmas 2020 (with Play It By Ear Christian drama company), which involved many parishes and schools, and the Saint Patrick’s Confession Project in March 2021, in which over 30 young people from the diocese participated. The technologies which have made all of this ministry possible have been a blessing, but they are second best to in-person ministry and so it was a great relief to be able to gather ‘in-person’ as restrictions eased, albeit initially outdoors with the required precautions.

Opportunities for our customary involvement in schools, such as visits and assemblies, were obviously hindered since COVID-19 restrictions were put in place. Nonetheless, contact has been maintained with schools throughout this period by the sharing of resources, recording of assemblies, support by phone and email, and outdoor assemblies when allowed. The staff of our school communities have done a remarkable job to provide continuity of teaching in difficult circumstances, and they deserve all of the support we can give them as a diocese.

At the time of writing, we are in September, the time which is usually the start of a new season of activity. That is no different this year, but what that activity looks like most likely will be different. We pray God’s blessing on all those who minister to children and young people, for safety, wisdom, and encouragement as we enter this new season.

We continue to be grateful for the support we receive from CIYD and its staff. It is very true to say that without the generous funding we receive as a youth council from CIYD, what we could offer our children and young people would be greatly diminished.

Above all else, we give thanks to God for his blessings in giving us the hope of Christ. We give him the glory as we strive, in the power of the Spirit, to share that hope with the children and young people he brings us in contact with. Please continue to pray for yKEA, and the whole Church, that we may respond worthily to this call.

*Damian Shorten*

*Diocesan Youth & Children's Coordinator (Elphin & Ardagh)*

*4th September 2021*

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