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73rd Scouts at St Donard's

On Sunday 73rd Scouts at St Donard's Parish in Belfast held their Investiture service, where members of the Beavers and Cubs said their promises in front of friends and family.

Some of the leaders also received awards for long service and Merit. "A big thanks to everyone who attended and took part in the service!" The Group has room for more children in each



section - Squirrels (ages 4-6) and Beavers (ages 6-8) meet from 6.30 - 7.15pm on Thursdays. Cubs (ages 8-10) and Scouts (ages 10-14 1/2) meet from 7.30 - 8.45pm on Thursdays. Squirrels (ages 4-6) and Beavers (ages 6-8) meet from 6.30

Limavady Girls & Boy's Brigades

After their Church Service on Sunday, 2nd Limavady Girls & Boy's Brigades paraded in the town, they were led by Boveva Flute Band.

Despite Storm Ashley, the GB & BB braved the winds.

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Limavady Girls & Boy's Brigades

BCM Ballybeen GB officers honoured

Two special ladies were honoured for their service at Belfast City Mission in Ballybeen. Linda Taylor, retired after serving 47 years & Norma Martin after 38 years, as Officers in the 284th Girls Brigade Company



Queen's Men at First Antrim



Congratulations to our 5 Queen's Men at First Antrim Presbyterian Church who received the top award in The Boys' Brigade - their Queen's Badge.



Kilmood GB enrolment

Congratulations to the Captain, Officers, leaders and members of Kilmood GB company on their enrolment Sunday in Killinchy Parish Church.

News

Sperrins parish harvest defies Storm Ashley

The determined parishioners of Ardstraw, in the heart of the Sperrins, defied 'Storm Ashley' on a blustery Sunday evening (20th October) to attend the parish's eagerly anticipated Evening Harvest Thanksgiving Service.



St Eugene's Church, in Newtown Stewart, (Derry & Raphoe) was decorated beautifully for the occasion, reflecting the

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goodness of God's bounty. Rev Sean McClafferty bade those present a warm welcome, saying how delighted he was to see such a great turnout in their beloved church for a second time in one day.

There was a special word of welcome for Venerable Robert Miller, the Archdeacon of Derry, who was the guest preacher for the evening. The church choir led the congregational singing, supported most beautifully by The Ladies of the Derg Valley Choir.

Rev McClafferty thanked all who – by their attendance, their worship and their hard work – had made the evening such a huge success.

A delicious apple pie and traybake supper supper was served in the parish hall after the service.





Dunmurry Sunday School and Youth Group harvest hymn frieze

Last Sunday morning, the Moderator attended the Harvest Service in Dunmurry NSPC.

Of particular note was the work of the Sunday School and Youth Group, who had produced a frieze of the popular harvest hymn, 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter'.

Rev. Dr. David Steers beautifully explained the background of the hymn, using the children's work to aid his presentation.

Cathedral Calls

Special moment at CLB service at Cathedral of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador



There was a special moment at Sundays CLB Anniversary Parade in the Anglican Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.



Bishop Sam Rose recalls - "One of the LTCs (Little Training Corps) said, "I want your necklace," referring to my Pectoral Cross. I said to her, "When you become the Bishop one day, I'll give this to you myself!"



"It was a wonderful 132nd CLB Anniversary Parade and Worship which took place at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist this Sunday afternoon.

"The CLB is the oldest Anglican Youth organization in our Province which is open to all young people. God bless the CLB!"



Armagh Men's Shed group launch replica model of St Patrick's Cathedral

A group of modellers in Co Armagh have created a 'shed' with a difference — an incredible six-foot replica of St Patrick's Cathedral.

Armagh Men's Shed is a community-based organisation that brings together men of all ages into an inclusive and safe social environment from Monday to Friday.

They have embarked on several other projects building models of Armagh's First Presbyterian Church and St Malachy's Chapel.



The St Patrick's Cathedral model, launched at Armagh City Hotel, took around three months to build and incorporates wood, clay and working lights inside the replica.

It measures an impressive six feet in length and four and a half feet wide.

Around 30 members of the Men's Shed would work together to construct it every Thursday.

Stephen McCleary (56) was part of the team that helped out.

“Each person was tasked with a specific aspect of the church,” he explained.



“The whole aspect of doing it together from a mental health perspective was good it was great craic too. Thursday's there was a great buzz about the place.”

Members took a tour of the cathedral and snapped photos from every angle to ensure they were as accurate as possible.

Stephen said: “The hardest part was getting it out the door when we finished it. We actually broke a wee part of it going out the door but it was easy enough building it.

“Everything else was dead on, we had good craic building it.”

For their next project, they plan to hone their crafting skills in making traditional-style cottages.

The Armagh Men's Shed first opened their doors in January 2012 with just six members. After that, Stephen said things “snowballed.”

Their group ranges from men in their early 30s to late 80s and is one of over 100 organisations across the country.

“It's about getting men together and giving them something different to do, a different purpose,” Stephen explained.

“Our Shed is situated in a spot that brings in both sides of the community. There's people of all religions and no religions here. It's a brilliant concept, I think there should be one in every town.”

He added: “It improves family life, home life it gives a bit of respite for the wives. A lot of the men who came to the Men's Shed would have had a bit of depression. I would call it a prescription for something like that - a tablet for depression.”

Stephen said the Men's Shed organisations will be visiting MLAs at Stormont in the coming weeks to advocate for increased funding.

Similar groups in the Republic of Ireland are backed by the public health body, something Stephen is hoping for here.

“It takes the pressure off of the mental health services,” he said.

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“Down south, the Men's Sheds are fully tied in with the health services. So we're hoping Stormont can step in and offer the same for the Men's Sheds here.”

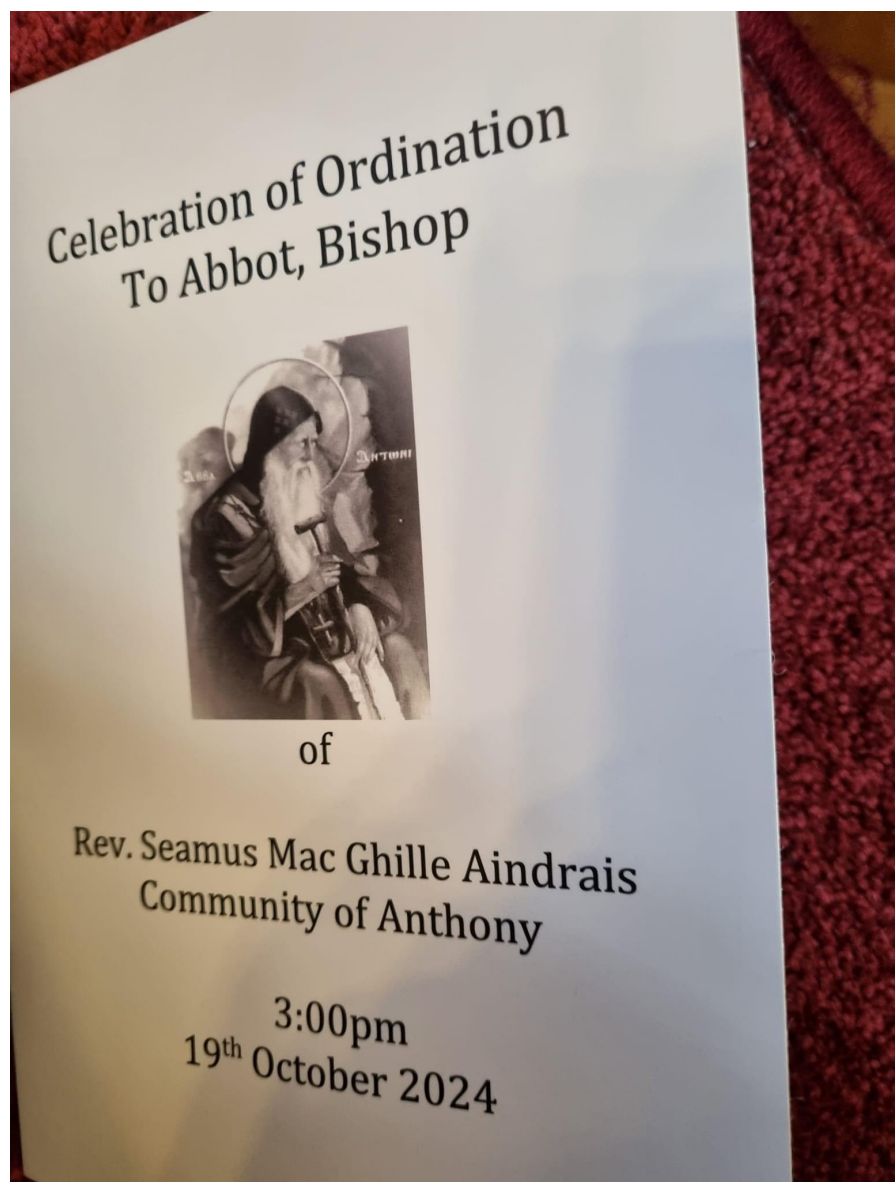
Stephen added: “Loneliness and isolation is a major factor. I didn't take on board until I retired from work, you don't realise how lonely you are until you're sitting at home doing nothing.

“I think it's so important to combat loneliness and get men talking to each other together.”

Clergy and ministry

Celebration of Ordination to Abbot

The Celebration of Ordination to Abbot, Bishop of Rev Seamus Mac Ghille Aindraais, Community of





Anthony at All Souls Church Belfast

Bishop Seamus made an eloquent speech following ordination. Here's some further information about the Community of Anthony

<https://www.solasantoin.com/>

New Diocesan Readers introduced in Clogher Diocese

Two new Diocesan Readers have been introduced in Clogher Diocese following a Service of Holy Communion on their Admission and Licensing.



They are Mrs Sarah Maguire, who was a Parish Reader based in Rossorry Parish, Enniskillen and Mr. William Graham, who served as a Reader in Ballybay Parish, Co. Monaghan.

The service held in Magheracross Parish Church, Ballinamallard, was conducted by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis assisted by Revd Lorraine Capper, Warden of Readers.

During their commissioning, both Diocesan Readers were vested with the traditional blue scarf and they undertook the required declarations.

The sermon was preached by Bishop Ian Ellis, who gave both Readers guidance on preparing and delivering their sermons.

The hymns were; “To God be the glory! great things he hath done,” “In Christ alone my hope is found,” “The Lord’s my shepherd: I’ll not want,” “Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided” and “I, t ... (click on title for full story)

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