



Parish Update

Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey
17th September 2023 – 15th Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading for Today – Exodus 14: 10-14, 21-22

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?' ¹² Didn't we say to you in Egypt, "Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians"? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!' ¹³ Moses answered the people, 'Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still' ...

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

Collect for Today

*God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: Grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel; that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Rector's Thoughts

"Don't just stand there – do something!"

Have you ever said those words in a moment of crisis? Strangely, though, when the Israelites were in a tight spot in Exodus 14 – trapped between an angry Pharaoh and the waters of the Red Sea – Moses's instruction to them was different: "The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

I wonder if that's a message for someone reading this today?

God bless, David

In-Church Services

9.30 Killymard (1st, 3rd, 5th Sun)
Lough Eske (2nd & 4th Sun)
10.45 Laghey (every Sunday)
12.00 Donegal (every Sunday) +online

🙏 Prayer Points 🙏

Thanks: The Lord who fights for his people.

Prayer: Knowing when to be still and when to take action. Victims of Libya floods and Morocco quake.

Online Services

Fri 1pm, Sun 12noon

Phone Service

074 9710199

Announcements

Sunday services: 17th Sep MP (K,L,D); 24th Sep **Harvest** (LE), **Family Service** (L,D); 1st Oct HC (K,L) **Harvest HC** (D).

Sunday Schools: Laghey 2nd & 3rd Sunday of month, Donegal 1st & 3rd Sunday. Both are on this Sunday 17th Sept. 🇮🇪

Harvest Thanksgivings: at 8pm: Lough Eske Mon 25th Sep (Rev Henry Blair); Donegal Fri 29th Sep (Ven Peter Thompson); Laghey Fri 6th Oct (Rev Alexander Chisnall); Killymard Fri 13th Oct (Mr Norman Henry). Our Mission will be [SOMA Ireland](#).

The Mustard Seed: Open Wed, Thu & Fri 10.30am–2pm. Bring a friend! Prayer time for all on Fridays at 12.30pm.

Youth Group: Following the Confirmation Reunion we are working to get a youth group going. Details to follow!!

Fundraising Meetings: To plan for Laghey Roof fundraising. 2nd Tuesday of each month, next one 10th Oct 8pm in hall.

Opening up the Bible: Next one – looking at the reliability of the Bible – Wed 11th Oct at 8pm in Donegal Church Hall.

Clerical Movements: Rev Stephen & Dr Janice Richmond have moved from Donegal Presbyterian. Rev Chris Matchett has begun as Rector in Fanad & Carrigart and on St Eunan's Day, 23rd Sept, Rev Liz Fitzgerald becomes Dean of Raphoe.

Gospel Concert: With Ballybay Country Gospel Group. Friday 15th Sept at 8pm in Stranorlar Church of Ireland.

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