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Rev John F Murdoch

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August - Rev J Murdoch (Tel: 82242239)

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TRINITY'S NEW COMMUNICANTS



Taking part in their first communion on Easter Sunday were L-R: Stephen Montgomery, Richard Armstrong, Stephen Ward, Sara-Jayne McClung, Ashley Graham, Judith McGurk, David Ward, Nicola McConnell, Robert Milligan and Mark Nelson

GILLYGOOLEY'S NEW COMMUNICANTS



On Easter Sunday Gillygooley Congregation celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Five new communicants were received into the church. Photographed with Rev Herron are L-R David Smyth, Joanne Fleming, Jason Aiken, Rachel Elliott and Alistair Magee.

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

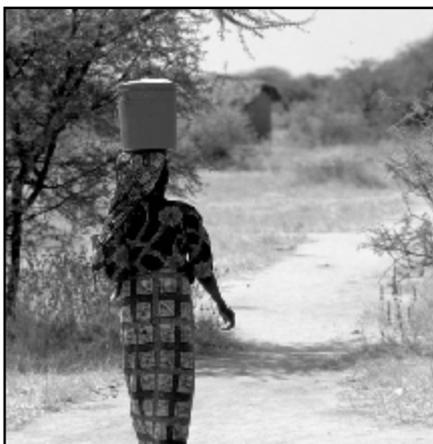
Make Poverty History is a campaign to encourage leaders of the G8 summit to act now to end extreme poverty. The G8 takes place in Scotland in July.

TRADE JUSTICE, DROP THE DEBT, MORE AND BETTER AID

– this is the request of over 300 agencies, churches and organisations.

Proverbs 13 : 23 'The field of the poor may produce abundant food, but injustice sweeps it away.'

Joyce Mbwilo lives in a rural village in Central Tanzania, and is one of the 2.8 billion people, who struggle with poverty every day. She is 31 and for the past 27 years she has walked 5,200 miles a year just to get water. (The average person in the UK walks 190 miles each year). She left home at mid-night, returning at 10 o'clock each morning with 20 litres of water for herself and her 5 children. The family never washed – they used the water for cooking and drinking.



Joyce is a Christian and says, 'It is not just me facing these problems. Everyone in the village is facing them, but I

think I am very fortunate, because I believe in my Lord and trust him.... I believe he is always opening doors for me.' The local church in partnership with Tearfund has now piped water to the village.



Psalms 113 : 7 'He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap.'

TRADE - When Joyce does have crops to sell, she cannot get a good price for them, due to unjust trade rules which favour the rich nations.

DEBT - Joyce cannot afford to send her children to secondary school, as that costs a lot of money. Tanzania spends over 40% of its earnings from exports on debt repayment, which is more than it spends on health and education.

Leviticus 25 : 10-17 tells how God introduced a Jubilee every 50 years, when debts were cancelled, to prevent this kind of situation.

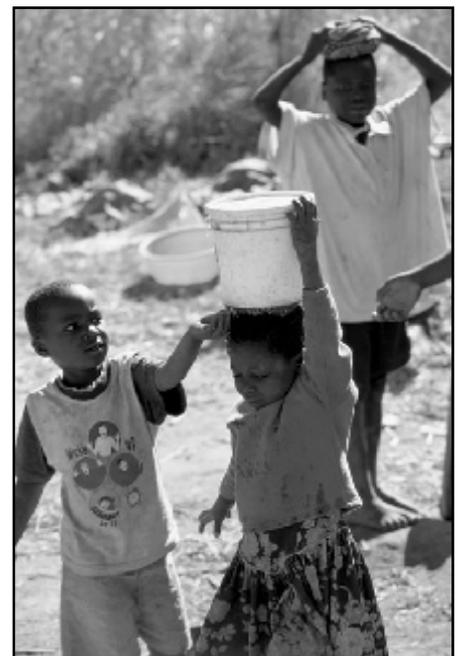
AID - Joyce cannot always afford medicines when her children need them. Foreign aid helps develop roads, water, sanitation, schools and hospitals, but it does not reach remote villages like Uhambingeto where Joyce lives.

The UN is asking rich countries to give 0.7% of national income in aid. None do yet, but Britain has promised to meet the target by 2013.

God does not want poverty to continue, so what can we do about it? We can pray, give and campaign for the poor – post a 'MAKE POVERTY HISTORY' postcard or wear a white 'MAKE POVERTY HISTORY' wristband.

Philippians 2 : 5-9 'Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus....'

Pray that we will share God's concern for the poor.



1st Omagh Boys Brigade



1st Omagh BB continues to flourish and a wide variety of activities were enjoyed throughout the season. Members are drawn from the various churches in Omagh and the Company is in the capable hands of Capt Drew Hamilton, ably assisted by his Lieutenants and Warrant Officers.

2005. Congratulations to both boys in achieving such recognition.

Another Trinity member who also received a special badge was Ashley Graham who was awarded the President's Award in March 2005.

All who try their best to attend the Boys Brigade each week deserve our praise. Organisations such as Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade etc are seen by many young folk as not being 'cool' and it is getting more difficult to attract new members. All their leaders equally deserve thanks for giving up their free time each week.

B.B Company Display on 18th March 2005



Queen's Badge recipients were LR: Stephen McConnell & Iain Herron being presented with the badge by their respective mothers



Queen's Badge: Simon & Linda Graham

The various age groups are divided into Anchor Boys, Junior Section and Company Section.

Some of the year's highlights, in which Trinity Church members were honoured, was the presentation of the Queen's Badge to Iain Herron in November 2004 and this same award going to Simon Graham in March



President's Badge L-R: Richard & Isobel Bell, Ashley & Linda Graham, Richard & Irene Barton

From Northern Ireland to Nippon

By Louise Scott

In the last two years, I have travelled from Aughnamoyle to Auckland, from Kansai to Kuala Lumpur to name but a few places. In this article, and in the September magazine, I would like to share with you some of the experiences I have encountered over the past two years

When I first embarked on my journey, I was quite naive, and had honestly no idea what was waiting for me in Japan. I had never travelled widely before, and this was something I was doing on my own, a somewhat daunting prospect. Not only had I to settle into a new home, new life, and be immersed in a complete new culture, but I had to deal with missing family, friends, and the life I had become accustomed to.

After graduating from university I had decided to go to Japan to teach English. I got a job with 'Nova Group', which is the biggest private English company in all of Japan.

When I was there I worked for the Multi-Media centre, where I taught English via the Internet to students from all over Japan.



Louise, at work teaching over the Multi-Media system. Osaka, Japan.

Over the subsequent two years, I lived in Japan, and travelled throughout Japan and Asia. From Kansai I travelled to Vietnam, South Korea, Guam, Singapore, Malaysia (Borneo), and New Zealand, and in this article I hope to reveal to you some of the highlights of what these Asian countries have to offer.

Nippon or Japan as it is usually referred to in the west is a nation built on contradictions. Society is hierarchical based, it is still predominantly a male dominated society,

business society overlaps with family interaction and its education system is lacking. Yet Japan is one of the most interesting countries in Asia, with a rich history and a unique culture. It is this history and these contradictions that will leave you intrigued with Japan, and it is because of this that I called it home for two years.

It is difficult to explain in words how I felt when I first arrived in Japan, as I had so many different emotions running through my mind. When I first got to my apartment, I was quite overwhelmed. Here I was, thousands of miles from home, surrounded by people who I couldn't communicate with, and this reality was a frightening one.

The language barrier was a problem for me at times, but it is amazing how you can interact with people without the use of a common language. I learned to train my speech in which I would simplify language so that the listener would understand me. In saying this, even

when I met some native English speakers, they had trouble understanding me because of my Irish accent and colloquialisms.

Apparently the rest of the English speaking world don't know who *your man* is, they don't go shopping to the *wee shop*, and they have no idea what *the craic* is!

I was greatly surprised by how few people spoke English to a decent standard. When Japanese kids are at school, they are taught English from the age of 11-16. This however is concentrated on written English, and the system is more concerned with grammatical accuracy rather than fluency. This in turn means that although these kids are studying English, they can't actually communicate in English. Many people asked me how it was possible to teach people when I couldn't speak Japanese. It is an interesting question, but with the aid of written English, pictures and facial and body expressions it is possible.

The most difficult situations for me were when communication was a prerequisite. An example

of this was when I broke my wrist after a bike accident. I wasn't able to communicate with the doctors without the aid of an interpreter. This was a scary situation to be faced with, as I wasn't able to fully understand the position I was in. Not only had I to deal with a broken wrist, but also had to deal with the paperwork at the



Osaka Castle during Hanami Season. Osaka, Japan.

hospital. It definitely made me realise how much we take the NHS for granted. I had a cast on for two months, had about 5 doctor visits, was prescribed painkillers and the total cost came to about £800. Thank goodness, I was insured! These were the kind of situations that made me wish that I was fluent in the Japanese language.

Language wasn't the only problem that I was faced with whilst I was there.

Food was also a major, umm, well let's just say it's very different from your meat and two veg. I remember the first time I went grocery shopping which was bizarre to say the least. Instead of buying milk, I bought cream, and what I thought to be chicken nuggets, turned out to be squid balls, not exactly the appetising dinner I had been looking forward to.

Japanese food etiquette is quite different from what we are used to in Ireland. Eating out is very popular with all age groups.

Isakayas are two a penny and are small restaurants where you can buy both food and drink relatively cheap. Rather than order a set starter, main course and dessert though, the trend is to order a number of dishes and share with everyone. Or another alternative is to ask for the food, and then cook it yourself with a BBQ-like oven that you are given. This is known as *Yaki Niku*, and is definitely my favourite type of Japanese food. Another different aspect to eating is that food is never all brought at once, so you may be served 5-10 minutes before your

friend, or vice versa. One pet-hate of mine when it comes to Japanese food, is the way in which the Japanese eat. As a child I was taught to eat in a mannerly way. Never slurp your soup and always bring your spoon to your mouth and not your bowl. Well, in Japan, roles are reversed and if you sit in a Ramon noodle shop all you can hear are slurping noises, definitely enough to put you off your dinner.

When travelling around Asia, one of the highlights has to be the food, and throughout my travels I was able to enjoy locally cooked cuisine, prepared with local grown produce. This was very typical in Vietnam. I spent two weeks there, and to be honest, with this limited time I was only able to skim over this beautiful country.

When we think of Vietnam, it is sad to say that many will associate it with war, and the horrors that the Americans inflicted upon the Vietnamese and other Asian countries during this time. However in recent years Vietnam's tourism has flourished and people from all over the world are

travelling there to experience this dynamic country.

I started off in the hills of Sapa in the north and spent 4 days trekking around the rice paddies.



Louise left with her guide Nue, and two New Zealand friends, amongst the rice paddies in Sapa, Vietnam.

This was an awesome experience, and the views along the trek were amazing. I stayed overnight in the small villages we passed through where I was provided with a wooden hut to stay in. Electricity wasn't available and the toilet was a hole in the ground. Unfortunately showers weren't available either, so as you can imagine I was very glad to see a shower when I reached my hotel back in Sapa. Although the trek was difficult in places, it was an amazing experience as I was able to see how these farmers lived everyday on a subsistence level. Especially coming from a farming community, it was amazing to see how

we in the west have progressed, whilst the farms I was visiting in Asia were something like what we would see at the Ulster American Folk Park. During my trek I also had a guide, and she, Nue, was able to give me an insight into the Vietnamese way of life. We had many interesting discussions where she told me about the role of family, arranged marriages, and the social aspects of Vietnamese culture.

From Sapa I travelled south and spent a few days in the city of Hanoi, which is the capital of Vietnam. Like any large Asian city, it is full of markets, with hundreds of amazing wee food stalls serving local produce.

Another area I visited was Halong Bay. This is a place of magnificent beauty. The tranquil waters of the sea are dotted with small islands, which are home to wild monkey that you can hear as you travel through its waterways. I was lucky enough to spend three days here which I spent kayaking around the many small islands and caves. The water is turquoise blue and perfect for swimming,



Louise, right, with her New Zealand friend, kayaking in Halong Bay, Vietnam.

although watch out for the huge jellyfish which come out to play in the evening. The food in this area was also some of the best I tasted throughout my travels, with an abundance of fresh seafood.

Vietnam has many things to offer the adventurous, but you can also take it easy amongst its tranquil beaches. I spent a relaxing few days in Nah Trang. This was a nice break from the hard work of the last few days and it

was nice to chill for the remainder of my holiday. Nah Trang was much more of a tourist area than the other places I had visited with many more backpackers than I had expected. As a result of this it was much more western than other parts of the country. In saying this it was still well worth the visit, even if it was just so that I could use western toilets instead of the hole in the ground which I had not quite become accustomed to.

My last port of call was that of Ho Chi Minh city. This was known as Saigon before the Vietnam War, but was renamed after the famous communist leader, after the reunification of Vietnam. In Vietnam there are still signs of the

war and although not a very strict communist country, there are still curfews in place in certain parts of the country.

When I was at university, I spent quite some time studying Asian history. Throughout my travels it was amazing that I could now visit the places that up until now I had only read about.

I will finish my account at this point, and continue it in the next issue of Trinity and Gillygooley News. Then I will share with you more experiences, including getting lost in the jungle of Bako in Malaysia, of meeting North Korean soldiers, and of spending Christmas Day enjoying the sun in New Zealand.

OMAGH CHURCHES FORUM

Omagh Churches Forum was formed in 1996 to support and encourage participation by Churches in local initiatives and to liaise and co-operate with other bodies and Community/Voluntary Groups. Their work also includes furthering the work of Community Relations in the Omagh area.

Omagh Churches Forum played a major role in the aftermath of the Omagh bomb. Many of those who were affected in that terrible tragedy found great benefit from the prayerful support undertaken

by the Churches Forum.

At the recent A.G.M. Rev W Seale who was re-elected as Co-Chairman welcomed David Blake from Habitat for Humanity N.I. It is a cross-community Christian self-build housing organisation which helps low income families to build their own homes. Habitat for Humanity are working in 100 Countries and are now active in the Omagh area. They are hoping to totally refurbish eight houses in Omagh. Volunteers 16yrs and over are required to give a day or

more labour to fulfil this project. If interested contact Habitat for Humanity at (028) 9024 3686.

Rev Louise Crawford, Forum Secretary, is taking a group to this years Summer Madness in the Kings Hall, Belfast. Summer Madness is a Christian Youth Festival for those 12-16 years. They camp in the grounds of Balmoral and the event is held during July. Further information is available from the Gillygooley Presbyterian Church Forum Representative Iris Moffitt-Scott, Tel: 8224 2895.

Trinity's New Congregational Committee



Adele Donald



Alan Gibson



Alfie Sayers



Amanda Donald



Caroline Hussey



Claire McElhinney



David Porter



Dawn McClung



Derek Gilmore



Drew Barbour



Drew Hamilton



Gary Milligan



Gregory Parke



Hazel McCay



Ian Leitch



James McCutcheon



Jim Adams



Johnny Moore



Joseph Clements



Ken Duncan



Kenny Allen



Mervyn Beattie



Mitchell McKnight



Pearl Donnell



Raymond Monteith



Richard McClung



Roy Maguire



Roy Millar



Sam Carson



Wesley Atcheson

GILLYGOOLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



A Better Quality of Life

There is more to Neighbourhood Watch than protecting homes and property against burglary. By working together, neighbours can help reduce all sorts of local

crimes. They can also take action to improve the environment by getting something done about things like vandalism, graffiti, poor lighting and a lack of local amenities.

As well as making the neighbourhood a better place to live and work in, tackling local problems and concerns will help reassure residents and make them less fearful of crime.

Neighbourhood Watch is for everyone

Neighbourhood Watch is also about bringing people closer together and involving them in local life. A stronger community

spirit can grow as people get to know each other and look out for one another.

The Greater Gillygooley Neighbourhood Watch area is bounded in the north by the Fairy Water river and in the west by the Lught and Drumbarley roads. The southern boundary is the Botera, Falskey, and Mullaghmena Roads. The eastern boundary is the Beltany Road, including Watson Park and Coneywarren. Fortunately crime in our area is fairly low. By being more aware and by looking out for each other we can help keep it that way.

Area co-ordinator Fred Chambers
07801282534 or dial 999.

Conclusion of successful Winter Programme



Community members who received their first aid certificates are back L-R Raymond Smyth, Sharon McFarland, Iris Moffitt-Scott, Mavis Elkin, Gemma Armstrong, Sam Harpur. Front L-R Pansy Fleming, Joyce McAskie (tutor) Lorraine Armstrong and Yvonne Armstrong.

Gillygooley Y.C.D.A. organised a very varied and interesting series of classes and events during the winter evenings. For those conscious of health and fitness, weekly classes were available for yoga, aerobics and first aid. For those 'nimble of foot', old time dancing classes were held every Thursday night.

The Association also hosted a healthy eating seminar at Corick House, Clogher, which was facilitated by Twyla Moffitt,



Members of Gillygooley Youth and Community Development Association who attended the seminar at Corick House.

BSc. (Hon S.R.D.) Renal Dietician at Tyrone County Hospital.

WARM HOME SCHEME

N.I.C.V.A. and Eaga Partnership have re-opened their 'Warm Home Scheme.' Grants of up to £3700 are available for central heating systems, insulation etc. Conditions apply.

For more information and criteria, free phone 0800 181 667 or copies of criteria available from Andrew Scott telephone 8224 2895.

Funding Success for Gillygooley Y.C.D.A.

Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association have secured further funding success following an application to Omagh District Council. The grant of over £2500 will be used to modernise lighting in the main hall and also the installation of exterior security lighting. Work has recently been completed on a new heating system. The project was funded by Rural Community Network.

Gillygooley People in Focus

Robert Walker, known as Bob to his many friends, is one of Gillygooley congregation's senior members. A faithful and dedicated member, who, prior to his advancing years, was a regular attender at Sunday Worship, Bob is also a former member of the Church Committee. With wise judgement and forthright manner he always expressed his views in a meaningful way. Bob has been blessed with relatively good health throughout his long life and he will be 92 on his next birthday. He has contributed much to farming and community life outside the church. A man of many talents, he was a renowned ploughman and a member of Gillygooley Young Farmers Club. Bob represented the club in numerous ploughing matches organised by Y.F.C.s from throughout the county.

On a recent visit to this home he proudly showed me a trophy he won at a ploughing match organised by Cappagh Young Farmers Club in 1950. Having won the cup on three consecutive years he was allowed to keep the trophy. You must remember that this was during the 1940's/1950's when horse power on the farms was still very much a reality. Bob told me he started participating in ploughing matches about 1930. "A good day's ploughing was to turn over 1 acre," says Bob, "and that meant following the horses from dawn till dusk."

A day's work, Bob reminded me, started at 5.00 am with feeding the horses. Another task Bob recalls

was delivering a cart-load of turf to the Church for the stove which was in the middle of the aisle. Members of the congregation, he recalls, took turns to provide the turf.

Another of Bob's talents was his ear for music. He was a member of Gillygooley Pipe Band from its formation in 1935 when he played the bass drum with great enthusiasm, marking time with precision. His most recent appearance with the band was at the Millennium Celebrations organised by Gillygooley Youth and Community Development Association in September 1999.

Bob's musical talents go back even further than 1935. Prior to the pipe band there was a flute band in the area known as Corlea, of which he was a member. Bob joined the band at 12 years of age and played the flute in it, until 1935 when it was replaced by Gillygooley Pipe Band.

In 1931 Bob decided to serve his community in yet another capacity by joining the B Specials, contributing to the security of our province. He joined the platoon known as Mullagharn which met and drilled in the old Orange Hall, now a private dwelling. Returning to Bob's Presbyterianism; he was baptised in Drumquin Presbyterian Church by



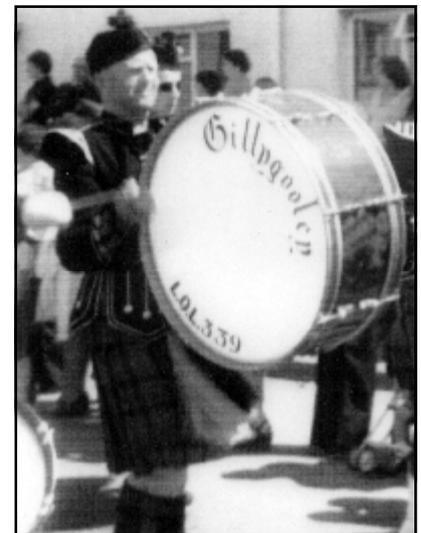
Bob Walker competing in the Cappagh Young Farmers ploughing match 1950 (note Cappagh Church on the horizon).



A youthful Bob Walker proudly displays some of the silverware he won at ploughing matches.

Rev Fletcher in 1914. His family lived at the family farm at Cloghog, but following his marriage to Lily he acquired a farm at Mullinatomagh and became a member of Gillygooley Presbyterian Church, where the Minister of that time was Rev Carmichael.

Bob has witnessed much change in his long life, in agriculture and change from basic man-power/horse-power to today's modern technology; from harvesting with the scythe and reaper, to today's modern combine harvesters. Bob has a vivid memory of these changes. He is a great conversationalist and a visit to his home would not be complete without him relaying stories of years of yore with great passion and enthusiasm.



On parade with Gillygooley Pipe Band.

PARENT'S NIGHT AT GILLYGOOLEY



Line dancing group who performed on Parents night are L-R Lisa Hemphill, Zara-Jane McCauley, Louise King, Stacey Hemphill, Aimee Nethery, Jessica Harpur, Bronwyn O'Donnell and Rebekah Galbraith.



Senior Members who received trophies & prizes on Parents Night accompanied by Leaders Jennifer O'Donnell, Bernie Liggett and Sam Harpur

Gillygooley Youth Club's parents night brought to a close another very successful year in the life of the club. As the 30th Anniversary year draws to a close, Leaders, Committee and Members can look back on a memorable year during which the 30 year history of the Club has been captured on video. Parents and Friends were welcomed by Raymond King, Chairman, who also compered a programme of entertainment staged by the members. The honour of presenting the awards was given to the Leaders; Jennifer O'Donnell, Bernie Liggett and Sam



Ashley McIlwaine being presented with 'Junior Personality' of the year award by Bernie Liggett.

Harpur who made the presentations to their respective groups. Tribute was paid to the Leaders,



Karen Moore being presented with 'Senior Personality' of the year award by Jennifer O'Donnell Leader-in-Charge.

without whose loyalty and dedication, the Club would not have achieved its noted success.



All the Junior Members who received their trophies & prizes on Parents and Friends night.



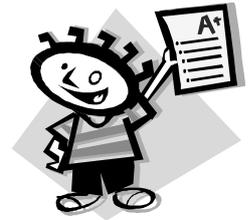
Club Leaders who presented the awards L-R Bernie Liggett, Sam Harpur and Jennifer O'Donnell.



Jennifer O'Donnell Leader-in-Charge with Primary Members who received prizes on Parents night.



CHILDREN'S PAGE



The names of eleven of the twelve disciples are hidden in this word square. Can you find them?

A	Z	P	J	I	E	W	O	U	O	P	B
X	T	H	O	M	A	S	U	N	M	S	A
L	V	I	U	F	N	V	H	R	W	Y	R
T	U	L	A	G	D	W	D	P	J	Q	T
N	A	I	K	Q	R	G	P	Q	U	T	H
O	L	P	E	T	E	R	F	V	D	L	O
E	R	H	A	Z	W	M	L	R	A	C	L
J	O	H	N	B	X	M	T	C	S	D	O
A	S	I	J	K	K	X	S	E	R	N	M
M	U	I	J	L	S	I	M	O	N	Z	E
E	V	T	H	A	D	D	A	E	U	S	W
S	G	H	M	M	A	T	T	H	E	W	B

Which of the disciples is missing? (*Mark 3 v16-19 will help you*)

Please forward entries to Andrew Scott, Aughnamoyle House, 41 Gillygooley Road Omagh BT78 5PP not later than four weeks after publication. If more than one correct entry is received from either Church a draw may be made to select the winner.

Something to make

Try these Mystery Bible cakes for all you budding young chefs. Find the missing ingredients by looking up the bible reference.

- Take 4oz *Proverbs 30:33*, (first half) 1 dessertspoonful of *Revelation 10:10*, and 3oz sugar. Mix them together.
- Add 2 *Jeremiah 17:11*, 4oz self-raising *1st Kings 4:22*, and ½ teaspoon baking powder. Mix it all together and drop the mixture into bun tins or paper cases.
- Bake in the oven 190°C (375F°) Gas Mark 5 for about 15mins.
- When cool, spread with a little *Revelation 10:10* and decorate with *1st Samuel 29:2*.

Enjoy!!

APOLOGY

In the last issue the wrong bible chapter was printed. However five entries were received from Gillygooley, but unfortunately no-one had all the correct answers. No entries were received from Trinity.

Out and about with Gillygooley 2nd Youth

2nd Youth may be the name of this new group formed by Gillygooley Youth and Community Development Association, but 1st Youth may have been a more apt title judging by the number of activities in which they participated!

They commenced the year in January with a meal and party in the Mellon Country Inn. Later in the month the topic for a meeting in the Orange Hall was fire safety in the home, by Shane and Brian from the N.I. Fire Authority. They gave an interesting and informative talk and demonstration on fire prevention.

February was an "activity and fun" night which took the form of a beetle drive. March followed with a meeting entitled "Growing Old Gracefully" when Roisin Gilheaney outlined the benefits of alternative medicine.



L-R Harold Brunt, Dorothy King, Iris Moffitt-Scott and Roisin Gilheaney.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the year's programme was in April when 2nd youth were the guests of 1st Battalion Kings Own Scottish Borderers at Lisanelly Army Barracks. The

military personnel gave an excellent demonstration on bomb disposal and the use of dogs and their training in the search to find explosives etc. There was also an opportunity to view and sit in helicopters and talk to the pilots. The evening ended with supper and a visit to Lisanelly Church.



Members of 2nd Youth on their visit to Lisanelly Army Camp



Members of 2nd Youth on their visit to Lisanelly Army Camp



Members of 2nd Youth in Lisanelly Church

Members have also attended seminars and meetings of The Sperrin Lakeland Senior Citizens Consortium. Omagh District Council funded a training workshop for the Committee. The venue was The Hunting Lodge, Baronscourt, where the

committee were provided with a meal followed by a workshop facilitated by Noelle Donnell

At the recent A.G.M. the outgoing Chairman, Harold Brunt, gave a comprehensive report of the club's progress since its inception in March 2004. He also thanked the Community Association and those who had advised and guided the Club through its formation.

Alison Forbes from the Senior Citizens Consortium gave a talk on the support they can provide to groups before conducting the election of office bearers which was as follows:-

Chairperson - Jean Ellis

Vice Chairperson - Stanley Short

Minutes Secretary - Dorothy King

Correspondence Secretary - Gertie Short

Treasurer - Iris Moffitt-Scott

Welfare Officer - Iris Moffitt-Scott

Press Officer - Jean McCay
Tea Hostess - Lily Nethery
Committee Office-Bearers plus - Harold Brunt, Sadie Clements, Margaret Hemphill, Lila Crawford, Eric Crawford, Andrew Scott, Mary Cooper & Anne Turner.

The club will close for the summer with a trip to Doagh Island, North Donegal which also includes a networking visit to Fahan Presbyterian Church and Congregation.

Gillygooley Church Alterations



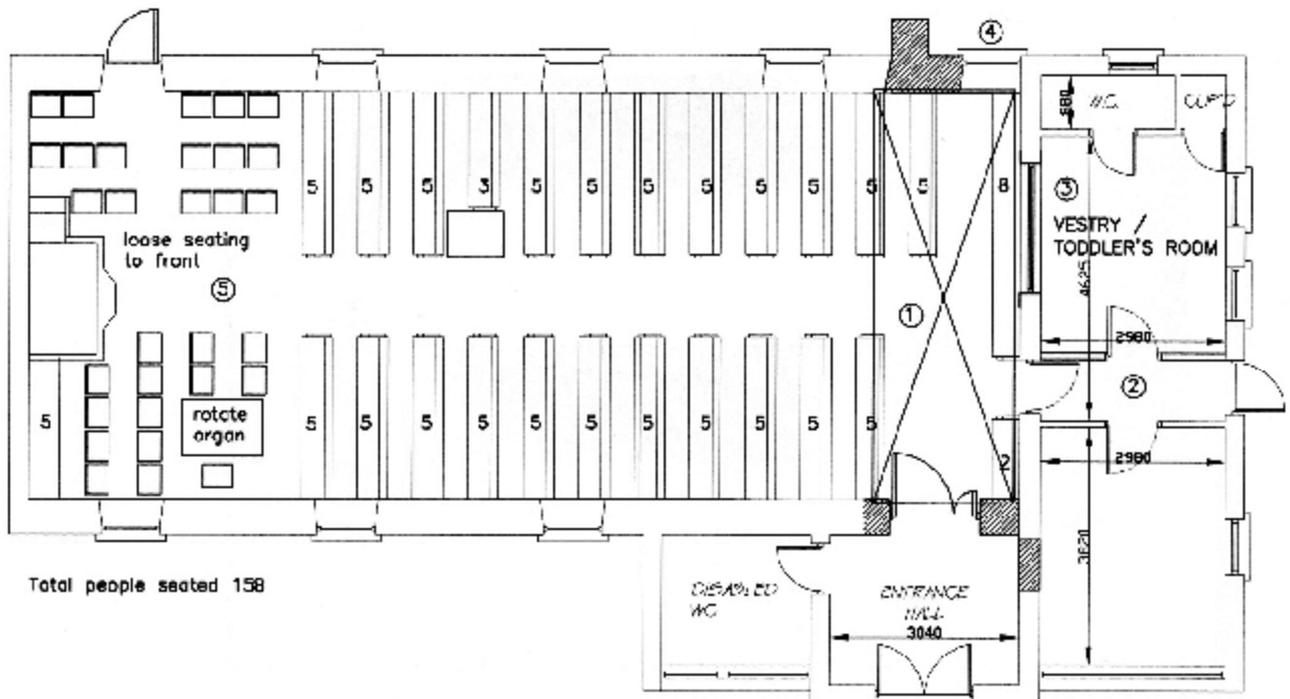
A Congregational Meeting was held on Monday 11th April 2005 to consider works required to Gillygooley Presbyterian Church.

The Committee has been looking at this issue for 6 to 7 years, originally focusing on enlarging the Church to provide extra seating. These proposals proved prohibitively expensive. There were, however, recent

legal requirements relating to Disability and Health and Safety. The disability work included a wheelchair ramp, widening door accesses and providing a wheelchair bay in a central location in the Church. Health and Safety requirements included alternative means of escape at the front of the Church, several fire doors, replacement of polystyrene ceiling tiles, a fire alarm system, exit signs and emergency lighting. The Committee had also considered a scheme which, whilst addressing the work which must be done, would also enhance the Church facilities. This involved removing the back wall of the

Church which would allow for some additional seating and replacing several pews at the front with chairs that could be removed to create more space when required.

After considering each of the options and their financial implications, the congregation decided to proceed with the comprehensive scheme which deals with both the legally required work and enhancement of the Church. With the need for statutory approvals and the consent of the Architectures Committee of the Presbyterian Church, it is unlikely that the alterations will commence before the summer of 2006.



PROPOSED GROUND FLOOR PLAN OPTION A

GILLYGOOLEY YOUTH CLUB YOUNG ENTERPRISE

The Young Enterprise group based at Gillygooley Youth Club this academic year was called "G-Force" and was made up of nine Senior Club members.



On City Hall Steps L-R: Lorraine Elkin, Alistair Magee, Richard Armstrong, Philip Galbraith, Sandra Magee, Joanne Fleming, Mark McFarland, Jenny Elkin and Yvonne Armstrong

Director; Philip Galbraith was Marketing Director; David Smyth was Sales Director with Mark Ferguson as Assistant Sales Director.

The Company was formed in October 2004 and it has been one of the most successful Companies based at Gillygooley Youth Club. The members had several very popular products produced for the Christmas market and had a great deal of success at the Christmas Craft Fair at Gillygooley and also at the Sperrin and Lakelands Regional Board Trade Fair, where they won the Innovation Award.

Business Advisers, Yvonne Armstrong and Sandra Magee, they picked up the prestigious Northern Ireland Junior Enterprise Company of the Year 2005.

They were presented with their award at a Young Enterprise Gala Ball held in the very impressive Belfast City Hall, where they "rubbed shoulders" with the very best of Northern Ireland's Young Enterprise Achievers and also many successful entrepreneurs and celebrities.

The Managing Director was Jenny Elkin, Assistant Managing Director was Alistair Magee; Company Secretary was Joanne Fleming; Richard Armstrong was Finance Director; Mark McFarland was ICT Director, with Ian Armstrong as Assistant ICT

Their success culminated in their winning the Junior Youth Enterprise Award at the Sperrin and Lakelands Regional Board Graduation Day, which also qualified them for the Northern Ireland Final. At this event, to the delight of their Link Teacher Lorraine Elkin and



"G-Force" with their award. L-R: Joanne, Mark, Jenny, Philip, Alistair and Richard. Missing from photos are David Smyth, Ian Armstrong and Mark Ferguson

Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths in the Congregations

Baptisms in Trinity	Marriages in Trinity	Deaths in Trinity
10 Apr Kate McGarry 10 Apr Harvey John Thompson 10 Apr Oscar James Thompson 8 May Jamie Roger Dunne 22 May Emily Conway	21 May Julie Ross & John Lang Morrison	12 Feb Jean Woodside
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Let the children come to me"</i> (Mark 10:14)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Love one another as I have loved you"</i> (John 15:12)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>"I am the resurrection and the life"</i> (John 11:25)</p>