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GENEROSITY ACKNOWLEDGED



The absence of the Church providing social activities especially for the children of the Congregation was recognised by the McKinley Family, Aughaleague in 1996. Fifteen years later Malcolm & Myrtle McKinley continue to sponsor the annual Barbeque and Fun evening on the third weekend in June. Initially the event was held in a field kindly granted by the Fleming Family but laterally has moved to the Orange Hall and

grounds due to our inclement weather. The event not only attracts the children of the Congregation but many adults also enjoy the opportunity for friendship and fellowship.

This year members of Gillygooley were delighted to welcome members of Trinity Congregation and we trust they enjoyed our companionship and hospitality.

Myrtle & Malcolm McKinley received a bouquet from Katie Gault and Ryan Crawford as a gesture of gratitude for their continued financial support.

FROM THE FARMYARD TO THE CATWALK

Popular member of Gillygooley Congregation Raymond King has added a new role to his already very busy lifestyle. In farming circles the buzz word of the moment is diversification and at the recent Omagh Agricultural Show Raymond seems to have taken this idea of diversification literally when he took to the Catwalk at the mannequin parade in the marquee. With Wesley Atcheson as compere I understand this duo was an act not to be missed. Raymond who owns an extensive dairy farm at Claragh Road also finds time to serve on the Church Committee and is chairman and Youth Leader of Gillygooley Youth Club, Secretary of the Orange Lodge and vice chairman of the Community Association. The mannequin parade was organised by Beatrice Alexander who is also a member of Gillygooley Congregation.



RELIEF FOR PMS SAVERS

By Gillygooley Correspondent

For those who invested their life savings in The Presbyterian Mutual Society the past three years have been a most stressful period. In his opening address to the General Assembly Rev Dr Ivan Patterson the new moderator touched upon the need to build good relations in the church and civic society, communicating the teaching of the Bible to an increasingly secular society, speaking up for and addressing the needs of others and expressing gratefulness for the resolution of the Presbyterian Mutual Society crisis. The Moderator also expressed thanks to those involved in the PMS particularly those who had voluntarily deferred a return of some of their money so that others would benefit, continuing he said 'there needed to be less selfishness and a greater spirit of sharing in everyone.' Savers with less than £20,000 should have received all their money back thanks to larger savers agreeing to give up some of their money to facilitate this arrangement.

Whilst PMS savers have cause to celebrate we should be mindful of others who have no such cause for celebration? I think particularly of many young families struggling to service a mortgage on their home, a home which today may be only worth half the value of their mortgage? The uncertainty of job security in this time of recession. The business owners faced with the prospect of closing down a family business which may have been in the family for generations and the heartache of making loyal staff redundant. Others have suffered grievously as a result of their retirement insurance policies falling far short of the projected return and endowment policies which promised a healthy sum on maturity not even meeting the mortgage on their home this the sad result of poor global market conditions.

This undoubtedly will have an impact on the income of our churches for many years to come and takes me back to the point by the moderator of less selfishness and a greater spirit of sharing by those in society who are financially more secure.

Yes for PMS savers it is a time for celebration however for many others there is no lifeline in sight. Be mindful of their stress and difficulties and pray that better times lie ahead for our society.

AN ICELANDIC ADVENTURE *by Irene Brown*



Having put my Gillygooley computer class skills into practice and using the Gillygooley Walking Club to build up our fitness, Sandy and I were all set when the alarm went off at 3:30am on Monday 30th May. Our adventure to Iceland was about to start.

We went to Belfast International Airport,

parked the car for twelve days and caught the early flight to Glasgow. Here we met up with my sister from Brechin who was going with us. The flight from Glasgow to Keflavik Airport is about two hours so we touched down in Iceland to clear, sunny weather. The first thing that strikes you as you head out to Reykjavik is everything is so clean and tidy and the air so clear and pure. All along the roads there are blue lupines growing – we later learnt that those Alaskan Lupines seeds have been sown to stop the lava ash from blowing: it is like a sea of blue and with the steam

clouds in the distance it is like a magical land – the steam is from the hot springs in the mountains.



There is a population of just under 300,000 people in Iceland and it was first known as the Smoky Island but it was soon realised it was steam not smoke so then was named Iceland. In the four months of summer the sun never goes down so daylight is for 24 hours but in winter it is never fully light.

We settled in at our hotel on the outskirts of Reykjavik and as it was early evening we then walked down town to explore and have our first taste of Icelandic food and culture – excellent.

The next day we were free to explore before we started on a five day bird watching tour which we had organised independently from the flights and accommodation. We took the local bus – after enquiring at the hotel – and went to the famous hot springs, The Blue Lagoon, this is a wonderful place seeing all the sulphur pools and swimming in the hot thermal pool is such a relaxing lovely experience with temperatures up to 40°C.

At eight on Wednesday morning we were collected at the hotel by Kristjan and Gudbjorg who were the couple who were our driver and guide for the next six days on the bird watching trip to the west and north of Iceland. This proved to be a wonderful trip and our guides were so lovely and friendly. There were only eight of us including Kristjan and Guga so it was just great. We headed to Stykkisholmur but with stops on route to some famous blow holes and some bird watching where we saw Glaucous and Icelandic gulls. At Stykkisholmur we boarded a ferry for Flatey which is an island on the west with no cars allowed and has restored wooden houses set among fields of wild flowers and the rugged coastline. There is only the one hotel but it has all the modern cons, and the food as always was excellent. The eastern part of the island is a nature reserve and we spent the whole of the next day enjoying the wildlife seeing so many different species: Snow bunting, red necked phalarope, fulmars and ringed plovers to name a few. At seven that night we then walked back to the ferry to go back to the mainland. Next day we were off to Holar where we stayed at Holar University College. This is an agricultural school founded in 1882 for research and teaching in aquaculture, horse breeding and training but in summer is a tourist haven of chalets up in the mountains. There is an interesting Cathedral which was consecrated in 1763 and is the oldest in Iceland. Here the last Catholic Bishop of Iceland was beheaded and buried. After the death of Jon Arason Iceland changed to Luthuran

Religion.

We travelled further North the following day to Myvatn via Akureyri which has a splendid Church and here we visited the Botanical Gardens as well. On route we stopped at different Waterfalls and hot springs. The geothermal activity is amazing and Guga kept us enthralled with Sagas of ancient Iceland. At Myvatn the bird life is fantastic and the excitement when we first spotted the Great Northern Diver Gadwall ducks, Scaups and the climax was seeing the Harlequin ducks on the torrents of the huge Glannie Waterfall. As well as bird watching in this area we climbed Grabok which is a 3000 year old crater, visited pseudo craters and formations of exploding steam. We had two days in this vicinity of Myvatn seeing wonderful country and then sadly our tour came to an end when we headed back to Reykjavik. The next three days were also amazing as we did day tours from Reykjavik with Kristjan. We did more bird watching and walked on the glacier Sotheimajokull. This glacier lies near the volcano Eyjafjallajokull and we brought home some volcanic ash from that area. We watched a live geyser shoot away in the air, this one spouts up approximately every twelve minutes and saw huge waterfalls each one more impressive than the one before. We visited ancient fishing villages and saw how they hang the fish up to dry for the winter and also explored the Snaefell Peninsula. Each evening we returned to Reykjavik and went down town to try the different restaurants and we sometimes browsed in the shops as they stay open until nine in the evening. All too soon our holiday came to an end but it is the most impressive country and we will cherish the wonderful experience, the fun and the laughter. In the telling of this visit I have only touched the tip of the iceberg, so all that remains is for you to go and see the country for yourselves.

A 3000 year old volcanic crater at Grabok.



SPRING CLEAN AND MAINTENANCE AT TRINITY OLD MANSE

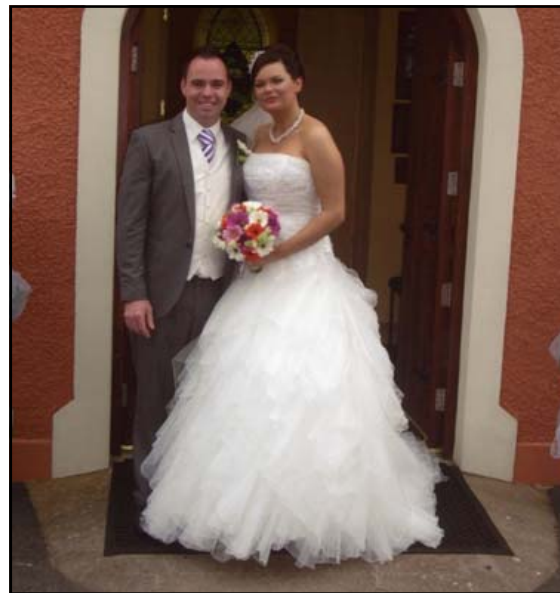
On 31st May 2011 a highly skilled group of workers assembled at the old manse to carry out a spring clean around the grounds. Due to an oversubscription of volunteers for this task, a long and arduous knock-out process took place, before this hand-picked team was formed. Their tasks included grass-strimming, weeding, pruning, sweeping and scraping to get the grounds looking more presentable. Our action photographs (courtesy of Kenny "The Snapper" Allen) show the "A-Team" vigorously at work but enjoying the experience.



Ian "The Strimmer" Leitch
Ken "The Sweep" Duncan
Greg "Scissorhands" Parke
Mitch "The Gaffer" McKnight
Missing from the photos is
Drew "The Big Man" Barbour.
Our thanks goes to this "A-team"
for their efforts and rest assured,
those who were unsuccessful for
this task can reapply for the next
jobs as winter approaches!

New door in Trinity Church Hall

As you know there is a new door from the car park into the Hall. We request that if you want to enter the hall that you use this door instead of going down the steps.



Marriage of Ian Donald and Connie Hannigan on 2nd July 2011

Ian and Connie following their marriage in Gillygooley Presbyterian Church. Connie is the eldest daughter of Robert and Helen Hannigan, 8 Winters Close, Omagh. "What God has joined together man must not separate." Mark Ch 10 v 9

Church News in Brief

By Gillygooley Correspondent

Presbyterian Ministry

It is most encouraging to report that 18 new students for the Presbyterian Ministry received approval of acceptance at the Assembly this brings the total number in training to 70.

Volunteers contribute millions

Lindsay Conway Director of Social Services in the Presbyterian Church has commended volunteers for their services in helping local communities. The love of Christ is shown in practical ways by individuals giving freely of their time and skills for the help and support of others.

David Cameron's "Big Society" is nothing new in Northern Ireland and especially within Churches who engage with their community.

Presbyterian Church's role in Children's Education

The education board and Transferor Representatives which represent the main Protestant denominations in the state schools in Northern Ireland are increasingly aware of objections being raised to the involvement of Churches in areas of education. The Presbyterian Church is to join in partnership with others in the area of education to work for the good of all children irrespective of faith commitment.

Overseas Relief

The Presbyterian Church donated almost £2 million to overseas relief and development in the past 18 months. The Churches board of mission overseas is involved with partner churches in 25 countries and the work of almost 50 overseas missionaries in these countries.

Celebration of King James Bible

Churches throughout the Island are arranging special prayer meetings and services.

The Authorised King James Version of the Bible owed its origins to a meeting of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in the Parish Church of Burntisland in Fife. Here in 1601 it was proposed that a new English translation would make the Scriptures more accessible to the people and this was embraced at the Hampton Court Conference in 1604. The translation began in 1604 and was not completed until 1611. It was also intended that this new version would straighten out some translation flaws in earlier versions, as had been detected by the Puritans.

Even the best of us fail to live up to our own standards, far less those set for us by our Creator.

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" 1 John 1 v 8.

Gillygooley Walking Club



Another successful walking club season got under way in April with approximately 40 members meeting at the hall or various locations every Wednesday evening. This year's walking season finishes on 17th September with an outing to Londonderry where the club will walk the new Peace Bridge and have a guided tour of the Walls of Derry, followed by a meal in the City Hotel. A special thanks to Sadie Clements, Jan Sterritt, Diane Stevenson and Iris and Andrew Scott for their kind hospitality in providing refreshment after some of the walks this year. Picture left: Some of the walking Club members outside Sadie Clement's home before their walk around Omagh Town.

CHILDRENS DAY AT TRINITY - 2011

Trinity held its Childrens Day service and presentation of prizes on Sunday 12th June 2011. The church was packed and all the children performed their roles with gusto. The call to worship was led by Matthew Patterson. Jessica Finlay read a prayer and a reading was done by Naomi Duncan with Leon Clarke. The childrens choir sang "Jesus' love is very wonderful" and "Hallelu, Hallelu" and a poem entitled "Jesus is my superhero" was read by James Thompson. We were then treated to a mini drama called "The Blame Game" which was enacted by Stephen Armstrong, Jade Somerville, Emma Moore, Katie Buchanan, Naomi Duncan, Ben Somerville and Amy Patterson whilst Kirstin Duncan and Hannah Patterson narrated the story. The childrens choir sang "This little light of mine" and then Emma Moore and Lucy Reid presented Rev Herron with a cheque for £500 for the SAT-7 Kids appeal. The money was raised by the Sunday School and Bible classes using various means including a sponsored "Stay Awake" night. Prayers for others were led by Katie Buchanan and Stephen Armstrong then the offering was collected by Emily Buchanan, Matthew Fenwick, Chelsea Johnston, Molly Buchanan and Mark Fenwick while Alex Thompson played "Make you feel my love" on the piano. The offering prayer was read by Jack Duncan after which the prizes were presented to the children.



Ann Buchannan and Wendy Irwin, with Henry Thompson, Luke McFarland and Rachel Patterson.



Luke McFarland, Rachel Patterson and Scott McGrew on door duty at the front door.



Henry Thompson, Luke McFarland, Rachel Patterson and Scott McGrew welcome the Clarkes.



Emma Moore and Lucy Reid presenting Rev Herron with £500 for the SAT-7 Kids appeal which was raised by the Sunday School & Bible Class.



Alex Thompson who played "Make you feel my love" by Adele on the piano exquisitely.



P1 – 3 Back Tom Bell, Lucy Reid, Ellie Duncan, Anna Chilton and Rachel Patterson.
Front Scott McGrew, Robbie Bell, Luke McFarland, Henry Thompson, Mark Fenwick and Kyle Johnston.



P 6 and 7 Back row Matthew Fenwick, Graham Carson and James Thompson.
Front row Chelsea Johnston, Alex Thompson, Jessica Finlay and Emily Buchanan.



P4 and 5 Molly Buchanan, Rebecca Stewart, Matthew Patterson and Jack Duncan.



Bible Class Back row L-R Emma Moore, Amy Patterson, Emma Moore, Bonita Clarke and Leon Clarke.
Front row L-R Andrew Kerr, Stephen Armstrong, Katie Buchanan, Kirstin Duncan, Hannah Patterson, Naomi Duncan and James Kerr.

GILLYGOOLEY 2ND YOUTH (50+ CLUB)

The club completed another very successful season with its A.G.M. in June. Several trips were organised during the summer when members had the opportunity to visit the R.U.C. memorial garden, Dobbies Garden Centre, Tropical World, Letterkenny and Londonderry. As always the camera recorded some of the action.



New office-bearers elected L-R Jean McCutcheon assistant treasurer, Thelma Harkness treasurer, Sadie Clements registrar, Iris Moffitt-Scott Chairperson, Lily Nethery assistant hostess supervisor, Violet Crosbie secretary, Beatrice Alexander hostess supervisor. Missing from photo John and Marjorie Hall vice-chairperson and assistant secretary respectively and Andrew Scott press officer.



Will it bite? asks Margaret Hemphill as she strokes the snake in the reptile house at Tropical World also in the photograph Gerald and Irene McCauley.



Is Beatrice Alexander centre trying to charm the snake also in the photograph Gerald McCauley, Edith Hemphill and Nina Buchanan.



Note the size of the butterfly which landed on Irene's handbag.



Eileen Fleming and Dorothy King in the butterfly House at Tropical World.



Iris Moffitt-Scott, Jean Rea and Sadie Clements beside the Water Wheel at Beechhill House Hotel Londonderry.



'Nothing new for Sadie to be found in the garden' Beechhill House Hotel gardens.



Robbie Alexander explores the Water Wheel at Dundonald Old Mill.



In the RUC Memorial Garden are L-R Grace White, Anne Turner, Ruth Kyle, Eileen Boyd, Claire White, Marion Radford and Veronica Daly.



Relaxing in the grounds of Dundonald Old Mill are L-R Pearl Sayers, Elizabeth McGavigan, Irene Brown and Sadie Clements.



Members listen attentively as the guide tells the solemn story of Lost Lives.

TRINITY SENIOR OUTING 18TH JUNE 2011

The Senior members of Trinity travelled to Dobbies Garden Centre, Lisburn for their annual outing. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to have a look around this recently opened garden centre. The weather made the trip as it was a lovely sunny day.

The members were treated to tea and scones on arrival in the centre's restaurant.

After leaving the centre the group stopped at the Cohannon Inn, Dungannon for their evening meal.



Members enjoying their tea and scones.....



As well as a good chat!



Jim and Betty having a rest.



Ronnie and Heather discussing plants.



The back seat boys.



Bertie and Mary wondering if the loaf was enough for two people.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY *By Andrew Scott, Gillygooley Representative*



The opening meeting and Service of the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church in Ireland took place on Monday 6th June. Whilst I have attended the Assembly in the past this is the first time I have been available for the Opening Service. The singing and music were most uplifting and it was wonderful to be present for the Installation of the new Moderator Rev. Dr. Ivan Patterson, Minister of Newcastle Presbyterian Church. Addressing the large congregation Dr. Patterson said "In our Society Christians have had their wings clipped in our politically correct society continuing he said it would seem that any

philosophy is tolerated except that centred on Jesus Christ." He also touched on the need to build good relations in the Church and civic society, speaking up for and addressing the needs of others and expressing gratefulness for the resolution of the Presbyterian Mutual Society crisis. As his theme Dr. Patterson has chosen "The Word of Life" partly to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, as well as highlighting how the Bible unlocks the truths of how God reaches out to fallen society.

Some 1200 delegate representing 545 congregations around Ireland received 300 pages of reports from 17 main working Boards and debated over 150 associated resolutions.

Bullet points of some of the information and discussions.

Presbyterian Church in the Republic

Increased membership in Mullingar, Arklow, Cavan, Galway and Drogheda. with new build planned in Mullingar, Drogheda and Arklow. Worshippers from a Roman Catholic background disillusioned over child abuse scandals are now attending services in Protestant Churches

Global Representatives present.

In addition to UK churches representatives from as far as Kenya, Malawi and India were present.

Headquarters

Refurbishment now complete with welcome budgetary savings of £350,000, Project cost £4 million.

Unease on gay ministers

The Church of Scotland's acceptance of ministers who have homosexual relationships created great unease within the Assembly gathering.

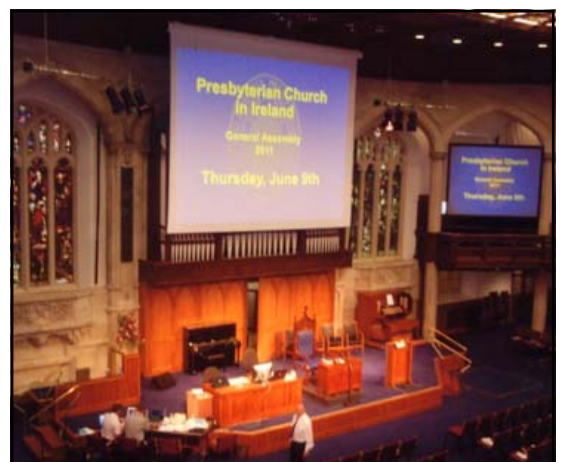
Assembly North West Bound

The 2013 General Assembly have accepted an invitation from the Presbytery of Derry & Donegal to meet in the 2013 UK city of culture

Message from Afghanistan

A video dispatched from the front-line of military engagement was relayed to the assembly and seven Presbyterian Forces Chaplains were welcomed to the assembly.

In conclusion having attended three of the four days of assembly business gave me an insight into the widespread working of the Church and the outreach work being carried out by many of our sister churches. I would encourage anyone who has the opportunity to visit Church House, this 100 year old listed building with its 1500 seater assembly hall and administrative offices is witness to Presbyterians achievements during the past century. However it must always be remembered that it is not the fabrics that make the Church, but it is the people in the pews who are the foundation and pillars of Gods Kingdom.



ULSTER PROJECT LAKE CHARLES 2011

by Sarah Moore

We talked about it and prepared for it for months in advance. I expected to have a great month, to make friends, to see how other teens live and to build a great relationship with my host family. The Ulster Project not only fulfilled these expectations - it gave me more than I had ever dreamed of achieving. One of our first visits was to Sulphur Catholic church - the priest and entire congregation were so welcoming they invited us for lunch after the service. The effort made by everyone was inspiring and it was great to be able to see a catholic mass. We were also welcomed by Sulphur United Methodist Church and had a service in Waters Edge Church, which was a real eye opener. This was a non-denominational church, which none of us had experienced before, and one which I will remember forever. During our month away we had many discovery sessions, our first one was during the retreat weekend at a catholic retreat centre where we played team-building games, and got to know all the other teens really well. A ropes course- held on the hottest day



Holding a baby albino alligator!



Me with Troy Landry!

of the year started this weekend! It really helped our team building skills and was a great bonding activity. We had a few casualties along the way and everyone was glad to reach the air-conditioned retreat centre at the end of it! The following discovery sessions taught us a lot about how important communication is and that we should never be ashamed of who we are. Having lots of potluck dinners, a car wash, the teen dance, pool parties and swimming events, day trips away and experiencing the Cajun culture allowed us all to spend time with the American families and get to know them really well. We visited the city of DeQuincy for a day (this was my 'hometown'!), went to a mardi gras museum, we went to Schlitterbahn in Galveston- the biggest water park in Texas, went on a day trip to New Orleans - which was amazing, and we also held baby alligators and went airboat riding in Cameron- an unforgettable experience. Oh! And let's not forget about meeting Troy Landry! Star of Louisiana's favourite show- 'Swamp People.' We all got to talk to him, get a photo and his autograph!

We all arrived in Lake Charles as strangers, but we left as family members. It was extremely hard to say goodbye, and when we arrived back in Omagh each of us felt like we had left a part of us behind. We had all grown so much as young people who desire to break down boundaries and promote peace in our country. I thank the Ulster Project for giving me the experience of a lifetime, and the best summer I will ever have.



The Lake Charles group.



Maebhe and I on the airboat.

GILLYGOOLEY ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BARBEQUE AND FUN NIGHT

This annual event which is kindly sponsored by Malcolm & Myrtle McKinley took place on Friday 17th June at Gillygooley Orange Hall. Members of the congregation were delighted to welcome members of Trinity Congregation who were present for the first time.

Everyone had a fine tuck-in as the cooks in the barbeque tent struggled to attend to the endless queue for burgers and sausages. The bouncy castle was in great demand with the smaller children whilst older children played football at the rear of the premises. This was followed by a series of relay games organised by David McKinley and Shelby Caldwell for both parents and children. The evening ended with plenty of thrills and spills during the water games. Our roving camera caught some of the action.

Thanks are expressed to Malcolm & Myrtle McKinley for their continued sponsorship of the event and also to those who cooked and organised the games.



Sam and Heather Carson observe the action.



Rachel Graham revs up ready to commence the tractor race.



Muriel Bell with grandson Robbie at the barbeque.



Sylvia McGrew and Granddaughter Madison at the Church BBQ & Fun Night.



Aaron McKinley says he's going to roundbale for Daddy.



Oliver & Archie King enjoying the action.



Me and my tractor, Matthew McFarland.



Katie Gault says she's never too old to play with a toy tractor.



L-R Kirsten Duncan, Keewa McIlwaine and Naomi Duncan waiting patiently for the obstacle race.



Under starters orders L-R Luke McFarland, Molly Buchanan, Archie King and Andrew Aiken.



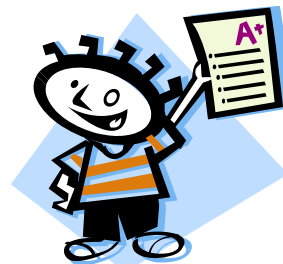
Linda Hunter leading the parents egg and spoon race.



Shelby Caldwell & Gerald McCauley enjoying the entertainment.



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*)

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!!

Please Note: We can only accept Primary School Entrants.

Please indicate which church you belong to on the entry.

Please forward entries to Andrew Scott, Aughnamoyle House, 41 Gillygooley Road Omagh, BT78 5PP no later than 4 weeks after publication. If more than one correct entry is received from either church a draw will be made. Please send in whole page including name and address.

Last issue's winners: Trinity – (joint) Molly & Emily Buchanan
Gillygooley – Helena Caldwell

MUSIC NOTES FROM TRINITY

by Stanley Matthews

As someone who has been around Trinity church for a very long time, I have looked forward to reading the newsletter for nearly as long and have always enjoyed the variety of articles included in each publication, so much so, that I have been meaning to submit something myself for over a year now. More of that later. Unfortunately, I am not as well organised as the editor and have always to date, missed the deadline. Somehow the magazine managed to survive without my contribution and be published on time and within budget!

I began my musical association with Trinity as organist and reluctant choirmaster way back in 1975 when Rev Clarke saw some potential in me. One Sunday he took the service in the local Garrison Church where I was organist and invited me along to play the organ in Trinity, a role which I accepted on a probationary period initially. Come to think of it, I don't believe that was ever brought to an end and I could still be on probation after 36 years!

Over the years, a considerable amount of organ and choral music has been learned and used to enhance the service of worship within the church. Both myself and choir members have been regularly encouraged by complimentary comments as well as a few negative ones when we [mainly me your Honour] pushed the musical boundaries towards the 'avant garde'. However, it was all about learning new musical experiences and then deciding whether we liked them or not - which I think is always better than standing still. We also managed to hold three very successful choir concerts between 1989 and 1994 as well as learning more than 250 new choral pieces to date. In 1989 the choir robes were presented by the then Clerk of session, Mr Fred Todd and his wife, who had to dig deep, financially speaking, as the choir numbered nearly 50 at its peak!

Much loved by singers and listeners alike was the music of John Rutter, who brought us magnificent settings such as 'For the Beauty of the Earth', 'Look at the World' and in recent times 'New Year'.

But, to misquote another musician, 'Imagine there's no choir, it's really hard to do' and this is what I was alluding to earlier. I hope this is not the shape of the future but I am also afraid it just might be the case. The choir has shrunk over the years from nearly 50 to about a dozen or just over - I know there is a very good choir in England called 'The Sixteen' for obvious reasons but I wouldn't relish promoting a choir called 'The Twelve' as it could end up 'The Zero' very quickly, the way things are going.

Choirs are not a dying breed; take for instance the recent Sainsbury's Choir of the Year Competition which ran for years, the television programmes of Gareth Malone, also most schools worth their salt will have several choirs. It just appears people are reluctant to commit to a church choir which is a great pity because as well as everything else it can be great fun and has strong social value.

I hesitate to contemplate the fact that unless new members are found we will shortly have the aforementioned Zero choir leading the praise at the front of our church. I also find it hard to believe there are no individuals out there with pleasant singing voices who can be persuaded to make a modest commitment to sustain the tradition. Experience is not necessary, choir singing is about combining and blending voices rather than having wonderful solo singers with voices which do not fit in.

I would be delighted, if right out of the blue, a dozen or so people contact me expressing an interest in joining the choir; however, having highlighted the matter I leave it in the hands of the congregation to decide the future viability of the choir. Please be assured of my best endeavours for as long as I act as a servant of the church and I gratefully acknowledge the assistance of Sheena and Roy who share the musical support in worship with me.



VOLUNTEERING IN MOROCCO, MARRAKESH by Zara-Jane McCauley

I travelled to Morocco from June 1st -15th, with suitcases packed with things for the kids who I would be helping there. On my arrival in Morocco, I was in complete culture shock; donkeys and scooters everywhere on the jam packed roads as well as taxi's squashing 7 people in each. When I arrived I was greeted by Rachid, who was the main organiser there, we were working under his personal charity 'Open hands' he then lead me to where I would be staying, I was pleasantly surprised at the lovely atmosphere within the 'Riad' or house in which I shared with 13 other volunteers from all over the world; Australia, America, England, Slovakia etc. Immediately I threw myself into the volunteering and went to the first project called 'street kidz' which was organised activities held for kids from all over the neighbourhood, both kids from the street, from the orphanages and from family homes. The 'street kidz' project was held in four different areas. We played ball games and many different games with the kids, they were all so inquisitive of all the volunteers and I quickly struck some great friendships with the 4-14 year olds.

Within the next few days, I went to the boys orphanage and enjoyed the company of the young boys, who couldn't get enough of my face painting abilities or card playing. One of the boys in particular, a 10 year old liked nothing more than showing off his card tricks to me and the other volunteers, his reaction to being given a pack of cards was that of a child here been given a playstation3. The girls orphanage too was enjoyable, we made bracelets and played UNO, a couple of the girls were good at cheating me out of my cards. They are a cheeky wee bunch who loved to have fun with all the volunteers, but especially with a couple of the guys, whom they would dance for on occasion. The baby orphanage was great, although all the orphanages were badly staffed, too many children to one adult. I was shocked to be informed that all the babies in the orphanage were adopted, but due to paperwork and the amount of time it takes for it to be accepted, the babies spend almost two years in the care of a baby orphanage. That was hard to hear.

One of my favourite days was when I got the chance to go to one of the poorest villages, high up in the mountains. Just a few volunteers braved the 8 hour journey by mini bus up into the rocky Atlas Mountains. When we arrived the kids were ecstatic to see us, standing there in their only set of clothes. We brought our gifts of skipping ropes, colouring books, footballs and the like. I began playing games, but got sidetracked as I meet a 14 year old boy who took out a colouring book and seemed puzzled, after a while of colouring in beside him with some of the younger kids, I realised that he had never coloured in before and had no idea what to do. This shocked me, but after helping him we sat and coloured the books for over an hour, he had coloured half the book by the time I had to leave. We left them some more goodies and went off back to the city.

Another great day was after a 'street kidz' project when the project leader decided to take a trip to the river, again some of the volunteers joined in. I had about 5 kids who had taken my hand and were walking me down through extremely high grass and a rocky path, one of the boys found a turtle and I learnt many valuable Arabic words from them. I ended up having nicknames for them all which they enjoyed to no end, including 'Ronaldo' and 'Shakira'. On arrival at the river I was hauled right into the water, I gave up trying to remain dry and played there for hours, after a great banquet of 'Tagine' and couscous was arranged for us, Moroccans are great with hospitality.

During my trip I also helped out at schools, painting murals and teaching some English, just basics as many of the children barley knew French, it was majority Arabic. It was fun having to communicate without a common language, it made you think on your feet and make up inventive games to teach with, especially as some of the kids were preschool age.

It was one rollercoaster of an experience, dealing with the culture, where there were very few women on the streets and the food was a bit different (many volunteers has dodgy meals), but no matter how different, when dealing with kids in any language, country or culture, they're all the same, looking for someone to play with, to teach them and to care for them. I would give anything to be back to do it all over again, I could have stayed much longer.

Right: Zara-Jane McCauley with Children in Morocco



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Continuing my series of locating former members of Gillygooley Congregation who left these shores to pursue their education and careers. My journey this issue takes me to Northampton to the home of Dawn Davidson, her husband Chris and children Thomas and Sophie. Dawn, maiden name Hemphill, is the eldest daughter of Francis and the late Gordon. A family who have had a long association with Gillygooley Congregation for many generations.

Dawn received her early years education at Gillygooley Primary School and Omagh Academy and takes us on her life's journey in the intervening years.



Picture left: Dawn Davidson (nee Hemphill)

Here we go, left September 1986 to attend Huddersfield Polytechnic and complete BTEC HND in Hotel, Catering and Institutional Management, worked at "THE" Savoy Hotel in London as part of my training and joined Berni Inns, Steakhouse chain in August 1989. After 5 years of slogging my guts out in restaurant and hotel management in Chester, Liverpool and Blackburn, I met Chris at a friends stag and hen night and we quickly realised we had studied at the same place but even though we had mutual friends we had not met due to staggered work experiences. I then changed jobs to the civil service for a better work life balance and in the course of this Chris also tried to get a job closer to me in Chester, whilst he worked in Peterborough (a 3 hour commute at weekends). I then took a sabbatical as Chris's next job was an ICT contract in Malta (my fault, company car in Altringham or Malta!). We lived abroad for over a year and returned finally to Peterborough in 1995, to sell Chris's house (as he had now

found work in Northampton) and I had decided to complete my degree at Huddersfield University (joining 3rd year of a similar course). I excelled due to commitment and perseverance to attain a memorial prize and the best ever results for a 3rd year entry (good gene pool).

In Sept 1998, I worked for Morrisons supermarket as Assistant Administration Manager, then moved to Wicksteeds Leisure, Kettering (Playground and safety Inspection Controller), then in December 2000 as Chris and I were trying to settle down began a new career in Estate Agency (very successful) and during this four year period we bought a house in Northampton and had two beautiful children. I couldn't continue with the hours due to childcare and we moved to Guilborough village in July 2006. At this point I had been helping out in schools regularly and in 2007 obtained a teaching assistant role in a local school. In Sept 2008 I finally returned to full time study and completed a post Graduate Certificate in Education at Northampton University, whilst very stressful with two small children this has been the most rewarding part of my varied career. I have now completed my Induction period (and am a fully qualified primary school teacher) and taught a year five class full time for the pass 17 months at a school in Duston, Northampton.

I am now taking things a little slower from Sept 2011 with supply teaching and private tuition in order to spend more time with Thomas who will be 10 next week and Sophie who was 8 last week and our beautiful black Labrador who will be 2 on the 8th Sept.

Dawn is Secretary of Guilborough Pre-school and helped to raise funds to implement a refurbishment of the building and playground and is currently on the PTA. She helps out elderly neighbours on a regular bases with food trips and doing odd jobs.

Picture right: the Davidson Family



Summer Scheme at Gillygooley

Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association held a very successful "Summer Scheme" for children in Gillygooley Orange Hall. A four week programme of hall based and out of centre activities commenced on Monday 17th July. Week one took an Ulster Scots theme with qualified tutors in attendance covering arts, crafts, highland games, piping, drumming and archery to name but a few. Weeks two and three included trips to ten pin bowling, An Creggan, Swimming and cinema in addition to hall based activities. Older children were also provided for and week four was exclusively for year 12+, when a fun packed week of activities was organised. The association are deeply indebted to Alana Patterson and her team of assistant leaders who supervised events and also to Sharon McFarland, Alison Hemphill, Linda Hunter and Jennifer O'Donnell, members of our Association for the administration of the Summer Scheme.



Jessica Sterritt enjoying art at the Summer Scheme.



Some members of the Summer Scheme with their tutors.



'Deep in concentration' Natalie Burrows and Erin Mills.



Below L-R Jodie Nethery, Stephanie Hunter and Glen McKinley making a Loughness Monster at the Summers Scheme.



Below some of the members of the Summer Scheme before they depart on one of their out of centre trips.



Above Keeva McIlwaine takes aim at the Archers Class.



L-R Reese Stewart, Erin Mills, Lauren Hunter, Jodie Crankshaw, Karen King, and Adam Porter at W5, the Odyssey, Belfast.



L-R Rachel Watt, Sarah Semple, Emma & Stephanie Hunter, Jack Moore, Callum O'Donnell and Reese Stewart with their piper created in the Ulster Scots craft class.

LICENSING OF MR RODNEY BEACOM



Rodney Beacom was licensed for the ministry at a special service on Sunday 26th June in Fintona Presbyterian Church. Rodney who assisted Rev Herron for the past year became a very popular figure in Gillygooley during his time with the Congregation. Several members of Gillygooley were present during the service to offer their prayerful support and congratulations. Rodney will now serve as assistant minister in the congregation of Newtownbutler, Lisnaskea, Lisbellaw and Maguiresbridge an area from which he is a native. Rodney with wife Laura and daughters Jessica and Katie. Missing from the photograph is son Jamie who is studying in England.

Children's Day at Gillygooley

A capacity congregation in Gillygooley Presbyterian Church for the Children's Day Service were welcomed by the minister Rev Robert Herron – who was assisted by Mr. Rodney Beacom, trainee minister for the Presbyterian Church.

The children's choir, who were trained and accompanied by Amanda Graham, sang three gospel songs entitled 'Praise him on the Trumpet,' 'Who's the King of the Jungle' and 'The Holy Hooky.'

The call to worship was led by Karen King and Bible readings were by Nicola Hemphill and Emilie Gault. Musical accompaniment was also provided by Emma Hunter on Clavinova.

A drama presentation entitled 'The Blame Game' was portrayed by Stephen Fleming, Stephanie Hunter, Jack Hannigan, Calvin McKinley, Keeva McIlwaine, Errol McKinley and Jack Stevenson and the narrator was Kyra McKinley.

A poem entitled 'What is it we're looking for' was recited by Harley Semple, whilst prayers for others was read by Emma Hunter and Andrew Aiken. The offering was taken by Chloe Aiken, Frazer Caldwell, Kellie Anderson and Matthew Hunter and the offering prayer was by Janice Caldwell.

Rachel Graham and Harvey King made a presentation to Rev. Herron of money raised by the Sunday School in aid of Sat-7Kids, a project where children in Lebanon can learn God's word by satellite. Prizes were presented to the children by Rodney, assisted by Beverley Fleming, Sunday School Superintendent – who also thanked teachers and everyone who has assisted in the Sunday School throughout the year.

Following the service, everyone was invited to Gillygooley Orange Hall by the members of the Bible Class for coffee and scones.



The offering was received by L-R Chloe Aiken, Kellie Anderson, Matthew Hunter and Frazer Caldwell whilst the offering prayer was led by Janice Caldwell (centre).



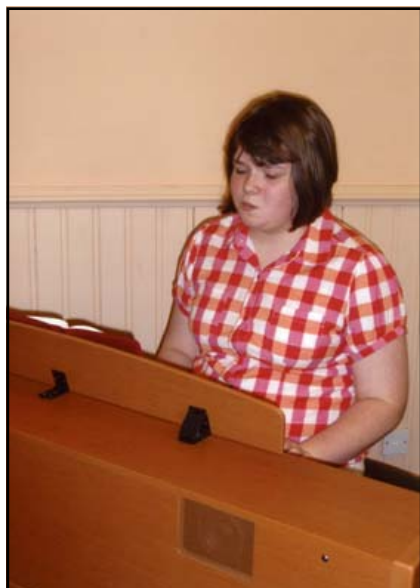
Rehearsing prior to the Children's Service for the Drama "The Blame Game" are L-R Kyra McKinley, Stephen Fleming, Stephanie Hunter, Jack Hannigan, Calvin McKinley, Keeva McIlwaine, Errol McKinley and Jack Stevenson.



Amanda Graham surrounded by members of the junior choir who led the praise on Children's Sunday.



Below Rev. Herron receives the Sunday School collection from Rachel Graham and Harvey King which is in aid of Sat-7Kids.



Emma Hunter who accompanied some of the hymn's at the Children's Service.



Karen King who led the call to worship.



Harley Semple read a poem entitled "What is it we're looking for."

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Special Services in Trinity & Gillygooley
(November, December & January)

Sunday, 13 November 2011

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, 4 December 2011

World Development Sunday

Sunday, 18 December 2011

Carol Services

Sunday, 25 December 2011

Christmas Day Service

(11.00 am in First Omagh)

Sunday, 1 January 2012

New Year's Day Service

(11.00 am in First Omagh)

Sunday, 8 January 2012

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths in the Congregations

Baptisms in Trinity

29 May Kyle Daniel McFarland
31 Jul Laura Shirley Esther Newell

"Let the children come to me..."
(Mark 10:14)

Marriages in Trinity

2 Sep David George Newell & Julie Carmichael

Marriages in Gillygooley

2 Jul Ian Donald & Connie Hannigan

"Love one another as I have loved you..."
(John 15:12)

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