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New Communicants at Trinity

Easter Sunday, 27th March, 2016 saw the reception of five new communicant members in to Trinity Church. They are from L-R Graham Carson, Emma Donnell, Chelsea Johnston, Emily Buchanan and Andrew Kerr.



Gillygooley Wel come New Communicants

L-R Neil Hemphill, Katie Gault & Adam Porter with Bill King (Clerk of Session)



Snowdon UK Trek in aid of Marie Curie



Alison Donnell & Ivor Russell from Trinity Presbyterian Church & Ardstraw Presbyterian Church are taking part in the Snowdon UK Trek 2016 to raise funds in aid of Marie Curie.

The trek/challenge which is taking place at Snowdon in Wales on Sunday 12th June 2016 will include trekking the long winding Llanberis route to the summit of the highest mountain in Wales at 1,085m (3,560ft) admiring the breathtaking views of the Snowdonia National Park at their feet with Anglesey and the Irish Sea in the distance. A team of experienced mountain guides will be there every step of the way, however, a good level of fitness with prior training is required to take part in this challenge. Over 190 have already signed up for the Challenge.

All the money raised from the trek will help Marie Curie provide expert care, guidance and support to help people with a terminal illness, and their families, get the most from the time they have left.

Marie Curie Nurses work night and day, in people's homes, providing hands-on care and vital emotional support, and the Marie Curie hospices offer specialist round-the-clock care. Marie Curie also supports people throughout their illness by giving practical information, support from trained Helper volunteers and being there when someone wants to talk. The charity is also the leader in research into better ways of caring for people with terminal illness.

Alison & Ivor said: "We're really looking forward to the challenge & also helping this very worthy cause." Alison took part in the Ben Nevis challenge 10 years ago for Marie Curie & always wanted to take part in another challenge for this worthy charity.

They would like to invite everyone to help them in raising funds in aid of Marie Curie and reach their target of £400 to help more people with terminal illness, and their families. It's going to be a fantastic event on Sunday 12th June. The more money we raise, the more we can help people locally."

We appreciate all donations & also have a Just Giving page set up.

Or if you feel inspired to take on your own challenge to support Marie Curie, you can download an ideas pack at mariecurie.org.uk/myway, or call 0845 052 4184 for support.

If you have any questions about terminal illness and are looking for support, Marie Curie is here to help you and your family. You can call the Marie Curie Support Line (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm) or visit Mariecurie.org.uk/help. You can also visit community.mariecurie.org.uk to share experiences and find support anytime of the day or night.

Marie Curie is the UK's leading charity for people with any terminal illness. The charity helps people living with a terminal illness and their families make the most of the time they have together by delivering expert hands-on care, emotional support, research and guidance.

Marie Curie employs more than 2,700 nurses, doctors and other healthcare professionals, and with its nine hospices around the UK, is the largest provider of hospice beds outside the NHS.

For more information visit www.mariecurie.org.uk

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TRINITY AND GILLYGOOLEY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The February meeting was held on the 9th of the month with leader Gladys Cuthbertson in charge. Apologies were received from Ellen Fyffe, Ann Patterson, Ann Moore, Irene Lowry, Jean Rea, Hazel McCay, Meta McFarland, Caroline Hussey and Sylvia McGrew. The hymn "I, to the hills will lift mine eyes" was sung. Prayers were said by Gladys and the Lord's Prayer was recited.. Beatrice Alexander read a portion from the Bible. Correspondence was from Jenny Kilpatrick thanking everyone for the token she received as speaker at the November visitors' night.



Women's World Day of prayer was discussed – Omagh Methodist Church being the venue this year (4th March). Gladys then introduced the speaker for the evening Mrs

Evelyn Armstrong. Evelyn gave her testimony regarding her faith and her life as a school teacher. She showed lots of her crafts to the ladies and how she creates different items to suit each occasion. Audrey Clements thanked Evelyn for her presentation and gave her a small token of thanks. Supper was duly served by the ladies of the committee.

Gladys opened the March meeting with a prayer. The Lord's Prayer was said and the hymn "Immortal Invisible" was sung. Reader Beatrice Alexander read from the Bible. Apologies were received from the following Ann Patterson, Ellen Fyffe, Irene Lowry, Sylvia McGrew, Jean Rea, Joan Cummins and Betty Gallagher. PW meeting to be held in Assembly Building in Belfast on 5th May (Annual Event).



Gladys then introduced the speaker for the evening Mr Jim McBain. Jim spoke about his trip to Everest Base Camp. Sponsored treks were planned by Beth Dinsmore (Methodist

Church) to raise awareness of Dementia in Nepal. 36,000 Euros were raised by twenty Methodists including Jim last year when they travelled to Base Camp. Jim talked about his escapades at Base Camp and how he had some wonderful experiences there. He then read out the poem "There's a little green eyed idol to the North of Katmandu". Audrey McConnell presented Jim with a gift of thanks. Supper was served by the committee ladies.

The theme for 2016–17 will be "THIS IS THE DAY"

Gillygooley Primary School update



The PTA of Gillygooley PS organised an evening of nutritional know-how with Jane McClenaghan of Vital Nutrition Ltd. A really informative talk was given at this event in February and it was rounded off with a super healthy supper. This was a really lovely community evening and it was great to see such a large attendance there. Thank you to all who supported by attending and also thanks to the various suppliers who donated sample products.

Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths

(until 9th May 2016)

| Baptisms in Trinity | Marriages in Trinity | Deaths in Trinity |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 28 Feb Richard Elliott Luke Hay | 8 Apr Mark Gilfillan and Judith McGurk | 5 Apr Alwyn Gurney |
| "Let the children come to me..." (Mark 10:14) | "Love one another as I have loved you..." (John 15:12) | "I am the resurrection and the life..." (John 11:25) |

General Assembly

of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Monday 6th – Friday 10th June 2016



OPENING MEETING

Monday, 6th June 7pm

Installation of Moderator

Rev. Frank Sellar

Outgoing remarks

Dr. Ian McNie

**All are welcome
– no tickets required**



Worship

TUESDAY

11.45am – Communion Service

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

12.15pm to 1pm

Wednesday Night Celebration

7.45pm – Assembly Celebration

'A community of global concern'

Speaker Dr. Chris Wright

**All are welcome
– no tickets required**



YouthNight 2016
IDOL FACTORY



Youth Night 2016

Saturday, 11th June 7.15pm

'Idol Factory' – Speaker Rev Marty Gray

Tickets available from:

www.presbyterianireland.org/youthnight2016

Tel: +44 (0)28 9032 2284

or email: clw@presbyterianireland.org

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2016 BUSINESS

TUESDAY 7 JUNE

- 9.30am Business Committee
- 9.45am General Council
- 10.45am Reception of delegates
- 2pm *Alternative presentation* Church in Society
- 3.30pm Council for Church in Society
- 4.45pm Council for Social Witness

WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE

- 9.30am Council for Congregational Life and Witness
- 11.15am Council for Training in Ministry
- 2pm *Alternative presentation* Listening to the Global Church
- 3.30pm General Council

THURSDAY 9 JUNE

- 9.30am Council for Mission in Ireland
- 11.15am General Council
- 2pm *Alternative presentation* Council for Social Witness
- 3.30pm Council for Global Mission
- 4.45pm General Council

FRIDAY 10 JUNE

- 9.30am *Private session* Judicial Commission
- In public* Linkage Commission Trustees
- 11.15am Finance and Staffing Commission
- 11.45am Business Committee
- Close of Assembly

General Assembly is held at Assembly Buildings, Fisherwick Place, Belfast
Monday, 6th June to Friday, 10th June

For more details please visit: www.presbyterianireland.org/generalassembly2016

Presbyterian
CHURCH IN IRELAND

Presbyterian Children's Society celebrates 150 years

Assembly Buildings in Belfast was the venue on 10th May 2016 for a special service of thanksgiving and celebration for the work and ministry of the Presbyterian Children's Society, which has been commemorating its 150th anniversary this year. Formerly known as the Presbyterian Orphan and Children's Society, since 1866, the Society has been supporting the Church's pastoral care for families with financial grants, provided through the generosity of individual Presbyterians and congregations. The Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People, Koulla Yiasouma, joined Presbyterian Moderator, Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian McNie for the service, and many supporters from across Ireland who had come together to give thanks for the work and witness of the Society over the past century and a half. During this time, 43,000 children from 17,500 families have been given the opportunity to reach their full potential. Taking part in the service, Dr. McNie reflected on the special place that Jesus had in His heart for children, the way in which the early church supported orphans and widows and how we continue to follow in their footsteps.



Pictured (L-R): Presbyterian Moderator, Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian McNie, The Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People, Koulla Yiasouma and the Society's President, Rev. Purvis Campbell.

"The theme entrusted to me as Moderator this year has been a 'Caring Fellowship'. It is a theme that has its roots both in the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ and the practice of the early church. For the past 150 years the Presbyterian Children's Society, through the generosity of individuals and congregations across Ireland has been doing just that, caring, by supporting families up and down the land."

The service took place almost 150 years to the day when a group of Presbyterian ministers and elders formed the Society with broadly the same aim as it has today – to 'strengthen and support the family by enhancing financial independence and providing, where possible, resources to enable children to fulfil their full potential'.

Providing regular financial payments to support Presbyterian children up to the age of 23 – who with their families are living in hardship – last year the Society directly helped 740 children in 400 families. During this time it paid out almost £550,000 in annual and occasional exceptional payments.

Since 1866, the Society has been funded through the generosity of individuals, donations from congregations and investment income, which the Society's President Rev. Purvis Campbell was keen to acknowledge.

"During 150 years circumstances have changed and demands are different but at least two things have remained the same; there are still many families facing poverty and hardship and the generosity and support of Presbyterians is amazing," he said.

"Our sincere thanks must go to those who financially and prayerfully support the Society, those who organise congregational collections – a number who have served in this role for over 50 years – and without whom the Society could not fulfil its calling to express practically God's love to children."

The Presbyterian Children's Society can be contacted on +44 (0)28 9032 3737.



Congratulations to Jack!

Jack Crawford who is a member of Gillygooley Congregation was appointed to the role of Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for County Tyrone. He is pictured receiving his certificate at a formal ceremony at Hillsborough Castle from the Lord Lieutenant for the County of Tyrone, Mr Robert Scott.

Gillygooley Walking Club

The Walking Club has commenced again this year meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome and all walking abilities are catered for. Please check local press for details as not all of the walks leave from Gillygooley Orange Hall.

My Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award - by Carol Fleming (Gillygooley)

On Monday 29th February, Mum and I travelled to London to collect my Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. Despite the 2 hour flight delay we eventually arrived at our hotel in the early hours of Tuesday morning. The next day we went to the famous Oxford Street and did a little shopping, then travelled back to the hotel to get ready for the awards ceremony. The ceremony took place at St James' Palace on Tuesday evening. As I completed my Duke of Edinburgh through Mountjoy Girl's Brigade, we met some of the other girls who were also receiving their award. There were about 50 other people all from Northern Ireland receiving their Gold awards and so we were all seated in one of the beautiful rooms within the Palace and were instructed on what to do when Prince Philip arrived. We got into our positions and patiently waited for the Duke of Edinburgh to arrive. When he arrived he

walked round each of the different groups discussing with us our experiences whilst completing our Gold Duke of Edinburgh. He was keen to hear of any funny stories and always replied with a witty remark as expected from Prince Philip. It was a great honour to have met the Duke of Edinburgh and to receive my gold award.

Completing the Gold Duke of Edinburgh award has been my greatest achievement and one of the hardest things I have done by spending 3 nights out camping and hiking over mountainous terrain for 4 days covering 50 miles. However each member of the group encouraged each other and we achieved our goal. The most difficult part of the journey was the first day of hiking as we had reached the top of a hill and the weather was not on our side as the fog came in. We could only see about 20 metres in front of us and so we had to be precise with our navigating skills. Later that day the rain also came on which held us up and we reached camp about 8pm. Despite a horrible first day we continued with the following days and made it home safely, appreciating our simple home comforts which we had taken for granted before.

Photo: L-R Carol Fleming and her mother Pansy outside St James Palace with her award.



Useful Contacts

If you require support or information regarding Gillygooley Presbyterian Church or Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association please contact the following:

Gillygooley Presbyterian Church - Rev. Robert Herron Tel: 8224 3776

Sunday School - Beverley Tel: 8224 7047

Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association - Raymond Tel: 8283 1444

Gillygooley Youth Club - Raymond Tel: 8283 1444

Gillygooley 2nd Youth (50+ club) - Violet Tel: 8225 7814 / Robert Tel: 07564195322

Gillygooley Community Choir - Linda Tel: 07840996922

Gillygooley Community Alert - Fred Tel: 8224 2708

Eric Tel: 8224 6511

Gillygooley Walking Club - Diane Tel: 8224 6553

Robert Tel: 07564195322

Gillygooley Pipe Band (piping and drumming lessons) - William Tel: 8224 8494

David Tel: 07754155390

Gillygooley LOL 339 - Raymond Tel: 8283 1444

Fairy Water Farmers Group - Mervyn Tel: 8283 1355

Gillygooley Primary School - Brenda Tel: 8224 2932

Three Reasons We Need to Walk Through Life with Others

(by a member of Gillygooley)

“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him” (Colossians 2:6).

The Bible often compares life to a walk, because life is a journey; we’re not sitting still. Throughout the New Testament, we are told to walk in wisdom, love, light, and obedience. We’re told to walk as Jesus walked. We’re also told to walk alongside other people.

Here are three reasons we need to walk with other people:

It’s safer. Have you ever walked alone at night through down a lonely country road? It’s a little scary. But if you have another person with you, you feel safer.

It’s supportive. Life is not a 50 metre dash; it’s a marathon. Walking with other people gives you the energy to keep on going until the end.

It’s smarter. You learn more by walking with others than by walking alone. If you’re walking alone in the wrong direction, you may never realize it. But if you have a friend beside you, one of you is likely to recognize you’ve veered off the path and need to find the right direction.

We also learn some important lessons when we walk alongside other people. We learn how to get along and cooperate with others. We also learn how to love.

Genesis 2:18 tells us, *“It is not good for the man to be alone”*. God hates loneliness, and community is God’s answer to loneliness. When we walk alongside other people, we find a community where we learn how to love. Walking alongside other people also teaches us hospitality.

Jesus says, *“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them”* (Matthew 18:20).

Everybody has a longing for belonging, because God made us for relationships. When we walk alongside other Christians in community, we find that longing satisfied.

Working Together, We Can Accomplish More

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10)

God put us on Earth to do a certain work that only we can do. Ephesians says that God made us to do good works and that He planned in advance what we would spend our lives doing. However, He didn’t plan for us to do that work alone. We need people to work with us.

You know the feeling you get when you do too much work on your own. You get exhausted and burned out. Why? Because you’re trying to do your work alone, while God never meant for it to be that way.

God tells us in Ecclesiastes 4:9 that *“two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together”*. When you work as a team, you get so much more done. Plus, having good teammates alongside you is a whole lot more fun and less tiring!

As you walk through life, remember that you’re not supposed to do everything on your own. You need other people to walk alongside you, but you also need other people to *work* alongside you. As you share the burden of your work with fellow Christians, you’ll find that you actually accomplish more for the glory of God.

BB PARENTS' EVENING - 15TH MARCH 2016



TRINITY GIRLS' BRIGADE

The Annual Parents Evening was held on 16th March in Trinity Hall. Captain Jolene Bell welcomed parents and guests. The Inspecting Officer for the evening was the former Captain Mrs Mavis Jardine who spoke to the girls and congratulated them on their turnout and programme. Tea was served by the girls with some parents assisting. Well done to Jolene and Lorraine for their commitment to the girls of Trinity GB especially to Hannah Leonard, Megan Smyth and Amy Patterson who received their Brigadier Brooches.



Dedication of Flower Pedestal Stand in Gillygooley Presbyterian Church

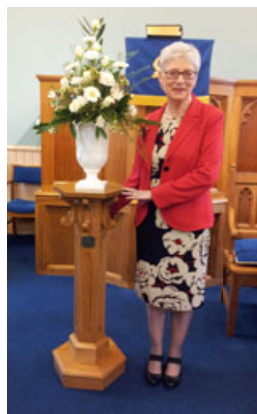
At the Easter Sunday service a Flower Pedestal Stand was dedicated in memory of Andrew Scott by his wife Iris and Family. Andrew was a lifelong member and served as an Elder in the church for many years.

The plaque on the pedestal stand reads:

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN
EVERLASTING MEMORY OF
JAMES ANDREW SCOTT B.E.M.
AN ELDER IN THIS CHURCH**

**WHO PASSED AWAY 2nd OCTOBER 2013
PRESENTED BY HIS WIFE AND FAMILY.**

Photo right: Back Row L-R: Andrea Rennie, Diane Duguid, Louise Scott, Iris Moffitt-Scott and Twyla Moffitt. Front Row L-R: Hanna Rennie, James Duguid, Sarah and Charlotte Rennie.





Children's Page



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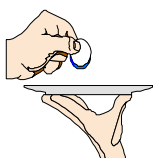
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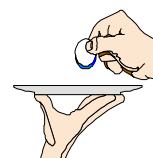
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Please forward entries to Diane Mills, 46 Thornlea, Omagh, BT79 0EL no later than 4 weeks after publication. If more than one entry is received from either church a draw will be made. Please send in whole page.

Last issue's winners: Trinity - None
Gillygooley - Rachel Graham



Trinity & Gillygooley Summary of Income for 2015



| TRINITY | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 2013 (£) | 2014 (£) | 2015 (£) |
| Freewill Offering | 47,652 | 47,873 | 46,528 |
| United Appeal | 6,493 | 6,424 | 6,739 |
| World Development | 2,805 | 2,785 | 2,615 |
| Easter | 5,373 | 5,372 | 5,418 |
| Harvest (To Property) | 6,983 | 6,846 | 7,120 |
| Gift Aid (Income Tax) | 13,805 | 13,099 | 14,190 |

Donations in 2015 from Trinity to charities included: £8,517 to United Appeal; £106 to the Earl Haig Fund; £1,853 to the Moderator's Appeal; £160 to the Youth and Children's Project (Emmaus); £825 to Presbyterian Women Home and Overseas. World Development received a total of £5,297.

| GILLYGOOLEY | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 2013 (£) | 2014 (£) | 2015 (£) |
| Freewill Offering | 23,983 | 24,814 | 25,521 |
| United Appeal | 2,694 | 2,932 | 2,998 |
| World Development | 1,015 | 1,050 | 955 |
| Easter | 4,222 | 4,470 | 4,550 |
| Harvest (To Property) | 5,785 | 5,900 | 6,130 |
| Gift Aid (Income Tax) | 6,832 | 6,910 | 7,205 |

Donations in 2015 from Gillygooley to charities included - £3,537 to the United Appeal; £1,168 to World Development, £300 to the Presbyterian Orphan and Children's Society; £400 to the Nepal Appeal; £204 to the Youth and Children's Project (Emmaus).

*Money from Income Tax Covenants is distributed to the various accounts.
Thank you to all who contributed to church funds in 2015*

Sunday School and Bible Class Project 2015/2016

During the year the children and young people of Trinity and Gillygooley have been collecting money for 'Change our World' - The Youth and Sunday School Project of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for 2015/2016. 'Change our World' is supporting initiatives in Africa and Ireland.

'Change our World' is looking at how children and young people have an important role to play when it comes to fighting injustice in our world. God wants all people to be treated fairly.

The Bible teaches us that we are to feed the poor, to look after those who have no homes and to care for widows and orphans. He also wants us to make a difference and fight injustice.

The project is called 'Change our World' because we want children and young people to understand that this is what they are called to do as followers of Jesus.

Africa

In Africa, 'Change our World' is supporting the work of the International Justice Mission (IJM) as it rescues and protects vulnerable children and young people. IJM follows God's call to love all people and to seek justice for the oppressed. IJM works in 18 communities around the world.



'Change our World' will be supporting IJM's work in Africa in ending property grabbing from widows and orphans in Uganda and rescuing young boys in slavery within the fishing industry on Lake Volta in Ghana. IJM partners with local authorities to rescue victims, bring criminals to justice, restore survivors and strengthen justice systems.



The money raised by PCI will help to finance the work of IJM in Africa through the field offices in the region.

Ireland

In Ireland, 'Change the World' will be supporting the work that is being carried out with students by the Presbytery of Derry and Donegal in the Strand Road area of Londonderry.

The Presbytery is in the early stages of using the old Strand Road Presbyterian Church building to provide a place for students from Ireland and from overseas to come together. There they build relationships, and share the Christian faith.



The money raised by PCI will help to develop this work and expand the opportunities that the Presbytery has to reach the students with the Good News of Jesus.



**"The Lord has told you what is good...
do what is right to other people,
love being kind to others and live humbly,
trusting your God."**

Micah 6:8

Sunday School Prize Giving

Sunday 5th June 2016

Summer Arrangements

SUNDAY SERVICES

July

GILLYGOOLEY (10.00 AM) & TRINITY (11.30 AM)

Rev Robert Herron

August

GILLYGOOLEY (10.00 AM) & FIRST OMAGH (11.30 AM)

Rev Jane Nelson

PASTORAL COVER

July - Rev Robert Herron

1 - 29 August - Rev Jane Nelson
(Tel: 028 82242239)

Anyone from Trinity who has an item they would like included in the magazine should contact either Richard McClung, Tel: 8224 5150, Email: TrinityNews@knocksilla.plus.com or

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Please include as much written detail as possible and use the full original photos in your articles!

Thank you to all who supply material or take photographs.

Remember, a full version is also available on the Trinity Church website!

The provisional deadline for submission of articles for the next edition, which is due out in October 2016, is Monday 5th September 2016.

Items for inclusion in next Gillygooley News should be sent to:

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