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PWA CHRISTMAS MEETING

On Tuesday 11th December the PWA held their Christmas meeting in the Wee Johnny Room at Trinity and about 25 attended from both Trinity and Gillygooley. The evening opened with a prayer, hymn and Bible reading.

Hazel McCay demonstrated Christmas Crafts and had a wonderful display of items that she had already made herself. She then showed us how to make several of them using walnut shells cut in half to make little homes for sleeping mice!!! Hazel also showed us how to make bunches of herbs etc to put in non-alcoholic punch (Hazel had prepared two different hot punches which we all sampled (several times!!) There was cinnamon with apple and cranberry.



She demonstrated how to make angels out of paper plates, how to make small confectionery items, Christmas decorations out of old CDs and how to set up a Christmas table centre using fruit, spices and nuts.

Perhaps the best part of the night was allowing us to have a go at making some of these items for ourselves. It was like being back at primary school - you never saw so much glitter, glue, felt pieces and string stuck to the tables and the floor! (I know because I hoovered the floor afterwards) I made a wonderful angel out of a cardboard plate and got quite carried away with decorating it. So pleased was I with my efforts that I could not put it away in the attic after Christmas and it proudly still sits above the TV.



Some of the ladies provided a lovely Christmas supper - lots of mince pies, Christmas cake and shortbread (some even finished off the punch - it was Presbyterian non-alcoholic punch, of course!)

Claire McElhinney

LIVING WITH THE PAIN

by Gillygooley Correspondent

Much hurt has been caused to our victims of terrorism by the Consultative Group on the past jointly chaired by Lord Eames and Denis Bradley. The suggestion of an amnesty for terrorist murderers and for the 'Troubles' to be declared as a war have deepened the emotional wounds of many in our churches and society. There has been no evidence of repentance in the mindset of the perpetrators so it would be immorally wrong for such a consideration to be implemented. No one is in doubt that Lord Eames will have a difficult task, but he should not lose sight of the victims, many of whose coffins he officiated over. Our churches have been strangely silent on this matter and there are many who feel despaired, isolated and very alone by the lack of support from their Church. Many of us will have experienced the anguish and pain of losing a loved one through illness or accident but consider how much more difficult it is to come to terms with your loved one being murdered. This experience lives with them until their own time on this earth is complete. Families within both our Congregations are witness to this and we pray that you get the support you need to shoulder your burden and you never feel that you are alone.

FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamt he was walking along a beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of this life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow You, You'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I need You most, You would leave me." The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Don't Leave Christ out of Christmas

In this fast changing world there are many so called Christians who are leaving Christ out of Christmas. In a world of politically correct madness we hear of schools who have abandoned nativity plays. Christmas cards which refer to happy holiday instead of happy Christmas, and we have shops open on Sundays encouraging shoppers to spend money they cannot really afford. A leading academic has predicted the Christmas Day opening of shops is on the horizon. All this in a country which claims to be Christian.

We should be proud of our Christian beliefs whilst being tolerant to those of other faiths. Christmas is a time of love and friendship but let us not forget the real reason for celebration that God gave his greatest gift of love by sending his son Jesus.

Gillygooley's Celebration of Christmas

The annual Service of Lessons and Carols was held on Sunday 16th December and was conducted by Rev. Herron with Mrs Sheena Herron as the accompanist. A capacity Congregation followed the Christmas story of our Saviours' birth as it was presented by lessons and carols. The Junior Choir sang two carols entitled "Starlight & Deta" and "Ring bells of Bethlehem" and the lessons were read by Morgan Semple, Zara-Jayne and Samantha McCauley, Carol Fleming, Leah McIlwaine, Kyra and Kyle McKinley and Matthew McKernan. The Christmas message continued through stories and carols on the following two Sundays.



Following the Carol Service on the 16th the Congregation were invited to the Orange Hall for tea/coffee and mince pies served by the members of the Bible Class.
A retiring collection was taken for Sunday School Funds.

Left: Katie Gault waiting for her mince pie at the Church Coffee morning.



Caught on camera at the coffee morning are L-R Graeme Walker, Ashley McIlwaine (back), Calvin and Kyle McKinley.



Gillygooley Bible Class who assisted in organising the coffee morning following the Church Carol Service.



Pat Porter and Mary Cooper in conversation during the coffee morning.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY



Parents and young people who attended the Sunday School Party are L-R Andrew King, Beatrice Alexander, Ben and Lorna Kerr, Emma Mills, Claire Spratt and Diane Mills.



Beverly Fleming, Sunday School Superintendent, assists Santa in the distribution of presents at the Sunday School Christmas Party.

Bible Class Outing

The Bible Class Outing took place on 1st December 2007 and once again the trip was made to the Brunswick Bowling Centre, Londonderry. Both Trinity and Gillygooley churches were well represented with members from Gillygooley emerging the winners of both the boys and the girls tournament. Incidentally the girls winner, Leah McIlwaine, made it twice in a row as she won in 2006!



Boys winners L-R Jonathon Sproule, Ashley McIlwaine and Kyle McKinley in front.



Girls winners L-R Rachel Armstrong, Beverly Fleming, Leah McIlwaine and Louise King.



The Leaders were Noel Donald, Beverley Fleming, Adele Donald, John McCay and Andy McKernan.



Back L-R Alison Parke, Louise King and Zara-Jayne McCauley. Front L-R Ashley McIlwaine, Richard Hemphill and Jonathan Sproule.



L-R Back Row Leah McIlwaine, Adam Moore, Alex McKinley and Morgan Semple. Front Row Matthew Alexander and Aaron Carson.



L-R Back Row Mark Clements, Adam Stevenson, Ryan Stewart, Matthew McKernan Front Row Gareth Barbour and Joshua Gilfillan.



L-R Back Row Hanna Ferguson, Sarah Moore, Gemma Armstrong and Lindsey Carson Front Row Beth Ferguson and Grace Monteith.



L-R Back Row Aimee Gault, Rebecca Logan, Gemma Beattie and Julie Parke. Front Row Courtney Allen and Alice Logan.

CHATTERBOX PLAYGROUP

The playgroup located within the Orange Hall complex is now enrolling for September. Currently a few free PEGS places are still available. For further information contact the Playgroup Premises between 9.00 am – 12.00 noon. Tel 8224 2006 or Elaine Tel 8283 1444.



Pictured left are children from Chatterbox Playgroup performing their Christmas Nativity Play. From L-R Covey Connelly, Marianne Alexander, Karen King, Dylan Kerr, Lauren Hunter, Harvey Walker, Jessica Sterrit and Jody Crankshaw.

Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths in the Congregations

Baptisms in Trinity

20 Jan Joshua James Samuel
Lowry Whyte

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

Deaths in Gillygooley

8 Dec William Walker

“I am the resurrection and the life...”
(John 11:25)

LETTER FROM THE CLERK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

From: The Clerk of the General Assembly
To: Ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

25 January, 2008

Dear Colleague,

As you know, there has been considerable discussion in the press and media recently about the ordination of women. The Moderator's Advisory Committee is concerned that the discussions may have left some people confused as to the understanding of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. I have been asked to write this letter to all ministers, hopefully to clarify some of the issues. You are invited to use it in any way you find helpful in explaining the Church's position.

It has been the practice of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to ordain women to the ruling eldership since 1926. The Code states (Par 31) that "women shall be eligible for election on the same conditions as men" and this statement must be read to the congregation when an election is to take place (Code Par. 177).

The ordination of women to the ministry of word and sacrament was agreed by the General Assembly in 1973. The Code states (Par 215): "Women shall be eligible for nomination as students for the ministry and for ordination on the same conditions as men". The decision was taken having been sent down to Presbyteries the previous year for discussion under the Barrier Act. The votes of the Presbyteries were 18 for, 3 against and 1 undecided.

These decisions of the General Assembly are clear and definitive. While an individual may hold a different view, or even dissent from the Church's position, the Code also states (Par 160): "Dissent ... does not exempt members from obedience to implement the decisions of Church courts ..." Interestingly in 1973 no member did, in fact, record dissent. Of course, these decisions do not alter the right of a minister to determine who shall occupy the pulpit or address a meeting in the congregation of which the minister has charge (Code Par 81).

In 1989 a Memorial was received from 113 members of the General Assembly referring to "acts of ordination or installation", i.e. Presbytery Services. It asks that "liberty of conscience be respected so that while the law and practice of the Church be not infringed or frustrated, yet neither should those be required to participate in acts of ordination or installation who, for conscience sake, feel unable to do so ..."

The Judicial Commission responded with the following Guidelines, agreed in 1990:

Guidelines

- (i) *It is our publicly declared law and rule that women in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland are eligible on the same conditions as men for ordination or installation to office as ruling elders (since 1926) and ministers (since 1973), which policy was*

adopted by the Assembly in good conscience.

- (ii) It is recognised that there is a significant number of people in the Church who have personal conscientious reservations or objections to this policy on the basis of their reading of the Scriptures.*
- (iii) Both pastoral concern and prudence should warn against any attempts to force anyone to act in this in a manner contrary to a deeply held conviction. For their part those with such convictions must strive to avoid injury to the conscientious ministries of brothers and sisters called to serve under the laws and rules of our Church, who are rightly to be honoured for their work's sake.*
- (iv) Equally it is unacceptable for any person to use his or her own convictions to deny others the conscientious exercise of their own ministries, or to frustrate the laws or procedures of the Church to which they belong, e.g. by impeding others lawfully seeking office. It is, of course, the duty of the Presbytery, so far as lies within its powers, to observe the laws and directions of the Assembly and to ensure that those subject to its jurisdiction do likewise.*
- (v) Of all institutions the Christian Church should be concerned for the development and defence of a well-informed conscience, not only with respect to private judgement and convictions, but also with respect to shared obligations.*
- (vi) Conscience may present us under God with competing demands which cannot be resolved by simple logic or legislation but must be faced with the exercise of integrity, charity and humility.*
- (vii) The practice of ministry in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland involves objectively a recognition of the lawful exercise of office by both men and women in good standing, nevertheless a particular theological belief on the place of women in the eldership and ministry is not a condition for acceptance for the ministry.*
- (viii) Those with personal conscientious objections to participating in a particular service have the freedom to decline for themselves, but not to dictate or veto who may be invited by the appropriate Church court or authority.*

It should be noted that the Memorial asked for, and the guidelines accept, the freedom to decline from participation in a particular service, i.e. of ordination or installation. The Assembly did not determine any other situation, except to recognise "competing demands which cannot be resolved by simple logic or legislation but must be faced with the exercise of integrity, charity and humility."

It is hoped this letter will make clear the unambiguous position of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland with regard to the ordination of women, while recognising there are different views sincerely held by individuals. Some may wish to portray any attempt to hold diversity together as a sign of weakness in the Church, but surely it is a visible indication of our strength. I hope we can continue, creatively, to engage together while speaking the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).

May we all know God's blessing as we work together in this great family of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

DONALD J. WATTS

COMMUNITY AWARD FOR GILLYGOOLEY CHURCH MEMBER

Andrew Scott an Elder in Gillygooley Congregation has been recognised for his work within the community for over forty years. At a special event held in Bessbrook Town Hall organised by the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, Andrew received an award of merit for his voluntary contribution to community work within Gillygooley and throughout Co. Tyrone. He is pictured receiving his award from Roy Kells sponsor of the award and Edward Stevenson, Deputy Grand Master of G.O.L.I. Gillygooley Lodge also received a certificate for outreach work and community involvement.



GILLYGOOLEY COMMUNITY CHOIR

The choir have been very busy in the pre Christmas Seasons having fulfilled six engagements with a further seven bookings pending. The Choir recently performed in Dromore Presbyterian Church Hall at a sell out Charity Concert.



Choir Left-Right: Raymond McKinley, Margaret Hemphill, Heather McKinley, Karen Hannigan, Diane Mills, Claire McKernan, Ellen Fyffe, Linda Hunter, Nicola Smyth, Margaret Hemphill, Joyce Smyth, Sharon McFarland, Lorna Graham, Linda Alexander, Zandra Walker, Amanda Graham, Twyla Moffitt and Andrew Scott. Missing from the photograph are Wilma Porter and William Smyth.

Gillygooley Youth Club Double Success



L-R Keeva McIlwaine, Janice Caldwell, Harley Semple, Leanne Elkin and Alissa Wallace.

Gillygooley emerged winners of the girls unihoc organised by West Tyrone Youth Federation Council. They dominated the event with the junior girls emerging winners in their section which was held in St. Columbus Church Hall. The senior section held in Gillygooley Orange Hall ended in an all home final with the A team emerging as the winners.



L-R Jayne Donaldson, Grace O'Neill, Laura-Jane Wallace, Emma McFarland and Kirsty Elkin.



L-R Rachel Armstrong, Carol Fleming, Katie McKay, Jessica Sproule and Leah McIlwaine.

Gillygooley Walking Club

- *Are you getting enough regular exercise?*
- *Do you dislike walking on your own?*
- *Do you want to walk at your own pace around the leafy lanes of Gillygooley?*

Then come and join us

- Every Wednesday starting 16th April at 7:30pm
- Starting and finishing at Gillygooley Orange Hall
- Long & short walks each night
- Monthly walks to other scenic areas
- Trained Leaders
- Hi-vis vests supplied
- Adults £1 per night, Children Free (All children must be accompanied by an adult)
- Light refreshments on your return to the hall
- For further information contact:
Iris Moffitt-Scott on telephone: 8224 2895 or Diane Mills on telephone: 8224 6553

News Up-date from Gillygooley 2nd Youth

Monthly meetings continue to be extremely well attended with an average of over 40 present. Membership is drawn from a very wide area with several new members being enrolled in recent months. In addition to the usual festive activities members during the November meeting were taken on a picturesque tour of Johannesburg by illustrated slides and a talk by Laura Martin. The January meeting entitled "Nursing Stories" followed the life of John Hall M.B.E. from his childhood days in Pettigo to his forty year dedicated service as a nurse in the

Tyrone & Fermanagh Hospital. In November a soup lunch was held in aid of The Meningitis Trust. Fifty members of the club also travelled by coach to the Ardowen Theatre, Enniskillen to the pantomime, Cinderella, stopping on the homeward journey for a meal at Corick House. Members have also travelled to Lifford as guests of the local senior citizens club and were entertained to a soup lunch followed by dancing & entertainments. Yoga classes which have been held on a weekly basis end in mid February.



Laura Martin, left, a former member of Creevan Presbyterian Church receives a presentation from Jean Ellis, chairperson, following her slides and talk on Johannesburg.



Enjoying the soup lunch in aid of Meningitis Research attended by Eric Crawford are L-R Meta McFarland, Ellen McConnell, Cameron Clarke and Elizabeth McGavigan.



Refreshment break at a recent meeting of Gillygooley 2nd Youth.



L-R Eric Crawford, Margaret Hemphill, Iris Moffitt-Scott and Mary Cooper.



L-R Ben Thompson, Iris Moffitt-Scott, Betty Thompson & Johnston Mulligan.



Members of 2nd Youth who enjoyed a soup lunch are L-R Agnes Kyle, Dorothy King, Lily Nethery and Jean Ellis.

A FEW WORDS ON TRINITY ACCOUNTS BY THE TREASURER, RONNIE KEYS

Dear Member,

In my capacity as Honorary Treasurer I thank members of the congregation for their contributions to the various church funds in 2007 and for making a special effort to have contributions with me before the closing of accounts. Presbytery has introduced new financial checking systems which mean that the accounts have to be examined externally before they are presented for adoption by the Church Committee. It is only right that checking systems should be in place because it protects all involved in the process. It also ensures that members can have confidence that the church financial systems are in order.

I receive great help from all members of the Finance Committee as well as from the General Committee. This makes a difficult job just that bit easier. However, I am always glad to parcel up the papers at the end of January for at times it can be a trying month.

I have been Treasurer of Trinity for quite a while and over the years I have found that the congregation support their church well and I can always report prosperity. However, the last two years I have noticed that the Freewill Offering in particular has been falling. This year it is down by 3% while the previous year it fell by 1½%. It is a trend that is causing concern.

I am aware that the credit crunch is biting, oil prices are up along with practically everything else, so it is a difficult time. If you have been paying the same amount, like myself, for the past number of years to Freewill Offering, a small increase, if you and I could manage it would make a big difference.

The Freewill Offering is the main fund used for the general running of the Church.

Yours sincerely,

Ronnie Keys

OBITUARY - WILLIAM WALKER



William Walker (“Willie to his friends”) passed away on 8th December 2007 following a prolonged illness which he fought with great courage and dignity. Born on 8th April 1931 he was the youngest of the nine children born to the late James and Rebecca Walker of Cloghog. As a boy he attended Gillygooley Primary School and Omagh Model School and his whole life revolved around the Gillygooley area. Willie was brought up on the family farm at Cloghog where he learned the farming skills which were to remain with him for the rest of his life. In 1964 Willie married local girl Vera Semple also from Cloghog and they purchased a farm at Corlea where they set up their home. It was following his move to Corlea that Willie became a member of Gillygooley Congregation.

Willie was an industrious man who in addition to working on the farm undertook agricultural contracting over a wide area.

Willie also had a great love of music and was a talented member of Gillygooley Pipe Band playing the bagpipes. He also had a keen interest in the local Orange Lodge and held the office of Deputy Master for several years.

Willie was a devoted family man very supportive to his wife and children, a man who had experienced tragedy in his life following the death of his second son, Kenneth, aged 8 months and the loss of his brother, Davy, who was only in his 20’s. Willie and Vera had two other children, Mervyn who continues to work the family farm and June who is employed with the Fire Service. To Vera, Mervyn, June and the entire family circle we extend our deepest sympathy.

‘O God our Father, we pray for those whose life is saddened by the death of a relative or friend. Be with them in their loneliness and give them faith to look beyond their present trouble to Jesus, the one who died and rose again, and who lives forever more.’

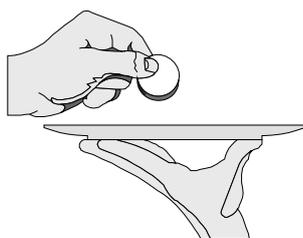
THE END OF GORTMORE BOWLING CLUB

Pictured recently are Ronnie Orr, the past Chairman and Laureen Wilson, the past Treasurer of Gortmore Bowling Club presenting four cheques for £200 each to Mary Wilkinson and Rosemary

Cummings for the Ulster Cancer Foundation; Norma Ferguson for the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association and Lynda Fyffe for Omagh Friends of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Laureen Wilson received one of the cheques on behalf of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The money (£800) was left over when the Gortmore Bowling Club, which used to be on the Derry Road, Omagh, closed down in 2004. The bowling club was outdoors and started in 1955.





Trinity & Gillygooley Summary of Finances for 2007

TRINITY

	2006 (£)	2007 (£)
Freewill Offering	44,625	43,911
United Appeal	Paid in 2007 £8,610 (target) 6,840	6,472
World Development	3,085	3,265
Easter	5,667	5,963
Harvest	8,603	7,949
Gift Aid	15,484	14,858

Donations from Trinity to charities included - £232 to the Earl Haig Fund; £492 to Darfur Appeal; £985 to Tearfund; £150 to Sunday School Project; £211 to RAF Wings Appeal; £690 to the Students' Bursary Fund. World Development received a total of £10,465, including £6,321 interest on a memorial from the Duff family.

GILLYGOOLEY

	2006 (£)	2007 (£)
Freewill Offering	18,977	19,849
United Appeal	Paid in 2007 £2,566 (target) 2,029	2,071
World Development	885	970
Easter	4,195	9,565
Harvest	24,915	9,860
Gift Aid	6,727	13,151

Donations from Gillygooley to charities included - £427 to the Presbyterian Orphan Society; £175 to the Sunday School Project; £117 to the Earl Haig Fund; £123 to Christian Aid.

Thank you to all who contributed to church funds in 2007.

Money from Income Tax Covenants is distributed to the various accounts.

PLEASE REMEMBER INFLATION IN YOUR 2008 CONTRIBUTIONS (APPROX. 3.0%).

PANCAKE MORNING AT TRINITY

On Sunday 3rd February, before church, a pancake tea/coffee morning was held in Trinity Hall. It was in aid of the Youth and Children's project and was organised by Trinity Bible Class. Those who attended enjoyed a nice social event as well as delicious refreshments which were all consumed by the time church started. A grand total of £250 was raised for this worthwhile cause. A big thank-you to all who helped organise and run the event and those who supplied the refreshments.



L-R Grace Monteith, Hanna Ferguson, Beth Ferguson, Lindsay Carson, Courtney Allen and Katie McCay.



Claire McElhinney provided some lovely music.



L-R Artie McFarland, Meta McFarland, Olive Carson, Tom Carson and Aaron Carson.



L-R John Buchanan, Katie Buchanan, Molly Buchanan, Ronnie Orr, Anne Buchanan and Emily Buchanan.



L-R Marina Donald and John McCay with Claire McElhinney in the background.



L-R Alan Porter, Linda Hamilton, Ben McGeagh, Doreen Gilmore, Peggy Gilmore and Isobel Porter.



L-R Naomi Duncan, Kirstin Duncan, Ken Duncan, Sadie Clements and Mitchell McKnight.



L-R Jim Elliott, Ann Elliott, Annie McCay and Gladys Cuthbertson.



L-R Sam Carson, Jean Allen, Sandra Allen and Matthew Allen.



L-R Carol McCandless, Philip McCandless, John McCandless and Roy Millar.

Boys' Brigade News



Receiving their Long Service Certificates at a Youth Service evening in the Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh in recognition of voluntary work with the Boys' Brigade are from left to right: Drew Hamilton, Valerie Alexander, Isobel Bell and Dorothy Henry. Missing from photo is Noel Barton.



Members of the Company Section of the Boys' Brigade enjoying .22 shooting at Lisbellaw, Co Fermanagh under close supervision.

PRESBYTERIAN NEWS BY GILLYGOOLEY CORRESPONDENT

We congratulate our neighbouring Congregation of Drumquin on the re-opening of their Church following extension renovations and building of new church hall. The £200,000 project was officially opened by the moderator, Rev. John Finlay on Saturday 8th December. This follows the installation of their new Minister the previous month. He is the Rev. John Hansen, a former Presbyterian missionary who had previously served eight years in Malawi.

EDITOR OF PRESBYTERIAN HERALD RETIRES

Regular readers of the Herald will note that Rev. Arthur Clarke has retired as editor after fifteen years. The magazine which is circulated to Churches throughout Ireland delivers a message through which the Presbyterian Church can give voice on its varied opinions while remaining united in common purpose. Whilst retiring as editor Rev. Clarke still hopes to contribute to further issues.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HISTORY ON INTERNET

The Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland has launched its first website funded by the Ulster-Scots Agency. The 400 year history of Irish Presbyterianism is now available on a website in a initiative by the Church's Historical Society. Presbyterian history is an integral part of Ulster-Scots history and it is good to see a resource like this being made available by the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland.

The website is www.presbyterianhistoryireland.com. To access the information there is a charge of £10 per annum which qualifies the user to be an associate member of the Society.

KENYA AND PAKISTAN NEED PRAYERFUL SUPPORT

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland has had a long association with both countries and currently the Cowan, Reid and Roulston families are missionaries in Kenya. Your prayerful support is needed for their continued safety in this troubled land.

CONCERN OF FUTURE OF SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

The Presbyterian Church in conjunction with the other main Protestant Churches have petitioned the education committee of the Stormont Assembly on the future of school governances. Representative's Council are appealing to the committee to express concern regarding proposals for governance of controlled schools as contained in the review of Public Administration. This would remove their rights to representation on management boards. Currently Transferor governors from Presbyterian, Church of Ireland and Methodist churches comprise four out of nine members on a controlled primary school. In the future it is proposed that Transferors will only have rights of representation on schools they formerly owned or which were superseded.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH APPOINTS NEW MODERATOR

Rev. Dr. Donald Patton minister of Old Church in Randlestown has been nominated as the new Moderator. Dr. Patton is married with two sons and two daughters. He will be installed as Moderator at the General Assembly in June.

Young Enterprise by Louise King, Company Secretary



Glitz! being presented with the 3rd place award at the Sperrins & Lakelands Regional Board Trade Fair. Back Row L-R Yvonne Armstrong, Business Adviser, Christopher Smyth, Glenn Foster, James Leonard, Jonathan Sproule, Richard Hemphill. Front Row L-R Fiona McClintock, Judge from NIE plc, Bronwyn O'Donnell, Louise King, Emma McFarland and Sandra Magee, Young Enterprise. Missing from photo, Dean Barr.

Hi! This is another little message from "Glitz!" We would like to firstly, thank everyone who helped us by coming to our carwash at which we managed to raise £63.42.

Recently we attended two craft fairs- one in Gillygooley Orange Hall raising £122.75 and the other at Omagh County Primary School raising £75.50. We also went to a trade fair in Omagh College on 13th December and were judged on our communication skills and our stall! Even though, we were one of the youngest groups there, we still managed to get placed in 3rd

position. None of Gillygooley Young Enterprise groups have been placed in this competition before!

At the minute, we are clearing away the horse jump course after Seskinore Harriers and earning a small profit whilst doing so!

Five members of the team have to go to an interview on 26th February 2008, so we're really busy, getting our speeches prepared for that!

We still have firewood and birdhouses for sale. If you are interested, please contact Louise on 028 8283 1444.



Glenn Foster, James Lennard and Jonathan Sproule at the Trade Fair in Gillygooley Orange Hall.



"Car wash in progress" Members of "Glitz" L-R Jonathan Sproule, Richard Hemphill, Dean Barr and Glenn Foster.

Ulster Project 2008

Five young teenagers from Gillygooley area have been selected to participate in the Ulster Project and will travel to America in July. Scott Elkin from Shanmullagh Road has been selected as a team leader and will accompany one of the groups. Scott is a third year student at Coleraine University studying geography. He is a former member of Gillygooley Youth Club and his interests are football and music.



Hey! I'm Alex McKinley and I've been selected to travel to Salt Lake City in America with the Ulster Project.

I have attended Gillygooley Presbyterian Church all my life and I am 14 years old. I live just outside Omagh on the Ballynahatty Road on a small farm with my mum (Valerie), dad (Raymond), sister (Kyra) and brother (Glenn). I have a cat and mum keeps a few chickens. I went to Omagh Integrated Primary School and now go to Omagh Academy, I am in year 10. I play hockey for Omagh Academy U14a's and sometimes for Omagh Ladies 3rds. I have been playing hockey since I was in Year 5. I love listening to music and reading. I can't wait to go to America and meet my

host teen and family and learn a bit about the American culture and teach them a little bit of our way of life.



Hi my name is Emma McFarland. I am fourteen years old and live on a dairy farm at Backfarm Road, Omagh with my parents, Adrian and Sharon and two younger brothers, Ryan and Adam. I am a member of Lislimnaghan Parish Church, Gillygooley Youth Club and Mountjoy G.B. I enjoy playing sport especially hockey and netball, and I am a pupil at Omagh Academy. I am presently working for my Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. I was very excited when I discovered I was selected to go to Tuscan, Arizona on the Ulster Project. I am counting down the days to my departure.



My name is Laura-Jane Wallace. I am 14 years old and I live with my mum and dad and my two younger sisters. I attend Omagh Academy and am in Year 10. I am on the schools' hockey team. My hobbies are hockey and netball. I am a member of Mountjoy Girls Brigade and Gillygooley Youth Club. This year I have been lucky enough to have been chosen to go on the Ulster Project through Lislimnaghan Parish Church. I will be staying with a family in Salt Lake City for the month of July and I can't wait to experience life in America. We have already begun fund raising for the Ulster Project. We have been meeting regularly with our leaders to find out about the activities we will be doing. I can't wait to go.



My name is Naomi Hannigan. I am 14 years old and live with my parents Robert and Helen. I have one sister, Connie who is 19 years old. I am a member of Gillygooley Congregation. I am a pupil at Omagh High School currently in Year 10. In addition to my academic subjects, I participate in various sporting activities during and after school hours. At present I have been selected as captain of the hockey team, captain of netball team and vice-captain of the girls' football team. These roles involves good communication skills with the P.E teacher and the responsibility for selection of team members. I recently participated in a cross-community event with a post-primary school from Sligo.

Within the wider community I am now an active member of Cappagh Spurs Girls Football Club and Omagh Ladies Hockey Club. As a result I have been selected for the regional development squads for both hockey and football for the second year running. I also participated at the Youth Games for Northern Ireland.

I am currently working towards a Bronze Award for the Duke Of Edinburgh. This involves service skills, physical recreation and the ability to plan, prepare for and undertake a 2 day (1 night) venture.

Achievements:

- Best netball player of the year 2005/06
- Most goals scored in a season 2006/07
- Poem published (away with words, verses from N.I.)
- Read in assembly at school for Remembrance Service

I am delighted to be given the opportunity of a lifetime to participate on the Ulster Project. Omagh is one of eleven centres in Northern Ireland which send young people to the United States each summer under the auspices of the Ulster Project.

I was offered a place in Tucson, Arizona.



My name is Kirsty Elkin and I'm 14 years old and third year at Omagh High School. My favourite subjects are art and history. I also play for the school netball team and my position is goal shoot. Outside of school I go to Hazel Wand Theatre School which I've been attending for eight years. I am a member of Clanabogan Young Farmers Club and this year, have started training for my Duke of Edinburgh, Bronze. I am a member of Lislimnaghan Parish Church and have participated in their annual Pantomime. I live at Shanmullagh Road with my mum, Lorraine, dad, Ray and two older brothers, Scott and Craig. I'm really looking forward to going to Lake Charles this summer and can't wait to meet the family I'll be staying with and making new friends.

SUCCESSFUL TRAILER MARKING SCHEME

Such was the demand of the trailer marking scheme held at Raymond King and Scott Brothers farms that an additional venue had to be held at John McCaffery's premises. All trailers presented now carry a distinctive mark which makes them easier to identify in the event of theft and they have also been logged on a P.S.N.I. data base. The scheme was organised by Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association in conjunction with the crimes prevention unit of P.S.N.I.



L-R Martin Turner, Jackie Hall, Crime Prevention Officer, Robert Walker, P.S.N.I. Community Officer and Fred Chamber, Coordinator Gillygooley Y.C.D.A neighbourhood watch.



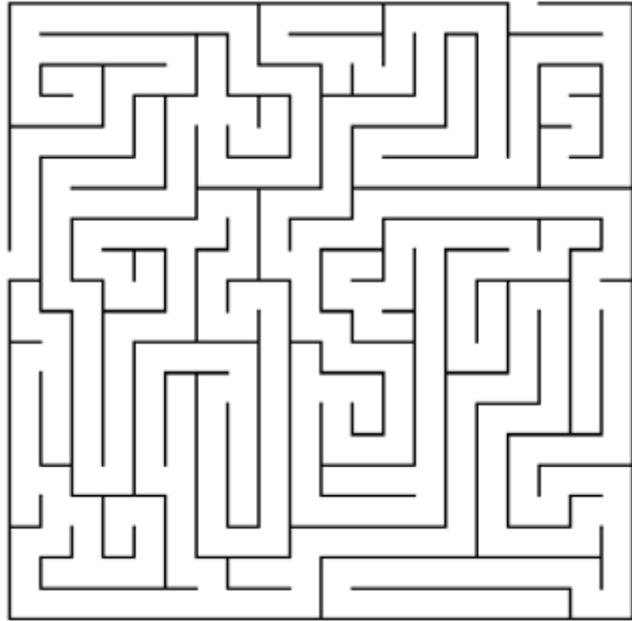
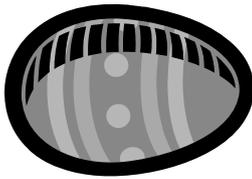
Waiting their turn to have their trailers marked are L-R Stanley Short, Raymond, David and Peter Smyth.



Children's Page



Can you find a way through the maze to get to the egg?



1, 2
Jesus loves
you,

3, 4, 5,
Jesus is
alive!

6, 7, 8
I can't wait...

9, 10, 11
to see him
in heaven!

Colour in this picture and try to learn the rhyme written on it.

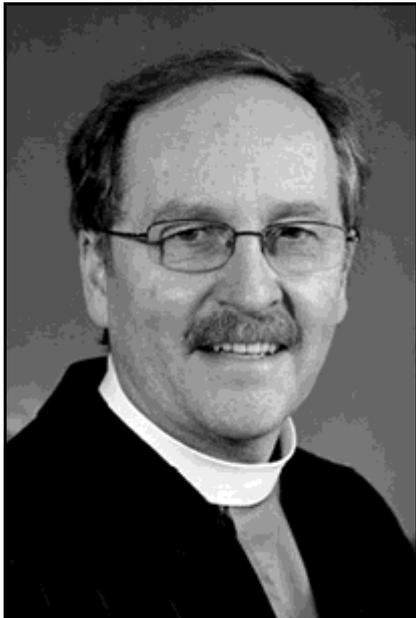
The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here: he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay"
Matthew 28 vs. 5&6

Please Note: We can only accept Primary School Entrants

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.

Last issues winners: [Trinity – Naomi Duncan] [Gillygooley – Calvin Kerr]

PATTON ELECTED AS NEXT PRESBYTERIAN MODERATOR



The next Moderator of the Presbyterian Church will be Rev Dr Donald Patton (57), minister of Old Church Randalstown.

Dr Patton was nominated by 11 out of the 21 Presbyteries who met today throughout Ireland to vote for a new Moderator and will take up office on the 3rd June in succession to Dr John Finlay who continues as Moderator until that time.

Rev Dr Joseph Fell, minister of Ebrington, Londonderry received 6 nominations, Rev Derek McKelvey of Fisherwick in Belfast, 2, while Rev Dr Ruth Patterson of Restoration Ministries and Rev Norman Hamilton, Ballysillan received one nomination each. Rev Wilfred Orr from Newtownbreda, and Rev Willis Cordner of First Bangor received no nominations.

Commenting on his election Dr Patton who has been minister of OC Randalstown for the last 6 years said, "I am very honoured by the way so many in the Presbyterian Church have asked me to fulfil the role of Moderator. While I am awed by the

responsibility I look forward to the challenges ahead."

He describes himself as "a warm evangelical teacher and pastor intent on reaching out with the Gospel to the wider community on issues that are relevant to them."

His congregation of 420 families is a "traditional Presbyterian congregation but one which is open to change in the conduct of worship and fellowship and which is keen to involve itself in the whole life of the Randalstown community."

"Randalstown is a growing town and while it still has strong rural connections there is an increasing business and professional sector with many people commuting to Belfast," adds Dr Patton. "It works well as a community and through my ministry and that of the congregation we want to play our part and be involved as much as possible with those who live and work around us."

Born in Warrenpoint on 30th May 1950, William Donald Patton spent his early years in Londonderry before his father's work took the family to Portadown. A member of Armagh Road Presbyterian Church he attended Portadown College and later graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a BSSc in 1971 and BD in 1974. In 1993 he was awarded a PhD, also from Queen's.

After ordination as assistant in Trinity Bangor in 1975 he became minister of First Dromore in 1977 and after 6 years was called to Greystone Road, Antrim. In 1988 he became minister of Lowe Memorial Presbyterian Church in Finaghy before moving to OC Randalstown in 2002.

Dr Patton is a keen historian and was convenor of the Presbyterian Historical Society from 1990 until 1996. He has written a short history of First Dromore Presbyterian Church and edited a number of other books on church history.

He is married to Florence and has two sons, two daughters and a grandson.

Voting for each candidate was as follows:

Rev Dr Donald Patton (Old Church, Randalstown) 11 Votes; Rev Dr Joseph Fell (Ebrington, Londonderry) 6 Votes; Rev Derek McKelvey (Fisherwick) 2 Votes; Rev Norman Hamilton (Ballysillan) 1 Vote; Rev Dr Ruth Patterson (Restoration Ministries) 1 Vote; Rev Willis Cordner (1st Bangor) 0 Votes; Rev Wilfred Orr (Newtownbreda) 0 Votes.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party



Attending the Party are L-R Josephine Norris, Jean Armstrong, Doreen Cooke, James Norris and George Armstrong.



Enjoying the fun are L-R Eileen Hammond, Gillie and Joyce Smyth.



Gillygooley Community Choir who entertained at the party.



Meta and Artie McFarland receive their gifts from Santa.



Posing for the camera are James and Jean Gilmour.



“We will entertain you.” Louise King (seated) and Lynsey Scott who entertained on the piano.



Irene McCauley shares a joke with Santa, also in the photograph L-R Ronnie McKinley and Joe Ewing.



Peggy Fyffee enjoys a Christmas hug from Ronnie McKinley at the S.C. Party.



Relaxing after their tea are L-R P-J O'Kane, Crawford McFarland, Nancy Elkin, Olive McFarland and Jack Elkin.



Isa Colhoun greets Santa with a smile.

DO IT NOW

If with pleasure you are viewing any work a body is doing,
 If you like them and you trust them, tell them now;
 Don't with-hold your approbation till the parson makes oration,
 As they lie with snowy lilies o'er their brow.

For no matter how you shout it, they won't really care about it,
 They won't know how many tear-drops you have shed,
 If you think some praise is due them, now's the time to slip it to them,
 For they cannot read their tombstone when they're dead.

More than fame and more than money is the comment kind and sunny,
 And the hearty warm approval of a friend,
 For it gives to life a savour, and it makes us kinder, braver,
 And it gives us heart and courage to the end.

If they earned your praise, bestow it, if you like them, let them know it,
 Let the words of true encouragement be said,
 Do not wait till life is over, and they're underneath the clover,
 For they cannot read their tombstone when they're dead.

Looking towards Easter Dates for your diary

Sunday, 16th March

Palm Sunday Services in Gillygooley and Trinity

Friday, 21st March

7.30 p.m. - Good Friday Service in Gillygooley

Sunday, 23rd March

Easter Sunday

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Reception of New Communicants in Gillygooley and Trinity

Sunday, 30th March

Visiting Minister in Gillygooley and Trinity
Rev Selwoode Graham

VARIETY CONCERT AT TRINITY

The Entertainment Committee at Trinity have yet again pulled out all the stops and organised a Variety Concert which is being held in Trinity Hall on Saturday 15th March 2008 and commences at 7.30 pm.

Tickets are £3 each and can be purchased from any member of the Church Committee.

Proceeds are in aid of Christian Aid.

Gillygooley Community Diary

Wednesday 12th March – Variety Concert – Gillygooley Orange Hall.

Saturday 5th April – Charity Table Quiz in aid of The Meningitis Trust in Gillygooley Orange Hall – organised by Gillygooley Y.C.D.A.

Walking Club commences Wednesday 16th April at 7.30pm at Gillygooley Orange Hall.

Youth Club award night – Friday 11th April.

Gillygooley 2nd Youth (50+ Club) – Circle dancing every Thursday night at 8.00pm – no partners needed, come along and enjoy the craic.