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NEW COMMUNICANTS AT TRINITY AND GILLYGOOLEY



On Easter Sunday, 4th April 2010, Trinity welcomed some new Communicant members in to the church. They are L-R Back row: David Moore, Joshua Gilfillan and Simon Campton. Front row L-R: Hannah Graham, Natalie Crawford, Lindsey Carson and Nicola Scanlon.



New Communicants from Gillygooley who were received into the Church on Easter Sunday L-R Bryan Fleming, Aimee Hannigan, Timothy Anderson, Samantha McCauley, Stephen Hemphill, Kyle McKinley and Leah McIlwaine.

TRINITY CONCERT 2010

This year's annual Trinity concert on 31st March was possibly the best yet. The large and appreciative audience who braved the harsh elements were treated to an extravaganza of music and mirth that clearly demonstrated the wide and diverse talents that are too often hidden among the congregation members. The intimacy of Trinity Hall filled with people and with its extended stage, added to the cosy ambience of the moment. The frenetic "pre-curtain" activity by producer, director, performers and technocrats clearly illustrated the attention to detail that went into this production. Throughout the evening the long hours of preparation by the performers were rewarded by tumultuous applause and the audience was captivated by proceedings from the opening rendering of "Folsom Prison Blues" to the final hearty singing of "Now is the Hour" when everyone joined in. The aforementioned pieces were magnificently led by "Trinity on Tour", a multi-generation ensemble of musicians and singers from the congregation under the musical direction of Roy Millar. This group's reputation is growing with every performance. It seems just a matter of time before they are "discovered". The concert proceedings were once again co-ordinated by that magnificent Master of Ceremonies, the brilliant and ebullient Wesley Atchison who kept things flowing smoothly with his lively wit, banter and a seemingly unending string of jokes.

The great success of this venture could not have been achieved without the participation of many "back stage" helpers. Apart from the players special mention should be made of Drew Hamilton (Producer and Stage Manager), Noel Donald on camera and general technical matters, Kenny Allen (Photographer), and all of the ladies who provided and served a superb supper to round off a memorable evening.



"Stuttering Lovers" – Ron Hussey, Mavis Jardine, Heather Watson and Johnny Moore.



Richard Clements on cello with his exquisite renderings of Allegro Passionada and Faure's Elegie.



Roy Millar and John Moore in the guise of "Two old 'codgers'" brought the house down with their exchanges of Auld Yarns, Tales and witty dialogue.



Joe and Leslie McGrew took us down memory lane with their unique selection of Jazz, Swing and all-time favourite tunes that are proving so popular with elderly audiences around Omagh.



“Burst Pipe” – Lindsey Carson, Nicola Scanlon and Sarah Moore.



Delightful renderings of “Don’t stop believing” and “I’m Yours” were given by four of Trinity’s younger members. From the left: Sarah Moore, Courtney Allen, Lindsey Carson and Nicola Scanlon, two of whom are already members of the Church choir.



Trinity on Tour – Colin Jardine (Bass), Mavis Jardine (vocalist), Carol McCandless (Banjo), Drew Barbour (Harmonica), Joe and Leslie McGrew, Drew Hamilton (Washboard), Greg Parke (Guitar), Heather Watson (vocalist), John Moore (Banjo), Roy Millar (Musical Director and keyboard). Front Row: Courtney Allen, Sarah Moore, Lindsey Carson and Nicola Scanlon.



Drew Barbour on the harmonica livened things up with “Belfast City” and “Galway Belle” followed by prose and poetry.

GILLYGOOLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

At time of going to press Gillygooley Community Garden is nearing completion. Located at the approach to Gillygooley Presbyterian Church it will greatly enhance the area as the plants develop and mature. A seat will also be included where residents, congregation and walkers can relax and enjoy the scenery of the distant hills. The project is being funded by Airtricity Ltd and developed as a community project by Gillygooley Youth and Community Development Association.

A short service of dedication conducted by Rev Robert Herron will be held on Saturday 15th May at 11.00 a.m. followed by morning coffee in the Orange Hall.

Below left and right: work in progress at the Community Garden.



Joe King erecting the fence at the Community Garden.



COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association staged a half hour show of music, comedy, dance and song in the Strule Arts Centre in March. Bringing together the talents of the Associations drama group, community choir and pipe band. The show which was produced by Linda Steele and Margaret Hemphill and accompanist Beverley Black involved 39 members of the Gillygooley Community. The event was organised by Omagh District Council Arts and Tourism Department as part of the Peace III programme involving sixteen groups over a four night programme. Gillygooley have been invited to perform the show again in the Arts Centre on Tuesday 6th July as part of an Ulster Scots Evening. Tickets are available from Andrew Scott Tel 8224 2895. An excellent night's entertainment is assured.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Gillygooley Walking Club

Every Wednesday evening commencing 7.30 p.m. from Gillygooley Orange Hall and various other locations. Everyone welcome

For further details contact Iris Tel 8224 2895 or Diane Tel 8224 6553

Summer Scheme

It is proposed to run a Summer Scheme again this summer for children who have completed year 2 to year 7 subject to sufficient interest. It will take place from 19th July to 5th August. To register an expression of interest contact Andrew Tel 8224 2895.

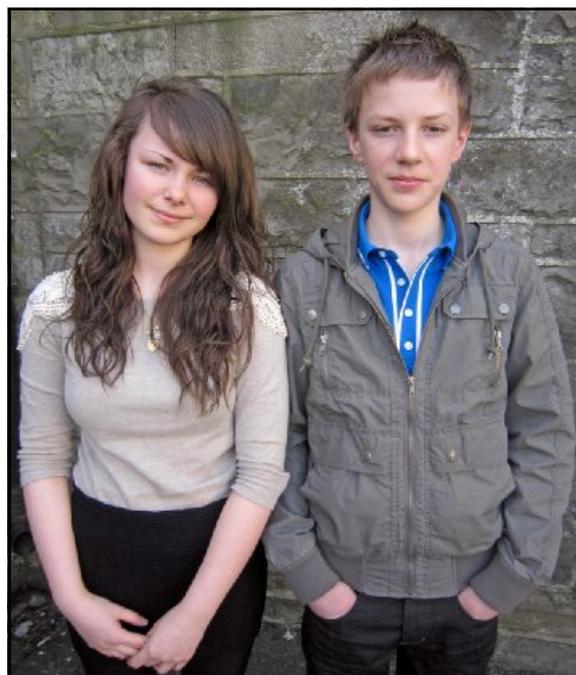
TRINITY MEMBERS PREPARE TO HEAD TO USA WITH THE ULSTER PROJECT

Trinity members, Grace Monteith and Ryan Stewart will soon be heading to the USA for a 4-week stay, as part of the Omagh branch of the Ulster Project. They will both be leaving at the end of June, Grace with the Salt Lake City group and Ryan with the Lake Charles, Louisiana group.

It will be the first time either has been to America and both are very excited about the trip. They heard about the Ulster Project through friends and through the church and both Grace and Ryan really appreciate the opportunity they have been given. They are looking forward to meeting their host family, taking part in new activities and making new friends with both the US teens and the rest of the Omagh group.

Part of the preparations for the trip is fundraising so they will be busy organising a raffle, a table quiz and a concert which will be performed both in Omagh and in the USA.

We send our good wishes to Grace and Ryan, hope they have a wonderful time with the Ulster Project and look for hearing about their experiences when they return home.



TRINITY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Trinity Girls' Brigade held their annual Display and Awards evening on Wednesday 21st April 2010 at 7.00pm in Trinity Hall. The evening began with the Company Fall-in and National Anthem being sung. Chaplain, Rev Robert Herron, offered a prayer for the Officers and Members of 154th Trinity Girls Brigade. Captain Mavis Jardine then invited Mrs. Dawn McClung to inspect the company. The Explorers and the Company Section performed items for the audience – singing, marching, dancing and acting. Captain Mavis then gave a resume of Trinity GB and thanked Catherine Moore, Emma Harper and Jolene Bell for their assistance during the session.

Inspecting Officer Dawn McClung thanked Mavis for her invitation to inspect the girls. Dawn said that the girls were a credit to the Company,

Captain and Parents. Chaplain Rev Robert Herron thanked Mavis, Catherine and parents for their loyalty to Trinity GB.

Presentation of Awards

All the Explorers received prizes from Leader Catherine Moore.

The Company Section Awards were as follows:-
 Juniors: The Gallagher Shield: - Chelsea McFarland, (2) Sarah Moss (3) Kerry Rankin
 Seniors: The Endeavour Shield: - Claire Harper, (2) Hannah Patterson (3) Beth Hamilton
 Brigadier: Lindsey Carson
 Best Overall Girl Co. Section: - Hannah Patterson.
 Attendance and Badge awards were presented by Dawn McClung and after Benediction supper was served by the girls and their parents.



ATTENDING CHURCH AT 99

Jean Todd who is the most senior member of Gillygooley Presbyterian Church attended morning worship at Gillygooley on her 99th birthday. Jean in her earlier years was a member of Creevan Presbyterian Church however following her marriage in 1937 to Harry Todd she became a member of Gillygooley Congregation. Jean still leads an active life style attending the day centre twice weekly and cooking her own meals. A remarkable lady who certainly doesn't look her years, Jean wishing you God's richest blessing in the months ahead.



Jean Todd being congratulated by Rev Herron as she attends Church on her 99th birthday.



Jean Todd most senior member of Gillygooley Presbyterian Church. May God give her continued health and happiness in her 100th year and beyond.

CHURCH NEWS PRESERVED

Trinity News was first published in October 1992 to provide the Congregations of both Churches with information of Church and Community related information applicable to its membership. This was during the vacancy following the retirement of the Rev R.W.W. Clarke and before the installation of Rev Herron. A copy of every Church News has now been bound in volumes and will be placed in the Church to enable members of the Congregation to access them for information etc. Initially the publication carried news exclusively from Trinity but was joined from Issue no 3 with contributions and news items from Gillygooley when it changed its name to Trinity & Gillygooley News.



Photo left: 'Look there's my Dad!' points Nicola Hemphill as children of Gillygooley view the volumes of Church News. L-R Calvin Kerr, Neil Hemphill, Jack Stevenson and Glen McKinley.



Photo right: 'We were not even born when those were published!' say L-R Jason King, Dylan Kerr, Lauren Hunter, Holly Lyons, Karen King, Chloe Aiken & Ryan McFarland.

SPECIAL SERVICE OF DEDICATION IN TRINITY

On Sunday 25th April at 3pm, a special service, organised by the Ulster Defence Regiment CGC Wives Club, Omagh and the Royal Ulster Constabulary GC Association, Omagh Branch, took place in Trinity Church. It was held to rededicate an Ulster Defence Regiment CGC memorial plaque (the brass plaque to the right) and to unveil and dedicate a Royal Ulster Constabulary GC Station Crest in the church. Readers at the service were Ross Hussey, Rev Herron and Brian Fegan. The Rev RWW Clarke performed the dedication of the memorials and this was followed by an Act of Remembrance. Rev Clarke said the Benediction and the service concluded with The National Anthem.



The Royal Ulster Constabulary GC was the name of the police force in Northern Ireland from 1922 to 2001. It was founded on 1 June 1922 out of the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC), the Belfast Borough Police Force and the Londonderry Borough Police Force (known colloquially as the "Derry City Force" - a name which stayed for many years). At its peak the force had around 8,500 officers with a further 4,500 who were members of the RUC Reserve. During the Troubles (1969-1998), 302 active RUC officers and 20 ex-RUC officers were killed, as well as over 9500 injured, mostly by the Provisional IRA, which made the RUC (in 1983) the most dangerous police force in the world of which to be a member. It became the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) in 2001.

Terrorist groups have bombed, shot and beaten RUC officers to death, sometimes killing relatives and other civilians in the process. Levels of stress-related illness have been higher than in any other police force: 75 officers have committed suicide, many of them with police-issued weapons.

The Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR) was an infantry regiment of the British Army which became operational in 1970, formed on similar lines to other British reserve forces but with the operational role of defence of life or property in Northern Ireland against armed attack or sabotage. The UDR, a military force, replaced the Ulster Special Constabulary ("B-Specials") along with a separate police reserve, to assist the regular Armed Forces. It was the largest infantry regiment in the British Army, formed with seven battalions and an extra four added within two years. The regiment consisted overwhelmingly of part-time volunteers until 1976 when a full time cadre was added.

Between 1 April 1970 and 30 June 1992, a total of 197 soldiers were killed as active servicemen. Another 61 members were killed after they had left the UDR.

In 1992 the Regiment was amalgamated with the Royal Irish Rangers to form the Royal Irish Regiment. A further 5 UDR Soldiers who transferred into The Royal Irish Regiment were killed after this merger.

Photographs courtesy of the Tyrone Constitution

Top right: The Smith Family.

Bottom left L-R: Brian Fegan, Ross Hussey, Brian Maguire, Rev RWW Clarke, senior minister, Rev. Robert Herron, Robert Scott and Tom Henry.

Bottom right L-R: Shirley Halkyard, Doreen Cooke, Irene Lowry, Charlotte McGirr, Wendy Montgomery, Hazel Espie and Rachel Hussey.



AN EXPERIENCE OF HARARE -SPRING 2010 *by Margaret Simms*



I was invited to spend a couple of weeks with friends of mine, who live in Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe. They have lived there and worked there since the mid Seventies. Both have scientific degrees and PHDs, as does their older daughter, who is my god-daughter. She was visiting too, before starting a new job in Japan, so I felt outnumbered! They did have another daughter there at the same time, another non-scientist among the microbiologists, but even so...!

What do they do there? Ian, a Scot, is Head of Crop Science at the University and Val, English ex-flatmate, is consultant to a program checking the quality of Aids treatment.

They went to Zimbabwe after Independence with the intention of working for the benefit of black and white. Over the years, Ian has been working privately, growing sweet potato and cassava from seed and working on virus elimination, along with ex-students whom he is also training.

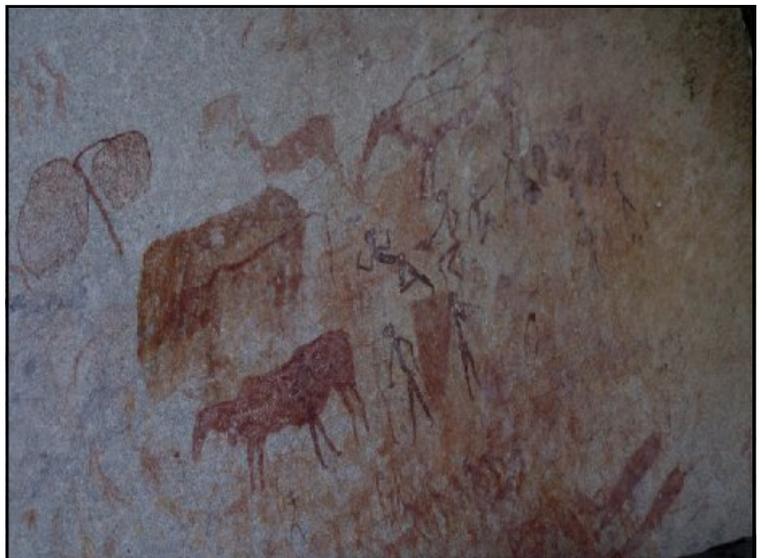
They asked me to Harare specifically at the end of April, beginning of May, so that I could be there for HIFA, which is Harare International Festival of the Arts. I approached this with a bit of scepticism (snobbery?) perhaps thinking "How could a country as poor as Zimbabwe host such an event?" Well, it was great! I got to see a variety of events, including Shanghai jugglers/acrobats, a terrific solo juggler from the USA, a jazz group from Italy who were superb, a choir from Zimbabwe...etc etc. My friends had booked tickets before my arrival (delayed by the volcanic ash!!) so the choice of events was theirs. We saw no plays; all were fairly serious and Val said that as living in Zimbabwe was like living in a sad play, she didn't feel like going to see one.

The best item for me was the performance of Carmina Burana. It was outdoors, well staged and well sung. I loved it, especially the fireworks incorporated into the first and final choruses.

In great contrast to the international make up of the performances was the fact that most evenings we came home to an absence of electricity. Cooking had to be done by candlelight, food taken from refrigerators which were possibly not keeping food fresh, milk maybe OK, maybe about to go off, cooking done (in this household at least) on a jello stove which is a sort of combustible jello stuff you pour under the gas type rings. No TV and reading was pretty difficult. Most families have small generators; my friends didn't till last week. Apparently, the electricity is usually off Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Laptops are usable as long as your battery charge lasts; Email, etc, therefore was restricted. It was quite an experience. My friends, as other folk in Zimbabwe, just get on with it, but it's draining.

I have to admit that I felt cold a lot of the time that I was there! (This is their autumn time) Outdoors during the day was warm and fairly sunny; indoors, and certainly at night, was pretty cool - and Zimbabweans tend to live with their doors open as long as possible I discovered.

I have a cousin who emigrated to Zimbabwe when he was 19. He's now 72. He was in tobacco farming and was a manager. Nowadays, he's a subsistence farmer and market gardener. He and his wife, who had a stroke a couple of years ago, live outside Harare. He travels in a fairly dilapidated pickup truck to take produce to certain restaurants in the city. Since her stroke, his wife only has peripheral vision in her





left eye, so is not allowed to drive.

In terms of choice of place to live (country): for both the families I stayed with (friends and cousin) Zimbabwe is home and they do not wish to leave. I have to say, though, that the woman would move, even if reluctantly, whereas the man is more keen to stay. In both cases, it would be impossible to relocate without financial help from others.

Harare city I found very attractive, even the rundown parts. I was advised not to take my camera in to town as it would be a reason for us to be attacked and robbed if it was seen. The centre, when we went in daily to the Festival, has some glassy modern blocks. The parts we drove through to get to the centre had wide roads, with wide grass verges and trees, some with blossom on them. The fact that one or two intersections had no traffic lights (or they were not working) always made trips interesting. At night, overhead streetlights were not on.

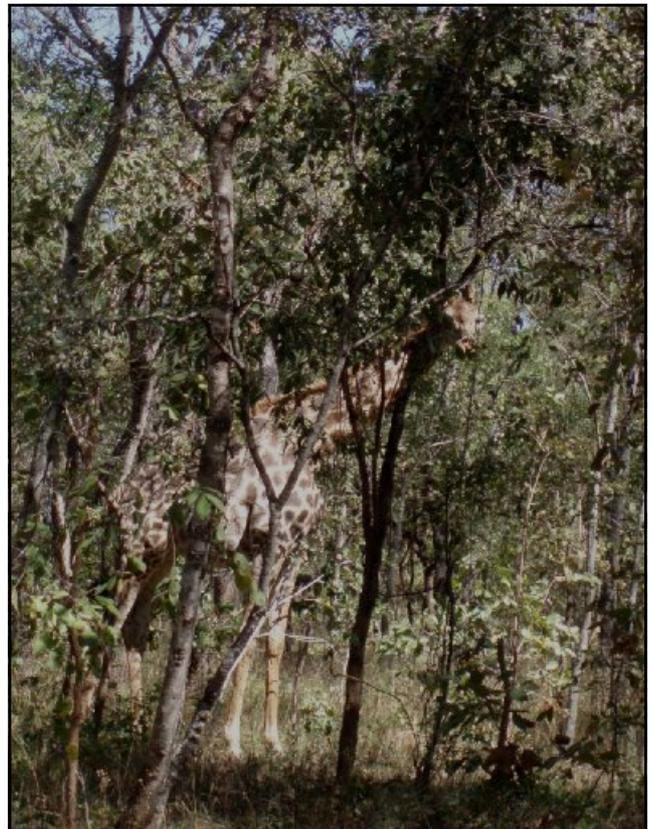
Potholes were a major problem, both in daytime and at night. The car would suddenly swerve and I would realise that this had been done to avoid hitting a seriously big pothole.

More trivial: I had hoped, but not really expected, to see some wildlife during my two weeks. During my previous

visit, at Christmas 2003, we had stayed at a Game Park way down near the Mozambique border. However, on my last day this time (May 4th) three of us went in a good 4x4 to a place an hour outside the city. There are smaller places for game as well as the better known big ones. We started off by catching sight of a lone rhino fairly early on, with plenty of time to watch it. We were really lucky because we had left late and animal watching is usually only rewarded at early light. We also saw zebra, impala, ostrich and giraffes. Best of all, on the way back out of the park, our path was crossed by more giraffes, who also had a young one with them. They just stood amongst the trees looking at us. Fiona's and my camera gave out at that point, so though I got one or two photographs, the best one (photo) got away! However, I had what I am now going to refer to as a 'giraffe moment' - just looking and taking in and not being fussed by the impulse to take a good photograph.

Other trivia: I kept getting woken up each morning, no matter where I was, by a very persistent 3-note bird whistle. It turned out to be a robin, but quite different in looks and in song to the robins here. I finally saw one and it had a red stripe on its head, as well as being darker. I'm still not sure if I liked it or not: I'm not keen on being woken at 5.30 am!

Luckily, I didn't come across any snakes. Harvey (cousin) was being very nonchalant, saying that out of 76 types of snake in Zimbabwe, only 12 are poisonous and only bite if threatened. But I'd still not wish to meet one. Friends of my friends had acquired several cats (perhaps as people left the country?). They had nine, then the numbers started going down: one at a time, cats disappeared, till they were down to three. Then a neighbour of the family commented on having seen a python cross the path at the family's house! It seems likely that the cats were victims of the python. I'm quite glad to be home!



IMPROVEMENTS TO GILLYGOOLEY ORANGE HALL

The joint project undertaken by Gillygooley Youth Club and Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association is finally materialising. The process to secure funding was first started in 2008 but only received the green light in March this year. The project is being funded by the Department of Education and Omagh District Council. It is intended work will be completed in time for the Annual Church Barbeque on 21st May. When complete the facilities will include an additional disabled toilet, new enlarged and modernised ladies & gents toilet, kitchen store, revamped entrance hall and other miscellaneous health & safety issues will be addressed. This is the final stage of a ten year plan which has seen the hall transformed into a modern building addressing the needs of the Church and Community enabling this vibrant community to serve the needs of its people.



Above left and right: work in progress with the new toilet suite at Gillygooley Orange Hall.

TRINITY AND GILLYGOOLEY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The last meeting and AGM of the session was held on the 9th March in the Wee Johnny Room in Trinity. Leader Claire McElhinney opened the meeting with prayer, a bible reading and hymn. Apologies were received from Ellen Fyffe, Rosemary Stronge and Sadie Clements. The correspondence included a thank you card from Sadie Clements for presents from the many well-wishers after her recent hospitalisation. An invitation was received from Omagh Methodist ladies regarding a flower demonstration on the 15th March. Claire then presented Mrs. Isobel Porter with a beautiful bouquet of flowers to mark her 90th birthday (Photo bottom left).

A proposal was accepted that the same officers should remain for the next session which begins in September. A Committee Meeting was to be held on the 12th April to discuss speakers for the forthcoming session. A quiz organised by Claire was enjoyed by the ladies with Audrey McConnells' team being the winners. An outing to Irvinestown Flower Festival was arranged for the 29th May for the members and any other ladies of the congregations who wished to attend. Supper was served by the ladies and Claire wished everyone a good summer.



EASTER AT GILLYGOOLEY



The joint Good Friday Service of both Congregations was held in Gillygooley Church. There was an extremely disappointing attendance from both Congregations at the service. In contrast Gillygooley had a capacity Congregation on Easter Sunday for the Sacrament of the Lords Supper and reception of seven new Communicants. Pictured here are some members of Gillygooley Junior Sunday School with the Easter Cards they made. L-R Karen King, Ryan McFarland, Holly Fleming, Ethan Maguire, Lauren Hunter and Rachel Graham.

Tom and Pilgrim's Progress

Tom To-morrow got a notion to read Pilgrims Progress; where he got the notion from no-one knows. Tom had a stubborn streak when he got a notion. Various people tried to put him off. Most said that Pilgrims Progress was an old book and should be left on the shelf to gather dust.

Tom To-morrow decided to read up on John Bunyan before he tackled the book itself. He discovered that John Bunyan was a puritan and puritanical did not fit the modern age. Emily Excitement told him that there was no excitement to be had in an old book, even though the Bible was older still.

Frank Faith had a copy in readable form and was prepared to loan it out if it was returned in due time. Frank prized his books and consulted them as need arose.

What finally convinced Tom To-morrow to read it was the same motivation that convinced John Bunyan to publish. Some said "publish"; others said "no". John Bunyan decided to publish; Tom decided to read.

He plunged in like a swimmer jumping in the deep end but there was no deep end to Pilgrims Progress. It was the journey of a man with a burden on his back. Tom could identify with the man for he had carried many a bale of hay on his back.

He decided to invite Desmond Despondency over to discuss the slough of Despond. Desmond was delighted to be invited as he had not been out of the house for some time. The section was realistic to him as it has been to many others.

William Worry could see himself in Mr Worldly Wiseman while Frank Faith recognised himself as Faithful who was put to death in Vanity Fair. He could find modern day examples in Compass Direct.

Both Tom and his wife Tillie were glad that Desmond Despondency had gone home before Christian and Hopeful were held in Doubting Castle by Giant Despair. They felt that Desmond would have a problem finding the key "promise".

Tom lost his burden like Christian while his wife was delighted with the Delectable Mountains. Her imagination ran wild with her as she imagined all kinds of flowers growing there.

Both Tom and Tillie tried to get Tara and young Timmy to read Pilgrims Progress Part 2; in it Christiana and the four boys follow after Christian. There is music and a wedding as Mercy marries Matthew.

Tara and Timmy were into computers and characters; to them a classic was something that was classically dated rather than something that was classically relevant.

1ST OMAGH BB ANNUAL INSPECTION

The Annual inspection and display of 1st Omagh Boys' Brigade took place on Friday 12th March, 2010.

A large attendance of Parents and family attended and were entertained by the boys. The Company was inspected by Mr Ivor Sampson, President of 1st Mountjoy Boys' Brigade.

Mrs Janet Sampson presented the members with their awards.

The major awards went to the following members:

Anchor Section

Best Team: Tyler Buchanan, Mark Rutledge, Daragh Logan, Alex Hill and Corey Wood.

Best Games Group: Matthew Kerr, Jamie Wood, Daragh Logan, Lewis Dempsey and Robbie Mitchell.

Youngest Boy: Evan Buchanan.

Colouring Competition

Primary 1&2: Aaron Freedman

Primary 3&4: Matthew Kerr

Best Collector: Scott Galbraith £113.60

Best New Boy: Alex Hill and Corey Wood

Best Boy: Tyler Buchanan and Adam McFarland.

Promotion to Junior Section: Tyler Buchanan, Adam McFarland and Matthew Kerr.

Junior Section

Best Team: Jack Hall, Matthew Hill, Andrew Kerr, Cameron Black and Bradley Mosgrove.

Best 1st Year: Graham Carson

Best 3rd Year: Matthew Hill

Best Sportsman: Joel Peden

Best Achiever: Charlie Fleming

Maze Marching: Jack Hall

Promotion to Company Section: Jack Hall, Matthew Hill, Bradley Mosgrove, Joel Peden, Luke Stockdale and Jordan Chisholm.

The Junior Section 5-a-side football team won the annual Battalion competition and were presented with the West Ulster Battalion Football shield.

Company Section

Stage 1 Scripture Shield: Sam McFarland

Stage 2 Scripture Shield: David McLean

Stage 3 Scripture Shield: Matthew McKernan

Overall Scripture: David McLean 97.5%

U15 10-pin bowling: Andrew Monteith

U15 Darts: Jonathan Mosgrove

U15 Table Tennis: David McLean

U15 .22 Shoot: James Rutledge

U15 Archery: David McLean

O15 10-pin bowling: Stuart Graham

O15 Darts: Stuart Graham

O15 Table Tennis: Stuart Graham

O15 .22 Shoot: Natasha Lyons

O15 Archery: Aaron Carson

Best Recruit: Sam McFarland and Adam Moore

Best Boy: David McLean

Promotion to Sergeant: Stuart Graham and Aaron Carson

President's Badge

William Barton

Queen's Badge

Matthew Alexander and Jason Sproule.

THE BOYS BRIGADE

> the adventure begins here




Company Section with the Inspecting Officer Mr Ivor Sampson and Mrs Janet Sampson. Center rear: Drew Hamilton, Company Captain.



Anchor Boy Section with leaders L-R Catherine Barton, Natasha Lyons, Isobell Bell and Dorothy Henry.



Queen's Badge award: L-R Matthew Alexander with Valerie (mother) & Jason Sproule with June (mother).



Junior Section with inspecting officer Ivor Sampson and Janet Sampson. Back row leaders L-R Andy McKernan, Alan Duff and Noel Barton.



The Junior Section 5-a-side football team who won the annual Battalion football competition.



William Barton receiving his President's Badge from his mother Irene.

OBITUARY



The Congregation of Gillygooley have again experienced great sadness following the death of one of its most senior members Robert Walker or Bob as he was affectionately known. Bob who was in his 97th year was a regular attendee at Sunday worship until advancing years and his mobility hindered him from doing so. He was a former member of the Church Committee who always expressed his views in a meaningful and forthright manner. Bob was blessed with relatively good health throughout his long life.

His entire life outside the Church evolved around farming and community life. He was a man of many talents who in his youth competed with noted success in ploughing matches. He represented Gillygooley Young Farmers Club at numerous matches and proudly displayed in his home are some of the silverware he won. It must be remembered that this was in the 1940's 1950's

when horse power on the farms was very much a reality. On a visit to his home some years ago he recalled how he delivered a cart load of turf to the Church for the stove which at that time was placed in the middle of the aisle.

Bob had other talents too, a talented musician with a good ear for music. He was a founder member of Gillygooley Pipe Band formed in 1935 where he played the bass drum with great enthusiasm and precision. Prior to this he was a member of Corlea Flute Band which he joined as a boy of 12 years. He was a member of Gillygooley LOL 339 in which he held the position of D.M. for several years and was also a member of the Apprentice Boys Corlea Branch. Bob believed in sharing his talents and skills for the benefit of the wider community and in 1931 joined the B Specials contributing to the security of our province. Bob was also one of the founder Trustees of Gillygooley Orange Hall.

Bobs Presbyterianism commenced when he was baptised in Drumquin Presbyterian Church in 1914 and following his marriage to Lily they purchased a farm at Mullinatomagh when they became members of Gillygooley Congregation.

Bob was a great conversationalist and a visit to his home was never complete without him relaying stories of years gone by with great passion and enthusiasm.

In Bobs passing the Church and Community of Gillygooley have lost a dear friend of the older generation who was a pleasure to visit and share distant memories with. He will be sadly missed, however nowhere more so than in his home by his loving wife Lily, daughter Anne, sons Basil and Robert and families.

May God give them strength to bear their grief.

Deepest sympathy from the members of Gillygooley Congregation.

'Grant, O Lord to all who are bereaved, the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience, not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of Thy great goodness in past years, and in the sure expectation of a joyful reunion in the heavenly places for those who die in Christ; this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen'



GILLYGOOLEY 2ND YOUTH DRAMA GROUP

Pictured left are Gillygooley 2nd Youth Drama Group who performed three sketches for Omagh District Policing Partnership in the Youth Centre, Carrickmore.

Each of the sketches had a theme to highlight safety in the home and how to become more aware of bogus callers at their home.

Seated L-R: Lily Nethery, Dorothy King, Jean Ellis, Violet Crosbie.

Back L-R: Fred Chambers, Iris Moffitt Scott and George Armstrong.

OUT & ABOUT WITH GILLYGOOLEY 2ND YOUTH

As the winter programme draws to a close members thoughts focus on outdoor activities and the hope of summer sunshine and trips to various locations. The first trip of the season was to the recently re-furbished Belfast City Hall. Former Lord Mayor of Belfast Jim Rodgers greeted members of Gillygooley 2nd Youth as they arrived for a conducted tour of the impressive re-furbished Belfast City Hall. In 1888 Queen Victoria conferred on Belfast the title of city and following negotiations the White Linen Hall site of one-and-a-half acres was purchased for £30,000. It was 1906 before the hall was completed and opened on August 1 that year.

On route to Belfast the club stopped at the Linen Green, Dungannon for morning coffee. Whilst in Belfast the party had an opportunity to meet ex-Formula One driver David Coulthard and his Red Bull Formula One Car which was on display within the city hall grounds. During a period of free time some members enjoyed some retail therapy while others viewed the city from on high during a spin on the big wheel. The day ended with a delicious meal in the Ramada Hotel, Shaw’s Bridge.

The next coach trip is to the Garden Festival at Hillsborough Castle on 22nd May and in June to the Boyne Valley.

In addition to the monthly meetings Pilates and New Age Kurling were held weekly and have now closed for the season, a computer class is also in progress and will conclude at the end of May.



Members of 2nd Youth who viewed Belfast from the big wheel are L-R Andrew Scott, Victor Sayers, Harold Brunt, John Hall, Lily Ewing, Margaret & Edith Hemphill.



Viewing a painting of the Battle of the Somme in the City Hall are L-R George Armstrong, Gerald McCauley, Crawford McFarland & Victor Sayers.



Jim Rodgers (Front L) former Mayor of Belfast City Council with members of 2nd Youth at the City Hall.



Back L-R Gerald McCauley, Victor Sayers, Philip Elkin. Front L-R Thelma Harkness, Jean McCutcheon and Margaret Hemphill attentively listen to the tour guide in the Council Chamber of Belfast City Hall.

PRESBYTERIAN NEWS IN BRIEF – BY GILLYGOOLEY CORRESPONDENT

Churches Concerns over Charitable Status

Churches in Northern Ireland will soon be required to justify their charitable status. The Department of Social Developments Charitable Commission draft guidance could ask Churches and Christian charities to comply with a wide range of legislation. Former Moderator Dr Harry Uprichard has said that Churches have operated as charities for centuries however the Commissions draft guidance on this issue has put its continuation in doubt. Charitable status gives tax benefits including Churches being able to claim back tax on donations. This would be a very detrimental step for Churches and Christian organisations as a considerable amount of its revenue is raised through tax relief.

Presbyterian Mutual Society

A special meeting of the General Assembly held on Tuesday 14th April agreed to donate one million pounds to a hardship fund for smaller savers. The development does not bring P.M.S. savers anywhere close to a final solution. It means that the Church has formally agreed to make a contribution to a proposed Government lifeline for the society of £335 million which would not guarantee repayment of all savings.

The Assembly which was representative of all Presbyterian Congregations in Ireland attracted an attendance of over 1,200. This is the first time a special Assembly has been convened in almost 40 years.

A special panel has now been tasked to consider how the money will be raised. Speaking on behalf of the panel Dr Donald Watts stated it is not our intention to suggest an assessment on congregations but that cannot be ruled out at this stage. An appeal of some kind is likely to be made the details of which will be revealed at the June assembly.

Presbyterians support emergency relief

Presbyterians from throughout Ireland have donated almost £1.4 million for emergency relief and development projects around the world since Christmas. The Haiti Appeal alone received £788,000 which shows the generosity of Presbyterians in responding to requests for help. It demonstrates that our faith is not words alone but by positive action we are prepared to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Presbyterian Church oldest in Ireland

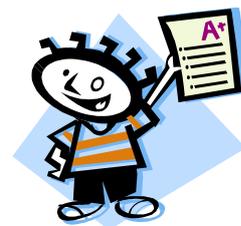
First Derry Presbyterian Church claims the title of the 2nd oldest Church in Ireland. The site was established in 1690 when Queen Mary granted money for the establishment of a meeting place in recognition of Londonderry's part in the Williamite Wars. Most of the Apprentice Boys who locked the city gates against the Jacobite forces were of Presbyterian stock. The Church was rebuilt on a much grander scale in 1777 with the present frontage added in 1903. Following an absence of almost eight years from their Church during renovations, the Congregation worshipped in Carisle Methodist Church. Refurbishment of the Church attracted a grant of 1.6 million, a wonderful achievement for our Sisters and Brethren in Christ on the West Bank of the Foyle.

General Assembly

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church will take place from 7-10 June in Church House when the 1200 strong body representing every Congregation in Ireland will be invited to attend. The first Presbyterian General Assembly was held in 1840 when its first Moderator was elected. In June Rev Norman Hamilton Minister of Ballywillan Presbyterian Church Belfast will be installed as the new Moderator.

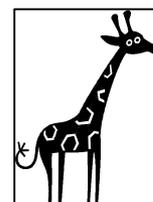
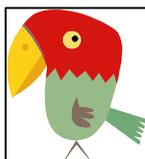
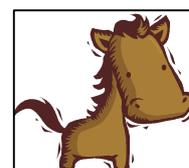
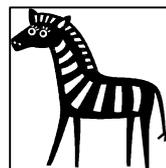
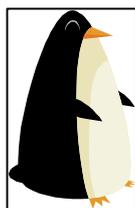
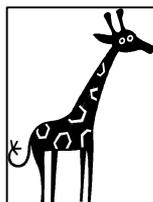
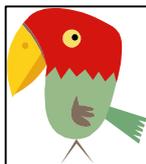
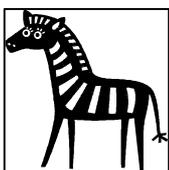


Children's Page



In Genesis we read about the story of Noah and the great flood.
"The animals went in two by two."

1. Can you match up the pairs of animals below?
2. Cut out the ark below and stick it on a separate page.
3. Stick in the animals side by side in the ark.
4. Can you draw 3 more pairs of animals and add them into the ark?



**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 issues winners: [Trinity – Katie Buchanan] [Gillygooley – Chloe Aiken]

'WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS' BY GILLYGOOLEY CORRESPONDENT

That wonderful hymn 'What a friend we have in Jesus' was written by an Irish Poet named Joseph Medlicott Scriven who was born at Banbridge on 10th September 1819. The poem he wrote for his mother was initially called 'Pray without Ceasing' but was later set to music and renamed by Charles C Converse to become the hymn so popular in Churches throughout the world. Joseph was a devoutly religious man who gave freely of what money and possessions he had to those poorer than himself. He died on 10th August 1886 at Port Hope, Ontario, Canada.

Joseph Scriven took his B.A. degree at Trinity College, Dublin, where his two brothers were students, one of whom became M.B. in 1842. Joseph was a Cadet at the Military College, Addiscombe, Surrey. It was his intention to enter the East India Company, but he abandoned this idea at an early age. It cannot be said that Joseph Scriven had a very happy life. After obtaining his degree in 1842, he fell in love with a Banbridge girl and in two years became engaged, but, alas, tragedy struck a sad blow on the eve of their wedding day. His bride to be, while crossing a bridge over the River Bann was thrown from her horse and drowned in full view of her lover who was awaiting her on the other bank. Following this sad event Joseph Scriven emigrated to Canada. He first settled at Rice Lake in Ontario and later at Port Hope and there became a private tutor to several of the local families.

Another sad happening was to add to the sorrows of Joseph Scriven's life and is thought to have inspired him to write his famous hymn. Joseph, in the year 1854, was to be married to Miss Eliza Roche, but sad to relate, Miss Roche caught a chill due to immersion in Rice Lake, became seriously ill and after three years, passed away. The well known hymn was then brought into being out of great sorrow and heart searching. It is said that it was written to comfort his mother who mourned at her sons unhappiness. The hymn was not discovered until just prior to Scriven's death in 1886, although composed in 1857. It was entitled 'Pray Without Ceasing'.

Joseph Scriven was a practical Christian, known as the man who sawed wood for poor widows and sick people unable to pay. A Mr. James Sackville cared for Scriven in his home when he became poor in health and it was Mr. Sackville who discovered Joseph's copy of the hymn whilst searching a drawer on behalf of his patient. When asked how he came to write such a beautiful hymn Scriven, on his deathbed, replied simply 'The Lord and I did it between us'.

There are four memorials to Scriven in the land of his adoption, the monument at Bewdley bears the famous hymn inscribed on one side of the stone, on the other side are the words 'Four miles north in Pengelly's cemetery, lies the philanthropist and author of the great masterpiece written at Port Hope 1857'. Special services were held in 1957 in the local churches to mark the centenary of the hymn and in 1962 a Joseph Scriven Memorial Committee was formed at Bewdley and a fund was started for students entering the Christian ministry. In the town of his birth there is now a memorial to this son of Banbridge; one time student of Trinity College Dublin, who as a boy walked the streets of Banbridge and worshipped in Seapatrik Parish Church. This memorial is in the form of a plaque erected on the wall of the house in which he was born.

For many years the grave of Joseph Scriven remained unmarked, but on 10th September 1919, the centenary of his birth, a pilgrimage of Clergymen visited the grave, joined hands around it and sang the hymn which has brought comfort and uplift to thousands of hearts wherever the English language is spoken. Under the leadership of the Rev. W.D. Lee of the Millbrook Presbyterian Church, the Joseph Scriven memorial committee was formed to erect a monument to his memory. On the white granite monument which stands 13 feet high, overlooking the shining waters of Rice Lake, the words of the hymn are inscribed. It was dedicated on 24th May 1920, when 6000 people gathered, including the Premier of Ontario, E.C. Drury.

In paying tribute to Scriven, the Premier said: "He did not build a railway or amass a fortune, but he did more than that, he contributed a thought that will outlive railroads and fortunes. It will go on enriching the lives of men, when other things of material nature have crumbled and perished." On this occasion tributes were paid by many people who had known Scriven personally. "He lived the life of our Saviour. His life was a living example of the principle, the Son of God came not to be ministered unto but to minister."

Another testified: "He lived a truly unselfish life, going among the afflicted and comforting the sorrowing,

sharing his little with the poverty-stricken.”

A man reported: “I remember the times when one of the families lost their cow. They were dependent on that cow for much of their living. Mr Scriven expressed his sympathy and desire to help out, but regretted that he had no money, so offered his watch for the family to sell.” Through the years Scriven became known as the man with bucksaw and axe who went to homes of widows and aged folk to chop their wood.

For several years he lived in Port Hope in a small cottage isolated in the woods, which still stands at the corner of Strachen and Thomas Streets. In his zeal for presenting the gospel he preached on street corners in Port Hope and Bewdley and among the farmers. As a member of the Brethern who renounce worldliness, Scriven would not have his picture taken, for to him it was a form of vanity. However the Rev George A Osborough of Belfast located a great-nephew of Joseph, Dr W. H. Scriven, who possessed a photograph which he believed was an authentic picture of Joseph.

On first writing the hymn which he entitled ‘Pray without Ceasing’ only verses one and two were included. The third verse was added following a visit to Ireland. Because he had come back a poor man with rather shabby clothes, he had the bitter experience of being snubbed and slighted. This led to the third verse which begins: ‘Do thy friends despise thee, forsake thee,’ expressing the pain at his rejection.

On the east side of Highway 28 just south of Bewdley stands another monument beside a grove of evergreens which was erected with funds collected by a devoted friend, the Rev E. S. Kidd-Byrne. But he was not buried there. His body lies in the cemetery on the Pengelly farm two miles east of Bailieboro. Distinctive markers have been placed by the Ontario architectural and historical sites board in Bailieboro and at the site of the cemetery. There is now a monument at Downshire Place, put up by Banbridge District Council and recently a stained glass window was dedicated to Scriven, the dedication being carried out by Bishop Scriven, who was then Bishop of Europe and is the great-great grandnephew of Joseph Scriven. Joseph had two brothers - George, born 1821 and John, born 1823 and one sister Catherine Anne Mary born 1825.

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a friend we have in Jesus,
 All our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 Everything to God in prayer!
 O what peace we often forfeit,
 O what needless pain we bear,
 All because we do not carry
 Everything to God in prayer.

Joseph Medicott Scriven 1819 -1886

Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths in the Congregations

Baptisms in Trinity	Marriages in Trinity	Deaths in Trinity
<p>18 Apr Emily Kate Irwin</p> <p><i>“Let the children come to me...” (Mark 10:14)</i></p>	<p>20 Mar Wendy McCay & Samuel Openshaw</p> <p><i>“Love one another as I have loved you...” (John 15:12)</i></p>	<p>26 Apr George Moore</p> <p>Deaths in Gillygooley</p> <p>21 Mar Robert Walker</p> <p><i>“I am the resurrection and the life...” (John 11:25)</i></p>

YOUTH CLUB ENJOYS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Gillygooley Youth Club has enjoyed another very successful season. Currently in its 36th year the club has continued to attract young people from a wide area to the activities provided in Gillygooley Orange Hall. The club has been fortunate over the years to attract an excellent team of Leaders who give of their time in a voluntary capacity for the benefit of the youth of the area. In addition to various out of centre activities the weekly programme for the Junior, Primary and Senior Clubs provide a safe and welcoming environment where young people can meet with their peers.

Membership and management are sorry to be losing their Leader-in-Charge Jennifer O'Donnell who has provided excellent leadership on a voluntary basis for fifteen years. Jennifer has been an inspiration to the club whose leadership skills and devotion to duty have attributed to the clubs success in recent years. At the closing meeting of the season tribute was paid to her by Club Chairman Raymond King and presentations of appreciation presented by the three different clubs.

Vacancies exist for Leader-in-Charge and assistant leaders anyone interested in assisting should contact club secretary Alison Hemphill Tel 8283 1773.



Jennifer O'Donnell receiving a gift from Andrew Aiken on behalf of the Junior Club.



Andrew Aiken Junior personality of the year receiving his trophy from Jennifer.



Tamzyn Harper who was selected as the primary club personality of the year.



L-R Emma Gilchrist, Evangeline Clements, Lauren McCollum and Aimee Hannigan at the youth clubs final night of the season.



Members of the Primary Club who win trophies together with their leaders Leah McIlwaine, Stacey Hemphill and Claire O'Neill.



Members of Gillygooley Junior Club who were presented with prizes accompanied by their leaders Shelby Caldwell and Sharon McFarland.



Jennifer receiving a presentation on behalf of the Senior Club from Kyle McKinley.



Tamzyn Harper presents Jennifer O'Donnell with a gift from the primary club following her retirement as Leader-in-Charge accompanied by assistant Leaders L-R Claire O'Neill, Leah McIlwaine, Stacey Hemphill and Sharon McFarland.



Gillygooley Senior Club members accompanied by leaders Jennifer O'Donnell, David McKinley and Raymond King at the clubs presentation of awards night.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS PROJECT 2009/2010

HELPING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEPAL AND NORTHERN IRELAND DISCOVER THE MISSING PEACE

During 2009/2010, the children and young people of Trinity and Gillygooley have been collecting money for 'Missing Peace' - The Youth and Sunday School Project of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for 2009/2010.

The money raised will be used to support community development work in both Nepal and Northern Ireland. In recent years Nepal has experienced an internal conflict which has resulted in both political and religious violence.

Sadly we understand all too well the difficulties of division and conflict. By investing in local communities we can help bring about transformation and ensure children and young people grow up in stable, peaceful societies.

The 'Missing Peace' Project will help fund:

1. A United Mission to Nepal project in Dhading
2. Youth Link and The Centre For Youth Ministry Ireland



The Youth and Children's Project will provide valuable resources that will help build capacity in local communities, seek to encourage reconciliation and invest in essential peace building work in both Nepal and Ireland.

Joe and Janet Campbell are currently serving with United Mission to Nepal as PCI missionaries, and are the inspiration for this year's project. They had a long involvement in conflict transformation and reconciliation work in Northern Ireland before responding to God's call to serve in Nepal. Their considerable experience and gifting in this area of ministry has seen them make a significant impact in peace building amongst Nepalis.

Youth Link and the Centre For Youth Ministry Ireland are committed to promoting and resourcing youth ministry amongst local churches. Youth Link seeks to be a prophetic voice in our society, by encouraging young people and youth leaders to be pro-active in promoting Christ's message of peace in Northern Ireland and the border counties.

churches together building excellence in youth work





United Mission to Nepal strives to address root causes of poverty as it serves the people of Nepal in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ. Established in 1954, UMN is a cooperative effort between the people of Nepal and a large number of Christian organisations from nearly 20 countries on 4 continents. PCI has played a key role in UMN for many years and provided significant numbers of personnel to the mission.

At the grassroots level, UMN works in partnership with local non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and other groups to equip these partners to independently and successfully respond to poverty in their communities. UMN teams of Nepali nationals and volunteer expatriates provide technical expertise that helps build capacity and skill in these local organisations.

On a national level, UMN works with other local and international NGOs and the government of Nepal to advocate for policies and activities that benefit the poorest and most marginalised people of Nepal.

UMN staff seek to be agents of transformation. The call of Christ in their lives is to serve in both word and deed. They work in the following areas:

Conflict Transportation, Food Sovereignty, Disaster Management, HIV/AIDS, Education, Organisational Development, Enterprise Development, and Children at Risk.

Missing Peace is going to support a project in the Dhading District of Nepal - Dhading is situated to the west of Kathmandu, although it is adjacent to the capital city, the area is very under-developed. The direct beneficiaries of this programme will be 560 women and their families. The project will involve developing effective and meaningful woman's participation in local decision making and encourage social, economic, educational, health and financial development. By investing in these local communities, UMN staff will ensure the women and their families can move forward. As Nepal moves out of the recent conflict, we hope Missing Peace will help to build healthy sustainable communities in which the love of Christ and His message of peace can be shared.

Rev Mark Welsh minister at Trinity Presbyterian in Greyabbey had the opportunity to visit Nepal in April. Having previously worked with International Nepal Fellowship (INF) in Nepal he was delighted to return on behalf of the Board of Youth and Children's Ministry! Mark spent time with Joe and Janet Campbell and visited Dhading, to see first hand the difference this project will make. He shares with us a few thoughts...

"I lift my eyes to the hills" ... and what a magnificent sight they are! God's handiwork is no more evident than it is in Nepal where the mighty Himalayas serve as a spectacular backdrop. God's work in Nepal isn't finished though and, with the help of this year's Youth & Children's Project, the United Mission to Nepal will be able to help Nepali Christians create, not

mountains, but a land of peace. In armed conflicts and their aftermath it is the poorest who suffer the most - please support this partnership so that the children and young people of Nepal can declare, along with the author of Psalm 121, "my help comes from the LORD!"



"Youth Link's vision is of Churches working together to develop excellence in youth work and ministry, enabling young people and youth practitioners to be agents of transformation in a divided society.

Youth Link's mission is to work together to:

- provide excellence in all aspects of youth work and leadership training;
- encourage and equip young people to participate in Church and society and in the building of a shared future;
- collaborate with Church bodies, youth organisations and all sectors with responsibility for young people;
- facilitate strategies for the development of youth ministry within the Churches;
- integrate equity, diversity and interdependence into all aspects of policy and practice in youth work and ministry.

Youth Link: NI is a unique partnership of the Churches working together. It was formed in 1991 by a strategic alliance of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, the Church of Ireland and the Catholic Church. It is the only forum in Northern Ireland where churches co-operate formally in the service of young people.

Through dialogue Youth Link endeavours to be constantly aware of the changing needs of the Churches with regard to youth work and ministry, peace building and reconciliation in order to respond effectively.

Youth Link is currently the largest provider of accredited training for volunteer and part time youth workers and young people in Northern Ireland.

In September 2008 Youth Link began a new chapter with the opening of the Centre For Youth Ministry Ireland. The partnership between Youth Link and Belfast Bible College has for the first time given students the opportunity to gain a professional qualification in youth ministry. Students work in local churches as trainee youth workers whilst at the same time studying for a BA in Youth and Community Work with Applied Theology.

Missing Peace will be providing a small grant to Youth Link and the Centre For Youth Ministry Ireland as this strategic youth ministry organisation moves into a new building in an interface area of Belfast. The location demonstrates the desire of the church youth departments to work together and shine the light of Christ into the dark and sometimes painful places of our communities. The money you raise will be helping to equip the next generation of youth workers for Ireland.

Summer Arrangements

Children's Day - Sunday 13th June 2010

SUNDAY SERVICES

July

TRINITY & GILLYGOOLEY

Rev Robert Herron

August

FIRST OMAGH & GILLYGOOLEY

Rev John F Murdoch

PASTORAL COVER

July - Rev Robert Herron

August - Rev J Murdoch (Tel: 82242239)

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