

# TRINITY & GILLYGOOLEY NEWS



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## CHRISTMAS FLORAL ART DEMONSTRATION



Winners of the floral arrangements at the annual Christmas Floral Art Demonstration in Gillygooley Orange Hall organised by Gillygooley Y.C.D.A.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT



Enjoying their first day at Gillygooley Sunday School are L-R Lauren Hunter, Helena Caldwell, Harvey King, Daniel Moore, Rachel Graham and Oliver King.

## TRINITY PW - CHRISTMAS 2010

We have just read a brief account of Jesus' birth in the Gospel of Matthew . It is also mentioned in more detail in Luke's gospel but Mark and John do not give an account of this event.

The first character we meet is King Herod – known as Herod the Great. He was King of Judea from 37 to 4 B.C. He had several children and numerous wives. He was a builder of cities and rebuilt the temple in Jerusalem but was a ruthless ruler of his people and showed no mercy to them and even to his own children - several of whom he murdered and also one of his wives.

While he rebuilt the temple in Jerusalem he also rebuilt various pagan temples too. He was not a true royal and was always jealous of others who might become more powerful than him. When the Magi told him about the new ' King' born in Bethlehem he planned to have him killed. Later he gave orders to kill all boys in Bethlehem and the vicinity who were two years old and under.

**THE MAGI:** Sometime called "the Three Wise Men" although no-where does the Bible say there was actually three – this seems to originate from the fact that there was three presents given. We know they came from 'the East' Possibly Persia (modern day Iran) and would have travelled at least 800 – 900 miles to get to Jerusalem, therefore, this discounts the myth that they arrived to see Jesus on the night of his birth. It could have been weeks or months later or even years. They were prompted to look for Jesus because we are told in Vs 2 "we saw his star in the east and have come to worship him". These wise men most likely knew the writings of the prophet Daniel when he foretold about the 'Anointed One' coming.

After visiting and worshipping the baby Jesus and presenting their gifts, they returned to their own country.

Overall the Magi were men who (1) read and believed Gods Word; (2) sought Jesus: (3) recognised the worth of Jesus: (4) humbled themselves to worship Jesus Vs 11 "they saw the child with his mother Mary and bowed down and worshipped him"; (4) obeyed God rather than men Vs 12 "and having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route." Wise men indeed!

**THE STAR IN THE EAST:** The Magi clearly saw this star in their own country and followed it closely "until it stopped over the place where the child was." Many scientific explanations have been given as to what this 'star' like light was. Comets, collision of stars etc but most likely it was a temporary and supernatural light sent by God. Remember God leading the people out of Egypt – "by day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light. .... neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people." Exodus 13: 21-22.

**THE PRESENTS:** Representing what Jesus was to become. GOLD: is associated with royalty and Jesus would become King of Kings. FRANKINCENSE: a gum collected by peeling back the bark of the frankincense tree (Boswellia tree) and cutting into the trunk. The resin gives off a sweet scent when warmed or burned, hence it was used as incense in the temple by the Priest. Jesus is our 'High Priest' . Hebrews 2: "in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people." In O T times the High Priest was the mediator between God and his people. His job was to regularly offer animal sacrifices and to intercede with God for the forgiveness of the people's sins. Myrrh: A pale yellow gum from a shrub which grows in North Africa. It is used as a spice and medicine and in making holy oil for the temple. Used by Nicodemus and Joseph to embalm Jesus' body (John 19:39) It was also a type of pain-killer. Jesus died on the cross as our Saviour and the myrrh given to him at his birth represented the end of his life.

If we look at the account of the birth of Jesus according to Luke (Chap 2) Vs 7 "she wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." At this point in the story we are already feeling sorry for Mary's predicament: no proper baby clothes, no proper cot and born in an outhouse!

We need to keep in mind what type of houses people lived in, in Jesus' time. They had two or three floors. The ground floor housed animals, tools, storage for food and most likely a place to eat also.

Family sleeping quarters were on the upper floors. Animals were kept in these ground-floor rooms at night as it was safer, it gave shelter from the elements and they were a source of heat. Perhaps this ground floor could be described as a stable. When Mary and Joseph arrived at Joseph's ancestral home town of Bethlehem, there was most likely no room for them on the upper floors of his former home due to other family members also being there for the Census . ( Remember that all people were commanded by Caesar Augustus to go to their home town to be counted as a Census was being taken. LUKE 2: 4 "So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth ... to Bethlehem.... because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there the time came for the baby to be born...." )

This would also explain why the Inn was full.

Now, if we were asked to describe what we think a manger looks like we would all most probably explain a wooded slatted structure, raised well above the ground into which hay and straw are thrown to feed cattle. However, the manger into which Jesus was laid, was more like a stone trough.

Into these humble surroundings came a little baby but this was no ordinary baby. He was fully human, developing in all ways like us, sent by God to be our Saviour.

### BIBLE CLASS CHRISTMAS OUTING

Despite threatening weather the Bible Class Christmas outing went ahead this year on 3<sup>rd</sup> December to Brunswick Bowling Centre, Londonderry. Gillygooley was well represented with a turnout of 16, while Trinity could only muster 6. However we all had a good evening, with the craic on the bus, the bowling and a hard earned meal to finish. Gillygooley took the honours with two 1<sup>st</sup> places, but Trinity had a 2<sup>nd</sup> and a 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Results: Girls: Kyra McKinley (127) 1<sup>st</sup>, Hannah Patterson (117) 2<sup>nd</sup> and Carol Fleming (107) 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Boys: Matthew McKernan (112) 1<sup>st</sup>, Stephen Fleming (108) 2<sup>nd</sup> and Gareth Barbour (101) 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 The trip was organized by the leaders Noel Donald, Beverly Fleming, Adele Donald and Andy McKernan.



The boys winners: L-R Gareth Barbour, Matthew McKernan and Stephen Fleming.



The leaders L-R Noel Donald, Beverly Fleming, Adele Donald and Andy McKernan.



Above and below: The girls contingent.



The girls winners: L-R Carol Fleming, Kyra McKinley and Hannah Patterson.



The boys contingent.

### GILLYGOOLEY 2ND YOUTH (50+ CLUB)

Gillygooley 2nd Youth (50+ Club) has resumed following the summer recess with an action packed programme of activities for the new season. The Chairperson Iris Moffitt-Scott welcomed several new members to the opening meeting. In addition to hall based activities members have participated in reminiscence days, seminars, life support training and dinner at the Hunting Lodge followed with entertainment by Leslie Matthews.



A Pilates class in progress organised by 2nd Youth which was part sponsored by the Senior Citizens Consortium.



L-R Margaret Hemphill and Sadie Clements who participated in the reminiscence event at the Ulster American Folk Park.



Violet Crosbie and Margaret Hemphill (centre) who participated in the project 'Through the eye of a needle'.



Friendship renewed at the Hunting Lodge. L-R Vera Walker, Ethel King, Emily Young and Jean Creery.



Enjoying a game of 'Beetle Drive' at the opening night of 2nd Youth. L-R Ethel King, Myra Alexander, Eileen Fleming and Irene McCauley.



Enjoying the after dinner entertainment in the Hunting Lodge, Baronscourt.

## RICHARD CLEMENTS – MUSIC AND MOOTS *by Margaret Simms*



Richard has always gone to Trinity. He has an older sister Diane and a younger brother Mark. For those of us in the congregation who are older, let me introduce him as the grandson of Mrs Sadie Clements, who taught a lot of us in Sunday School when she was Sadie McGrew.

Richard was one of those younger members who enjoyed a stay in America as part of the Ulster Project. He says it was one of the best experiences of his life. It was good fun, you learned about a different culture and you got skills awareness which you wouldn't otherwise have had. At Queen's now, Richard is studying Law and Politics. It is a risk for anyone, he says, to take on to study something which they have never done before; but he loves it. He did a week's work experience with an Omagh based solicitors firm when in Lower Sixth and really enjoyed it. He does a lot of debating at Queen's. With others, he does 'moots' (I'd never heard of the word) He explains that they are like legal debates, where a

team of two is given a scenario to work on- e.g. appeal a murder case. When we were talking, he was through to the Quarter-Finals of the Irish Times Debate Competition. His other great passion is playing cello; he's been playing since P6. He's now got Grade 8 behind him (this is high!) He may do a Diploma, but getting time is difficult. He was in the Junior Strings here in Omagh, then in the Senior Youth Orchestra of the Western Education and Library Board (WELB) which has members from Derry to Enniskillen. Richard was in the WELB orchestra when it did a tour of two venues in Germany and a venue in Luxembourg. It was brilliant, even although the audiences were never large. At Queen's there is a Symphony Orchestra, which he has played with, but he finds it not as good as the WELB orchestra. Why? Because the WELB orchestra had lots of tutors and..I'd say he misses the craic! There's a major difficulty too in taking the cello up and down to Belfast and also in finding time to commit to the orchestra. After the trip to Germany and Luxembourg, Richard got his own cello. He says that when you are under stress from work you can just 'pick it up and go'. Increasingly now, his playing is time-limited. In summer, with more time, he works hard at cello pieces. Also, it gives him pleasure to research round pieces to find out more about the composer. He likes different composers; he likes Faure, he really likes Bach, but also unknown composers (he mentions one I've never heard of). He challenges the idea that the cello is an instrument for sad music only. It's not, says Richard. It's been stereotyped by some composers, whereas it's really got a range of moods you can put it into. He then makes an interesting comparison: (not his own, but he passes it on) that the genius of the string family is the violin and that the cello does the nitty-gritty and in a quartet the cello will be the bedrock of how a piece goes. Richard is in a string quartet and this makes up for lack of orchestra playing. The quartet he's in is based in Omagh. All its members went to the Academy. Richard and one of the others both go to Queen's; the other two are currently still at the Academy. The getting together started off because they each had to do a performance for GCSE Music: in fact two separate performances each. So their teacher had the idea that in addition to an individual performance, they would join up for the second. It went on from there, with people ringing up to engage them for events. They thought that there would be a parting of the ways when Richard and the first violinist went to Queen's, but that didn't happen. So, for the moment, they're still together. If you want the quartet to play at an event, contact Richard. His number is: 02882241347.



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## CAROL SERVICE AT TRINITY

Christmas 2010 will go into the records books as one of the coldest Decembers ever. It will also be remembered for the fact that Trinity had to have their Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2011! But the church was festively decorated and nearly full to capacity as Christmas carols were sung with no less gusto than they would have been pre-Christmas! The music before the service was supplied by Matthew Gilmour on the cello, accompanied by Joe Gilmour on the piano. The call to worship, "Let us travel to Christmas" was read by Matthew Patterson after which the prayer, "Forgive us we pray" was read by Emma Moore, Amy Patterson and Katie Buchanan.

The congregation opened the carol singing with "O come, O come, Emmanuel" and also sang "Once in Royal Davids city" "O little town of Bethlehem" "Hark the herald angels sing" "Away in a manger" "Silent night, holy night" "In the bleak mid-winter" and "O come, all you faithful". Emily Buchanan read the first reading followed by Chelsea Johnston, Gillian Moore, Hannah Patterson, Alex Thompson, Grace Monteith, Leon Clarke and Rodney Beacom.

The Senior Choir sang "Song to the son of Mary" "O Holy Night" "New Year" and "Good King Wenceslas".

In the middle of the service a violin string quartet comprising Chelsea Johnston, Emily Buchanan, Rachel Jones and Alex Thompson played Jingle Bells and O come all ye faithful.

The Junior Choir had three pieces to sing, "Here we go up to Bethlehem" "Mary had a baby" and rather ironically "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas"! They also sang the first verse of "Away in a manger" after which the congregation joined in with them to sing the remaining verses.

The service ended with the Benediction, performed by Rev Herron. All in all, it was a lovely service and a great deal of thanks must go to all those who took part or helped to organise it under very difficult conditions, especially Stanley Matthews and Wendy Irwin.



Matthew Gilmour playing the cello, accompanied by Joe Gilmour on the piano.



Matthew Patterson reading the poem "Let us travel to Christmas".



Emily Buchanan reading from Isaiah.



Gillian Moore reading from Micah.



Chelsea Johnston reading from Isaiah.



Hannah Patterson reading from Luke.



L-R: Emily Buchanan, Chelsea Johnston, Rachel Jones and Alex Thompson playing in the Strings Quartet.



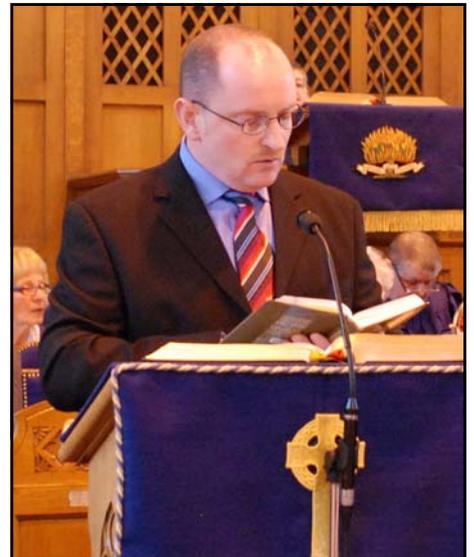
Grace Monteith reading from Luke.



Alex Thompson reading from Luke.



Leon Clarke reading from Matthew.



Rodney Beacom reading from John.



The children of Trinity Junior Choir performing one of their pieces at the Carol Service.

### GILLYGOOLEY ANNUAL CHURCH BARBEQUE

The annual Church barbeque was held during the summer in Gillygooley Orange Hall. The excellent summer evening was ideal for the event with many of those attending dining outside. This has become a popular event in the Church calendar which is well supported boosting Church funds by almost £2500. As always our cameraman was in attendance to capture the event.



An overview of activities.



Raymond Hemphill, Carol Eakin and Irene McCauley.



Eileen Fleming (Right) and her daughter Shirley relax at the barbeque.



“We are here to serve you” above and below Dorothy King & Claire McKernan, Rosemary King & Iris Moffitt-Scott serve the food to the guests.



Some of the younger generation also enjoyed the barbeque back L-R Adam McFarland, Errol & Calvin McKinley, Ryan McFarland and Matthew McKernan. Front L-R Jason & Karen King.



“Left to the dishes” L-R Valerie McKinley, Helen & Karen Hannigan.



Enjoying the event are L-R Hazel & Robert McCay and Alan & Myrtle Armstrong.

### HARVEST TIME AT TRINITY

On Sunday 17th October 2010 Trinity held its annual Harvest Service which was well attended as usual. A big thank you must go to the ladies who decorated the church on the previous Friday evening and to all who generously gave items of fruit, vegetables or flowers. The church was resplendent in both colour and fragrance.



### MORE IMPROVEMENT WORK AT TRINITY

Improvement work continues at Trinity with a new non slip floor being laid in the Hall entrance, new flooring in the downstairs rooms and the removal of the steps that lead down to the toilets and a ramp put in their place. The new safety railings around the hall have also been painted. (Photos by Kenny Allen)



## GILLYGOOLEY COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

Gillygooley Presbyterian Church was the venue for the annual Carol Service organised by Gillygooley Youth and Community Development Association on Sunday 12th December. Rev Robert Herron welcomed all present and commenced the service with prayer. The lessons were read by representatives of the twelve organisations who use the Orange Hall complex they were Raymond Smyth, Beverley Fleming, Alison Hemphill, Shelby Caldwell, Kyle McKinley, Robert Graham, Dorothy, King, Roger King and Raymond King. A poem entitled 'My Heart Returns to Bethlehem' was read by Emma Mills and the offering which was for Multiple Sclerosis was taken up by Eric Crawford and Robbie Donald. Gillygooley Community Choir accompanied by Twyla Moffitt led the praise and sang three anthems 'Like a Candle Flame' 'Away in a Manger' and 'We Three Kings' The Sunday School choir accompanied by Amanda Graham sang two carols 'Zither Carol' and 'Oh so Tired' Musical accompaniment was also provided by Jessica Sproule and Matthew Mills.



Community Choir with Twyla Moffitt, organist for the Carol Service.

At the close of the service Andrew Scott association chairperson thanked everyone who contributed to the success of the service of lessons, music and carols and invited everyone to the Orange Hall for tea\coffee, mince pies and fellowship.



Jessica Sproule and Matthew Mills who provided some of the music at the Carol Service.



Members of Sunday School choir at annual Community Carol Service with accompanist Amanda Graham.

## GILLYGOOLEY CAROL SERVICE

For the first time in living memory the annual pre Christmas Carol Service was cancelled until Sunday 2nd January due to the severe weather conditions of frost and snow, owing to the adverse weather conditions church was cancelled for the last two Sundays in December. The writer can recall a period of severe snow storms in the 1960's when worshippers arrived in Wellingtons many of them on foot to Church.

There was a good attendance at the Carol Service with various young people from the congregation taking part in the service. Rev Herron welcomed everyone present and opened the service with prayer and Rodney Beacom, student minister, read the closing lesson whilst Adam Porter led the call to worship. Others who read lessons were Stephanie Hunter, Errol McKinley, Graeme Walker, Jack Stevenson, Emilie Gault, Kyra McKinley and Carol Fleming. The junior choir who were accompanied and trained by Amanda Graham sang two carols entitled 'Aither Carol' and 'Oh so tired' whilst the senior choir was accompanied by Shenna Herron. A prayer for 'Forgiveness' was read by Katie Gault, Neil Hemphill and Chloe Aiken.

## **FAREWELL TO ACCOMPANIST**



Gillygooley Community Choir bid a sad farewell to their musical accompanist and trainer Beverley Black. Following a recent function at which the choir performed, a presentation was made to Beverley by Diane Mills, Community Association Secretary. Beverley who is an accomplished musician also plays in St. Eugene's Brass Band and pressure of these commitments and the increased requests for choir appearances regrettably lead to her leaving the choir. The choir which was formed four years ago and made their first appearance at a fund raising dinner for Gillygooley Presbyterian Church, have made fifty appearances including two in the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh.

Beverley (centre) accompanied by Diane Mills, Gillygooley Y.C.D.A. Secretary and Andrew Scott, Chairperson. Anyone interested in accompanying and training the choir should contact Andrew or Diane.

## **USEFUL CONTACTS**

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

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Gillygooley Youth Club – Alison Tel: 8283 1773

Gillygooley 2nd Youth (50+ club) - Iris Tel: 8224 2895

Chatterbox Playgroup - Linda Tel: 8224 3146

Gillygooley Community Choir - Andrew Tel: 8224 2895

Gillygooley Community Alert – Fred Tel: 8224 2708

Eric Tel: 8224 6511

Gillygooley Walking Club – Iris Tel: 8224 2895

Diane Tel: 8224 6553

Gillygooley Pipe Band (piping or drumming lessons) – William Tel: 8224 8494

Gillygooley LOL 339 – Raymond Tel: 8283 1444

Fairy Water Farmers Group – Mervyn Tel: 8283 1355

Gillygooley Primary School – Tel: 8224 2932

## **GILLYGOOLEY COMMUNITY PARTY**

The arctic-like conditions failed to dampen the party atmosphere at the 11th annual Gillygooley Community Christmas Party. The event which was jointly organised by Gillygooley Youth and Community Development Association and Gillygooley 2nd Youth (50+ Club) in Gillygooley Orange Hall attracted a record attendance on Saturday 4th December. The afternoon commenced with a festive reception, followed by a programme of entertainment and dancing. First on stage was Liam Moore, who soon had feet tapping and the dance floor full with his selection of music. Others who entertained were popular singer Rosie O’Kane from the dance band era, well known Fergus and Alice Hughes and the McGrew Brothers (Leslie and Joe) with their Christmas selection of poems and carols. Local young singer, Lynsey Scott, received a rapturous response from those in attendance. Another well-known performer was local man, Joe King who goes under the stage name of ‘Linkbox Joe’. A delightful afternoon tea was served before the arrival of Santa, who distributed gifts to all present. At the close, Andrew Scott (Community Association Chairman) thanked everyone who had contributed to the event, and also acted as compere for the afternoon.



L-R Sylvia Noble and Muriel Bell with Santa at the Community Party.



Enjoying Santa’s company L-R Lily Nethery & Nina Buchanan.



L-R Mary Elkin & Emily Young enjoying the Community Party.



A Hug from Santa for Dorothy King.

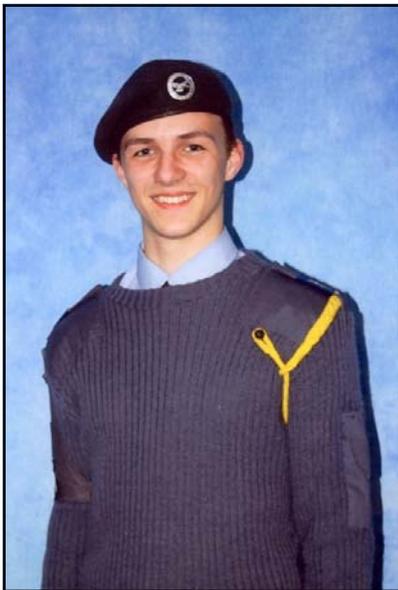


Trinity members Leslie & Joe McGrew who provided part of the entertainment at Gillygooley Community Party.



Artie McFarland & Mary Cooper receive their gifts from Santa.

## YOUTH IN FOCUS



Christopher Smyth who is a member of Gillygooley Presbyterian Church laid a wreath on behalf of the Air Training Corps (ATC) at the cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. Christopher has been a member of the ATC since 2003 and shares with us the benefits of being a member of the Air Training Corps.

**When I joined ATC:** I joined the ATC in September 2003, when I was in Year 9. (Cadets must be at least 12 years old) Entry level is Cadet and I am now 2nd in command of squadron 72-sergeant.

**What I have got from Cadets:** The experiences I have had are unavailable elsewhere! I have over 16 hours of flying time, most of which I have been in full control of various trainer aircraft. I am working towards my first solo flight. I have enjoyed several gliding experiences at Newtownards, opportunity to attend camps in N.I. and in mainland U.K. which usually last one week and are during the summer. In my time I have been to several camps in The Mull of Kintyre Scotland, Aldergrove N. Ireland and a 4 day specialist course at RAF Cosford working on decommissioned Jaguar jets.

Provides great opportunity to meet new people who enjoy the same things as

I do, many of which I am still in contact with. ATC has also allowed me to take part in various sporting opportunities – selected for N.I Squadron football team and enjoyed annual inter-squadron athletics competition held at Mary Peters Track.

**What skills have I learned?** My time in command has taught me importance of responsibility-I am the one cadets come to if something is concerning them and I have to deal with it accordingly. In earlier years it showed me importance of self-discipline and team work.

**What will I miss when I leave?** Really miss the friends I have made not only in local squadron but throughout U.K but thanks to the miracle of Facebook we will still keep in regular contact.

**Favourite Moments?** Hard to pinpoint one as there are so many but it was probably the first day of my second camp at Aldergrove where I met some of the friends from previous year and we carried on from the last camp as if the intervening 11 months hadn't existed! Great to catch up in person rather than the usual phone call or email.

**How are spiritual needs of cadets met?** ATC welcomes young people from any ethnic community but most come from a Christian background. Each squadron has at least one Chaplain assigned to them. Our squadron was fortunate to have two - Canon Seale and Rev. Knox. They try to attend some of our meetings each year as well as our annual Parents Evening where cadets are recognised for their outstanding achievements during the year.

I really enjoyed my time in cadets and would recommend it to any young person with a sense of adventure!

10 January 2011

## TEARFUND IN HAITI – ONE YEAR ON

We are working with partners and local churches, many of whom we were supporting in development projects long before the quake.

Immediately after the disaster, they began providing emergency aid, such as materials to build shelters and hygiene kits, as well as making cash distributions. Some of them also provided vital medical treatment to the injured. After the emergency phase, attention turned to the longer term.

### Preparing for disasters

Our partner ACLAM (World Concern Haiti) is working in the south east of Haiti to reduce the impact of future disasters on the country.

Staff are training local builders in construction techniques and raising awareness in communities about being prepared for when the next disaster strikes. In all 80,000 people will benefit from ACLAM's work.



Another partner, the Federation of Haitian Protestant Schools (FEPH) is building transitional schools (picture left) benefiting nearly 20,000 children in Port-au-Prince, Jacmel, Miragoane and Cayes. Plus they are training school staff on how to respond to disasters and educating them about preventing child trafficking.

Additionally, they are implementing an accelerated learning programme for children who missed school as a result of the earthquake or for those who can no longer afford to attend school due to loss of income by their parents.

World Relief Haiti is a Tearfund partner working with 4,000 people living with HIV, particularly residents in camps for those made homeless. Here healthcare support is

being provided, particularly to children. Another 7,700 people are being reached by an HIV awareness project. In areas where partners are not present, our Disaster Management Team is rebuilding homes, schools, livelihoods, water and sanitation services.

### Shelter

They are also training Haitians to help them survive if and when another natural disaster strikes.

Construction projects include building three new schools which will act as community hurricane and earthquake shelters, benefiting 4,000 children.

Some 3,000 people will benefit from 500 disaster resistant transitional houses that can be extended to provide permanent shelter.

Helping people to earn a living is another aspect of the team's work. Around 400 Haitians have received cash to restart businesses (picture right) and so will 400 more in the coming months. Also 1,500 farmers have received tools and seeds, while 3,600 people have benefited from cash-for-work schemes, such as clearing rubble.

Water and sanitation is being restored, with 10,000 school children benefiting from the construction of hundreds of emergency toilets, as well as 2,000 households who've had chlorination systems.



### Difficult year

Education is another priority. Some 117 children's clubs have been created, offering safe places for children to learn with an average of 5,700 youngsters attending weekly.

And 22,000 people have been trained in disease prevention and about surviving natural disasters.

Jean Claude Cerin, Tearfund's Country Representative for Haiti, said, 'This last year has been a very difficult one for us here in Haiti. We started with an earthquake and moved to a tornado, a hurricane, a cholera epidemic and finally ended the year with a violent electoral process.

'But through it all, we never felt alone because of all your prayers, financial and moral support. I would like to thank all of you for your support during these trying moments.'

### 1ST OMAGH BB ACTIVITIES



1st Omagh BB Company Section just before they took part in the annual Remembrance Day Parade in Omagh on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2010.



Anchor Boys from all over West Ulster Battalion taking part in the Anchor Boys Fun-day recently held in 1st Omagh Church Hall.



Anchor Boy leader Sarah Patterson dressed as a fire fighter during the recent visit to the Fire Station.

### HARVEST AT GILLYGOOLEY



Stephen Fleming arranging the fruit and vegetable display.



Jean Creery puts the final touches to an arrangement for the harvest service.



Rachel Graham beside the corn fiddle which was restored by Rachel's father, Ivan.

## MARRIAGE

Pictured following their marriage on Saturday 4th September in Gillygooley Presbyterian Church are John and Caroline Speer (nee Scott). Caroline who was a member of Gillygooley Congregation is the eldest daughter of Desmond and Rebecca Scott, Aughnamoyle. The reception was held at the Silverbirch Hotel.

“What God has joined together man must not separate” Mark ch 10 v 9

### A Good Wedding Cake

4lb of love  
 1lb butter of youth  
 1/2lb of good looks  
 1lb sweet temper  
 1lb of blindness of faults  
 1lb of self forgetfulness  
 1lb of pounded wit  
 1lb of good humour  
 2 tablespoons of sweet argument  
 1 pint of rippling laughter  
 1 wine glass of common sense  
 1oz of modesty



Put the love, good looks and sweet temper into a well furnished house. Beat the butter of youth to a cream, and mix well together with the blindness of faults. Stir the pounded wit and good humour into a sweet argument, then add the rippling laughter and common sense. Work the whole together until everything is well mixed and bake gently for ever.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> OMAGH BOYS' BRIGADE

The Company held its annual enrolment service in Trinity church on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

The following boys were enrolled:

### Anchor Boys

Andrew Walker, Luke McFarland, William McLaughlin, Kyle Johnston, Harvey King, Mark Fenwick, Joel Freedman, Adam Moss, Joshua Stanton and Jacob McGonigle.

### Junior Section

Jack Gibson, Matthew Fenwick, Adam McFarland, Tyler Buchanan and Matthew Kerr.

### Company Section

Joel Peden, Jordan Chisholm, Jack Hall, Luke Stockdale and Matthew Hill.

### Warrant Officers

Sarah Patterson and Joanne Hill.

### Lieutenants

Alan Duff, Andy McKernan, Andy Young and Iain Herron (Pictured top right)

### New Company Captain

At the enrolment service the new Company Captain Alan Duff (pictured right) was welcomed by both Chaplains.



## **PRESBYTERIAN NEWS IN BRIEF**

**By Gillygooley Correspondent**

### **Disaster Appeals**

The moderator the Rev. Dr. Norman Hamilton described the response to the Pakistan and Haiti appeal as magnificent. He thanked everyone for their generosity especially at a time when most people are finding money is tight. The amount raised for Pakistan was £414,515 and Haiti £877,128. The money has been distributed equally between Christian Aid and Tearfund. The floods in Pakistan which were the worst in living memory claimed 1700 lives and affected 20 million other inhabitants. In Haiti the earthquake disaster is believed to have claimed in excess of 220,000 lives making it comparable to the Asian tsunami of 2004.

Donations to either appeal can still be made to the financial secretary's office Church House Fisherwick Place, Belfast, BT1 6DW.

### **Congratulations Harold McCauley House**

Harold McCauley House which is a Presbyterian run nursing home has been awarded "Best of the Best" health and social care facility by the Northern Ireland Amenity Council. The home received the award for the best residential facility in the Western Health and Social Care Trust area, and then went on to claim the overall title in Northern Ireland. The home which was opened in 1992 can accommodate 32 residents. Congratulations to the management and staff.

### **First Presbyterian Church**

Did you know that the first Presbyterian Church in Ireland was established in Ballycarry in Co. Antrim? Over four hundred years ago the first Scottish settlers were encouraged to uproot by William Edmundson in 1609 when he granted an estate in the area. Edmundson required workers and farmers to run his estate and as a result of this influx of Scottish Presbyterians Presbyterianism was born in Ireland. The first minister being Rev. Edward Brice.

### **Presbyterian Family Holidays**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland "Family Holiday" is a fun-filled week for Presbyterian Families, held annually at the Share Centre, Lisnaskea. Bookings are now being taken for this year the date being 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April. It is open to all families, ages and abilities. The centre specialises in catering for those with disabilities a comprehensive programme of boating, archery, pottery and water based sports are available. Following evening worship the youth team organise children into age groups for talks, songs, talent shows etc.

A varied choice of accommodation is available from full-board to self-catering and caravan sites. For further information contact Mavis Cunningham Tel: 92638893.

### **New Preacher Scheme**

A new scheme has been launched by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to give relevant training to all those members who would like to preach or lead worship on a regular basis. Called the accredited preacher scheme, it has been designed for church members both male and female who already have some experience speaking or leading worship.

Successful completion of the one year course leads to recognition as an accredited preacher within the Church. Training sessions will be planned on a regional basis and organised at time to suit those in full employment with the aim of building confidence increasing knowledge and particularly to bring a focus on Christ as central to all preaching and worship.

The cost of the one year course will be approx. £150. Further information and application forms are available from the Christian Training Development Officer, Tom Finnegan, Tel: 90417232; email: tfinnegan@pcinet.org. Applications close on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

## LEST WE FORGET

At churches and cenotaphs throughout the land tributes were paid to those who paid the supreme sacrifice with their lives in the two world wars and in more recent conflicts and troubles. A large crowd attended the service in the Academy assembly hall which was conducted by Rev. John Murdock this proceeded the wreath laying ceremony on 14th November where hundreds braved the cold and foggy elements to pay their respects. Members of both Gillygooley and Trinity Congregations were among those who laid wreaths on behalf of various organisations. The act of remembrance in both Gillygooley and Trinity was led by Rev. Herron. For some members of both Gillygooley and Trinity Congregations Remembrance Sunday is a very poignant occasion as they remember those who paid the supreme sacrifice.



*“They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
We will remember them.”*



## RURAL SUPPORT

Bureaucracy, family circumstances, health and finances can cause stress and anxiety. We offer a listening ear and signposting service for farmers and rural families. We can help you source information and advice about farm payments, personal and business finance and debt, social security benefits, support for carers, mental health assistance and many other issues. If you're feeling worried or stressed and would like to talk to someone in confidence, our trained volunteers are ready to help.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY AT GILLYGOOLEY

The annual Sunday school party was held in Gillygooley Orange Hall on Saturday 11th December.



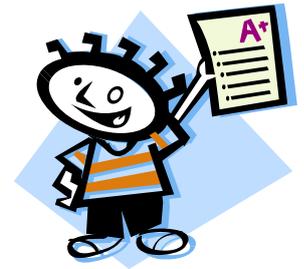
Santa surrounded by the children of Gillygooley Sunday School.



Neil Hemphill and Adam Porter receive their gifts from Santa.



# CHILDRENS PAGE



**2011**

How many "2011" outlines can you find below?

www.ActivityVillage.co.uk - Keeping Kids Busy

## 2011 Number Search

Happy New Year!  
Can you find "2011" twenty times in the puzzle below?  
You can look for it forwards, backwards and diagonally too!

6	5	1	1	0	2	2	2	5	6
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1	2	0	1	1	4	7	7	8	1
0	5	6	0	1	0	9	8	7	8
2	3	2	1	1	0	2	4	4	6

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**Many people decide to have "new year resolutions".  
What could you do that might please God?**



**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 the whole page including name and address.*

**Last issue's winners: Trinity – no entries    Gillygooley – Karen King**

## **TODAY'S YOUTH ARE LEADERS OF TOMORROW**

Gillygooley Youth Club has provided a focus for our youth and an opportunity for them to meet with their peers in a safe, secure and comfortable environment in Gillygooley Orange Hall for almost four decades. Young people are full of energy, enthusiasm and aspiration and it is essential to their development that they are encouraged to use their free time in the activities of the club and gain the knowledge of competitiveness and team play. Well in excess of 100 young people pass through the door of the Orange Hall on a weekly basis with membership drawn from an area far beyond the realms of Gillygooley. The long term success of the club (now in its thirty seventh year) has been the Leaders and Management team during this period to which parents should owe a deep sense of gratitude.

The club is structured into three different age groups with each meeting on a weekly basis this requires great human resources to manage and supervise. Raymond King is chairperson, Alison Hemphill secretary and Sharon McFarland Treasurer of the management committee and also double as Leaders assisted by Claire O'Neill, David McKinley, Craig Elkin, Shelby Caldwell and Sam Harpur. These people are to be commended for the time and commitment they give on a voluntary basis. The club is now in its second generation with founder members being parents of today's membership.

Following the building of the new Orange Hall which was opened on 4th July 1973 the Orange Lodge saw a need to address the absence of youth facilities in the area as no church based activities were being provided. Those who had the vision to start the club little realised that thirty seven years later the club would still be functioning

stronger and more vibrant than ever. The first club leader was Andrew Scott and Deidre Harpur as assistant whilst Heather Smyth was Secretary and Anne Walker treasurer. This team laid the foundation of what has become one of the most respected and successful rural clubs in the county but it has only been possible to continue the success due to the dedicated team work of all concerned in the intervening years. Also contributory to the success of the club is its openness of membership, it is not restricted to families affiliated to any particular Church or the Orange Lodge but open to all young people who adhere to its rules and code of conduct. On the evening of the club's 30th Anniversary, Rev. Herron made an extremely important observation. "In the midst of Northern Ireland's most darkest days during the troubles the club focused the minds of its young people at a time when they could have been drawn into other sinister activities." What a positive way to end this article. May the Leaders be given the health and strength to continue their voluntary commitment. Parents your support is essential in the task they have undertaken.



Leaders and Committee elected at the opening meeting of Gillygooley Youth Club September 1975. Back L-R Walter Armstrong (deceased) William Smyth, Andrew Ewing, William Gilmour, Ronnie McKinley (deceased), Bertie Hemphill (deceased). Front Jayne Megahey, Andrew Scott, Deidre Harpur, Heather Smyth, Anne Walker and Ruth Smyth.



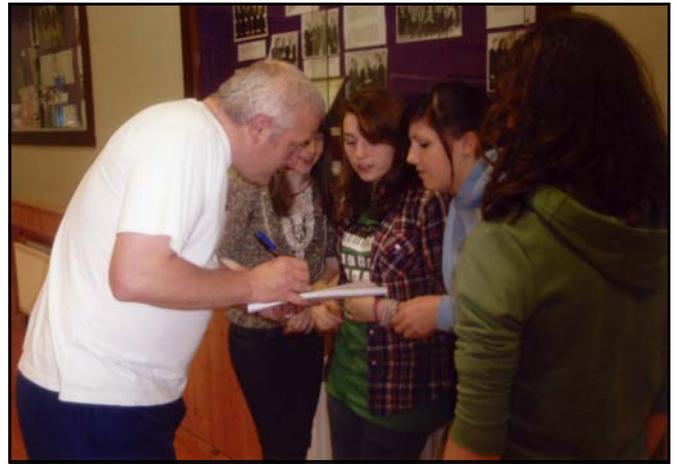
Members of Junior Youth Club with leaders during club night.



Matthew Hunter ponders over his next move.



Shelby Caldwell supervises the primary club during club activities.



David McKinley takes entries for a competition during senior club.



Its my turn on the air hockey table says Jordan Dickson (centre) watched by L-R Thomas Boyd, Amy McCollum and Ethan Adams.



L-R Glen McKinley, Megan Moreland & Ethan Adams at games in the minor hall.



Ready for kick-off L-R Jodie Nethery, Ryan & Jack Crawford, Chloe Armstrong and Neill Hemphill.



Youth Leaders of Gillygooley Youth Club being cheered by some members of the Club. L-R Shelby Caldwell, David McKinley, Raymond King, Sam Harpur, Sharon McFarland, Alison Hemphill, Craig Elkin and Claire O'Neill.

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AIDS CHURCH FUNDS**

Bill & Dorothy King celebrated their Gold Wedding Anniversary by inviting family and friends to an anniversary dinner in the Silverbirch Hotel on Tuesday 7th September. Bill and Dorothy (nee Managh) were married in Sixmilecross St Michaels Parish Church on 7th September 1960, the bridesmaid was Dorothy’s sister Margaret and Bills brother Johnston was bestman.

Bill is Clerk of Session in Gillygooley and Dorothy is Church Treasurer. On leaving Omagh Technical College Dorothy took up employment as a clerical officer with the Omagh Co-Operative Stores which was then located at Georges St Omagh a position she held for over 30 years. On ceasing employment Dorothy assisted Bill on the family farm at Drumrawn. In addition to her church duties Dorothy is Secretary of Gillygooley 2nd Youth and has held most offices within Clanabogan WI, is a member of Trinity and Gillygooley Presbyterian Women and is also in the Church Choir. Dorothy has also provided support for Harold McCauley House being a dedicated member of its management committee so it would be true to say Dorothy is a very busy and supportive lady.

Bill has a very successful dairy farm which he manages with his son Rodger. Bill gained his knowledge and experience in dairy farming when as a young man of 16 years he travelled to New Zealand and worked on a dairy farm for 4 ½ years before returning home and later purchasing the farm at Drumrawn.

Bill and Dorothy’s daughter Rosemary teaches in Bridgehill Primary School.

The Congregation of Gillygooley congratulate Bill and Dorothy in reaching this wonderful milestone and for their generosity to the Church through donations in lieu of gifts which amounted to £2120 for Church Funds. May they be blessed with good health and happiness for many years to come. May God be with you both as you continue life’s journey.



Bill and Dorothy cut the anniversary Cake at their Golden Wedding Anniversary Party.



Anniversary Waltz. Bill and Dorothy take to the floor for the first dance of the evening.

### **Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths**

<b>Baptisms in Trinity</b>	<b>Marriages in Trinity</b>	<b>Deaths in Trinity</b>
<p>10 Oct Jack Bruce Samuel Caldwell</p> <p>28 Nov Bethany Jane Carmichael</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Let the children come to me...”</i> (Mark 10:14)</p>	<p>10 Sep Richard Mark Creighton &amp; Joanne Alexandra Little</p> <p>29 Oct Richard William McGrew &amp; Amanda Galbraith</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Love one another as I have loved you...”</i> (John 15:12)</p>	<p>7 Sep Mary Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“I am the resurrection and the life...”</i> (John 11:25)</p>

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Roy Hemphill as he will be remembered in his youth at Gillygooley.

Roy Hemphill was born on 24/06/68 to Margaret and the late Bertie Hemphill, Drumbarley, Drumquin, he spent his childhood days assisting his father on the Family Farm which Bertie managed in addition to being principal of Langfield Primary School, Roy is the youngest in a family of five who set out to explore the world at the tender age of 16 years.

“I left home on 14th January 1985 at the tender age of 16 years and 204 days old, very apprehensive but quietly confident that I would succeed in the Royal Navy. My confidence was battered a few times on the way, but I did enjoy my eight years in the Navy, the first four spent gaining my engineering qualifications and doing a couple of parachute jumps, the first of which was on my 18th birthday. My 21st birthday was in the North Pole looking at Fjords. I travelled to many countries during my time in the Navy, including a six month tour of the Falkland Islands, but never managed to get to the continents of Africa or Australia though they were on the list.

After the RN I got a job working in Milton Keynes. It was here that I met Sarah and it soon became obvious that this was the girl for me. This job was varied as well and although it did not take me to as many places as the RN, I did spend

time working on an oil rig, visiting N Ireland on many occasions working in dairies including one in Omagh, and breweries’ installing a machine on the Caffery line at Bass.

Sarah and I got the great news that she was expecting our first child and a couple of weeks later I got the news that I would have to go to Africa to install a machine in the Guinness plant in Ghana and would be away for a month. Timing was not good, but it was another continent ticked off, only Australia to go! I had by now spent four years at this company and although I enjoyed the work I felt there was little chance of progressing and Sarah felt I needed a job with less travelling now the new arrival was imminent. So I got myself a new job which I started on 2nd December and George Albert Hemphill was born on the 3rd December. George gave Sarah and I much joy, but sadly he died aged 19 months following a routine operation. This was a terrible time for us and we found it difficult to come to terms with. We found we could no longer live near the hospital were George had his operation, so we moved to the village of Great Horwood, where we still live today.



George Albert Hemphill (deceased).

Sarah and I now have three wonderful children, Jessica 10, Reuben 8 and Oscar 6. We are very active in the village, Sarah is a brownie leader and I am a member of the PCC (Parochial Church Council), and I am on the

Youth Club Committee and I have recently become a School Governor in the village school which Jessica, Reuben and Oscar all attend.

Sarah had always said that she would like to get to Australia by the time she was 30. She did not quite make this milestone, however in March this year we did make it out to Australia. This was a wonderful holiday and Sarah finally got her wish, and I finally made it to all the continents.

We regularly come back to Drumbarley and really love our visits. Would we like to move back to Northern Ireland? Perhaps, but we also have many friends where we live now and if I feel homesick I can always visit my sister Linda in Worcester or my cousin Dawn who lives in Northamptonshire!



Roy, Sarah, Jessica, Reuben and Oscar at Ayres Rock.

## Looking towards Easter 2011 Dates for your diary

### Sunday, 17 April

Palm Sunday Services in Gillygooley and Trinity

### Friday, 22 April

7.00 pm - Good Friday Service in Trinity

### Sunday, 24 April

Easter Sunday

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

If after church you wait awhile  
Someone may greet you with a smile  
But if you quickly rise and flee  
We'll all seem cold and stiff maybe.  
The one beside you in the pew  
Is perhaps a stranger too  
All here like you have fears and cares  
All of us need each other's prayers  
In fellowship we bid you meet  
With us around God's Mercy Seat.

## MAGAZINE ITEMS FROM TRINITY MEMBERS

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Thank you to all who supply material or take photographs.

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