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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT TRINITY

Thursday 25th December 2014 saw an informal joint service held at Trinity which included the congregations of Trinity, Gillygooley and 1st Omagh. The service was led by both Rev Herron of Trinity & Gillygooley and Rev Nelson of 1st Omagh.

'Good Christians all, rejoice', 'Come and join the celebration' and 'See amid the winter snow' were the first set of carols that were sung. St Eugene's Band made their annual appearance, taking their places where the choir usually sit. They led the congregation in renditions of 'O come, all you faithful', 'Away in a manger' and 'Hark! the herald angels sing'. After the service the band continued to play some more Christmas themed music.



Floral Art & Craft Fayre

Gillygooley Orange Hall was the venue for the G.Y.C.D.A. 15th Annual Christmas Floral Art & Craft Fayre on Thursday 4th December. We were very pleased to again welcome Colette Maguire from the Gillygooley area as our demonstrator for the night. Mulled wine, tea, scones and shortbread were served and a draw was made for the flower arrangements and a few other prizes. Thanks are extended to everyone especially to the ladies in the craft stalls and to those who helped in any way to make the night a great success. Photo: Demonstrator Colette Maguire with the prize winners.



Trinity Carol Service

The church was beautifully decorated for the annual carol service which took place in Trinity on Sunday morning, 21st December 2014.

Pre-service music was provided by Hannah Patterson on violin (photo below) and lessons were read by Mark Fenwick, Luke Mc Farland, Matthew Patterson, Matthew Fenwick, Graham Carson, Lucy Reid, Rachel Patterson and Rev Herron. The Junior Choir (photo below), accompanied by Wendy Irwin, sang *Little Donkey*, *Mary had a baby* and *The Turkey Song*. The Senior Choir (photo below), conducted by Stanley Matthews, performed *See to us a child is born*, *The Advent Candle* and *All Bells in Paradise*.



Mark Fenwick reading
Isaiah 9 v 2,6 & 7



Luke McFarland reading
Isaiah 52 v 7-10



Matthew Patterson
reading Micah 5 v 2-4



Matthew Fenwick reading
Luke 1 v 26-35



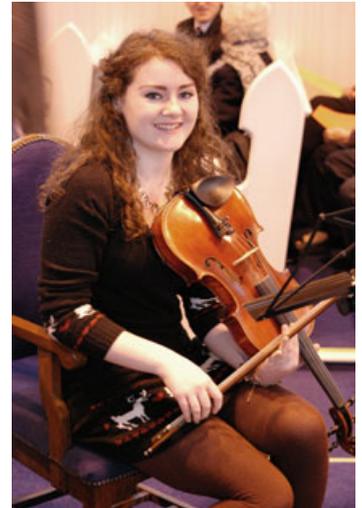
Graham Carson reading
Luke 2 v 4-7



Lucy Reid reading
Luke 2 v 8-16



Rachel Patterson reading
Matthew 2 v 1-11



BIBLE CLASS CHRISTMAS OUTING

Trinity and Gillygooley Bible Class outing took place this year on Saturday 6th December travelling to Brunswick Centre, Londonderry. A good time was had by all with the prizes being shared equally between the two churches again this year. The group were accompanied by leaders James Patterson, Beverley Fleming, Adele Donald and Andy McKernan.



Winners (boys) - Adam Porter, Neil Hemphill & Andrew Kerr.



Winners (girls) - Rebecca Donnell, Emily Buchanan & Molly Buchanan.



Emily Buchanan, Neil Hemphill, Frazer Cladwell, Katie Gault & Adam Porter.



Joanne Thompson, Alex Thompson, Matthew Patterson, Jordan Smith & Matthew Fenwick.



James Thompson, Jason King, Matthew Hunter, Glenn McKinley & George Donnell.



Andrew Kerr, Rebecca Donnell, Kellie Anderson & Graham Carson.



Leaders: - James Patterson, Beverley Fleming, Adele Donald & Andy McKernan.



Rebecca Stewart & Molly Buchanan.

Gillygooley Community Choir

On Sunday 7th December members from Gillygooley Community Choir visited Harold McCauley House to sing carols to the residents of the nursing home.



TRINITY AND GILLYGOOLEY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The meeting on 9th September began with leader Gladys Cuthbertson praying for everyone, including those being persecuted in different parts of the world because of their religion. There were twenty five ladies present and apologies from Ann Moore and Eileen Fleming. The hymn "All things bright and beautiful" was sung. Beatrice Alexander read a portion from Matthew. Correspondence: sympathy cards had been sent to Sylvia McGrew and Ann Keys on the recent death of their mothers. Invitations were received from churches to attend various evenings.



Gladys then introduced the speaker for the evening Pastor Keith Lindsay, a Floral Arranger (photo with Gladys Cuthbertson). Keith sang "Consider the Lillies" and "Childlike Faith". He then read a portion from Psalm 40. Keith then demonstrated his skills in Flower Arranging and spoke about his life as a pastor, especially with the Acre Gospel Mission. He had all the ladies enthralled with his arrangements and how to organise the different flowers to the best advantage for church or home. Keith finished with a prayer and Hazel McCay presented him with a token of thanks.

The October meeting was held on the 14th and leader Gladys welcomed all those present, especially any new members. Apologies: Ann Patterson, Ann Moore, Wilma Porter, Jean Rea, Jean Creery, Eleanor McConnell. A special welcome to speaker Mrs Hilary Wright (photo with Gladys Cuthbertson) and her friend Mrs Myrtle Thompson. Gladys prayed for the PW in Africa, for two new deaconesses and the Girls' and Boys' Brigade. The Lords' Prayer was recited and "God moves in a mysterious way" was sung. Matthew 25 was read by Beatrice Alexander. A tribute was paid to the PW member Mrs Isabel Porter and a message of sympathy was sent to the family.

Mrs Hilary Wright then showed us quilts, cushions, pictures and cross stitch in various mediums that included skirts, shawls, caps, ribbon weaving, tops, table centres, bottle craft using paint, Christmas decorations, jars decorated with different designs, CD's on cards, photographs, coasters, flower pots and pencil holders. Hilary then sang two gospel pieces and gave a short talk about her Saviour and finished with prayer. Mavis Jardine presented her with a thank you token.



The PW was invited to 1st Omagh for their visitors night. There were many ladies from other churches in the area represented at the meeting. First Omagh leader Margaret Cummings welcomed everyone and Hymn 278 was sung. The special speaker was Mrs Catherine Campbell from Coleraine who spoke about the prophet Elijah. The hymn "What a friend we have in Jesus" was sung and Rev. Jane Nelson gave the closing prayer. The meeting ended with supper provided by the 1st Omagh ladies.

Our Christmas meeting was held on 9th December in the Wee Johnny Room (Photos below). Leader Gladys Cuthbertson presided and gave a warm welcome to everyone. There was no correspondence but Secretary Claire McElhinney read out the amount collected from PW groups in 2013 to support various projects in the Presbyterian Church. A prayer was said by Gladys and the Lords' Prayer was recited. Beatrice Alexander, Irene Lowry, Audrey McConnell, Dorothy King, Wilma Porter, Hazel McCay, Sadie Clements, Irene Knox and Gladys Cuthbertson all read portions from the Bible on the Christmas story. Hymns and Carols were sung between the readings. A Christmas



Quiz followed with the Mistletoes winning after a tie break. A beautiful supper was served by the ladies. Gladys thanked all for the lovely food. Claire proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of those present.

GYCDA Service of Lessons, Music & Carols

Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association held their Annual Service of Lessons, Music & Carols on Sunday 7th December. Praise was lead by Gillygooley Community Choir accompanied by Margaret Hemphill. Lessons were read by representatives of all the organisations who use the Gillygooley Orange Hall Complex. The choir from Gillygooley Primary School sang 'It's Nearly Christmas' accompanied by Margaret Hemphill and the Sunday School choir sang 'Gentle Mary laid her Child' accompanied by Amanda Graham. The offering on the night was in aid of the The Alzheimer's Society. After the service everyone was invited for tea in the Orange Hall.



Members of Gillygooley Primary School choir.



The Sunday School Choir.



Members of the Gillygooley Community Choir accompanied by Margaret Hemphill.



Musical accompaniment by brothers, George & Timothy Donnell.



Readers. L-R Callum O'Donnell, Raymond Smyth, Roger King, Mervyn King, Fred Chambers, Rebecca Donnell, Robert Graham, Chloe Armstrong and Beatrice Alexander.



A donation of £500, part of which was collected during the service, was made on the night to a representative from The Alzheimer's Society by GYCDA treasurer Margaret Hemphill along with Raymond King and Rev. Herron.

Presbyterians select Ballymoney minister as next Moderator



The Presbyterian Church in Ireland has selected the Rev. Ian McNie, Minister of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Ballymoney, to be their next Moderator.

The 64-year-old was nominated by 12 out of the 19 presbyteries on 3rd February when they met across Ireland to select a successor to the current Moderator, Rev. Michael Barry. Known as the Moderator-Designate, Mr McNie will officially take up office as Moderator at the start of the Church's General Assembly on 1st June. Speaking about his nomination, Mr McNie said, "I am greatly humbled that so many of my colleagues in the ministry, and many ruling elders, within the various presbyteries have felt they could entrust me with this important responsibility within the Church.

"Throughout my ministry I have sought to preach the Gospel with clarity and conviction, in such a way that people will be moved by God's Spirit to make a positive response to become Christians. With God's help and the prayer support of the Church, I would trust that during my year in office, lives would be impacted with the Gospel."

The four nominees in this year's annual vote were the Rev. Robert Bell, Minister of Ballyclare Presbyterian Church, Rev. Liz Hughes, Minister of Whitehouse Presbyterian Church, Newtownabbey, Rev. Ian McNie, Minister of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Ballymoney and Rev. Frank Sellar, Minister of Bloomfield Presbyterian Church in east Belfast.

Voting for each nominee was as follows:

Rev. Ian McNie: 12 Votes - Armagh, Ballymena, Coleraine and Limavady, Down, Dromore, Iveagh, Monaghan, Newry, Route, Templepatrick, Tyrone, Omagh

Rev. Liz Hughes: 4 votes - Ards, North Belfast, South Belfast, Derry and Donegal

Rev. Frank Sellar: 2 votes: East Belfast, Dublin and Munster

Rev. Robert Bell: 1 vote – Carrickfergus.

Ian McNie will be the 176th Moderator since the election of the Very Rev. Dr. Samuel Hanna in 1840. Describing himself as a 'conservative evangelical', he also sees his ministry substantially as a parish ministry, confining himself to work within the congregation and district.

"As a conservative evangelical, I recognise that we are living in the 21st Century and therefore seek to steer the congregation in such a way that we do not cling to the traditions of the past, but seek to be relevant today. At the same time, I also recognise that the truth of the Gospel has not changed and we should not allow society to pressure us into departing from the core values of the Scriptures."

Born in 1950, he is married to Anne and has two sons, one of whom is the Minister of Ballyalbaney and Glennan Presbyterian Churches in County Monaghan. Mr McNie was brought up in Antrim and attended First Antrim Presbyterian Church, becoming a Christian at the age of 13. Having attended Belfast Royal Academy, he went on to Queen's University Belfast, graduating with a Bachelor of Divinity.

As a teenager Mr McNie wanted to become a teacher, but felt God's call to the ministry, a step he says that he has never regretted. Having attended Union Theological College, he was ordained as Assistant Minister at Alexandra Presbyterian Church, Belfast in 1978 before being installed in 1980 at Killeel Presbyterian Church in County Down. He became Minister at Trinity in 1991.

As well as family life – he will become a grandfather for the first time later this month - Mr McNie enjoys running and walking and takes an interest in the projects his church supports in Malawi, having visited the country on many occasions.

Reflecting on the General Assembly's theme for 2015 'A caring fellowship' Mr McNie said, "Throughout my ministry I have sought to preach the Gospel in such a way that people will be moved by the Spirit to make a positive response to become disciples of Jesus Christ."

"The Church today is God's answer to both the fundamental needs of the individual and society. We need to look beyond ourselves and re-examine the ways in which we include those who are often considered outsiders and become enriched by them."

"During my year of office I would hope to be given the opportunity to present the Gospel in many different situations, both within the church and community; to learn from the experiences of others and to encourage congregations to be pro-active in their presentation of the Word of God. I would also look forward to the opportunity to encourage ministers and their families, particularly those who have just started their ministry."

Gladys Retires After 30 Years

After over 30 years of loyal service Gladys Cuthbertson has retired as Freewill Offering Treasurer of Trinity Presbyterian Church. At the AGM of the Congregational Committee on Monday 26th January she was presented with flowers and a token of appreciation from the Treasurer, Ronnie Keys, Sammy Gallagher, Clerk of Session and Rev Herron. We all wish to thank Gladys and hope she will be able to spend her extra free time in an enjoyable manner!



Gillygooley Community Christmas Party

Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association in conjunction with Gillygooley 2nd Youth hosted their Annual Community Christmas Party in Gillygooley Orange Hall on Saturday 6th December. Once again this was a very enjoyable afternoon with a delicious tea being served by an army of helpers and Santa visiting with gifts for everyone. Thanks to all who contributed in any way to make the event a great success.



L-R Violet Crosbie, Peggy Elkin, Jean Creery and Wilma Porter enjoying the music.



L-R Lila & Eric Crawford, Jean Ellis and Margaret Hemphill.



Robert West welcomes Santa to Gillygooley.



Joe King with his wife Ethel, celebrating his birthday during the Christmas party.



Santa doing his rounds.



Harvest Time at Gillygooley



Jean Creery with a floral arrangement for the Harvest Service.



L-R Pansy Fleming and Dorothy King put the finishing touches to an arrangement.



Ivan Wilson setting up his model tractors.



Myrtle McKinley & Rosemary King at the decorating of the Church for the Harvest Service.



L-R Irene Brown, Malcolm McKinley & Wilma Porter give a helping hand to decorate the church.

Useful Contacts

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

Robert Tel: 07564195322

Gillygooley Community Choir - Linda Tel: 07840996922

Gillygooley Community Alert - Fred Tel: 8224 2708

Eric Tel: 8224 6511

Gillygooley Walking Club - Diane Tel: 8224 6553

Robert Tel: 07564195322

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

David Tel: 07754155390

Gillygooley LOL 339 - Raymond Tel: 8283 1444

Fairy Water Farmers Group - Mervyn Tel: 8283 1355

Gillygooley Primary School - Brenda Tel: 8224 2932

More than a School / Exciting times ahead!

Gillygooley Primary School have received new iPads courtesy of the school PTA after they held a very successful fashion show. They will be put to good use as technology has become such an integral part of everyday life. Mrs Caldwell (Principal) said, "I would like to thank our dedicated and hardworking PTA for providing our new iPads for our pupils. All the children are very excited about using this new technology within their school and the iPads are an added invaluable tool to our already extensive range of resources. The iPads will further enhance the fantastic teaching and learning experiences throughout the school and all staff will receive specialised training to ensure each child benefits from this new technology and reaches their full potential."

Mrs Caldwell further added, "iPads are an invaluable resource in any school but here in Gillygooley we intend to maximise the potential of our extensive school grounds by using them both within and outside the classroom environment. The iPads will be used alongside their written work in order to reinforce the process of learning." The school has also been awarded funding from the NGO Challenge Fund and have big plans to develop their outside wildlife area making it more accessible to the children and local community. As requested by the School Eco Council (children at Gillygooley P.S.) this area will house hens which will provide eggs for our breakfast and cookery clubs. The children will learn about animal husbandry as they feed and care for our chickens. This area will also include an orchard and picnic tables and will be in the vicinity of our existing school pond. They will complement our recently constructed bug hotel and will further enhance the Eco School ethos here at Gillygooley.



A parent from Gillygooley Primary School said "My children are so excited with the idea of having hens which are due to arrive in the New Year. It is great that this smaller rural school can provide so many opportunities that haven't seen elsewhere. The school has such a caring family environment in which the children are allowed to blossom in their own individual way. Every child in Gillygooley is involved in so many activities that larger schools are unable to cater for. Only last week they all travelled to the Millennium Forum to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk', they all had a speaking part in the school play and will be travelling to three local nursing homes to sing carols in the coming week."

Some of the other school activities that are on offer at Gillygooley Primary School are: P6/7 annual residential trip, Cookery Clubs, Musical Pathways, Gillygooley 2nd Youth – CRED (Community Relations, Equality and Diversity NI), Multisport, Breakfast Club, swimming and numerous others.

Gillygooley Primary School is very proud of their links to the local community and frequently work alongside local groups and businesses to provide excellent opportunities for the whole school family. Children, parents, other adults and grandparents all benefit from the strong relationships that have been built up throughout the years.

To meet the demands currently sought for child care provision in the area Gillygooley Primary School are working in partnership with Juniors Day Care and After School facility to provide 'Wrap Around Care' to families before and after school. This fantastic facility is conveniently provided within the school building and is run on a daily basis.

The school website is available to view for further information at www.school-sites.org/gillygooleyps or contact the school on 028 8224 2932.

Mums and Tots run on a Friday Morning from 10.30-12noon. One of the Mums, Mrs Kelly said "Gillygooley P.S. Mums and Tots provides a wonderfully nurturing and stimulating environment for my child and it's a great place to have a cuppa and a chat with other mums. My son loves all the fantastic play opportunities he has available to him in the early childhood building, his favourites being the water table and the painting. Gillygooley P.S. Mums and Tots is a great community focused initiative that I would strongly recommend to any mums with young children.



Rachel Nelson and Zoey Crankshaw with the 'Christmas Wish Tree' that the school children made for 'Christmas in the Community' at Langfield Parish Church, Drumquin.



Getting drenched while having fun building our bug hotel.



Final rehearsal for school play.

GILLYGOOLEY WALKING CLUB OUTING

The Walking Club was brought to a close for the season on Saturday 20th September when the group travelled by bus to Blessingbourne Country Estate in Fivemiletown. The weather was pleasant and the day started with tea and coffee and homemade goodies in the restored Coach House. Afterwards the group had an historical tour of Blessingbourne House, a Victorian Manor which is currently being restored by Colleen & Nicholas Lowry who live there. Colleen also showed the group around the forest walk and Carriage & Costume Museum. The walking group had an enjoyable afternoon and stopped on the way home for a meal at Kelly's Inn. Thanks are extended to Colleen Lowry for her hospitality, Kelly's Inn for the wonderful meal and Robert West for organising this outing. The Club will be commencing again this year in April. New members are very welcome.



1932 Diesel Roller on display in the Carriage Museum.



Members of the walking club outside Blessingbourne House.



1820 Stage Coach and Penny Farthings in the museum.

Sunday School Christmas Party

This year's combined Sunday School Party took place in Trinity Church Hall on Saturday 13th December. A good time was had by all with party games, Carol Singing and of course a visit from Santa.



Claire McElhinney leading the Carol singing.



Harvey King with Santa.



Receiving their gifts from Santa are Karen King & Lauren Hunter.



Jason King & Santa.

Johnny & Gillian Moore Revisit Kenya 2014

Kenya is very different from Northern Ireland, and for the visitor Nairobi – a city of nearly four million people - can be a very bewildering place. It is crowded, disorganised and noisy and the traffic congestion is truly appalling. There is a downtown district with office blocks and shopping arcades and there are prosperous suburbs in Nairobi; if you are well off you can live a very nice life there. But most people are very poor. Half of all Kenyans live on less than two dollars a day (about £1.50), and about two million of these people live in and around Nairobi in the most atrocious shanties and slums. They literally have nothing, and much of the little support they do receive comes from churches, charities and aid agencies. Life for most Kenyans is hard. Children often go hungry and many have no proper homes. Families struggle just to manage from day to day. But the people have an energy and optimism in the face of hardship and show a cheerful good humour in the face of their adversity that is admirable. The welcome and friendship that Kenyans offer to strangers, their infectious enthusiasm for life and their joy in simple pleasures is inspirational. If you visit Kenya you will always want to go back.

Last July twenty four Jengana 2014 volunteers converged on Dublin Airport bound for Nairobi. They brought with them nearly half a ton of donated clothes and goods, from sweatshirts and baby clothes to toothbrushes and toiletries. The airline's luggage limit – which had been extended specially – was taken up to the last kilo. Joining the group were Gillian and Johnny Moore from Trinity for a return trip to Kenya with Jengana, a Christian charity based in Northern Ireland and Nairobi which works with partner organisations to help some of the poorest people in Kenya. This expedition was the culmination of six months' planning, preparation and fundraising which included a sponsored cycle, a 10K run, the Belfast Marathon relay, a car wash and coffee morning and much else.

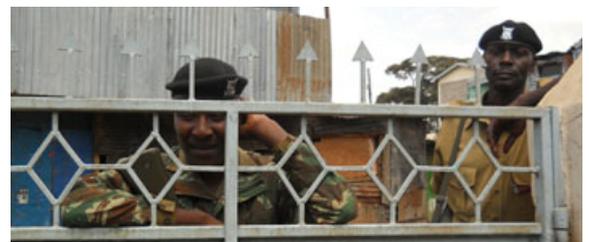
But it was when the team arrived in Kenya that the work really started. There was a lot to do, and just three weeks to get all done. This year, Jengana had leased a three bedroom bungalow – in need of a major makeover – which was to provide the base for the new Jengana Kipepeo children's home. Our job was to repair, clean, paint and furnish the Kipepeo home and make it ready for up to four abandoned children and their carers. This was a major undertaking but its completion would mean a major extension to the scope of Jengana's work in Nairobi. In addition to this there was a busy round of school, home and slum visits, distributing clothes, food and supplies and working with children, teachers and community groups in the Nairobi slums of Kibera and Mukuru.

Jengana 14 was an unforgettable experience for all who took part, but the work goes on. If you want to find out more about Jengana and the people it helps, contact Johnny or Gillian or log on to www.jengana.com. And Johnny and Gillian would like to thank all from Trinity who supported Jengana with donations and gifts of clothes. Without this support Jengana would not be able to provide the much needed help that it does, year on year. All volunteers travel to Kenya at their own expense so that all fundraising goes direct to Kenyans in need. It was a



The Jengana group visits Kickoshep School in Kibera slum. The children in the picture are all sponsored by Jengana and gain some of the best examination results in all of Nairobi. In Kenya education really is the best hope for young people to escape poverty and it is slum schools like Kickoshep that provide this hope for so many children like these.

privilege to be involved in Jengana 14 and to share in their work and fellowship with the Kenyans - and to be able to report back on the huge difference that this makes to the lives of some of the world's poorest people.



These security guards were detailed to look after us and keep a watchful eye through the school gate. All visitors to Kibera must report to the security guard post and arrange to be escorted through the slum - a sensible precaution, although we always received a friendly welcome from the residents.



The house that Jengana built in 2013. It doesn't look like much, but now its home to a little girl and her parents.



Finishing touches to the Kipepeo Children's Home refurbishment. Now it's ready for the first residents. Every day children and babies are abandoned on the streets of Nairobi. In the future Kipepeo can provide a secure home for at least some of these children.



Gillian working hard in the garden of Kipepeo Children's Home - preparing a vegetable plot among the banana trees. Up to four crops a year can be grown in Kenya.



At Ben's Boys' Home these donated football kits and toothbrushes (!) went down a treat. Over twenty boys aged from five to twenty call Bens' their home. Most of them have been rescued from the streets and can stay here for as long as they need to.



Smiling for the camera – there is always a warm and friendly welcome in Kenya.



Spot the ball. Ben's Boys showed us a Kenyan welcome by demolishing the Jengana team in a game of scratch football. This match has become an annual tradition. The result is always the same.

Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths

(until 18 January 2015)

Baptisms in Trinity

14 Dec Archie Jai McKelvey

18 Jan Tobias James Donald

18 Jan Erin Alana Armstrong

"Let the children come to me..."

(Mark 10:14)

Marriages in Trinity

6 Nov Duncan Edward Liggett
& Catherine Laura Large

"Love one another as I have loved you..."

(John 15:12)

Deaths in Trinity

27 Sep Lillian Thompson

4 Nov Maeve Coulson

14 Jan Ruth Gillespie

"I am the resurrection and the life..."

(John 11:25)

Only God Can Provide - (by Gillygooley Member)

“Since he did not spare even his own Son for us but gave him up for us all, won’t he also surely give us everything else?” Romans 8:32 (TLB)

The major cause of stress in your life is worry. You worry because you wonder if you will have what you need when you need it. But anytime you expect other people to meet your needs instead of God, you’re going to be frustrated and disappointed, because nobody can meet all your needs. Only God can meet all your needs.

If you want a cure for stress, you need to learn to look to God to meet your needs.

Some people find their security in their job, and when they lose their job, they lose their peace of mind.

Others put their security in their marriage. Then their spouse dies or they go through a divorce, and they ask, “Who am I? What is my identity?”

Or maybe you put your security in your money. There are a lot of ways to lose your money.

Never put your security in anything that can be taken away from you. You can lose your job, your health, your reputation, your spouse, and your mind. But you cannot lose your relationship to Christ.

When you put your security in that promise, you can trust God to meet all your needs.

Romans 8:32 says, *“Since he did not spare even his own Son for us but gave him up for us all, won’t he also surely give us everything else?”* (TLB)

If God loved you enough to send Jesus Christ to die on the cross, he loves you enough to take care of every other need in your life.

Every time you start to get stressed out, you need to pause and say, *“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want”* (Psalm 23:1 ESV).

God’s going to provide. He’s going to take care of you. Instead of stressing out, you need to look to him to meet all your needs.

Let Jesus Lighten Your Load

What burden are you carrying? What is weighing you down?

Jesus says, *“Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light”* (Matthew 11:28-30 RSV).

The value of a yoke is that it halves the load. Without a yoke, one cow’s got to pull that entire load by itself. But if you yoke up the cow with another cow, then the two cows pull the load together, and the load is half as heavy.

When Jesus says to take his yoke upon you, he’s not saying he’s going to give you his problems. Jesus doesn’t have any problems! He’s saying he’s going to share your problem. He’s going to share your load. He’s going to take your stress on himself and bear it with you.

He says three verbs in this verse: come, learn, and take. Jesus says, *“Come to me. Team up with me. Then, learn how I do it. Take on a lighter load. This is going to reduce your stress. This is going to make it easier for you to navigate.”*

When you’re yoked with Christ, you move together with him. You move in the same direction and at the same speed. And, you move in the right direction and at the right speed.

TRINITY GIRLS' BRIGADE

Trinity GB resumed in September with an influx of girls in the Explorer section. Captain Jolene Bell welcomed everyone who had returned for another session. The Company Section attended the Annual Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph. The Annual Enrolment Service took place in 1st Omagh on 23rd November 2014. The Christmas Party (photo) was held on 11th December when the girls played games and had food provided in the kitchen by Jolene and Mavis.



Well done GYCDA!

Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association hand over a cheque for £1000 to Dr. Robinson and her team from Tyrone County Hospital Palliative Care Ward. The money was raised at different events throughout the year and will go towards the Patient Comfort Fund.



REV CLARKE CELEBRATES HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

Bill & Dorothy King with the Rev Clarke at his residence in Ballymena, prior to his 90th birthday in October. Rev Clarke sends his best wishes to all at Trinity & Gillygooley.



Gillygooley Presbyterian Church Carol Service

The Carol Service this year took place on Sunday 21st December. Praise was lead by the senior choir accompanied by Amanda Graham. Reading the lessons were Frazer Caldwell, Jason King, Kellie Anderson, Jack Crawford, Chloe Aiken, Glenn McKinley, Rebecca Donnell and Rev. Herron. The junior choir sang two Christmas pieces entitled 'A Starry Night' and 'Gentle Mary laid her Child.' The Bible Class invited all the congregation for tea and coffee in the Orange Hall after the service.



Ellen Fyffe with granddaughter Jessica.



L-R Rebecca Donnell, Kellie Anderson, Glenn McKinley, Chloe Aiken, Jack Crawford, Frazer Caldwell & Jason King who read the lessons at the Carol service.



L-R Margaret Hemphill, Linda & Stephen Hunter enjoying a cup of tea after the service.

**Looking towards Easter 2015
Dates for your diary**

Sunday, 29 March 2015

Palm Sunday Service

Friday, 3 April 2015

7.30 pm - Good Friday Service in Gillygooley

Sunday, 5 April 2015

Easter Sunday

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
and Reception of New Communicants

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

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

Thank you to all who supply material or take photographs.

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

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