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TRINITY AND GILLYGOOLEY MARK THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

Special Services were held in Trinity and Gillygooley on Sunday 29 October 2017 to mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The guest preacher was The Very Rev Dr John Dunlop, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Rev Herron led the services, members read the scripture passages and Dr Dunlop spoke on the theme: 'Confessing Our Faith Today'.



*ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda,
secundum verbum Dei*

(the church reformed, always being reformed,
according to the word of God)

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AT GILLYGOOLEY

The annual Christmas Readings and Carol Service was on Sunday 17th December at 10am. Just before the service started, the congregation wished the Rev Herron a Happy Birthday and Dorothy King presented him with a small gift to mark the occasion. The Rev Herron welcomed all to the service and opened in prayer. The traditional carols led by the choir were sung, while the Sunday School (Junior) Choir accompanied by Amanda Graham sang two choruses entitled 'Lowly Jesus, King of Glory' and 'Christmas Bells'. The Lessons were read by Julieann Hemphill, Oliver King, Ryan Crawford, Rachel Graham, Aaron McKinley, George Donnell, Jason King and Rev Herron. Soloist Kyra McKinley accompanied by John Campbell sang 'In the Bleak Midwinter'. The Bible class invited everyone to the hall after the service for a cup of tea and a mince pie. Collection at the door was in aid of The Presbyterian Children's Society. Thank you to all involved.



Dorothy King & Rev Herron



Julieann Hemphill



Oliver King



Ryan Crawford



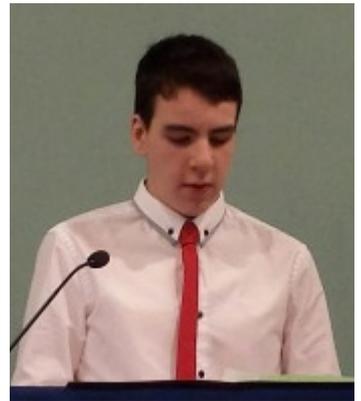
Rachel Graham



Aaron McKinley



George Donnell



Jason King



Some of the helpers in the kitchen after the service



Kyra McKinley (Soloist)



Junior Choir



Church Choir

GILLYGOOLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Gillygooley Primary School's Christmas Production was called Pirates versus Mermaids – once again the children put on a fantastic performance.



Mermaids



Pirates and Parrot

TRINITY HARVEST SERVICE

Trinity's annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday 22nd October 2017 at 11.30am. The church was packed and everyone enjoyed the decorations which were done by members of the congregation based on the Harvest theme. Thank you to all who contributed items, helped decorate the church and to those who put a lot of effort into the individual displays which can be seen below, not forgetting the wonderful music!



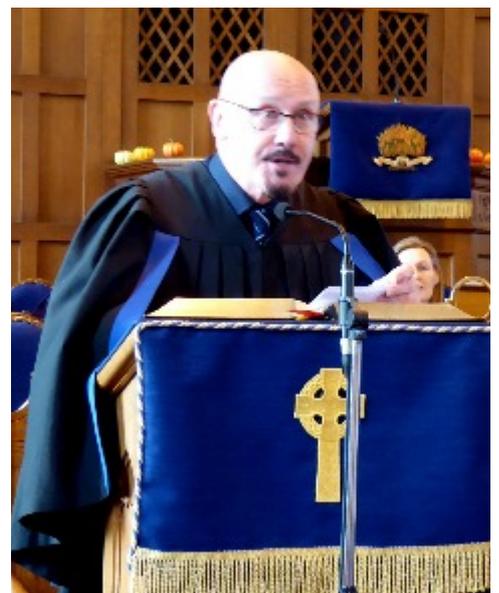
Lucy Reid who sang beautifully pre-service.



Hannah Gibson on strings, who accompanied Lucy Reid in the pre-service music.



Rev Herron taking the children's address.



Stanley Matthews (musical Impresario!) introducing the choir.



The Choir on Harvest Thanksgiving.



Sam & Joyce Pollock did Genesis 8 v 22: "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease"



The Presbyterian Women did Psalm 107 v 37: "Sow fields and plant vineyards, and gather a fruitful harvest"



Adele and Amanda Donald, Stephanie Thompson, Molly and Emily Buchanan and the children of the Sunday School did Psalm 136 v 1: "O give thanks onto the Lord for he is good"



'Trinity ladies' did Leviticus 26 v 4: "Then I shall give you rains in their season, so that the land will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear fruit"



Robert & Hazel McCay did Joel 2 v 23-24: "So rejoice O sons of Zion, and be glad in the Lord your God - the threshing floor will be full of grain - and the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil"



Mitchell & Roberta McKnight did Exedus 34 v 21: "Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest. In ploughing time and in harvest you shall rest"



Kevin & Irene Lowry did Psalm 85 v 2: "The Lord will give what is good and our land will yield its produce"



Karen & Wesley Atchison did Psalm 67 v6: "The earth has yielded its harvest, God, our God, has blessed us"



Trinity ladies did 1st Timothy 4 v 4-5: "For everything created by God is good"



Claire McElhinney & the choir did Psalm 147 v 7: "Sing onto the Lord with thanksgiving, sing praise upon the harp onto our God"



'Trinity ladies' also did Psalm 95 v 2: "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise to him with psalms"



Betty Gallagher & Joan Cummins did Psalm 65 v 11: "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness and thy paths drop fatness"

MORE TRINITY NOTES AND MUSINGS FROM THE ORGAN GRINDER



As the saying goes - confession is good for the soul, so here it is, time to fess up, I support Everton FC. Whilst this may not put me in the big league of all time bad boys, it's certainly nothing to boast about based on their current form. It began when I went to the big school, age eleven, and it soon became apparent that amongst my peers it was more important to support a football team than any ability to learn Latin or complex mathematical formulas. Not knowing anything about first division teams at that time I sort of picked the team whose name sounded the best to me – it was between Everton and Arsenal. Everton won out - my imaginary cup final – and suddenly I had a social circle and survival kit. Man U and Chelsea were the big clubs then but at least I was in on the ground level – this school thing will be a doddle now! [I thought]. Enough of this Ronnie Corbett monologue stuff I hear you say, if you are one of the many who have absolutely no interest in football - is this story actually going

anywhere? Well yes, the tenuous link is, believe it or not, all hymn tunes have a name – the best known being Crimond [this really foxes the spell check] which is the most popular tune we sing The Lord's my Shepherd to. Guess what - there is also a hymn tune called Everton which we sang in church recently - can't think whose bright idea this might have been?

I mentioned in my last article that I had recently upgraded my shoes to make them more suitable for playing the organ pedals. Well they weren't a total success, for one thing the soles were so smooth I kept falling over in the car park! I have had to order a pair of proper organist shoes. As it happens they are only made in America so I am hoping Donald Trump doesn't find out about the hand painted bowl I brought back from my holiday in Tunisia some time ago or we could all be in big trouble. Following the said article a number of people [exactly how many? – the Ed] err, one, asked me to explain the purpose of the organ pedals. So here it is, tutorial No 1 in organ playing – the pedals, if you look down at them, are just a giant keyboard similar to a piano. You just play the bass notes on these. Instead of playing with ten fingers they are played with 2 feet in two shoes, often at the same time as the ten fingers on the keyboard. So that's that cleared up - any volunteers to give me a week off?

Musically, from the last T and G News, we have had a number of highlights. For the harvest the choir sang pieces including Lead me Lord in which our own Lucy Reid sang a beautiful solo and a cracking new version of We Plough the Fields and Scatter. We also sang O Valiant Hearts on Remembrance Sunday, with individual verses being taken by Ronnie, Caroline and Claire from the choir. For the Carol service we pulled all the stops out with individual contributions from Heather, Lucy, John, Caroline and Claire. I am also indebted for special help for individual items from my good friends Laura McFall, Keane Davison as well as Marion Haddow and Hannah Gibson for the harvest music. A number of other friends helped to augment the choir for both big services and I am grateful to John, Godfrey, Derick, David, Rachael, Karena, Margaret and Michelle for their contributions. If I have left anyone out or misspelt a name I apologise. Not forgetting the children who charmed and entertained us so warmly at the Carol Service.

I suppose the mega big occasion in the life of the church this year was the 500th anniversary service commemorating Martin Luther nailing his famous list on the church door in Germany - which was even longer than this article. On this occasion Dr John Dunlop gave a very enlightened talk on the subject filling in some of the bits we didn't know and the reasons why we didn't know the bits we didn't know as well as reminding us of the bits we did actually know. Well done Dr JD for that! I expect there will be a fuller review elsewhere.

Finally by now you would be most disappointed if I didn't give the choir a plug. I still await expressions of interest in the plural from anyone interested in singing in our beloved choir – as a very astute Turkish businessman shouted after myself and a good mate, outside a leather coat shop in the grand Bazaar in Istanbul in the middle of July some years ago– come in - we have your size in stock sir!

Organ tutorial no 2 to follow at some point.

Regards,

Stanley

1ST OMAGH BOYS' BRIGADE



At Asda on 2nd December 2017 doing a charity bag pack in aid of Action on Hearing Loss with leaders Richard Walker, Alan Donnell and BB members Andrew Walker, Timothy, George and Tyler Donnell. £759 was raised!



1st Omagh BB were at Gortin Glens Forest Park on a snowy Saturday for a Sponsored Walk.



Members of 1st Omagh Boys' Brigade who took part in the Remembrance Sunday service in Omagh.



1st Omagh BB Enrolment Service in 1st Omagh Church Hall November 2017.



Members of 1st Omagh BB who had their Christmas Night Out at 9th Avenue with leaders Andrew McKernan, Joanne Hill, Richard Walker, Alan Donnell and Chelsea Johnston.

Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths

(until 4th September 2017)

Baptisms in Gillygooley	Marriages in Trinity	Deaths in Trinity
8 Oct Chloe Alexandra Rachel Magee	8 Sep Gary Farrell and Dawn Nelson	5 Dec Doreen Jordan
	13 Oct Bryan Hussey and Andrea Hamilton	21 Dec Margaret Kerr
	14 Oct Aaron Gardner and Faith McElhinney	Deaths in Gillygooley
		13 Oct Peggy Fyffe
<i>"Let the children come to me..."</i> (Mark 10:14)	<i>"Love one another as I have loved you..."</i> (John 15:12)	<i>"I am the resurrection and the life..."</i> (John 11:25)

GILLYGOOLEY YCDA CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Christmas Floral Art and Christmas Fayre

Gillygooley Youth & Community Development Association's festivities got under way on Thursday 30th November with the annual Christmas Floral Art and Craft Fayre evening in Gillygooley Hall. Everyone was welcomed with a glass of mulled wine and encouraged to browse the Christmas stalls that were on display. Demonstrator for the night was Noel C Moore who kept the audience entertained and gave some helpful tips on floral arrangements. Tea, scones and shortbread were served during the interval. The flower arrangements and other prizes were raffled at the end of the night.



Noel C Moore finishing an arrangement.



Prize winners at the Floral Art and Craft Fayre.

Community Party

On Saturday 2nd December the annual Community Party in conjunction with Gillygooley 2nd Youth was held in Gillygooley Hall. Although attendance numbers were down from previous years a very enjoyable time was had by all with an afternoon of music and entertainment. A delicious afternoon tea was served just before Santa arrived with a small gift for everyone.



Some of the helpers on the day.



GYCDA Carol Service

The Annual Gillygooley YCDA Service of Music and Carols was held on Sunday 3rd December at 7.30pm in Gillygooley Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Herron welcomed everyone to the service and opened in prayer. A representative from each of the groups who use the hall complex read the lessons; Sam Harpur, William Smyth, David McKinley, Brenda Caldwell, John Nethery, Matthew Hunter, Tyler Donnell, Beatrice Alexander and Robert Fyffe. Gillygooley Primary School sang 'Christmas Christmas' and 'Dear Santa' and the soloist was Kyra McKinley accompanied by John Campbell. Gillygooley Community choir led the congregation in praise and also sang 'Christmas is a Time to Love', 'Midnight' and 'Joy to the World'. The offering was in aid of Cruse Bereavement and Fiona Fyffe was in attendance to give a brief talk on the charity's role. Robert Fyffe brought the evening to a close and invited everyone across to the hall for tea, coffee and mince pies. A cheque for £500 was presented to Fiona Fyffe from Cruse Bereavement by Rev. Herron and Linda Hunter (Secretary GYCDA).



Presentation of £500 to Cruse Bereavement L-R Rev Herron, Fiona Fyffe and Linda Hunter. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the Christmas events.



Gillygooley Primary School Choir



Soloist Kyra McKinley



Primary School children playing the Ocarina



Gillygooley Community Choir

TRINITY AND GILLYGOOLEY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Leader Gladys Cuthbertson welcomed the members and the speaker for the evening Miss Heather Wilson to the first meeting of the new session on Tuesday 12th September. The theme for this PW year is "Grow and bear fruit ". Apologies were received from Betty Gallagher, Joan Cummins, Eileen Fleming and Beatrice Alexander. Nineteen members were present.

Gladys began the meeting with prayer and the Lord's Prayer was recited. Ellen Fyffe read Psalm 46. Correspondence: The PW received invitations to Seskinore and Edenderry, Omagh Methodist, Dromore and Drumquin. " What a friend we have in Jesus " was sung. Invitations were sent to other PW and MU branches for the November Visitors night in Trinity Hall.



Gladys then introduced the speaker Miss Heather Wilson. Heather spoke about her work in the Philippines with a charity called "Helping Hands and Healing Hearts." Heather has made many trips to the Philippines to help those less fortunate than ourselves. The charity provides medication to those who cannot afford it. Many lives have been saved and volunteers come from many countries. These include people from Northern Ireland, Germany and United States of America. Dorothy King presented Heather with a token of thanks. (Photo1)

Member Jean Rea's 95th Birthday was celebrated with a beautiful birthday cake complete with candles, card and a plant. (Photo2) Jean suitably replied to the presentation and thanked the members especially Hazel McCay for her thoughtfulness. Supper was served and the meeting ended.



Gladys welcomed everyone and gave a special welcome to the speakers Mr And Mrs Lewis in the October meeting. Apologies: Audrey McConnell and Eileen Fleming. 26 members present. A prayer was said by Gladys and the Lord's Prayer followed. The hymn "For my sake and the Gospel's go" was sung. A portion of Scripture from Mark was read by Beatrice Alexander.



Correspondence: thank you cards received from Jean Rea, Isobel Beattie and posters from Noel Moore. Speaker Phillip Lewis gave a talk on his missionary work in Indonesia with the Baduay people. His wife Rita also spoke and told us that missionaries have to be careful as Christianity is not really recognised in the country. A video and slides were shown to the members. Hazel presented a gift to Philip and Rita. (Photo3) Supper was served by the committee. Arrangements were made for the members to bring scones, tray bakes etc for the Visitors' Night in November.

Visitors Night was held on 14th November in Trinity Main Hall. There were 70 ladies present. Gladys gave a warm welcome to the ladies from 1st Omagh, Omagh Methodist, Mountjoy, Dromore and Drumquin, St. Columba's, Seskinore and Edenderry.



Leader Gladys welcomed all the visitors and opened with prayer. The hymn "Tell me the old, old story" was sung. The Bible reading from 2 Corinthians chapter 5 : v 17 – 21 was read by Beatrice Alexander. Claire McElhinney sang a solo. Gladys then introduced Mrs Edith Moore the speaker for the evening. Edith's theme was "Old to New". She used old items of clothing, baskets and anything suitable to make something completely new and different. She showed us how to make some beautiful Christmas decorations. Edith spoke about her faith in her everyday life.

Amanda Graham thanked Edith for her worthwhile contribution to the evening's entertainment. (Photo4) The hymn "To God be the glory" was sung and Gladys gave the closing prayer. A wonderful supper was served by the ladies of Trinity PW.

There was no meeting in December due to a heavy fall of snow which prevented members travelling to the Hall.

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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Sunday School - Beverley Tel: 8224 7047

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

Gillygooley Youth Club - Raymond Tel: 8283 1444

Gillygooley 2nd Youth (50+ club) - 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

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AT TRINITY

Trinity held its Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 17th December 2017. The church was looking very festive and a big thank you goes to all who helped to decorate it so well.

Pre-service music was supplied by Laura McFall who sang 'He shall feed his flock' from Handel's Messiah.

Rev Herron welcomed everyone and after the opening prayer the service continued under its own steam for the most part.

First up was Louisa Ferguson who read a poem entitled 'Let us travel to Christmas'.

The readers were, in order, Mark Fenwick - Isaiah 9 vs 2, 6 & 7, Henry Thompson - Isaiah 52 vs 7-10, Lucy Reid - Micah 5 vs 2-4, Rachel Patterson - Luke 1 vs 26-35, Thomas Winters - Luke 2 vs 4-7, Luke McFarland - Luke 2 vs 8-16, Scott McGrew - Matthew 2 vs 1-11 and Rev Herron who read John 1 vs 1-14.

The congregational hymns this year were 'Once in royal David's city', 'Hills of the north rejoice', 'O little town of Bethlehem', 'Hark! the herald angels sing', 'Silent night, holy night' and 'O come all you faithful'.

The Senior Choir sang three lovely pieces entitled 'The shepherds sing', 'Run shepherds' and 'Child of the promise'. A very BIG thank you to all the members of the Senior Choir, especially the ones who agreed to be in it from outside of Trinity and to Stanley for all his hard work in organising it all!

No doubting though that the cutest performances were by the Sunday School children who had three pieces to perform - 'Little donkey', 'The Christmas alphabet' and 'Away in a manger' and they did them all especially well! Rev Herron then wished everyone a very happy Christmas and, after the benediction, post service music was supplied by our one and only Stanley Matthews on the organ playing 'Finale on Winchester old'.



Adam Magee and Amelia Fenton narrated the Christmas Alphabet



Luke McFarland



Henry Thompson



Keane Davidson on clarinet



Rachael Patterson



Louisa Ferguson



Mark Fenwick



Lucy Reid read a lesson, sang and played the piano



Scott McGrew



Thomas Winters



Rev Robert Herron



Laura McFall and the Senior Choir



More carol singers!



The Junior Choir



The Senior Choir



The Christmas Alphabet



Christmas presents!



Children's Page



Satan Tempts Jesus in the Desert

Read Matthew 4 V 1-11 and find the words below in the grid.
Then list the unused letters from left to right in the blanks below.

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- WORDS
- DEVIL
- BREAD
- DESERT
- FORTY
- SON OF GOD
- TEST
- THROW
- WRITTEN
- SERVE
- DAYS
- WORSHIP
- ANGELS
- MOUNTAIN
- WORLD
- HIGHEST
- NIGHTS
- TEST
- LORD

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Please Note: We can only accept Primary School entrants

Name _____ Age _____ Congregation _____

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

No winners last issue.

GIFT AID

WHAT IS GIFT AID?

Gift Aid is an income tax relief designed to benefit charities (including churches). If you're a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid increases the value of your charity donations by 25%, because the charity can reclaim the basic rate of tax on your gift – at no extra cost to you.

HOW DOES GIFT AID WORK?

The process is really simple. All you need to do is fill out a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) form (sample below). This is a statement from you to the charity confirming that you want to donate through Gift Aid and the charity can receive tax back on your donation.

Many members of both congregations Gift Aid their contributions to the various funds of the church. If you are not signed up as a Gift Aid contributor, and you are a UK tax-payer, please have a word with a member of Committee who will make the necessary arrangements for you to sign a Gift Aid Declaration such as the one below.

Multiple Donations



Gift Aid declaration

I want to Gift Aid my donations

to _____ Presbyterian Church.
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland

This declaration covers any donations I have made in the last four years, or from ___/___/___, and all donations I make in the future.

I am a UK tax payer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in a tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title _____ Full Name _____ Home Address _____ _____ _____ Postcode _____ Email _____	Guidance Notes: Name and address must identify the individual making the declaration eg Mr Andrew Smith NOT Mr Smith or Mr & Mrs Smith. Please include postcode. Cheques should be payable to the church to whom this declaration is made out.
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Please notify your church treasurer if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address, or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Signed _____ Date _____

Gift Aid gives an extra 25p for every £1 you donate to Church Funds

GILLYGOOLEY HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving service was held on Sunday 22nd October 2017 at 10am. The Church had been tastefully decorated with flowers, fruit, vegetables and model farm machinery depicting harvesting scenes. The Rev Herron welcomed everyone and the choir led the congregation in praise singing the hymns 'We plough the fields and scatter', 'Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field', 'Cauliflowers fluffy and cabbages green', 'For the fruits of His creation' and 'Come you thankful people come'.



Archie & Oliver King with the display at the front of the church.

There is always a helping hand in Gillygooley - Beverley Fleming and Ivan Graham.

NEW MODERATOR ELECTED



Rev. Charles McMullen of West Church, Bangor, County Down, said that he was 'simply overwhelmed' and would 'commit himself to the Lord for His help and guidance' having been elected the Presbyterian Church in Ireland's next Moderator on Tuesday 6th February 2018.

The 57-year-old minister received 9 votes from the Church's 19 presbyteries and will be the Church's fifth Moderator to come from Bangor and the 179th Moderator since the election of the first in 1840. Known as the Moderator-Designate, Mr. McMullen will officially take up office as the Church's most senior office bearer and principal public representative when he is formally elected and installed as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland at the Assembly's Opening Night in June.

Speaking after the result, Mr. McMullen said, "I am simply overwhelmed to have been elected Moderator-Designate and commit myself to the Lord for His help and guidance over what I am sure will be an exciting, challenging and enriching year that lies ahead. I know I can draw on the prayers and good wishes of the entire denomination and much further afield. I hope I can be involved in a ministry of building relationships and offering encouragement, both within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and with others as I reach out in Christ's name."

Born in Omagh, Mr. McMullen attended Omagh County Primary School and Omagh Academy, where he was Head Boy. Along with his family he worshipped at the town's Trinity Presbyterian Church.

With a lifelong interest in languages, Mr. McMullen graduated with Joint Honours in French and German from Trinity College Dublin in 1982 and was awarded his MA in 1985. In 1982 he went to St. Antony's College, Oxford where he studied Modern European History and completed his Master's Degree by thesis in 1987. In the meantime (1984-1987), he attended the Church's Union Theological College in Belfast.

On leaving Union, he was licensed in Trinity Presbyterian in 1987 and ordained as assistant minister in Harmony Hill, Lambeg in 1988, before being called to Legacurry Presbyterian Church near Lisburn, where he was installed in 1991. In 1999 he became minister of Bangor West.

Talking about his call to the ministry, he said, "There is nothing as satisfying and fulfilling as sharing the love of Jesus Christ with others. A definite call to the ministry began to take shape in my late teens during the ministry of Rev. Bill Clarke, who involved me in church services allowing me to read lessons and prepare prayers and talks."

In describing his ministry, Mr. McMullen said, "the key word for me is 'relationship', our relationship with God in Christ, our relationship with one another in Christian community together and the sense of building relationships as we share the love of Christ with outsiders.

"Christian love is very central to my ministry, it is inclusive and encouraging in the hope of bringing people to an encounter with the living God and the truth of His Word."

Thinking about his year in office, Mr. McMullen said, "I have no doubt that I will have a very steep learning curve over these next few weeks, but I am looking forward to experiencing life throughout the denomination and beyond. While it is true to say that in ministry you receive far more than you give, I want to spend as much time as possible drawing alongside people, listening to them and encouraging them.

He is married to Barbara (they met at the 1990 General Assembly) and have three adult children. Keen walkers, Mr. McMullen and his wife enjoy walking around the North Down and Antrim coasts and walking trips overseas. He enjoys reading and current affairs, watching Ulster play rugby with his son, following Chelsea Football Club and keeping fit. As a writer he has contributed to denominational magazines and BBC Radio Ulster's Thought for the Day.

**Looking towards Easter 2018
Dates for your diary**

Sunday, 25 March 2018

Palm Sunday Service

Friday, 30 March 2018

7.30 pm - Good Friday Service in Gillygooley

Sunday, 1 April 2018

Easter Sunday

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

The provisional deadline for submission of articles for the next edition, which is due out in June 2018, is Monday 23rd April 2018.

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 Anne Parke, Tel: 8224 2598, Email: anne.parke@btinternet.com
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 also available on the Trinity Church website!

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