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NEW COMMUNICANTS WELCOMED



Sunday 21st April 2019 saw new communicants being welcomed at Trinity and Gillygooley. The photo above is of Trinity new members, left to right, Lewis Kerrigan, Lucy Reid, Ellie Duncan and Scott McGrew.



Karen King, Gillygooley.



Robbie Bell, Trinity, with his parents.

Mr & Mrs Sayers By Margaret Simms



I had the pleasure recently of talking with Mr and Mrs Alfie Sayers, stalwarts of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Anne is a very talented craftswoman and she and Alfie, for some years, made very special presents for new babies. I had heard of them and was delighted to see one and hear how they were made. (caveat: they are no longer making them, which is a pity).

Each tableau is a board which Alfie created and prepared and which Anne then painted and decorated. Each is very pretty, with images which appeal to children, and is unique in having the child's name, its weight, and the date and time of his or her birth featured. They are beautiful AND each is a working clock which can be hung on the wall!

Anne went to Art College before she married Alfie. Then life, work and raising children took over, so she didn't have time for her art. Then she and Alfie got into making the personalised clocks for family and a few friends. Because they are very time consuming to make, they were never going to become a commercial activity. Now however they haven't made any for a while, because of family commitments, which take them to Dublin on a regular basis. For Anne the "love of her life" is now flower arranging, though she can't participate in a club, due to being away so much.



Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths

(until 29 April 2019)

Baptisms in Trinity	Marriages in Gillygooley	Deaths in Trinity
24 Mar Joseph Ralph Daniel Brown 14 Apr Savana Doleenai Duff	9 Mar Ronan Devlin and Louise King	15 Feb Peggy Gilmore 7 Mar Jim Gilmore 11 Mar Edith McGrew 19 Mar Freddie Graham 2 Apr Derek Colhoun
Baptisms in Gillygooley		
17 Feb Oscar James Urbaniak 24 Mar Shane Tommy Smith 7 Apr George Thomas Smyth 14 Apr Oliver Thomas Parker		
<p><i>"Let the children come to me..."</i> (Mark 10:14)</p>	<p><i>"Love one another as I have loved you..."</i> (John 15:12)</p>	<p><i>"I am the resurrection and the life..."</i> (John 11:25)</p>

Omagh Protestant Boys in USA

On St Patrick’s weekend the Omagh Protestant Boys flute band, which included Trinity members Andrew Burnside, Tom Bell and Paul Bell, were in Savannah, Georgia, in the USA, to parade in the annual William Jasper Memorial Parade and do a bit of sight-seeing!



Omagh Protestant Boys before the trip to Savannah, Georgia, USA.



Trinity members Tom and Paul Bell kitted out for the St Patrick's Day parade in Savannah.



Omagh Protestant Boys playing at a function hosted by the Ulster Scots Agency in the De Soto Hotel, Savannah with Trinity members Andrew Burnside, Tom Bell and Paul Bell.



Trinity members Tom and Paul Bell on an airboat ride at Tybee Island.



Omagh Protestant Boys flute band with the U.S. Air Force Band before the William Jasper Memorial Parade on St Patrick’s weekend in Savannah, USA.



Omagh Protestant Boys flute band outside Savannah Independent Presbyterian Church.

TRINITY AND GILLYGOOLEY WOMEN



The PW meeting was held on the 12th February 2019 at 8.pm. Gladys Cuthbertson (Leader) welcomed everyone, especially the speaker for the evening, Rev. David Cupples (Enniskillen). Apologies from Joan Cummins, Jean Rea, Wilma Porter and Ellen McConnell. Gladys opened the meeting with prayer and The Lord's Prayer was recited. The hymn "To God be the glory" was sung. Beatrice Alexander read a portion from the New Testament.

Gladys then introduced the speaker for the evening, Rev. David Cupples. Rev Cupples had recently been on a walk on the Camino Way in Spain. He described the people he had met on his travels on the Camino. Camino is Spanish for road, path and the way de Santiago (Saint James). David walked 630 miles and kept a journal of happenings and events which occurred on his journey. He has since written a book about his travels and experiences on the Camino Way. The book has raised £70,000 for good causes. Audrey McConnell presented Rev. Cupples with a token of thanks (photo left) and supper was served by Claire and Hazel.

No March meeting due to stormy winds.

The AGM meeting was held on 2nd April 2019. Gladys thanked the members for coming. Apologies from: Beatrice Alexander, Ellen Fyffe, Joan Cummins, Betty Gallagher, Ann Patterson, Ellen McConnell, Meta McFarland & Wilma Porter. Prayers from Gladys and the Lord's Prayer was said. Gladys then read a portion from the "Beautiful" theme which was pertinent to Eastertide. Claire read from John 19 verses 1-9.

A Dingbat quiz on the Bible followed which the ladies really enjoyed. Gladys thanked Audrey and Caroline who had read from the "Beautiful" booklet regarding items of beauty, especially homes and people. Supper was served by Irene, Hazel and Claire.

AGM 2019 -2020

Leader : Gladys Cuthbertson

Secretary : Mavis Jardine

Treasurer : Irene Knox

Tyler Donnell – Ulster Project 2019



Hello, my name is Tyler Donnell and I have been fortunate enough to get on the Ulster Project 2019. My sister and brother have been on it and they said it was the best experience of their lives so I decided to apply and to my surprise, I was selected! I am a member of Gillygooley church and go to Omagh High School. I love farming and stock car racing and drum in Augharonan Band. I also love to socialise and get to know about other people's cultures. So far we have been meeting weekly to get to know the other members of the group. We have all got to know each other and get on really well. We have made banners and took to Omagh on the St. Patrick's Day carnival and we have had a clothes collection, which was greatly supported by the church members, so thank you to everyone for your support so far. We also had our annual quiz on the 9th May in the Silverbirch Hotel and our concert is on the 21st June at St. Joseph's Hall. For anyone that would like to see what the project is all about, you are more than welcome to attend. I am a 14 year old boy and I'm sure not many children that age can say they have been to Salt Lake City, Utah without their parents!

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH...



So the Lannisters are back, or by the time this quality publication pops through your letterbox will have arrived, been there and many are now wearing the T shirt. So what am I talking about?

Forget the local council elections results, the cash for ash debacle, Brexit, or even the Notre Dame fire, it's even more important than any of these or all of them put together! Of course I'm referring to the new series of Game of Thrones. I actually thought some people were so excited they were going to burst into spontaneous combustion over this.

Not me – I don't watch it – I'm still only halfway through the boxset of Dixon of Dock Green and I understand the Durrells may be more suitable for some readers of the T&G News.

What I have ascertained is that the writer of the books was a conscientious objector to the Vietnam War and the story is partially based on the English War of the Roses. So there you can now bluff on the subject should the need arise!

Thinking of the recent fire at Notre Dame in Paris I was shocked to see the level of devastation to this landmark religious building which has withstood the ravages of time for well over 900 years, but also moved by the love Parisians have for this place. It made me think how I would feel if something similar happened to my own spiritual homeland of Trinity – it would truly be devastating! Alfie, check that last bulb you changed for me in the organ loft – only joking of course! [You think?–Alfie's daughter who is a high powered legal eagle has been in touch –the Ed]

Enough pontificating as it's not the only deadline which is looming. I need to record all musical activity in Trinity since the last publication. The Moderator of the General Assembly Rev Charles Mc Mullan, who is a Trinity man born and bred and nurtured and encouraged in his early life much in the same way as I was by the Rev Bill Clarke, visited our hallowed walls in Jan 19. Obviously this was a big service for the church and music would play a major part in it. The choir sang two anthems and an introit which our own Lucy Reid played a big part in. Charles mentioned in dispatches during the service how much he enjoyed our Gospel hoedown of Back to the Church in the Wildwood and we duly obliged by singing it again at the very end of the service.

Actually the choir have been very busy since the new year – must be that new performance related pay we put them on, anyway, singing pieces at 4 separate services and at the time of writing this are preparing to sing an appropriate piece or two for the Ordination and Installation of our new Elders in May. No wonder I allowed them a day off during the week after Easter! [Slave driver – I have a good mind to report you to the Wilberforce Society! – the Ed!]

We also had lovely individual solos from Heather Watson, Claire McElhinney and Lucy Reid. Sheena Herron was also kept busy accompanying choir and soloists. It is also worth noting during this time that our Lucy delivered another fine musical collaboration with the choir in the piece Be Thou My Vision arranged by Bob Chilcott.

I am also pleased to report my aunt - Jean 1, 1923 – present, returned to church on Easter Sunday so I need to be on best behaviour from here on!

I finish with my usual appeal for new choir members as I am sure there are members of the congregation who could enhance the already very pleasant sound of the choir, and more importantly look fantastic in blue!

Now the green blade is rising I need to give the lawn a haircut.

Best wishes

That Organist chap

GILLYGOOLEY WALKING CLUB

Gillygooley Walking Club resumed on Wednesday 24th April 2019.

All existing and new members are invited to attend on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm, leaving from Gillygooley Orange Hall for a walk, chat and light refreshments at the end of the evening. All levels and abilities are catered for with a 4 mile, 2 mile and a gentle stroll being offered for all who attend. If you enjoy fresh air, meeting new people and gentle exercise then come along and join Gillygooley Walking Club.

For further information contact Diane: 07708373838.

1st Omagh Boys' Brigade



Captain Andrew McKernan gives his report on the year's activities.



Inspecting officer Godfrey Crawford presents Philip Kerr with his award.



Anchor Boys with leaders Joanne Hill and Emma Fleming.



Members of Company Section with guests Rev Robert Herron, Rev Jane Nelson, Godfrey Crawford, inspecting officer and his wife Chris. Also pictured are leaders Andrew McKernan, Matthew McKernan, Alan Donnell and Richard Walker.



Six members receive their President's Badges.

Gillygooley Primary School PTA

Gillygooley Primary School PTA held an afternoon Tea Party in Gillygooley Orange Hall on Saturday 13th April and they raised £1135!



General crowd



Mervyn and Archie King. Mervyn is on the Board of Governors for Gillygooley PS.

Sunday School Outing

On Saturday 23rd February 2019 the Children from Gillygooley and Trinity travelled to Cooley Castles, Sixmilecross where they enjoyed an afternoon of 'thrills and spills'. All were kept entertained with go-karting, laser shooting, bumping cars and of course the ever popular bouncy castles. The chicken nuggets and chips on offer hit the spot after such an energetic and fun afternoon.



A Fresh Coat of Paint

Gillygooley Church had its interior recently repainted by John Thompson. Pictured here are the Junior Sunday School members enjoying their newly painted room. Children (L-R) Back row - Niall and Craig Front row - Ella, Zoe, Caolan, Alyssia and Jessica.



TRINITY'S NEW GIFT AID TREASURER - ANDREW BURNSIDE



Andrew Burnside is an Omagh native who was baptised in Trinity by Rev R W W Clarke. Andrew attended Sunday School and Boys' Brigade in Trinity before moving to Castleberg as a youth in the mid-90s. While living in Castleberg, he was a member of Second Castleberg Presbyterian Church.

In 2016, Andrew returned to live in Omagh and renewed his membership of Trinity where he was married in April 2017 to his wife Diane.

Andrew is a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Adviser and in his spare time enjoys football, rugby and walking in Gortin Glens with his black Labrador, Arthur. Andrew is also involved in the finance committee of a local primary school in his role as a School Governor, as well as the Loyal Orders and Omagh Protestant Boys Melody Flute Band, of which he is an active member.

If you have any questions about Gift Aid, speak to Andrew at church, or email: andrewwburnside@hotmail.co.uk



Children's Page



Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

Love One Another

"My _____, I will be with you only a little _____. You will _____ for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am _____, you cannot _____.

"A new _____ I give you: _____ one _____. As I have loved _____, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my _____, if you love one another."

John 13:33-35

another	come	disciples	longer	love
children	command	going	look	you

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR AGE: _____

Please Note: We can only accept Primary School Entrants

*Please leave your completed page in the box in the main church entrance, no later than 4 weeks after publication.
If more than one correct entry is received from either church a draw will be made.
There will be one prize for each church.*

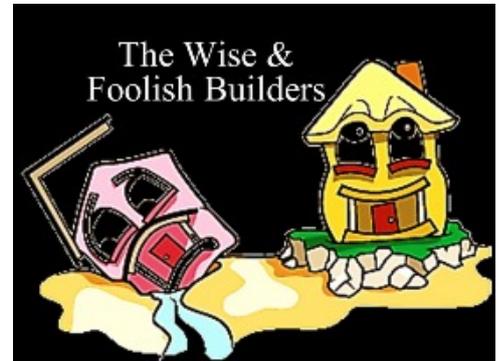
Sunday School and Bible Class Project 2018/2019

During the year the children and young people of Trinity and Gillygooley have been collecting money for 'Foundations' - the Youth and Sunday School Project of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for 2018/2019. 'Foundations' is supporting initiatives in Pakistan and Kilmount.

The Youth and Children's Project for 2018/19, 'Foundations' aims to encourage children and young people to build their faith on the strong foundations of Jesus and live their faith knowing that they have Jesus as the basis for everything that they do.

The teaching from the Project focuses on the story Jesus told of the wise and foolish builders in Matthew 7. Jesus showed that when we build our life on the foundation of rock - on God and his Word - we can stand strong and not be knocked by the storms that hit us.

The Project reminds our children and young people that it is not only important to build their faith foundations but to help them see that they can make a difference in the world as they help build foundations for others.



PAKISTAN

The United Bible Training College

In Pakistan, Christians are very much in a minority and are a persecuted part of society. In many parts of Pakistan, women do not get an opportunity to have a formal education.

The United Bible Training Centre offers Bible courses for Pakistani Christian women and girls, with the aim of producing active disciples for Christ, equipped to be witnesses and workers in the home, workplace, church and community.



Mostly the students come from rural areas where they have not had the benefit of higher education facilities.

The UBTC training aims to enable students to understand the Bible and think biblically, to develop Christ-like character and become equipped with ministry skills in order to teach others, particularly women and children, to learn about their faith and how to share their faith appropriately and effectively in a minority situation.

KILMOUNT

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Kilmount Presbyterian Church is a small rural congregation in the Monaghan Presbytery.

However, it has a growing number of children and a severe lack of facilities to organise a Sunday School and to provide children's and youth organisations in the church.



On a Sunday morning the children aged 5-11 meet in a tiny room behind the pulpit which is very cramped and not fit for purpose. There is an outhouse at the back of the church which the congregation plan to knock down and then rebuild in a way that is suitable for the children to use on a Sunday, and which can also be used for other church meetings and events.

The new building will make a massive difference to what the church is able to do for the children and young people and for the life of the congregation as a whole.

EXPLAINING CHURCH FINANCES

Both Trinity and Gillygooley congregations use the same envelope system for members' contributions. These include envelopes for Freewill Weekly Offering, a monthly United Appeal Envelope and two special envelopes for the Easter and Harvest Appeals. The church can claim Gift Aid on all contributions of those members who have signed Gift Aid forms. Church income and expenditure is classified into 'unrestricted' and 'restricted' monies.

Unrestricted Funds

The Freewill Weekly Offering and the Easter Appeal contributions are regarded as 'unrestricted' income. 'Unrestricted' income is used to meet our general running costs which includes employment of staff; congregational assessments to the central funds of the Presbyterian Church; heat and light of the churches and halls; rates, insurance and other expenses of a general nature. A detailed breakdown of expenditure can be seen in the Annual Financial Report.

The following is a summary of the 'unrestricted' funds for both congregations during 2018:

Unrestricted Funds (Mainly Weekly Freewill Offering and Easter Appeal)	Unrestricted Funds at 1 January 2018	Unrestricted Funds at 31 December 2018	Difference during 2018
Trinity	£30192	£27779	- £2,413
Gillygooley	£39739	£44372	+ £4,633

From the table above members can see that both congregations have funds in reserve to meet unforeseen bills, however, **during 2018 Trinity Committee had to use £2,413 from reserves to meet general running costs.** The main reason for the shortfall was that contributions did not keep up with inflationary costs.

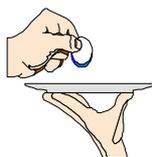
Restricted Funds

Other contributions are classified as 'restricted' funds. 'Restricted' means that the contribution must be used for the purpose for which it was given.

For example, the monthly United Appeal envelope goes directly to the mission funds of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Every congregation is given a target of honour. The target is calculated using a formula and works out at approximately **£40 per contributing family to United Appeal per year.** In 2018, Trinity used some of its 'unrestricted' funds (£663) to meet the target of honour due to the shortfall in direct giving to United Appeal.

It is the practice in both Trinity and Gillygooley to designate the Harvest Offering to the property fund. This means that the Harvest Offering is not included in the assessments for the central church, but it also means the fund is restricted and can only be used for property matters. There are healthy balances in the property funds of both churches. At 31 December 2018, Gillygooley was showing £49,594 in its property fund and Trinity had £53,671 in its property fund.





Trinity & Gillygooley Summary of Income for 2018



TRINITY			
	2016 (£)	2017 (£)	2018 (£)
Freewill Offering	46,088	47,388	47,917
United Appeal	6,648	6,670	6,240
World Development	2,630	2,530	2,700
Easter	5,492	5,391	5,174
Harvest (To Property)	7,237	6,918	6,644
Gift Aid (Income Tax)	*13,171	16,057	16,092

Donations from Trinity to charities during 2018 included: £8,355 to United Appeal; £5,620 to World Development; £1,505 to the Moderator's Appeal; £746 to the Presbyterian Children's Society; £249 to the Earl Haig Fund; £500 to Presbyterian Women Home and Overseas. The Gift Aid figure for each year is from contributions for the previous year.

GILLYGOOLEY			
	2016 (£)	2017 (£)	2018 (£)
Freewill Offering	25,942	27,137	27,704
United Appeal	2,803	3,143	3,097
World Development	750	885	740
Easter	4,400	4,605	4,710
Harvest (To Property)	6,150	6,327	7,065
Gift Aid (Income Tax)	7,344	7,374	8,723

Donations from Gillygooley to charities during 2018 included - £3,647 to the United Appeal; £914 to World Development; £500 to the Moderator's Appeal; £460 to the Presbyterian Children's Society; £200 to the Youth and Children's Project (What is Church); £150 to the Earl Haig Fund. The Gift Aid figure for each year is from contributions for the previous year.

**Donations to charities are higher than the amount received through contributions
because income from Gift Aid is distributed to the various funds**

Thank you to all who contributed to church funds in 2018

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING

Sunday 2nd June 2019

Summer 2019**SUNDAY SERVICES****July**

GILLYGOOLEY (10.00 AM)
& TRINITY (11.30 AM)
Rev Robert Herron

August

GILLYGOOLEY (10.00 AM)
& FIRST OMAGH (11.30 AM)
Rev Jane Nelson

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Please include as much written detail as possible and send the **full original** photos in your articles!
Thank you to all who supply material or take photographs.

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