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## New Elders in Trinity



On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019, during a special evening service in Trinity Presbyterian Church, five new elders were ordained and installed. Seated, they are from left: Johnny Moore, Niall Henry, Hazel McCay, Dawn McClung and Alfie Sayers. Also seated is Rev Jane Nelson, Moderator of Omagh Presbytery. Standing from left are members of the Presbytery Commission: Robert McKelvey, Margaret Cummings, Rev Jonathan Cowan, Alex McFarland, Drew Hamilton, Rev Robert Herron and Rev Robert Orr.

## New Elders in Gillygooley



Seven new elders were ordained and installed at a special service in Gillygooley Presbyterian Church on Sunday 26 May 2019. Taking part in this special service were clerics and church elders who make up the Presbytery Commission.

New Elders in back row (l-r): Raymond McKinley, Robert Fyffe, Beverley Fleming, Raymond King, Rosemary King, Andrew McKernan, Robert Smyth. Front row (l-r) Elders: Gerard McAuley, Bill King (Clerk of session), Harold Moore, Raymond Smyth.

# Emily Irwin - trip to Japan for the Rugby World Cup!

Young Trinity member Emily Irwin headed to Japan in late September with her family (mum Wendy, dad George and brother Oliver) for the trip of a lifetime! A keen rugby fan, Emily had entered a competition and won the chance of presenting the match ball in Ireland's opening game with Scotland on September 22nd at the International Stadium in Yokohama.

Emily's mum had spotted the competition in the summer term and Emily was very happy to enter, especially as it was rugby-related. She had to create an inspirational talk for the Ireland players in advance of the World Cup and she decided that her entry would take the form of a rap. It certainly caught the eye of the judges and Emily's mum had to keep the secret of her daughter's success for a full three weeks! "We don't usually enter competitions like this, but we just thought we would give it a shot. Someone had to win it," Wendy enthused. Emily is a pupil at Omagh County PS and she was outside playing rugby when a DHL van arrived, just after lunchtime on Thursday 16th May, bearing the good news. Emily was ceremoniously presented with a box containing a certificate, a water bottle, balloons, sweets and that all-important ball on which was written 'Rugby World Cup Japan – September 22nd 2019'. When Emily realised the significance of it all, she was really surprised and very excited indeed. She remarked, "My mum always says you should never give up." Wise advice indeed! We hope they had a wonderful time in Japan and look forward to reading about their trip in our next edition.



Is this all just a dream?!



Emily with mum and Gran receiving her prize from the sponsors - a trip to the Rugby World Cup in Japan



Emily with her teacher and representatives of the competition sponsors, DHL



Emily and Wendy celebrate the good news

## Gillygooley Walking Club

Members of Gillygooley Walking Club had their last walk of the season on Saturday 7th September at Hillsborough Castle.



### TRINITY AND GILLYGOOLEY PW PROGRAMME 2019 – 2020

The theme for the 2019-20 year is "Restore"

- Tuesday 8th October: Colin Tinsley :  
Farmhand to Mission Man
- Tuesday 12th November: Visitors Night : Jeannie  
Graham "Only God can give  
treasures from darkness"
- Tuesday 10th December: Christmas Supper :  
The Season of Christmas
- Tuesday 11th February: Naomi Dudgeon :  
Working in West Belfast
- Tuesday 10th March: Audrey Hodge : Daily Habits
- Tuesday 14th April: AGM



Archie King made his debut in the Show Ring at this year's Omagh Show. Archie proudly displayed his 6 month old heifer, Jewel, and was awarded a rosette in the Young Handler's Class. Well done Archie!

## TUTTO E BELLISSIMO



Don't know if you have ever been in the situation where you gave information only to be told it was incorrect and then tried to pass it off as a deliberate mistake to see if anyone was paying attention?

Not very honourable – I know! It happened to me recently within the pages of this very magazine's last publication and related to my dear Aunt 'you know who' when I, trying and failing to be clever, gave her year of birth [YOB] as 1923. The more astute readers would have remembered a few issues ago I also referred to her year of birth as 1922, which is actually the correct one. But this is where my little charade ended, as my Aunt was having none of my deliberate mistake excuses and made me vacuum her entire house so I could reflect on the error of my ways! Guess who felt a proper YOB then!

So I'm now into my seventh successive article for T and G News. So what? –big deal! FOOL – in the words of the A team's BA. To put this into perspective, the late Stephen Mc Kenna, raconteur, wit and scholar of this parish, who lived his entire life, literally [very nearly] in the shadow of Trinity Church contributed in excess of 2500 quality articles for the Ulster Herald. Whether everyone would agree with his commentary is irrelevant here; it was his opinion and he was entitled to express it! The point is it would take me, at the rate of 4 per year, over 600 years to match his output - but quite possible if you consider the age some Old Testament characters allegedly lived to! Must change my name to Stan Methuselah!

Visitors to this country always remark how they note we always very politely nod our head and enquire 'How are you doing?' or 'Are you well?' when we meet others. It would seem it's not a courtesy extended throughout other places in the world! However they also note such replies as 'Not so bad' sometimes leaves the enquirer wishing they hadn't bothered asking. I know it's just something we say but if you are waiting at the new hospital to see your doctor it's probably the last question you want to be asked in public. I'm told some hypochondriacs wait around all day in doctors' waiting areas, without an appointment, hoping someone will ask them just that! I was just relaxing there and for some reason listening to a recording of Marianne Faithful singing The Ballad of Lucy Jordan [an old classic Dr Hook song] when all of a sudden I realised the year was turning, the cycle was repeating, Harvest and Christmas were beckoning and I needed to refocus on the here and now! On the Music in Trinity front the choir finished the pre summer year off by singing the inspirational 'Bring us hope' at the Ordination of our new Elders service in May, which we will repeat again before Christmas. We were also treated to a couple of beautiful solos from our very own Lucy Reid, who continues to develop and improve as a musical performer. As I am now also Director of Omagh Music Society we were able to bring her talent to a wider audience when she sang another fine solo at our late spring concert in May.

If you are wondering where the title of this article has come from, Tutto e bellissimo is actually a piece of piano music I've learned recently and played a few times in church before the service starts. Feedback has been really encouraging. It started one Saturday afternoon when I was coming out of town and heard it played on the radio. I scribbled down what I thought was the name of the piece and the composer – got it wrong but enough of it right to track it down on Mr Google. It helped that the presenter referred to it by its English title of 'Everything is Beautiful' [wonderful title!]. This struck a chord as I remembered the 70s' hit by Ray Stephens and I then interrogated Mr G and eventually found composer, title and the sheet music. That was a good afternoon's work – no lawnmower was hurt in the production of this article! [Was this sentence really necessary? – the Ed] So onward and upward into the autumn and the pursuit of more indoor activities. I am giving the choir recruitment plug a miss this time as we are still trying to process the last batch of enquiries!!!!

Regards

*Stan the man!*

## 1st Omagh BB

Boys' Brigade resumed on Tuesday 10th September 2019! New members very welcome!!

Anchor Section	5-8 years	6.30pm - 7.30pm
Junior Section	8-11 years	7pm - 8.30pm
Company Section	11-15 years	7pm - 9pm



## Emily Buchanan - Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

Whilst at Omagh Academy, from 2017-2018, I worked towards my Gold Duke of Edinburgh award alongside my academic studies. This has allowed me to develop a variety of skills that will benefit me in the future. In order to complete my award I participated in many practice hikes as well as physical, volunteering and skill based activities. For my volunteering I decided to help out in Sunday School, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I then completed the final four day hike, which was over 80km, in the Mourne Mountains in June 2018. This was by far the most challenging part, however we were blessed with lots of sunshine which made it more enjoyable!

After successfully completing my award, I was invited to a garden party in Buckingham Palace on the 22nd May 2019, which I attended with my mum. All my hard work over the past year had paid off as this was an incredible experience! There were over 2,000 young people also in attendance and we were presented with our awards by a variety of celebrities. I was presented with my award by Darcy Bussell, from Strictly Come Dancing, who had a link to the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. We also had the chance to walk around the palace gardens and meet some members of the Royal Family-Princess Eugenie, Prince Edward and Sophie, the Countess of Wessex-who commended us on our success. This was a surreal experience and one that I will never forget!



# Children's Day at Trinity

The annual Children's Service and Presentation of Prizes took place on Sunday 2nd June 2019 at Trinity. The children's talk was based on the story of the 3 little pigs and both young and old thoroughly enjoyed it! A cheque was presented to Rev Herron for £150, which was raised by the children in aid of 'Foundations' - the Youth and Sunday School Project of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for 2018/2019. 'Foundations' is supporting initiatives in both Pakistan and Kilmount in Monaghan. Following the service there was a nice surprise awaiting outside in the sunshine as there was the now traditional free whippy ice cream for all!



Welcomes from: Emilia Fenton, Alfie Bell and Elliott Fenton



The call to worship by Emily Irwin, Louisa Ferguson and Emilia Fenton



A Psalm of Thanksgiving read by Sam Knox and Matthew McFarland



Bible reading by Rachel Patterson



Bible reading by Luke McFarland



Bible reading by Oliver Irwin



Offering prayer by Adam Magee



A Prayer of Thanksgiving by Adam Magee, Jack Caldwell and Emilia Fenton



Bible reading by Henry Thompson and Thomas Winters



Bible reading by Tom Bell and Thomas Winters



Prayers for others by Emily Irwin, Louisa Ferguson and Jack Caldwell



Left: Elliott Fenton, Louisa Ferguson, Bethany Ferguson, Alex Knox and Sam Knox make a presentation of £150 to Reverend Herron of money raised by the Sunday School and Bible Class for this year's Youth and Children's Project.



Children's address by Rev Herron



The Collectors - Oliver Irwin, Luke McFarland, Thomas Winters and Tom Bell



Preschool children Dylan Edwards, Isla McKeown and Alex Knox



P1-3 David Hay, Sam Knox, Bethany Ferguson, Alfie Bell and Payton Adams



Jack Caldwell and Matthew McFarland received prizes for good attendance



P4-7 Back row - Adam Magee, Jack Caldwell, Matthew McFarland and Emilia Fenton. Front row - Emily Irwin, Louisa Ferguson and Elliott Fenton



Bible Class - Back row - Luke McFarland, Thomas Winters, Tom Bell and Henry Thompson. Front row - Oliver Irwin and Rachel Patterson

## New Elders at Gillygooley



Gillygooley's new Elders L-R: Raymond McKinley, Robert Fyffe, Beverley Fleming, Rosemary King, Andrew McKernan, Raymond King, Robert Smyth. After the very well attended evening service the new elders joined with friends, families and members of congregation for a celebration tea in Gillygooley Orange Hall.



## New Elders at Trinity



During a special evening service in Trinity Presbyterian Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019, five new elders were ordained and installed to the office of Ruling Elder. From L-R they are: Niall Henry, Dawn McClung, Hazel McCay, Alfie Sayers & John Moore. After the Ordination and Installation service there was tea served in the hall where the new Elders met and greeted their friends, families and the congregation who had attended the service.



# Sunday School Barbecue

On Friday May 31 the children of Gillygooley and Trinity came together to enjoy an evening of 'Fun and Games'. Once again after a spell of very wet weather prayers were answered and the rain stayed away for the evening, much to the relief of the chefs!

There was also a chance for others to show off their footballing skills and those with energy to spare had fun on the bouncy castle.

Thanks to the chefs Leslie and Shelby for the tasty burgers and hotdogs which were enjoyed by everyone and also to Myrtle Mc Kinley for the tea and delicious 'wee buns'.

The members of the Sunday School wish to thank Malcolm, Myrtle, Alistair and Michelle McKinley for their kindness and generosity in providing financial support for this event.

Thanks are also expressed to Aubrey Kerrigan who brought his 'Be Fit For Fun' programme which was thoroughly enjoyed by both young and old alike.



Chefs - Leslie Fleming and Shelby Caldwell



Robert Fyffe, Alastair McKinley and Noel Hemphill - enjoying the craic and discussing the weather



Louise Smyth and Mervyn King



Emily Hemphill



Shane and Amanda



Sharon, Stephen and Adam Fyffe



Aubrey Kerrigan and children from Gillygooley and Trinity Churches



Myrtle McKinley and Rosemary King enjoying a cuppa



Back: Oliver King, Matthew McKernan.  
Middle: Louis King, Aaron McKinley, Jack Caldwell, Matthew McFarland.  
Front: Archie King, Emily Hemphill



Alfie & Robbie Bell with mum

### Gillygooley Second Youth

The Gillygooley 2nd Youth Summer Outing went to Oakfield Park, Raphoe where a good day's craic was had, followed by an evening meal at the Silver Tassie Hotel in Letterkenny, Co Donegal.



Right: Lily Nethery celebrated her 80th birthday in style with Second Youth! Dorothy King, Group Chairperson, presented Lily with a lovely birthday cake on behalf of the group to mark the special occasion.



## B.R.E.X.I.T.

'Brexit' – that new word invented three years ago when the UK voted to leave the European Union. At first I had difficulty pronouncing the word – it sounded like Brekstik! Now I have difficulty with just about everything to do with Brexit. My problem is not about whether there should have been a referendum or not, it's just that it has got so complicated. When I thought I understood it fairly well something else was added into the mix. Now, I just switch off –literally, when discussions start on the radio or television.

On 23 June 2016 when this historic referendum took place, a new bull arrived on our home farm in Plumbridge, and was promptly named 'Brexit' by my brother Clarence. 'Brexit's' predecessors had been given names of Biblical characters like Moses, Isaac, Cain and Abraham. However 'Brexit' has been and gone and more recently has been replaced with Zachariah (Zak). Does the UK now need a leader with a strong Biblical name and a 'bullish' character to sort out the mess of the moment?

We know Boris has a 'bullish' nature at times but he met his match recently in Scotland when a great Limousin bull almost toppled him! Someone said the bull was called 'Jeremy' but I heard its name was 'Belshazzar! Remember King Belshazzar and how he seen 'the writing on the Wall'!

Take note Boris, MENE, TEKEL, PERES!

So for all of you like myself who are fed up with the whole debate, here is an alternative Brexit to ponder.

**B = BLESS:** I will *ble*ss the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalm 34 Vs 1 NKJV

**R = REMAIN:** If you *re*main in me and my words *re*main in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

John 15 Vs 7 NIV

**E = EARTH:** The *Ear*th is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.

Psalm 24 Vs 1 NIV

**X = How you vote!** Use your vote and use it wisely

**I = IMPOSSIBLE:** For nothing is *im*possible with God.

Luke 1 Vs 27 NIV

**T = TOMORROW:** Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen *tom*orrow. God will help you deal with whatever difficult things come up when the time comes.

Luke 6 Vs34 The Message Bible

*Claire McElhinney*

## Where are they now?



Here's a blast from the past! This is a photo of the 1st Omagh Boys Brigade from April 1990 - 29 years ago!



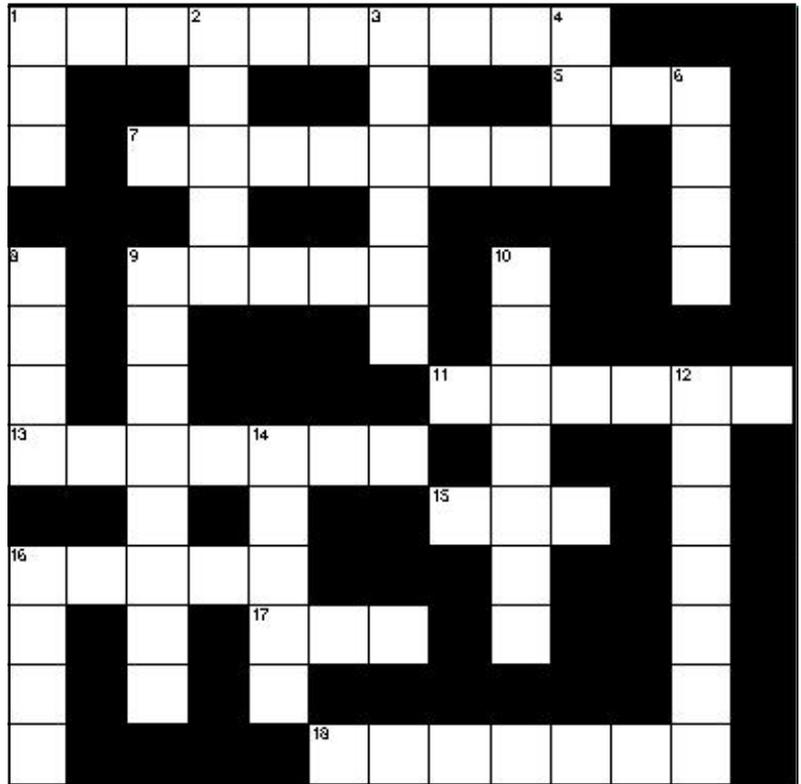
# Children's Page



## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

**Across:**

- 1: The Bible is divided into the Old and New .....
- 5: The gospel of Luke says that when Joseph and Mary got to Bethlehem there was no room at the ...
- 7: The book of Genesis begins with the story of .....
- 9: The star that the wise men followed in the gospel Matthew .....brightly.
- 11: An Old Testament book of poems.
- 13: The first book of the New Testament.
- 15: The book of Daniel in the Old Testament tells us about a miracle called 'Daniel in the Lion's ...'.
- 16: The main character of the New Testament.
- 17: The book of Genesis says that the name of the first woman was ...
- 18: A story with a meaning.



**Down:**

- 1: How many commandments did God give to Moses?
- 2: The Jewish name for the first five books of the Bible.
- 3: An Old Testament book with a girl's name.
- 4: Christians believe that breaking a commandment is a ...
- 6: Who built the ark according to the book of Genesis?
- 8: The book of Genesis says that the name of the first man was ....
- 9: How many books are there in the Bible?
- 10: The first four books of the New Testament are called ..... which means 'good news'.
- 12: An amazing event that is difficult to explain.
- 14: The twenty-eighth book of the Old Testament is called .....
- 16: The twenty-ninth book of the Old Testament is called ....

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.  
One prize for each church.*

There were two winners from Gillygooley as Trinity had no entries: Emily Hemphill and Caolan Magee

# Gillygooley Children's Day

Sunday 2 June saw a great turnout of children, friends and families at Gillygooley Presbyterian Church. Thanks to Amanda Graham and Beverley Fleming the service was a great success with the junior choir singing three pieces, "God has made a heaven", "The wise man built his house upon the rock" and "The Lord is my shepherd".

The welcoming committee were Karen King, Andrew King, Tyler Donnell, Lauren Hunter and Helena Caldwell. Readings and prayers were by Zoe Smyth, Scott McKinley, Julieann Hemphill, Rachel Graham, Aaron McKinley, Oliver King, Harvey King, Louie King, Andrew King, Emily Hemphill, Archie King, Timothy Donnell and Tyler Donnell.

Jessica Fyffe and Alyssa Smyth presented Rev Herron with the Youth and Children's Project collection.

The Bible Class members were delighted to welcome the congregation to the Hall after the Service for a cup of tea and scones to round off the Sunday School activities before their summer break.



Beverley Fleming, Sunday School Superintendent, members of Sunday School and Bible Class



Junior Choir



Jessica Fyffe, Beverley Fleming, Alyssa Smyth



Caolan Magee and Scott McKinley



Andrea and Alan Smyth with baby George

# Gillygooley Summer Scheme



Zoe and Alyssa Smyth having fun



Archie and Oliver King



Julianne Hemphill



Girl racers at the Summer Scheme



Enjoying the Senior Summer Scheme



Having fun on the Senior Summer Scheme

**HARVEST  
THANKSGIVING  
SERVICE IN  
Gillygooley**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**Sunday, 20th October**  
10-00 a.m.  
**Rev Robert Herron**  
- EVERYONE WELCOME -

**HARVEST  
THANKSGIVING  
SERVICE IN  
Trinity**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**Sunday, 20th October**  
11-30 a.m.  
**Rev Robert Herron**  
- EVERYONE WELCOME -

**EVENING HARVEST  
THANKSGIVING  
SERVICE IN  
TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**Sunday, 20th October**  
7-00 p.m.  
**Rev Ian Linton**  
(St Columba's and Mountfield)  
- EVERYONE WELCOME -

**Special Services in Trinity & Gillygooley**  
(October , November, December & January)

**Sunday, 10 November 2019**  
Remembrance Sunday

**Sunday, 1 December 2019**  
World Development Sunday

**Sunday, 15 December 2019**  
Carol Services

**Sunday, 22 December 2019**  
Sunday Before Christmas

**Wednesday, 25 December 2019**  
Christmas Day Service  
(11.00 am in First Omagh)

**Sunday, 29 December 2019**  
Last Sunday of the Year

**Sunday, 5 January 2020**  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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Please include as much written detail as possible (who, what, why, where, when) and send the **full original** photos with your articles!

**The deadline for submission of articles for the next edition which is due out in February 2020 is Monday 13th January 2020.**

**Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths**  
(until 9th September 2019)

<b>Baptisms in Trinity</b>	<b>Marriages in Trinity</b>	<b>Deaths in Trinity</b>
5 May Harper Lauren Weir	30 Aug Keith McDermott and Rachel Hassard	12 May Rita McNiece
	<b>Marriages in Gillygooley</b>	16 Jul Derek Breslin
	29 Jun Peter Blair and Stacey Hemphill	23 Jul Kay McCauley
		28 Aug Benjamin McGeagh
		<b>Deaths in Gillygooley</b>
		2 Jul Samuel Smyth
<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)

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