

*The Presbytery of Derry & Donegal*



# NEWS SHEET

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September 2011

*"He who believes in the Son  
has everlasting life;  
And he who does not believe  
the Son shall not see life"*

**John 3:36.**



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# Jesus, Our Shepherd

Some six hundred years after David composed his Shepherd Song, Psalm 23, Jesus said with quiet assurance:

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10: 11-15).

Jesus saw us as "sheep without a shepherd" and came "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). He was the one who left the ninety-nine on the hills and went to look for the one person and the Father's desire that not one of them should perish (Matt. 18:12-24).

F.B. Meyer wrote:

"He has a shepherd's heart, beating with pure and generous love that counted not His own life-blood too dear a price to pay down as ransom. He has a shepherd's eye, that takes in the whole flock and misses not even the poor sheep wandering away on the mountains cold. He has a shepherd's faithfulness, which will never fail or forsake, leave us comfortless, nor flee."

Jesus died for all sin – the obvious sins of murder, adultery, and theft, as well as

the secret sins of selfishness and pride. The Shepherd calls to us and listens for the slightest sounds of life. He hears the faintest cry. If He hears nothing at all, He will not give up and go away. He lets us wander away, hoping that weariness and despair will turn us around. And when we turn to Him, He is there to greet us. "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him (Ps. 145: 18). Our waywardness, and there is so much of it in society today, doesn't have to be explained to God, as He is never surprised by anything we do. He sees everything at a single glance, seeing into the dark corners of our hearts knowing everything about us that there is to know. But what He sees only draws out His love for us, for there is no deeper motivation in God than love. It is His nature to love, for "God is love" (1 John 4:8).

The word "shepherd" carries with it thoughts of tenderness, security, and provision. Yet it means nothing if each one of us cannot say "The Lord is my shepherd." What a difference that little word "my" makes! It means that I can have God's attention all of the time. It is one thing to say, "The Lord is a shepherd." It is another to say "The Lord is my shepherd." Martin Luther observed that faith is a matter of personal pronouns: My Lord and my God. This is the faith that leads to salvation.

*Many books can inform,  
But only the Bible can  
transform.*

## E D I T O R ' S   N O T E

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Hear a Project update from Rev. Stephen Richmond

## **DERRY & DONEGAL PW LINK**

### *PW RALLY*

Monday 26<sup>TH</sup> September 2011  
at 7.45pm

Raphoe Presbyterian Church  
Speakers: Miss Rhonda Glass  
& Miss Karen Burns  
(from Westport)

*All ladies are encouraged  
to come along.*

## **Presbytery Healing Ministry**

The Joint Service of Prayer for the Sick  
is to be held on Sunday,  
11th September, 2011  
at 3.30pm. in Newtowncunningham  
Presbyterian Church

and on each second Thursday  
of the month  
(October to April)  
at 10.30am. in Ebrington Church Hall  
and  
on each second Sunday at 3.30pm. in  
Ballykelly Church Hall (year round).

**Everyone Welcome.  
Please support in Prayer**

## **ALT**

### **CHILDRENS' DAY:**

The Sunday School members excelled in our annual Childrens' Day service on 5th June. The theme this year was "God's love is everywhere" with emphasis on communication. The children performed a Godly affairs programme which involved singing, reciting poetry, leading the congregation in prayer, and reading from God's word with Holly Long as presenter and Alan Long as the foreign correspondent reporting from Lebanon. At the end of the service, Rev. Honeyford presented the children with prizes. Thank you to Isobel Roulston for training our young people.

### **GET WELL WISHES:**

We extend get well wishes to the following members of our congregation who have been unwell of late - Oliver Campbell, Robert Leitch, Katie Mortland and Jim Roulston.

### **SYMPATHY:**

Sympathy is extended to Jillian Long on the death of her uncle Stanley Shaw and to the family and friends of the late Cynthia (Tuppy) Caldwell (nee Crowe), Artigarvan, who was interred in Alt graveyard.

### **RETURN OF ORGANIST:**

While Rev. Honeyford was on holiday during the month of July, we were pleased to welcome back Mrs. Bertha Pollock as organist.

### **GOOD WISHES:**

As the summer holidays draw to a close, we would like to send good wishes to all our young people who are moving up the ladder to secondary school or third level education.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

Sacrament of Communion - 16th October 2011  
Harvest Thanksgiving - 6th November 2011

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# BALLINDRAIT

## Bereavements

We offer our condolences to Mrs. Audrey McBeth and also to her immediate family. Audrey's sister Mrs. Carol Simpson passed away on 22nd June after a long battle with illness.

## Baptism

5th June. Alexandra Ruth McAuley, daughter of Andrew and Andrea McAuley. Congratulations also to David and Jennifer McAuley who also had a baby girl, their 2nd child, in June.

## Marriage

Congratulations to Diane McBeth who married Craig Stevenson from Sion Mills on the 4th June 2011.

David and Belinda Mahaffey wish to thank

anyone who visited Blackrock Garden when it was opened on 25th and 26th June as part of the Donegal Garden Trail. The donations received amounted to €783 which will be divided between Lifford Hospital and the charity Doctors without Frontiers which sets up field hospitals for refugees in war zones.

## Past Events

22nd May 2011: Children's Day  
Special Speaker Rev. Jim Lamont. A big thank you to all who helped & participated.

29th May 2011: Fifth Sunday Service in Ballindrait (i.e. joint service) on theme of Christian Aid

## Dates to Note

11th September 2011: Sunday School begins.  
9th October 2011: Ballindrait Harvest  
6th November 2011: Communion



# BALLYARNETT

## Death

We extend our condolences to our organist, Mr. Trevor Burnside, on the passing of his wife, Geraldine, on Sunday 10th July. We remember Trevor, and Geraldine's family, in our prayers.

## Past events

On Pentecost Sunday (12th June) the old pulpit Bible was used, to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Version.

**Our annual Children's Day service** took place on Lord's Day 19th June. We were very appreciative of how the members of Children's Church & Sunday School led us in worship through Scripture reading, prayer and song; four of the young people also collected the offering. Well done to them all. Thanks to Sandra Spain, Linda Cole, Yvonne Cole, Tracey Wylie and Lewis Hamilton for preparing the youngsters. Towards the end of the service, a special presentation was made to Mr. Matt Cole, who had stepped down at the end of last year after 35 years' service as Sabbath School Superintendent. Matt responded appropriately and prayed God's blessing on Sandra, as his successor.

**We thank** Mr. Robert Mitchell for being our representative elder to the General Assembly. Robert was present on the Tuesday for the vote to host the Assembly in Londonderry in 2013; the Assembly Communion service also took place that day, and the manner in which the elders distribute the elements around the large congregation is an impressive sight to see.

## New Committee

Following the election held earlier in the year, our new Congregational Committee is now in place: we pray God's blessing on Linda Adams, Joe Barber, Dorothy Bates, Linda Cole, Ronald Cole, Mark Duncan, Alfie Gallick, Hugh Gilliland, Lily Gilliland, Desmond Hamilton, Lewis Hamilton, Robert Houston, Liz Jackson, George Kilgore, Valerie Mackey, Rae Montgomery, Linda McLean, David Ramsey, Sandra Spain and Steven Wylie as they look after our finances and property. We thank Olive Canning, Margaret Keys, Dorothy Moody, Evelyn McCooke, Jean Wylie and Margaret Wylie for their service on the outgoing Committee.

## Special Thanks

Mrs. Jo Bolton, wife of the late Rev. Maurice Bolton MBE, minister of 2nd Derry congregation 1968-1996, wishes to express her thanks to our congregation for the gift made in lieu of flowers in memory of her husband; the Bolton family were very touched by this. Mr. Bolton is fondly remembered in Ballyarnett as Convener of Vacancy, especially during the 1970-1973 vacancy which was a testing time. Our prayers are with Mrs. Bolton, and she invites any members of the congregation who knew her husband well to call.

Our former Clerk of Session, Mr Hayes McDonald, celebrated his 93rd birthday on Sunday 31st July 2011. Rev. Trevor Williamson referred to the fact during our combined service with Knowhead and the congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to Hayes to mark the occasion.

Presbyterian Women are running a leadership event on Saturday 10th September 2011 in association with Focusfest. The event is aimed at leaders and potential leaders and tickets are available at a cost of Á15. Anyone interested in attending should contact our own group leader, Mrs Dorothy Bates.

## Forthcoming Services (12 noon, except where stated)

18th Sept. Presentation of Sunday School Prizes  
2nd Oct. PW Service  
16th Oct. Harvest Thanksgiving  
17th Oct. (7.30pm) Harvest Thanksgiving  
30th Oct. Pre-Communion  
6th Nov. The Lord's Supper  
6th Nov. (6.30pm) Alternative Communion  
13th Nov. Remembrance Day  
20th Nov. GB Enrolment  
4th Dec. (7.30pm) Christmas Praise Service (TBC)







*Matt Cole is presented with a gift to mark his retirement as Sunday School Superintendent by Sandra Spain*

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# BALLYKELLY

In April, at our GB and BB Displays it was very encouraging to see a large number of young people involved in the youth organizations. Both evenings were lively and entertaining with all the children receiving prizes within their age groups.



*Alexandra McClelland after receiving her Queen's Award at the Ballykelly GB Display in April. She is pictured with her mum & dad, Wendy & James McClelland and GB captain, Mrs Shirley Nicholl.*



*David McCollum & Jason Henderson with their mums after receiving their Queen's Badges at the BB Display in Ballykelly.*

On the first Sunday in June we held our annual Children's Day Services, the theme of which was "The Creation". Many of the Sunday School children were involved in the Worship and received Attendance Prizes.

Our bowlers continue to enjoy playing in the local league and have done well this year after being promoted. To mark the end of the season they had an evening of bowls followed by Prize Giving and a supper.



*Prize Winners at Ballykelly Bowling Club Awards' Night.*



*Junior Bowlers : James Miller & Jack Beresford*

As all congregations preparing for a new season, we in Ballykelly pray for all our leaders that they have been refreshed over the summer period and are ready once again to serve the Lord through their various roles within the Church.

# BALLYLENNON

## Baptisms

Sunday 19th June – Lewis William James Middleton, Infant son of William and Ruth Middleton.

## Death

13th August – Mrs Fan Long, Milltown, Convo. Fan had been a regular attendee at church while health allowed. Fan enjoyed bible study and was a great supporter of church events. Fan was a caring and gentle lady and enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren. The members of the congregation express their deepest sympathies to her husband Bertie and the wider family circle and assure them of their thoughts and prayers at this time.

## Sympathy

The members of the congregation would like to express their heartfelt sympathies to Mr Wesley and Mrs Sarah McKean on the death of Sarah's father Joe Walsh, Liverpool and their baby son Toby Joe. May they know God's comfort and strength at this difficult time.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Mrs Ruth Galbraith and family on the death of her brother Jack Tinney. May God be with the family at this sad time.

## PW

The ladies of PW had a lovely evening at Millstone Cookery School for our annual dinner. We were given a demonstration by Wendy Long on how to make different dishes and then we had a lovely 3 course meal from the food demonstrated. Norma Robb was caught by surprise when presented with a birthday cake to mark the occasion of her 60th Birthday. Norma expressed her thanks to Glenda McKean for making the delicious cake. The ladies enjoyed the annual outing with St Johnston. They went to Coleraine for a bit of shopping, to a garden centre nearby and then on to Tea in Bushmills Presbyterian Church.

## Father's Day

Children's & Youth Sunday was held on father's day, 19th June. James McKean introduced the service, which had the theme 'forgiving love', with prayers by Stephen Robb, Luke McKean and Lauren Crawford. The reading of the

prodigal son was by Jonathon Crawford. The children sang under the direction of Jennifer Long and Ruth Crawford. Lewis Middleton was baptised during the service and the W.J. Alexander Memorial prizes were presented by Rev Wilson, James McKean and Naomi McCausland. Luke McKean and Jonathon Crawford present sweets in a little box with a bible verse attached to each of the men in the congregation. Thanks is extended to all who contributed to the service especially Glenda for the little boxes of chocolate.

## Cycle to Inch Island

The annual cycle took place on the 25th June. Cyclists of all ages took part and had plenty of refreshments along the way. The highlight of the day was the barbecue at the home of Daisy Byrce at the finish in Inch Island. The committee is grateful to all the cyclists, helpers, people who sponsored the cyclists and to Daisy for her support.



*'The cyclists ready for their trip to Inch Island'*

## Best Wishes

To any members of the congregation who are experiencing illness at this time.

## Congratulations

To Bertie Long on his 80th Birthday.  
To Isobel Galbraith who got to meet the Queen on her recent visit to Ireland in May.

## Coming Events

16th October – Harvest services at 12.30 & 8.00  
6th November – Observance of the Lord's Supper  
3rd October – PW Cookery Demonstration by Florence Roulston  
31st October – PW Talk about crafts from India by Winifred Beatty (Items for sale)  
21st November – PW Beauty night with Beautician Sharon Harold



*'Mrs Daisy Bryce receives a thank you from Rev Craig Wilson at Inch Island'.*



*'The ladies from PW at their annual dinner outing in Millstone Cookery School'.*

## *Ballylennon PW Cookery Book*

*Ballylennon PW ladies are putting together another edition  
of their famed cookery book.*

*If you would like to submit a recipe for the cookery book please send:*

**By post to:** Mrs Glenda McKean, Longvale, Porthall, Lifford, Co. Donegal

By email to: [glendamckean@eircom.net](mailto:glendamckean@eircom.net)

Closing date for acceptance of recipes is the 31st October.

Proceeds from the sale of the books will go to charity and copies of the book will be available from  
April 2012.

Please note that the editor's discretion will be used in the preparation of the cookery book.

## **BURT**

### **Church fundraising**

The Auction and Cake sale on 11<sup>th</sup> June was a great success raising €4691 for the Church Repair fund. A special thanks goes to Gordon and Lily Elder for all their hard work with the preparation and organisation of the Auction.

### **Children's Service**

The children and young people's service was held on 19th June. The service was led by the young people of the congregation with an address by Rev McCormick. Lewis Crockett, Stuart Hyndman, Annabelle McArthur and Rachael Buchanan led the singing. The Bible readings were by Mark, Ian and Rachael Buchanan. Ellie Broad, Katie McCarthy and Rebecca Crockett led the prayers. Sunday school

prizes were presented at the end of the service. There was a good turnout at this lovely service and everyone enjoyed a cup of tea afterwards.



*Mary Mc Arthur, Mary Milligan, Gwen Peoples, Betty Fitch, Joyce Gamble and Jane Bryce helping out at the cake sale .*



*Participants and organisers of the Children and Young People's Service June 19th 2011 pictured with Rev. Joe McCormick*

### Sunday School Excursion

Families from the congregation travelled to the annual Sunday school excursion to Portrush on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June. A BBQ was enjoyed in somewhat rainy conditions at Ramore Head. The children enjoyed the train journey and the attractions of Portrush. Thanks to Robert and Leslie Buchanan for all the arrangements.

### Baptisms

On Sunday 17th July two cousins Stirling John Buchanan son of James and Kate Buchanan Karlgoorlie, W.Australia and Amy Sarah Buchanan daughter of Mark & Katherine Buchanan, Elagh Hall, Londonderry were baptized in Burt by Rev McCormick.



*Baptism of Stirling Buchanan*



*Baptism of Amy Buchanan*

### Wedding

The wedding of Richard Buchanan formerly from Elagh Hall, Londonderry and Samantha Jones formerly from Newcastle, England took place near Windsor, London in July. The couple now live in London.



*Richard and Samantha Buchanan*

### Church Committee

A new church committee has been elected. Members are David Bryce, Scott Buchanan, Stewart Buchanan, David Crockett, James Duncan, Stanley Edwards, John Glenn, Mary Milligan, David McArthur and Ian Roulston.

## CARNDONAGH (Hillhead)

### Children's Day Service

The annual children's day service was held on Sunday 26th June with service being conducted by Rev William Mc Keown. There was an excellent attendance and the children participated in number of ways. The children's address "Transformers" was delivered in drama format by Andrew & Ruth Garvey-Williams and was based on the story of Zacheus. Prayers and readings were led by Ciara Gilmore, Niamh Kelly, Darragh Gilmore, James Kelly & Holly Moore. Natasha Cunningham and Bethany Moore sang beautiful solos and all the children participated in group singing. Praise was led by the instrumental group.

### Summer Children's Club & Teen Club

Rev Gordon Best and his team from New Mills returned on the first week of July to lead "Hero Headquarters" each evening at Greenbank



*Members of the singing and instrumental group who took part in the joint youth service at Malin in July. Front left: Kathleen Mc Keague, Gillian Boggs, Holly Moore, Natasha Cunningham, Laura Boggs, Rebecca Stewart, Annette Hutson. back: Andrew Mc Monagle, Rebecca Boggs, Ruth Cunningham, Aimee Moore, Ivan Nichol, Leah Doherty, Amy Norris, Fiona Mc Candless & Jennifer Norris*

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successful with 80+ children attending each evening. As in previous years the programme was excellently delivered and greatly enjoyed by the children.

The Teen event took place over the weekend of 23-25th July with a BBQ at Greenbank Hall with fun and games and epilogue with Trevor Harvey. A trip was organised to Creggan Country Park on the Saturday for orienteering and watersports which was enjoyed by all and helped greatly by the nice weather. On Sunday 24th July young people from Carndonagh & Malin shared in a joint youth Service at Malin which was conducted by Dr Joe Fell with praise led by an instrumental & singing group made up of young people from both congregations. Prayers were led by Aimee Moore and readings by Deborah Henderson and Leah Doherty. Natasha Cunningham and Rebecca Boggs sang solo most beautifully.

### **Fun Day**

This year again on Sat 13th Aug a most successful family fun day and BBQ organised by both congregations was held at Malin Church grounds. Curly the Clown, face & nail painting, bouncy castle and "Titanic Slide" were popular with the children while the "potato gathering" competition engaged the adults!

**Congratulations** to Wendy & Pat Doherty on the birth of their baby boy, a brother for Kerry & Paul.

### **Forthcoming events**

Sun 3rd Oct Harvest services at 10.30am & 7.00pm

## **CARNONE**

### **Children's Sunday**

Our annual Children's and Young People's Service was held on Sunday 12th June. It was wonderful to see the children take an active lead in worship. Our thanks go to Suzanne, Irene, Pamela and Kathleen for all their work in preparing the children for the day.

### **Sunday School Outing and Congregational Barbeque**

Our Sunday School outing took place on Saturday 2nd July. We enjoyed lovely weather on our trip to Dunlewy. There were lots of activities

### **Summer Services**

Our thanks go to Rev. Alan Knox, who took our Sunday Services for three weeks during Rev. McKibbin's holidays over the Summer. Rev. Knox is no stranger to our Congregation, having looked after us so well during our vacancy. It was lovely to see both him and his wife, Isobel, once again.

### **Get Well Wishes**

We remember those who are ill at home or in hospital at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

### **Forthcoming Events**

Day of fasting and prayer in Convoy Church on Thursday 1st September from 7.00 am to 9.30 pm. (Open to all)

Dedication Service for Sunday School Teachers on Sunday 18th September at 9.45 am.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Carnone on Sunday 9th October at 9.45 am and 7.30 pm.

Autumn Sale and Auction in Carnone Hall on Wednesday 19th October at 7.30 pm.

Bowls Tournament : 14th 21st November in Carnone Hall.

Dance in Carnone Hall on Friday 25th November.

Everyone is welcome to all our events please do come along and enjoy the fellowship.



*John Watt tames the bucking bull in Denlewey!*



*Julie Wilson proving that girls do it better!*



*John & Irene enjoy a boat ride with pedal power!*



*Winston goes for a paddle!*

# CONVOY

**Baptism.** 29th May 2011. Kaiden Shaun Spence O'Laughlin. Infant son of Leanne Spence and Shaun O'Loughlin.

## Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Wendy Bates and extended family on the death of her partner Mr. Columba McHugh.

Our sympathy also goes to Rodney and Valerie Long and Jacqueline and William McLean and their families on the death of Rodney and Jacqueline's mother Mrs Frances (Fan) Long and to her sisters Dinah and Elizabeth Porter and all family members.

Also our sympathy to Mrs. Ethes Scott on the death of her cousin Mr. Jack Tinney, St. Johnston.

And to all members of our congregation who have been bereft. We offer our prayers that God will comfort them.

## Children's Day

We had a very good turnout on Children's Day 12th June. We had beautiful music and singing from all the children. We had readings from Kim, Leah, Chloe, Ryan, Aaron and Rebecca. Prayers from Helen, Jack, Zoe, Stephanie, Emma, Mark, Luke, Ryan and Craig offering music by Aaron and a musical recital by Kim. A very beautiful solo Amazing Grace by Dionne Woods. We had an excellent service from Rev. Colin and Beth showing slides of Petula the Penguin on her adventures throughout the congregation. Prizes were distributed by Rev. Colin to all the children. A very big thank you to our organist Iris Beattie and also to our Sunday school teachers for preparing the children and indeed for all their hardwork throughout the year.

## Barbecue

On Sat 2nd July Rev. Colin and Beth held a brilliant barbecue in the mance grounds for the three churches. We had burgers, hot dogs, salad, tea's, juice and fancy cakes topped off with a 99 ice cream. We also had a bouncy castle, sumo wrestling, basketball, football and music and it was all free. Can we thank all who helped in anyway but most of all Colin and Beth for a marvellous day and not forgetting someone up there for beautiful sunshine all day.

## Thanks

Our thanks to Rev Alan Knox who officiated during Rev. Colin's break. It's good to have Colin and Beth back and hope they are rested and batteries recharged.

## Best Wishes

Our best wishes to all who are ill at this time at home or in hospital. Also to those who have had surgery and are recovering. We pray that God will heal them.

## Dates

Our annual auction will be held on the 29th October at 1.30 p.m. If you have any items you want collected please contact any member of session or committee.

## Harvest

Our harvest service will be held on Sunday 16th October @ 12.15

## December Issue

If you have any items for December Issue contact 9147759 or 086 1635414



*Miss Donna Scott who graduated from the University of Ulster with a B.S.C. Honours Degree in Nursing. Donna is the daughter of Michelle Scott and Sister to Rachel. Donna was educated at Convoy Joint National School and The Royal & Prior Raphoe.*



# CUMBER

## Children and Young People's Day

Sunday 12 June was a beautiful sunny morning, perfect for our Children and Young People's Service. The pulpit was shared by our specialist speaker, Rev Stewart Jones, and Jessica Fields, who confidently led the service.

The children all looked lovely in their pretty new outfits, and the Children's Choir sang beautifully, leading the congregation in familiar hymns and songs. Jill Nutt, Chloe and Judith MacCombe, and Jessica Fields (pictured) gave an exceptional rendition of "In Christ Alone".



Judith and Chloe also kept us spellbound with their wonderful interpretation on the flute and clarinet of "Pie Jesu". Matthew McCorkell gave us another very special treat when he performed "Twinkle, Twinkle" and "Kum Ba Ya" on his trumpet.

During the service, Margaret Olphert and Jamie McKee led the congregation in prayer while Leah Hamilton and Chloe MacCombe read portions of scripture from Matthew Ch 6 and Luke Ch 15 respectively. The collection was taken up by Cameron and Curtis Nutt, Cameron Ford, and Adam Nutt. During the collection, Adam Fields played two beautiful pieces on the piano, "Secret Garden" and "Morning Greeting".

Rev Jones spoke briefly to the children, emphasising God's wonderful forgiveness and willingness to welcome everyone back to Him. Rev Jones talked to the children about the need to have our sins forgiven, and reminded us all that we need to make things right with God.

Rev Jones also presented the children with their prizes and certificates. Special attendance certificates were awarded to Chloe and Judith MacCombe for 14 exemplary years attendance at Sunday School.

The children then made their own presentations. Jessica Fields presented flowers to Helen Nutt, who year after year, trains our choirs, and Zac Ford presented flowers to Joan Pollock, our dedicated Sunday School Superintendent.

To complete a wonderful morning, the Sunday School teachers prepared a 3-course lunch which was very much enjoyed by all! Proceeds were shared between our Sunday School Project and the John Montgomery Aids Foundation.

## Holiday Bible Club

During the last week of June, our children joined with other local churches in Upper Cumber for a fun-filled week of choruses, quizzes, Bible lessons, memory verses and games with the C.E.F. team. The Children all had a wonderful time cracking the code under their theme, "Mission Impossible".

## Youth Club Outing

The Youth Club travelled to Lagan Valley Leisure Plex in Lisburn on Saturday 16 July, where both young people and parents had a wonderful day!

## Baptism

26 June 2011: Daniel Taylor Allen Witherow, infant son of David and Jane Witherow

## Summer Weddings

Our congratulations and wishes for God's Blessing to:

Carly Pontin and Connor King married 28 May

Naomi McFaul and Ryan Cooke married 25 June

Michelle Levy and Keith Smith who received a blessing on 6 August following their marriage in Canada .

# DONAGHEADY

*Mission Statement:  
Knowing Christ and sharing Him locally and  
globally for God's glory.*

## Deaths:

**11th July - Mr Samuel Kee**

**2nd August – Mrs Margaret McFarland**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and pray they know the Lord's peace and comfort in a special way at this time.

## Congratulations!

### Births:

23rd May - A son, Alex, to Norman & Donna McCrea, a brother for Courtney, Abbie and Bruce

### Weddings:

1st July - Miss Nicola Clarke to Mr Alan Robinson. We wish them God's richest blessings as they start out on married life together.

### Graduations:

Congratulations to Miss Yolanda Scobie who graduated with a B.A. degree from Queen's University, Belfast. We wish her all the very best as she begins her P.G.C.E. in Carlisle.

### Retirements:

Every good wish to Mr David Edgar on his retirement.

The **Ladies' Outing** took place on 21st May stopping off for morning coffee at Castle Coole and then on into Enniskillen to shop. The evening meal was in the Derg Arms in Castlederg on the way home. Despite the fact that it was a wet day in total contrast to the sun of last year, everyone had a very enjoyable day.

22nd May – **Pulpit exchange** with Rev Mark Russell while Rev Rod was in Leckpatrick. Mr Russell had 'worship' as his theme for the service and shared from Psalm 62 verses 1-8

29th May – Members of the **Gideons**: – Stanley Ballantine, Jim Donaghy and David Kane shared of their work

The **Ladies' Book Club** met on 2nd June and

29th June in the Manse. The ladies are enjoying reading and then meeting to discuss the book of the month. June's book was 'The Shack' by W.P. Young and the Summer read is 'Redeeming Love' by Francine Rivers. Strabane library continues to be very helpful in getting us extra copies.

## 12th June – Youth and Children's Day followed by picnic.

This is another big event in the life of Donagheady with many of our children and young people taking part. Rev Rod Mulholland welcomed those gathered and thanked all those who gave of their time in preparing for the day after which he opened in prayer. The Children's Choir sang 'My God is so big' & 'God is so good' with Sarah Monteith and David McNeill singing solo verses while the youth choir sang 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God' and 'The Lord's my shepherd'. Gillian Dunn sang 'How lovely is Thy dwelling place' and Jessica Taggart sang 'Do no sinful action'. All were accompanied by Mrs Beth Clarke. Becky Taggart read a poem. Nicola Barr and Matthew Barr, Jamie and Mark McCauley lifted the offering after which Stuart Fulton led the congregation in prayer. David Lecky read from Luke chapter 15 verses 11-32 and then the 'Crown Jesus' team shared the message of the story using puppets... God is a loving Father waiting for boys and girls, men and women, to seek His love and forgiveness so that they might become a part of His family. At various points throughout the service Gillian Dunn, Jane Fulton and Jessica Taggart played the cello and piano. The prizes were then presented by Mr Ian Donnell (Sunday School Superintendent) and Mrs Harriet Lindsay (Secretary). Mr Ian Donnell thanked all involved in the service and the team of Sunday School teachers, the parents and children. Rev. Rod then said grace before the congregation shared lunch together in the Church hall.

## Group Night Out!

These are becoming an event in the life of Donagheady. Friday 17th June saw a group of all ages meeting at the Tourist Office on Foyle Road where they split into two groups, and accompanied by a guide each, had a very informative tour of the Walled City. The evening finished with coffee and dessert in the Halo pantry. An enjoyable evening of fellowship was had by all there.

**19th June was Father's Day** so Rev Rod had a supply of favours for all the men in the congregation. John Fulton and Andrew Mulholland gave one out to every man there. Each box contained sweets and had a gift card attached with Psalm 40 verse 4a on it: 'Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust'.

**Thanks** to Mr Eric Boreland, Rev. Ian McClean and Mr David McMillan who preached and brought God's Word to us while Rev Rod was on holidays.

The congregation continue to be **stirred into action** as clothes etc are being collected for recycling. Mr Ian Fulton is co-ordinating this. Thanks to all who have been supporting this and the other collections (bottle tops for Multiple Sclerosis, used stamps for the RNIB and medical and educational supplies for Malawi) so generously. We will soon be thinking of getting our shoeboxes filled again. We are reminded of the words of Jesus: '...inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Matthew 25 verse 40.

#### **Dates for the Diary:**

**Fri 2nd Sept** – Group Night Out! Guided tour of Ebrington Barracks and the Peace Bridge followed by coffee.

**Sunday 11th Sept** - Sunday School reopens at 10.30am

**Thurs 15th Sept** – Book Club in the Manse.

**Tues 20th Sept** – Ladies' Craft & Coffee Night

**Wed 5th Oct** – Midweek recommences in the Manse

**Sat 8th Oct** – Meeting for prayer followed by breakfast in Manse from 9-10.30am. Everyone welcome

**Sun 9th Oct** – Communion Sunday

**Mon 10th Oct** – Calling all Ladies! Living 'Under His Wings' with Mrs Esther Scobie

**Sun 16th Oct** – Harvest Thanksgiving

**Wed 19th Oct** – Fellowship Evening in the Community Centre with Anne & Julie McCrea sharing of their visit to the Holy Land.

**Sun 6th Nov** – Second Mission Sunday of 2011: Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

**Mon 14th Nov** – Calling all Ladies! Serving 'Under His Wings' with Mrs Renny McCracken

**Wed 23rd Oct** – Fellowship Evening in the Community Centre. DVD of Angus Buchan (story of South African farmer).

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*Ladies' Outing in May*



*Ladies' Book Club: Ruth Niven, Christine Mathers, Janice Brown, Isobel McCauley, Anne McCrea, Joyce Vaughan, Sheena Mulholland, Brenda Armstrong, Ruth Colhoun and June Fulton. Absent from photo: Kathleen Elliot*



*Jane Fulton and Jessica Taggart on Youth & Children's Day*



*Sarah Monteith and David McNeill on Youth & Children's Day*



*Gillian Dunn, Abi Colhoun and Cathy Elliot on Youth & Children's Day*



*Colhoun, Young and McCrea families at Church picnic*



*Dunn and Fulton families at picnic*



*Taggart family circle at picnic*



*Mrs Harriet Lindsay, Mrs Kathleen Elliot, Emma and Cathy at picnic*



*Mulholland family circle at picnic*



*Ian Donnell, Edmond and Joyce Lynch and James Donnell at Church Picnic*



*Norman and Donna McCrea, Courtney, Abbie and Bruce with baby Alex at picnic.*



*Group Night Out – walking tour of 'Walled City'.*



*Mr and Mrs Alan Robinson*

# DONEGAL TOWN

## Services.

Rev. Richmond has been doing a study of Colossians each Sunday during the summer, May God Bless him for all the preparation he has put into this study.

Rossnowlagh Services commenced on the 1st Sunday in July and will run until the last Sunday in August, what a blessing it is to see many visitors back with us from previous years, and also to see new visitors.

**Fri 3rd June**, The Young @ Heart Club had their outing; they went to Clutterbox, then to Muriel's for lunch and afterwards to Tropical World @ Alcorns Garden Center in Letterkenny. Everyone enjoyed the day and the weather was fantastic.

**Sat. 4th June** the Sunday school had a coffee morning and a plant sale, proceeds in aid of Metika, a girl from Ethiopia that we sponsored, and for the Sunday School.

We were honored with a visit from the 24/7 Prayer Team on the 6th June. What a privilege that was to have so many young people give up their time to come and pray with us. Please pray for all those young people.

P.C.I. arrived in July for one week under the Leadership of Mr Jeffrey Blue, and what a great week that was; every morning seen many young Children arrive for the holiday bible club. They were excited with all the activities and study that were organised. In the evening there were activities for the youth. One youth was overheard saying "it was the best week ever". Praise God. The week finished up with a BBQ and a show put on by the team and the children. A big thank you to the Team and all who helped throughout the week.

**Prayer fellowship** continues weekly on Thursday night's at 8pm in the Church rooms.

We enjoyed a **Congregational BBQ** on Saturday 13th August at the Manse.

A big thank you to Rev. Stephen and Janice, many of the ladies took beautiful desserts which were enjoyed by everyone.

## Births.

Congratulations to Scott and Grace Mc Elhinney on the birth of their new baby daughter Rebecca.

Please pray for our sick and elderly of our Congregation.

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved –you and your household". Acts 16; 31





# DONEMANA

## Dasha Atalki Visits Donemana

Dasha Atalki (pictured) comes from a high radiation village in Belarus. Dasha is 10 years old and this is her third year to spend a month at Maurice and Margaret Britton's home at Berryhill Close in Donemana.

Every year Dasha is healthier, has a better appetite and is speaking more English. She keeps in touch by phone from one year's visit to the next year's visit.



Maurice and Margaret would like to take the opportunity to thank all who gave them donations and who helped with the Bowl's Fun Day in March. The money raised went to The Chernobyl Children's Fund, which brings these children to Ireland. They would like to say a big 'Thank you' to friends, neighbours and everybody who entertained Dasha and took her to various events and venues while she was in Donemana.



## REV DAVIDSON CHIFUNGO AT DONEMANA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On June 5th we had a visiting minister from Malawi. A group from Donemana Presbyterian Church visited Malawi in July 2009. The first stop was at the Nkhoma Synod Headquarters where the group met Rev Davidson Chifungo, the General Secretary of the Nkhoma Synod and spent some time with his family.

On a recent trip to the United Kingdom, Rev Davidson Chifungo visited Donemana Presbyterian Church. It was a very special day for the church in general and, in particular, for Junior and Jennifer Burton who presented their children, McKenzie and Brodie for baptism. Rev Davidson Chifungo performed the baptisms and preached the sermon. After the service Rev Chifungo spent time over a beautiful meal in the Manse with members of the congregation who had visited Malawi.



### **DONEMANA MEMBERS COMPLETE SPONSORED CYCLE**

A group from Donemana Presbyterian Church, Pearl Gamble, Lesley Craig, Kenny Holmes, Derick Gamble, Billy Campbell, Timothy Gamble, Richard Thompson, Steven Holden and Graeme Colhoun joined the sponsored Presbytery cycle ride for the Kenyan Bridge Fund from Donegal Town to Londonderry. The grand total of £1939.00 was raised by these individual cyclists to go towards the overall Presbytery total for the Galana Bridge Appeal in Kenya.

### **Bible Club in Donemana Presbyterian Church**

Donemana Presbyterian Church recently held a Bible Club for primary school children. The theme of the club was 'Mission Rescue', which focused on Moses' life and how God used him to rescue the Israelites from Egypt. At the evening service on Young People's Day, Rev. Dr. Stewart Jones introduced the theme through a DVD extract of the story. This gave an opportunity for the children to learn about the activities of the incoming week.

The club had up to forty children most evenings. At the beginning of the club each evening there was a warm-up activity. The parachute games

filled the church hall in a sea of colour and the parachute remained as popular this year as it had been in previous years.

Each evening there was a bible story told through the use of a colourful, animated DVD. The stories focused on Moses in the bulrushes, how God called Moses from the burning bush, how God sent the various plagues to persuade Pharaoh to let the Israelites go and the crossing of the Red Sea. As the children learned about the Moses and the events in his life, we, as leaders were reminded too how God was able to use Moses, who believed that he wasn't qualified for the job, yet through God's strength, God's plans were accomplished. We had a quiz each evening with questions relating to the story.

The theme chorus was called 'Mission Rescue' which was almost like a James Bond movie tune. The tune was catchy and the children loved it. The Bible memory verse was taken from Psalm 118 v 24, 'This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it'. We not only learned the verse but we also sang the popular chorus, 'This is the day'. The club was very interactive and participative.

There was time devoted to crafts each evening, during which the older and younger groups moved into separate rooms to work. They made a little stand of Moses in the bulrushes, weaved little baskets, coloured in the burning bush and stuck cardboard leaves on, made pillars of fire and cloud and coloured a picture of Moses parting the Red Sea with lots of glue, coloured glitter and cotton wool everywhere. There are probably bedrooms in Donemana displaying the results of these crafts. Each evening concluded with juice and biscuits.

At the Sunday service following Bible Club week, the leaders and children led the service so that the congregation could get a flavour of what had taken place at the Bible Club. The theme for the service was 'Moses and the Israelites celebrate their rescue by flood and the success of His mission'. After the scriptural sentence which was Psalm 118 v 24, 'This is the day the Lord has made; Let us be rejoice and be glad in it' and the opening congregational hymn 'This is the day', Gwen Smyth opened in prayer. Lucy Thompson, James Rankin-Glenn, Jenny Campbell and Emma Wallace recited a verse each of a poem called 'We're very happy Israelites'. After Mrs Patricia Jones gave the club report, Andrew Hume and Mark Campbell



read Exodus ch.15 vs.1 – 5, 10 – 13. Pearl Smyth led the prayers of intercession, after which a poem called 'God rescues the Israelites' was recited by Jessica McDonald and Chelsie Hamilton. Rev. Dr. Stewart Jones gave the congregation an overview of the stories that were told about Moses throughout the week. The entire bible club was a time of spiritual blessing for children and leaders alike.

#### **YOUTH DAY SERVICES AT DONEMANA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

It was Youth Day in Donemana Presbyterian Church on Sunday 12th June. Both the morning and evening service had the theme of 'Who is God?' The church was decorated with soft toys, tractors and even a wooden ark.

Ruth Allen led the morning service while Nigel Buchanan led the evening service. After Ruth welcomed the congregation in the morning, Jessica McDonald opened the service in prayer. John Robinson said the opening prayer at the evening service.

During the morning service Nakiesha Thompson recited a poem, 'Who is God?' while, in the evening service, Robert Smyth read a portion of scripture from Exodus ch 1. vs 8 – 14. At both services, primary, junior and senior classes, in various groups, sang a number of pieces. In both the morning and evening services, the choir sang 'High above the earth'. The younger members of the choir sang 'God the Father, who is He?' to the tune of 'Frere Jacques' and 'Jesus saves me from my sins' to the tune of 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star'.

There was a lovely variation to the singing when a group, Sophie, Chelsie, Bethany and Gemma sang with enthusiasm, 'God made you and God made me' The choir accompanied them in the chorus. Once again, the choir accompanied Zara, Holly, Chelsie and Rebecca as they sweetly sang, 'I'm accepted, I'm forgiven'.

At both services Mark, Emma, Ellie, Sarah, Bethany, Ryan, Amber, Zara and Kenzie recited poetry for each individual letter of the words, 'God is Love'.

Linda Kennedy McNeill and Judith Allen provided musical accompaniment during the service.

The morning offering was collected by David, Gemma, Joshua, Aaron, Nicole and Cherilyn and in the evening Sophie, Lucy, Jack, James and Ryan collected the offering.

Ruth Allen played the piano and her sister Judith, on the flute, accompanied her during the offerings. In the morning they played, 'As the deer pants for the water' and 'I'm Special' in the evening.

Among the congregational hymns were 'I am so glad that our Father in Heaven', 'He gave me eyes so I could see', 'My God is so big', 'God is always near me' and 'Did you ever talk to God above?'

At the morning service the visiting speaker Rev Hiram Higgins from Cumber, Claudy gave the address, explaining that God's love just keeps spreading and spreading, illustrating the message by cutting up a sheet of paper. He also explained to the congregation that every day we are writing the Gospel by the lives we lead and what people see in us. Rebecca, Andrew and Kenzie assisted him by reading some portions of scripture. The young people thoroughly enjoyed the message. Rev Dr Stewart Jones addressed the evening service, taking the opportunity to introduce the theme of Mission Rescue for the incoming week's Bible Club focusing on the oppression of the people in Egypt.

At the end of the evening service the Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs Jean Rutherford, congratulated the young people on how much they had contributed to the service and how well they had done. She thanked the Sunday School teachers for their hard work throughout the year and the parents for their support. She also announced that, due to work commitments, she was relinquishing her duties as Sunday School Superintendent. Rev Dr Stewart Jones then presented the prizes. All members of the Sunday School received a prize and there were a number of special prizes.

Special prizes were awarded to Zara Rankin-Glenn in the primary age group who received the Annie Colhoun Memorial prize. Andrew Hume won the William Sayers Memorial trophy in the junior age group, while Joshua Falconer received the Rev. Jack Forbes Memorial trophy in the senior age group. Judith Allen from the Bible class was the recipient of the Rev J. McGregor Memorial shield.

Both services were brought to a close with Jacob Black confidently saying a lovely prayer before the benediction. Beginners gave out sweets to members of the congregation as they left each service.



*On her Christening Day, all the way from Scotland, baby Gracie Isabella Claire Garden with her mum Clara (formerly Smyth from Donemana) and dad Grant with Rev. Dr. Stewart Jones.*



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# DONOUGHMORE

## SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Mrs Avril Blackburn on the death of her mother Mrs Frances Long and to Mr Gareth Gibson as she was also his Grandmother and the wider family circle .

Sympathy is also extended to Miss Alison Bourke on the death of her Mother Mrs Ena Bourke after a long illness.

## BIRTHS

6th August 2011, Congratulations to Mr Gareth and Mrs Kathy ann Gibson on the safe arrival of their new baby daughter. A little sister for Matthew, Joel and Hannah.

Congratulations to Mr Paul and Mrs Liz Mahaffy on becoming grandparents recently!

## MARRIAGES

Congratulations to Mr Andrew Porter and Miss Frances Greer on the special occasion of their marriage on the 2nd July 2011 in Old Parish Church, Greta Green. Their honeymoon was spent cruising on the Mediterean. We wish them happiness in their future lives together.

## BAPTISM

26th June 2011, Harry David Moore Kee son of Miss Kirsty Kee and Mr Paul Moore.

## GET WELL SOON.

We wish Master Ben Lowry a speedy recovery after his recent surgery and also to Mr Robert Porter after his recent hospital stay. Also to any other congregation member who has been ill lately

## BIRTHDAY WISHES.

We wish Mrs Jennifer Woods very happy birthday wishes on her special day. Also Mrs Margaret Patterson on her recent special day.

## GOOD LUCK

To anyone who did exams this summer we pray that they achieved the results they expected and wish them well in their future career. Also anyone doing exams at the moment we pray that they will do well.

## THANK YOU.

We thank Rev Alan Knox and Mr Eric Borland for taking some of the summer services while Colin was off on holidays.

## PW

The PW resumes again on the 3rd Monday of the month.

## HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

Approximately forty children attended the annual holiday bible club which was held in Donoughmore hall the first week of July. It was an action packed week with children doing lovely crafts, games, nightly visits from the puppets Bert and Lucy, songs, praise the list is endless!!

A huge thank you to Phil and Jenny and their team from Rathcoole and to Iris who without all her hard work and very late nights it would not happen. Also to Mrs Jennifer Woods who every night organised the snacks for all the children and gave of her time every evening. To all who supplied all the lovely meals to feed the leaders every day and the First Aiders and the men on the road helping the children to cross safely . Then on Sunday a lively family service was held in the hall in which the children participated with a lovely bar-b-que afterwards. To all who cooked and supplied food and washed up a big thank you.

# DUNFANAGHY

While we have experienced a Summer of mixed weather, we are delighted that the visitors to our area continue nevertheless to come, enjoy our beautiful scenery and hospitality and also to join with us in large numbers for worship each Sunday.

## SUMMER ASSISTANT

In July and August, Stuart McCrea, a student for the ministry, along with Rev Jim Hagan, has been conducting our worship on alternate Sundays. Stuart has been a real support to us, not only has he led services but along with his wife, Hazel, has also helped with Sunday School work and held Kids Clubs for 4 – 11 year olds in the Church Hall, one in July and the other in August. He has a talent for working with young people and his lively, topical addresses, together with his guitar playing and singing, have proved a breath of fresh air for us all.

Sadly he leaves us again at the end of August to return to College. We wish him well as he continues his studies and trust that he and Hazel along with their children, Luke, Evan and

Catlin, have enjoyed their time with us here in Dunfanaghy and Carrigart.

#### MODERATOR'S VISIT

We were delighted to welcome Rt Rev Dr Ivan Patterson and his wife, Maureen, on the last Sunday in July when he spoke at the morning service and later in the evening conducted an Epilogue Service. Tea and coffee were provided afterwards giving everyone an opportunity to meet him. We greatly appreciate him taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us and trust and pray he may know God's presence with him and his wife during the coming months.

#### AUGUST FAIR

Once again the August Fair has been a success, not only financially but also due to the large attendance of people enjoying the fun and favourable weather. Thank you to all who worked

at the stall, contributed by donating items for sale or made direct donations on the day. This annual event, organised by the Church of Ireland, becomes more popular each year and provides a wonderful opportunity for the local community to meet together with friends and with visitors from further afield.

#### WEEKLY WALKS

A number of local walks took place during the Summer when visitors and members met at the Church on Wednesday evenings, walked along some of the beaches and around Ards Friary. Tea was provided afterwards and all combined to provide a further opportunity to develop fellowship and friendships between the local and visiting communities.

#### VACANCY CONVENOR

We welcome Rev Janice Browne, minister of Milford, Fanad and Rathmullan as our new Vacancy Convenor and express our thanks and appreciation to Rev Amanda Best for carrying out this role during the last two years.



*The Moderator, Rt Rev Dr Ivan Patterson, with Rev Jim Hagan and John Sterritt*



*The Moderator, Rt Rev Dr Ivan Patterson, and his wife Maureen with Rev Janice Browne, Rev and Mrs Hagan, Stuart and Hazel McCrea along with members of Kirk Session.*

To love  
to teach is one thing –  
to love  
those you teach  
is quite another.

– Anon

## FAHAN

The joint Inch and Fahan Children's Day Service was held in Fahan on Sunday 5th June followed by a family picnic. The collection was for the young people and leaders going to camp.



*Children's Day*

Our annual Holiday Bible Club took place from 11th to 15th July with Garry Tutty from the Faith mission as leader. 26 children enjoyed games, Bible stories, quizzes, and crafts. Parents and friends were invited on Friday evening and supper was served.

A service of Commissioning was held on Sunday 12th June for Claire Lamberton, who has been accepted as a leader with CEF. We send our best wishes to Claire as she commences her work with young people and in schools within Derry and Donegal.



*Service of Commissioning for Claire Lamberton: Back Row: Brian Smyth, Jennifer McNeill, Rona Taylor, Heather Meenagh, and Knox Jones Front Row: Joe Kennedy, Mabel Kennedy, Claire Lamberton, and Roberta Sherlock.*

**Forthcoming Event:** Harvest Thanksgiving Service- Sunday 9th October at 7.30pm, followed by supper in Church Hall.

## FANNET

**Birth:** We rejoice with Stephen and Margo Borland on the birth of their baby son Ryan on 12th June. We offer our congratulations to them and to Jim and Heather on the birth of their first grandchild.

**Death:** The sympathy of the congregation goes to Tommy and Wallace Scott on the death of their brother Sammy who for the last number of years had lived in DowningÅfs.

On 12th June we welcomed to our congregation a group of Scripture Union members from Scotland. They were a welcome addition to our worship and we also enjoyed meeting them in a more informal manner when the ladies of the church provided lunch in the church hall after the service. The visitors talked of how they enjoyed what was our ChildrenÅfs Day Service when the children took part in drama, singing, prayers and readings.

Boys Brigade held their camp in Newcastle and a weekend of activities was enjoyed by all the boys who attended.

In June the Girls Brigade held their annual camp in Galway City. By all reports all the activities were enjoyed by both girls and leaders.

Vintage Rally in June 11th was blessed with good weather while all the areas around about were having rain for which we thank Almighty God. This event was well attended and the good afternoon helped in the enjoyment of all the exhibits and activities.

July 23rd was the Sunday School Fun Day when members of Rathmullan and Milford congregations joined in the fun and barbeque in the manse grounds. We hope this will become an annual event.

We look forward to the return visit of the outreach team from High Kirk, Ballymena at the end of August. We are thankful for their efforts in outreach in a local housing estate.

We were pleased to have members of Irish Bible Ministries Team join with us at our worship service on Sunday morning and at our prayer meeting on Friday night. They are presently

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doing outreach in the wider community with gospel meetings being held in The Milford Inn, Kilmacrenan Village Hall, Rossnakill Resource Centre, and the The Ozanam Centre, Rathmullan.

## GORTNESSY

Our annual Sunday School Fun Day was held in the car park beside the Hall on Saturday 18 June. In a season of very mixed weather we were blessed with a few hours of sunshine for the outdoor activities cricket football and a bouncy castle. Then when all were hungry the beef-burgers and hot dogs with chips were very welcome with fruit drinks for the children and tea or coffee for the adults. We are indebted to our Sunday School staff for organising the event and to all who helped with the activities.

Our children's Day Service was held the next day on Sunday 19 June. As usual there was a very full congregation for the Service conducted by our Stated Supply Minister Rev. Allister Kerr. The Scripture lessons were read by Adam McElhinney and Sophie Curry and the children's choir sang several items. The prizes for Sunday School attendance were distributed at the end of the Service and two of special note were awarded to Amy Caldwell for 10 years unbroken attendance and Sarah Caldwell for 7 years full attendance.

Our Convener Rev. Dr. Stewart Jones chaired a meeting of the Kirk Session on Wednesday 10 August and this was followed by a meeting of the Congregational Committee. It is our normal practice to have a cup of tea following Committee meetings and at this one there was a special surprise for Mr Kerr a birthday cake as he had celebrated a birthday the previous day. Our photograph supplied by Dr. Jones shows Mr. Kerr cutting the cake as the Committee heartily sang 'Happy Birthday'!

We look forward to beginning our autumn programme soon our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held (D.V.) on Sunday 25 October. At the Evening Service -7. 30pm the North West Gospel Choir will lead the praise and the preacher will be Rev. Robert McMullan of New Row Church Coleraine.. Our soloist at the

Evening Service will be Mr George McClay a former Londonderry man. All are warmly invited to this Service. Supper will be served after the Service.



A careless word may kindle strife,  
A cruel word may wreck a life;  
A timely word may lessen stress,  
A loving word may heal and bless.

- Anon

KIND WORDS ARE ALWAYS THE  
RIGHT KIND.

# GREENBANK

**Children's Day Service** was held on 12 June. The theme was 'On the Box'. The children led our worship with songs, Bible readings , prayers, and a short sketch. A short DVD was shown on the Sunday School and Youth Project.

**Barbecue:** The annual barbecue was held on Friday 24 June. Despite the rain, we had an enjoyable time. Coulter Blackburn sang, accompanied on guitar by Gregory Logan , and Claire Lamberton led the children in some challenges with a spiritual message.

**Baptism:** On Sunday, 26 June Ryan Alan , son of Derek and Hilary Strain, and brother of Amy, was baptised by Rev. David Caskie. The Sunday School children sang at this special occasion.

**The Ordination** of James Steele as a new elder took place on Sunday 26 June at a united service with members of Greenbank and Moville and friends .Rev. Dr Robert Buick conducted the service and Rev. Alistair Rosborough preached the sermon. Afterwards, the ladies of both congregations served supper in the hall.

**Holiday Bible Club:** On Sunday,3 July we welcomed members of the Newmills Presbyterian Church Team at the united morning service with Moville and at a congregational meal afterwards in the hall. The following week they led the Holiday Bible Club. This was jointly hosted by Carndonagh, Malin, Moville and Greenbank .On average, 89 children attended each evening and had a wonderful time. We were delighted that so many children from the wider community enjoyed it too. We thank Rev. Gordon Best and his team for all the hard work they put into this special event

**The Sunday School Outing to Portrush.** was held on Saturday 18 June. The bus was full. The children look forward to this every year after Children's Day.

**Youth Weekend:** 22 - 24 July The four churches, Carndonagh, Malin, Moville and Greenbank held special events for the young people. Trevor Harvey led the times of spiritual reflection. A barbecue was held on the Friday night, and on Saturday the young people went to an

Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Derry. Trevor and his wife Maureen took part in the Sunday morning service in Greenbank. We thank Trevor for his valuable input to these special events.

**Puppet Workshop:** On Tuesday 16 August we welcomed OM team members, Andrew and Ruth , who led a puppet workshop for all ages. This was in preparation for the puppet corner at the Outreach Family Fun Day a few days later.

**A Family Fun Day** is planned for Saturday 20 August from 2-5 pm in Rankin's field at Ture with. puppets, music, face painting, challenges and games and everyone is welcome.

**A Social** will be held in Greenbank Hall on Friday 26 August and again everyone is welcome.

**Thanks:** We thank Rev. Alistair Rosborough for all his help and support to the congregation while our minister was recovering from surgery. His visits to the sick and those who lost loved ones were much appreciated, as were his conducting of funeral services during recent months.

# KILMACRENNAN

We express our sympathy to Herbie and Eileen Scott and family Ballyherrin on the death of Herbie's brother-in-law Mr. Roy Grier of Aughlihard, Letterkenny.

We held our Family BBQ and Fun Evening in very poor weather conditions at Burns' Farm Gortnaskea on 24th June ,in spite of the bad weather we had a very good attendance from the local community and food,fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all and we thank Maureen and especially Raymond for all the work he put into getting the sheds spick and span for our arrival plus all the ladies who did the cooking over hot BBQ'S and the shopping for the occasion, well done to all involved in making the event a great success as usual.

## Baptisms:

22nd May 2011: Matthew Robert John, infant son of Ivan and Samantha Kerr, Leiter. 12th June: Dawn Alexandra, infant daughter of

Raymond and Natasha Wilson, Ballyscanlon.

### **Children's Day.**

Our service on Sunday 12th June, led by Rev. Best, celebrated Pentecost and so our children and young people sang, read, prayed and presented dramas on the theme of the Holy Spirit. Thanks to all those who took part and prepared the children so well.

We think of our young people who are anxious regarding exam results and maybe moving away from home for the first to go to college or get a job.

We trust that their future will be bright in whatever they choose to do with their lives.

### **Upcoming services and events.**

Saturday 10th September Book fair in the Church from 6.30pm.

Sunday 11th September: Sunday School re-opens.

Sunday 25th September: Sunday School Prizegiving.

Sunday 25th September; Harvest Thanksgiving Services. Speakers Rev. Best in the morning and Rev. Hastings McIntyre in the evening.

## **KNOWHEAD**

### **Baptism**

29th May \_ Miss Nicole Louise Wylie, Sappagh, daughter of Nigel & Carol.

### **Wedding**

23rd June \_ We congratulate Mr. Dale Wylie, Lowertown, Carnamoyle on his marriage to Miss Lorna Magee, McBride Street, Raphoe; the wedding service took place at Raphoe Presbyterian Church.

### **Past Events**

Our Family Evening was held on Friday 10th June. The event began with a Sponsored Walk, beginning at the church premises and going up to the Lisnagra Plantation and then back to Knowhead. The weather was unseasonably cool, but thankfully the rain held off. The walkers were indeed ready for the barbecue, presided over by our honorary head chef, Jim Thompson. By this stage the crowd had gathered and everyone enjoyed the delicious

hot food and numerous side dishes. A bouncy castle all the while brought fun to the youngsters. The dishes cleared away, the hall was the setting for a table quiz, with Hugh Gilliland from Ballyarnett acting as quiz-master. The whole evening was rounded off by a rendition of Auld Lang Syne. Thank you to everyone who took part in the walk and the quiz, and all who came to the barbecue, people coming and going as their schedules allowed them. Thanks especially to those involved in setting up and in tidying up, and who provided food for the meal and who served; their contributions are much appreciated.

On Pentecost Sunday (12th June) the old pulpit Bible was used, in recognition of the 400th anniversary of the King James Version.

Children's Day was held on Lord's Day 19th June. We very much appreciated how our young people led our worship in Scripture reading, prayer, song and speech and also by lifting the offering. Well deserved Sunday School prizes were distributed toward the end of the service. This year's choir were Lee & Adam Cunningham, Kyle Henderson, Jack Kelly, John Keys, Samuel & Jordan Kilgore, Sarah & Michael Lynch, Rachel & Ruth McIlwaine, James McKillop, Jack & Abbie Thompson, Ross & Dean Wiley and Samantha Wylie. Thanks, as always, to Stan Huey and Elizabeth Wylie for preparing the youngsters and to the dedication of all our Sabbath School teachers throughout the year.

Apart from one heavy drizzle shower, the Sunday School Excursion to Portrush on Saturday 25th June was granted a dry day, with the sun coming out periodically. As always, Ballywillan Presbyterian Church hall was the location for the morning tea; thanks to all those who provided sandwiches and cakes. There was also a big surprise for one member of our coach party, Lily Gilliland from Ballyarnett: Lily was celebrating a 'significant' birthday, and so, to the strains of 'Happy Birthday to You', a special cake was unveiled. We then completed our journey to Portrush and spent an enjoyable hour or so (despite the shower just mentioned) playing games on the West Strand. Everyone then dispersed, before coming back together for the return journey. We thank our Sunday School Superintendent, Elizabeth Wylie, for organising the excursion.

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The retirement of Mr. Jack Dinsmore as Clerk of Session was announced on Lord's Day 26th June. Jack had held the position since January 2005. We have appreciated Jack's quiet Christian example these past six and a half years, and we pray the Lord's blessings continue to be upon him.

We thank Mr. Robin Mackey for being our representative elder to the General Assembly; Robin was in attendance on Thursday, which included the Close of Assembly. The Closing of Assembly is not as grand an affair as the Opening, yet it is marked by a lovely touch: the Moderator comes to the door and shakes hands with member of Assembly as they leave, just like any minister after a church service, emphasising that he is first among equals.

Girls' Reunion - Ballyarnett Girls Brigade are celebrating their 50th anniversary (1962-2012). If you are a past member or have any memorabilia please contact Mabel Dinsmore on 07759107817 or e-mail ballyarnett@gbni.co.uk. Over the summer months some of our young people have graduated: Andrew Browne, Master in Science with Honours of the Second Class (Division 1) in Anatomy from the University of Glasgow; Peter Browne, Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Agriculture from the College of Agriculture, Food & Rural Enterprise; Rachael Dinsmore, 1st Class BSc (Hons) in Criminology and Criminal Justice from University of Ulster Jordanstown; Brook Wylie, Diploma in Agriculture (he also was First Overall in his year) from Greenmount Agricultural College. Congratulations to all of them and may they have continued success in their chosen careers.

The various organisations will be re-commencing in September – the PW, the Badminton Club and the Bowling Club.

We are looking forward to our Golf Open on Saturday 17th September and trust that everyone who takes part will have an enjoyable day.

**Forthcoming Services** (10.30 a.m., except where indicated)

2nd October Friendship Circle (PW) Service

16th October Harvest Thanksgiving

16th October (7.30 p.m.) Harvest Thanksgiving & Supper

30th October Pre-Communion

6th November The Lord's Supper (Evening Communion, Ballyarnett, 6.30 p.m.)

13th November Remembrance Day

### **Forthcoming Events**

Saturday 17th September Knowhead Golf Competition (see special Notice)



*Andrew Browne*



*Peter Browne*



*Rachael Dinsmore*



*Children's Day Choir and Crèche Members*



*Children's Day Choir and friends – including Superintendent Mrs. Elizabeth Wylie, Organist Mr. Stan Huey and Rev. Alastair Rosborough*



*Nicole with her parents Nigel and Carol Wylie*



*Helpers at the Barbeque*



*Miss Ena Platt and Mrs. Olive Browne enjoying the Barbeque*



*The "Brainboxes", winners of the Quiz: included is Lily Gilliland, Scorekeeper*

*Looking to Jesus, my spirit is blest,  
The world is in turmoil, in Him I have rest;  
The sea of my life around me may roar,  
When I look to Jesus, I hear it no more*

*—Hess*

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# MAGHERAMASON

## Holiday Bible Club

About 35 – 40 children from the congregation and local community attended the Five Day Bible Club each evening from Monday 13 – Friday 17 June. The children enjoyed coming along to the Church Hall in the fine summer evenings, listening to the Bible stories, learning choruses and participating in the question time, completing worksheets, and playing games. Parents and friends joined the children on the final night and everyone enjoyed the barbeque to finish off the week. The team of leaders from the congregation was led by Paul and Elizabeth Davis.

## Children's Day Service

Following the Holiday Bible Club the Children's Day service was held on Sunday 19 June when there was a good attendance of children, members, parents and friends. The service was led by the Rev. David Hillen with participation from the children in the primary and junior Sunday School. Connor Ferguson led the congregation in prayer and Annie Clarke read the scripture lesson. The children enjoyed the entertaining and interactive address given by the guest speaker, Mr Gary Tutty (NW Superintendent of the Faith Mission). Cradle Roll certificates were presented to Ryan Derek McNeely, Jacob William Andrew Shannon, Lucy May Faulkner, Sam Paul Ferguson and Beth Ellie McIvor, who had been baptised during the past year.

## Kenya Team

Paul Davis, Elizabeth Davis, Paddy Crumley, Judith Crumley and Keith McCrossan from the congregation of Magheramason departed for Kenya on 6 August to spend 3 weeks helping to teach the children and young people attending the Bible camps in Tuam in Northern Kenya organised by Stephen and Angelina Cowan. Usually over 100 children and young people attend these camps each year being brought in from neighbouring villages by Landrovers. The team shared with the congregation on Sunday 24 August their planning and preparation for the journey and the challenges of adapting to the climate and the life style, and working with and sharing the love of God the local Samburu people. The team organised a sponsored

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'car wash' in Magheramason car-park on Saturday 25 June to help with the cost of the journey, and a retiring offering was taken up after the service on 24 August to support the work in Tuum organised by Stephen and Angelina Cowan (PCI missionaries who have been working in Kenya for over 20 years). The congregation look forward to the team's safe return and to hear and get an update of the work (supported by the Overseas Board of the Presbyterian Church) going on in that particular part of Kenya.

### **Gideon's Friendship and Praise Night**

The North West branch of the Gideons will hold their Friendship and Praise evening in Magheramason Church Hall on Friday 2 September 2010 at 8.00 pm. We are always greatly encouraged and inspired to hear the reports of the invaluable work which the Gideons are doing in the schools, hospitals and hotels in the North West of our province, and further afield. Everyone will be very welcome to attend.

### **Sunday School and Bible Class**

The Sunday School and Bible Class will recommence on Sunday 4 September at 10.45 am when the Sunday services of Worship will revert back to the normal time of 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm.

### **Organisations**

The various organisations will be starting again in September.

Monday 7.30 p.m. Indoor Bowling Club

Tuesday 6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. Girls Brigade (Explorers)

7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. Girls Brigade (Juniors/Seniors/Brigadiers)

Wednesday 6.30 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. Anchor Boys

Wednesday 8.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. Mid-week Fellowship

Thursday 6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. Boys Brigade (Junior Section)

8.00 p.m. - 10.15 p.m. Boys Brigade (Company Section)

Friday 8.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. Youth Club

The P.W. (Presbyterian Women) meet on the second Monday of each month (Sept - April) at 8.00 p.m.



*Keith McCrossan giving a talk to the children at the Five Day Bible Club*



*Doris Thompson and Jennifer McKeegan with children at the Five Day Bible Club*



*Richard McNeely supervising games at the Five Day Bible Club*



*Kenya Team - Judith Crumley, Paddy Crumley, Keith McCrossan, Elizabeth Davis, and Paul Davis, who departed for Kenya on 6 August for 3 weeks to help teach the children and young people attending the Bible Camps in Tuum.*



*Children completing 'worksheets' at the Five Day Bible Club*

# MALIN

The Lord has continued to bless the ongoing work in Malin celebrating the Tercentenary. Virginia Hanna welcomed Guest Speaker, Mrs. Phyllis Spence, outgoing President of PW, to the Visitor's night at the end of June. A service in the church was followed by Phyllis' warm and friendly talk about her year as President and her visit to India and was enjoyed by all. Irene Platt gave the vote of thanks and presented Phyllis with a lovely painting of the area. A bouquet of flowers was also presented to Ann Johnson, the oldest member of Malin PW. The evening closed with a lovely supper in the Hall.

The four Presbyterian Churches in Inishowen arranged the Annual Summer Bible Clubs in July. 40 children aged between 4 and 11 from Malin and Carndonagh were taken by bus to Greenbank, many thanks to Rev. Gordon Best and his team for a wonderful week.

Later in the month the Youth weekend for ages over 11 began with a barbecue and games at Greenbank, and a day at the Activity Centre in Creggan (thanks to Trevor Harvey for his time with the young people). The weekend ended on a lovely note with a packed church on the Sunday when the young people took part in Youth Service in Malin led by Dr. Fell, followed by tea and sandwiches in the hall. Many thanks to all who helped in any way to organise these events.

Members have enjoyed welcoming visitors and friends to the church each Sunday during July and August. Visitors included members of the most southerly Presbyterian church in Ireland in Co.Cork! One visitor from Newfoundland in Canada was able to speak of letters from Malin people who had emigrated in the eighteen hundreds. Copies of some of these letters have since been gratefully received. Photographs and reminders of special events over the years have given great interest to all.

The Barbecue and Fun Day on 13th August will have something for everyone and a chance to look over photographs etc. in the hall. Celebrations will finish on a high note with a Service Of Thanksgiving conducted by Dr. Joseph Fell (Vacancy convenor), and Dr. Robert Buick (Presbyterian Moderator). The Guest Speaker will be the Very Rev. Dr. Kenneth N.E. Newell and soloist William Laughlin, OBE. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who

have had treatment in hospital. May the Lord also comfort and console the bereaved, the lonely and the down-hearted at this time as we give Him thanks for all His goodness.

The Harvest Service will be held on Sunday October 24th at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is very welcome and supper will be served afterwards.

# MOVILLE

New Hall: We are encouraged and thankful that work continues to progress well on the new hall. The tiling is done , and the ladies are looking forward to the kitchen being fitted shortly. When the hall is completed, we plan to have an Open Day in October, so that the local community and friends can come along to see around it. We hope to have the Official Opening and Dedication next spring.

Ordination of Elders: On Sunday 26 June two new elders were ordained at a united service in Greenbank, Ms Marina Burns and Mrs Maud Mc Neely. The Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. Dr Robert Buick conducted the service and the sermon was preached by Rev. Alistair Rosborough. A lovely supper was served afterwards by the ladies of both congregations.

The Garden Fete was held on Saturday, 13 August. This year, with the old hall demolished and the new one not yet completed, we erected more tents in the Church Grounds. There was a great festive atmosphere, and again we had the support of the local community. The Church was decorated with flowers, celebrating the beauty of God's creation, and offered an opportunity to all who came in, to reflect on His amazing handiwork.

Thanks: We Thank Rev Rosborough for all his help during the time our minister has been recovering from surgery. We appreciate the time and attention he gave to those who were sick or bereaved. and for arranging the preachers for each Sunday.

# NEWTONCUNNINGHAM

## WEDDINGS:

Congratulations to the following couples, who were married in our church recently

18th June 2011 \_ Rachel McKnight and Levi Barnett

2nd July 2011 \_ Charlene Watson and Gary Hunter

15th July 2011 \_ Alison Steele and Paul Gallagher

We wish all these couples, every happiness in their lives together and God's blessing on them as they build their future together.

We continue to think on all those in our congregation who have been unwell during the past few months. We think especially on those who have been in hospital and are now recovering at home. May they know God's strength through their time of healing.

## SERVICES & EVENTS:

12TH June 2011: Our church was well filled for our Children's Day Service on this Sunday morning. The choir was filled with the boys and girls from the Sunday School and Creche. They sang several songs including 'Jesus Hands, were kind Hands', 'Did you ever talk to God above?' and 'You can weigh an elephant's auntie'. Chloe Boreland sang a solo,

intitled 'Overwhelmed By Love'. The children also led us in prayer and in the scripture readings. The address was given by Ruth Lockhart. At the end of the service, Rev Nigel and Antonia presented the Sunday School children with a book token or a bible and the younger children received a Bible story book. Well done to everyone who took part on the day, and a big thank you to Edina and Rebecca for their work, in organising and preparing the children.

Our Youth Worker, Rebecca, also received a presentation on Children's Day, as her year with us was nearly over. The congregation, especially the boys and girls, really appreciated all the work that Rebecca has done during her time with us. She was regular helper in our Sunday School and at Youth Fellowship, for our young people. Rebecca travelled to Romania with the youth group from Ray, and then after a well earned rest at home, she will be going to Dundee University to continue her studies. We pray that God will continue to be with her as she adjusts to life at University and throughout her time of studying.

**19th June 2011:** This Sunday service took the form of a combined youth service, in Ray. Members of our youth organisations led the service and we were pleased to welcome a group of young people from Germany, accompanied by their Pastor. The church was well filled and it is encouraging to see the young people of our congregations, using their talents to the glory of God.

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**26th June 2011:** This Sunday service was also a combined service, held in Newtown and was our Annual Men's Service. The men from both congregations led our praise, singing several pieces, including a solo by Andrew Tinney. They also led us in prayer and in the reading of the scriptures. The address was given by Rev Nigel. A big thank you to Alastair Tinney for training the choir, and well done to all our men folk, for their up-lifting praise.

**11th July \_ 15th July 2011:** Our Holiday Bible Club was held during this week. Almost 40 boys and girls attended each morning from 10.30am to 12.00pm. Rev Nigel, Rebecca and Andrew organised the programme and were helped by our own young people. The boys and girls had a really good time of fun and fellowship, based on the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den. Our thanks go to all the leaders and helpers, who gave willingly of their time to help teach our boys and girls about God's Love.

We would like to thank Rev Ivan McKnight and Mr Maurice Wray, who have led our Sunday Services, while Rev Nigel has been in Romania.

## RAMELTON

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### Baptisms:

3rd July 2011: Tiana May Rebecca Catherine, infant daughter of Alan and Myrtle Doherty, Killycreen, Ramelton.

10th July 2011: Casey Catherine Jane, infant daughter of Noel and Elizabeth Pearson, Longhill, Ramelton.

31st July: Noah, infant son of Michael and Caroline Best, Isoline Street, Belfast.

On Sunday 31st July little Noah Best had the honour of being baptized by his grandmother, a unique event in the life of our church! We welcome these young lives into the fellowship of our church and pray that God will give their parents the grace and wisdom needed to raise children in today's world.

### Marriages:

Ruth Mitchell who lived in Ramelton for several years while she carried out her duties as Youth Support Worker for the Presbytery was married to Brendan Bromley on the 26th June in Hollywood, Co. Down. We wish Ruth and Brendan God's richest blessings in their married life. Ruth continues to work for PCI as a Children's Support Worker.

### Deaths:

26th May 2011: Mrs. Isobel Heron, late of the Clooney and the Ramelton Nursing Unit. Mrs. Heron was an active member of our congregation, attending Sunday worship and PWA events as long as her health permitted. In later years she was a resident of the Nursing Unit in Ramelton where she was well looked after by the caring staff. She enjoyed the visits of many family members and friends and also celebrated her 90th birthday with a lovely party in the Unit in 2009.

**26th May 2011:** Mr. James Moore, Drumherrive, Ramelton. Jim lived for many years along with his late brother William in the family home in Drumherrive. He took an active interest in the local farming community. It later years he was lovingly cared for by his good neighbours the Aiken family, who took him into their home.

**31st July 2011:** David Robert Patterson, Race End, Ramelton. David Robert was for many years involved in farming and with agriculture machinery. He enjoyed the company of his neighbours and friends in the Race End area.

As a congregation we also extend our sympathy to the Stewart family, the Old Manse, on the death of their aunt Mrs. Sarah Love, the Clooney.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have been bereaved at this time and also with our members who are confined to their homes or in nursing care at present. We pray that they may know the Lord's presence with them and their families now and in the days ahead.

### Family Fun Day.

This year's event on Saturday 11th June moved across to the Makemie Hall and its grounds which provided more room than is available at the manse. The event was held in the evening

time to suit more people. The children, young people and families and friends enjoyed games, a bouncy castle and a BBQ. Thanks to Monica Grier and David Best for almost being in control of the games and to the Sunday School teachers and parents and all those who brought food, cooked food, and helped in any way.

**Lennon Festival and the Church's Mission Plan:**  
The Church entered a float in the Festival Parade on Saturday 2nd July for the second year. Although we didn't win a prize this time, it was great fun putting the float, or The Ark, together. Thanks to all who helped; to Noah (David) and Mrs. Noah (Helena) and to all the 'animals' for behaving so well! Also on Saturday and Sunday afternoons of the Festival our church was opened for any and all to come along and pay us a visit. On Sunday afternoon, Trevor Gamble gave an organ recital and played requested hymns, which was appreciated by all who were there to enjoy the music.

#### **Presbyterian Women:**

The PW will begin their new season on Wednesday 7th September when Amy Murray will come along and speak about the experiences Nicola Hamilton and she had while working this past summer in Bula Children's Orphanage in Uganda. Craft ideas will also be presented on the night. On the 12th October the PW will host its Annual Visitor Night and the evening will be led by Rev. Nigel Craig from Manor Cunningham. Rev Craig is involved with mission work in Eastern Europe and he will speak of his experiences there, and in Romania in particular. The 9th of November meeting will be all about antiques, presented by Ms. Frances Spears from Mourne Antiques in Letterkenny. The December meeting will take place a little earlier this year and be held on 30th November. Mrs Ann McMahon will lead the meeting, which will be about Tearcraft, providing craft workers throughout the world a fair price for their workmanship. The Annual Fellowship Dinner is planned for early in the new year. The PW welcomes all the ladies of the congregation and invites them to come along to the meetings this year and to participate in its activities. Note that the PW meetings this year have been moved from Tuesday night to Wednesday night.

#### **Holiday Bible Club:**

This year's club was held in the Makemie Hall from 30th May – 3rd June with the average attendance of about 50 per evening. We were delighted to welcome many children from the church and the community each evening. Our thanks to Roberta Sherlock and Ruth Lockhart from CEF and Sylvia Speer who led the evenings. A big thank you also to all the parents and helpers who came along each evening to lend a helping hand with the workbooks and refreshments.

#### **Children and Young People's Day:**

Our Children's and Young Peoples service on Sunday 12th June, led by Rev. Best, celebrated Pentecost and so our children and young people sang, read, prayed and presented dramas on the theme of the Holy Spirit. Thanks to all those who took part and prepared the children so well.

#### **Cregagh Belles**

On Sunday 26th June we were delighted to welcome the group of hand bell ringers from Cregagh Presbyterian Church in Belfast. We were joined by the congregation of Leiter Church for that service and everyone gathered thoroughly enjoyed watching and listening to the talented group of ringers. Their presence added a special dimension to our worship. Following the service, our church choir provided lunch for the visitors in the Makemie Hall.

#### **Bowling Club:**

The club held its second Charity Singles Competition on Friday the 1st and Saturday 2nd July during the Lennon Festival. The proceeds of the tournament were given to the local branch of the Downs Syndrome Association. The club wishes to thank those who brought food and also the ladies who came to help with the teas. Bowling will resume on 7th September and every Wednesday night from 8pm in the Makemie Hall until April 2012. A special appeal is being made to the congregation for new members to come along and join the club.

## Upcoming Services and Events.

Wednesday 7th September: Opening PW meeting \_ Amy Murray will talk about Uganda and Craft Night

Saturday 10th September: Sunday School Book Fair in the Makemie Hall from 7:30pm \_ 8:30pm.

Sunday 11th September: Sunday School resumes

Sunday 25th September: Sunday School Prize giving

Sunday 2nd October: Harvest Thanksgiving Services at 12noon and 8pm. The morning service will be led by Rev. Best and evening service will be led by Rev. Janice Browne, minister of Milford, Rathmullan and Kerrykeel. Tea will be served after the evening service.

Wednesday 12th October: PW Visitor's Night in the Scott Rooms, Rev. Nigel Craig

Tuesday 1st November: Presbytery Consultation in Ramelton

Wednesday 9th November: PW Meeting, 'Antiques Road Show' with Mourne Antiques, Letterkenny

Sunday 13th November: The findings of the Consultation of the congregation by Presbytery will be presented

Wednesday 30th November: PW Meeting, Ann McMahon & Tearcraft

**NB - Our Morning Service will resume at 12:00noon from the first Sunday in September.**



*Ramelton Presbyterian Church's float in the Lennon Festival Parade on July 2nd*

## RAPHOE

### Weddings

Congratulations to the Following

29th May Serena Laird to Colin James Kilpatrick

23rd June Lorna Magee to Dale Wylie

29th July Paula Mc Donagh to Graeme Watt

5th August Jennifer Henderson to Damien Wray.



*The Marriage of Lorna Magee Raphoe and Dale Wylie Knowhead.*

Get well wishes are extended to those members of our congregation who are ill at home or in hospital at this time. They are in our thoughts and Prayers.

### Holiday Bible Club

The holiday Bible club met from 13th to 18th of June in the Lecture hall . There was a big turnout of children attending. Best thanks is recorded to everyone who sent their children along and to those who organised the event. Well done.





*The Bible Club*

Good wishes are extended to Mr Brian Smith who was Licensed on the 19th of June in Letterkenny Presbyterian Church

25th June .There was a very good turnout for the Church walk. It started in Burt and finished at Inch Island The weather was not to bad.



*The Church Walk*

10th July The annual Orange Service was held in Raphoe Presbyterian Church on Sunday 10th of July at 7-30pm. There was a large turnout of Brethren and Sisters attending. They formed up at the Orange Hall and paraded to the Church. The Service was held to mark the 321st Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne .The

Brethren and Sisters were welcomed by the Minister of the Church Rev Dr Brian Brown The guest Preacher was Bro Rev Mervyn Lindsay Deputy City Grand Chaplin. When the Service was over the Parade made its way back to the Orange Hall. Tea and sandwiches were then served in the Cathedral Hall because the Orange Hall is under renovation. Special word of thanks to the Session of Raphoe Presbyterian Church for the use of the Church for this Special Service.



*The Orange Parade Through Raphoe after the Church Service*

#### **Dates to take note of**

6th September. Bowling Club starts again at 8pm.

New members welcome.

11th September Sunday School begins.

9th October Ballindrait Harvest Thanksgiving

16th October Raphoe Harvest Thanksgiving

6th November Communion Services

13th November Remembrance Sunday

10th July Sunday. Annual Battle of the Boyne Anniversary Service will be held in Raphoe Presbyterian Church at 7-30 pm.Sisters and Brethren assemble at Raphoe Orange Hall at 7pm.Parade will be led by Raphoe Pipe Band. Guest Preacher Bro Rev Mervyn Lindsay Deputy City Grand Chaplin.

We can't afford to play with fire  
Nor tempt the serpent's bite;  
We can't afford to think that sin  
Brings any true delight. - Anon

**SINS ARE LIKE WEEDS IN A GARDEN;  
KEEP THEM OUT OR  
THEY WILL TAKE OVER.**

*The Bridal evening held  
in Raphoe  
on 21st March this year.*



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# RATHMULLAN

## SYMPATHY

The congregation extends its deepest sympathy to Anna and David Borland and family on the death of Anna's father, Mr Roy Grier, Manorcunningham.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

Over the past months and particularly at Easter we were delighted to welcome a good number of visitors to our Sunday Services. As a smaller congregation it is very encouraging for all of us, minister and congregation when new faces join us for worship. We are delighted, too, when many of our visitors are able to join us in a cup of tea or coffee after the Service.

We welcomed visiting speakers and ministers when Rev Browne was on holiday or taking another service. Ian Lamberton, a member of Fahan congregation brought us news of Gideon International on Sunday, 22nd May. On the following Sunday we embarked on a new venture in the Church calendar....a P.W. Sunday where our P.W. members led the Service. Because our P.W. membership is small here we were able to involve all our members in the Service. Our guest speaker was Sonya McCullough, Deaconess in Shore Street Church, Donaghadee. Sonya and her friend, Andrea outlined the work that is going on in Shore Street. Mrs Joan Rogers, Rev Arthur O'Neill and Rev Bill Brown conducted our Services when Rev Browne was on her Summer break. We thank all of them for coming and sharing the message with us.

## Rathmullan P.W.

The Church was open for Tea and Homebakes on Bank Holiday Monday or the 'Regatta Day' as it is better known locally. The ladies catered for a steady stream of callers over the afternoon and evening. Over €1000 was raised and was divided between the Rathmullan Resource Centre, Crumlin Children's Hospital and Africa Famine Relief. The local Resource Centre, situated as it is overlooking the Swilly was invaluable as a venue for the community to come together to provide meals, friendship and support to the family and friends of the late Shaun McNair and to the many agencies and local people who helped in the search for

Shaun. Shaun was lost off the Pier in Rathmullan and a week long search followed. Our prayers were answered when his body was located. We continue to pray for Shaun's mother, Jackie, his sisters and the family.

## UNITED P.W.

The new session opens on Monday, 12th September in Rathmullan. The guest speaker will be Pamela Forrest. The October meeting will be the Guest Service and the venue will be Kerrykeel. The special speaker at this meeting will be Deaconess Eleanor Drysdale. In November we all get together for our Annual and Social Evening. The Committee encourages all ladies to come along and be part of P.W. You are assured of a warm welcome to the meetings.

## NEW ADDITIONS

New bibles and copies of Mission Praise have been added to our pews and a new carpet has been fitted. It is lovely to see the Church looking so well.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Warmest congratulations and best wishes to Caroline Anderson, Glencross and Wesley Ramsey, Ballybofey on their engagement.

Congratulations and well done to Jean Borland who graduated from the University of Ulster-distance learning-with an ACCUP degree (Advanced Certificate in Credit Union Practice) Jean is a supervisor with Swilly Mulroy Credit Union.



## **GOOD WISHES**

We wish our children and young people well as they return to school and college after the Summer break. Good wishes too, to the Girls' and Boys' Brigades as they embark on a new session and to the various Church groups as they start up again in September.

## **GET WELL WISHES**

We remember in our prayers members of our congregations and community who have been in hospital and are recovering from illness and those who are unable to get out and about as they used to.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, 25th September 7.00pm: Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Denise Savage will be the Guest Speaker. Supper will be served. All Welcome.

# **RAY**

## **Baptisms**

17th July 2011: Jake Samuel David, infant son of Peter and Adele Killen.

17th July 2011: Chloe Sarah, infant daughter of Iver and Sarah Wilson.

## **Marriage**

25th June 2011: Liesel Russell and Sean Toner

## **Death**

3rd August 2011: Roy Grier, Aughliard

Roy was a very faithful member of the congregation, being rarely absent from Sunday worship. To his wife Mabel, sons Kenneth and James, and daughter Anna, and their families, as well as the members of the wider family circle, we extend our deepest sympathy.

## **Sympathy**

The sympathy of the congregation is also extended to the following:  
Mrs. Amanda Lockhart on the passing of her father in Carndonagh.

Mrs. Margaret Johnston on the tragic death of her nephew, Garvan Milligan.

## **Children's Day**

Our Church was again filled to capacity for our Children's Day Service on Sunday 12th June. As is customary, the children played a leading role in the service. Many thanks also to our Youth Worker Rebecca for her leading role. Congratulations to all those who took part and to all those who received prizes, and in particular to Luke Johnston who was this year's winner of the Eva Duncan Memorial Cup. Many thanks to Our Sunday School Superintendent and all the Sunday school teachers for their sterling work during the past year. It has again been very encouraging to see so many children continuing to attend church during the holiday period.

## **Youth Events**

The Holiday Bible Club met in early July and was again very successful. Members of the Youth Club, and their leaders again visited Romania from 22nd July to 1st August. A very enjoyable and rewarding time was had by all. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Rebecca Maxwell for all her hard work with the young people during the past year. Rebecca really did become 'gone of us' and we pray that God will bless her in her future career.

## **Visiting Preachers**

During the summer, while Rev. Craig was on holiday, we were please to welcome Mr. Sammy Wasson, Mr. Maurice Wray and Rev. Ivan McKnight to our pulpit.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the members of Manorcunningham Pipe Band for all their achievements in recent competitions, including the World Championships.

Congratulations also to those who have achieved good results in their Leaving Certificate Examinations.

## **Forthcoming Events**

Sunday 25th September: Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Sunday 6th November: Sacrament of Lord's Supper

# ST. JOHNSTON

## Bereavements

Sympathy is extended to Winnie and Ian McCracken on the death of Winnie's aunt, Mrs Bessie Burns, Greencastle and of her cousin, Scott McCarter.

Also to Thompson and Joe Graham and families on the death of their brother-in-law, Archie Herd in Scotland, and to Lila Magee and Anna Black on the death of their cousin, Ronnie Beattie.

**Congratulations** to Claire Fleming, daughter of James and Heather Fleming who graduated from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne with a B.A. Honours degree in Geography.

**Congratulations** to Josie and Lila Magee on their 50th Wedding Anniversary which they celebrated with their family and many friends at the Drum Inn on 24th June.

**Best wishes** to Sylvia Craig on her retirement from the staff on Foyle and Londonderry College.

## Baptism

19th June, at the Fathers' Day Service, Seth James Hamilton, infant son of Gillian and John Hamilton.

**Children's Day** was on the 12th June, with the children participating in everything. Scott Devenney led in prayer, Andrew Porter read a bible and a poem. Lauren Devenney played the flute and Elaine Magee the keyboard and the children's choir sang 'Mr Noah' and 'King of Kings'. Jamie Graham, Adam McCracken, Thomas McClintock and Craig Wilson took up the collection.

Sunday School Superintendent, Doris Magee, organized the prizes, which were presented by Rev. Craig Wilson as follows; Best in class, Lauren Devenney, Scott Devenney and Jamie Graham. Best attendance; Elaine Magee and Scott Wilson.

Other prizes were presented to Andrew Porter, Matthew Fleming, Ellie Graham and Adam McCracken.

Book prizes were given to all other children in the congregation. Congratulations to all the children and thanks and appreciation to teachers, Doris, Mike and Gillian.

**Fathers Day Service** This was held on the 19th June as one of our Family Services with an augmented choir and special praise items. Fathers Day originated in West Virginia in 1908 and was set for the 3rd Sunday in June at Spokane, Washington on 19th June 1910 (researched by Arthur Lapsley).

Maurice Graham led in prayer and Stephen Tinney read from the Scriptures. Mike Ryan led a Halleluiah 'warm-up' with the Sunday School children.

A friend of John Hamilton, Joe Ferraci from Cape Breton, Canada, who came over for Seth's Baptism, read 'Fathers are wonderful people'.

## Battle of the Boyne Service

The annual Battle of the Boyne Service was held in the Church on the 26th June.

## Church Outing

The annual Summer Outing was to Portrush on Wednesday 6th July. A great day was had by all who went with some of the children entertaining the others with a sing-song (Old MacDonald)!

The weather was very good and a lot of tired children and parents and friends made their way home - happy exhaustion!

# WILLIAM McCLINTOCK

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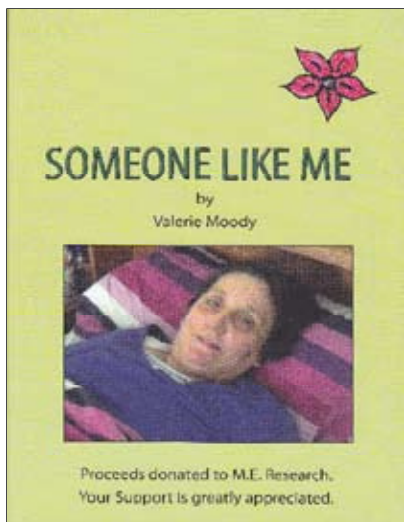
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My name is Valerie Moody, nee Nelson from Castlederg. I live in St Johnston, Co Donegal. I have severe Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, that is M.E., and have been bed bound for many years. At worst I lay in a darkened room with severe neurological symptoms taking multiple seizures, unable to move or do anything for myself. While I cannot sit up and I am in constant pain I now have more movement and am now able to write again. I have recently published a book entitled "Someone Like Me". It is a collection of my own thoughts and prayers, and illustrations. M.E. is a very cruel and genuine illness with many complications. 25 per cent of sufferers of all ages are bedbound or housebound like me and are patiently waiting for a cure. Much biomedical research is being done and much needs to be done. All proceeds go to Biomedical Research. I would value your support. Help us to get our lives back again. The book "Someone Like Me" can be obtained from Eason's, Letterkenny; Eason's, Foyle side Londonderry; various outlets in St Johnston, Raphoe, and Lifford; from Evelyn O'Neill, Ballyheather, Artigarvan (02871841373), Carlisle Book

Shop, Omagh; various local shops, Castlederg; and can be purchased directly from me, Valerie Moody, Momeen, St Johnston, Co Donegal, (0749148245), at a cost of 10 euro or £9 sterling. If postage is required, 11.50 euro or £10 sterling.

*Thanking you, Valerie*



*Josie & Leila Magee, pictured on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary*

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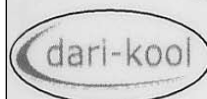
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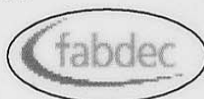


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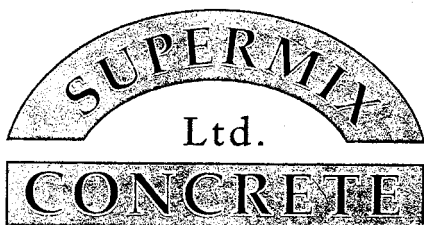


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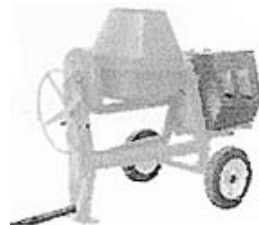
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Summer Services were joint for July and August. July in Ballylennon and August in St. Johnston, during Rev. Wilson's summer break. Services were taken by the Rev. Jim Gray.

#### **P.W.**

Having finished formal meetings for the year the group had a mini outing to Alcorns Tropical World in May and on June 18th the Annual outing with Ballylennon was to Coleraine, a garden centre near Bushmills followed by a meal at Bushmills Church.

On June 9th the P.W. catered for a group from Terrace Row Church, Coleraine. This 'Evergreen' group enjoyed their afternoon tea with us. We are now focusing on our new theme 'Under His Wings' for the coming year.

#### **'Someone Like Me'**

Mrs Valerie Moody, a member of our congregation, who suffers from severe Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (M.E.) has compiled a book of her own thoughts, prayers and illustrations, the proceeds of which will go to Biomedical Research in the hope of finding a cure and proper recognition for this terrible debilitating illness.

Throughout her many years of illness Valerie has been a true Christian inspiration to all who have come in contact with her.

We pray that the courage and dedication which led her to write this book will bear fruit for her own illness and all who suffer from M.E.

We pray also for others in our Church and whom we know, who suffer from other illnesses both long-term and recent, that they will be given strength through their difficult times.

**Congratulations** to Kerrie McCrabbe and Jade Magee on doing well in their leaving certificates, we wish them well as they go on to further education.

Best wishes to all our young people as they head back to school or off to college.

#### **Forthcoming events**

September 11th 10a.m. Sunday School re-opens

21st 8p.m. PW begins the new season. Mrs Wendy Long will give a cookery demonstration - to be savoured afterwards. All welcome.

October 9th 11a.m. and 7.30p.m. provisional date for St. Johnston Harvest Services.

16th 12.30p.m. and 8p.m. Harvest Services in Ballylennon.

As other groups and organizations re-start after the summer, dates and times will be on the announcement sheet.



*Claire Fleming, daughter of James and Heather Fleming who graduated from the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, with a B.A. Honours Degree in Geography.*

## **STRANORLAR**

Congratulations: to Jonathan and Ariella Magee on the safe arrival of their twins, William and Catherine a little brother and sister for Eliza Jane. The twins were born on 7th July 2011

#### **Holiday Bible Club**

The holiday bible club which ran from Tuesday 4th June to Friday 10th June had an excellent turn out and was a great success.

Thanks to all the helpers, in particular Roberta and Grace for helping to make the week an enjoyable experience for our young people. Our grateful thanks to Mrs Valerie Stewart for cooking at the barbecue on the closing night Friday 10th June

#### **Family Service: 12th June 2011.**

Thanks to all those who participated in the service including our own Sunday School children and in particular Daniel, Grace, Jonathan and Roberta.

The children were presented with their Sunday school prizes during the service.

Thanks to the Rev Noel Ward and Mrs Valerie Stewart for organising the purchase of the prizes. The congregation appreciate the time and the effort which goes into choosing suitable prizes for the different age groups.

**Congregational barbecue:** 15th July 2011.

There was a very good turn out for the congregational barbecue. Even though the weather was not that great, it did not dampen the spirits, everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Rev Stephen Richmond was chef for the night.

Our grateful thanks go to Stephen, Janice and all the workers who helped in any way on the night.

The congregation would also like to express their gratitude to Rev Stephen for supplying and cooking the food. Thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the evening, maybe we could build on that success and hold a similar venture in the future.

**Book:** Copies of the book "Emma Standard Bearer of Sion", by Ronnie Mc Cracken are available from Jack Neilands.

This very interesting wee book details the life of Emma Herdman, a member of the well known Herdman Family from Sion Mills.

Emma had incredible talents and gifts and although she could have had a life of wealth and ease she dedicated her services to her saviour.

**Students:**

Congratulations to all our young people on their examination successes and best wishes to them as they go on to further education. Best wishes also to those who are taking that big step from primary school to secondary school.

**Operation Christmas Child:**

We had a very generous response to this appeal last year here in Stranorlar. We hope to continue with this and make Christmas even more special for those boys and girls who are less well off than we are.

Details of the shoe box appeal will appear in the In Touch nearer the time.

**Prayer:**

Please pray for the sick, the elderly and those

who are housebound in our community

**Forthcoming events:**

Sunday School: Reopens 18th September

Harvest Thanksgiving Service: 9th October

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday 6th November

**Pastoral Care:**

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## TRENTAGH

[www.trentaghpci.org](http://www.trentaghpci.org)

We extend our sympathy to Eleanor Johnston on the death of her brother David and to Jeanette Alexander on the passing of her aunt Jean Craig.

Our congratulations to all who have gotten the Leaving Cert results and we wish you every blessing as you plan for the year ahead. Also our thoughts are with those who are awaiting the Junior Cert grades.

Well done to Fiona & Donna Alexander who participated in PCI and CEF teams over the summer. We would like to encourage any who feel called to participate in the camps or teams in the coming year, why not talk it over with Tommy.

It is good to see John Rankin out and about after surgery in Letterkenny Hospital.

Our prayer meetings continue in the Church every second Wednesday and we are greatly encouraged and strengthened by it. It is good to see God in His mercy and love answer our requests as we witness His hand at work in our church and community.

We had a number of visitors over the summer and we hope they were richly blessed as they

worshipped with us. All the way from Australia we welcomed Gerry McDermott and wish him Gods blessing as he makes the long journey back home.

It was with great joy and excitement we hosted the ordination and installation of Trentagh and Trinity's new minister Rev. Thomas J. Bruce (Tommy) on Friday 24th June. The last one was held in Trentagh on 3rd December 1925. The church was packed to capacity and the proceedings were relayed by video link to an adjoining marquee. The service was conducted by the Moderator Rev Dr. Robert Buick, the sermon by Rev Paul Linkens and the charge given by Rev Nigel Craig. There was over 450 in attendance, with many coming from Belfast, Kells and Maghera. After the service tea and refreshments were served, followed by a number of speeches and presentations bringing the evening to a close.

We are indebted to the many who helped both on the day and in the arrangements leading up to the service. A special word of thanks to the members of Trinity Church for their practical help and encouragement it is very much appreciated. Our thanks to the many who did car parking duty, prepared and served the food and other duties that made the day possible.

Tommy, Helen and the children are still getting to know us all and settling into the manse. Tommy complete with his "Sat Nav" is visiting all the congregation so if he hasn't yet called at your home he will be calling shortly.

As our vacancy is now over we give God the thanks for sending Tommy to lead and minister in our congregations. Our thanks to Rev. Nigel Craig our convenor for his wisdom and guidance, to the many who preached each Sunday (we still talk about the Rev. Dr. Joe Thompson) and the many others too many to mention, whose input helped so much.

We look forward to Tommy's ministry and ask for your prayers for him and his family as he settles in Donegal.

#### **Notable dates for your diary**

Lord's Supper Sunday Morning 11th September  
Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday Evening 16th October 7.30p.m.

Lords Supper Sunday Morning 6th November

Also please check out our website  
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L-R: John McMahon, Jean Rankin, Sammy Wasson, Tommy Bruce, Robert Rankin, Herbie Roulston and Alan Alexander



L-R: Eileen Corry, Billy Alexander, Tommy Bruce, Noel Robb, Maureen McKeeman, Noel Wylie and Alan Speer



L-R: Kathleen Neely, David Wasson, Helen Bruce and children

# TRINITY LETTERKENNY

## 19th June

A Service of Licensing was held for Mr. Brian Smyth in Trinity Presbyterian Church Letterkenny and we continue to remember Brian, Pamela, Matthew, Christopher and Aaron in our prayers as Brian works as an Assistant in Glendermott Presbyterian Church.

## 24th June

In Trentagh- The ordination and Installation of Rev. Thomas Bruce as Minister of Trinty and Trentagh and we wish him every blessing in his ministry with us. We Welcome Tommy, Helen, and their family Daniel, Rachel, Issac and Abigail into our church family and trust they will fell at home with us.

Congratulation to our young people who passed the leaving Certificate Examination recently.

## Baptisms

22nd May 2011- Emma Elizabeth Johnston daughter of Shane and Susan Johnston.

5th June 2011 - Josh Henry Speer son of Paul and Eileen Speer.

**Marriages** - 20th July 2011 Congratulations to Heather Ashe on her marriage to Colin Fin.

## Deaths-

We as a congregation extend our sympathy to Sammy and Marion Malseed on the death of their son Stephen.

Also sympathy is extended to James and Sharon Grier and family on the death of James father Roy.



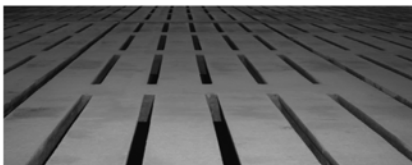
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# Thank You Donegal



Leslie Matthews seen here presenting Mary Gallagher treasurer of the Donegal Hospice fundraising committee with a cheque for €4650 raised at his big 65th birthday concert held in the Mt Errigal hotel, Letterkenny on Wednesday 19th January 2011. **Total money raised for the Hospice since 2005 is approximately €43000.**

Leslie's fundraising continues on Wednesday 21st September 2011 with another big charity concert in the Mt Errigal Hotel at 8.00pm sharp! **Proceeds from this concert will be shared by the Donegal Alzheimer's Society and the Donegal Hospice.**

Artists appearing are the fabulous Gary Gamble doing compere and singing plus his superb "impersonation" of the one and only Daniel O'Donnell. Other artists appearing on the night are singers Bernie & Patricia Maguire, Newtownstewart, Simon Peters, Newtowncunningham, Charlene Wilson, Liscooley and Brian Rankin (the poet farmer), Faughanvale. The "highlight" of the night will be the big draw for the beautiful patchwork quilt made by Florence Roulstone from Newtowncunningham **which has been signed by Daniel O'Donnell himself.**

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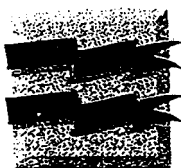
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