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The Rector's Letter

I want to begin by saying how deeply grateful I am to the Lord for the family of God which He has called me to minister in at All Saints, Tullylish. I am especially aware of the privilege of being in a church family with such a huge level of commitment from so many people in so many areas.

It is hard to believe that over a year has now passed since my Institution here in Tullylish. It has been an exciting and challenging time for me in many ways. There have also been a number of highlights for me.

It has been a joy to see our services grow. Our healing services have got off to a positive start and we have seen evidence of the Holy Spirit at work. It was also a privilege to conduct the Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the organ.

The Crusaders weekend is one not to be forgotten and of course more recently our family fun weekend was a memorable one which was enjoyed by all ages.

Throughout the last twelve months it has been wonderful to know and experience your love and support.

I would also like to express my sympathy and the sympathy of the Church Family to all who have been bereaved in the past year. We pray that you will experience God's healing love into your hearts and lives.

We rejoice with those who have been married during the year and we continue to remember in our prayers all who have been baptised.

We welcome those who have become part of our church family and say to you that it is great to have you involved with us. We pray that you will really feel part of the family of God here.

I pray that God will continue to bless us as we seek to do His will in this place over the coming year.

Your friend and Rector,
Arthur

WEDDINGS

The Marriage of Arlene Vint and Gordon Mulligan
took place in All Saints'
on Friday, 1st April 2005

We wish Arlene and Gordon every happiness in
their future life together.



The Marriage of Mark Davison and Helen Atkins
took place in Windermere, England
on Saturday, 14th May 2005.

We send our best wishes to Mark and Helen
for their future happiness.

The Craft Group

Our final meeting for the year was held in May. We were privileged to have the Rev. Norman Patterson and his wife Linda with us. They work full time in Romania as unpaid volunteers, living purely by faith. They also brought with them the Rev. Jim Matheson and his son, Andrew to tell us of their experiences of Romania.

Project Romania do very worthwhile work providing families, the elderly and the disabled with food, clothes, toiletries and medical aid. Local schools are provided with stationery and books. There is also a ongoing building programme. Help along with counselling in crisis situations is offered and through all these practical means they are able to impact lives with the love and power of Jesus Christ.

At the end of the evening, all the garments which had been made by our group were handed over and will in some small way bring joy to those in need.

The Craft Group will resume in September.

Heather Hanna

Empower Celebration

In April I had the privilege of attending a celebration of Mission in the Armagh City Hotel. This event, under the auspices of CMS Ireland, took place over two days and involved delegates and Mission Partners from around the world, all of whom had one object in mind – 'Empowering The Church In Mission.'

During the day, discussions took place on relevant issues including Justice, Evangelism and Renewal.

Seminars and workshops focused on Leadership Training and Education, Medical Work and Women's Issues, Community Development and also Refugees and Emergency Response.

The Thursday evening Service was the highlight of the conference when over 500 people representing 14 nations celebrated God's Work in the World.

Paul Clarke interviewed Mission Partners from Sudan, D.R Congo, Nepal, Uganda, Kenya, India, Thailand and Egypt. It was encouraging to hear how CMS has been able to help in Evangelism, Education and Health Matters. Thousands have been given hope after having lived through strife and oppression. While celebrating all that has been done to make a difference to the lives of the underprivileged, the Mission Partners assured us that the work is ongoing and the need is still as great.

Paul Clark went on to tell a very touching story which had a humbling effect on all of us. On one occasion when in S. Sudan with the CMS Team, he remarked that the attendance at one meeting was smaller than it had been on a previous visit.

Later someone said to him, 'We would have loved to have come, but we were ashamed because we had no clothes.'

There was great music and singing throughout the evening led by the Rev. Mark Harvey and a Praise Group. The Worship Songs expressed so much of what the conference was celebrating:

You hear O Lord the desire of the oppressed.

You encourage them and hear their cry.

May we be your hands.

May we be your voice, O Lord.

May we bring Your Hope

Causing them to rejoice, O Lord.

The Service ended with everyone in the congregation saying The Lord's Prayer – each in his own language.

Isabel Whiteside

Divine Healing Services

The Divine Healing Services which were held during the year have been a great source of blessing to many people. It was good also to welcome those who came from outside our parish. At the services, a team of people trained and involved in the Church's Ministry of Divine Healing was available for those who wished to go forward for healing and the laying on of hands either for themselves or others.

Visiting preachers spoke very openly about their own experiences and testified how prayer can make a difference.

Brother David Jardine had much to say on positive prayer and gave many instances of complete healing. One thing he stressed though, that even if a person does not receive the full physical healing asked for, being surrounded by the prayer of faith will bring healing in so many other areas.

Other speakers at the services included the Rev. David Bailie, the Rev. Gillian Withers. The Rev. John Seawright and the Rev. Pat Mollan.

We would encourage more people to attend these services which will begin again in September. God's touch is available through the prayers of others, but He will expect us to do what we can for ourselves.

The Women's Fellowship

The **April** meeting of the Women's Fellowship was also our Guest Night when we had a great attendance from other churches. The Special Speaker for the evening was Mr John Purcell who gave us his testimony. With him were his son Thomas and daughter Melissa who both sang. Everyone present agreed that it had been a memorable evening.

Our **May** meeting was the A.G.M. Our Rector, Arthur chaired the first part when four new members were elected to the committee. Heather Hanna was elected Secretary, Muriel McCracken – Treasurer and Sheila Walker and Valerie Walker both new committee members. For the second half of the evening Jill Acheson came along and demonstrated and instructed us on the principles of good skin care. Using Sheila Walker as her model, Jill took us through the various stages involved. At the end of our meeting we all left determined to put Jill's good advice into practice, so look out for glowing complexions among the women of Tullylish.

Our Annual outing to Enniskillen on Saturday 14th May was a great day of fun and fellowship and was blessed with beautiful weather. Our thanks to all who supported the outing which in addition to our own members included friends from other churches. Eight ladies from Donacloney Elim Church also joined us this year.

We do hope that everyone has a pleasant summer and we look forward to welcoming old and new faces in September.