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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

It is one thing to want to grow in the knowledge of God and His will, but a more searching question is to what extent you want that knowledge to have a transforming effect on your life. On of my desires through preaching is for us to pursue "personal transformation in community."

At the heart of the early church were people who took Jesus seriously enough to do what He said. Before He ascended back to heaven, Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received what the Father promised. The Holy Spirit came upon them on the day of Pentecost and then when the reality of that happened, they courageously began witnessing and telling others about Jesus and what His death and resurrection had achieved. Three thousand people that day came to a living faith in Jesus Christ.

We read that they devoted and committed themselves to the apostles' teaching, to this new fellowship of believers, to the breaking of bread and to effective praying. And the results were that others discovered this transforming, life changing message and its reality - that the Lord added daily to their number those who were being saved. What was real to these new believers was so evident to others who watched on that it and the experience of Jesus in their lives became real to them.

It is my prayer and continual desire that we will be so committed to Jesus and so committed to taking Him seriously, that our love and passion for Him will be so evident in our lives and in our relationships within our Church family and go beyond out into the community; and that we will courageously, consistently and lovingly seek to serve God and witness for Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

I pray that we will be helping people to imagine the "more" that God says He is able to do in their lives, that they will then see the reality of that happen. As we become more and more like Jesus and grow in holiness, joy, peace and love I pray that we will know the transforming power of God in our lives and in the life of our Church family, and that we will be offering new hope and life in Jesus to those who don't yet know Him and reaching out to those who need Jesus!

May God so empower us to be that people daily and as the song says:
*"I am building a people of power; and I'm making a people of praise;
that will move through this community by My Spirit; and will glorify My precious name."*

And we say:
*"Build Your Church Lord; make us strong Lord; join our hearts Lord; through Your Son;
Make us one Lord; in Your body; in the kingdom of Your Son."*

This ties in with our new motto from September.

All Saints Tullylish

A
Serving
Team

When God leads, we help you follow.

God Bless,
Arthur

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SERVICE OF BLESSING

11th April 2008 - Verena and Jim Bell

20th June 2008 - Maria and John Cromie

God of love, may your blessing be on Verena and Jim and Maria and John. May all that they hope for be realised in the years to come.

BURIAL

13th March 2008 - William Thomas Greer

16th May 2008 - George Arnold Hamilton

We were all greatly saddened by the deaths of Billy and Ernie, (as they were affectionately known) two of our older parishioners who were both faithful and much loved members of All Saints.

A lifelong member of All Saints, Billy served on the Select Vestry, and on occasions as Churchwarden. He did tremendous work in the 1950s when he took on the task of remapping the graveyard.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Irene, Stephan, Carolyn and Lucy, Yvonne, Philip and Gayle.

Ernie too, served his church on the Select Vestry in a quiet and efficient manner. Any task undertaken by Ernie was always completed to the highest standard. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Edith, Sam, Arlene, Gordon, Katie and Thomas and Arnold's Family Circle.

SYMPATHY

We send our deepest sympathy to those of our Church family who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

We especially remember:

Daphne and Robert Acheson and Family Circle on the death of Daphne's father

Marjorie and Eric Hodgen on the death of Marjorie's nephew

Stephan and Irene Grossmann on the death of Stefan's father in Germany

The Carswell Family Circle on the death of Mark's uncle Richard

Sammy and Teenie Curran on the death of Sammy's brother, Jackie

Loving Father, grant to those who grieve, your special blessing. May they know that your hand is upon them, your arms encircling them and your heart reaching out to them. For Jesus Christ's Sake. Amen

THANKS

To Tullylish Church Family

Sammy and Teenie Curran would like to take this opportunity to thank all who sympathised with them on the death of Sammy's brother, Jackie.

Thanks to Arthur, our Rector for his support and prayers, to all those who sent cards, phoned or called at the house and for all your prayers.

This meant a great deal to both of us and was much appreciated.

Sammie and Teenie Curran

Week of Prayer at All Saints, Tullylish

Mon 1st September to Sat 6th September

This year we are beginning our winter's work with a week of prayer. We are hoping to see real renewal and revival as we learn to be a praying church.

When Billy Graham was asked by a newspaper reporter what was the most important area of preparation for his Crusades, he said, "There are three - the first is **prayer**, the second is **prayer** and the third is **prayer**."

It was when Jesus was praying in a certain place that one of the 12 disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1) It was not His teaching on prayer that evoked that request. Nor did they say, "Lord, teach us to preach or teach us to heal!" The request leapt to their lips when the disciples actually watched the Son of God at prayer. Looking at Jesus praying, they suddenly realised what prayer was.

We need to join with the disciples and ask, "Lord, teach us to pray," so that we might see spiritually awakened churches and a new thrust of the gospel proclamation in our generation.

In 1880, Bishop J.C. Ryle wrote:

"I want the times we live in to be praying times. I want the church of our age to be a praying church. My heart's desire is to promote a spirit of prayerfulness. I want those who have never prayed yet, to arise and call upon God; and I want those who do pray to improve their praying every year, and to see that they are not getting slack, and praying amiss."

Please prayerfully plan to be there and see the difference it will make to you and to us as a church family as we join in this week of prayer to seek the heart of our Heavenly Father.

Arthur

FEATURES

DRAWN TO FAITH

When I see your sea surging so wonderfully, and I reflect that I cannot understand the origin of water or its measured movements, I am drawn to faith - because only you could have created the sea and its waves.

When I see all the trees and flowers in the earth, and I reflect that I cannot understand how they grow and multiply, I am drawn to faith - because only you could have created the trees and flowers.

When I look at myself, and I reflect that I cannot understand how my mind and body work, I am drawn to faith - because only you could have created mankind.

Ignorance of myself does not prevent me from knowing and worshipping: on the contrary, ignorance of the mysteries of myself and of all things around me tells me that I depend wholly on you to create and sustain life.

Hilary of Poitiers c310 - 367

A letter received from Naomi Francey, a leader in Crusaders

Dear Friends,

As my journey to Argentina draws near, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support for my mission there. Whether your support has been through prayer or donations, they have all been gratefully received. God has truly blessed my fundraising and to date I have raised over £3,000.

I'll soon be starting my journey to South America, so please continue to pray for me while I prepare to travel and also as I settle into my new home. I am really looking forward to this opportunity to serve God overseas and carry out His work. Through your prayers and support I will be able to fulfil this dream.

God bless you all and I look forward to returning in nine months to tell you all about it.

Yours in Christ,
Naomi Francey

TRAVEL QUOTES

With holidays fast approaching, here are some sentiments on which to reflect.

A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

Lao Tzu

If you reject the food, ignore the customs, fear the religion and avoid the people, you might better stay at home.

James Michener

There are no foreign lands. It is the traveller only who is foreign.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the things you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails.

EXPLORE! DREAM! DISCOVER!

Mark Twain

No one realizes how beautiful it is to travel until he comes home and rests his head on his old familiar pillow.

Lao Tzu

Perhaps travel cannot prevent bigotry, but by demonstrating that all people cry, laugh, eat, worry and die, it can introduce the idea that if we try and understand each other, we might even become friends.

Maya Angelou

A wise traveller never despises his own country.

Carlo Goldoni

If you actually look like your passport photo, you aren't well enough to travel.

Sir Vivian Fuchs

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it solely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime.

Mark Twain

MISSION UPDATE



THE LEPROSY MISSION Burma (Myanmar) needs our prayers

The people of Burma have been virtually forsaken since their country was struck by Cyclone Nargis more than a month ago. It is believed that between 75,000 to 100,000 have been killed. But, millions more are at risk of dying from exposure, starvation and lack of water.

The Leprosy Mission is one of the few organisations with an ongoing presence in Burma. It is using its experience in leprosy and disability work to rebuild the lives of more than 1500 people with disabilities living in the delta and Yangon regions, who have been severely affected by the cyclone.

TLM International has committed to setting up a referral service for these victims to enable them to access relief and rehabilitation. Teams of trained rehabilitation workers have already begun the task of responding to referrals and requests for assistance. Already, some disabled people have been helped through the existing capacity of TLMI and partners.

Please pray for the casualties of Cyclone Nargis and for the Leprosy Mission staff on the ground doing what they can by showing the love of Jesus Christ through practical help.

Betty Jones



CMS IRELAND

At this time of year many teams of people and individuals are preparing to travel abroad on Mission Experience, for either long or short terms. Some of the work in which they will be involved includes building and construction work, helping in hospitals and clinics, teaching and evangelism, all of which will bring a sense of sharing, support and encouragement. We give thanks that so many people feel called to serve in this way and we in turn give them our prayerful support.

The commissioning of Ronnie and Maggie Briggs and The Revd Naftaly Lemoore by the Rt Revd Alan Abernethy in Magherally Parish Church on 18th May was a very uplifting service. All three have been assigned to the Diocese of Kajiado in Kenya.

As always, tribal hatred and tensions are ongoing in many countries in Africa. Thankfully though, the violence in Kenya has abated as the two political parties there have agreed to work together in coalition. We pray that the future is more hopeful.

The simplicity of some words written by a volunteer who has just returned from Mission Experience has touched many people and may give confidence to those who feel they have nothing to offer.

‘I got to know people in their place of work, in their home and at play. I became their friend.

I talked to them about their families, their concerns their hopes, their faith.

We shared prayers, we joined in worship, we met around the dinner table.

We greeted each other with handshakes and hugs. Sometimes we just smiled and marvelled at God’s wonderful creation.

We joined together - one people - one God.”

Isabel Whiteside



CROSSLINKS

A letter from Karen Salmon working in Mekelle Youth Centre in Ethiopia.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayerful support and your faithful encouragement by email and post.

Our drought seems to have ended with a week of very good rain. Despite this, electricity and water cuts remain a usual feature of this time of year.

World fuel and grain price increases have impacted the local economy and are making it really difficult for people in Ethiopia. Cooking oil is now three times the price it was in September. I can economise by cutting out luxury items and treats, but I fear the poor can only economise by cutting out a meal a day. Do pray for the poor here especially as the drought will also impact food availability.

This comes with much love in Christ,

Karen

Please remember in your prayers the leaders and children who will take part in Summer Camp.

Laura Moffatt

ORGANISATION NEWS

AUTUMN LEAVES

Autumn Leaves which has completed another successful year continues to play an important role in the lives of its enthusiastic members.

The final session of the past year was as interesting and varied as ever.

We started it off with a visit from the Revd Joanne Megarrell, curate of St Johns, Moira who is no stranger to us here in Tullylish.

Joanne told us of her early career in teaching and how, after much soul searching and prayer, she embarked on her "Road to Ordination."

In April we had the ever popular afternoon of board games when we all can show our competitiveness.

Ella Brown's Armchair Aerobics session also in April, while not too strenuous, involved lively stretching and strengthening movements which help circulation, flexibility and coordination. (We all can do with that!)

Brenda was well prepared for our final meeting when she instructed us on how to make a variety of greeting cards. Everyone was very pleased with their efforts and from reports so have the recipients of some of the cards.

The season ended at the end of May with a bus trip to Bangor. Members, friends and visitors from some of our neighbouring churches all left Tullylish in high spirits on a beautiful spring morning intending to "shop, shop, shop." After visiting many of the shops in Bangor, we were then ready for the delicious meal in The Stables, Groomsport.

We would like to thank Arthur and Committee Members - Ruth, Eadie, Marjorie, Teenie and Brenda for all the preparation and work which they do to make Autumn Leaves so successful.

Autumn Leaves will be resuming in September. Why not come along and join with us?

Look out for programme details in our next issue.

M.R.

CRUSADERS

Our Crusader away-weekend began on Friday 11th April when nine leaders and 21 crusaders left for Gannaway, Millisle.

We had a special speaker with us called Simon Henry who spoke on the theme "Life beyond the Cross."

On Friday night and Saturday night, we enjoyed worship with the Crusaders band and Simon challenged us all as he spoke with good spiritual teaching. Each morning began with a small group quiet time.

On Saturday, the young people enjoyed activities which included canoeing, indoor climbing wall and high ropes course.

On Sunday morning we travelled to Donaghadee Presbyterian Church to join in worship with the Revd Alan Lyttle and his congregation.

We enjoyed fun, fellowship and safety over the weekend, returning home on Sunday night feeling very tired.

Rachel Sinton

Crusaders finished for the year on Sunday 1st June with our annual BBQ and water fight. Lots of fun was had by all.

As we close for the summer break, I would like you to remember in your prayers Naomi Francey, one of our leaders who left on 15th June to spend nine months working in Argentina. Please pray for her.

Another of our leaders, Heather Walker, will be presented with her OCN Level 2 in Youth Work Certificate on Monday 23rd June in the Waterfront Hall in Belfast.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all the parents and guardians of the Crusaders for their help and support throughout the year?

Heather Walker - Secretary

ORGANISATION NEWS

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The ladies from A.S.T. ventured out on their annual outing on Saturday 10th May to Mount Stewart Gardens where they enjoyed morning coffee and a very interesting guided tour of the historical house, before embarking on a shopping trip to Newtownards.

The day finished with a meal in the Strangford Arms Hotel. A great day was had by all.

Our A.G.M. was held on Thursday 15th May. The President's, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were given by Yvonne Davidson, Rachel Sinton and Valerie Walker respectively.

A new committee was elected.

President:	Deborah Mulligan
Vice-President:	Muriel McCracken
Treasurer:	Valerie Walker
Secretary:	Rachel Sinton
Committee Members:	Sharon Lappin Betty Jones Brenda Orr

The meeting ended with a card-making demonstration/workshop and a short epilogue by Angela Magowan from Bannwater Crafts.

A big thank you for all their hard work goes to Yvonne Davison, outgoing President and Eileen Hamilton and Heather Carswell, outgoing committee members.

Rachel Sinton - Secretary

A PRAYER FOR OUR ORGANISATIONS

Loving Father,
We thank you for the privilege of meeting together and for the happiness, support and encouragement that we can give and receive at these times.
We thank you for the times of worship, of study and reflection, of sharing our faith or simply enjoying each other's company.
May we always be conscious of Christ among us and in meeting together with Him may we come together ourselves.
In the Name of Christ. Amen

OTHER FEATURES

WHAT ATTRACTS PEOPLE TO CHURCH?

Why do people select a particular church?

A convenient location? Yes.

A good speaker in the pulpit? Yes.

Inspiring music? Yes

An attractive building? Yes.

But a more essential element in attracting visitors, newcomers and prospective members is friendliness, both in the pew and throughout the community. Where there is a warm, dynamic congregation with an enthusiasm that's contagious, visitors will usually be found, and will return.

A church can buy many advantages with money, such as nice buildings, trained leadership, effective advertising and an abundance of supplies for spiritual and social use. But old-fashioned friendliness, of which the world is sorely in need, can't be purchased with money.

It comes only from the hearts of dedicated people who love God and enjoy helping others feel at home in their church.



NATURE'S CREED

I believe in the brook as it wanders from hillside into glade;

I believe in the breeze as it whispers when evening shadows fade.

I believe in the roar of the river as it dashes from high cascade;

I believe in the cry of the tempest amid the thunder's cannonade.

I believe in the light of shining stars; I believe in the sun and the moon;

I believe in the flash of lightning; I believe in the night-bird's croon.

I believe in the faith of flowers; I believe in the rock and sod;

For in all of these appeareth clear, the handiwork of God.

Anonymous