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of his resurrection
Philippians 3:10

THE RECTOR'S EASTER MESSAGE

THREE DAYS THAT COULD CHANGE YOUR WHOLE WORLD AND RESURRECT YOUR LIFE

"I passed on to you what was most important... that Christ died for our sins... He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, as the Scriptures said." 1 Cor 15: 3-4

These are the **facts**. It really did and truly **happen**. Jesus was fully dead, but God raised Him up from death and made Him **alive**.

The word **power** occurs 57 times in the New Testament. It is used to describe the most powerful event that ever happened, an event that separated AD from BC - the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. And that resurrection power is available to change our lives here and now!

The most important thing in life is **knowing** Christ and experiencing the **power** of His Resurrection. The Apostle Paul writes, "**I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.**" (*Philippians 3:10*) In another letter Paul tells his readers, "**I pray that you will begin to understand how great his power is to help those who believe him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand in heaven.**"

God wants us to experience this dynamite power that raised Jesus from the dead two thousand years ago and is available to us right now to transform the weakness in our lives into strengths. The Bible describes resurrection power as the power to cancel our past, the power to conquer our problems and the power to change our personality.

But it's one thing for me to tell you that Jesus can cancel your past, help you conquer the problems you are facing right now and change your personality. But it is quite another matter for you to overcome and actually let Him begin to do it now.

Jesus has the power to make changes in our lives. He gives us the power to get started and the power to keep going.

Maybe life at the moment seems overwhelmed with problems. Easter which is all about **HOPE**, found and fulfilled at the **CROSS** and through the **RESURRECTION** reminds us that no situation is hopeless. No problem is too big for God. He is still in the resurrection business, and providing that power to change our lives.

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PARISHNEWS

HOLY BAPTISM

25th January 2009 - Alisia Nicole, baby daughter of Marilena and Howard Dempsey

1st February 2009 - Sophie Evelyn, baby daughter of Leanne Jennett and Edward Shanks

Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless Alisia and Sophie as we welcome them into our Church Family. We ask your blessing also on their parents and family circles.

BURIALS

8th February 2009 - Joy Elizabeth Bicker

Joy was a gentle lady who had not enjoyed good health for a number of years. Sadly her health deteriorated even more quickly after her husband George's death.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Angus on the loss of his mother just four months after his father's death. Our sympathy also goes to Joy's sisters - Gloria and Ray and their Family Circles.

3rd March 2009 - Walter Edward Scott

Walter was a life long member of All Saints and came from a family long associated with Tullylish. We will miss the character that he was and the many talents which he had.

Our sympathy goes to Georgie, Louise, Siobhan, Deirdre, Terence and Edward and their families.

15th March 2009 - Mabel Hempton

Mabel endured 30 years of pain and suffering following the terrorist attack on her life which robbed her of her dreams and aspirations.

We thank God for the great courage she displayed throughout and the strong faith which she held. Our sympathy goes to Mabel's sisters, Jennifer and Barbara and their families.

SYMPATHY

We also send our deepest sympathy to:

Sarah Browne and Jim on the death of Sarah's brother

Michelle and Jeffrey Martin and Family Circle on the death of Michelle's grandfather

Hilary Nelson and Family Circle on the death of Hilary's brother in law and uncle

Laura and Terence Moffatt and Family Circle on the death of Terence's uncle

Rachel and Peter Sinton and Family Circle on the death of Peter's uncle

Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.

A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

March 22nd was a very important day in the life of our parish when we were present to witness, with their families and friends, the confirmation of three young people and five adults from our Church Family and James from Aghaderg, in a moving service conducted by Bishop Harold Miller.

We were all joined together to support them as they publicly professed their faith in Jesus Christ. Please continue to remember in your prayers all those who were confirmed.

Louise Martin

Alexandra Orr

Christopher Coleman

James Fegan

Heather Carswell

Laura Moffatt

Lorraine Taylor

Noeleen Wilson

Marc Montgomery

Three Days That Could Change Your Life

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This is Good News... Great News... Brilliant News... Jesus is really alive today in Tullylish, and He has the power to do in us what we are powerless to do for ourselves.

Easter Sunday... What a glorious day to celebrate that Jesus is the JOY of our lives... our Wonderful Saviour, Great Friend and Living Lord.

May you know His Power this Easter.
God Bless,
Arthur



EASTER PRAISE

CHURCH SERVICES

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SUNDAY



Wednesday 8th April

8.00pm Youth Night
Speaker - Craig McMillan

Maundy Thursday 9th April

8.00pm Holy Communion
Speaker - Hilary McDowell

Good Friday 10th April

8.00pm Good Friday Service - The Rector

Easter Sunday 12th April

11.30am Family Holy Communion
The Rev Arthur Young



**As we celebrate
our Lord's resurrection,
may we sense the joy
of the first witnesses
to the risen Christ.**

Dear God,
Jesus taught us the depth of your love, a love that
he demonstrated:

**A love that accepts others, all others, not just
some;**

**A love that respects others, all others, not just
some;**

A love that helps others, all others, not just some;

A love that forgives others, not just some.

Thank you God,

For letting us see love in action,

**Feel the presence of love in the depths of our
being,**

Experience love in real time,

**Hear love spoken in words that resonate
sincerity**

And provide comfort, love being lived.

Love at its lovingest, the Cross.

**Thank you God for Jesus, in whose name we
pray. Amen.**

Why the cross?

In Jesus' day, the Roman army ruling Israel carried out capital punishment by using a wooden cross. Criminals, troublemakers and others who threatened society were crucified in public places for everyone to see.

False charges were levied against Jesus.

Caiaphas, the Jewish high priest, accused him of blasphemy against God and of being a threat to Roman rule.

Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, had Jesus nailed to a cross on a Friday.

That day came to be called Good Friday.

God reached down into our Lord's grave and restored him to life.

The cross that had been a symbol of horror became a symbol of joy.

That's why we can sing:

***In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time,
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.***



Be present, O risen Lord,
in this your Church's Easter praise;
that its anthem of joy
and its proclamation of your victory
may worthily celebrate
both the mystery of your redeeming love
and the majesty of your eternal glory.

Living God,

**we thank you for this day of praise and
celebration –**

a day of hope after despair,

joy after sorrow,

life after death –

**a day to lift up our hearts
and to offer you our praise!**



MISSION UPDATE



Church Missionary Society Ireland A Body In Pain

More than 60 people killed, over 59 abducted and in excess of 10,000 displaced from their homes.

These are the shocking reports which came from Southern Sudan at the beginning of this year as rebel activity once again casts fear into the hearts of thousands in our partner Diocese of Maridi - a Diocese which had been enjoying a period of comparative peace. Such atrocities are sadly not uncommon or limited to Sudan. DR Congo, Kenya, Burundi and Zimbabwe have all been in the news lately as they too have suffered from rebel activity.

When people in most African countries are hurting, they turn to the church. "WHY?" we ask, "Should this not be the responsibility of the major development agencies?"

We know that many agencies do good work in such circumstances.

- CMSI is not a relief agency but is committed to standing alongside our global partners.
- CMSI is about supporting the local church as it seeks to live out God's Mission.
- CMSI has a profound concern for the marginalised, the oppressed and the hurting.
- CMSI is a body (as in 1 Cor 11: 26) where the parts are dependant on one another.

We belong to the same body and we feel the same pain.

Thank you to all who support CMSI both prayerfully and financially.

The Missionary Box Collection and subscriptions for 2008 raised £500.

The appeal for DR Congo raised £100.

The annual Bible Quiz added over £200 - the winner of which was our own Heather Aughey. There were of course other donations and fundraising events - the proceeds from which have already been forwarded to CMSI.

Our Director of Mission - Ian Hill is ill and currently on sick leave. The thoughts and prayers of all of us in CMSI are with Ian and his family. Please join with us in praying for Ian that his treatment will be successful and that he will know God's comfort and peace at this time.

Isabel Whiteside



The Leprosy Mission Northern Ireland A Worthwhile Weekend

Last year, the Leprosy Mission field worker in the KwaZulu - Natal province of South Africa, organised a weekend camp for 27 leprosy-affected young people on a campsite near the Durban coast. At the start, all of them were given an orange t-shirt with the words "I'm special to God" - the theme for the weekend - printed in their local language on the front. There they had the chance to hear about God, play games and eat good food. Some had never been to the beach before and were very excited about having their first swim in the sea.

Each child was also given a new Bible.

Although they thoroughly enjoyed the weekend, many of the children carried with them a feeling of sadness - some have disabilities due to leprosy, others come from poor and difficult backgrounds. Providing them with a weekend of fun was important, but even more important was the opportunity the staff had to show the children unconditional love.

Although the weekend is long over, the Bibles and orange t-shirts which the children took home will be a constant reminder of the camp, and of their value to God.

Betty Jones



A Broader Vision

Loving God,

you call us all to tasks of mission,
to make known the Good News of Christ,
to proclaim the Gospel to all we meet
through word and deed.

Teach us what that means,
and to be ready to fulfil that calling
when the opportunity arises.

Grant your wisdom, guidance and inspiration,
so that many will hear and respond.

Loving God,

you have called us into this church,
to share fellowship with each other,
to be your family in this place,
to be one people bound together in love.

Together we are the body of Christ:

bind us together in love.

MISSION UPDATE



As our logo stands for Croatia Out Reach Mission, we as a Church Family in All Saints have been reaching out and helping Nathaniel and his church family in Koprivnica over a number of years now. I know that God has blessed us as we have prayerfully and financially provided resources for them in their daily walk with God.

The congregation do not have the home comforts that we are able to enjoy, but they have a peace and contentment that only God can give. They have a real passion for learning more about Jesus.

Nathanael, Elizabet and their children are coming to Northern Ireland at the end of May for a short holiday and will possibly pay us a visit.

On 16th June, a group of 12 people are flying out to Croatia to help do some work in the community, returning home on 23rd June.

The work that we do encourages Nathanael in his ministry as people ask questions, wondering why people from Northern Ireland should do this for them.

We are doing what God has put on our hearts - that we help and serve others.

Please pray for Nathanael and family as they travel here in May. Also please pray for the group who will travel to Croatia in June.

Thank you again to everyone who continues to support the work of C.O.R.M.

Heather Hanna

THE PROMISE OF SPRING

**In the bulb there is a flower,
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter,
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**



CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR READERS

SINNING BY DOING NOTHING

To him that knoweth to do good,
and doeth it not
to Him it is sin. *(James 4:17)*

The failure of the Christian today lies not so much in the doing of what he knows to be wrong as in the failure to do what he knows to be right.

If we met a man reeling along the road in a state of drunkenness we should I expect, sense the tragedy of it and feel something of the misery which that kind of failure can cause.

But might not we ourselves be walking along a road of prayerlessness?

Does that not cause just as much misery as drunkenness?

A PRAYER FOR PATIENCE

**When my patience seems too short
help me to stretch it.
teach me how to meet a crisis with a smile.**

**When I'm running
out of quick and clever answers.
let the questions stop for just a little while.**

**When it seems as though
the day has too few hours
in which to do the things I have to do.
may I always find the time for what's important-
time for listening
time for love
and laughter too.**

A WELCOME TO SPRING

**For, lo the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of singing has come,
And the voice of the turtle-dove
Is heard in our land.**

ORGANISATION NEWS

BOWLING CLUB Champions Once Again!!

The Indoor Bowling Club were just one game away from their very own Grand Slam this season as they claimed victories in 13 of their 14 League fixtures. However, there was massive consolation in that we brought the League title back to Tullylish Road, where we think it belongs!! All Saints lost away at Dromore NS back on 28th October, which seemed to spur them on to great things as they left all others in their wake when running out convincing League Champions.

Regrettably the two Cup competitions were to prove a bridge too far this season as we suffered single shot defeats in both semi finals to St Johns Gilford and St Colman's Laurencetown. However, regaining the League title ensured we automatically qualified for the Club Championship once again.

Whilst the team were performing well in League and Cup action so too were a number of individuals when it came down to the National Championship Qualifiers, as All Saints members stole the show on Finals night in Dromore Cathedral Hall. Angela Cannaway (nee Burrell) made headlines, qualifying in four disciplines - Ladies Singles, Ladies Pairs (with mum Annie), Open Singles and Open Pairs. Yours truly with Johnny Gray, DJ Wilson, Richard Martin and Johnny Wilson also qualifying in the Fours.

Regrettably no Irish National Titles were brought back to Tullylish as in most disciplines our members suffered 1st round exits.

However Angela & I managed a great run to the overall quarter finals in the pairs, only to succumb to 2005 Champion of Champions K McNeill of Ballinteer on the last end, so near but yet so far!!

The last Competitions of the Indoor Season were the local West Down Zone Championships and once again Tullylish had winners as Andrew Leckey convincingly won the Singles and DJ and Johnny Wilson won the Pairs. Well done all!

Lastly it gives me great delight to inform you all that on the weekend of 15/16th March, All Saints Tullylish had two members of their team away on International duty in Shrewsbury, England. Richard Martin and Andrew Leckey were part of a strong Ireland A panel who did not disappoint as they brought home the British Isles Team Championship again.

Fantastic recognition for Richard and Andrew and Tullylish are absolutely delighted to have association with such recognition.

E Campbell

CRUSADERS

Crusaders held their annual birthday service on 15th March 2009 with our very own Crusader Family and a few from the congregation taking part in Family Fortunes.

Arthur spoke on the theme of Joseph.

Crusaders would like to thank everyone who supported them with this birthday service.

Crusaders weekend away will be on Friday 17th - Sunday 19th April at Shannaghmore in Newcastle.

Please remember them all in your prayers.

Other Prayer Points:

- For Naomi's safe return from Argentina, where she has spent the past nine months
- For the weekend away and all the preparations that go with it
- For the speaker - Wilson Beare - that he will know what to say to the young people

Heather Walker

Secretary

THE POWER OF PRAYER

The day was long, the burden I had borne
seemed heavier than I could longer bear
and then it lifted
but I did not know someone had knelt in prayer
had taken me to God that very hour
and asked the easing of the load
and he in infinite compassion
had stooped down and taken it from me.
We cannot tell how often as we pray
for some bewildered one, hurt and distressed.
the answer comes, but many times those hearts
find sudden peace or rest.
Someone had prayed and faith
a reaching hand took hold of God
and brought him down that day!
So many, many hearts have need of prayer.
Oh, let us pray!

ORGANISATION NEWS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tullylish Women's Fellowship enjoyed a Christmas Extravaganza which proved to be very successful. We had a lovely fork supper followed by games and a short home grown programme.

Donations raised from the supper made £177 for Mencap - a charity which helps educate children and adults with learning difficulties.

January saw a group of us travel to Portadown Town Hall where we enjoyed an excellent production of Robinson Crusoe.

George Rice was the guest at our **February** meeting and presented a very emotional talk on the work in which he is involved - bringing hope in a practical way and the Gospel message to underprivileged people in countries such as Macedonia and Uganda.

In **March**, Elaine Price gave her life story, having been raised during the troubles near the peace line in East Belfast. She told us of how through God's work in her life she was rescued from alcohol and drugs and of where she is now - married with three children and serving God in helping disabled people through Disabled Christian Fellowship and also assisting her American husband in his work with addicts through the Starus Foundation.

There are only two meetings left for this year - the Holy Week Service on Thursday 9th April and the AGM and Summer Blooms talk by Nelson Small on 14th May.

It's still not too late to join us ; you would be made most welcome.

We thank God for His blessing on our meetings this season.

Rachel Sinton

Secretary

AUTUMN LEAVES

At our first meeting of 2009, we had Pastor Victor Maxwell as our guest speaker. Pastor Maxwell told us of his life as a missionary in the Amazon Rainforest of Brazil. He described his journeys by boat to visit many of the Indian tribes, the mosquitoes and his twice daily diet of beans and rice.

For the second meeting in **January** we had a Panel of Mrs Laura Scott, Banbridge, our own Jim Bell and Arthur, our Rector. They confidently answered a variety of questions which ranged from the present financial crisis to the more light hearted disclosures of what they would take to a desert island.

In **February**, Bessie Thompson who is well known to many in our Parish, told us of her childhood days and how as an adult she embarked on a period of studying for a Bachelor of Divinity Degree. She also spoke of her involvement in the Ministry of Prayer and Healing.

Also in February we had an afternoon called Taste and Try when some of our members brought along a selection of tasty dishes for sampling. This proved to be very popular.

In **March**, Sam Walker came on behalf of the Citizens Advice Bureau to make us aware of our rights and financial entitlements and also answered many questions.

We celebrated St Patrick's Day with a lunch of Irish Stew and a variety of desserts. Following lunch we settled back and were entertained by three harpists who played a selection of traditional Irish airs.

We are now looking forward to our annual day trip before breaking up for the summer.

New members of all ages are always welcome.

Why not come along and join in the fun and fellowship?

GIRLS' BRIGADE

ANNUAL PARENTS' EVENING

Monday 30th March 2009
Church Hall
7.00pm

A Special Welcome to Family and Friends

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.

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