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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

In the year 1859, Mr W. Hind Smith of the Y.M.C.A. paid a visit to Ulster. He later recalled the popularity of a hymn called ***What's the news?*** Everybody seemed to be singing it. If you purchased a railway ticket you would hear the booking clerk singing :

The Saviour died on Calvary.

That's the news, that's the news.

Or if you asked a policeman the way, you would hear him commence after he had directed you, as he continued his beat:

His work's reviving all around,

That's the news!

Revival was the news, and the story illustrates the impact it had in Ulster and in other parts of the whole island of Ireland in that year. It was the talk of the town and country. National newspaper followed its progress with fascination and reports appeared in American and European newspapers. Christians had been inspired by it and longed for another visitation of the Spirit of God in converting power.

It was indeed the burden of many Christians in the years preceding 1859. In America, a Dutch Reformed city missionary, Jeremiah Lanphier, organised a prayer meeting in September 1857 in New York which grew in numbers and revival followed in its wake.

In Ulster, two recent converts to Christ, James McQuilkin and Jeremiah Meneely, met together with two others for prayer in the Tannybrake School House near Kells. They prayed for the conversion of family, friends and neighbours and for the Lord to pour out His Spirit in revival. In March of 1859, the Spirit of God began to move and the fire of revival quickly spread across the land.

We here in Tullylish were also touched by the results of the fervent prayers of these men for revival. Records of the day concerning the movement of the revival in Tullylish say that 1859 proved to be a year of revival and Tullylish Parish also "***felt the Power of the Holy Ghost.***"

The curate of the Parish, The Revd B.F. Bewley writes:

Hitherto ministers had considerable difficulty in persuading the people to attend public worship: now the difficulty is to find room for the multitude who press forward both on Sunday and weekdays. The badness of the weather has absolutely no effect in diminishing their numbers. The communicants in the Parish have been doubled within the last few months.

Passionate, focused, persevering prayer played a vital role before and during the revival. The same passionate, focused persevering prayer will once again in our day of 2009 play a vital role, as we too are seeking that fresh movement of God upon us again as in 1859. Prayer is so important and because of prayer we are encouraged by what we see happening in our midst, but aware that we are not finished. As we move ahead we want to take time to consolidate the work that has been done and continue to grasp the new opportunities and new ways in reaching out to people all across our area and beyond, so to engage them with God.

So we continue to trust God, asking that He would lead us and enable us to make His Good News known. We want to be a wise and growing movement used by God in these times and beyond. We want to take risks for God and be open to what He's calling us to do. We are building *an Acts 2 Church* - a church where each day men and women, teenagers and children are being saved and added to the Kingdom.

So let us continue to be passionate about the things that matter most in our lives - Jesus - and making Him known!

May God pour out His Spirit once again in revival to the glory of His Name.

Our prayer:

Father in Heaven, will You so fill, flood and fuel my life and our Church with Your Presence and Power that we will reach effectively with the Good News of the Gospel.

Arthur



SPIRITUAL REVIVAL

PARISHNEWS

HOLY BAPTISM

17th May 2009 - Michael Trevor James, son of Kerry Gates and Stephen Green

Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless Michael as we welcome him into our Church Family. We ask your blessing too on his parents and all the Family Circle.

BURIALS

3rd May 2009 - Dorothy Irene Smyth
10th June 2009 - Norman Stewart Ferguson

Mrs Smyth was a faithful, loyal member of All Saints. Her dignified manner and regular attendance each Sunday while her health permitted, endeared her to all in her Church Family. Her love for her family was obvious to all who came into contact with her. We send our deepest sympathy to Doris, John, Mark and Sharon and all the Family Circle.



The sudden death of Norman brought great shock and sadness to his family and also to his Church Family at All Saints. Our Rector paid tribute to Norman's personal warmth, his shy and unassuming personality and to his helpful and caring nature. We send our prayerful sympathy to all his family and Family Circle.

SYMPATHY

We also send our deepest sympathy to those of our Church Family who have suffered the loss of a loved one:

We especially remember:

Linda and all the McAnerney Family on the death of Aidan, husband and father.

Natalie on the death of her father

Tim on the death of his grandfather

Angela and Dougie Barr on the death of Dougie's cousin, John Shannon

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

VISIT OF YEATS' SOCIETY

On Saturday, 13th June we were pleased to welcome to All Saints, 26 members of the Yeats' Society who travelled from Sligo on what was the 144th Anniversary of the birth of William Butler Yeats, poet, dramatist and Nobel Prize winner. They had come to see the church and parish where the poet's grandfather, The Reverend William Butler Yeats, had ministered for over 20 years as Rector, also to see the memorial to him in our Parish Church and to see where John Butler Yeats, father of the poet, had been born. New friendships were formed and warm invitations have been received for a return visit to Sligo.

VISIT TO CROATIA

Heavenly Father,

We remember at this time those from our Church Family who have travelled to Croatia. We think of Arthur our Rector, Muriel, Heather, Allen, Enid, Ned, William, Richard, Adrian, Jim, Ian and Kathleen.

Bless all the work which they will undertake there. Protect them from all dangers and return them safely to their families.

For Jesus Christ's Sake. Amen

40th ANNIVERSARY

We send our prayers and best wishes to the Reverend David Coe, Rector of Richhill and former Rector of Tullylish as he prepares to celebrate 40 years in the ordained ministry.

We look forward to joining with David, Daphne and their family in a Service of Thanksgiving on this special occasion in Richhill Parish Church on Sunday 28th June.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the times of rest and relaxation which we enjoy. We pray for all those who will travel at this holiday time that they may set out in peace and return in safety.

May they be refreshed in body, mind and spirit and that seeing the glory of your works they may remember to give you their thanks and praise.

For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

TOPICAL FEATURES

THE 1859 REVIVAL

The year 2009 marks the 150th anniversary of the 1859 Revival. This was a period when the Holy Spirit moved in a mighty way throughout our whole land, family by family, village by village and parish by parish.

Below is an account written by a parishioner of its effect on our Parish of Tullylish.

The 1859 Revival

In this, the 150th anniversary of the 1859 Revival, our thoughts revert to how this affected the spiritual life of our Parish and Diocese.

In 1861/1862 when our church (All Saints) was being built, the local bleach greens and linen industry were flourishing and employment was plentiful. Along with an increased population the need for a new church was imminent.

Yet the necessity for a new church was not solely the result of this prosperity. The impact of the Revival also had an effect. A Curate of the Parish, the Revd B.F. Bewley has written:

“Hitherto, ministers had considerable difficulty in persuading people to attend public worship - now, the difficulty is to find room for the multitude who press forward on Sundays and week days. The badness of the weather has absolutely no effect in diminishing the numbers. The number of communicants in the parish has doubled within the last few months.”

These effects of the revival were not only confined to this area. An incumbent writing from the Diocese of Down, Connor and Dromore, had this to say:

“I am in a position to state that over 70 parishes in these Dioceses have felt the power of the Holy Ghost. Vice and immorality have decreased, Sunday School attendances have doubled, the Houses of God have been crowded and communicants increased.”

From the East of the Diocese of Dromore came the following report by the Revd Henry Ward, rector of Killinchy, Co Down:

“A Saving Grace in the past has been numbered by twos and even tens: but now, Blessed be God, they can be counted by hundreds.”

The following account of the laying of the foundation stone of All Saints, Tullylish is taken from the Belfast Newsletter of the time.

“When the foundation stone of the church was laid in 1861, the ceremony was attended by 2,000 people, 400 children and numerous clergy.”

When the church was consecrated in 1862, we are told the church was “crowded to excess.” The Lord Bishop preached the sermon based on Acts 20:32.

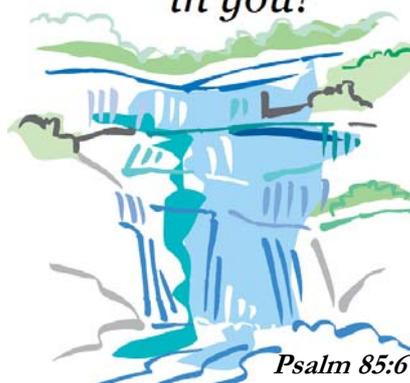
“And now brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His Grace which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among those who are sanctified.”

The Revival had indeed made a huge effect on our parish.

Isabel Whiteside

We are praying that God’s blessing will be upon us all in this anniversary year and that the Holy Spirit will challenge us and convict us.

*Will you not revive
us again,
that your people
may rejoice
in you?*



Psalm 85:6

MISSION UPDATE



CMS IRELAND

During these past few weeks CMSI has gone mobile. In a roadshow that has taken in many parishes throughout Ireland, the Regional Mission Partners have been encouraged by the impact these visits have made.

In Banbridge, we had an opportunity to share experiences with those who have been right at the heart of mission and also to witness their enthusiasm.

The idea behind the roadshow was to bring CMSI into parishes and to challenge individuals to become more involved and engage actively 'InMission.'

During this summer, teams of young people will travel to various venues and work alongside Mission Partners in Kenya (Kajiado Diocese), Uganda (Luwero Diocese), Romania and Burundi.

We pray for these young people as they travel and experience life and faith in different cultures and environments.

CMSI's Global Partners are often looking for people from Ireland to come and work with them in fulfilling roles that will support their mission objective.

God chooses and uses ordinary people to serve him in many ways. Sometimes God has specific things he wants us to do. Occasionally, he grabs our attention and asks us to take the plunge.

Are **You** Ready To Jump?

Isabel Whiteside



CROATIA OUT REACH MISSION

On 20 May, Nathanael, Elizabet and family arrived in Northern Ireland for a holiday at the invitation of Harry and Hilary Todd.

The Todd and Spicak families then joined with us at our Morning Service on Sunday, 24 May.

We are delighted that Nathanael has at last been able to acquire more suitable premises for his church services and meetings.

On 6 June a four course buffet dinner was held in the church hall. Everyone enjoyed the meal and fellowship and the total raised was £540.

Thank you to all who supported us in this venture. Special thanks go to all those who helped on the evening and also to those who provided food for the various courses.

I would also like to thank all who took part in the Belfast City Marathon in May to raise money for the work in Koprivnica.

The members of the team who will willingly travel to Croatia in June to serve God among those who have so little compared to us, will each pay for their own flights, food and accommodation.

This means that all the money we have raised goes entirely to the projects organised by Nathanael. I say this as I feel it is important for you all to know that we as a team do not raise any money to use for our own expenses.

Please continue to pray for Nathanael and his ministry that he may see his church family grow and see people coming to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Heather Hanna



THE LEPROSY MISSION

Seventeen year old Monday Onoja lives in Nigeria and has now finished school. When he was halfway through school he developed patches on his skin and swelling in the joints of his arms and legs. He was treated with traditional drugs but they did not work. Eventually it was discovered he had leprosy.

People in his village still believed that leprosy was caused by an evil spirit and so he was confined to a tiny room in his house and rejected by his family and friends. He became very sad and depressed.

But help came when he was visited by Amos, a nurse from the hospital in the town of Ochadamu.

Amos explained that leprosy is caused by a germ and not evil spirits and Monday was taken to Ochadamu for treatment.

He was started on Multi Drug Therapy tablets to cure his leprosy. As his leprosy was being treated his joy for life returned.

He has also discovered Jesus and given his life to Him.

Please pray for Monday and his community and for the work of The Leprosy Mission.

Betty Jones



Reach out to those in need

ORGANISATION NEWS

AUTUMN LEAVES

Autumn Leaves has now come to the end of another successful year with continued good attendances.

Our final session began in **April** when we were all driven by William to Lisburn for a day's shopping. I don't know what we would do without William.

We had planned afternoon tea on the rectory lawn for the first of our **May** meetings. But on reading the weather forecast we decided to change that to tea in the Minor Hall which turned out to be a very enjoyable afternoon with lots of lovely food and a Quiz arranged by Marjorie.

On the **May** Bank Holiday we set off with family and friends on a coach trip to Bangor.

The weather was somewhat kinder to us on this occasion as the rain stayed away long enough for us to finish our shopping. By the time it arrived we were all tucking in to a delicious meal in *The Stables* in Groomsport.

We would all like to thank our committee members, Ruth, Brenda, Marjorie, Teenie and Eadie for all their hard work during the year. We hope that they will enjoy a well earned summer break.

We all look forward to meeting up again in September.

If you are looking for fun and fellowship, why not come along and see for yourself?

You will be made very welcome.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our A.G.M. was held on Thursday 14 May.

The meeting was chaired by the Rector and after the President's, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were given by Deborah Mulligan, Rachel Sinton and Valerie Walker respectively, a new committee was elected.

President:	Muriel McCracken
Vice - President:	Daphne Acheson
Treasurer:	Yvonne Davison
Secretary:	Brenda Orr
Committee Members:	Heather Fulton
	Lillian Hall
	Eileen Hamilton

A big thank you for all their hard work goes to Deborah, Rachel and Valerie and also to outgoing committee members, Sharon Lappin and Betty Jones.

Following the A.G.M., we were treated to a flower arranging demonstration by Nelson Small. Nelson has the ability to produce beautiful arrangements using some unusual containers and at the same time keep us laughing with stories of people he met and incidents which happened on the many cruises which he has enjoyed.

We stayed closer to home for our outing this year. On 25 May we all met at Ballydougan Pottery for dinner. In lovely surroundings we all enjoyed the food and fellowship.

After the meal we were given a short talk on the history of Bloomvale House. We learned that this thatched cottage was built in 1785 as a linen merchant's house by the Huguenot family, Gasgoine. We then watched a clay pot take shape from a lump of clay and saw other pots being decorated.

All in all it was a fitting end to a year of many highlights.

New members are always very welcome.

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

For around 30 years I have been privileged to have been Captain of Tullylish Girls' Brigade. I know that it would not have been possible to have kept going for all this time without the help and support of many people.

It would be impossible to name everyone of them personally but I would like to thank all our past rectors for their support and an especially big thank you to Arthur for his personal involvement during the past five years.

I am grateful to all my officers and helpers for their commitment to the company.

The cooperation which I have received from the parents has made my role so much easier. I could always depend on them being punctual and having the girls immaculately turned out.

And as for the girls themselves - well without them, Tullylish Girls' Brigade would not have existed.

I will leave with fond memories of each and every one of them.

I wish God's blessing on the new captain, officers and helpers and on our girls as they continue to "Seek, Serve and Follow Christ."

MURIEL

BACKPAGE NOTICEBOARD

CHURCH SERVICES

- Sunday 5th July**
11.30am Family Service - The Rev Arthur Young
- Sunday 12th July**
11.30am Holy Communion - The Rev Arthur Young
- Sunday 19th July**
11.30am Morning Prayer - Guest - Mr Dougie Barr
- Sunday 26th July**
11.30am Service of the Word - Capt Geoffrey Walmsley
Church Army
- Sunday 2nd August**
11.30am Family Service - The Rev Arthur Young
- Sunday 9th August**
11.30am Holy Communion - The Rev Arthur Young
- Sunday 16th August**
11.30am Morning Prayer - The Rev Arthur Young
- Sunday 23rd August**
11.30am Service of the Word - The Rev Arthur Young
- Sunday 30th August**
11.30am Morning Prayer - The Rev Arthur Young
- Sunday 6th September**
11.30am Family Service - The Rev Arthur Young
6.30pm Healing Service - Brother David Jardine
- Sunday 13th September**
11.30am Family Holy Communion - The Rector
- Sunday 20th September**
11.30am Morning Prayer - The Rev Arthur Young
- Sunday 27th September**
11.30am Service of the Word - The Rev Arthur Young



Walk 'n' Talk resumes Tuesday 7th



FLOWER LIST



JULY

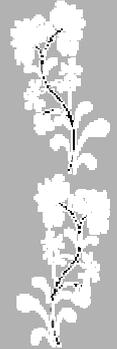
- 5th L. Humphries
12th The Hodgen Family
19th E. Curran
26th H. Campbell

AUGUST

- 2nd E. Vint
9th P. Fulton
16th M. Sergeant
23rd V. Redpath
30th B. Jones

SEPTEMBER

- 6th E. Hamilton
13th E. Smith
20th M. Hodgen
27th The Coleman Family



JULY

Wednesday 1st - Vintage Car Rally

AUGUST



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