



# CONTACT

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## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Over these past few weeks, our new government at Westminster has been doing an in-depth audit and preparing us for the spending cuts and changes that are about to be announced in the next budget. Those decisions, inevitably will bring about huge changes for everyone, and will effect many people in many different ways.

These last number of weeks in our sermon talks at All Saints, we have been auditing and examining what and who the church is.

We've also been looking at ways in which the message is heard - and making sure the message connects in ways that will bring about change in people's lives. Jesus Himself sought to communicate to the people of his day with parables, questions and relating to real life experiences and cultures.

In our society it is easy to just do the bare minimum, isn't it? - to only do what is expected of us and not put ourselves out. And while it may be today's norm, Jesus challenged this when He asked us "to walk the extra mile."

So as a church family we want to proclaim this Good News, great news about Jesus, both by the words that we speak and by the way that we live as individual Christian believers and in our life as God's family together here in All Saints, Tullylish.

There is no other message or no greater message than the message of Jesus as Saviour, LORD and King who not only forgives us and saves us but who also works His transforming work in our lives, our relationships and our lifestyles.

It is this Jesus that we offer to the people of Tullylish and beyond with such enthusiasm as the only HOPE for their lives now and the only Saviour both now and forever.

Having experienced this amazing grace, love and power at work in our lives, we long to be caught up into God's fantastic purposes for this area and His world. These things can only become a reality in people's lives in as much as we give ourselves to God.



**In all we do...  
Only for God's glory,  
by God's grace,  
in God's power,  
to God's praise.**

Our goal continues to be that our church is a place of Hope for the people of this area where Jesus would be proclaimed and His mercy would be demonstrated in practical and caring ways. Remember - "People don't care how much know until they see how much you care."

We want to do all this... Only for God's glory, only by God's grace, only in God's power, only to God's praise.

Thank you all for your support and engagement in the work of God's kingdom over another year.

May I take this opportunity to say that I hope you all have a great summer break, and look forward to entering into a new winter's work with you in September.

God Bless,  
**Arthur**

# PARISH NEWS

## HOLY BAPTISM

30th May 2010 - Eric Edward,  
baby son of Lynne & Marc Montgomery

*Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing on baby Eric as we welcome him into our Church Family. We ask your blessing too on his parents and all the Family Circle.*

## BURIAL

4th May 2010 - William Robert Aughey

We were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Billy after a short period in hospital. Billy was Parish Lay Reader here at All Saints from 2002 to 2006. During the vacancy in the parish during this period, Billy played an important role in keeping and holding the parish together. Billy also started the Men's Fellowship and the Barmbrack Club, both of which are still flourishing today and are a living memorial to him.

Our love and sympathy go out to Heather, Kim and Brian. We assure them that they are in our thoughts and prayers at this painful time.

## DEATH

21st May 2010 - Maureen Wilson (née Thompson)

Maureen came from a family who had been long associated with Tullylish. Maureen was baptised and married in All Saints and was also a choir member. She faithfully attended church whilst her health permitted. We send our love and sympathy to Christina, Jim and Alan, their families and all the Family Circle. After a Funeral Service in All Saints, Maureen was laid to rest in Mullavilly Churchyard.

## SYMPATHY

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

**Sheila & Adrian Walker** on the death of Sheila's aunt

**Linda & Brenda** on the death of their aunt

**Rachel & Peter Sinton** on the death of Peter's cousin

**Margaret Crumley** on the death of her brother in law, Barry

**Yvonne & William Davison** on the death of Yvonne's aunt



## A prayer for our church

Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known not for our glory but for thine alone - a congregation of people who know you; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding.

Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else.

We pray through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## A Word for our Young Members

At the end of another school year, we think of all the young members of our Church Family who may be finishing their education or about to start further education. No doubt they will be looking forward to the next phase of their lives with excitement, anticipation or even a little apprehension. Perhaps these words adapted from Phillip Brooks will serve them well as they continue on their journey through life.

***"Do not pray for an easy life;  
pray to be a stronger person.***

***Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers  
but for powers equal to your tasks.***

***Then the doing of your work  
shall be no miracle,  
but you will be the miracle.***

***Every day you shall wonder at yourself  
and the richness of life  
which has come to you by the grace of God."***

## Sunday School

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the Sunday School teachers for all their work over the past year and especially for the extra work involved for Children's Day. A special thanks to Chloe for teaching *The Regulars* the sign language for *Imagine* and thanks also to *The Regulars* for their willingness to perform.

The beautiful poem read by Chloe was composed by Louise and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her again.

Sunday School will resume in September and new members will be made very welcome.

**Betty Jones**

# MISSION UPDATE



## THE LEPROSY MISSION

Hi, my name is Juma and I live in Nicanda in Mozambique. I am in The Leprosy Mission's school programme. They give me all I need to attend school - school bag, books, pens, pencils and pay my school fees.

At school my favourite subject is Portuguese.

Let me tell you my story:

A few years ago the village health worker noticed skin patches on my arms and legs and I was found to have leprosy.

Leprosy can damage hands and feet. I was treated early with leprosy tablets called Multi Drug Therapy and am now completely cured.

My grandmother also had leprosy but like me is also completely cured. People in my village are happy to have me live there. The health care teams have done good work in educating my village all about leprosy.

My mum passed away some years ago and dad moved away to live with another woman but he visits me now and again.

I have my own house which is close to my grandmother's house. It is a very simple building made out of sticks and mud. My village has no electricity but I have made a torch using 4 large batteries and a small bulb.

When I grow up I want to become a teacher so I can teach others the things I have learnt. I would really like to teach in the school I attend and help children from my village.

### Betty Jones



## SOUTH AMERICAN MISSION

A visitor from the Diocese of Down and Dromore writes about the Sewing Project which she saw in a shanty town in Paraguay.

### Mending the Seams

What a delight to see at first hand a project which serves local people in their community.

Women and young girls are taught how to use an electric sewing machine and given the opportunity to make simple garments. The expressions of sheer wonderment and joy on the faces of the women are precious memories.

Children were so keen to make every day items such as a scarf or to sew a pillow case.

The sewing projects help women and young girls make simple garments for their own use and for sale. The women involved are very poor, with limited employment opportunities and they live in marginalised communities. Life for many of them is a daily challenge.

Words can not express how amazing an experience this was as we had the opportunity to interact with so many people. In all this we saw a great need for physical assistance and spiritual nourishment. Be assured this project will make such a difference in the lives of extremely impoverished people as they are valued, supported and loved through this practical initiative.

### Louise McClory



## CROSSLINKS

Liv writes about her gap year experience as part of a short-term mission team.

"The world is your oyster" is a phrase I heard fairly frequently as I thought about what I might do with a gap year. God made it fairly clear though, that this oyster was actually his. Certainly, I wanted to see God's world; but I suppose the more I thought about it the more I realised that the most important thing I could do with my year was to see his name glorified. I wanted to learn how to serve him and I wanted the challenge of serving him in an environment where Christianity is not a cultural norm. I wanted to see Jesus crossing cultural barriers... I wanted to learn what mission was really about.

As I write we are four weeks into our four-month mission in The Gambia and God has already blessed us with many opportunities to learn how to serve; both practically as we teach in schools and spiritually as we get to run Sunday School groups and Christian meetings in schools.

It is amazing: in a completely new environment we have become aware that every friendship we make is an opportunity to share the gospel. And it is beginning to sink in that even if we are a short term mission team now, our mission will be, by God's grace, a life-long one.

### Laura Moffatt

# MISSIONUPDATE



CMS IRELAND

## Little People - Big Trees

The Bible story of Zacchaeus climbing a sycamore tree to see Jesus is one of our most popular stories in the Gospels, especially where young boys are concerned. I remember as a Sunday School teacher, a boy referred to Zacchaeus as the "wee man who climbed a tree to see Jesus." It's such a simple story but there is much to be learned from it.

In a recent copy of the CMSI magazine, *In Mission*, The Reverend Canon Emmanuel used the story to illustrate some of the situations in the Diocese of Shyogwe, Rwanda.

He writes:

*In Shyogwe, we compare some of our activities to the sycamore tree which people can climb to see God's presence, to see who Jesus is and to receive spiritual blessing.*

He then continued to outline some of these activities:

Many young people's lives have been changed through impact with the church and becoming involved with positive teaching in churches, schools and workshops.

Those living with HIV/Aids are being taught to fight the increase of the disease. Medicine is available and hope and support given rather than living life with a stigma.

To help dispel the ignorance which has arisen from lack of education, vocational workshops can provide training where people can get skills which not only help themselves but also the community in general. With proper supervision, farmers can be self sufficient and in return their efforts will help the less able to follow their example.

Cell groups have given people the opportunity to meet in homes and share the word of God in the family. As a result of these groups, new friendships have been made and people who were enemies are now becoming friends.

Like Zacchaeus, people in Shyogwe want to know more about Jesus. The people of Shyogwe are short in stature and usually at the back of the crowd when there is something to see. Like Zacchaeus who became an important person when salvation came to his house, so in Shyogwe we pray that those who are transformed by God will become useful both within and outside the church.

## Please keep praying for Rwanda

Jesus-Saviour-Healer,  
Friend of the outcast,  
Thank you that you can see us,  
That you know, that you care.  
Help us to love those who are forgotten.  
Through our words and our actions  
May we help them to see you. **Amen**

Isabel Whiteside



## A LETTER OF THANKS FROM JAYNE

My family and I would like to thank everyone in the church family for their kind prayers, donations and encouragement as I prepare for my trip to Kosovo, (or Kosova as it is also known) this summer with Girls' Brigade Europe. We wish you to know that your generosity is greatly appreciated.

A special thanks goes to the Tullylish Girls' Brigade, The Women's Fellowship, and also Arthur and all who organised the Car Wash. Thank you to all who helped at the Car Wash by washing cars, making tea and also everyone who brought their cars to be cleaned.

I would now like to explain about my trip to all those who perhaps do not know.

36 Girls' Brigade members from across the U.K will be travelling to Kosovo at different stages over the summer to work in FIZZ teams in partnership with the charity SMILE International. It would be great if you could continue to remember the trip in your prayers. Please pray for all the girls who are preparing to go and for our safety out there and pray that we can cope with the language barrier we will face. Pray also for the millions of people there who are still hurting from the past conflict in Kosovo. Pray for the success of the G.B. Company we hope to plant and for the lively Christian community who are moving from strength to strength within this Muslim nation.

Jayne Ruddock

# ORGANISATION NEWS

## AUTUMN LEAVES

We resumed after Easter with Barbara Long as our guest speaker. Barbara began by telling us of her early days and her mission work. Now that she has retired she travels around exhibiting and selling jewellery and sends a percentage of her profits to the mission field. We had a great time trying on necklaces etc and selecting some to buy.

At our second meeting in **April** we had Ted Potts who travels extensively and is a keen photographer. He started his tour by giving us a bird's eye view of Belfast with daytime and night time shots taken from the big wheel which had been in the grounds of the City Hall. From there it was off to Cuba, and to the strains of *Guantanamera* we saw for ourselves that there is more to Cuba than cigars - we admired the Spanish architecture, banana, coffee and tobacco plantations, waterfalls and beaches.

Again a change of scene and music and with pipes and drums and *Flower of Scotland* we travelled the highlands and the Road to the Isles. After a quick tour of London we were back on *The Green, Green Grass of Home* with a leisurely stroll through the changing seasons of Loughbrickland Park.

At the meeting's end, there was something to be said for armchair travel - no jetlag or volcanic dust!

In **May**, we welcomed Mariead Magee and her Armchair Aerobics. With gentle and relaxing exercises and calming music, Mariead aimed to lower our blood pressure, release stress and give us a sense of well being. So successful was she that we became so relaxed we almost nodded off.

At the end of May we had our annual Spring outing - this year's trip being a stop off in Antrim, then off to Ballymena for more shopping and an evening carvery meal at Tullyglass Hotel.

All in all it has been another successful year with increased membership and interesting speakers. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September. If you are not yet a member, why don't you give us a try?

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Here we are at the end of the 2009/10 season.

Our May meeting, chaired by the Rector, was also our AGM when three new members were elected to serve on our committee, namely Laura Moffett, Laura Marshall and Heather Carswell.

We welcome the new Committee members and wish them and the existing members God's richest blessings for the new season.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Mr Pat McEvoy from Gilberry Fayre. Pat told us a little about his life and his love for cooking. He baked a beautiful meringue roulade for us, and of course all the members sampled this at supper. He shared many helpful tips with us including how to make the perfect pavlova.

On 15th May we had our Mystery Tour Outing. Our first stop turned out to be at Belfast City Hall where we had a guided tour. We then visited *the Bobbin Restaurant* where tea, coffee and hot scones were waiting for us. Then we headed for the Castlereagh Hills stopping off at Hill Mount Nursery, where we spent a couple of hours. Then it was off to Newtownards for a few hours of shopping.

We finished our day off in *The Stables Restaurant* at Groomsport where we had a delicious meal. We all agreed it had been a perfect day, with glorious weather.

We would like to thank the President and all who have served on Committee and Arthur for all his help and interest throughout the year.

We hope that you all have a wonderful summer, and look forward to seeing you all in September.

God Bless

**Brenda**



## THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

We ended another very successful year in April with an equally successful Parents' Evening. We were honoured to have Mrs Daphne Coe, the first ever Captain of our Company, as our Special Guest. The variety of the programme was appreciated by the large attendance of parents and friends. The Duster Hockey was a big hit and showed off the competitive streak of the fathers (and Rector as well). The retiring collection raised £155 for the Haiti Disaster Fund.

Well done to Robyn and Shannon who were commended in the *Design a Christmas Card* Competition which had attracted 600 entrants from all over Ireland.

Best wishes to Jayne and Chloe as they take part in summer missions overseas. We pray that God will bless them and keep them safe.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us in any way throughout the year.

**Deborah**

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday 4th July

11.30am Family Service - The Rev Arthur Young

### Sunday 11th July

11.30am Holy Communion - The Rev Arthur Young  
 6.30pm Gilford District Orange Service  
 Speaker - The Rev Arthur Young

### Sunday 18th July

11.30am Morning Prayer - The Rev Arthur Young

### Sunday 25th July

11.30am Service of the Word - The Rev Arthur Young

### Sunday 1st August

11.30am Family Service - The Rev Arthur Young

### Sunday 8th August

11.30am Holy Communion - The Ven. John Scott

### Sunday 15th August

11.30am Morning Prayer - The Rev Arthur Young

### Sunday 22nd August

11.30am Service of the Word - The Rev Arthur Young

### Sunday 29th August

11.30am Morning Prayer - The Rev Arthur Young

### Sunday 5th September

11.30am Family Service - The Rev Arthur Young  
 6.30pm Healing Service - Brother David Jardine

### Sunday 12th September

11.30am Family Holy Communion - The Rector

### Sunday 19th September

11.30am Morning Prayer - The Rev Arthur Young

### Sunday 26th September

11.30am Service of the Word -  
 Guest Speaker: The Rev Colin Hall-Thompson  
 (Senior Chaplain of Mission to Seafarers)

It is hoped that  
 our new website will be up  
 and running  
 by mid-July.



## FLOWER ROTA



### JULY

4th L. Humphries  
 11th The Hodgen Family  
 18th E. Curran  
 25th H. Campbell

### AUGUST

1st E. Vint  
 8th P. Fulton  
 15th M. Sergeant  
 22nd V. Redpath  
 29th B. Jones

### SEPTEMBER

5th E. Hamilton  
 12th E. Smith  
 19th M. Hodgen  
 26th The Coleman Family

## Summer Events

### Thursday 24th June

6.00 pm: Parish Spring Clean  
 followed by Barbecue

### Wednesday 7th July

Vintage Vehicle Rally

### Friday 13th August

Barbecue at the Rectory  
 Music by Warren Smith



Lord Jesus,  
 We thank you that we have  
 a time of holiday to look  
 forward to;

A time when we put work  
 behind us and enjoy playing  
 with our friends and family  
 and exploring new places.

Help us also to enjoy  
 and celebrate each day  
 of our lives. **Amen**

*All Saints, Tullyish is committed  
 to Safe Guarding Trust.*