

# RECTOR'S 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 Corinthians 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 fifty-seven 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 incredibly 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." (Ephesians 1:19-20)

God wants us to experience this dynamite power that raised Jesus from the dead two thousands 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.

This is Good News.....Great News.....Brilliant News.....Jesus really is 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

## ORGANISATION NEWS

#### **URBAN SAINTS**

Urban Saints held their Birthday Service on Sunday 19th February which was a celebration of God's blessing over the past twelve years. During the Service we had overseas contact with past leaders and Crusaders through Skype, it was great to see them all. The young people also acted out a very emotional drama with a powerful message.

On the 24th March the young people participated in a lock-in, which proved to be a very Craft Competition and their hard work was exciting venture, lots of fun, food, fellowship, games, banter and not a lot of sleep.

If you are P7 this year you will be made very welcome at Urban Saints after the Easter Break Sunday 15th April Tullylish Presbyterian Hall 7pm - 9pm.

### **Leadership Team**

## Respond: Romania 8th - 18th July 2012

Tim, Adam, Hannah, Sarah, Iona, Charlie, Alison, Mark

## Why are we going?

We are running a kid's club for children in a small fishing village in Romania for a week. By linking with a local ministry we will connect with the local community and impact with God's love.

## **Prayer Points!**

- Pray for the whole teams fundraising efforts.
- Pray for safety as we travel and when we're there.
- Pray for wisdom and good judgement for the
- Pray that kids would turn up for the clubs and hear the Gospel.

Coffee Morning raised £450

#### **Mark Sinton**

#### **GIRLS' BRIGADE**



Congratulations to the Company on a very successful year.

All sections of the Company entered the District rewarded by gaining 2nd place.

The Officers and Girls from the Company Section took part in the Autumn Ramble for NI Cancer Fund for Children and raised £353.

A Volley Ball Coach came in November to teach the girls how to play the sport.

We were also joined by Donaghcloney Brigaders when we had a skin care and make-up demonstration by Jill Acheson.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Annual Soup Lunch when a total of £608 was raised. A donation was given to N.I.C.F.C and also to Chloë Moffatt and Alexandra Orr who are doing outreach work during the summer with Exodus in Spain.

Another great night was enjoyed by all the girls when Linda Edwards came along to demonstrate cup-cake making.

We finished our session with our Parents Night on Monday 26th March. A varied programme was presented by the girls and officers to a large audience of family and friends.

Thanks again to the Officers and Helpers for all their hard work during the year and also to Arthur for his ministry each Monday night.

## **Deborah Mulligan**

#### **EXODUS TEAM**

After the success of my trip to Romania with an Exodus team in 2010, I decided to partake in another Exodus adventure this summer. On my previous mission trip I truly felt that I grew in my relationship with God whilst sharing his gospel, spreading his word and showing his love to those of his children living in less privileged parts of the world. I felt that this was a life changing experience and so, this year, signed up to another Exodus team along with Alexandra Orr, this time to carry out a mission programme in Spain. Our plan is to travel to a village named Valdepenãs, not far from Madrid during the month of July and to spread the good news of the gospel to those living in the area through means such as music, dance and drama. With only 1% of the population being Evangelical Christians we may face some challenges from the locals or the government so we would appreciate your prayers for the team while we try to impact those who have not accepted Jesus as their Lord. We would also appreciate your prayers and support during our preparations for the trip and our fundraising events towards our work. Thank you.

#### Chloë Moffatt

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Our Women's Fellowship continues to be well supported.

At our January meeting we held a Film Night when 'The Blindside' was shown. This was a very enjoyable evening with everyone sampling the popcorn provided.

In February we had Ernest and Isobel Carrick from 'Helping Others Worldwide' Ernest and Isobel do terrific work in Guinea-Bissau sending containers of essential supplies to this very needy part of God's Vineyard.

Finally, in March the Rev Derek Kerr brought along some beautiful Royal memorabilia and related witty happenings during his visits to various Royal occasions.

We are so pleased to see our numbers growing and all ladies are very welcome to come along.

#### **Laura Moffatt**

#### **AUTUMN LEAVES**

On 9th January - We had our very own William Robinson speaking to us on the achievement award that he received from Banbridge District Council for the work he carries out for the immigrants population who have come to reside in the Gilford area. He gave us an insight into how they feel on moving to a different country and the problems of work availability, finding and furnishing accommodation. William introduces them to other immigrants and any concerns which arise he helps them to overcome the obstacles. It is gratifying to know that when these people have problems there is someone to whom they can turn.

23rd January - Mairead Magee came along to show and explain the advantages of armchair aerobics and afterwards how to relax and unwind.

6th February - A to B Benefits was a very informative afternoon outlining the availability of help to members living on their own or having to accommodate a sick relative.

20th February - Rosemary McCready kindly substituted and delighted us by reading some of her favourite poems which she feels as a Christian is a way of serving the Lord.

5th March - Jim Dennison told us about the Christian tours that he undertakes as a guide for the Company. It was just amazing to hear about the tours he takes to the Holy Land to walk the paths as taken by Jesus.

19th March - We had a Stew Lunch to celebrate St. Patrick. Arthur spoke to us about St. Patrick of his aims and achievements in Ireland. After lunch Brian Hamilton entertained with witty stories and music on the accordion.

2nd April - Karen Campbell told us of her Fields of Life Uganda story and how their visits helped the poor people who have virtually nothing by buying them equipment to help improve and sustain their way of life. She outlined how industrious they had become to enable them to sell some of their products to improve living conditions.

This taught us how grateful we should be for the abundance of riches to which we avail and yet we still grumble.

#### **Brenda Orr**

# **PARISH NEWS**

#### **HOLY BAPTISM**

1st April 2012 - Anna Alexandra Daughter of Derek & Gillian Proctor

'Suffer Little Children to come unto Me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven'

#### **BURIALS**

Martha Elizabeth Moffett 18th March 2012

Samuel Black Hoey 24th March 2012

'Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted'

#### **CARING THOUGHTS**

We continue to remember those in our Church Family who are ill, housebound, lonely and dependant on carers. Our thoughts and prayers are with them that they will know the presence of the Lord and find peace and healing.

For those who have lost loved ones we ask God's special grace.

#### SOUP/STEW LUNCH

The soup/stew lunches have again been very well attended and the team have been greatly encouraged by the support they have received.

Our next lunch will be on Tuesday 24th April and out last lunch will be on 8th May. We will have something special on that day to celebrate 150 years of our Church, All Saints'.

#### **SPRING FASHION SHOW**

The Spring Fashion Show held on 30th March was a great success and a big thank you must go to Jill Acheson, the Committee and Models who brought a little glamour into our lives.

The models, who were all our own people, trod the catwalk like true professionals showing off some beautiful outfits. The young people also played their part especially our two 'Gallant Boys' who seemed quite at ease on the catwalk.

The compere was Mr Billy Dixon and the fashions were by Alana Fashions, Touch of Pink and Donaghy's Sportswear.

The proceeds from the evening will be given to the NI Children's Hospice.

# THE ANNUAL GENERAL EASTER VESTRY

The Annual General Easter Vestry was held on Tuesday 27th March 2012.

The Rector presented and opened the Meeting with Prayer and Bible Reading after which the Minutes of the previous years meeting was distributed, confirmed and signed.

In his address the Rector referred to the 150th Anniversary of our Church and gave a brief synopsis from numbers and records in 1862. Since 2012 was a year of celebration he thought it was appropriate the present Select Vestry and Office Bearers should remain in Office.

Thanking everyone for their work during the year and for the loyalty and support given to him, he said 'We have a responsibility to uphold and continue God's work in Tullylish'.

#### **Heather Hanna**

## **MISSION UPDATE**

#### **CMS IRELAND**

#### BEAUTIFUL GATE

The Annual CMSI Sunday School Project was launched in various churches earlier this year. The theme is "Beautiful Gate" and the proceeds from this will support Mission Partners in Nepal where there is a great spiritual need.

The story behind "Beautiful Gate" is a simple one.

Peter and John went up to the temple to pray and at the beautiful gate they saw a lame man begging. Peter and John didn't have any money but they gave him something much more valuable.

THEY HEALED HIM IN THE NAME OF JESUS Beautiful Gate was a place where two men went to worship when they saw an opportunity to offer healing. Their love for Jesus and their desire to help someone in need came together. The project hopes to share this experience. During the summer teams of people will travel abroad on Mission Experience. One team will travel to Uganda in August and will be involved with Kiwoke Hospital working with children and young people. Another team is scheduled to travel to Rwanda for two weeks, working with practical projects and building up relationships with the under privileged. We have a parish link with Kiwoko Hospital and it is a pleasure to hear from them about how much they appreciate our small commitment. Dr Rory Wilson, Medical Superintendent tells us how the current inflation in Uganda is causing a strain on finances and healthcare is suffering as a result. The hospital has a tremendous workload and lack of qualified staff is always a problem.

The financial support given from our Churches, from individuals and by the Royal Black Institution has been a Godsend and the lifesaving of many people.

Dr Roray writes from all the staff and patients who say a big 'thank you' 'WEBAALE NNYO' We look forward to meeting Rory and his family during this summer when they will be home on leave.

Please continue to pray for the missionary work of the Church.

#### **CROTIA OUT REACH MISSION**

It was with great sadness that we learnt at the beginning of March of the sudden death of Nathanael's sister-in-law Ivana. A young wife and mother leaving 3 young boys, aged 8 yrs, 5 yrs and  $2^{1/2}$  yrs. Please remember her husband Timothy and the boys in your prayers also the Spicak and Bogovic families.

In November the Annual General Meeting was held in Tullylish Parish Church Hall at which Nathanael was present. Nathanael thanked everyone for their support both prayerfully and financially. He brought greetings from the Church in Koprivnica and told us about the plans and activities going on in the Church.

Nathanael has joined the Gideon's and is involved giving out New Testaments to schools and Kindergartens in Koprivnica.

We give thanks to God for answered prayer for the Church in Koprivnica, for people coming to faith, the prayer meetings, bible study and the youth fellowship. Through the outreach ministry it is great to see young people attending on a Friday evening the Youth Fellowship, most of who come from a Roman Catholic background.

Thank you to everyone who supports the work of C.O.R.M to those who Gift Aid, our weekly Bible Study group, contribute to the bottle in Church and to those who give donations.

Please continue to pray for Nathanael and his family and the Church Family in Koprivnica.

## **Heather Hanna**

#### Isabel Whiteside

#### **CROSSLINKS**

Crosslinks continues to work worldwide in 'Bringing God's Word to God's World'.

Cristobel and Ale Ceron have been involved in church planting in Santiago, seeking to impact students, workers and families in the heart of Chile's capital in Christ's name.

This has not been an easy task, however, God has been good and has given them perseverance and the chance to grow through the difficulties and sufferings they endure.

I would like to once again thank the parishioners for their continued financial support to Crosslinks. This year the contributions totalled £300.

#### **Laura Moffatt**

#### **LEPROSY MISSION IRELAND**

#### Work and Witness Trips 2012 - Update

Plans for the work and witness trips in 2012 are moving along 'full steam ahead'.

The July trip is already full and August and October trips have only a few places left. If you or anyone you know would like to join us on the trip of a lifetime please have them call the office and we will be happy to send out information.

There is no doubt that when you see the work of this ministry first-hand you are forever changed. In giving of yourself you get much more in return. Blessings are bountiful!

There are no specific criteria for volunteers, there is no age limit (except 18+) but you must have a desire to serve the Lord, want to have fun, be willing to work with the kids and just about do anything that's needed.

If you do have specific skills we can most definitely put you to work too!

# **Betty Jones**

#### S.A.M.S

#### **SAMS - News from Paraguay**

Gwen and Mags write this week from Asuncion where the school has been preparing for their Easter service and for end of term Easter break. They ask for prayer as there has been a lot of illness recently and an outbreak of dengue fever, and Gwen herself also has bronchitis at the moment. They also ask for prayer for fellow missionary Lin Tedman who is waiting for an operation for diverticulitis which could be any time after Easter. Lin is very worried about the prospect of the operation.

And Efraim and Ruth Vilella ask for prayer for the clergy in the Recife Diocese. They have had a terrible shock in Recife as their Bishop, Robinson Cavalcanti and his dear wife Miriam have been brutally murdered by their adopted son. They have all such fond memories of Bishop Robinson and this tragedy is a shock on so many levels. They ask for prayer as they come to terms with the tragedy itself and for the choosing of a new Bishop and also for themselves as they continue their own missionary work, in particular with the House of Hope project, praying for more health professionals to get involved, for a new overall co-ordinator who can take on fundraising responsibilities etc., and a bigger team of volunteers to help with time-consuming things like collecting donations from all over Recife.

## **Louise McClory**

#### **POSTAGE STAMPS**

Please continue to leave these in Church or give to Betty Jones for Leprosy Mission or Isabel Whiteside for CMSI.

#### THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Thanks to all those who knitted monkey hats for the seamen's mission. The hats were given to Rev Colin Hall-Thompson, Chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers in Belfast and were very much appreciated.

Over 160 years ago, a young boy's question to his father was. 'How do the islanders get to Church'? The question led his clergyman-father, Rev John Astley to meet the fishermen and farmers of Steep Holm and Flat Holm, two islands in the Bristol Channel. From there flowed the work of the Mission to Seamen, later to be renamed Mission to Seafarers. The ministry is now world-wide and expanding.

# MISSION TO SEAFARERS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

In March 1860 the first steps were taken to provide an official ministry at Belfast Lough. Rev E T Roe said that records show work had been in progress for a few years, but this was very limited.

Chaplains now visit hundreds of ships every day in ports around the world to give seafarers a friendly welcome and offer help, support and advice.

Seafarers can be on contracts of six months or more with barely any time ashore.

Closing date for any more hats this session is 30th April.

## **Hetty McCusker**

# ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS April 2012

Saturday 21st April

Autumn Leaves - Coffee Morning

May 2012

**Tuesday 8th May** 

Lunch Team - Anniversary Celebration Lunch Friday 25th - Sunday 27th - Festival of

**Flowers** 

Sunday 27th May - Songs of Praise June 2012

Friday 1st June

Annual Duck Race at the Church

Saturday 2nd June - Church Outing Sunday 3rd June - Children's Day Service

followed by Picnic at the Rectory

Monday 18th June - Friday 22nd June 'Walk and Talk' History Week around the Parish, combined with Photo Exhibition in our Church Hall.

**Sunday 24th June - Sunday 1st July** Parish Mission

#### **BOWLING CLUB**

The 2011-2012 season was a remarkable one for Tullylish Bowling Club as they created history by winning the treble! The team not only won the league by a massive 26 points, but won the Down Shoes Cup and President's Cup and did this all without losing a game. 21 games and 21 wins! Their bowlers also tasted a lot of individual glory throughout the Season with Geoffrey McCracken, Lee McCracken, Angela Cannaway and Eddie Campbell winning the West Down Fours, Jean Black, Davy Graham and Stanley Black winning the West Down Triples, Andy Lecky winning the West Down Singles and DJ Wilson winning the Friendship Cup. The triple of Richard Martin, DJ Wilson and Jonny Wilson lost narrowly by one shot to England or they would have lifted the British Isles Triples also!

This was the seventh time in 11 years that Tullylish have won the league and having finished runners up in the other four seasons, they have been a model of consistency. 13 of their players played for the club nine years ago and one of the club's founder members May McAdam played a starring role in the President's Cup Final. Tullylish Bowling Club are the envy of many bowling clubs throughout the country and long may their success continue!

# **NOTICEBOARD**

# **CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday 11.30 am	8th April Easter Set Holy Communion	unday Rev Arthur Young
Sunday 11.30 am	<b>15th April</b> Morning Prayer Re	v Canon Robert Neill
Sunday 11.30 am	22nd April Service of the Word	Rodger Murphy
Sunday 11.30 am	<b>29th April</b> Morning Prayer	Rev Arthur Young
<b>Sunday</b> 11.30 am 6.30 pm	<b>6th May</b> Family Service Healing Service	Rev Arthur Young Rev Shane Foster
Sunday 11.30 am	<b>13th May</b> Holy Communion	Rev Arthur Young
Sunday 11.30 am	<b>20th May</b> Morning Prayer	Rev Derek Wilson
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## **FLOWER ROTA**

**APRIL** 

1st	Mrs E Curran
8th	Mrs T Curran
15th	Mrs L Moffett
<b>22nd</b>	Mrs N Wilson
29th	Mrs A Barr
MAY	
6th	Mrs E Woods
13th	Mrs H Hanna
<b>20</b> th	Mrs E Herron
27th	Mrs S Lappin
JUNE	
3rd	Mrs H Aughey
10th	Mrs E Hamilton
17th	Rev A Young
24th	Mrs S McCracken



# **CRECHE**

Family Service

**APRIL** 

1st

8th	R Coleman	L Taylor
15th	S Walker	K Aughey
22nd	J Sinton	A Mulligan
29th	M McCracken	S Lappin
MAY 6th 13th 20th 27th	Family Service M Martin Y Davison L Taylor	L Humphries E Vint R Coleman
JUNE 3rd 10th 17th 24th	Family Service C Ruddock R Sinton Sunday School	J Acheson I Grossman