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The 1914—1918 War Memorial

The 1914 - 1918 War Memorial in our Church is very much admired, by visitors especially, they often ask what the story is behind the design.

The design, we are told, was the brainchild of the Late Dean Myles who was Rector of the parish for 55 years - a period which included two world wars.

Tullylish and the surrounding areas were once noted for their part in the linen industry, the growing of flax, bleach greens, mills and weaving were very much a way of life. The men whose names are on the War Memorial may have worked in the industry before recruitment, or came from families similarly employed. The spinning wheel symbolises the part linen played in the home.

The Memorial shows a mother and child meditating on the names of the fallen, while the absence of a father is very poignant.

As we approach Remembrance Sunday in this year in which we commemorate the centenary of World War 1 we will have the opportunity to remember those who made the Supreme Sacrifice.



Episcopal Visitation by Bishop Harold

From January to September 2014, Bishop Harold has been visiting every parish in the diocese to hear about their plans for Mission 2015, based on the three themes of Children (passing on faith to a new generation) Community (response to the needs and issues of our local community) and Church (Impact of worship on outsiders who visit). On the 10th September Bishop Harold, Archdeacon West and Annette McGrath (Diocesan Communications) met with the Select Vestry and Mission Team leaders to discuss All Saints' plans for Mission 2015. A 30 minute presentation was made to the Bishop outlining our proposed plans based on the three themes of Children, Community and Church. A helpful engagement, discussion and question time took place with Bishop Harold. He commented favourably on our plans and provided additional advice and positive guidance to consider prior to submitting our final plan to the Diocese.

Bishop Harold has encouraged us to hone down our plans to 2 or at the most 3 specific, verifiable, time related goals in each of the areas of Children, Community and Church. In the interim further discussions on our plans will take place and our goals will be finalised prior to submission to the Diocesan Office on the 31st October. Details of our plan will be communicated when agreed by the Diocese

24/3 Prayer at All Saints'

Bishop Harold asked for feedback on the success of All Saints 24/3 of Prayer. He commented that all of us have been really surprised by the reaction around the diocese. It has come unselfconsciously and naturally. God seems to be in it. He has honoured and blessed it as we have set the bar high. You have achieved under God and you want that to continue.

The following comments were made: It was a mountaintop experience. The working of the 'team' was tremendous. For those who have never taken time out to pray it was very challenging. It changed lives. We need to be a praying church. A young person said 'We don't want this to end.' The peace that you had in the prayer room. I really felt better for it. It gave us something we've lost, the ability to meditate on church premises. To meet others from church and to pray with them.

Bishop Harold appreciated our contribution to the work of the Kingdom during the interregnum. He commented that our worship was welcoming and that there was something special about Tullylish and that we have a congregation growing in numbers and faith. The vast majority of your people claim to be committed and not just churchgoers.

Adrian Walker

"A Dangerous Faith"

Bishop's Bible Week ran from 1st -4th September 2014 at Willowfield Church. It explored the biblical context, impact and dangerous meaning of the great commandments according to the Gospel of Mark. We began our exploration of "A Dangerous Faith" by asserting with scripture that 'The Lord our God, the Lord is one.' Bishop Harold opened each evening by reading Mark 12:28-34, which was our key text for the week, before asking us to worship God.

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as your-self is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Bishop Harold then introduced what he called a new generation of bible teachers to speak on each theme each evening.

On Monday, Andrew Brannigan (Diocesan Youth Officer) spoke about 'The Lord our God, the Lord is One' and why should Jesus use these words to introduce the greatest commandment to 'love God'? Why the importance on the word 'one'? Can we boil things down to 'one' in a society of multiple choices and even when our own minds take us in different directions daily? These are good reasons to focus and learn about God's 'oneness' He spoke on Deuteronomy 6:1 -12 looking at God's one identity, one integrity and his word for our Mission to those around us.

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

On Tuesday Rev Simon Genoe (Lisburn Cathedral), spoke from Malachi 1 about 'Loving God with everything.' He challenged us on the many claims by people inside and outside of church that they love God and what they meant by saying that? Did we simply agree with some of the principles advocated in the Bible? The call of Mark 12:30 to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' was a challenge to us to passionately love God with prayer, intelligence and energy. To think about some practical committed ways we can cultivate a depth of intimacy with Him in our day to day lives.

On Wednesday Rev Craig Cooney (St Catherine's Dublin formerly CORE) taught from Mark 2:1-12 'Loving others as we love ourselves' he spoke passionately about his church family in inner city Dublin and the drugs problems, how this had been his most testing ministry, but also on the considerable growth in his church through outreach loving others. He outlined living dangerously as a follower of Jesus also means loving dangerously. Craig explored how we should love others as we love ourselves; He spoke on the healing of the Paralytic in Mark 2 and explored what dangerous love looked like for those people who carried their friend to Jesus. How Jesus showed healing grace to this man on his mat. He challenged us to have a whatever it takes attitude, as we seek to bring others into the presence of Jesus in our daily lives.

On the final night Jasper Rutherford (Church Army) spoke powerfully of 'How far are we from the Kingdom?' Romans 8:1-12. He spoke of the kingdom being within our reach. He taught if the Kingdom of God is near what does that mean for you and the community where you live? Why do you not see this new and wonderful Kingdom break into your everyday life? Could it be that we are looking in the wrong place or maybe looking for the wrong signs? Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God speaks powerfully about this Kingdom being within reach, being not far away. Jasper challenged us to live in the fullness of that exciting truth, the Holy Spirit being a foretaste of what's to come. His heart is to see people transformed by the love of Jesus.

Each evening there was an opportunity for everyone to respond and avail of the prayer ministry. Bishop Harold said it was a wonderful week of teaching and worship and rejoiced that people came to faith on each of the evenings. Each evening the congregation were lead in soul stirring worship songs by the praise groups of Willowfield and Mt Merrion.

Adrian Walker

HOLY BAPTISM

20th July Annie Sarah
Daughter of Glenn and Heather Martin

17th August Jamie Chester Son of Chester and Gail Walker

Suffer the little Children to come unto Me for of such is the Kingdom of God"

MARRIAGES

11th August Lyndsay Martin and Danny Mateer

5th September Heather Walker and Clive Wilson

We wish these couples every blessing in their future lives together.

DEATH

29th August William McDowell, 179 Huntly Road, Banbridge

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

SYMPATHY AND CARING THOUGHTS

During the Summer some members of our Church Family lost loved ones. This has been a sad and difficult time for the bereaved and we assure them of our sympathy, thoughts and prayers.

We remember all who are ill in Hospital or Nursing Homes and those who have suffered in any way. May they know and feel the presence of God at these difficult times.

In the absence of a Rector we appreciate the help given by visiting Ministers and Church Workers.

If you know of anyone ill or in hospital please contact William Robinson 38831343 or Noeleen Wilson 38831969.

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH DURING THE VACANCY

Almighty God, the giver of every good gift, look graciously, we beseech you, on our Church. And so guide with your heavenly wisdom the minds of those to whom it is committed the choice of a Minister for this parish. That we may receive a faithful pastor who will feed your flock according to your will, and make ready a people acceptable unto you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AT HARVEST AND THANKSGIVING

O God, source and giver of all things, You manifest your infinite majesty, power and goodness In the earth about us:

We give you honour and glory.

For the sun and the rain,

For the manifold fruits of our fields:

For the increase of our herds and flocks,

We thank you.

For the enrichment of our souls with divine grace,

We are grateful.

Supreme Lord of the harvest,
Graciously accept us and the fruits of our toil,
In union with Jesus, your Son,
As atonement for our sins,
For the growth of your Church,
For peace and love in our homes,
And for salvation for all.
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A NEW SEASON BEGINS

Its that time of year again where the nights are drawing in, the leaves changing colour and there is a noticeable nip in the air.

This can be, for some, a depressing time of year when there is a tendency to stay indoors and watch TV in the evenings, hoping to shut out the gloom.

During the Autumn and Winter Season there is a lot going on in our Church, attendance at this can be interesting and helpful as well as a deterrent to "Winter Blues".

Our Harvest Services are a great opportunity to give thanks for all God's Gifts with special music, visiting preachers and a Harvest Supper.

The Church Fellowship is held on Wednesday nights and is a great means of learning more about the Bible and exploring our faith.

The Men's and Women's Fellowships are held monthly both of which have a varied programme of speakers followed by supper.

Autumn Leaves is held on alternate Monday afternoons and again an interesting programme is planned for the season.

The stew/soup lunches, which are free, are held on alternate Tuesdays. These are very popular and open to the Community.

If you are sport minded why not join the bowling club and enjoy matches both home and away.

For young girls there is Girls' Brigade, a very popular activity which is well supervised and provides fun and teaching for Tiny Tots to Teenagers.

Urban Saints cater for the young people on Sunday nights in our Church Hall.

The halls are warm and comfortable, there is ample parking space and a warm and friendly welcome awaits you.

See you there!!

IT IS TIME TO SEEK THE LORD (Hosea 10 vs 12)

Some Things Which People Say:

In Childhood: I am too young!
 In Youth: I am too happy!
 In Adulthood: I am too busy!
 In Senior Years: I am too old!
 In Death: I am too late.

Romania Trip '14

On 7th July myself and 12 others set off from Belfast Europa Hotel on a journey that would take us 15 hours before finally arriving in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Our mission was to disciple a group of young teenagers in their walk with Christ and to assist the local church in whatever way we could. While we were there we carried out a 5-day children's holiday bible club, helped around the church grounds with practical work such as painting and building, and delivered food parcels to very poor families in gypsy slums.

Cluj is a very large city, full of beautiful buildings and parks but all of these mask the crippling poverty which destroys lives just on the outskirts of the city in the slums. We had the privilege of sharing a little of God's love with these people and to help the church to spread the only good news these families would ever hear!

Please continue to pray for the poor of Romania and for a revival in their land

Chloe Moffatt

Spanish Trip '14

To the congregation of All Saints Tullylish, I would like to thank you on behalf of myself and the team that went out to Spain, Salou from the 1st to the 12th July to help with the church and share the news of Jesus. All your prayers, thoughts and donations were very much appreciated. With these, we were able to go out into the streets to promote the kid's clubs and football and ping pong tournaments that were held in the church. With all the hard work put into the promotion and the prayers that were said, came successful work.

Around 40 children showed up from all across town to attend. We did crafts, games and bibles stories to show the practical love of Jesus. It was very rewarding to see how much fun everyone was having which then gave us the motivation and energy to continue to put so much thought and effort into everything.

Some of the families that turned up to all the different activities were impacted greatly as they were able to talk to the Spanish people and learn more about God.

At the end of the week we were told by one of the old Pastors of the church, that some of the parents that had sent their kids had seen God moving in each of us and wanted them and their families to continue sharing in that love. Each individual that attended or the people on the different teams learnt more and became closer with God.

We have all come back knowing how real God is but it is all thanks to those who encouraged or gave something towards our going away. Once again I thank you and I would ask that you keep the church in Salou in your prayers as there is still so much work that needs to be done to spread God's love.

Alexandra Orr

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all young people who have been successful in examinations, who have graduated from University, or who will pass into higher education.

Many young people have begun Primary School for the first time (a traumatic time for children and parents) and some will begin a new job. We remember them in our thoughts and prayers as they face the pressures of a difficult world.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

The Company commenced after the summer break on Monday 15th September and all girls from 3 years old are welcome to come along.

Explorer Section 6.15 pm - 7.15 pm Company Section 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm

Our programme includes Bible Study, Dance, Crafts and various other activities take place during the session.

The Enrolment Service will be held on Sunday 2nd November at 11.30 am.

Deborah Mulligan

URBAN SAINTS

We, as 'Urbs' leaders, are very pleased to announce that we have thought up an entirely different programme for this year which is brand new and exciting! Rather than having a normal routine for each week consisting of games, praise, a talk and prayer we have decided to scrap routine and to tell our members to come along each night expecting the unexpected! From crazy themed parties, to nights of 'alternative worship' and other nights of 'simulations' teaching about the persecuted church/ human trafficking. There will always be something for everyone to enjoy. Each night will be fresh and exciting so we are encouraging as many young people to come along and give it a try!! All young people from P7 age and up will be made very welcome, and please bring along your friends too! Sunday nights from 7-9pm in our church hall. (Tullylish Church of Ireland)

Chloe Moffatt

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We opened our September meeting with Deborah Campbell who gave a demonstration on skincare and how important it was to look after your skin. She then gave a short talk on her walk with the Lord and how he had guided her path in all that she had done.

Our Programme for 2014/15

9th October Living with Lucy -

Stephanie Parke

13th November Habitat for Humanity -

Caroline Kirkwood

4th December Christmas Dinner -

The Planters Tavern

9th January Precious Little Ones -

Vivienne Abernethy

12th February Home Grown Night -

Bring & Buy - Cakes/items etc. around £2.

12th March Human Trafficking -

Laura Wylie

April Meeting

Holy Week

8th May

Walking the Walk -

Jill Ginniff

valerie Walker

AUTUMN LEAVES

Programme 2014/15

8th September Canon Jim Harron 22nd September Northern Ireland

Fire Service

6th October Harvest Tea with

Mrs Wilson

20th October Marion Hayes

10th November Chic Boutique 24th November Christmas Floral

Arrangements with Rachael Sinton

8th December Christmas Outing

22nd December Christmas Dinner with

Revd. Hibbert

5th January Fun Day

19th January Bring and Buy

2nd February Asda with

Elaine Livingstone

16th February Valentines Tea

9th March Trip to Israel with

Louise McClory & Suzanne Livingstone

23rd March Stew Day with

Brian Johnston

13th April Taste and Try 27th April Life Story of

Mrs Greenaway

C.M.S. IRELAND

The Annual CMSI Conference was held in Newcastle over the weekend 12 - 14 September. This was a great opportunity for CMS Staff, Mission Partners and Parish Representatives to meet together and share stories about what has been taking place both at home and overseas.

The theme of the Conference was "Gods Kingdom in our Time" with many giving examples of how people and places can be changed through contact with mission.

Our Mission Director, Ronnie Briggs, paid tribute to the Staff of CMS, the contribution given by the various Churches and all who work together to help God's people in need. He emphasised the need for prayer for the suffering in Nigeria and the Middle East, so many horrendous stories have been told of the cruelty inflicted on Christians.

The Bible reflections were led by Canon John McCammon and his wife Margaret, both of them have a background of mission both at Parish level in Northern Ireland and six years working in Kenya. John used many texts from the Bible to illustrate his talk eg. Mark 12 v 30.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength — and your neighbour as yourself"

Two former mission partners Art Den Breejen and Betty Small joined us to share how they witnessed God's Kingdom in Uganda.

Representatives from Derry & Raphoe Mother's Union shared Stories about their time in Uganda last November.

Bishop Jerimiah Taama former Bishop of Kajiado came as a guest to the Conference and as a guest at the Wedding of Ronnie and Maggie Brigg's elder daughter on September 15th.

Worship was led with great enthusiasm by the All Nation's African Worship Group.

We continue to pray for CSMI mission partners both at home and overseas and acknowledge gratefully the support given by our own Church.

Isabel Whiteside

CROSSLINKS

It is with regret we have to say good-bye to our Ireland Team Leader Trevor Johnston, he served the Lord through the work of Crosslinks for the past five years. Trevor has been appointed to the incumbency of All Saints, Church of Ireland, Belfast. We wish Trevor his wife Joy and their five children God's Richest Blessing in this new chapter of their lives.

Karen Salmon who serves the Lord through Crosslinks in Ethiopia is returning to the UK for 6 months mission training she would value our prays for Els a Belgian Nurse who has taken over Karen's duties at the Youth Centre and various Bible groups.

We also give thanks for the Junior and Senior Summer Camps which took place at Castlewellan Castle in August and continue to pray for the children and leaders that they have been richly blessed.

Laura Moffatt

POSTAGE STAMPS

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

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HARVEST SERVICES

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

11.30am Sunday Morning Harvest Service Speaker Irvine Graham

6.30pm Sunday Evening Harvest Service Speaker Revd. David Luckman Harvest Supper - Church Hall

MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER

8.00pm Monday Evening Harvest Service Speaker Revd. David Coe

SERVICES

Sunday 5th October

11.30 am Family Service - Canon Jim Harron

Sunday 12th October

11.30 am Harvest Service - Irvine Graham

6.30 pm Evening Service - Rev David Luckman

Monday 13th October

8.00 pm Harvest Service - Rev David Coe

Sunday 19th October

11.30 am Morning Prayer - Canon Brian Blacoe

Sunday 26th October

11.30 am Service of the Word - Rev David Luckman

Sunday 2nd November

11.30 am GB Enrolment - Canon Jim Harron
6.30 pm Healing Service - Canon Brian Blacoe

Sunday 9th November

11.30 am Remembrance Service - Rev David Coe

Sunday 16th November

11.30 am Morning Prayer - Rev David Luckman

Sunday 23rd November

11.30 am Service of the Word - Rev David Luckman

Sunday 30th November

11.30 am Morning Prayer - Rev David Luckman

SERVICES

Sunday 7th December

11.30 am Family Service - Rev David Luckman

Sunday 14th December

11.30 am Holy Communion - Rev David Luckman

Sunday 21st December

11.30 am Family Service - Canon Brian Blacoe

6.30 pm Carol Service - Dougle Barr

Wednesday 24th December

11.15 pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion - Rev David Coe

Thursday 25th December

10.30 am Christmas Morning Family Service - Dougle Barr

Sunday 28th December

11.30 am Morning Prayer - Rev David Luckman

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If the date you are allocated does not suit please contact:

Ray Coleman on 028 38881422 or mobile 07759494980

Are you finished with toys, books etc. (in good clean condition) for babies and pre-school children? If so would you like to donate them to our creche at Tullylish where they will be put to good use.

We are also appealing for volunteers to help out at crèche on Sunday mornings. If interested please contact Ray.

FLOWER ROTA

OCTOBER

5th Mrs E Curran 12th Mrs K Alexander 19th Harrison Family 26th Womens F/Ship

NOVEMBER

2nd Mrs D Cairns 9th Mrs Y Davison 16th Mrs J Doonan 23rd Mrs R Robinson 30th Miss H Fulton

DECEMBER

7th Mrs N Wilson 14th Mrs H Nelson

21st Choir

28th Mrs E Curran

CRECHE

OCTOBER

5th Family Service

12th R Sinton A Forbes 19th A Mulligan R Coleman 26th Y Davison L Moffatt

NOVEMBER

2nd Family Service

9th C Moffatt L Taylor 16th R Coleman J Ruddock 23rd M McCracken K Aughey 30th I Grossman C Moffatt

DECEMBER

7th Family Service

16th R Coleman R Sinton

21st Family Service

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