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*"I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of  
the covenant between me and the earth".*

Genesis 9 v 13 - 15



## Editorial

Seems again like time has crept up on us and another edition of the magazine comes around. We all blame the inclement weather for the months disappearing and we are into summer before we know it.

We wish our lives away waiting for the weather to change, as if that was the only important consideration in our lives. Time management is always a problem but as Christians we have to take time out to read and pray. When we take time with God, we know, our efforts are blessed.

How many of us sit up too late at night watching some silly film which has an ending that is a complete waste of time. We wonder how on earth we let ourselves do this but it happens occasionally. We feel cheated, tired and another day has ended with the next following on quickly. The best times are when we slow ourselves down and rest in God's promises. When we take time with God we live life with the right perspective. Each day we face new challenges, but God is with us because we have been with Him.

Psalm 90 v 12 says "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom". Let's enjoy life and enjoy the time God has given us because we are



committed to spending time with Him.

We have all spent time in prayer over the past eighteen months and God has provided us with a new manse family and Rev. David Irvine, as the one who will lead us in this place. We need to continue to take time to remember them in our prayers, asking that God will lead us on to greater blessing as a fellowship, whilst reaching out to our community.

Thanks again to you all for your help in submitting items for the magazine. It's all very much appreciated. Enjoy the summer and use it as a time of refreshment for body and soul and don't forget to take time for God in your daily devotion.

God bless,

*Kenneth McAuley*

kennymac100@hotmail.co.uk

## *The Minister's Desk*

Trinity Manse  
Ballymoney



Dear friends

I am very aware that in taking up ministry in Trinity, I am coming to a congregation that has a long established evangelical and Biblical witness in this community. This is something I will seek to maintain and develop because I believe that a robust Biblical worldview is vital if we are not to succumb to the cultural challenges of our day.

As we begin ministry in Ballymoney in 2018, we do so in a country that is changing at a breath-taking speed. This is not the Northern Ireland of 50 years ago nor is it the Northern Ireland of 10 years ago. We have all seen how the norms and conventions of a previous generation are being set aside.

Yet however gloomy we may feel about our own society or daunted by the task that faces us, this is the world into which God has called us to take the gospel of Jesus Christ, and we in Trinity, are here 'for such a time as this'. As

Christians we cannot be pessimistic. We are long-term optimists, knowing that sooner or later Christ is going to break into this world and put everything right. He is going to establish his kingdom, and the world will be full of the glory of the Lord like the waters cover the sea. And even now, as we see the terrible sweep of evil in the world, we should have a settled optimism in the knowledge that God is sovereign, on his throne and in charge. It is my earnest prayer that in the years ahead, the Lord's people here in Trinity will pray together and work together with a renewed sense of urgency so that we might present the unchanging and glorious gospel to a needy world. The inerrant word of God will remain absolutely central to what we do, but the means by which we share the gospel will possibly be different to a generation ago and we need to pray that

the Lord will give us wisdom as we seek to take the message to 21st century society.

I would like to put on record some words of thanks. We would like to express our thanks to the congregation for the preparations you made for our arrival. Thank you for praying for us. Thank you for the work done on the Manse. Your committee and property sub committee worked tirelessly and the result is a credit to the congregation and a clear declaration of your investment in ministry here in Trinity. I know that the work on the manse was a team effort, with a number of tradesmen in the congregation being involved and all carrying out their work to a very high standard, but I would like to pay tribute to Bertie and Richard Quinn, the main contractors, for their excellent work. I would like to thank everyone for the huge team effort on the evening of the installation. It was a very special and blessed evening. On a personal level I want to thank my family. Paul writing in the book of Philippians speaks of how thankful he is for their partnership in the gospel from the 'first day until now'. I thank God for the partnership of my family, for the influence of godly parents, Christian teachers and preachers, among them Pauline's father, the late Arthur Curry.

I especially want to thank my wife Pauline. Pauline has made sacrifices and worked hard for the last months to get us moved to Ballymoney. When a member of Markethill heard we were moving, his words about Pauline were .. 'she is courageous .. she has the heart of a lion'. I thank my children; Matthew and his wife Laura, Naomi and her husband Matt, James and his fiancée Gemma, Lois and Philip, for their prayerful support.

Ultimately, we give thanks to our heavenly Father for the wonderful love He has given us in Jesus Christ and we pray that as we in Trinity go forward together into the future that our chief concern will be that in all things, God will be glorified.

Yours in Christ's service

DJ Irvine

**Regrettably the original Manse Telephone number has been transferred and cannot be retrieved. The new number for all Manse calls is:**

**028 2766 4250**

**We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.**

**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to his purpose Romans 8 v 28**



**New chapter in Trinity History  
Installation of Rev. David Irvine  
On Friday 20th April at 7.30pm**



It was with great pleasure that the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Ballymoney accepted Rev. David Irvine formerly of Markethill Presbyterian Church to be their new minister. Rev. Irvine (seen here with the Presbytery commission) before the service was welcomed to the presbytery of Route. The church was packed to capacity to see Rev. Irvine installed as only the seventh minister in the Church's two-hundred year history. Rev. Irvine along with his wife Pauline and children, Matthew, his wife Laura, Naomi and her husband Matt, James and his fiancée Gemma, Lois and Philip joined with members of Route Presbytery, members of Trinity and of 1st & 2nd Markethill congregations and other friends to mark this special occasion. Rev. Richard Murray (Drumreagh and Dromore) and Rev. Hugh Cubitt (St. James) brought the sermon and charge respectively.

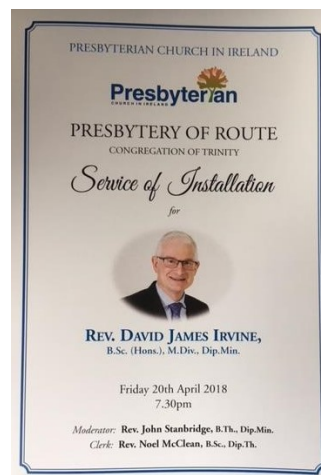
After the service there was a time for short speeches in the church. Rev. John Stanbridge (Moderator) compered these and the following contributed:

Rev. Hugh Cubitt (*Convenor*)

Mr. Ken Toal (Clerk of Session, Markethill)

Mr. Bertie Quinn (speaking on behalf of Trinity Session).

Rev. David Irvine (New Minister of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Ballymoney)



At the conclusion of the speeches, everyone retired for supper to the halls.

Here Rev. Irvine had opportunity to meet with those guests who had been invited to the service. A great time of fellowship ensued over tea which brought a blessed evening to a fitting end.

Rev. Irvine preached his first sermons on Sunday 22nd April at 11.30am and 6.30pm. There then was an opportunity for him and the family to meet the congregation afterwards over an "Irish stew lunch". Thanks to our willing band of ladies who both provided and served the food over the weekend.



During the vacancy Trinity had been looked after by our Convenor, the Rev. Hugh Cubitt. We are indebted to his insight and help in finding our new minister. We had much prayer and consideration before arriving at the one whom God chose to be our next minister. As a result of gratitude presentations were made to Joan Cubitt, our convenors wife. Marjorie Gamble presented this on the Congregations behalf.



A presentation was made to Pauline Irvine, welcoming her to the congregation. Mrs. Marion Quinn presented this.



Another presentation was made to the Rev. Cubitt - This time on a lighter note. Emily Boyd made a presentation of a "Duck" to our convenor. This came out a conversation he had with some people during the vacancy. He had expressed his interest in hens which he has a number of on his premises. He said he would love a duck. Hugh be careful what you wish for!! He also received a gift from the congregation for the part he played, as convenor during the vacancy.

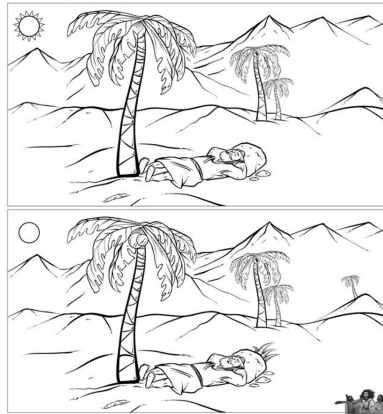




God is never in a hurry, but he is always on time.

## "I AM" THE WAY, TRUTH, & THE LIFE

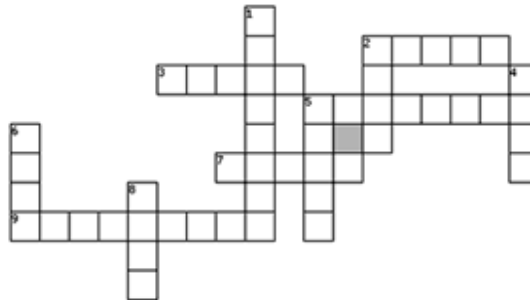
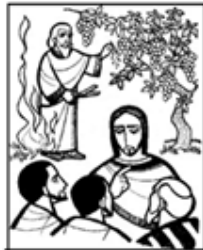
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## The True Vine

John 15:1-8 (NIV)



### ACROSS

2. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
3. Not dirty
5. A person who works with plants and flowers
7. To toss something through the air
9. Those who follow Jesus

### DOWN

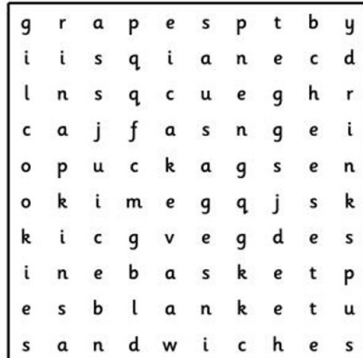
1. Arms that grow out from the trunk of a tree
2. Burning flame
4. The opposite of false
5. Praise or honor
6. Something that is spoken
8. A plant that climbs or creeps along the ground

true	fruit	clean	fire
vine	word	glory	disciples
gardener	branches	throw	





## Picnic Word Search



basket	blanket	cake
cheese	cookies	drinks
eggs	grapes	juice
napkins	sandwiches	sausages

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**What do you call a bear with no teeth?**

A gummy bear

**Why do bees have sticky hair?**

Because they use honey combs!





Messy Easter was a great success again with 280 people in attendance from families in the community. Young and old gathered once again at this special time of the year in the church's calendar.

Heather and her team of volunteers from a wide cross-section of the church fellowship put on a great evening with numerous activities to be involved in, around the Easter theme.

Well done to you



As you can see from the photos there was a great atmosphere as the young people got involved in the activity tables. Such a buzz in the halls!



**Messy Easter was again a great success and age was no barrier to involvement. We continue to be blessed in Trinity by the strong bond of fellowship that exists between young and old. This afternoon of fun, games and crafts, then an epilogue presenting the Easter message is a vital part of our outreach to the community. We are already looking forward to Messy Church which will take place on 23rd June, 2018**



## WHY UNITED APPEAL FOR MISSION?



The United Appeal emerged years ago in the Presbyterian Church through the 'uniting' of a number of separate appeals for mission that had existed to support work at home and overseas. True to its roots United Appeal continues to play a vital role in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland's work, funding mission at home and overseas. Every aspect of our Church's mission depends to some extent on United Appeal. Presbyterians are generous people and last year (2017) just under £3.5 million was received for the Appeal. The United Appeal Target for 2018 remains at £3.5 million. This target will support a range of mission personnel working overseas and at home. These include support for 32 Global mission workers in 11 countries and partnering churches in places like Pakistan, Malawi, Kenya, Indonesia, Brazil, Jamaica, Nepal, Myanmar, China, Romania, Thailand and churches in former Eastern Europe. At home, United Appeal supports 9 Community Outreach Workers, 5 Irish Mission Workers and 19 Deaconesses. In addition United Appeal supports the crucially important work of training for ministry and mission in a rapidly changing context. It currently supports the training of 19 ministry students and also provides training for eldership, youth and children's work, preaching, disciple making and leadership. To date 632 people have completed the Handling the Word course and 152 have been trained as Accredited Preachers. United Appeal contributes to the Presbyterian Church being involved in chaplaincy and social witness projects. It supports 79 Home Mission Congregations. (19 NI, 60 ROI)

Further information on United Appeal can be downloaded from the PCI website at [www.presbyterianireland.org/unitedappeal](http://www.presbyterianireland.org/unitedappeal). If you are on Facebook, you may wish to share some excellent short films at [vimeo.com/presbyterianireland/unitedappeal](https://vimeo.com/presbyterianireland/unitedappeal). The recent videos are on children's work, in Arklow Presbyterian Church and also inclusive children's ministry for children with special needs. Both are well worth sharing.

United Appeal for Mission allows us to work together as a denomination on a range of mission projects that no one congregation could do on its own. Please continue to partner in this work through your support of United Appeal by: **Contd.,**

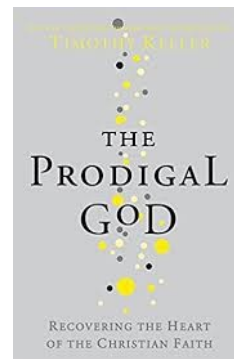


- Praying for the ongoing work of the United Appeal Committee as they seek to raise awareness in congregations of the vital role of United Appeal for Mission.
- Praying that God's people will have a vision for mission and the target of £3.5 million for 2018 will be met and exceeded.
- Giving generously to United Appeal.



THE PRODIGAL GOD: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith

*Book by Timothy Keller (Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York) Published by Hodder & Stoughton*



In *THE PRODIGAL GOD*, Keller takes his familiar thoughtful approach to understanding Christianity. He uses the parable of the Prodigal Son to reveal the beauty of the gospel message. Keller argues that the parable of the prodigal son, while Jesus' best-known parable, is also his least understood and he introduces the reader to all the characters in this timeless story, showing that it concerns not just a wayward son, but also a moralising and judgemental older brother and, most importantly, a loving father who loves extravagantly. This book will challenge you to see Christianity in a whole new way.

# Cheers!!

I would like to take this time to ask the congregation of Trinity Church to continue to pray for the work that we do in Cheers Youth Centre right in the centre of our town. Please Pray that God will continue to be with us and help us be the best witnesses we can be in the eyes of the young people that come through the door of Cheers.

It's no secret that we need to move with the times as its not the same Cheers I worked in 20 years ago, peer pressure is on the rise and the impact that social media has on young people speaks for itself. We need to acknowledge this and be aware of the pressures that young people face now as opposed to the generation that I and many others grew up in. Most of the young people that attend in 2018 have never been through a Church door.

The vision remains the same, as we seek to empower and educate young people to make better life choices, and that they will come to know the Lord through our

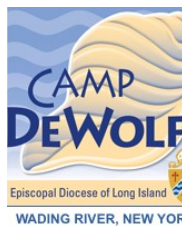


witness. Cheers has been around since 1991 and I'd like to take this time to thank Trinity for their support over this period.

God Bless.

**Richard Moore.**

**This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of Him. 1John 5 v 14,15**



Don't let anyone  
look down on you  
because you are young  
but set an example  
for the believers  
in speech, in life,  
in faith, and in purity.  
1 Timothy 4:12



**Lucy Boyd**

This summer between the 16th of June and 2nd September I will be going to America as part of the 'Camp America' Organisation. Camp America, formed in 1969, is a cultural exchange programme that gives young people the chance to spend their summer leading children's camps.

The camp which I will be going to is 'Camp de Wolfe'. It is a residential Christian camp which is based in Long Island, New York. Its main aims are to provide children and young people with the opportunity to have an enjoyable summer in a welcoming environment which allows them to develop skills such as teamwork as well as growing deeper in their faith in God.

My specific role will be to care for the children who attend throughout the summer by meeting their physical needs as well as leading them in the outdoor activities such as kayaking and rock climbing alongside teaching them more about God in the Bible study sessions.

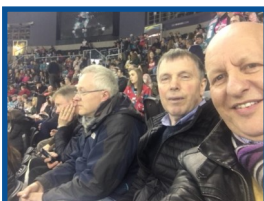
I would appreciate it if you could remember me in prayer whilst I am away this summer.

1. That I will have good physical and mental strength to fulfil my role adequately
2. That the children who attend will have a wonderful summer and make lots of memories
3. That God's love will be demonstrated to the children through my actions

## Giant night at the SSE



Again mdf enjoyed another event at the Odyssey Arena when they went to see the Giants play. The Giants didn't win on this occasion but it was an enjoyable evening finishing with the usual food on the way home. Further events are being planned this year. **One for your diary is a trip to H.M.S. Caroline in Belfast dockyard in September.**





# Women's Fellowship at PW

## Annual Meeting

The ladies attended the annual meeting of PW in Assembly Buildings where Kate Patterson was the guest speaker. This was enjoyed by all who attended and the ladies met together for tea prior to the meeting. Kate spoke about the true meaning of beauty and how we should shine out for God. A number of her books entitled "The promise of blessing" were available to purchase. A number of our ladies attended the evening meeting and some attended the afternoon session.



## **Malawi Trip**

***by Alastair Campbell***

I recently returned from a short trip to Malawi, Central Africa.

The primary purpose of this visit was to fix broken play-park equipment. I had originally installed the play-park along with my son Joshua when we travelled with the Church team in the Summer of 2013.

Having been part of the original church team who helped build the foundations of Msongue Trinity Church, I have developed a deep love for both the people and the country. This has been partially fuelled by family links and by several return visits since that initial building team.

On arrival, I was met by Alex Banda, who drove me to Mzuzu. I stayed at Jameson House, where I had the pleasure of the company of a Scottish man, John Challis. He has been doing good works in the Northern Malawi area for the past 18 years. I was greatly encouraged by the advice and fellowship of this true Christian man.



I spent the first three days fixing the play-park and searching for parts for future repairs. I was assisted by a local man, Zifa Zeba, who I befriended on my first visit to the country and have kept in contact with ever since. The play-park seems to have been taken over by the church playgroup and the children of Msongue school do not appear to be permitted access to it. Unbroken swings have been padlocked together to prevent older children playing on them. In fact, disturbingly, while I was there older local children were chased with sticks from the park.

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I also visited the school at Msongue. It has grown considerably since I last visited and is undertaking a building project to add additional classrooms. Of course, in true Malawian style they asked for financial assistance!

I visited the local fire station and met some of the fire fighters who attend fires without the benefit of protective clothing or footwear.



(helping provide some of this may be my next project).

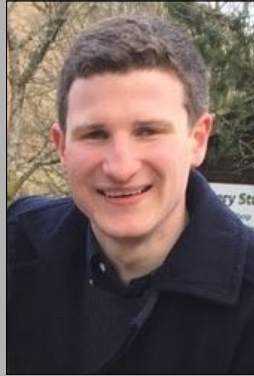
John Challis also introduced me to a Dutch couple who have designed a training scheme for nurses to qualify them to carry out life saving operations in local hospitals. This is a practice which had been happening previously, but because the nurses were unqualified as surgeons it may have been illegal.

I will, no doubt, travel to Malawi again on other projects. In the mean-time could I ask you to pray for:

- The people of Msongue - to share and care for each other.
- That responsible people would be in control of monetary aid and that it would be given where most needed.
- That funding would be for the benefit of the whole community.
- That God would continue to bless the efforts of people like John Challis who is working there to help in very practical ways.

Alastair Campbell

## David Gordon Memorial Hospital



### James Irvine

On 9<sup>th</sup> July I will travel to the David Gordon Memorial Hospital where I'll spend a month on my medical elective, working alongside Lyn & Johnny Dowds. Members of Craigavon Presbyterian church, Lyn and Johnny have been PCI missionaries in Malawi since 2011 with their daughters Cody and Suni. The David Gordon Memorial Hospital is a 130 bed mission hospital, situated on top of the Livingstonia Plateau in northern Malawi. The hospital's motto is "Christ, people and health" and they strive to "provide health care services with a clear Christian witness."

Going to Malawi for my elective is something I am very excited about, it will be an excellent opportunity to share my Christian faith through both words and actions. I believe the Bible is clear in calling us to help those needier than ourselves. This is evidenced throughout both the Old and New Testaments. For example, Proverbs 14:31 "Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honours him." Perhaps the most well-known call is from Jesus who says "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." These verses encourage us all to serve those in need both with the good news of the Gospel and physically.

Your prayers would be greatly appreciated. Please pray for:

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- ☐ Safe travel and health for the trip
- ☐ The Dowds family as they cope with a very heavy workload.
- ☐ For opportunities to share my faith in words and actions.
- ☐ For the staff in the hospital - for their daily protection, particularly when working with 'high-risk' patients suffering from HIV/Aids.
- ☐ For the thriving local church and for opportunities to encourage young Christians.



**David Gordon Memorial Hospital where James will spend time working with Lyn and Johnny Dowds, members of Craigavon Presbyterian Church.**



It must seem very early to be mentioning this, but its never too early to start collecting items for the shoebox appeal.

When you are out shopping why not start looking for bargains.

Below is a list of suggested items that they would like each child to receive:

Toothbrush and Toothpaste

Toys

Face cloth and soap

Sweets

Hat and gloves

Hair brush or comb

Pens, pencils, notebooks etc.,

Small soft toy

Thank you again to everyone who has supported this appeal in the past. For further details please contact Linda Currie or Janet Scott.

## Emmanuel Ministries Calcutta by Muriel Crooks

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March I set out with 6 colleagues on a Tearfund global volunteering team to an organisation called Emmanuel Ministries Calcutta [EMC] based in Calcutta, North East India. I was so encouraged by and thankful for all the support I received from the church family in Trinity, both in the generous gifts given for EMC but even more for the prayer support, scripture verses and words of encouragement I received.

We arrived safely the following day and were greeted at the YMCA, where we were staying, by Premila who along with her late husband Vijayan, had started up the work in Calcutta in 1971. It was a real privilege to meet her, she is such a gracious, loving Christian lady who remains very active in the work. We also met Shahjan who is a director in EMC, a lovely Christian man who oversees a lot of the work as well as leading the Jeevan Jyoti Christian fellowship church which is central to the work of EMC.

In our first week we were taken around some of the projects that EMC and the Calcutta Samaritans are involved in. We spent time in two of the residential projects: Pauline Bhawan children's home is a home for children and girls and Anandoloy which is an integrated rehabilitation centre for boys. We visited the Calcutta Emmanuel School and several of the non-residential projects called Pavement Clubs and children's clubs which work with children growing up in the streets and poorer areas of Calcutta. In all of these projects we were made so welcome, the beautiful children would sing and

dance for us and we were given refreshments; we then had to introduce ourselves and maybe sing a song or tell a story.

One of the projects that affected me most was at the Sealdah railway station, where there are a lot of children, aged from as young as 2 up to their teens, that are destitute and vulnerable; they have made the railway platform their home and many of them are addicted to various substances.

Finally, in the first week we were able to see the work of the Calcutta Samaritans working with children and young adults to help them become drug and alcohol free.

In the second week we were able to choose which projects we would like to work with. I chose to spend 2 days in Pauline Bhawan home and 2 days in the Sealdah drop in centre. As soon as we arrived at Pauline Bhawan on the Monday we were surrounded by the younger children wanting hugs and selfies taken. There is such a lovely family atmosphere here in the home; the children and girls

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all look out for each other and all take part in helping with cleaning and tidying, cooking, serving and washing up. The house parents care for these children as if they were their own. I spent most of my time with some of the older girls doing crafts: on the Monday we made little dolls and on Tuesday we did a collage in the shape of a cross. Two of the girls who helped with this were Manisha and Lipika, they were 15 or 16 years old and attended Calcutta Emmanuel school. Both were lovely Christian girls and enjoyed making the collage cross, they wrote on it 'Jesus is risen' and 'He loves us very much'.

On the Wednesday and Thursday, we spent time at the Sealdah drop-in centre doing activities with the children from the station. This was a much noisier, boisterous group of children who spoke very little English but were still very loveable. There was quite an age range. Some of the older boys just lay down on a mat in the corner and slept; they had probably been up working all night. We got to sing for them and I told the story with actions of the lost sheep, they all listened so well. After this we spent time on the floor sitting with some of the boys playing Ludo and Snakes and Ladders, colouring or decorating balloons. One little girl

who was less than 2 years, Jyoti, just wandered around on her own so for a while I carried her and played with her.

When the afternoon was over it was heart-breaking to think of these children just making their way back to the railway platform.

All too quickly the final day came when we met Premila and Shahjan for a debrief session. We were all so impressed with the work that EMC and Calcutta Samaritans are doing with the needy children and communities in Calcutta, showing love and understanding, bringing much needed support and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. This all started from the vision given to one man and his wife and their stepping out in faith and obedience and was a real challenge to us.

We were very aware of the prayer support from home throughout our trip, we managed to cope with the heat, were free from sickness and given strength to go beyond our comfort zone.



## A Memorial Visit to ‘The Somme’.

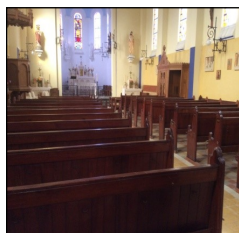
In March this year, Sheila and I, with our daughter Jennifer, flew to Paris and drove north to Picardy for our third visit to ‘The Somme’. The purpose of this visit was more particular than the earlier ones. It was to follow the course of the Great War through the service record of my father’s brother, David Fell who was killed in action in March 1918. We stayed on the outskirts of Albert on the infamous Bapaume Road amidst the beautiful rolling hills and gentle valleys of Picardy.

David Fell, having signed the Ulster Covenant, enlisted in the ‘Ulster Volunteers’, which was eventually formed into the 36<sup>th</sup> Division of the British New Armies. Just before the outbreak of the Great War in 1914, James Craig, the leader of the ‘Ulster Volunteers’, offered his ‘private army’ to Lord Kitchener with the proviso that the name ‘Ulster’ was inserted into the Division’s title.

David’s unit was the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles (The North Belfast Volunteers) which was part of the 107<sup>th</sup> Brigade. After some basic training at Ballykinlar the Ulster Division moved to Seaford in Sussex where they were inspected by HM King George V on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1915. In the following month the Ulster men crossed the Channel to France and were encamped at Flesselles near Amiens. There the training continued and a unit of Artillery was attached. These Ulster Protestants felt at home among the well kept farms and the countryside which is very similar to that in N. Ireland. They enjoyed visiting Albert and swimming in the river Ancre. These were to be their last idyllic days! Albert was, and still is, a large town dominated by a large Roman Catholic Church with a huge golden statue of the Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child in her extended arms on its spire. It can be seen for miles around. The staunch Ulstermen took note that they were defending this town and its golden Madonna!!

As an aside; it was interesting for us to visit the village church in Guillemont near Albert. The Memorial to the 16<sup>th</sup> (Irish) Division is in its grounds. Sheila had been brought up in Oldpark Presbyterian Church, Belfast, where

her Dad was Minister for 40 years, and when that church closed the members gifted and transported some of its pews to Guillemont as a Memorial to the men of the Congregation who served and died in the Great War.



David Fell had been assigned to the 107<sup>th</sup> Trench Mortar Unit in November 1915. On 30<sup>th</sup> January 1916 the Ulster Division was told to be ready for duty in the front line. In some places the Ulstermen were only 50 yards from the German front lines. The Division had engaged in some minor action during 1915 but their ‘blooding’ occurred on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916. That day goes down in British military history as the worst day ever. As we walked over the battlefield of 1<sup>st</sup> July, we imagined the carnage as the 108<sup>th</sup> Brigade of the Ulster Division advanced at 7:30am and as hundreds of men were cut down by murderous machine gun fire from the front and from the village of Thiepval on their right flank. They were attacking the Schwaben Redoubt, a heavily fortified and deep German strong point with a massive underground network of barracks, hospitals and communication centres. It had withstood the greatest artillery barrage in history. David Fell’s 107<sup>th</sup> Brigade was in reserve and he was introduced to the battle after the first wave of killings. Men from both 107<sup>th</sup> and 108<sup>th</sup> Brigades achieved their objectives, took the Redoubt and many prisoners. The Ulster Division was the only one that achieved its objective on that fateful day.



Their courage is well marked by the Ulster Tower, a replica of St Helen’s Tower in the



Clandeboyne Estate near Bangor, Co. Down where the 'Ulster Volunteers' had done some training. The Tower is arguably the most magnificent monument on the entire Western Front.

Following David's journey we drove north from The Somme to Messines near Ypres in Belgium. There in June 1917 David Fell's 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion RIR fought and captured the strategic village of Wytschaete.

We spent some time in Wytschaete looking at the Peace Park and the Irish Round Tower built there by Mr Glen Barr and Mr Paddy Hart TD.



The stones were previously used in the old Mullingar Workhouse. These two men, one a Presbyterian and member of Ebrington, Londonderry and the other a Catholic (Mr Hart) and TD for East Donegal, shared the vision of establishing a Peace School in memory of the three Divisions of the British Army in the Great War – the 10<sup>th</sup> (Irish); the 16<sup>th</sup> (Irish) and the 36<sup>th</sup> (Ulster). These three fought side by side at Messines Ridge. The School has, as its mission, the reconciliation of peoples who are estranged from each other and it is used by many groups from Ireland and further afield. Some of the school's halls and rooms are decorated by mural painters from Londonderry.

From Messines we travelled south to Cambria where my uncle's Trench Mortar Unit saw action in November 1917. This was the first battle in which tanks were employed to break through the wire and the stalemate which came to characterise the Western Front from 1915.

By 1918 both armies were nearing exhaustion. It's hard to imagine the noise by day and night of constant bombardment, the steady flow of Red Cross vehicles, the sucking mud of Flanders, the smell of death, the struggling

horses and the ever present possibility of serious injury or death and the Mustard Gas. We certainly indentified with the icy cold winter weather of March. After the Battle of St Quentin in mid March 1918, David Fell's 107<sup>th</sup> Brigade Trench Mortar Unit, along with the whole British Army in the sector, was forced into retreat in the face of the great German Spring Offensive, code named, St Michael. The Allied Line was forced back and the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion's War Diary only has one line for each day; the retreat being so hectic. On the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1918 David's unit, was virtually annihilated near Montdidier, south of Amiens.

Many years later, my late father was told by a veteran that he saw David being killed. He was sitting having tea with some other soldiers when they were killed by an exploding German shell. That was 29<sup>th</sup> March 1918. He had served for almost the entire war and was the last man from Hanna Street, Belfast to be killed in action.

David Fell has no known grave but he is remembered with thousands of others on the walls of the beautiful Pozieres Cemetery on the Albert to Bapaume Road. He is also remembered on the Memorial Tablet in St Paul's Church of Ireland Church at the corner of Hanna Street, off York Street, Belfast. To have walked the streets of Albert, and seen the large restored Church still with its golden Madonna, the killing fields and many beautifully kept and peaceful Cemeteries was a truly memorable and emotional experience.

## Rev. Dr. Joseph Fell



Pozieres Cemetery



1st Ballymoney Junior Section BB winning the seven-a-side football competition. The last time the boys won this competition was in 2012. Thanks to Philip for all his hard work during the five weeks of coaching.

Well done boys!!!



**JOIN US IN  
JULY 2018**  
SAT 7 – FRI 13

Keswick at  
*Portstewart*

"For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths."  
-- 2 Timothy 4:3

**Keswick** Evening Celebrations with  
Dr. Bryan Chapell.



**New Horizon:** Evening Celebrations with  
Philip Yancey, Sam Alberry and Ken Clarke.

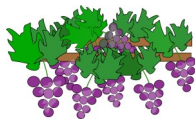


**Portrush CSSM**  
commences on **Sunday**  
**8th to Friday 20th July**

# Church Announcements



Children's Day Service on  
Sunday 10th June At  
11.30am



The "Vine" Service will be on Sunday  
10th June at 6.30pm



Messy Church Event will take place on  
Saturday 23rd June at 4.30pm



24th June to 26th August Epilogues at  
9.00pm In The Main Hall with tea and  
Coffee available from 8.30pm



HBC will take place on the week of  
Monday 20th August. Holiday Bible  
club service on Sunday 26th August  
followed by BBQ after the service.



Home groups meet on the 1st Tuesday  
Of each month from October. Why  
Not join one. You'll be very welcome.

***Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of  
doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you  
see the Day approaching. Hebrews Ch 10 v 25***



### St Jame's Girls Brigade

Zara Joyce Silver Star, 4 years attendance, 4 year Bible  
Lisa Fulton 1st Junior Circle, 5 years attendance, 5 year Bible  
Lucy Fulton 2nd Junior Circle, 5 years attendance, 5 year Bible  
Lara Bagley 2nd Senior Circle, 7 years attendance 7 year Bible  
Chloe McAfee 2nd Brigadier Triangle, 3 years attendance 3 year Bible  
Lauren Mitchell 3rd Brigadier Triangle, 12 years attendance, 12 year Bible  
Nicole Nevin 15 years attendance, 15 years Bible Awards  
Shirley Nevin Presented with 20 years GB Officer Brooch

Chloe McAfee Best Brigadier and GB Week  
Lauren Mitchell 1st Scripture  
Nicole Nevin Runner-up Scripture  
Lara Bagley 1st Handcrafts  
Lucy Fulton 1st Physical  
Zara Joyce Runner-up in Group 2

### Macosquin Girls Brigade

Ellie Hutchinson 2nd Junior Circle, 6 years attendance, 6 year Bible  
Lucia Hutchinson Gold Star, 4 years attendance, 4 year Bible  
Ellie Hutchinson 1st Physical  
Lucia Hutchinson 1st Script

### Church Register

**Deaths - "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes"**

**09.1.18 Mrs. May McCroary, 3 Balnamore Road**  
**24.1.18 Mr. David Moody, 11 Antrim Park**  
**27.1.18 Miss Dorothy Stirling, 2 Carnany Gardens**  
**25.3.18 Mr. Nelson Hunter, 11 Downview Drive**  
**09.4.18 Mrs. Nan Montgomery, St James Lodge**  
**05.5.18 Mr. Wallace Chestnutt, The Court Nursing Home**

## PRAY AND GIVE THANKS FOR.....

### July

*God's help in the past months within the life and work of the church during our time of vacancy. The arrival of Rev. Irvine and his family as they take up residence in the manse and find their way within our community. For blessing and teaching as he regularly brings the Word of God to us. For all those who are involved in summer outreach. For safety in travel to different destinations for service.*

### August

*For this holiday period as organisations have a rest from activities—that leaders and members would enjoy time off. For our Holiday Bible Club and those leaders as they reach out to the children of the church and district. Continue to pray for those on outreach teams through CEF, Faith Mission, CYIA, PCI and LIFT. Pray for plans being made for the new session beginning in September.*

### September

*For all the organisations that will be commencing their new session. For the Midweek prayer and Bible study and the home groups, as they meet may they know encouragement and growth in and through God's grace. As we hear what people have been doing in outreach during the summer months may we be strengthened and encouraged in our faith. Pray particularly for Sunday School and Bible Class and Youth as they meet and for the leadership as they prepare.*

### October

*For the time of year and the harvest season. For farmers as they continue to provide for the nation. For blessing in what can sometimes be a hard career. For safety as they work to provide for our needs. For our harvest services that as we remember God's provision for our physical we may remember His great provision for our spiritual needs through Jesus our Saviour and LORD. Pray for Noel and our choir as they lead the praise, that they may know God's blessing as they sing.*

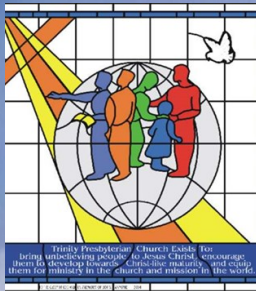
### November

*Pray that as the weather gets colder, those who are more vulnerable such as the elderly will know God's sustaining power. For our CD ministry as it is a vital link between those who are "shut in" and our church worship. For all our organisations as they seek to witness to young and old. For our session as they oversee the spiritual needs of the congregation and committee as they see to the material needs. For Rev. Irvine, Nora in the office and Rodney our Caretaker.*

### December

*Pray for children and their families at this exciting time - pray that our celebrations will be Christ centred. For Noel and the Choir, Peter and the Praise Group as they bring special praise at this time. For the Family and Carol Services, Christmas Morning and Watch Night Services. For the Irvine family at this Christmas time. For Rev. Irvine as he continues to lead us in worship, may it be a time of blessing and renewing within our fellowship.*





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*Bring unbelieving people to Jesus Christ, encourage them to develop towards Christ-like maturity and equip them for ministry in the church and mission to the world*

