



# Trinity Ballymoney

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## Profile

[www.trinityballymoney.org](http://www.trinityballymoney.org)

# Contents

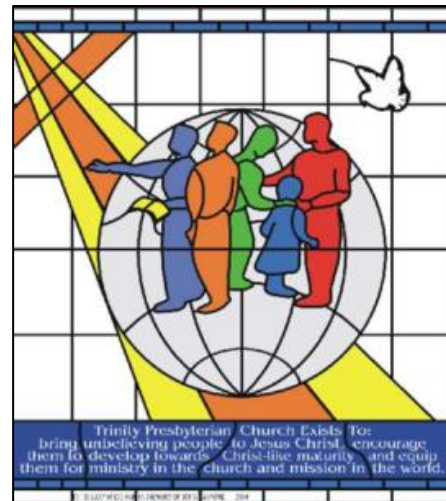
	Page
1. Who we are	3
1.1 Mission Statement	3
1.2 Spiritual Summary	3
1.3 History of the Congregation	4
2. Where we are	5
3. What we do	6
3.1 Sunday Services	6
3.2 Midweek Prayer & Bible Study	6
3.3 Evangelism	7
3.4 Mission	7
3.5 Organisations	8
4. Accommodation	10
5. Contact	14

## 1. Who we are

### 1.1 Mission Statement

Trinity Presbyterian Church Exists to:

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



### 1.2 Spiritual Summary

The Kirk Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church is totally committed to the spiritual needs of the congregation and the community. Each elder believes in the need for salvation by faith alone in Jesus Christ and acknowledges that this need is met only through God's grace and mercy.

A number of points are at the centre of our thinking:

- We believe in augmenting special prayer times to cater for varying needs within the congregation relating to family issues, health issues and prayer for our community. These prayer times run in conjunction with our regular meetings for prayer and Bible Study.
- We strive to involve those in our fellowship with different gifts for ministry and look for opportunities, for those who know the Lord, to further their spiritual growth and become integrated in the wider work of the church.
- We, as a session, carry out two official visits per year in March and October in our Elder's districts and at other times when this is necessary due to sickness, bereavement and family needs.
- We have a heart for mission and continue to encourage and be encouraged by some of our members who have gone into full-time service. We continue as a fellowship to support them by our prayer and finances.

## 1.3 History of the Congregation

### Origins

The origins of the church go back to the early years of the nineteenth century when a group of like-minded worshippers began to meet at the Rodden Foot in a former malt kiln rented from the Earl of Antrim; after a few years his lordship allowed the premises to be used for worship rent free. Those worshipping in the malt kiln were Seceders, a movement which had its origins in a dispute, years before, in the church in Scotland. The Seceders were renowned for their determination to maintain traditional standards of faith and worship.

### Ministers

The first recorded full-time minister of the church was Rev. Robert Loughhead and he was succeeded by Rev. John Rentoul. The present church building dates from 1885 and was erected during the ministry of Rev. James Brown (J.B.) Armour, so there are those who would still refer to it as Armour's Meeting House. An interesting feature of the new church building was having the pews constructed with a slight curve and this, allied to the fact that the floor sloped slightly towards the front, gave everyone a good view and provided a more intimate atmosphere. These internal features were regarded as a reflection of Mrs Armour's North American tastes. Another interesting aspect of the building was that it was built with a spire. This was later held against Rev. Armour who some regarded as a man with radical, indeed dangerous views. J.B. was minister from 1868 until 1925 and those years were marked by Armour's deep involvement in the field of politics. A strong supporter of Gladstone's Liberal Party, an enthusiast for Tenant Right ( a movement dedicated to supporting tenant farmers against oppressive landlords ) and, in an era when most Presbyterians were strongly against Nationalist Ireland's demand for Home Rule, Armour swam against the tide. It would be fair to state that his congregation never liked Armour's involvement in politics, and especially did not appreciate his support of the Home Rule crusade, but they never lost their deep respect for him. Armour was followed by Rev. Henry C. Waddell, the son of a Presbyterian minister, and a man with a very different style of ministry. He was a man of deep humility and reverence and a gifted preacher dedicated to explaining the Word of God. On Dr. Waddell's retirement in 1955 he was succeeded by Rev. J E McCrea who served the congregation for eight years before moving to Belfast and eventually to the Presbyterian Church in Canada.



Rev. Dr. Derek Poots was minister of Trinity from 1964 until 1990 when he moved to Church House as Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly. Rev. Dr. Ian Mc Nie became minister in 1991 and served faithfully until retiring in November 2016. He oversaw the extensive modernisation of the church halls and set up a long lasting link with St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Mzuzu, northern Malawi, in particular, supporting the building of the new Trinity Presbyterian in Msongwe outside the town. In 2015, Dr McNie was appointed Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

## 2. Where we are



Ballymoney is a good shopping town with the usual retail outlets and local boutiques. Situated between Ballymena and Coleraine the town enjoys excellent road links, north and south, particularly now the A26 upgrade is completed. The beautiful North Coast and tourist hot-spots such as The Giant's Causeway, The Dark Hedges and Carrick-a-rede rope bridge are within 15 miles. Numerous golf links and parkland courses are also within easy reach.



The town is serviced with Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools with high standards and excellent reputation.



Trinity being in a prime location in the town means the train and bus stations, Health Centre, Library, Post Office and town centre are all within a 5 minute walk.

Ballymoney offers a fantastic range of sporting opportunities and recreational facilities: Ballymoney Football Academy, Rugby mini/maxis, Swimming Club, Blaze volleyball club, Hockey club and Springwell running club as well as the excellent swimming pools and gym/health suite in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre.

The town is a buzz of excitement during North West 200 and Super Cup (Milk Cup) weeks, attracting visitors from all over the world. The annual Ballymoney Agricultural Show also brings in people from near and far.



Other places of interest in the town include the Dunlop Memorial Gardens and Ballymoney Museum.

Church Address: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2 Rodeing Foot, Ballymoney, BT53 6JJ

### 3. What we do:

#### 3.1 Sunday Services

In Trinity our week is focused towards the two services on Sunday where we meet together to worship the Lord and feed on His Word. The morning and evening services are centred on relevant Bible teaching and clear gospel preaching.



We enjoy a mix of traditional and contemporary worship led by our Choir and Praise Group who play an important part in our services especially at Christmas, Easter and Harvest.



Children play an important part in our church with a special message for them each Sunday morning.

Crèche facilities are provided throughout the morning service in the Ellison Room and Children's Church is available part way through the morning service.

Occasionally Tea & Coffee is provided after evening services which gives the congregation an opportunity to enjoy fellowship together.



#### 3.2 Midweek Prayer and Bible Study

Our Midweek Prayer and Bible Study is the main church prayer meeting of the week and also an opportunity to study the Bible in depth. Often we have representatives from mission organisations who join us to share about what God is doing in various parts of the world. We believe that the midweek meeting is one of the most important parts of Church life where we can pray for the ongoing work of the Church and Mission in our world.

As a church there is a strong emphasis on prayer and we concentrate on different things at different seasons of the church's life. Currently we are praying very specifically for our families and those who are not yet believers.



### 3.3 Evangelism

As a church we believe that we are called to actively “go and make disciples” in our local community by spreading the gospel and that this calling is both corporate to the church and personal to each individual member.

Alongside the ongoing outreach of our organisations and regular services we hold occasional special evangelistic events and missions as well as distributing literature door to door.

One such event which we have held a number of times over the past couple of years has been **Messy Church**.



This has been a great way to contact many people within our community who are not connected to our church with a clear gospel

message while encouraging them to get involved in our church family and within the organisations. Our recent Messy Easter event brought over 300 children and parents to our church buildings to hear the real message of Easter.

It has also been a good way to mobilise a large number from within our congregation to be actively involved in reaching out to the community in many different practical ways. We trust that God will use the links that we have built up for His Glory in the days to come.



### 3.4 Mission

Trinity has a strong interest in mission locally and globally. We have a number of folks from our congregation working in full time mission work and ministry with PCI and Faith Mission. We also support a broad range of organisations including Scripture Union, OMF, CEF, Seamen’s Christian Friend Society and many others.



## 3.5 Our Organisations

### Base Youth Fellowship

Base is our Youth Fellowship for those of secondary school age. We meet weekly after the evening service for relevant age appropriate Bible teaching as well as plenty of fun, food and fellowship.



### Beehive Youth Club

Beehive Junior Youth Club is for those in P5 - Year 8 and we enjoy plenty of fun and games with a short epilogue each night.

### Bowling Club

Our Bowling Club meets regularly to enjoy recreational bowling as a club and also matches against neighbouring congregations which can be a little more competitive!!



### Boys Brigade



The aim of the BB is “The advancement of Christ’s kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.”

Our boys brigade company is joint with 1<sup>st</sup> Ballymoney and St James Presbyterian Churches.

### Buddies & Bundles

An opportunity for those with babies and toddlers to meet for a chat and a cuppa while the little ones enjoy some fun too! A great way to meet people from the community



### Coffee Morning

Food and fellowship at our Coffee Morning, held each Wednesday morning.

### Ladies' Bible Study

Ladies join together to study the Bible on the first and third Mondays of each month.





### **MDF (Men Doing Fellowship)**

MDF is our men's ministry which runs various events for men throughout the year.

### **Presbyterian Women**

PW is our women's ministry where ladies meet monthly for fellowship and to enjoy a time of worship with visiting speakers.



### **Senior Citizens' Lunch**

Our 'Senior Citizens' meet to enjoy lunch and fellowship together once a month.

### **Sunday School and Bible Classes**

Our Sunday school caters for children and young people from 4 years and upwards. We have age appropriate Bible teaching by our dedicated group of teachers.



### **The Vine**

The Vine is our young adult's ministry where we meet monthly for Bible study. We also enjoy occasional social events.

### **Timeout**

Timeout is an informal time for adult members of the congregation to meet socially and enjoy various sports in the hall or just take the opportunity to have a cuppa and a chat.

### **Youth Club**

Our Youth Club, for Year 8 and upwards, runs each Friday evening throughout the year where we have sports in the main hall, pool and table tennis in the Ellison Room and space to chill out and chat in the lounge. We have a short epilogue during the evening.



## 4. Accommodation

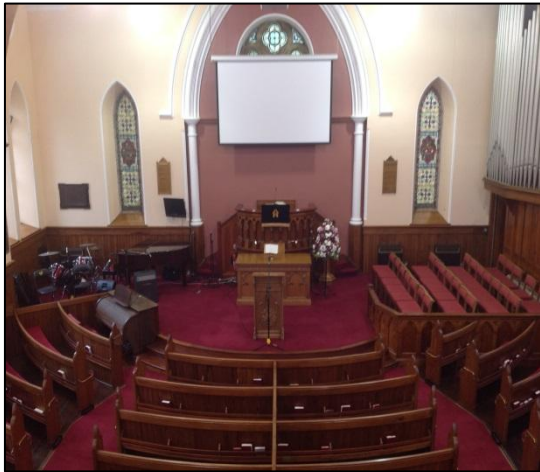
### Introduction

We have a large church building which seats approximately 400 people. Our halls were extended and refurbished in 2004 and are used widely throughout the week by our organisations and also a number of community groups like the local playgroup and orchestra. Please see photographs below for a flavour of the church property.

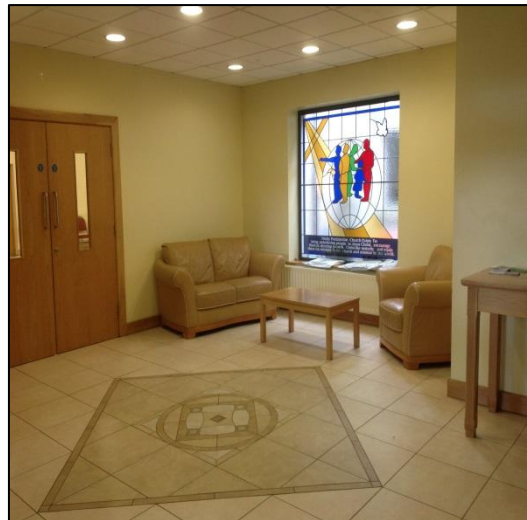
### Church Exterior



### Church Interior



### Church halls refurbished and extended in 2004



### Main Hall and Minor Hall



**Upstairs Lounge**



**Main Kitchen area**



**The Ellison room – multi-use activity and worship area**



### The Manse

The Manse is located within the church grounds and we are currently awaiting final permission for plans to significantly refurbish the building and separate the property from other areas of the church buildings and car-park. Further details are available on request.



## 5. Contact

This profile has been prepared to give prospective candidates an overview and greater insight into the life and work of the congregation of Trinity.

If additional information or clarification is required on any particular point, please contact our convenor, Rev Hugh Cubitt, minister of St James's Presbyterian, Ballymoney. Telephone Number: 028 2766 3217, Email: [hcubitt@presbyterianireland.org](mailto:hcubitt@presbyterianireland.org).