



# CONTACT

TRINITY CHURCH REACHING OUT

**SUMMER 2019**

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*This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us  
and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

*1John 4 v 10*

## Editorial

I don't know if you're like me but when good weather comes I want to do a good "Spring" or "Summer" clean. The garage gets cleared out and the place gets a general tidy, even the garden gets some treatment. The mood even changes to one of enjoyment at getting things done and there is a sense of accomplishment.

We need to get rid of clutter around our houses with a few visits to the local skip. In a sense it is good therapy to throw out things that we have no further need for so that they cease to gather dust in the corner.

Especially in church work, time is needed to refresh our approach. I trust as leaders, we will use this time to refresh heart, soul and mind. A little later you will read an extract from Maud Steele's little book called the Beauty of Creation. In it she talks of clearing out clutter in our lives. Don't we all need to do this from time to time. There are so many things that occupy our time and our minds and we need to unburden



ourselves and set priorities in order, and what better time than during the summer when we take time off from the ordinary tasks that face us on a regular basis.

We all have things that clutter our lives and it is good to declutter and refocus. With our minds fixed on Christ we press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

### **Phil 3 v 14**

Thanks again for your contribution to this magazine. There is much going on in Trinity and many blessings received and it is very encouraging to see young families joining us to worship God.

Yours in Christ,

*Kenneth McAuley*

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## *The Minister's Desk*

June 2019

Dear friends

*If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. (Colossians 3:1-2)*

Most of us look forward to the summer break away from the busyness of church life, just to down tools and take a break. Handled properly summer can be a time for physical and spiritual renewal, handled poorly it can become a flight from Jesus into Christless leisure which leaves the soul parched. At first it may seem like a small thing to skimp on prayer and neglect the Word.

The payback for this is: shallowness, powerlessness, vulnerability to sin, preoccupation with



trifles, and a frightening loss of interest in worship and the things of the Spirit. So don't let this summer make your soul shrivel.

Keeping Jesus as our focus is the way to a refreshing summer. He is preeminent in all things (Colossians 1:18) and that includes our summer holidays. We long for rest and Jesus invites us this summer to: *"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest"* (Matthew 11:28). We long to renew our strength and He promises us that, *"they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk*

*and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)*  
We long for days of refreshing this summer but forget that the scripture tells us repent *“therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19)*. Repentance is not just turning away from sin, but also turning toward the Lord with hearts open and expectant and submissive. This is the ultimate in summer refreshment!

The question is - do we want it? That is what we must ask ourselves. Jesus Christ gives himself to us in proportion to how much we want his refreshment. *“You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:13)*. Paul writing to the church in Colossae instructed them to have a particular mindset; *“If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the*

*right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not*

*on the things that are on earth.” (Colossians 3:1-2)*

In addition to Sunday worship in Trinity, we are blessed to have some opportunities locally to attend summer conventions.

Some of you may already be regulars at Keswick at Portstewart and have found it to be spiritually helpful. This year the convention will run from the 6th-12th July, mornings at 11am and evenings at 7.30pm. Further details: [https://](https://www.keswickatportstewart.org)

[www.keswickatportstewart.org](https://www.keswickatportstewart.org)  
New Horizon will run from 3rd-9th August. Full program details:

<https://newhorizon.org.uk>

Let's not waste this summer by ceasing to pursue God in all you do. Instead use it to seek wisdom, to know God, to love him more, and to live for his glory.

Yours in Christ's service

DJ Irvine

## CORK VISIT 2018



This time we arrived in Cork at the beginning of December. My brother Raymond and I had the pleasure of meeting Bobby Ingram on the way down. Bobby had been a supporter of Walter Burrell and did for him, what I have been doing for Colin Jenkins over the past 10 years.

Bobby still supports Colin with items which we pick up from him each year. The transfer takes place in a layby near Banbridge.



This time around we re-arranged Colin's bookstore and then did ship visits. It is a privilege to meet seafarers from a variety of countries and to reach them with the gospel. On one such visit on a board a ship four Filipino crew members found the Lord and we had a great time talking with them and encouraging them in their faith.

Their ship was docked for two days in Cork and so we were able to spend quality time with them.

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## CORK VISIT 2018



They were all on long contracts and found that being away from home, it was hard to live without temptation and worries about their families. We would just ask you to pray for these men.

We gave them some literature to help with their walk with God.

They belong to an evangelical church in the Philippines. Pray that they would support each other on board and as they eventually go home on leave that they will connect with their local church and find support as they seek to live for God.



*Kenneth McAuley*



Kathryn Scott, our newly appointed Musical Director who has been leading the praise in worship over the last few months.

We thank Kathryn for her interest in choir and praise group and the introduction of new pieces, especially over the Easter period.

We look forward to her continued input into the praise and worship over the coming months.



## 125th Anniversary of 1st Ballymoney Company of the Boys Brigade

It is interesting to note that 1st Ballymoney BB was formed in 1893, just 10 years after the formation of the organisation, by William Alexander Smyth in Glasgow. The company has a huge history of achievement over the years until the present and this was marked by a dinner in the Bushtown House Hotel on 25th March, 2019. Past boys, officers and representatives of the three churches attended this function to mark this important anniversary.



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Former Captains of 1st  
Ballymoney Company  
BB

**From Left to Right:**

Mr. Harold Holmes

Mr. Bertie Johnston

Mr. Jim Graham



Current Officers of 1st  
Ballymoney Company  
BB



Former Officers and  
Boys of 1st  
Ballymoney Company  
BB



Friends of  
1st Ballymoney  
Company BB



Guests in  
attendance





Anchor Boy prize winners with their leaders



Junior Section prize winners with Leader-in-charge, Stewart Wright

**1st Ballymoney Boys Brigade  
Display Night**



Richard Quinn with Bobby McAllister, Daniel Kane, and Matthew Deans who received their President's Badges at the Display





### **St James's Girls Brigade**

Zara Joyce Gold Star, 5 years attendance, 5 year Bible Award  
Lisa Fulton 2nd Junior Circle, 6 years attendance, 6 year Bible Award  
Lucy Fulton 3rd Junior Circle, 6 years attendance, 6 years Bible Award  
Lara Bagley 3rd Senior Circle, 8 years Attendance, 8 years Bible Award  
Chloe McAfee 3rd Brigader Triangle, 4 years Attendance, 4 years Bible Award  
Chloe McAfee Was presented with her Brigader Brooch  
Chloe McAfee Runner-up in Scripture  
Chloe McAfee 3rd GB Week  
Lara Bagley Best Senior  
Lucy Fulton Best Junior  
Lisa Fulton 1st Handcrafts  
Zara Joyce Best in group 3  
Zara Joyce Runner-up in Handcrafts

### **Macosquin Girls Brigade**

Ellie Hutchinson 3rd Junior Circle, 6 years Attendance, 7 years Bible Award  
Lucia Hutchinson 1st Junior Circle, 5 years Attendance, 5 years Bible Award

### **Ballysally Girls Brigade**

Tanikka Lavery 1st Junior Circle, 6 years Attendance, won Cup for Most Promising Girl in the Junior Section

## Missionary Weekend



Our Missionary Weekend took place on Saturday and Sunday 16th - 17th February. The weekend began with a breakfast on the Saturday morning at 9.30am. Eighty people were present and enjoyed meeting in this informal setting for a meal together. The speaker at this event was from the International Meeting Point in Belfast.



This was followed on Sunday Morning at 11.30 by Mrs. Ilona Veres from Romania spoke at the service and told us about the work in Romania among the Roma people. In the evening Andrew Quinn spoke about his work in Faith Mission in

Scotland and Colin and Debbie Mills from Wycliffe Bible Translators spoke. There were a number of Missionary Stands set up in the main hall and this proved to be of interest to many in the congregation with literature available outlining the work of many missions both local and abroad.

The weekend was very well supported, both at the breakfast and the two services, morning and evening. Trinity has a missionary heart and a desire to support mission. We are thankful to God for those from our congregation he has called to serve both locally and abroad.

Please continue to pray for those who have gone from our congregation into full time ministry and mission.

William Workman Irish Mission

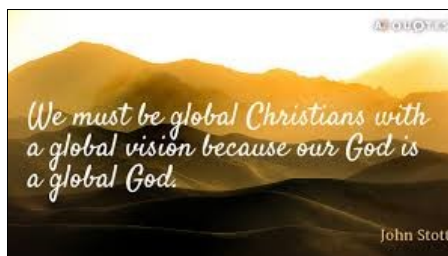
Andrew Quinn Faith Mission

Colin Gault England

Rev. David Steele PCI Dundrod

Rev. John McConaghie PCI Conlig

Rev. Stephen McNie PCI Ballyalbany and Glennan



## **Tear Fund Lunch**



We had our Tear Fund Lunch on Sunday 3rd March. This followed the service at 11.30am when our representative, Peter Crooks, gave an overview of the work in different countries and the work of Tear Fund.

After the service we went into the hall for baked potatoes and a variety of fillings. This lunch always proves to be a highlight with a good number attending.

Mission to a needy world is again to the fore and an opportunity afforded to donate to this needy cause.



## **Ruth Bromley**



Ruth Bromley, PCI Child Development Officer came on two occasions to run training nights for the leadership working with children within the congregation.

This proved to be a very profitable time for those involved when new ideas were discussed and some considered.

She also attended a Session Meeting to inform the session of our position, as she saw it, in relation to children's work. She praised the efforts of Trinity and thanked the Session for their interest and support of the leadership.



Rev. David Irvine presenting a painting of Trinity to Mr. Victor McLean who has retired after serving as Clerk of Session for 20 years. Mrs. Pauline Irvine presented Mrs. Daphne McLean with flowers to also mark the occasion.





Noel Hargy being presented with a gift on his retirement as organist and choirmaster for more than twenty years. His wife Hazel is also pictured receiving flowers.



## Around the church



“Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near”

Hebrews 10 v 25





**Around the church**

# KIDS CORNER

## God's Top Ten

1. Put God First
2. Worship Him Only
3. No Bad Words
4. Work 6 Rest 1
5. Obey Your Parents
6. Harm No One
7. Don't Cheat
8. If It's Not Yours, Don't Take It
9. Tell the Truth
10. Don't Be Jealous of Other People's Stuff



## Noah's Ark Word Search

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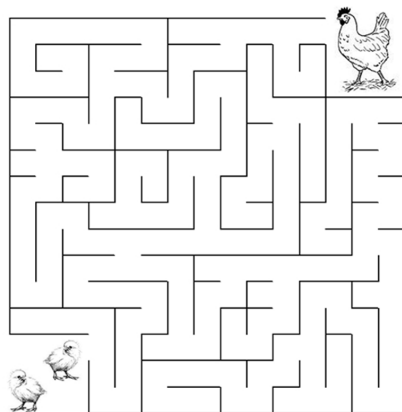
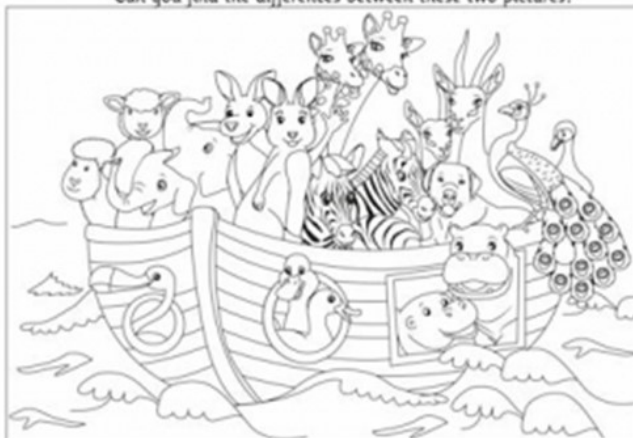
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| build     | obedient |
| covenant  | promise  |
| criticize | rainbow  |
| dove      | raven    |
| evil      | saved    |
| flood     | supplies |
| good      | two      |



**Be kind to one another...** FROM EPHESIANS 4:32



Can you find the differences between these two pictures?



Children  
are  
A gift  
FROM THE  
Lord.  
THEY are  
A reward  
from Him.  
PSALMS 127:3

**RIDDLES**

I am full of holes; I can hold water. What am I?

**SPONGE**

What can't be used until it's broken?

**EGG**

What gets wet when drying?

**TOWEL**





**Above and below we have committed members of the congregation involved at different levels.**



**Messy Easter was again, this year, well attended with over 200 people including children in attendance.**

**This proved to be a worthwhile event and "Messy" has really worked as a community outreach.**



All of the accommodation in the halls were used to present the Easter Message by way of activities. Later they gathered in the church for the Resurrection message and then back to the main hall where they enjoyed their evening tea.

To the right and below we see members of the congregation who were involved in providing help in the background



I really enjoy the springtime, isn't it amazing to see the new birth of nature - hedgerows spiriting their first green shoots and little lambs skipping about in the fields - God's creation is truly wonderful!

As I've been looking out at my garden this spring I have often thought on how things were for me at the beginning of 2018 and how I had to deal with the 'C' word two days before Christmas 2017. It was a total shock to me and I really don't recall very much about Christmas and the New Year - life continued on, of course, but I felt as if I was in a bubble looking out.

The beginning of the year brought doctor appointments and hospital visits and whilst I had a lot going on in my head, I had a great sense of peace and clam. My life was going to go through a period of change, however I was reminded that my God is never changing, He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. In Hebrews 13 v 5 we read "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you". I held on to this promise, however there were times when I felt less positive, feeling weary and a bit weepy (it's good to have a wee cry sometimes!) and just wanted everything to be back to normal - but that was not God's plan for me. I had to trust that God was in control and lean on His promise - "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding and in all your



ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths". I simply had to let God be God who IS able to strengthen us in every circumstance and give us the courage to face our fears.

We will all experience our own forms of 'Cancer' at some stage in our lives, should that be ill health, relationship/family problems, sadness, loneliness to name a few and they may take you to a place of fear, despair and helplessness but if we change the 'C' of cancer to that of CHRIST where there is hope and joy we have a completely different outlook.

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The psalmist tells us that “when doubt filled my mind your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer”. I do recall times when I was not aware of God’s presence near to me, but on reflection He was there carrying me in the form of a visitor, receiving a card with words of encouragement or a phone call or text - He was there with me! May I take this opportunity to thank my Trinity family for all the practical and prayerful support I received - it was amazing!

We are almost halfway through 2019 and to date this year has opened up a new chapter for me with restored health and early retirement and I thank God every day for His many blessings and although at times our struggles may be great, God’s blessings will always be greater.

I thank God that I am able to walk with confidence knowing that I have a wonderful Saviour who loves me unconditionally and I pray that in each of our walks with God that we will keep our focus on Him and be responsive to his calling and the plans that he has for us.

Yours in Christ

Eileen Callaghan

**"Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer"**

Jesus draw me ever nearer  
As I labour through the storm  
You have called me to this passage,  
and I'll follow, though I'm worn.

May this journey bring a blessing,  
May I rise on wings of faith;  
And at the end of my heart's testing,  
With Your likeness let me wake.

Jesus guide me through the tempest;  
Keep my spirit staid and sure.  
When the midnight meets the morning,  
Let me love You even more.

Let the treasures of the trial  
Form within me as I go -  
And at the end of this long passage,  
Let me leave them at Your throne.

Keith and Kristyn Getty

**"If God's people do not think deeply and biblically, then the vacuum will be filled by those who do think deeply but think very differently".**

**Rev. Dr. Norman Hamilton**



### **United Appeal for Mission - INSPIRING!**

I have just returned from the General Assembly inspired by mission projects being supported by our contributions to United Appeal for Mission. As you know United Appeal supports Mission at home and overseas.

Through the Council for Global Mission we have 22 global mission personnel, working in ten countries, all of whom have a clear outreach focus to their work. The most recent missionaries being Chris and Rachel Humphries who have joined James and Heather Cochrane in Portugal. Global Mission also continues to invest resources in leadership training in countries where the church is growing. During 2019 the church committed to training scholarships in India, Kenya, Myanmar, Malawi, Nepal and Indonesia. Recently, Global Mission set up a Church Planting and Evangelism task group to look at church planting opportunities in Europe.

The Council for Mission in Ireland supports Home Mission, Irish Mission, deaconesses and projects like the International Meeting Point, South Belfast Friendship House and Nightlight. It supports the provision of a chaplaincy service in universities and colleges, the healthcare system, prison and the armed forces. The Council also seeks to sharpen the denomination's missional focus across Ireland. One recent development is the setting up of a Panel on Church Planting to develop a strategy to plant new churches in Ireland. It has already begun its work under the banner - 'New life, New People, New Places'.

On Tuesday evening of the Assembly, the Council for Congregational Life and Witness gave an excellent presentation of the materials it has developed for use in congregations. Much of the material has been compiled to help mission minded congregations engage with the world outside our gates.

Please pray for these, and many other, mission initiatives that they will be blessed by God and that He will build His kingdom at home and overseas. But in addition to prayer please plan to give to United Appeal for Mission.



The target for 2019 is £3,550,000, of which our share here in Trinity is £11,664. Please give generously so that we not only meet this target but go the 'extra mile' in our support for mission.

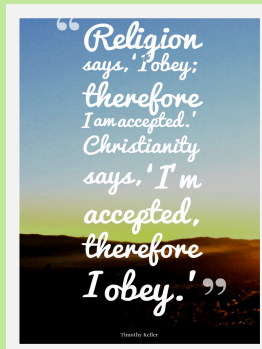
D Irvine

'On behalf of the Kirk Session and Committee, I would like to thank you for your financial contributions during 2018 to all congregational funds and also to mission. The renovation of the Manse is complete and the result is an outstanding success. This has been a financially challenging project and I commend it to you for your ongoing support. Thank you to those who manage the church finances and to the many people who continue to work hard in the congregation, serving in the various aspects of church life'.

**Summary of balances**

	2017	2018
	£	£
No 1 Account	33,774	38,493
Property	23,982	28,127
Manse Fund	50,427	57,224
Manse Loan		(113,693)
Sunday School	3,352	3,066
Missionary Account	43	1,697

Copies of the full financial statement is available in the church vestibule.  
Please make sure you have your copy.



## Announcements



### **MDF Summer Programme of Events**

**Monday 24th June Aldergrove Trip**

**Friday 28th June Castlerock Walk and coffee at Crusoes 7.00pm**

**Thursday 4th July Outdoor Bowling (The Warren) Men Only 7.00pm**

**Friday 26th July Portballintrae Walk at 7.00pm and BBQ afterwards**

**Friday 30th August Whiterocks Walk 6.45pm  
Tea and Coffee afterwards**

**Everyone is welcome to join our walks**

**JOIN US IN  
JULY 2019  
SAT 6- FRI 12**



Evening Celebrations - 7.30pm.....Jonty Allcock (Sat - Sun)

Malcolm Duncan (Mon - Fri)

Morning Bible Teaching - 11.00am.....Jonty Rhodes (Mon - Fri)

Praise..... Ian Hannah

**3 - 9 AUGUST 2019**

**NEW HORIZON**

Evening Celebration - 7.30pm.....Rosaria Butterfield (Sat, Mon & Tues)

Tim Chester (Wed - Fri)

Gilbert Lennox (Sunday)

Morning Bible Teaching - Mon 5th - Fri 9th at 10.00am - Gilbert Lennox

## **Announcements**



**HBC will take place on the week beginning Monday 19th August. Holiday Bible Club service on Sunday 25th August followed by a BBQ after the morning service.**



**Church family picnics following morning worship on Sunday 30th June and Sunday 4th August**



**Commences on Sunday 7th July to Friday 19th July**



**Epilogue services commence at 9.00pm on Sunday 23rd June to 25th August**

**In the main hall with tea and coffee available from 8.30pm**



**Home groups will meet again on Tuesday 1st October 2019 at 8.00pm and on the first Tuesday of each month**



**Why not join us for Bible study and prayer each Tuesday from 10th September at 8.00pm. You will be made most welcome**

## **Clutter by Maud Steele**

“Clear out the clutter in your life”

I heard the Holy Spirit say.

I pondered what it really meant,  
Yet knew that God must have His way.

So day by day I sought His face  
And asked Him to make clear to me  
The things He saw would have to go,  
My heart, my soul, my mind to free

And every now and then I'd feel,  
A nudge within my mind, and know  
I really don't need this or that,  
And in obedience they would go.

Now deeper in my soul He speaks  
Of actions, thoughts and words - a lot  
Of promised visits letters, jobs  
I should have done, but just forgot.

The times I've been impatient, Lord  
The sharp reply, the angry thought,  
The rush and fuss of daily life  
That left me all uptight and fraught.

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It seems to me my thoughts are full  
Of all the things I need to do.  
Is this the clutter, Father God,  
That clouds a clearer view of You?

I know I cannot hear your call  
“Come you apart and rest with Me”  
Until my mind is still and quiet  
From every anxious thought set free.

So, day by day, Lord keep my mind  
Stayed on things that really matter;  
Your love, Your care, Your will for me,  
Please help me to clear the clutter.

### Beehive Junior Youth Club 25 years

Under the leadership of Heather Marshall, the Beehive Junior Youth club celebrated 25 years at their annual service on Sunday 24th March. Some of the members took part in the service and supper was served afterwards.





Congratulations to Stephen Scott, who received his Doctorate in Music from Queens University, Belfast. Stephen is pictured here with his mother, Janet, on this proud occasion.

#### Church Register

***Baptisms - "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it"***

**24.03.19 Hannah and Erica Graham 24 Killymaddy Road**

**26.05.19 Harriet Richmond 111 Knock Road**

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

**26.12.18 Mr. Dessie McAlonan 1 Boyland Road**

**01.02.19 Mr. Noel Laverty 20 Parkview**

**14.02.19 Mr. James McComb 12 Landhead Road**

**21.02.19 Mrs. Millie Cameron Court Nursing Home**

**PRAY FOR .....**

**July**

*Children, young people and families on holiday who are involved with our congregation. That they would know safety whilst away and would come back refreshed and ready to serve. For Summer camps and outreach teams as they go to serve in different places and in different ways. Those involved with PCI, CSSM, CEF, Faith Mission. Those in leadership in the church as they holiday and those on Kirk Session and Committee.*

**August**

*Our young people, this month, as exam results are received. Their efforts will be blessed as they seek the results they would like. Also that they would understand that God is with them at all times even when they may be disappointed by results.*

*Primary school children as they transfer to secondary school and the demands this makes in terms of transition and finding good friends.*

**September**

*Our minister, Rev David Irvine, as he takes up the work as a new Church year begins. Give thanks for his insight and direction. His meticulous planning of the years programme and his attention to the Word of God.*

*Sunday School and Bible Class as they meet again. The Boys Brigade, Beehive, Youth Club, Buddies and Bundles, PW, MDF, Bowling Club, Ladies Bible Study, and Time to sow. That all our organisations may be Christ centred.*

**October**

*Our Pastoral Care team as it seeks to visit, cater, transport and pray for those individuals who face health, family, financial, mental and relationship problems.*

*That those involved in Pastoral Care would know a care and concern for others that comes from God alone.*

*Our eldership as they visit their districts prior to harvest and the encouragement of new families coming to the area.*

**November**

*For our staff as they work to make the church a warm and welcoming outreach. Nora in the office, Rodney as he takes care of the property, Kathryn as she leads the worship in music and song, together with the choir.*

*Give thanks for the opportunities afforded to the congregation to witness. For planned community events to reach people for God. Those who have gone from our church to serve full time.*

**December**

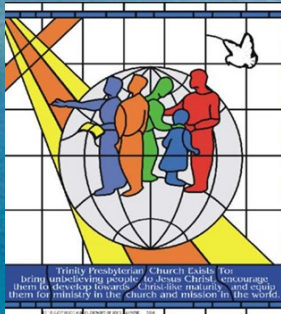
*For our choir and praise group led by Kathryn as they bring the Christmas message in music and song. For special events planned by organisations in the church. For the Carol Service, the Christmas morning service and the Watch night service as the message is brought by Rev. Irvine. For the Irvine family at this Christmas time as they enjoy family time together. That we may remember the reason for all our celebrations at this time.*



Faith is to believe  
what we do not see,  
and the reward of this  
faith is to see what we  
believe.

Augustine

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**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.**