

## Mission Statement

Our Aim is:

To bring people to know Jesus,

To be a welcoming, caring, Christian fellowship,

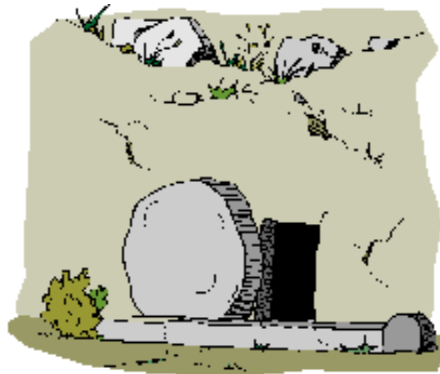
To develop people to Christlike maturity,

To equip people for ministry in the Church

and outreach to others,

To glorify God

## HE IS RISEN

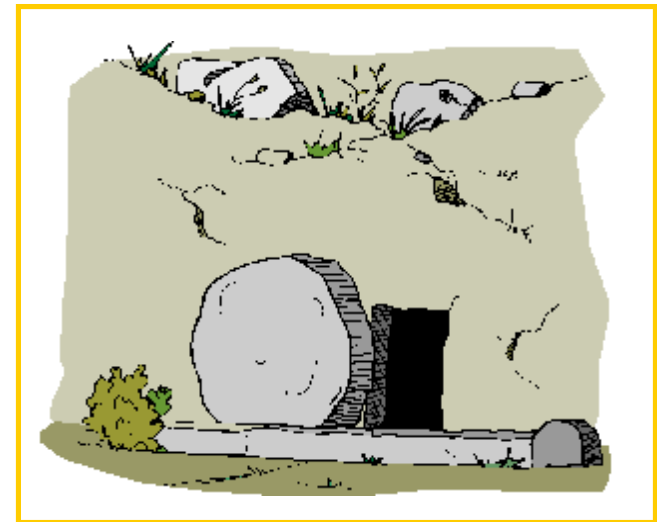


### September Newsletter

Articles for the September Newsletter should be with me on or before 22nd August, 2010.

*Iris Clarke*

# CLOGHERNEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## EASTER NEWSLETTER 2010

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### *Easter Letter*

*It's that time of year when the days get longer, the temperatures rise and things start growing again after the winter months. I don't mind the winter myself but I do like heat more than cold and bright sunshine more than overcast days and while not much of a gardener it's great to see things begin to bud and blossom in the garden. The bright sun reveals the beauty of the countryside and brings a smile to my face. It may be that spiritually some of us have experienced a period of winter where our love for Christ has cooled or our enthusiasm has waned and our spiritual growth has almost come to a halt. Perhaps we've even gone into a sort of spiritual hibernation due to disappointments and discouragements of one sort or another, perhaps we are like the disciples on that 1<sup>st</sup> Easter - downcast and meeting in fear. Then it all changed when they heard the 1<sup>st</sup> reports that the tomb was empty. Upon further investigation and confirmation of this the words of Jesus may have begun to ring in their minds and then they saw him. Jesus was alive. It wasn't a ghost. He had real flesh and he could eat breakfast with them, though he could also suddenly appear and disappear.*

*Peter however was still somewhat ill at ease with himself. After all, hadn't he denied Jesus and 3 times at that? So much for all his bravado and bold claim that he would die for Jesus. Yet this same but now resurrected Jesus came to him after breakfast [John 21:15f] and asked, 'Peter, do you love me?' 'Well yes Lord. You know I like you.' 'Well feed my lambs.' Jesus asks the question again. 'Do you love me?' Each time he has used that Greek word for love which means all out – sacrificial love and each time Peter has replied with a different Greek word which means the love of a friend which is the best love apart from the love that comes from the new birth – 60% love. [our English versions hide the difference in using the word love for both] On the 3<sup>rd</sup> occasion Jesus comes down to Peter's level and as James Montgomery Boice suggests that Jesus is asking, " 'Simon son of Jonah, do you love me with a 60% love? This is as much as to say, 'All right Peter, I know you are incapable of the kind of love I have for you and that you are right in affirming only what you are able to do. But do you really love me even to this level? Do you really love me with a 60% love? Peter, who again has no confidence in his own ability even to see into his own heart, replies, Lord you know all things; you know that I love you.' When Jesus then goes on to give his command, 'Then feed my sheep,' it is as much*

## Presbyterian Women

At our January meeting we listened very intently and with great interest to Mrs Avril Patterson explain the causes of 'Hear Failure' along with the ways to prevent it. We were delighted to have Naomi Keefe speak to our congregation on 10<sup>th</sup> January and tell us about her life and work with the Rubbish Tip Children and their families. She asked us to pray for the workers and the volunteers of Christian Centre of Help to the Family (CCHF) in Recife, NE Brazil, to be given wisdom, guidance and safety to share the wonderful news of Jesus with them. Miss Audrey Hodge, at our meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February spoke about the aim of the PW, was to become Disciples of Christ, keeping the Faith and equipping us for the task of serving the Lord. At our PW service on the 7<sup>th</sup> March Miss Elizabeth Matthews spoke about her work as a deaconess at Lurgan & Craigavon Area Hospital. She explained how she tries to comfort patients and to show lost souls to Jesus Christ. PW members who took part in the tear Fund Quiz on 12th March spent a very enjoyable evening. We look forward to hearing Mr Bobby Charlton speak about Operation Rescue at our next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April. The "Road Show" in Dromore Presbyterian Church Hall took place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Clogherney MU has extended an invitation to the PW on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 8:00 pm to hear Mrs Geraldine Beattie. Then to Sixmilecross PW's Coffee Evening on 30<sup>th</sup> March to hear Mrs Janice Logan at 8:00 pm, and to Ardstraw PW on the 29th April at 8:00 pm to hear Miss Maud Kells speaking of her work in Mulita, Africa. The Annual PW meeting is on 6<sup>th</sup> May in the Assembly Hall, at Church House, Belfast at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Speaker is Helen Kennedy. Finally we would encourage the ladies of the Congregation to join with us on our trip to Enniskillen on 8<sup>th</sup> May. It includes, shopping time, boat trip to Devenish Island and finishing off at Greenmount Lodge for a Buffet Meal. For further details please contact Hester Reid or Barbara McDowell. Everyone is welcome.

*Barbara McDowell*

## Youth Club

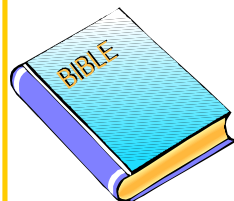
The church youth club recently completed the annual TEARFUND quiz on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010. The McKinney Hall was filled to capacity and sixteen teams participated in the quiz. A very good number indeed. This year Tom Reid took the role of quiz master and did a wonderful job. The quiz was composed of ten rounds each of ten questions, with the subject matter including bible; history; geography; general knowledge; sport; picture round, and the ever popular 'dingbats challenge'. The final results could not have been closer with just one point separating both first, second and third places. The winning team were the 'Educated Guessers' (85pts), second were the 'Termon Tornadoes' (84pts) and third were 'Academic Selection' (83pts). The most original team name prize was claimed by 'The Smart People and Richard'. £481 was raised both by table fees and additional donations. The current youth club season will close with the Annual Stay Awake which is taking place on Friday through to Saturday on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010. We anticipate that a good number of our youth shall be in attendance and the usual games programmes will include the indoor soccer league challenge as well as other games competitions. Subscriptions for this year's stay awake will be donated to 'The Bible Society'. The annual 'Barbeque Fun Cycle' will take place towards the end of June. A special thanks must be given to all the youth leaders and assistants for their time and effort and guidance throughout the year. The new Youth Club season will commence in October 2010 and runs each Friday until the end of March 2010. We would encourage all our church youth to come along to enjoy the games and friendship. The youth club is open for those of secondary school age. Please contact any of the youth leaders for any further details.

*Philip Beckett*

## Christmas Family Fun Night.

The family night was held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Unfortunately the weather reduced the numbers attending on this occasion. However it was a great night of fun, food and fellowship and thoroughly enjoyed by

*Tom Reid*



*to say, 'All right Peter, I'll work with that, because I'm able to bring that limited love up to the height I desire, the height at which I ordained you to function.' "*

*And so Jesus tenderly restores Peter and assigns him a job. So he begins to blossom and we see this further in his great sermon at Pentecost a few weeks later. So just as the sun brings warmth and growth as it rises in the sky, we must seek our spiritual warmth and growth by looking up to Jesus, our Risen, Glorious, Loving, Patient, Tender Saviour. We must spend time in his presence – alone and with his people that we might be restored and revived and set to work. May the risen Saviour meet with, encourage, strengthen and restore you, even as you breakfast this Easter.*

*Your servant in Christ*

**Alastair Gordon**  
*Convenor*



## History of Clogherney

I am presently compiling a history of Clogherney Presbyterian Church and am trying to source some information. Of particular interest are personal reminiscences of past events in the life of Clogherney and the area. As well, any group photographs e.g. B.B., Choir, Sunday School outings etc. (preferably if people are identified by name) would be greatly appreciated. Any material could be given to Mr Tom Reid or sent to me directly. Many thanks.

John W Lockington

## Special Services and Events

### March

Sunday 28th 7.00 pm: A board of mission in Ireland evening in Fintona Presbyterian Church

### April

Friday 2nd. 8.00 pm: Good Friday service

Sunday 4th 6.30 am: Easter Dawn service at Knockmany

Sunday 18th 7.30 pm: Johnston Memorial Hall service

Friday 30th 8.00 pm: Pre Communion Service

### May

Sunday 2nd 12 noon: Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

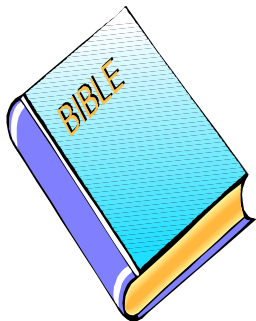
### June

Sunday 20th 12 noon: Children's day services

7.30 pm:

### July

Monday 5th - 9th July Holiday Bible Club  
(Time to be announced)



## Welcoming

Each Sunday at least two people have been available in the vestibule to welcome folk to Church. They are on duty each week on a monthly basis as a 'Welcoming Team'.

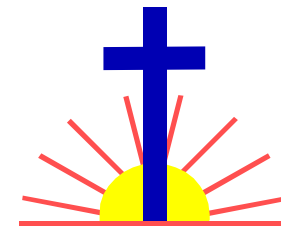
If you are willing to share in this important part of our congregation's life please get in touch with to Robert Clarke.

Csaba and Ilona Veres with daughters Jasmin and Carissa.

## Summer Team to Romania

We now have our team of nine volunteers to help Csaba and Ilona with a Youth Camp running in July. The flights are booked and planning and team building have begun in preparation. As a team we are making use of the Training Days that Church House have organised and these are proving to be beneficial in the practical aspects and spiritual preparation needed before we go. Fund raising will soon be starting and we look forward to the important practical support of the congregation so keep free 7th May for a Treasure Hunt and BBQ. We are partners together in God's plan for us as a caring fellowship of believers. Give thanks that we have a team willing to give of their time and talents to serve God this summer.

*Kenny Clements*



## Vacancy Convener

The Omagh Presbytery have appointed Rev Alistair Gordon as Convener of the Vacancy with effect from 1st February 2010.

Tel. 028 8284 1209.

Email: [agordon@presbyterianireland.org](mailto:agordon@presbyterianireland.org)

## Holiday Bible Club

The Holiday Bible Club is planned for Monday 5th to Friday 9th July. The programme will include stories, songs, memory verses, craft, quizzes, juice and biscuits. If you are of Primary School age we hope you will come along and invite your friends too. This year we are considering the possibility of running the club from 10:00 am to 12 noon instead of the usual evening time of 7 –8:30 pm but this depends on the availability of sufficient leaders. If you are 16 or over and are keen and able to help in the mornings please speak to either Lynda McClure (Tel 807 57133 or Hazel Clements (Tel. 8556868) as soon as possible

*Hazel Clements*



## Child Protection

.Due to Child Protection issues, parents are reminded that the crèche is for pre-school children only and Junior Church is for those in P5 and under only. It is important that we adhere to the guidelines in this regard. If those taking either of these decide to have their own children with them as 'helpers' they must be supervised at all times and cannot be left alone with the children. If these helpers are under 18 they cannot count as an adult.

## Sunday School News

After a severe winter it is good to see the bright sunshine again to lift our spirits. We in the Sunday School continue to teach our children and young people the good news of the truths of the gospel and as we come to the climax of the year we would ask parents for a full attendance each Sunday. As usual our final term is packed so keep an eye on the announcement sheet as the term progresses. First of all on communion Sunday in May there is no Sunday School (you are encouraged to attend the communion service or join with junior church). Then the yearly tests on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May, your teacher will give you lessons to learn during the coming weeks. After that to save parents time we like to have full attendances to practise for Children's Day. Children's Day this year is on the Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June. As last year's fun day was such a success we shall we are repeating it but as details have not been finalised yet you are asked to watch out for information in the announcement sheet .

*Ian McDowell*

## Collectors

We are grateful to those who share in our worship by taking up the offering. If you would like to assist in this and be included in the rota please contact Johnston Mulligan.



## Youth Fellowship

Since Christmas the youth fellowship have continued to meet together each Sunday evening. As well as enjoying fellowship together we have been studying The sermon on the mount, prayer and making the most of our quiet time.

At the start of March we spent an enjoyable evening in Fintona with other young people from the Omagh Presbytery. We left challenged and uplifted and look forward to more similar events.

The Tearfund carwash also took place in March. We want to thank all who helped, bringing their cars, making teas etc. and to thank the young people and not so very young who did the washing. **Thanks.**

The Youth fellowship will continue to meet until May anyone who 11-18 is welcome to join us on Sundays 7.30-9:30 pm in the Hutton room.

*Lynda McClure*



## Craft Club

The Craft Club have been busy since January making patchwork cushions with appliquéd cats and flowers and everyone was very pleased with what they had achieved. In March we made cards suitable for wedding occasions and in April we are looking forward to flower arranging. This finishes the craft club for the season and we will start again in October with a new programme.

*Margaret White*

## Prayer Triplets

In the life of our congregation we face many major decisions in the months that lie ahead. At present a number of people meet weekly or fortnightly in groups of 2, 3, or 4 for a short time to pray for the work in Clogherney and our missionaries abroad. They meet at times which suit them and are provided with suggestions for prayer. It would be so encouraging if more people could join us. Could you get together with a friend/s or neighbour/s to set up another triplet and meet for 15-30 mins at some stage throughout the day? Alternately there are a few groups of 2 that meet perhaps you would like to join one of them. Maybe you feel you could commit some individual time each week and would like the guidelines of the prayer suggestions to help you. Please don't be put of thinking you need to be some kind of an expert in prayer to do this if that was the case none of us could do it. Prayer is simply talking to God our heavenly Father, it is such a privilege. Please speak to Margaret Todd and let her know if you are interested in being involved in this essential ministry in the church.

*Margaret Todd*



## Missionary Notice Board

The Missionary Notice board in the link between the Church and the Hutton Room gives information about Naomi Keefe in Brazil, Csaba and Ilona Veres in Romania and Stephen and Lesley-Ann Lockington in Mullingar and Corboy. Emails and prayer letters are posted on the board to help us keep up with developments. Even if you don't normally use the link why not take a look from time to time and continue to pray for our friends in their work for the Lord.