

SOUTH IRISH DISTRICT

Mervyn & Rachel Tomb in the Irish Midlands recommence their clubs and assemblies, with obvious appreciation from teachers regarding the assembly input. They plan their youth weekend 17-19 February in **Athy**, and booking forms are now available.

Midlands Centre Progress

The plasterers have finished the ceilings of the dining room and kitchen. During favourable weather, they hope to finish plastering the exterior. Most of the drains are now in place, which permits the electrical supply cables and water supply pipes to be laid. Plumbers and electricians are to return soon to complete much of their work.

Johnathan & Janet Slater, with their children Paul, Ryan and Shannon, move from York to Bandon on Wednesday 11 January. Pray that they will know the Lord's help and blessing as they settle into their new work in **West Cork**.

We thank the Lord for the opportunities to share the Gospel in Carol services in **Luggacurren & West Cork** before Christmas. Around 50 local unsaved attended between the two services. We look forward to re-commencing the outreach meeting in **Naas** on Wednesday 25 January after a break of over a year. Rev Mervyn Carter joins us 24-26 February for our Prayer & Fellowship weekend.

Future Events

Ladies CAMEO - Wed 18 January

Day of Fellowship, Carhue Centre, Bandon.

Saturday 21 January 10.30am – 4.00pm.

Speaker: Miss E Conn. *Please book for lunch.*

'Time Out' Tues 24 January

Gurteen Rally, Thurs 16 February,

Pastor Erich Fisher

Prayer and Fellowship Weekend 24-26 February

Speaker: Rev Mervyn Carter

Mountrath Rally Sunday 26 February:

Rev M Carter

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY

Opening and Dedication for the new Durrow Centre is planned for *Saturday 16 June 2012*.

David Bennett

IRISH BORDER DISTRICT

Co. Cavan & Co Monaghan

Ronnie & Carey Killops recommence their children's clubs in mid-January and look forward to monthly meetings in **Carnalynch** and **Lissarley** on Sunday 29. Ronnie is also visiting all of the Prayer Unions in Monaghan and Cavan from January to March. The family mentioned last month have now begun to attend church regularly and are showing a deep interest in spiritual things.

Jenny Kirkpatrick and Ruth Lavery along with help from Ronnie Killops and Jordan Lichfield occasionally, are running the "Kids Club" each Monday afternoon in the Portadown Centre.

The first of the Mahon Coffee Mornings (4 Jan) was a real blessing as Yvonne Bennett brought a message on "facing the giants". Jenny and Ruth lead these over the next few months. The Gibson's Hill coffee mornings continue on the 1st Thurs of each month and Ruth Martin shares in the leadership of these.

Andrew McCullough, Ian Booth and I are visiting all the Prayer Unions in Co Armagh and sharing in the conferences.

Future Events:

Keady Rally, Thurs 12, Rev Caldwell Darragh

Derryanville Rally, Sat 28, Rev Tom Shaw

Portadown Rally, Wed 1 Feb, Rev Mervyn Carter

Acton Rally, Mon 6 Feb, Rev Jim Lyons

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Dear Praying Friends

Serving the Lord and spreading His gospel is a privilege and we are perhaps more aware than ever of the need to be "co-workers" and "workers together". The prayer backing and faithful support of so many is just such a vital part of building Christ's church. May the Lord give fresh inspiration and burden as we launch into this New Year.

We welcome Johnathan and Janet Slater and their three children as they take up the work in **West Cork** this month. May the Lord enable them to get to grips quickly with the task in hand. William and Carolyn Harrison are still waiting for more information re the availability of a suitable "care package" for Kyle. Pray especially for this situation and indeed for them as a family at this time.

CENTRAL IRISH DISTRICT

Trevor and Yvonne Bennett have been very grateful for the help of Alfie Snoddy in their visitation with CDs and literature. This month, they are in the **Ballynahinch** and **Tyrella** areas. Some pastoral visitation recently has brought real encouragement, particularly to elderly supporters. The two weekly children's clubs also continue.

Andrew McCullough will be joined by Ian Booth to conduct a mission in **Glenavy** from 19 February to 4 March. Andrew and I have a full programme of Prayer Union visitation and other meetings right through until Easter.

Ladies' Ministry:

Over the past few months, Sandra Matthews has had some wonderful opportunities to share the Gospel with ladies in the "Patchwork Quilt" evenings. These events have also been a great blessing to Christian ladies and there have been many hours of counselling and help given. These events continue with an average of two per week over the next few months in a variety of denominations.

Future Events:

Moira Conf Fri 13 Jan, Rev Eric Lewis
Straid Conf Thurs 19 Jan, Rev Jim Lyons
Kilkeel Conf Thurs 26Jan, Rev Tom Shaw
Kinallen Conf Fri 27 Jan, Rev Tom Shaw
Fellowship Meal Sat 28 Jan, Daniel Howson
Glenavy Rally Sat 11 Feb, Pastor Val English

Trevor Matthews

NORTH WEST IRISH DISTRICT

Twenty five attended the Ladies Christmas Coffee Morning in our home in **Ballykelly**, at which Sandra Matthews shared. It was a very encouraging and worthwhile event. We have our New year Rallies in **Mabuoy** (Tues 10) **Coleraine** (Thurs 12) and **Cullyvenny** (Fri 13) and are looking forward to the ministry of William Harrison. I have the Rainbow Bible Club in **Fahan** Presbyterian Church on 16, 23 and 30 January. Alison is preparing the Junior section in Boys Brigade for their company quiz at the end of January. With 2012 being the centenary of the sinking of the Titanic, it has given some extra opportunities to give my presentation on this subject. We look forward to William Brown (UFM) speaking at **Milford Rally** on Friday 27 January.

Garry Tutty

ULSTER BOOKSHOPS

We praise the Lord for a wonderfully busy Christmas in all the shops. We are humbled by this and especially thankful in these difficult days. We are particularly encouraged by the large number of Bibles which were purchased. As we rejoice in the goodness of God, let us also pray that gospel light will penetrate the darkness that pervades the human heart and bring salvation to many who read the Word of God. Your prayers and support are much appreciated. May this new year bring New Life to many in our nation.

John Matthews

NORTH IRISH DISTRICT

Much has happened since our last Prayer Focus. Eighteen neighbours attended "**Carols at No 3**" in our home on Monday 12 December including two new folk. There was a lovely sense of God's presence as Jonny Lennox sang and shared God's Word.

Despite an extremely stormy day we were thrilled to have nine children attend our first **Children's Club** in the Glens of Antrim (Carnlough) on Tuesday 13 December. A team of eight visited homes in the Glens on Saturday 7; we had some particularly good conversations with people contacted previously.

We had some good times of prayer during the week in **Kilcronaghan Mission Hall**; it was encouraging to have a number of "The Anchor" young people along. This is the venue for "**The Anchor**" mission 27 February-4 March. Preparations are ongoing.

Ian Booth assists in the Irish Border District and joins Andrew McCullough for a mission in the Central District.

OTHER EVENTS:

Laymore Ladies' Coffee morning
Wed 11 Jan Michael Saunderson

"The Anchor"
Sat 14 Jan
Speaker: David Legge



Castledawson Rally
Sat 21 Jan Rev Caldwell Darragh

Ballynafie Rally Rejoining
Mon 30 Jan Speaker: George Conn

Tullygarley Rally Rejoining
Tues 14 Feb Speaker: Alan Bartley

Kylestown Rally Rejoining
Thurs 16 Feb Speaker: Trevor Bennett

Fellowship Meal Friday 24 Feb
Wellington Presbyterian Church
Epilogue: Dick Keogh

Leslie Brush

WEST IRISH DISTRICT

Cherith Anderson and Heather Wilson had a good coffee morning in their home recently and trust this will pave the way for other such events in the **West Fermanagh** area. The 'Christmas Special' in **Der-rygonnelly** was also a good meeting and it was lovely to meet with some who attended the mission there one and a half years ago. However, some whom we expected to attend did not turn up. We now look forward to the next special event in the same general area, which is a "Harry Ferguson" theme night in **Garrison** on Wednesday 11 January. Heather and Cherith have been working towards this since returning after the Christmas break. On Monday 16, they return to the Bible College for their second block release.

Jenny Kilpatrick has gained access into two new schools in **Ballygawley** and **Dungannon** for the Bible Explorer lessons this month. As well as the three Discovery Clubs in which she is already involved, a new venture is to commence another Discovery Club on 18 January at the primary school in **Caledon**. Jenny is glad of other opportunities to share in ladies meetings, etc.

Christmas specials in **Curglassan** and **Killycurragh** were excellent, with new local unsaved attending both and a real sense of God's Presence.

Future Rallies:

Omagh, 13 January Rev Billy Park
Ballynakelly, 10 February Mr Jonathan Burke
Aughnacloy, 11 February Rev Jim Lyons

George Conn

BANGOR CONVENTION 6-10 April 2012

Speakers:

David Legge, Portadown
Paul Mallard, Birmingham
Victor Maxwell, Lisburn
John Shearer, Edinburgh

Brochures are now available and we ask you to promote this event as widely as possible and continually pray for outpoured blessing.