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On the road

With the Irish President

Since becoming President of Christian Endeavour I have had a few responsibilities which have allowed me to get used to my new role.

It was great to see a good number on the CE Zoom prayer meeting and was humbling to hear people praying for me as President - prayers are always appreciated.

Next on the agenda was the Executive meeting and we agreed to mix some pleasure with business when we enjoyed breakfast at Mill Farm before conducting our business at Drumlough Church Hall which was kindly made available to us.

It is great that we, as Executive, all get along so well and have the common goal of serving Jesus in CE.

The next day Hilda and I were off to Coleraine to enjoy a lovely meal and fellowship, on the Sunday evening, at the Lodge Hotel at the Autumn Break. It was a lovely afternoon for the drive up and I was looking forward to 2 milkings off! Well done to Olive and her helpers for organising everything and I enjoyed sharing some of my life story as part of the evening programme. Those people there now know a bit more about me....and I know a few more CE faces and names!

I was looking forward to two Christmas events to continue to help me get settled into my role but unfortunately had to pull out with the sudden illness and death of my stepmother. Thanks to the CE family for their support in prayers, texts and cards during that time, all was much appreciated.

Christmas and New Year messages, thanks to modern technology, were enjoyable to do and hopefully were an encouragement to folks so now we look into 2026, seeking the Lord's guidance on all we do so that we will bear much fruit for His Kingdom in the coming year.

Every Blessing,
Philip.

CE AND ME

Miss Dorothy Jervis was President of the Enniskillen and District CE Union 1984-1985. Dorothy was one of the speakers at the CE Autumn Break, in November 2022, in Enniskillen where it was treat to hear her give an illustrated talk about her secluded and peaceful garden, at Sea View in Mountcharles, which is a plant-lover's paradise where modern varieties of shrubs and herbaceous plants rub shoulders with old favourites set against the stunning views of Donegal Bay. She opens her garden, in season, for the benefit of Fields of Life well-drilling project, Uganda.

Recently we asked her to tell us a little about her involvement in CE and what this has meant to her. We are deeply grateful for all her help and extend our very sincere thanks.

As I look back over my lifetime it winds its way more like a river rather than a straight road! Definitely more like a twisted country road rather than a motorway! Shaped by the gentle leading of the Hand of God and I am grateful for the many twists and turns and ups and downs, the circumstances, experiences and people God has used to lead me to know Him and to draw me closer to Him and deeper in my Christian faith. The strongest influences on my early life were, without question, those of my Christian parents and the humble home in which I grew up and their obvious daily dependence upon God. There are two memory pictures from my childhood that illustrate that. One is of my mother silently bowing her head in thanks before eating a bowl of porridge for her supper. The other is of entering my parents' bedroom and finding my father kneeling beside the bed in prayer before going to the cattle fair. Another lasting memory is that when it was time for us children to get ready for bed at night, my grandmother would ask one of us to "hand me over The Book". We knew exactly which book she meant and she would read a passage of scripture before we were sent to bed!

More than that, we were taught, at an early age, the simple Gospel message summed up in the words of John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have Everlasting Life". As a child of 10 years, in simple childlike faith, I invited Jesus into my heart and life. That was just the start of the journey!

In South-west Donegal, I grew up in a mainly Roman Catholic community and most folk back then went to church on Sunday and we attended the local Church of Ireland church and went to Sunday school there, where we learned portions of scripture, hymns and prayers "by heart". This system of teaching may be frowned

upon today but much of it has stayed with me and is a joy to recall. In those days children were to “be seen, not heard” so we kept quiet in Church! Our family had close links with the local Methodist Church and often attended the services there, which were in the afternoon. The Methodist minister would have been a welcome visitor in our home.

In 1969 the Rev. Arthur Parker and his wife, Sadie, arrived as the new minister on the local Methodist Circuit. They immediately set about getting a Junior CE and a Young Peoples 'CE started on the Circuit and I was invited to join! Not only were we taught the importance of a personal Faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord but were also challenged to learn to serve Him as part of His Church. We were expected to be involved in some way in each CE meeting. Learning to pray in public; read the scripture in public; lead a meeting and prepare what was called “the Topic” was a whole new experience for me! (the Topic involved studying a subject or portion of scripture and commenting on it in front of the group, which often included the minister!) Daunting indeed and demanded thorough preparation! We also learned how to conduct a committee meeting, record notes, act as secretary etc. And the less prominent jobs of preparing the room, putting out the chairs and making the tea were all part of the training!

These were all valuable lessons and stood me in good stead throughout my life in many different roles, both in church and in community life. From being involved in our local CE Society, I eventually became involved on the Committee of the Enniskillen and District CE Union and had the privilege of being President of that Union in 1984, when I travelled regularly across “The Border” to visit all the Societies of the District scattered across Tyrone and Fermanagh. Those were days of learning to prove God’s protection and provision. Great friendships were formed, some of which remain to this day.

Decades have now passed since my involvement in Christian Endeavour but I remain grateful for its influence in my life. In these days of shortage of full time ministers in our Churches, perhaps Church leadership needs to take a fresh look at how it is disciplining and teaching its young people to Serve Christ and His Church?

Dorothy Jervis.

ST. MARK'S SENIORS HOST CHALLENGING MISSIONARY RALLY

On Thursday 2nd October, St Mark's, Portadown, Senior Society hosted an Armagh and South Tyrone Union Missionary Rally in the Fergus Hall.

Our General Secretary, Mrs Rosemary McDaniel opened in prayer. Hilary played and Ruth Agnew led the meeting.

We had 30 people present and it was good that 1st Portadown Senior CE joined us with Mrs Anne Clayton taking part and reading the scripture lesson.

Laura Farrell from, "Stand By Me" gave a most interesting, informative and challenging talk on its work. It was most effective. The love she has for the charity clearly showed in her delivery of the PowerPoint presentation.

As usual the ladies had a great tea and everyone stayed for the fellowship afterwards.



AN EVENING IN THE SHOES OF THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Abigail, from Garvaghy CE, has written this inspirational and thought provoking article telling us what life can be like for persecuted Christians. We warmly thank her and surely this is a challenge for all of us to prayerfully remember our brothers and sisters in Christ who worship in secret every day.

On Tuesday 16th December, Garvaghy Church Road CE took part in a thought provoking experience which brought the reality of the Persecuted Church to life.

We arrived at the church at 6:45pm, where we were asked to leave our phones behind. Blindfolded, we were driven to a secret location, immediately setting the scene for what was to come. When the blindfolds were removed, we found ourselves in a dark room, lit only by the faint glow of a single candle.

Philip explained that we were to imagine ourselves as Christians living in a persecuted country, where meeting openly to share the gospel was dangerous and forbidden. He opened the evening in prayer, and we then took turns reading passages from the Bible, using a torch so as not to attract attention.

Part way through our meeting, Brother Stephen arrived carrying a shoebox from the Shoebox Appeal. He shared how much joy these boxes bring to children around the world, reminding us of the impact even small acts of generosity can have in difficult circumstances.



As we continued reading Scripture, the atmosphere suddenly changed. Masked intruders burst into the room and began interrogating us, demanding to know why we were meeting in secret. We soon learned that Brother Stephen had betrayed our location in return for money. Despite the tension, Philip courageously shared the good news of Jesus with our interrogators.

With that, our journey into the persecuted land came to an end.

The evening gave us a powerful opportunity to reflect on how fortunate we are to freely meet in places like Christian Endeavour, to read the Bible openly, and to fellowship with other believers without fear. It reminded us not to take this freedom for granted and to continue praying for Christians around the world who do not share the same privilege.

We ended this memorable and meaningful evening together in prayer, grateful for our freedom and mindful of our brothers and sisters in Christ who worship in secret every day.



GEORGE CAMPBELL

George Campbell was born in July 1934 in Paisley, Scotland. He attended Hope Hall Evangelical Church with his parents and sister Irene, and became involved in Christian Endeavour from a young age. After leaving school George began working in a printing company, following 2 years of National



Service with the British Army. George sensed a calling from the Lord to enter full time Christian service so he enrolled at the Bible Training Institute in Glasgow. After finishing his qualification, he was called to mission work in Africa and appointed Scottish Secretary of the Africa Evangelical Fellowship. Following a few years working with this mission George was successful in his application to become Organising Secretary of Scottish Christian Endeavour, a post which he held for 11 years. During these years, George organised yearly Scottish Conventions and led Young Peoples' camps.

George had a great love for choral music. His father had been a choir master so singing had been part of his childhood. During his time in office in Scotland he formed a choir consisting of Endeavourers from many different churches in central Scotland. In 1978, it became known as the Scottish Endeavour Singers, producing several recordings of their music. The choir toured throughout the UK and Ireland and in 1981 undertook a tour of the USA for the CE World Centenary.

George's first wife, Helen, died in 1982 and he later married Fay McKinley moving to take up the post of Organising Secretary for British CE Union in Leamington Spa, England in 1984. George also became a Vice President for

World CE and travelled extensively promoting the work to many parts of the globe, including the Marshall Islands and Western Samoa, encouraging them in their work for Christian Endeavour. He also organised World Conventions in the UK in 1982 and 1990. George worked collaboratively with CE in Germany and organised English speaking camps in Hungary for several years. After retirement, from his role in British Union, George and Fay returned to Scotland but his work of promoting CE throughout the world continued.



Following retirement they continued to serve in several churches in Ayrshire, including helping in Airlie Care Home owned by Ayr Baptist Church and lead Ayr Gospel Singers (with Fay on Piano), They both remained faithful in their service for Christ and the Church until the Lord called George home on 22nd September and Fay 3 days later. They both truly lived by the Christian Endeavour Pledge -Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength I promise that I will strive to do whatever he will have me do, I will pray and read the Bible every day and lead a Christian life.



LOUGHGALL ENDEAVOURERS CELEBRATE 75th ANNIVERSARY

On Friday 21st and Sunday 23rd November in Loughgall Presbyterian Church, we celebrated our CE's 75th anniversary. Celebrations began on Friday 21st with a social by Embrace held in our church hall. We had a good laugh at some of the photos up on the walls showing some of the people and activities that our CE has been involved in over the past 75 years. Lots of fun was had by all ages and even the lights going out couldn't stop our fun. They soon came back on, and we were able to cut and eat a delicious cake. One of the members of Embrace gave a talk in the middle about how we can have joy in life as a Christian.



We then held a special service in our Church on Sunday 23rd November where we, as C.E. members, took part. We led the praise, led the service, prayed and read from the Bible. We also recited some of the promises from God that we have learnt over the years from the Bible. This service helped us to show some of the skills we have learnt through going to CE.

Although the weekend went by really fast, we know it didn't just happen, but that a lot of work went on for many months in the background to organise everything. We would like to thank the leaders for all their work over the past months and years. Without them it would not be possible for the CE in our Church to have kept going these many years. Thank you.



ARMAGH & SOUTH TYRONE HOLD BEAUTIFUL CAROL SERVICE IN FERGUS HALL

Around 30 people attended Armagh & South Tyrone Union's Carol Service on Thursday 4th December in Fergus Hall, Portadown.

A number of people took part and all enjoyed singing the well loved carols and listening to the familiar scripture readings, the poems and a duet.

We were delighted to have First Portadown Senior CE and equally have our Irish CE Union General Secretary, Mrs Rosemary McDaniel and her husband, Trevor join us.

Brian Agnew brought the closing message. His theme was, "How we are a very privileged people".

Brian's two points were:-

How we are privileged in our place in history and how we are privileged because of Jesus.

He spoke on the importance of having faith in Jesus.

As always after the meeting, the ladies provided a delightful tea which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone



ARMAGH & SOUTH TYRONE'S PRESIDENT

EMMA-JANE SPEAKS

When Emma-Jane Condy, President of the Armagh & South Tyrone CE Union 2025-26, was asked to tell us a little about herself, she kindly agreed and this is what she had to say. We are deeply grateful to Emma-Jane and extend our sincere thanks.



I was born on 7th January 1991 into a loving, Christian home. I have one sibling, Steven, who is currently in the Lord's work in America. As I grew up in the countryside between Dungannon and Ballygawley, I attended Lisfearthy Primary School and then moved on to Drumglass High School. I was always interested in business and the food industry, so after my secondary school years, I studied at Loughry Campus outside Cookstown. However, upon graduation, I felt the Lord calling me into working with children and a door opened for me. I was offered a position in Bush Primary School, where I have been now working for 16 years alongside completing my childcare qualifications. Sometimes I also feel as though I have a second job, helping my father on our family farm!

When I'm not in the classroom or counting the cattle, I enjoy spending time with family and friends through coffee catch-ups and going on little adventures. I also have my own make-up studio in which I enjoy beautifying my clients on a regular basis. I have had the privilege of growing up with a family who loves music. From a young age I have served the Lord by ministering in song in Northern Ireland and overseas in various Churches.

I grew up in Upper Clonaneese Presbyterian Church - a Church with CE at the core of its youth work. I attended Junior/Junior High, Young People's, and Young Adults' CE throughout my life. I took on the role of Young Adults' leader for numerous years and I have been a helper from the age of 16 and a leader from the age of 18 in Junior/Junior High. I felt the Lord calling me to take on the role of Leader in Charge for our Junior/Junior High CE, in which I have felt God's presence guiding me.

In 2025, I took on the presidential role for Armagh and South Tyrone Union, under the theme of "Living a Christ-Centred Life". To this day, I have still taken great joy and encouragement in visiting Local Unions and hearing how they are serving the children in their Churches. Throughout the whole year, I have been so thankful to God for His help and steadfast guidance. As it says in Colossians 1:10, serving through CE is only: "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.

NEW FACES AND A FULL PROGRAMME AT AUTUMN BREAK

The Irish CE Autumn Break, organised by Mrs Olive Rowe, was held from Sunday 16th - Tuesday 18th November 2025 in the Lodge Hotel, Coleraine and was blessed with beautiful weather.

After checking in and enjoying evening dinner we came together for the opening devotions.

Lovely little crosses, everyone bearing the name of one of the Fruits of the Spirit, were passed around as Olive played hymns; whenever she stopped, whoever had them, chose one and read out the name before placing it on a special prayer tree.



On behalf of Christian Endeavour, Olive welcomed us all back this year and said that it was nice to see some new faces as well and hoped that they would come back again next year.

A special welcome was extended to the Irish CE President, Mr Philip Meeke and his wife Hilda together with the Armagh & South Tyrone Union President, Emma-Jane Condy.

The programme consisted of an evening of song with singing and Bible readings with the hymns based on the readings. To start off the Call to Worship, Trevor McDaniel read Psalm 148 which would get us into the frame of mind that we were in God's presence, that God was here with us and that we are here to receive God's blessing this night.

The opening hymn, "All creatures of our God and King" was very appropriate. Other readers included Heather Dillon, Emma-Jane Condy, Beulah Whittendale, Mabel Henderson and June Allen.

In addition to the Call to Worship, Bible readings and hymns focused on, Adoration, Appeal, Confession, Confidence and Response.

Olive interviewed Philip who told us so much about his faith, family and farm. He spoke of his coming to faith and of getting actively involved in his Church. He knew that to grow as a Christian it is important to get involved in the Church; he was saved to serve.

In 1992 his Mum died from throat cancer but faith, family and friends got them through that.

Philip and Hilda were married in 1995. Hilda who was involved in Annaclone CE decided to restart Garvaghy CE but Philip took over after the birth of their son, Aaron, and has been involved there ever since. Sarah was born two years later.

In 2002 Action Cancer was advertising one of their big fundraising trips to go to the north of Sweden to sleigh from A to B, which he decided to do to mark his Mum's 10th anniversary. He always like to share with young people that being a Christian is an adventure.

In 2013 Philip donated a kidney to his very seriously ill Dad who has made a wonderful recovery.

Quoting Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" Philip said that this verse is a wonderful statement of faith which underlines his Presidential theme, "Jesus loves you".

It was a most interesting and informative talk and a blessing to all. Now we feel as if we had known the family circle for many years.

In thanking Philip, Olive remarked that we all have times of testing and times of rejoicing in our Christian walk but the important thing is knowing that we are witnessing for Jesus in the ordinary things of life. We don't realise what sowing these seeds will mean but the important thing is to serve God and be faithful. The younger generation of Christians do not seem to feel the need to serve; we need to pray about that. Douglas Rowe also extended a word of thanks.

Olive mentioned having leaflets and if we had any prayer requests, we could write these on the paper, hanging them on the tree in preparation for a time of prayer on Tuesday morning when the requests would be brought to God.

The group was divided into four smaller groups where we introduced ourselves and discussed our connections with CE. Emma-Jane treated us to a beautiful solo before Philip closed in prayer.

After breakfast on Monday, our devotions were conducted by Hazel Williamson and Mildred Sharkey. Mildred introduced the opening hymn, "I do not know what lies ahead", led in prayer and read Hebrews 11:1-6 & 21; and 1 Peter 1:3-9.

Hazel gave a detailed exposition of all the passages read, emphasising the pre-eminence of faith and trust.

The final hymn, “I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus” was most apt.

After Hazel closed in prayer, Olive thanked Mildred and her and reminded everyone that prayer requests would be used in the following morning’s devotions.

During the afternoon people went their several ways with some going into Coleraine town centre to explore, have lunch and enjoy retail therapy while others went a little further afield.

After dinner on Monday, Olive extended a warm welcomes to Mr Robert Colvin and his wife Frances and to Mr Ken McGall and his wife, Jean.

Robert is the Regional Co-ordinator, in N.Ireland of Mission Aviation Fellowship and Ken is the immediate past President of the Irish Christian Endeavour Union.

Following the singing of the opening hymn, “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry”, Ken led in prayer.

Robert outlined the origins of Mission Aviation Fellowship and, with the aid of a video, discussed its mission and vision.

MAF have 115 aircraft flying in more than 25 countries. They provide flights for 1,500 aid, development and mission organisations to enable them to transform lives sharing the good news of Jesus. Flights may be medical or they may be disaster responses.

Millions of people are isolated, living where there are no roads and little access to the outside world. MAF seek to bring both both physical and spiritual care and consequently hope for the future. Before Douglas Rowe closed in prayer he proposed a vote of thanks to Robert. A retiring offering raised a substantial amount for the work of MAF.

After breakfast, on Tuesday we cleared our rooms before going down to morning devotions led by Olive whose prayers of intercession included requests submitted throughout the Autumn Break.

Mrs Rosemary McDaniel gave an exposition of the first two chapters of the Book of Ezra, which describe the end of the Babylonian exile, after 70 years, and the initial return of the Jewish people to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple. Several times in these chapters we find the words, “God stirred the hearts” and God had stirred her heart to speak about them.

Rosemary put these two chapters into perspective by giving a useful historical background.

The Israelites were God’s chosen people but they had not always acted in a God fearing way but God always keeps His promises. How appropriate our opening hymn, “Standing on the promises” had been. God makes no mistakes when He calls people to work with Him. God was very much in control supplying everything that they would need. Do we trust God to supply our daily need knowing that He can do over and above all our expectations?

Not all the exiles returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple but they were not forgotten; God had other tasks for them. Many of us could be aligned with the latter group being no longer in a position to serve overseas as missionaries but we can provide practical and financial support, write or email them, speak about their organisation, get friends involved, maybe get involved in something like the shoebox appeal and so much more.

Rosemary told a story of how, in extremely difficult circumstances, God provided all that was needed at just the right time for Helen Roseveare in Africa. We need to pray for guidance as how He can use us. Olive returned thanks to Rosemary before accompanying the singing of some favourite hymns.

Mabel Henderson returned much deserved thanks to Olive and Rosemary for all that they had done to make the whole event so successful. Thanks are also due to Rosemary’s husband, Trevor for his kindness in providing lifts to and the railway station.



JEFFREY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SPEAKING AT CONVENTION

The 111th Irish National Christian Endeavour Convention will be held on Saturday 19th September 2026, at 7.30 pm, in Second Broughshane Presbyterian Church, when The Revd Jeffrey Blue will speak on the theme, "Joy in Jesus".

Jeffrey, who is minister of Second Broughshane, has very kindly agreed to tell us a little about himself. We are deeply grateful for this and extend, to him, our sincere thanks.

"I grew up just outside Kilkeel in County Down as the fourth of five children, in a loving Christian home. From an early age, I came to faith, and my walk with the Lord was shaped in no small way by the faithful preaching and teaching of my home congregation, Mourne Presbyterian Church. I am thankful for the ministry of Rev. Dr. McGaughey and later Rev. Bingham, under whose teaching I sat for many formative years.

My journey into ministry unfolded gradually over time. After leaving Kilkeel High School, I studied Geography at Queen's University Belfast before spending several years working in management and administrative roles, first with ASDA and later in a local garage business. Throughout this period, I became increasingly involved in Church life, particularly through helping with CEF clubs and summer mission teams, experiences that played a significant part in shaping my sense of calling.

As that call to ordained ministry grew clearer, I applied for the ministry and spent a year at Cornhill under the guidance of Rev. Moore Casement. In 2014, I entered Union Theological College in Belfast to undertake formal training for ordained ministry.

Following my studies, I served an assistantship at Bloomfield Presbyterian Church in East Belfast under the supervision of Rev. Dr. Frank Sellar, an experience for which I remain very grateful.

Before coming to Broughshane, I was minister of Rasharkin Presbyterian Church, where I was ordained and installed in December 2016. It was during my time in Rasharkin that I met my wife Julie, who is originally from Buckna. Julie was leader of the Junior Christian Endeavour in her home congregation of Buckna Presbyterian.

I am looking forward to being with you at the Annual Irish CE Convention in September".



LOOKING BACK

BELFAST CENTRAL MISSION - GROSVENOR HALL

Since publication of the previous edition of, "Irish Endeavourer" an exhibition, including photographs, celebrating the 136 years of the life, work and faithful Christian witness of Belfast Central Mission - Grosvenor Hall Methodist Church - was held in the church in Glengall Street.

Missionary plays were popular and were produced by the Society especially during the 1940s and 50s. The larger photo depicts the cast from a play produced in 1942 while the smaller photo is from one produced in 1950.

Christian Endeavour played an important part in the life of the Church there, particularly during the 1940s and 50s, and some today still continue to reminisce and to look back with very fond memories of Grosvenor Hall CE Society.



Juniors Own!

EAST ANTRIM JUNIORS HAD MOST ENJOYABLE TIME AT MOVIE AFTERNOON

Each Autumn for a good few years, East Antrim CE Union has held a Fun Day for its Juniors. This year, we thought we would try something with a different format and held a Movie Afternoon on Saturday 8th November at Ballyhenry Presbyterian Church.

The foyer was set up with cosy settees, comfy cushions and soft inviting bean bag chairs. Boys and girls, leaders and helpers started to arrive and as 2pm approached we were encouraged to take our places. Gillian Craig, the East Antrim President, welcomed us all, thanked the leaders and led us in prayer. Each person was offered a cinema treat bag of drinks, sweets and popcorn and then we all snuggled down to watch a delightful movie called “The King of Kings”

This was an animated film where a father tells his son, Walter, the story of the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the movie Walter and his cat are transported back and forth in time from the father’s study to Bible times where they imagine so vividly that they are witnessing in person the events of Jesus’ life, it is as if they are there taking part.

We had about 35 children and around 10 leaders and helpers from Ballyhenry, Ballylinney, Carnmoney and Magheramorne Junior CEs. When the movie ended Gillian Craig thanked everyone for coming and closed in prayer. The event drew to a close at 4pm and everyone appeared to have had a most enjoyable time.



IMPORTANT VISITORS COME TO CE

Juniors and Pre-Juniors rounded off their year with a visit from Magheramorne's vacancy Convenor, The Revd Andrew Watson and his wife Hazel, who were presented with a beautiful Christmas gift.



PRESIDENT TELLS MAGHERAMORNE JUNIORS ABOUT HER THEME

East Antrim CE President, Gillian Craig, brought along her chain to one of the meetings and talked to the girls and boys about her Presidential theme, "Run the race with Jesus".



FUN WITH DRUMS AT SECOND BROUGHSHANE - FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HAVE IT TOO

Second Broughshane Junior CE had a very different Christmas party. We had a great evening with "Fun with Drums". The reading on one of the leader's phone was 90 decibels!!!

The children really enjoyed learning how to play the drums and James, our teacher, was excellent.

After some party food, we sang a carol reminding the children of the true meaning of Christmas.

If any Societies would like any more details, please contact any of the Second Broughshane leaders.



Togherdoo has Enjoyed a Wonderful Year

Togherdoo CE have had a wonderful year, we celebrated our CE service in the spring and enjoyed having Colin Tinsley, from Hope for Youth Ministries, joining us. We celebrated that we are all unique and fearfully and wonderfully made by God.

The children have enjoyed many activities, crafts, baking, Bible stories and songs during the year and continue to learn more about God and grow in their faith.



MAGERAMORNE HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

As part of harvest celebrations the Juniors and Pre-Juniors planted flowers and arranged the pots outside the church for all to see.



BUSY TERM FOR SECOND DONEGORE JUNIORS

Our CE has nine members and most come faithfully each week. We started this year's session in October and made Christmas Shoe Boxes for Blythswood. These were given over to a representative from Blythswood who told us about their work.

In December we made our Christmas craft which this year was Christmas Snowmen. These were made from melted chocolate, marshmallows, chocolate buttons and smarties. They were then decorated with icing pens.



Throughout the Autumn we were learning about the life of King David and God's faithfulness to him.



IMMANUEL'S JUNIORS SHARE CHRISTMAS STORY WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

From the end of November, Immanuel Junior CE had been using some CEF materials to teach lessons on the Christmas story.

On our first week we thought about what Christmas can mean to people around the world like those in Kyrgyzstan, Moldova and Romania. We learned a new Christmas carol and our Christmas memory verse - 1John 4:14.



On week two we learned how the Christmas story without Jesus is like an empty photo frame: lots of presents, trees, decorations and lights all around, but nothing at the centre.

Our third week was our JCE Carol service. We invited out mums, dads, friends and family to join us. We revised everything we had learned. The children really know their Christmas story and were able to share this. After some craft and food, we finished with a reminder that **no-one is too young or old to seek the Saviour** and fill the emptiness in our lives with the true joy of Christmas: salvation and knowing we are precious children of God.



“STAND BY ME”- THEME OF ARMAGH & SOUTH TYRONE MISSIONARY RALLY IN CLONANEENSE.

The Armagh South Tyrone Missionary Rally was held on Sunday 26 October in Upper Clonaneese Presbyterian Church. It was a joint meeting with Clonaneese Seniors, Young Adults and Young Peoples. People from each age group took part in some way, including making the puddings served afterwards. Sandra Carroll from Loughgall Juniors opened in prayer.



The speaker was Danny Moore from, “Stand By Me”, an organisation which rescues children from extreme poverty. The main countries where they work are India, Myanmar, Kenya, Romania, Ethiopia and Colombia. The ministry involves projects like building schools and children’s homes; also setting up care centres where children can receive meals, clothes and medical care. The staff seek to impact the lives of the children as they share their faith with them.



We heard about a school in Ethiopia, Abdi Academy, which was started by, “Stand By Me” in 2013. Sara was an orphan, malnourished and living in a mud hut with relatives. At age 14 she became one of the first students at Abdi Academy. Last year she became the first one from the school to graduate from University, with a degree in horticulture.



You can learn more about how God is using this ministry from their website www.standby.me.

After the meeting we enjoyed catching up and chatting to the speaker after the meeting, with tea or coffee and a selection of delicious puddings



PRAISE & PRAYER

“From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD’S name is to be praised.” Psalm 113:3 KJV

We praise God for His blessing on our lives and on the work of Christian Endeavour. Many faithful leaders and helpers are continuing to serve Him week by week in the different CE Societies.

Pray for safe travels for our Irish President, Philip Meeke and that God will bless and use him as he shares in CE Societies and Churches.

Gary Bissett is now our Vice-President. Pray for him as he gets to know the work as he is now a member of the different Committees at Irish level.

Pray for the right person to take over from Rosemary McDaniel, as she will step down from the position of General Secretary in September 2026.

Continue to pray for the Missionary Project, “Stand By Me”. Their mission is to provide accommodation, education and Christian teaching for children rescued from extreme poverty in various countries.

www.standby.me

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2026

April - Senior event - Afternoon Tea.

April Fri 17th Irish Union Executive

May Tues 12th at 7.30pm - East Antrim AGM & Planning in Ballyhenry Presbyterian Church.

September Fri 4th - Irish CE Council Meeting

Sept Sat 19th at 7.30pm - 111th Irish National Christian Endeavour Convention in Second Broughshane Presbyterian Church hall.

Speaker - The Revd Jeffery Blue - Second Broughshane Presbyterian Church

Theme - Joy in Jesus.

If you have an event in your Union or Society, which you would like included, please email details, including date, place and title of event to

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