

Magheramason Presbyterian Church Newsletter March / April 2015



SUFFERING - WHY?

As we approach Easter once again, I have been pondering the question, why do some people have to suffer so much? This has been highlighted to me during a number of recent pastoral visits to individuals linked with Magheramason who are trying to come to terms with the question of human suffering and like many of us may be asking the, why me?

Suffering may come in differing ways to invade our lives. For some it may develop through physical sickness, ongoing acute pain, disability or infirmity that comes with age. For others it may be a hidden mental suffering in dealing with life. Depression and loneliness are very real in 2015, despite all the latest development in social media. Some may be struggling due to financial pressures and insecurity regarding the current work situation. Perhaps others are burdened about their family, where relationships may be strained through suffering.

EASTER WORSHIP

Sun 29th March: Palm Sunday – Family Service 11.30 am.
Evening Service 6.30 pm.

Wed 1st April: Mid-Week Bible Study 8.00 pm.

Thu 2nd April: My Hope 2015 - Billy Graham Video
'The Cross' 8.00 pm.

Fri 3rd April Good Friday Service 8.00 p.m.

Sun 5th April Easter Sunday
6.30 a.m. Easter Dawn Service
11.30 am. Easter Day Service
6.30 p.m. Evening Service

Prayer Week: Mon 30 Mar. – Fri. 3 Apr.
7.00 -8.30 am each morning.

Sadly there have been a number of bereavements over the winter period. Since my time of beginning ministry in Magheramason I have conducted five funerals and attended a number of homes where the loss of a loved one has been a painful reality. Others have lost loved ones over many years and still struggle to come to terms with the change bereavement has brought. Perhaps the question asked by close family members dealing with loss is again, why?

The Bible has to say about human suffering, and on reading we find that it is reasonable to ask Why? The psalmist often asked this question of God as he pondered these things in his heart. Does it seem that God is distant during times of suffering? In Psalm 13 the psalmist David asked "How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart?" David is described as a man after God's own heart, yet he often struggled in life.

Job was another God fearing man who suffered much. God prospered Job with a large family and many possessions. There came a day when God allowed Satan to test Job. This resulted in Job losing all of his earthly possessions and most tragically his family of seven sons and three daughters. Following this tragedy, Job lost his health and God allowed him to be covered in painful sores from head to toe. Despite this mammoth suffering Job 1.22 records: "In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong." Job had his questions for sure, which he debated

with his friends as they tried to make sense of it all. What was the secret of Job's hope despite all that he was suffering?

The answer comes in a key central verse in Chapter 19.25 where Job states emphatically; "I know that my redeemer lives!" Job believed in a God who is in sovereign control of all things and with the eye of faith he was trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ. This made all the difference. We all will face suffering at different times in our lives, the question is how will we cope through the valley of pain? Who can we turn to?

Jesus is referred to as the Redeemer. This title reminds us of why he came to earth. He came to live and die to redeem or bring us back to God. Why did he have to die on an old rugged Roman cross? Why do all men and women need to be redeemed? What separates us from a Holy God? The answer is our sin. Sadly it is because of the problem of sin entering into the world that there is so much suffering that ultimately leads to death for us all.

Even the Son of God, Jesus asked the question why? As he suffered and died on the cross he asked God the Father - "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" As Jesus died on the cross he was separated from His heavenly Father as he paid the penalty for our sins. God poured his Holy wrath or anger unto his beloved son so that you and I could be set free from our sin and the penalty of sin - death. This is the good news of the gospel! This can give us hope if we simply, by faith

apply what Christ has done on the cross into our daily lives.

The Easter season reminds us that suffering and death are not the end! Christ rose triumphantly from the dead. In this act of God's power demonstrated, the enemy of death was defeated! More than that the curse of sin, satan and evil were defeated! Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians: 15 v 55 "O death where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be unto our God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

Jesus Christ is alive and as a loving Saviour. He knows all about your suffering and inward pain. Death leaves 'a sting' that is unpleasant, but there is victory to be found in humble confession of sin, repentance or turning from sin and a simple trusting in Jesus Christ alone to save us. For all who receive Christ as personal saviour there is the promise of eternal life!

Although life can be tough at times and we may ask the question why, this Easter may all of us re - focus on the cross of Christ, that place of ultimate suffering. May we depend on the Lord to carry us through life, death and then in the victory Christ has won through the resurrection, into his eternal kingdom in heaven. Then surely the question of Why will be turned into Wonder as those who are saved by God's grace will praise Him having been set free from this life's pains and suffering forever!

Graeme Orr

PRAYER WEEK

Prayer meetings will be held from Mon. 30th March – Fri. 3rd April 2015 meeting each morning at 7.00 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.

If you are available and desire to seek God's blessing, for His Church and in your own life and the life of others, please join with us in these special times of prayer.

The emphasis and focus of the prayer times will be on intercessory prayer for families in our congregation and local community and for those who are sick/ill/suffering or facing other difficulties.

If you have any specific prayer requests for yourself or family or friends please tell your District Elder.

MY HOPE 2015

Special Service on
Thursday 2 April 2015 at
8.00 pm.

Billy Graham Video/CD

"THE CROSS"

Everyone including young
people encouraged to
attend.

Supper provided

KIRK SESSION

Easter

As we approach Easter which is the most important event in the Christian calendar we would remind the congregation of the Special Services which have been planned leading up to Easter and over the Easter weekend, and encourage members and friends of the congregation to make a special effort to come along and share with us on these occasions. There will be a Family Service on Palm Sunday, a Service on Thursday 2 April at 8.00pm. when we will watch the Billy Graham video on 'The Cross', a Service on Good Friday at 8.00 pm., a Dawn Service on Easter Sunday morning at 6.30 a.m., and Easter Sunday Services at 11.30 am. and 6.30 p.m. There will also be a special time of Prayer each morning in the week before Easter from 7.00 – 8.30 am each morning. These services and prayer times will help us to remember, and to focus our minds on Christ's redeeming sacrifice on the Cross at Calvary and His victorious resurrection on the third day. May God grant to each one of us the grace, strength and desire to join together in thankful praise and adoration of Him who suffered and died for our sins so that through faith we could have His righteousness to be acceptable in the presence of a Holy God.

Organisations

This is a busy time for our youth organisations as they bring their winter programmes to a close, with the Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade holding their annual Displays. The Kirk Session would again express their thanks to the Leaders of the Youth Club, the Captains and Officers of the Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade for the work which they have put into these organisations during the year in the interest of our young people, and for the extra work and commitment at this time of the year. This is appreciated not only by the Kirk Session but also by all the young people who attend the organisations each week and by their parents.

Christmas Services

A Christmas family service was held in Magheramason on Sunday 21 December at 11.30 am. The service was led by the Rev. Graeme Orr, with all the boys and girls from the Primary and junior Sunday School enthusiastically taking part in singing special Christmas pieces. Ben Crumley, Samuel Orr, Elaine Davis and Connor Ferguson read appropriate passages of scripture, and the Choir sang the anthem 'Joy has Dawned Upon the Earth'. The Rev. Orr gave a very appropriate and interesting address on the meaning of Christmas.

A traditional Carol Service was held in the Church in the evening when the Magheramason Choir led the congregation in singing the well-known and well-loved Christmas carols and again rendered the anthem 'Joy has Dawned Upon the Earth', and also 'Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God'. The Scripture Lessons were

read by Karen McNeely, Joanne Killen, Iris Smyth, Darren Gibson and Louise Ferguson. The Junior Sunday School sang 'Christmas bells' and 'Away in a Manger' with Ebony Crumley singing solo in the opening verse. Amy Gardiner sang the carol 'O Holy Night' and the Rev. Graeme Orr gave a short address based on Isaiah 9; 2-7. The congregation enjoyed a cup of tea, biscuits and mince pies in the Church Hall after the service.

The Christmas Day service held in the Church at 10.30 a.m. on Christmas morning was conducted by the Rev. Graeme Orr when the congregation was joined by family friends and visitors home for Christmas. The Christmas Offering for World Development realised £1214 and we express our sincere thanks to all who generously contributed to this Appeal to support projects in Haiti and Burma.

Bready Primary School Carol Service

Bready Jubilee Primary School held a Christmas Carol Service in Magheramason Church in the evening of Wednesday 17 December. The Church was packed to capacity with pupils parents and friends on this occasion. Boys and girls from the school sang special items of Christmas praise and read the well known scripture passages. The Rev Graeme Orr gave a short Christmas address and everyone enjoyed a cup of tea and fellowship in the Church hall after this inspiring and uplifting service.

Tear Fund Lunch

Members of the congregation enjoyed a soup lunch and fellowship in the Church Hall following the service of worship on Sunday 7 December. This raised £720 for the Tear Fund organisation which seeks to improve the lives of many people, who struggle for survival every day through lack of food, hygiene and medical assistance, in various countries around the world. Thanks to everyone who provided and served the lunch, to all who attended and to everyone for their generous donations to Tear Fund.

New Year's Eve

Members of the congregation of all ages enjoyed an evening of fun, games, fellowship and praise in the Church Hall on Wednesday 31 December. Children and adults enjoyed the lively and entertaining games, the short mind taxing table quiz, the scrumptious food, and the Ulster Scots recitations by Darren Gibson. Those gathered then engaged in a short time of praise and worship, before tuning in to BBC to hear Big Ben chiming the mid-night hour signalling the end of the old year and heralding in the new year 2015.

Prayer Week

We commenced the New Year with a week of prayer from Monday 5 – Friday 9 January 2015 meeting from 7.00 am – 8.30 am. Approximately 20 people met

faithfully each morning to pray for God's blessing on the Church, the Congregation, the Church organisations, the spread of the Gospel in the community and further afield, and to remember those facing difficult times of sickness/illness and bereavement. Another week of prayer has been planned for Monday 30 March – Friday 3 April, meeting from 7.00 am. – 8.30 am. each morning when the emphasis and focus of the prayer times will be on intercessory prayer for families in our congregation and the local community and for those who are sick/ill/suffering or facing other difficulties.

A Chronicle of Magheramason & Surrounding Townlands 1610 – 1969

This interesting book by local historian Ruth Olphert was launched in Magheramason Church Hall on Saturday 6 December. The Rev Graeme Orr welcomed everyone to the launch and spoke about the importance of history and the importance of recording past events which happened in a previous age. The author Ruth Olphert spoke about her own childhood memories of growing up in Magheramason and how the idea of writing a history book of the area had come about. Ruth thanked her husband Derek for his help and support in the writing of the book and everyone who had provided information or old photographs, and Mr Seamus Browne (Browne Printers) for his personal help and assistance in ensuring that the book was printed in its attractive format.

Copies of the book are available from Magheramason Costcutters or from the author Ruth Olphert (Tel: 028 71313884).

New Members

The following have been received into Full Communicant Membership of the congregation of Magheramason by transfer certificate: Mrs Mandy Orr from the congregation of Molesworth; Mr Darren Gibson from the congregation of Faughanvale; and Mrs Florence McCrea from the congregation of Donemana. We welcome Mandy, Darren and Florence to our congregation and trust that they will know God's blessing as they join with us for Worship and that they will enjoy the fellowship in Magheramason.

Easter Dawn Service

Preparations are under way for the Easter dawn service on Sunday 5 April. We plan to meet in the Magheramason Church car park at 6.30 am and then (weather permitting) proceed to a suitable outdoor venue. The Rev Graeme Orr will conduct the service and breakfast will be served in the Church Hall after the service and we extend a warm welcome to everyone who would like to join us for this service on Easter Sunday morning.

Walter Hoy (Clerk of Session)

Congregational Committee Report

As we approach Easter the Committee continues to consider improvements which are necessary to ensure the fabric of the Church Buildings is kept in good repair.

The problem of condensation in the Church will be improved by the installation of mechanical ventilation in the near future, and a disabled toilet will be provided in the Vestibule for the use of the congregation.

It is also hoped to provide a ramp at the front elevation of the Church to make it easier for disabled people to access the Church building. When this is completed consideration will be given to marking out the Car Park in order to alleviate the traffic congestion which occurs from time to time and to ensure vehicular access to the Church by Emergency Vehicles (such as Ambulances or Fire Engines) should this be necessary.

All members of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of Magheramason Presbyterian Church on 25th March 2015 at 8.00 pm. Please keep this date free in order that you can attend!

Sam McPherson
(Congregational Secretary)

SPECIAL OFFERINGS / FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Recent special offerings/event in the congregation of Magheramason realised the following amounts:

Christmas Appeal for World Development	£ 1,214.00
Tear Fund Lunch	£ 720.00
Table Quiz (Romania Missions)	£ 572.00

We express our thanks to everyone for their support and generous contributions

Bowling Club

Christmas over, it was time for the Magheramason Bowling Club to roll out the mats for their annual Pairs Bowling tournament which started on Monday 29 December. Approximately 100 teams keenly competed for a place in the finals which were held on Tuesday 6 January. The overall winners were Damian McElroy and Michael Trimby from Cookstown Parochial bowling club who beat Kyle Lynch and John Quinn from Gortnessy bowling club, in a closely contested final. Mrs Mandy Orr presented the prizes and Mr. John Kincaid, club captain, thanked Mandy for presenting the prizes, congratulated the winners, and thanked all who had taken part, and expressed sincere appreciation to John & Linda Allen of Magheramason Costcutters for their support and generous sponsorship of the tournament, and also Nathan Lynch and Melody Leonard for organising the tournament.

Peggy McKeegan. The Bowling Club deeply regret the death of their esteemed member Mrs Peggy McKeegan. Peggy was a special member of the Magheramason Bowling Club for many years and loved the game of bowls; she enjoyed the fellowship of competing with other bowlers not only in Magheramason but also with bowlers in other clubs as well. She really enjoyed playing the game and was present and played a number of ends on the Monday evening just a few days before her sudden passing. We will all miss Peggy very much in the Bowling Club and extend our sincere sympathy to her daughters Jennifer and Gloria and her son Alistair.

Raymond Hutchinson (Secretary)

The Choir

It was with great shock and sadness that we received the sad news of the death of our faithful choir member Mrs Peggy McKeegan. Peggy was a member of the Magheramason Church Choir for many many years. She enjoyed the fellowship of the Choir and really loved singing, especially hymns of worship and praise to God at Church services. She was singing right up to the very end, being present at the choir practice the Wednesday night and sadly passed away the following morning. Our organist Elizabeth and all the Choir members will miss Peggy very much but will always remember her with great regard, respect and affection.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to her daughters Jennifer and Gloria and her son Alistair and the family circle.

Doris Thompson

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wed 25 March: Congregational AGM at 8.00 p.m
- Fri 27 March: GB Display at 7.30 p.m.
- Sun 29 March: **Palm Sunday** – Family Service. 11.30 am.
- Thu 2 April: My Hope 2015 : Billy Graham video ‘**The Cross**’ 8.00 pm.
- Fri 3 April: **Good Friday Service** at 8.00 p.m
- Sun 5 April: **Easter Day Services** at **6.30 a.m.**- Rev. Graeme Orr
11.30 am. – Rev. Graeme Orr
6.30 p.m. – Rev. Graeme Orr
- Sat 18 April: **Men’s Breakfast in Church Hall at 8.30 am.** Speaker Mr George Barclay a farmer from Randalstown will bring a scriptural message based on all things farming!
After breakfast there is an opportunity to help the Community Association with a ‘clean up’ around the village (Only if you are free and able to help).
- Sat 25 April: Derry and Donegal Presbytery **FUN DAY:** 2pm – 5pm at Aura Letterkenny Leisure Complex. Loads of activities/fair rides/swimming. It promises to be a great day out for all the family. Cost £5.00
- Sun 26 April: Youth Services 11.30 am. and 6.30 pm.
Speaker Mr Nigel Kissick.
- Fri 1 May Pre-Communion Prayer Meeting at 8.00 p.m.
- Sun 3 May We celebrate the **Lord's Supper**
Services 11.30am. and 6.30 pm.
Please note change of date.
- Sun 10 May: **Praise Night** with the **Derry & Donegal Presb. Choir** for Kind Fund Children in Kenya, at **7.00 pm.**
- Ladies Fit for Life Programme** running for 3 weeks during May on Tuesday Evenings 5th,12th,and 19th May .
- Mon 15 to Friday 19 June: Five Day Bible Club 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.
- Sun 21 June: Children's Day Service at 11.30 am. and 6.30 pm.
- Children’s Fun Week Mon. 17th Aug. – Fri 21 Aug. (To be confirmed)

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS.

MISS EVELYN SHAW.

Mrs Edith Shaw & Family.....	6 Demesne Avenue Lurgan Co.Armagh
Mr & Mrs B Lowry.....	63 Demesne Avenue Lurgan Co.Armagh
Mr & Mrs B Herbert.....	13 Demesne Avenue Lurgan Co.Armagh
Mr & Mrs F Spratt.....	64 Dublin Road Newtownstewart Co.Tyrone
Mrs E Gray.....	29 Larkfield Square Lurgan Co.Armagh
Ethel Graham.....	15 Hinton Park Londonderry Londonderry
Mr & Mrs Marshall.....	18 Tamworth Crescent Londonderry
Sandra & Billy Boyd.....	6 Oaklands Waringstown Craigavon
Mrs Doris Carruthers.....	102 Primity Crescent Newbuildings Londonderry
Lexie & Jean Walker.....	204 Primity Crescent Newbuildings Londonderry

MRS ISOBEL YOUNG

Donald & Irene Young & Family .	247 Victoria Road Bready Strabane Co.Tyrone
Billy & Joy Young Sons Graham, Andrew & David	293 Victoria Road Bready Strabane Co.Tyrone
Anne & George Wallace.....	1 Berkeley Road Carrickfergus Co.Antrim
David, Elizabeth Long & Family	
Bruce & Bertha Long	
Mr & Mrs D. Allerton.....	41A Archill Road Newtownstewart Co.Tyrone
Mr & Mrs Kenny Given.....	152 Baranailt Road Limavady Co Londonderry
Mrs Jean Spence & Family.....	Drumenon St.Johnston Co.Donegal
Reggie Parkhill.....	56 Rushall Road Lisglass Londonderry
Mr & Mrs Lexie Wallace.....	34 Rocklands Hillsborough Co.Down
Mrs Lydia Smith.....	22 Valiant Court Antrim Co.Antrim
Doris Thompson.....	171 Victoria Road Bready Co.Tyrone
W Colhoun.....	10 Cherry Burn Gardens Woodburn Londonderry
Mr & Mrs Wilson Young.....	4 Ballyreagh Road Artigarvan Strabane Co.Tyrone
Elizabeth Keys.....	53 Main Street Irwinstown Enniskillen Co.Fermanagh
Mr & Mrs Clive Long Mullanbouy	Castlefinn Lifford Co.Donegal
William & May Long.....	Mullanbouy Castlefinn Lifford Co.Donegal
Trevor & Jillian Long.....	Cormakelly Castlefinn Lifford Co.Donegal
Keys Family26	Maghermore Road Dungiven Londonderry

MRS MARGARET (Peggy) McKEEGAN

Norman & Jeanette McKeegan.....77 Milltown View Tullyally Londonderry
Steen & Doreen Lowry.....43 Dullerton Road Londonderry
Mr & Mrs E. Leonard.....3 Edgewater Newbuildings Londonderry
Billy & Jean Younge.....226 Bangor Road Holywood Co.Down
Dougie & Sandra Nesbitt.....6 Edgewater Newbuildings Londonderry
Sylvia, Marcus & Dorothy Stewart.....14 Roe Gardens, Waterside, Londonderry
Maudie, Davy & Family
Ken & Valerie Gordon & Family
Sandra Miller & Family
Pamela & Joseph Rutherford.....94 Stoneypath Victoria Road Londonderry
Walter & Joyce Hoy.....33 Silverbrook Park Newbuildings Londonderry
Lexie & Florence Gordon.....105 Victoria Road Newbuildings Londonderry
Magheramason Church Choir.
Dougie & Caroline Caldwell.....5 Carrowreagh Park Victoria Road Londonderry
Billy & May Doherty.....165 Victoria Road Bready Co.Tyrone
Mrs Lorna McNeely& Family149 Victoria Road Magheramason Co.Londonderry
Magheramason Boys Brigade
Magheramason Bowling Club

IN MEMORY:

**JAMES PATTERSON, FANNY PATTERSON,
ROBERT PATTERSON & JIM ROBB**

Always Remembered by Maureen & William Patterson and the Family Circle

MR JAMES CHARLES (Jim) ROBB.

In Loving Memory of my Brother, James Charles Robb.
Sharon, Mark, Jonathan & Rachel Stubbings

EASTER OFFERING

The Special Easter Offering this year is again in aid of the Building Repair Fund (General maintenance of Church property)

We would encourage members of the congregation to give generously to the Easter Appeal to help with the cost of the on-going maintenance work of our extensive property.

The Easter Offering last year realised £2,054.00, which was a very commendable amount.

BAPTISMS

14 December 2014
Eva Rose, infant daughter of
Mr & Mrs David Thompson.

DEATHS

11 Dec. 2014
Mrs Margaret (Peggy) McKeegan,
Edgewater, Newbuildings.

23 Dec. 2014
Mrs Sarah McMorris, Foyle
Crescent, Newbuildings.

28 Dec. 2014
Miss Evelyn Shaw late of Primity

Missions Committee

The missionary committee was pleased that as a result of the Tear Fund Lunch on Sunday 7 December 2014, £720.00 was raised for Tear Fund and would like to thank all who helped and supported this event.

The table quiz on Friday 25 February 2015 raised a total of £572.00 which was divided between Wills Lynch and David Baxter who are both involved in supplying humanitarian aid to Romania; this was an enjoyable and relaxing evening ably chaired by Mr Sam McPherson. The Quizmaster Mr Hugh Gilliland had prepared questions to make the brain cells work, and halfway through we had a break for supper which provided time to chat and make friendships. After several more rounds of searching questions the scores were added up and the winners announced. Congratulations to the winning team of Witherow & Roberta Shannon, Andrew & Joanne Shannon, Francis Henderson and Alan Smyth.

Thank you to everyone who took part and supported this event.

Elma Mitchell

PW

Magheramason Presbyterian Women held their annual church service on Sunday 15 February 2015. The service was conducted by the Rev. Graeme Orr and the special guest speaker was Mrs Jan Corry from Mission Aviation Fellowship. Jan shared with the congregation the important work of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), a Christian based organisation working in many countries around the world, flying light aircraft to help people living in remote areas and who are in need of urgent medical attention to get to hospital to receive, in many cases, life saving treatment. In some countries they transport medical personnel to remote villages and communities where they perform a procedure which restores sight to the many that are blind; performing up to 7 operations every hour. Molly Johnston and Ruth Olphert led the congregation in prayer, with the Scripture passage (on the Good Samaritan) being read by Mandy Orr. The offering for PW funds amounted to £217.20.

Helen Walker (secretary)

LADIES FIT FOR LIFE PROGRAMME

All women in the congregation and the wider community of Magheramason, Bready, Donagheady, Newbuildings and beyond are cordially invited to a series of three meetings organised for the month of May 2015.

Tue. 5 May at 8.00 p.m. in Magheramason Church Hall

Tue. 12 May at 8.00 p.m. in Bready Reformed Church Hall

Tue. 19 May at 8.00 p.m. in Magheramason Church Hall

Light supper each evening

**“He died that we might be forgiven
He died to make us good
That we might go at last to Heaven
Saved by His precious blood”**

Cecil Frances Alexander

EASTER (OUTDOOR) DAWN SERVICE

SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2015

MEETING IN MAGHERAMASON CAR PARK AT 6.30 A.M.

SPEAKER: REV. GRAEME ORR

BREAKFAST IN CHURCH HALL AFTERWARDS

EVERYONE WELCOME

Retiring Offering

Magheramason Presbyterian Church

**All children in the congregation and local community
are invited to a**

5 - DAY BIBLE CLUB

Mon. 15 - Fri. 19 June 2015

in

Magheramason Church Hall

6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. each evening.

“Lo Jesus meets us risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.”

Edmond Budry

GIFT AID

An Appeal to all Tax Payers

As a UK taxpayer you can increase your contributions to the Church by 25% just by completing and signing the Gift Aid form overleaf.

As a taxpayer, for every £10 of taxable income which you earn, £2 (20%) is deducted by your employer as income tax, and you receive the other £8. So for every £8 you donate as a gift to the Church, the Church can claim back from the government the £2 tax as a refund.

Examples

Tax Payers Gift	Tax Refund Available	Total value of Gift
£8.00	£2.00	£10.00
£100.00	£25.00	£125.00
£400.00	£100.00	£500.00

All you have to do is complete and sign the form in the centre of the newsletter, and put it on the Offering Plate, or give it to Roger McCorkell or Jean Walker, or someone who will pass it on to them.

If your circumstances change and you stop paying income tax (e.g. unemployment, retirement etc.), just tell us and we will not make a claim for a tax refund.

The Church would really encourage everyone who pays income tax to use Gift Aid as a way of maximising their contributions to the Church.

Roger McCorkell (Gift Aid Secretary)

MEN'S BREAKFAST

on Saturday 18 April 2015

at 8.30am.

in

Magheramason Church Hall

Speaker: Mr George Barclay a farmer from Randlestown who will bring a spiritual message based on all things farming!

After breakfast there will be an opportunity to help the Community Association with a 'clean up' around Magheramason (only if you are free and able to help)

PRAISE EVENING

on
Sunday 10th May 2015
at 7.00 pm.

with

**DERRY & DONEGAL
PRESBYTERY CHOIR**

in

Magheramason Church
Hall

Offering in aid of Kind
Fund Children's Homes in
Kenya

Supper afterwards

Presbytery of Derry & Donegal

FUN DAY

SATURDAY 25th April
2015 : 2.00 – 5.00 pm.

**Aura Letterkenny
Leisure Complex**

Loads of activities/ fair
rides/swimming etc.

Promises to be a great
day out for all the family