

Magheramason Presbyterian Church Newsletter March 2016



What is The Value of Your Soul?

2016 is an important year in the life of our congregation as it is our year of Mission. On the first Friday night in March many enjoyed a great congregational meal together and were introduced to the director of the Faith Mission in Ireland Mr Trevor Matthews, who will join us for two weeks of mission meetings in October DV. He plans to be along to share at other key events before this including a men's breakfast in April and a family BBQ in June as we continue to get to know him in the lead up to this important time. He will be asking questions and offering answers to man's deepest longing and need!

What is the most valuable thing you possess? What value do you place on it? Perhaps it is your home or your car or a precious item of jewellery that has monetary and sentimental value? It may be the most important thing of value in your life is your family that no amount of money could replace! The reality is ALL of these things are temporal and passing, even the love of our family. The Lord Jesus Christ instructs us about what is of supreme value to God, **your soul**.

We are tripartite, that is to say we are made up of body, soul and spirit. Our bodies are here for a few short years and all gradually become weaker with age until the point of death. Our spirit is the part of us that enables worship and communication with God in prayer. Our soul is how the Lord God has made us. Genesis reminds us that although Adam was made from the dust of the ground and to the dust our bodies will return, we are precious to God. We were made in God's image. We are made not just passing bodies, but as living souls. **Genesis 2.7** "The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a **living soul**."

The difference between the body and the soul is that the soul is **eternal**. Solomon writes in **Ecclesiastes 3.11**: "God has placed eternity into the heart of man." This life and with all of its troubles, trials, sickness and strife is not all that there is! Yet we spend so much time and money in looking after what is temporal - the body. The fashion industry is big business. Much is spent on seeking to looking good, exercise and beauty plans. There is nothing inherently wrong with these things on their own, but so many spend all of their lives chasing satisfaction in them alone and end up with nothing but emptiness.

There are some who seek satisfaction in money and say if only I had a little more then I would be content. If only I work a few more hours to amass more wealth that will bring some worth into my life. But in the business of the daily grind of life the question must be asked **what is the value of your soul?**

Jesus said: *“For what will it profit a man if he gain the whole world and, lose his own soul?”* Jesus tells us here that **your soul is of inestimable value to God!** Literally if we could gain the whole world, that would be nothing compared to losing our soul. These important words of Jesus instruct us that **ANYONE MAY LOSE HIS OWN SOUL!**

The reality is that tens of thousands are looking for satisfaction in this world, not finding it and are Spiritually Lost. Nations have turned their back on God and do not seek Him or live in accordance to his word in the Bible as they once did. Perhaps this may be true concerning your life personally? **Psalm 9.17** states plainly: “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” When we see the ever increasing tide of wickedness and blatant sin in society, surely this demands the righteous judgement and justice of Almighty God? All of us will have to give an account of ourselves before God!

The Good news of the Gospel is that **ANY MAN’S SOUL MAY BE SAVED!** As we approach Easter again we are brought face to face with the awful Cross of Calvary. It was on the cross that Christ suffered and died to redeem or to bring us back to God. **1 Peter 3.18** instructs “Christ also suffered once for sins, the just of the unjust, that He might bring us to God.” Christ has taken our sins in His own body on the cross and allowed the punishment we all deserve to fall on him. Such is God’s love and concern for your soul!

If you truly repent (turn away) from your sins and will in faith ask Jesus Christ to forgive you, then you can know for sure that your soul will be saved for all eternity! Is your soul in danger of being lost today? Then come to Christ now and prove the grace of God in Christ Jesus at this Easter season and know for sure His gift of Eternal Life!

A warm welcome awaits you in Church over the Easter period beginning with our AGM on Wednesday. Thursday sees a follow on from last years Billy Graham DVD The Cross, on the theme shared here that further considers the ‘Value of A Soul.’ The Choir will be singing over the weekend at our Good Friday Service and both morning and evening of Easter Sunday. As a Session we pray earnestly the words of the Aaronic blessing found in **Numbers 6.24 - 26** for you and your family during this year of Mission in Magheramason: “The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Your Friend

Graeme Orr

Easter Worship

- Sun 20th March: Palm Sunday – Family Service 11.30 am.
Evening Service 6.30 pm.
- Wed 23rd March: Congregational A.G.M. at 8.00 pm.
(guest Heather Meenagh)
- Thu 24th March: An Evening with Billy Graham –
Video ‘The Value of a Soul’
- Fri 25th March: Good Friday Service 8.00 p.m.
- Sun 27th March: Easter Sunday
6.30 a.m. Easter Dawn Service – The Rev Keith Hibbert
11.30 am. Easter Day Service – The Rev Graeme Orr
6.30 p.m. Evening Service – The Rev. Caldwell Darragh
- Easter Monday: Faith Mission Bangor Convention (celebrating 100 years)
Bus leaving Magheramason at 8.30 a.m.
(subject to numbers)
Names to be given to Rev. G. Orr or added to sheets in
church to gauge interest.

PRAYER MORNINGS

Prayer meetings are held each Friday morning 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, and especially for this year of Mission in Magheramason

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun 20th March: Palm Sunday – Family Service. 11.30 am.
- Wed 23rd March: Congregational AGM at 8.00 p.m – guest speaker Heather Meenagh.
- Thu 24th March: An Evening with Billy Graham – Video ‘The Value of a Soul’.
- Fri 25th March: Good Friday Service at 8.00 p.m.
- Sun 27th March: Easter Day Services at 6.30 a.m.- Rev. Keith Hibbert.
11.30 am. – Rev. Graeme Orr.
6.30 p.m. – Rev. Caldwell Darragh.
- Mon 28th March: Bangor Convention - bus leaves Magheramason at 8.30 a.m. (subject to sufficient numbers).
- Fri 15th April: GB Display at 7.30 p.m.
- Sat 16th April: Men’s Breakfast in Church Hall at 8.30 am.
Speaker Mr. Trevor Matthews
- Sat 23rd April: Derry and Donegal Presbytery FUN DAY: 2pm – 5pm at Aura Letterkenny Leisure Complex. Loads of activities/bumper balls/bungee run/mini golf /archery / football and more. It promises to be a great day out for all the family.
- Sun 24th April: Youth Services 11.30 am. and 6.30 pm.
Speaker Mr Philip Dunn (EMF)
- Wed 27th April: Pre-Communion Service at 8.00 p.m.
- Sun 1st May: We celebrate the Lord's Supper.
Services 11.30 am. and 6.30 pm.

Ladies Fit 4 Life Programme running for 5 weeks during May on Tuesday Evenings 3th,10th, 17th , 24th and 31st May.

Sat 14th May: Youth Trip to Rosstown for a Surf School

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun 15th May: Annual Presbytery Sunday School Rally in Strand Road Presb. Church at 3.30 p.m. This is a fun service for all boys and girls to attend. Come and see first hand what is happening at the newly renovated Strand Road Church under the auspices of Exodus ministries and local man Andy Lamberton. A great afternoon for all the family!
- Sat 4th June: Vintage Car/Tractor Display in Magheramason Car park, (Afternoon) : plus other activities for all the family to enjoy.
- Sat 11th June: Family BBQ and Fun Night from 6.30 p.m. for all the family with Trevor Matthews coming along to share. Please invite friends and family.
- Sun 12th June: Mr Trevor Matthews
- Sun 19th June: Children's Day Services at 11.30 am. and 6.30 pm.
- Mon 20th to Fri 24th June: Five Day Bible Club - "Run the Race" 6.30pm – 8.30pm for all children of Primary School age.
- Sun 26 June 6.30 p.m. Special Holiday Bible Club Service.

Children's Fun Week
Mon. 25th July. – Fri. 29th July 6.30 – 8.00 p.m.
For All children of Primary School age.

DEATHS

'Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.'

- 30 November 2015 Mr Richard (Reggie) Campbell,
Dunnalong Road, Bready.
- 25 January 2016 Mr Norman Davis,
Disertowne Road, Newbuildings.
- 11 February 2016 Mr John Campbell,
Duncastle Park, Newbuildings.

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 24th March at 8.00pm. when we will watch the Billy Graham video on 'The Value of a Soul', 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. Prayer meetings will continue each Friday morning 7.00 am – 8.30 am. 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 20 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 the telling of the birth of Jesus in drama and in song. Emma McCrea, Lauren Murphy, Sophie Killen and Jodie Burke read appropriate passages of scripture, and the Choir sang special items of praise. Jonathan, Benjamin and Reuben Orr played 'Silent Night' on their flutes during the lifting of the offering. The Rev. Orr gave a very appropriate and interesting address on 'Jesus the Light of the World'.

A traditionally Candlelight Carol Service was held in the Church in the evening when the Church was tastefully and appropriately decorated with window displays.

The Magheramason Church Choir led the congregation in singing the well-known and well-loved traditional Christmas carols. Bready Jubilee Primary School choir who were also present sang 'It was on a Starry Night' with a solo part by Joshua Kelly, 'Christmas is a time of Love', 'Little Donkey' and 'Away in a Manger' with a solo part by Sophie Dixon. The Scripture Lessons were read by Colin Kennedy, Judi Crumley, Geraldine Crumley, Megan Dougherty and Gordon Turnbull. The Rev. Dr. Joe Fell who was the guest speaker gave a short address based on the 'What', 'Where', 'Who', and 'Why' regarding the birth of Jesus. Following the service everyone enjoyed fellowship and supper in the Church Hall.

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 £1284 and we express our sincere thanks to all who generously contributed to this Appeal.

Tear Fund Lunch

Members of the congregation enjoyed a soup lunch and fellowship in the Church Hall following the service of worship on Sunday 6 December. This raised £489 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 and friends and families of all ages enjoyed an evening of fun, games, fellowship and praise in the Church Hall on Thursday 31 December. Children and adults enjoyed the lively and entertaining games, including a Mr & Mrs contest featuring John & Catherine Kincaid, Colin & Liz Kennedy, and Keith & Fiona McCrossan. Everyone enjoyed a scrumptious supper, and 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 2016.

Prayer Week

We commenced the new year with a week of prayer from Monday 4 – Friday 8 January 2016 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 in this year of Mission, 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. We continue to meet for prayer every Friday morning from 7.00 – 8.30 a.m.

Community Outreach Worker

The Kirk Session, at their meeting on 19th January agreed for a Community Outreach Worker to be employed on a part-time basis for one year to assist in the development of evangelism within the local area to further realise the aims as set out in the Congregational Mission Plan. A 'Job Description' was drawn up which was subsequently submitted and approved by both Peninsula Employment Services and the Linkage Commission of the Presbyterian Church, and the recruitment process is currently underway.

Easter Dawn Service

Preparations are under way for the Easter dawn service on Sunday 27th March. We plan to meet in the Magheramason Church car park at 6.30 am and then (weather permitting) proceed to the usual outdoor venue at the edge of the river Foyle. The guest speaker at the service will be the Rev. Keith Hibbert, minister of Cumber and Upper Cumber congregation. 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 your Committee continues to work hard at ensuring the Church premises are kept in good order and fit for purpose. To this end the congregation will have noted that the new 'David Scott' car park is now open and we would encourage members to use it to the full in order to mitigate the congestion which often occurs at busy times at the front of the Church.

A new ramp will soon be constructed at the main door of the Church and it is intended to remove part of a pew in the centre of the Church to provide adequate space to facilitate wheelchair users. A disabled W.C will also be built inside soon to improve toilet facilities within the church.

The Congregational Committee are also looking at the possibility of replacing our sound system in the Church since the existing system is now reaching the end of its useful life expectancy. A decision on this project will be taken at a later date.

Sam McPherson
(Congregational Secretary)

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 £2,030.00, which was a very commendable amount.

Special Offerings / Fundraising Events

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

Christmas Appeal for World Development	£ 1,284.00
Tear Fund Lunch	£ 489.00
European Missionary Fellowship (EMF)	£ 133.50
Coaching 4 Christ	£ 217.60
Helping Hands Mission/ Romania (David Baxter)	£ 189.00
Mission to Romania (Wills Lynch)	£ 320.00

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

Missions Committee

During 2015 the Mission Fund financed the shipping of 11 containers of surplus/unused NHS medical supplies to hospitals in Malawi. Transportation cost £20 for each container. Thanks to Mrs Joan Turnbull for collecting the medical items and arranging the shipment of the filled containers.

The Mission Fund is financed by the Mid-Week Fellowship and donations from members of the congregation.

Elma Mitchell

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS.

In Lieu of Flowers in Memory of Mrs June Taylor

Mrs Dorothy Waring.....25 Dunalong Road, Magheramason,
Steen & Doreen Lowry.....43 Dullerton Rd., Londonderry.

In Lieu of Flowers in Memory of Mrs Ruby Lowry

Bready Cricket Club,Mason Road, Magheramason, Londonderry
Roberta & Witherow Shannon.....Dunalong Rd., Bready, Co Tyrone.

In Lieu of Flowers in Memory of Mr Richard (Reggie) Campbell.

The Connor Family.....54 Dunalong Road, Bready, Co Tyrone.
May Campbell & SonsDunalong Road, Bready
Joan & Andy Cole.....3 Wallace Heights, Magheramason
Robert & Florence Olphert.....6 Brookfield, Magheramason, Londonderry
Jean Bradley.....27 Dunalong Road, Magheramason, Londonderry
Witherow & Roberta Shannon.....Dunalong Rd, Bready, Co Tyrone

In Lieu of Flowers in Memory of Mr Stephen Doherty

Billy & May Doherty.....165 Victoria Road, Bready, Co Tyrone
Pam & Selwyn Robinson.....Limavady, Co Londonderry
Mrs Annette Colhoun.....28 Clements Court, Londonderry
Roy & Doreen Kee.....17 Drum Road, Strabane, Co Tyrone.
Jean & Lexie Walker.....204 Primity Crescent, Newbuildings
Mr & Mrs J F Creighton.....4 Priory Drive, Carrickfergus, Co Antrim
Kathleen Doherty.....10 Brookfield, Magheramason, Londonderry
Joyce & David.....17 Drum Road, Strabane, Co Tyrone
Mr Bob & Mrs Sally Boreland.....9 Silverbrook Park Newbuildings
Mr Billy Taylor.....14 Blackstone Park, Magheramason,
Steen & Doreen Lowry.....43 Dullerton Road, Londonderry,
Mrs Jean Bradley.....27 Dunalong Road, Magheramason, Londonderry

In Lieu of Flowers in Memory of Mr Joseph Norman Davis

Mrs Sheila Todd "Greerstown" 99 Trench Road, Londonderry
William & Ruth Baird & Family Moorlough Road, Donemana, Co Tyrone
Mr & Mrs Albert Hall.....162 Berryhill Road, Artigarvan, Co Tyrone.
Jack & Jean Lindsay & Family.....151 Lisnarrow Road, Donemana, Co Tyrone
Willie & Joyce McCormack...77 Castletown Road, Mountjoy, Omagh, Co Tyrone
Mr & Mrs Edmund Lynch.....129 Ballyheather Road, Ballymagorry
Phyllis & William Kee.....6 Prospect Road, Strabane, Co Tyrone.
The Baird Family.....4 Inchaney Road, Strabane, Co Tyrone
Robert Davis & family.....2 Deerpark Road, Ardstraw, Co Tyrone
Mr & Mrs Ronnie Orr.....4 Mountview Way, Moneymore, Co Londonderry.
Mr & Mrs Maurice Orr.....161 Old Cullybackey Rd., Cullybackey. Co Antrim.
Jackie & Anne Davis.....10 Carrigullin Road, Strabane, Co Tyrone.
Colin & Liz Kennedy.....16 Keery Park, Magheramason, Londonderry

Rev & Mrs Arthur Burns.....33 Sevenoaks, Crescent Link, Altnagelvin,
 Mr & Mrs Albert Roulston.....28 Drumskinney Road, Dromore, Co Tyrone
 Mr & Mrs Reggie McCarron.....80 Primity Crescent, Newbuildings, Londonderry.
 Mrs Meta Kee.....120 Camus Road, Douglas Bridge, Co Tyrone
 David & Avril Throne & Family.....7 Willow Road, Bready, Co Tyrone
 Leslie Hamilton.....12 Keery Park, Magheramason, Londonderry
 Henry & Anne Ritchie.....17 Glen Road, Strabane, Co Tyrone
 Ronnie, Myreta & Elma Mitchell..... Victoria Road, Magheramason, Londonderry
 Mr & Mrs B Douglas.....279 Drumrane Road, Dungiven, Co Londonderry
 Lorna Chambers.....14 Gortin Manor, Newbuildings, Londonderry
 Will & Rita Chambers.....91 Glenshane Road, Drumahoe, Co Londonderry
 Billy & May Doherty.....165 Victoria Road, Magheramason, Londonderry
 Witherow & Roberta Shannon.....50 Dunalong Road, Bready, Co Tyrone
 Mr & Mrs Cecil Donnell.....219 Melmount Road, Victoria Bridge,
 Drew & Doreen Semple.....67 Magheramore Road, Dungiven, Co Londonderry
 Anne & Stephen McGuinness.....129 Forthingham Road, Enfield, London.
 Magheramason PW.....Magheramason Presbyterian Church
 Nora Mulligan, "Threeways".....1 Belt Road, Londonderry
 Joan & Wesley McCormack.....73 Castletown Road, Omagh, Co Tyrone
 Ivan & Frances Henderson.....6 Whin Road, Bready, Co Tyrone
 Magheramason Church Choir.....Magheramason Presbyterian Church
 Laura & Annie Mc Farland.....1 Edinburgh Villa, Omagh, Co Tyrone
 Maurice McKeegan.....38 Killymallaght Road, Cullion, Londonderry
 Mr Bertie Keys.....18 Horna Road, Donemana, Co Tyrone

In Lieu of Flowers In Memory of Mr John Campbell (Newbuildings)

Reggie & Lena McCarron.....80 Primity Crescent, Newbuildings
 William & Diane Heatherington.....21 Victoria Rd., Mitcham, Surrey, England

Presbytery of Derry & Donegal

FAMILY FUN DAY

on SATURDAY 23th April 2016 : 2.00 - 5.00 pm.

at Aura Letterkenny Leisure Complex

Loads of Fun Activities including Bumper balls, bungee run, mini golf,
 archery, football and loads more!!! Finishing off with a trip to
 McDonalds! It was a brilliant day last year and greatly enjoyed by all
 who attended! Open to ALL the Family! Bus will leave the church car
 park at 1 PM to travel to Letterkenny returning around 7PM.

Promises to be a great day out for all the family

MY HOPE 2016

Special Service on Thursday 24th March 2016 at 8.00 pm.

Billy Graham Video/DVD

“The Value of a Soul”

Everyone including young people encouraged to attend.
Supper provided

Easter (Outdoor) Dawn Service

SUNDAY 27th MARCH 2016

MEETING IN MAGHERAMASON CAR PARK AT 6.30 A.M.

SPEAKER: REV. KEITH HIBBERT (Minister of Cumber and
Upper Cumber congregations)

BREAKFAST IN CHURCH HALL AFTERWARDS

EVERYONE WELCOME
Retiring Offering

MEN'S BREAKFAST

on
Saturday 16th April 2016

at
8.30am.

in

Magheramason Church Hall

Speaker: Mr Trevor Matthews will be present to
introduce himself and give a short address.

*“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*

*“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*

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 five meetings organised for the month of
May 2016.*

Tue. 3 May at 8.00 p.m. in Magheramason Church Hall
Tue. 10 May at 8.00 p.m.in Magheramason Church Hall
Tue. 17 May at 8.00 p.m. in Magheramason Church Hall
Tue. 24 May at 8.00 p.m.in Magheramason Church Hall
Tue. 31 May at 8.00 p.m. in Magheramason Church Hall

Exercise training
Walking
Epilogue

Light supper each evening.

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 28 January 2015. Approximately 110 teams keenly competed for a place in the finals which were held on Tuesday 5 January 2016. The overall winners were Jordan Austin and Simon Donaghy from Upper Glendermott bowling club who beat Kyle Lynch and John Quinn from Gortnessy bowling club, in a closely contested final. Mrs May Doherty, a former member of Magheramason Bowling Club, presented the prizes and Mr. John Hamilton, club captain, thanked May 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.

Raymond Hutchinson (Secretary)

PW

Magheramason Presbyterian Women held their annual church service on Sunday 21 February 2016. The service was conducted by the Rev. Graeme Orr and the special guest speaker was Mrs Catherine Campbell from Coleraine and author of several Christian books including 'Under the Rainbow', 'Rainbow for Rainy Days', and 'When we Can't, God Can'. Catherine used the story of Gideon in Judges Chpt.6 to remind and encourage everyone that when we face seemingly impossible tasks and difficulties, God can help us and bring us through these times in ways that we could never have asked for or even imagined. Liz Kennedy led the congregation in the opening prayer and Catherine Kincaid led the congregation in prayers of intercession. Iris Smyth and Jennifer McKeegan read Scripture passages on the story of Gideon in the book of Judges. Elma Mitchell introduced the Hymn 'Facing the Task Unfinished' which was originally sung to encourage the early Missionaries going out to China in the 1930's, and revived by Keith and Kirsten Getty who were inspiring and promoting this Hymn to be sung in Churches in every country through the world on Sunday 21 February.

Helen Walker (secretary)

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

5 - DAY BIBLE CLUB

Mon. 20 - Fri. 24 June 2016

in Magheramason Church Hall 6.30 p.m. -8.30 p.m. each evening.

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.

Tax Payers Gift	Tax Refund Available	Total Value Of Gift
£8.00	£2.00	£10.00
£100	£25.00	£125.00
£400	£100	£500

All you have to do is complete and sign the form overleaf, 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)

Magheramason Presbyterian Church

Gift Aid Declaration

I, _____ (full name)

of _____

_____ (Post code)
(correct postcode is essential)

ask that Magheramason Presbyterian Church benefits
through the GIFT AID Scheme on all donations I make.

Signed: _____ Date _____

Notes:

1. For the scheme to work all donations must be identifiable as coming from you, either through using the FWO or other gift envelopes, a cheque or standing order. Loose cash placed in the collection plate cannot be identified as coming from you and cannot be included in Gift Aid
2. You must pay sufficient tax in the UK to cover the amount the church will reclaim for your donation. In 2015/2016 this is 25p for every £1 donated.
3. You are not committed to any particular level of donation. Tax is reclaimed on whatever your actual donations are each year.
4. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Treasurer
5. Please notify the Treasurer of any change in your name or address.
6. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return

Gift Aid and your signature can ensure cash back to the church from tax you have already paid. Please complete the form above (if you have not already completed a declaration in favour of the church) so that 25 p is added to every £1 you donate at no additional cost to yourself.

**Please return the completed form to the Treasurer, Colin Kennedy,
or the Gift Aid Secretary, Roger McCorkell, or Jean Walker.**