

MAGHERAMASON

MEGAN DOUGHERTY & ELAINE DAVIS (EXODUS – ROMANIAN TEAM)

Megan Dougherty and Elaine Davis from the congregation of Magheramason were part of the eight-person Exodus team which went on Outreach Mission to Romania for two weeks during the month of July. Megan and Elaine shared their experience with the congregation on Sunday 4 July. The team were involved in helping with Bible Clubs for children and distributing food parcels to people in great need. We continue to pray for the work of Exodus and all who were involved with or were part of the many Outreach Teams during the summer.



Paul & Elizabeth Davis who shared with the congregation at the Cafe Church in May about their latest trip to Kenya

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

Approximately 70 children from the congregation and local community attended the Five Day Bible Club each evening from Monday 18 - Friday 22 June. The theme for the week was 'The Story of Daniel' and the children enjoyed coming along to the Church Hall each evening, listening to the Bible stories, learning choruses and participating in the question time, completing worksheets, and playing games. The team of

leaders from the congregation was led by Paul and Elizabeth Davis and we thank everyone who helped to make this week a special and enjoyable time for the children.

The evening service on Sunday the 24 June reflected on the Bible Club with the boys and girls taking part. Samuel Orr led the congregation in prayer and Lilia Darragh read a passage of

scripture from Daniel chapter 6; and the children enthusiastically sang a number of choruses which they had learned during the week. Several children repeated and shared the Bible verses which they had memorised and Hollie Browne read a passage of scripture also from Daniel chapter 6; and Ruth Roulston conducted a short quiz on 'The Story of Daniel'. Leanne Dunlop from Scripture Union who was the guest speaker gave a very interesting and interactive talk based on Luke 2:52 'Jesus became wiser and grew physically. People liked Him and He pleased God'.

The Rev Graeme Orr thanked Leanne and everyone who had helped with the Bible Club during the week, closed the service in prayer and invited everyone to stay for a cup of tea and fellowship.

CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICE

Children's Day service was held on Sunday 24 June at 11.30 am when there was a good attendance of children, members, parents and friends. The service was conducted by the Rev Graeme Orr with participation from the children in the primary and junior



The Rev. Graeme Orr, Jason Nicholson from the Presbyterian Children's Society who was guest speaker at the Cafe Church in June, David Thompson and John Kincaid.



Children listening to the story of Daniel at the Holiday Bible club.

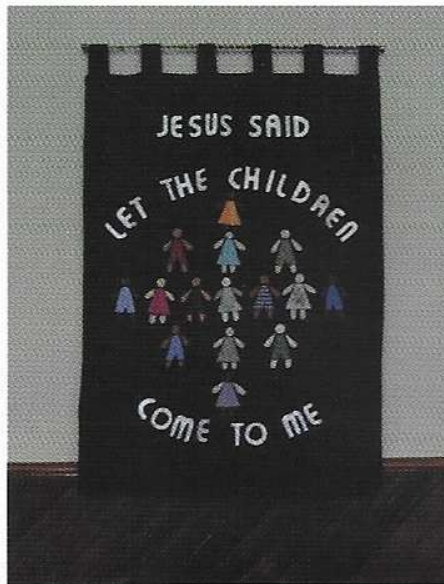
Sunday School. Lewis Murphy led in the opening prayer and Ben Crumley read a scripture passage from Matthew 13 : 1-9. Cradle Roll certificates were presented to Ava Lynne Killen and Jack Wilson McNeely. The boys and girls from the Primary Sunday School sang three pieces 'I'm like a Tree', 'Be Bold' and 'Daniel was a Man of Prayer', with Kate Dougherty, Kezzi Mulholland, Jonathan Orr, Benjamin Orr and Stacey Killen providing the musical compliment. Cameron Kennedy read a passage of scripture from Matthew chapter 9 and the boys and girls sang two choruses 'I Wanna be Brave' and 'This Little Light of Mine'; and Samuel Orr played the piano and Jonathan Orr the flute during the taking up of the Offering. Elizabeth Davis the Sunday School Superintendent led the congregation in Prayers of Intercession.

The Rev Graeme Orr introduced and welcomed Leanne Dunlop from Scripture Union who gave a very interesting and interactive address on 'Seed planted in Good Soil'. The Rev Orr thanked Leanne for coming to Magheramason and for her message to the children and the congregation. After the closing hymn of praise, Leanne Dunlop assisted in the distribution of Sunday School prizes.

Members of the congregation were invited to a cup of tea and ice-cream in the Church Hall after the service.

MAGHERAMASON WALKING CLUB.

Members of the Walking Club had a special outing to Rathlin Island on Tuesday 19 June, travelling to Ballycastle by mini bus to get the ferry across to the island. Despite the grey sky, the gloomy overcast conditions and the ever-present threat of rain the day remained dry and fine until the return journey home. The walkers enjoyed a trip to the RSPB centre at Bull Point some going by mini bus and others trudging along the



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six mile, narrow winding, up-hill down-hill roadway. It was a very pleasant experience to see the vast colonies of breeding sea birds on the cliff ledges, the cliff tops and on the ground underneath; the Kittiwakes, Fulmars, Razor Bills, Guillemots, and the small comical Puffins.

On the way home the walkers stopped for a very enjoyable meal in the Royal Court Hotel outside Portrush.

'FIT FOR LIFE' MEETINGS

A series of meetings for Ladies were held on Tuesday evenings during the month of May. There was a good attendance of ladies

each night and all enjoyed the fellowship and the programme of activities. With favourable weather conditions, groups of ladies were able to go out walking in the lovely pleasant summer evenings. An integral part of the meetings was the epilogue by a guest speaker and evenings concluded with a healthy supper. The final meeting was held in Bready Reformed Church Hall.

GIDEONS' FRIENDSHIP AND PRAISE NIGHT

The Foyle branch of Gideons International will hold their Friendship and Praise evening in Magheramason Church Hall on Friday 7 September 2018 at



Members of the Magheramason Walking Club, in Ballycastle, waiting to board the ferry for Rathlin Island.



The Pride of the Derg Flute Band leading the parade after the Strabane District LOL service in Magheramason Church on Sunday 1 July which was conducted by the Rev. Nigel Reid.



Ron Killen, Stacey Killen, Samuel Orr and Jonathan Orr, who took part in the Children's Day service.

8.00 pm. We are always greatly encouraged and inspired to hear the reports of the invaluable work which the Gideons are doing in the distribution of Bibles in schools, hospitals and hotels in the North West of our province, and further afield. Everyone will be very welcome to attend and supper will be provided.

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COMING EVENTS

Gideons' Friendship and Praise Evening - Friday 7th September at 8.00 pm.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services - Sunday 14th October at 11.30 am. and 6.30 pm.