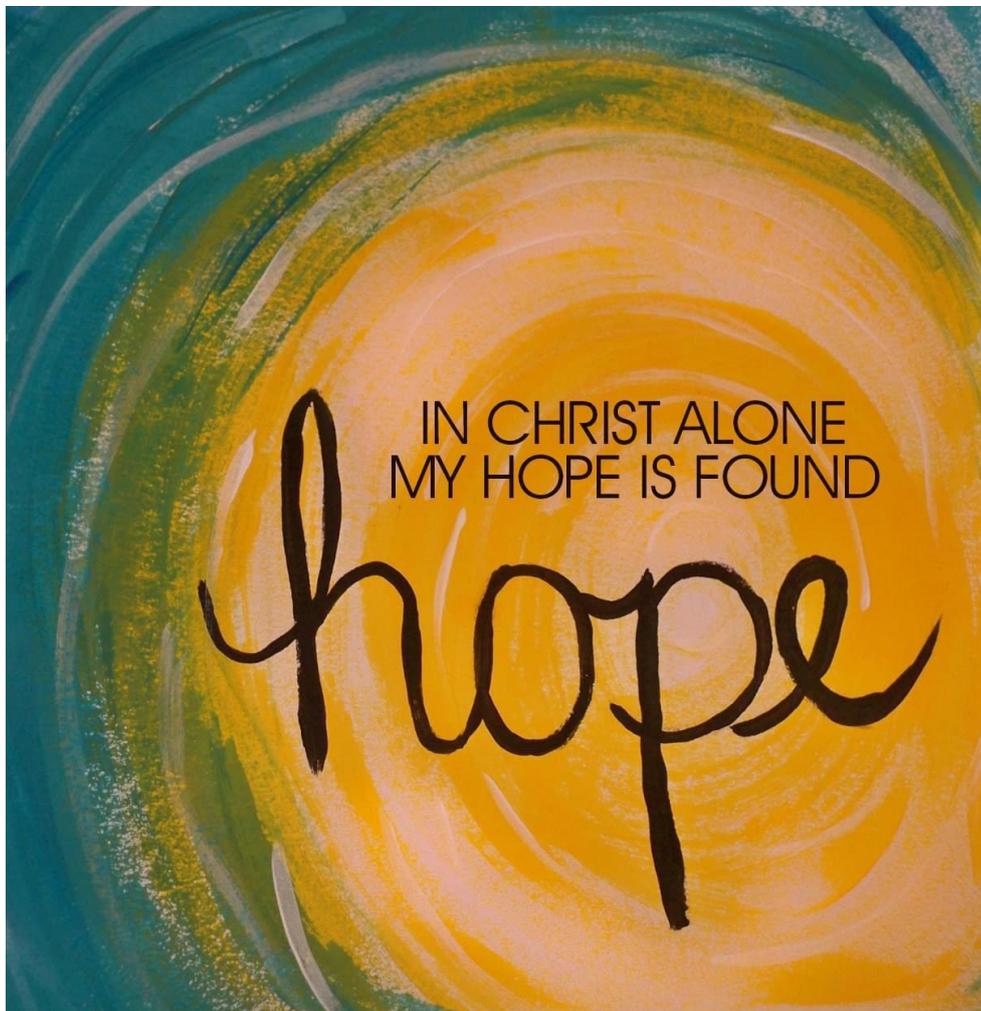




First Dromara  
Presbyterian Church

# The Link

June 2021



*'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.'* Romans 15:13

Dear Friends,

I'm sure like me, you've said to yourself on many occasions recently, "it's been a long time since church has met in its usual form."

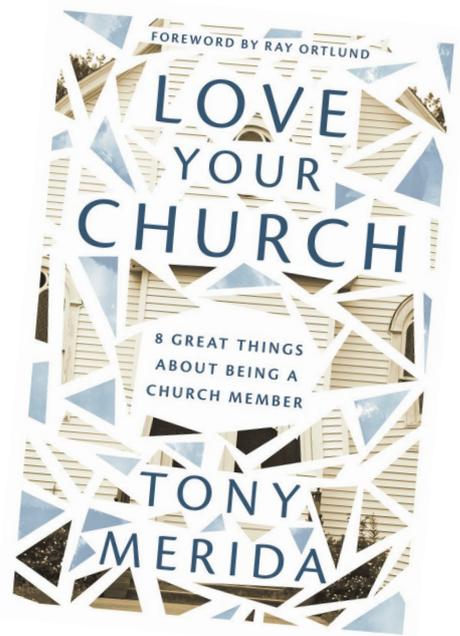
The social distancing, the singing and greeting each other behind masks, no tea and coffee after the service... and the list goes on. However, I want to give everyone in the congregation a challenge over the summer months; whether you are lying on the golden beaches of Costa del Portrush with an ice cream, or sitting in a coffee shop in Hillsborough, it is my plan to visit homes connected with our congregation and give them a free book. I hope, that through reading this little book, you will see what the church is, how you can be a part of it (if you're not), how you can grow in your involvement of the church and see why it's a precious thing to be involved in the church.

Last year, in our evening services we looked at the first 11 chapters of the book of Genesis. Through the creation account we see God created us in His image. This means, we are image bearers of God. The Triune God is relational (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and exists in community. Therefore, we are created for relationships. If you switch on the TV, you'll see exactly what I'm talking about. Many under the age of 40 will remember the Manhattan based sitcom 'Friends' which has recently been revived. Never mind the craze of 'reality TV' that has hit our screens.

God has given us a need for community, and in His provision, He has given us the place where that need is met - the church. Genesis 3 tells us how sin entered the world, how sin breaks fellowship vertically with God and horizontally with each other. However, the saving Gospel of Christ reconciles us with God and each other. It could be said we have a place of belonging; however, we need to commit to belonging.

The New Testament tells us in Hebrews 10:25, "Do not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another." The truth is this, social distancing, mask wearing, online services have meant we have become accustomed to distancing ourselves from one another (our brothers and sisters) and even neglecting times together.

This is why COVID-19 has been so challenging for the church, and why we felt it necessary to be creative with online services, zoom meetings and other forms of community and worship, although in some cases, less than ideal ways.



When I was an 18-year-old Christian, I remember being involved in outreach events and other para-church organisations. Basically, you could boil such an attitude down to, "the local church will only hold me back" from the movements and events that looked sparklier and brighter. I was interested in peer-group ministry, with fellow young people. Yet, the church is a multi-generational gathering. The truth is this, as an 18-year-old Christian, I had a poor view of the church. I had failed to see the church from Jesus' perspective. Maybe you're in this position today? We need to start seeing the church biblically, and not from a position of experience or even preference.

True belonging to the church (true belonging to First Dromara Presbyterian Church) means investing your life in a gospel-centred community of believers, who joyfully advance the mission of Christ together as they serve and love one another. The keyword above, in case you missed it, is joyfully! Here's what the notable D. Martyn Lloyd Jones says,

*"The greatest need of the hour is a revived and joyful church... unhappy Christians are a poor recommendation for the faith... the exuberant joy of the early Christians was one of the most potent factors in the spread of Christianity."*

The joy we have in the Lord, as a community, is what makes

us salt and light in the world. It's what makes us attractive, unique and uplifting. That doesn't mean as a fellowship we won't experience times of sorrow, like the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we can say with Paul, we are sometimes, "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing." 2 Corinthians 6:10.

I hope through reading this little book this summer, you will see what a privilege it is to belong to the covenant people of God, to belong to a group of people who have been saved through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, who together possess the power of the Gospel in the person of the Holy Spirit, who are blessed to gather every Lord's Day (and in time, through the week, too) to hear the Word of God preached, who engage in prayer and praise together, who are led by biblically called leaders and enjoy the amazement and wonder of the sacraments, baptism and communion. We desire to be a people who live out the "one another's" of the New Testament seeking to do what the greatest commandment commands; loving God and each other and fulfilling the great commission; making disciples of all nations.

Participation in the bride of Christ (the Church) is a precious blessing and privilege, yet a responsibility of each of us. I hope you find this little book helpful.

So, to summarize-

- Every home will receive a little hello from me over the summer months and will be given a free book.
- To help bolster what you read, our morning services from 8<sup>th</sup> August - Christmas (excluding designated days e.g. Harvest, Remembrance etc.) we will study what the bible tells us a church looks like. In our evening services we will study some of the One Another's (one we did recently was pray for one another) in the New Testament. In our Midweek time we will follow a study guide that takes us through the eight chapters of this book, belonging, welcoming, gathering, caring, serving, honouring, witnessing, and sending. You're welcome to come to any of the above; especially if you've not been to any before.

In closing, here's a fairly modern praise song, written by the Gettys which we will hopefully come to learn and practice

together as we strive at being the Church Christ wants us to be in the following months.

Every blessing in Christ,

Scott.

***Oh how good it is***

***Oh how good it is***

***When the family of God***

***Dwells together in spirit***

***In faith and unity.***

***Where the bonds of peace,***

***Of acceptance and love***

***Are the fruit of His presence***

***Here among us.***

**CHORUS**

***So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord***

***And with one heart we'll live out His word***

***Till the whole earth sees***

***The Redeemer has come***

***For He dwells in the presence of His people.***

***Oh how good it is***

***On this journey we share***

***To rejoice with the happy***

***And weep with those who mourn.***

***For the weak find strength***

***The afflicted find grace***

***When we offer the blessing***

***Of belonging.***

**CHORUS**

***Oh how good it is***

***To embrace His command***

***To prefer one another***

***Forgive as He forgives.***

***When we live as one***

***We all share in the love***

***Of the Son with the Father***

***And the Spirit.***



At this time when  
Coronavirus is affecting us all in  
various ways we are conscious that as time goes on  
many of us may need some emotional support

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# First Dromara summer camp needs you!

The team at First Dromara Presbyterian Church are in the preliminary stages of planning a summer scheme to involve all the young people in the congregation.

Provisional dates and times are as outlined below and the programme will consist of outings to outdoor centres, crafts, music, arts and bible teaching. Meals will be provided.

But we need your help to run it! If

you can sign up for one day, or even half a day, to cook a meal, or the whole week there is a role for you.

Please speak to Scott (Moore) or David and Gillian (Spiers) for more information or to sign up.

More information will be available in the coming weeks including details of how children and young people can register - so watch this space!





# ARISE

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you

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## SUMMER CAMP

### Monday 16th - Sunday 22nd August

<b>Nursery - P3</b>	<b>Monday - Wednesday</b>	<b>6.00pm - 8.00pm</b>
<b>P4 - P7</b>	<b>Thursday - Saturday</b>	<b>9.00am - 3.30pm</b>
<b>Yr8 - Yr12</b>	<b>Thursday - Saturday</b>	<b>9.00am - 3.30pm</b>
<b>Yr13 - Age25</b>	<b>Thursday - Friday Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm - 11.30pm 1.00pm - 8.00pm</b>

Times may vary once programme has been finalised



**AMBASSADORS**  
FOOTBALL

## KINALLEN FOOTBALL CAMP



*In partnership with:*



**First Dromara**  
Presbyterian Church

**Church contact:**

Matthew Reain  
07514231373

**WHO:** Boys & Girls  
**AGE:** P4-Yr9 (Sep '21)  
**WHEN:** 19th-22nd July  
**WHERE:** Kinallen PS  
**TIME:** 6:30-8:30pm  
**COST:** Free



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# ABOUT OUR CAMP

**Ambassadors Football Camp** is an initiative of Ambassadors Football International, a Christian organisation with over 30 years of experience in youth soccer.

At Ambassadors Football Ireland, our Camp Directors are all IFA qualified coaches. We also recruit and train coaches to help with our football camps.

In addition to these coaches, Ambassadors Football Camps also represent a growing network of energetic and experience local volunteer and church coaches. At every camp, the player to coach ratio is never greater than 10:1, to ensure each child receives the individual attention they need.

Ambassadors Football Camps give the participants an opportunity to learn basic and advanced football skills in a fun, positive and encouraging Christian environment. In addition to great coaching, we provide a daily life related "Team Talk" geared towards communicating the life-changing principles found in God's Word. Each day includes technical skills, fun football games, small sided games and the last day involves competitions and a fun World Cup Tournament.

## What will you receive?

- 4 days coaching
- Opportunity to win medals and trophies

## What should you bring?

- Trainers suitable for Astro turf pitch
- Shin pads
- Tracksuit or other warm clothing
- Water bottle

## What should you do next?

- Bring this completed registration form on the first day of camp

*All children must be accompanied by an adult to and from the camp.*

**NO CHANGING FACILITIES AVAILABLE DUE TO COVID.**



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# Ask the elder

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**Name:** Brian Copes

**Age:** 50+ (1 year older or younger than my brother David? You can try and work that one out!!)

**Occupation:** I own a small engineering business called B C Shutters & Doors which entails sales, manufacturing, installing and on occasions, sweeping the workshop floor!

**Family:** I was born in 1966, second of six children to William and Elizabeth Copes from Kilkinamurry between Kinallen and Katesbridge. We had a very happy upbringing on our Dad's farm. With three brothers and two sisters there was always someone to mess about with! Living on a farm there was always plenty of work to do. We always reckoned that my dad didn't get much sleep on a Friday night, thinking about all the jobs to give us on Saturday!

One night when I was out with my friends, I met the girl of my dreams, Jackie Shaw from Warrenpoint on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. We married seven years later and are blessed with three children, Jill (22), Philip (21) and Jamie (18).

**Interests & Hobbies:** I have always had a real interest in motorsports, right from I was eight or nine years old. We had a great neighbour, Matt Corbet who took me to many motorbike road races to watch The Dromara Destroyers Ray McCullough, Ian McGregor and Trevor Steel as they would race against Joey and Robert Dunlop and many other riders. Motocross was quite a popular sport in our area and at 20 I bought my first scrambler motorbike. A few friends bought scramblers too and we had great craic competing against each other at races. Another sport I love is golf. I am a member of Banbridge Golf Club and play most Saturdays.

**How long at 1<sup>st</sup> Dromara?:** We have been going to 1<sup>st</sup> Dromara for about 20 years. Growing up I went to Moneyslane Elim Church and Jackie went to Warren-

point Methodist. When we got married in 1993 we lived in Banbridge and went to Moneyslane Elim the odd time but we really didn't have the desire to go to church much at that stage.

In 1998 we started building works on a cottage in Carnew where my granny had been brought up. My sister Judith and brother-in-law Paul Reain on occasion invited us to 1<sup>st</sup> Dromara and then for dinner to their house afterwards.....who could refuse Sunday dinner!!

We really liked 1<sup>st</sup> Dromara and the minister Rev. Shaw Thompson - we were made very welcome and have been going ever since!

**Becoming a Christian:** I was very fortunate to have been brought up in a Christian home. My Mum, Dad, Granny, Granda and three aunties who came to visit every weekend were all Christians and had a huge impact on my life.

As well as attending Moneyslane Elim we were sent to Dromara CWU hall and Gransha Sunday School as well as many missions! We were taught from a young age that God was loving, kind and caring. We heard the gospel message by faithful pastors, ministers and Sunday school teachers. I went to Ringsend Good News Club, Drumgooland Badminton Club and their Youth club where I heard an epilogue every Saturday night. I enjoyed going to CEF camps in Kilkeel and Scripture Union camps in Scotland.

All of these outreaches gave me more knowledge of God and His word and what was required of me to get to heaven. My dad encouraged us to go to missions and back then they lasted four weeks. Although I wasn't that keen they had a real lasting impact on me.

The evangelists preached the gospel message very clearly with power and authority, that there was a heaven to be gained and a hell to be shunned and that I could have my sins forgiven through Jesus. I was chal-

lenged many times at these missions but kept putting it off.

It wasn't until October 2002, I had an accident while working with an angle grinder. I had quite a serious facial injury and was rushed to Daisy Hill Hospital and then by ambulance to the Ulster Hospital to be operated on.

While lying in Daisy Hill I realised that I could have been killed as I was cut close to my jugular vein. I realised God had protected my life. I had put off becoming a Christian many times and this felt like my last chance. As I lay there I asked Jesus to come into my life and take away my sins. I had a real peace knowing that God was now in control. Losing a number of teeth and having to get over 50 stitches around my lower lip and chin turned out to be the best day of my life!

I'd only told Jackie that I'd become a Christian, but the devil was busy trying to change my mind before telling anyone else.

The day after I got home from hospital, Rev Shaw Thompson came to visit me and I told him I'd become a Christian and he shared the scriptures with me and gave me great words of encouragement. On the Sunday morning my brother David rang to tell me that he had also become a Christian. I was really delighted. I was really encouraged by the people of 1<sup>st</sup> Dromara that Sunday.

Becoming a Christian has been the best and most important decision of my life.

**What difference has it made?:** Becoming a Christian has turned my life round for the better. I have an inner peace knowing that all is well with my soul, having God in my life leading and guiding me and the assurance of heaven one day. Becoming a Christian, I lost interest in doing things I knew were sinful and now really enjoy going to church, reading my bible and learning more about God.

Jackie became a Christian eight months later and growing up, our children attended all the different organisations in 1<sup>st</sup> Dromara.

**Impact of 1<sup>st</sup> Dromara:** At 1<sup>st</sup> Dromara I was greatly



encouraged by so many. I started attending the evening service and the midweek bible study/prayer meeting and a few weeks later was asked if I could help at the Youth Club on a Friday night. Little did I know that 18 years later I'd still be doing it!

It has been a real pleasure to be part of the Youth Club team. Seeing so many young folk each week enjoying themselves, sharing the gospel with them during our epilogues and working alongside a group of dedicated leaders has been a real blessing. Getting involved in different aspects of church life under the ministry of Shaw and now Scott, has really helped me grow as a Christian.

**How long an elder:** Eight years

**Favourite hymn:** 'It is well with my soul'

**Favourite carol:** 'O Holy Night'

**Favourite verse:** 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding and in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy path.' Proverbs 3 vs 5 & 6

**Something we don't know about you:** In my late teens I played the drums for Gransha Pipe Band.

# *Down memory lane*

Rosemary and Roy Sibbett have been hard at work during lockdown scanning all the old pictures from the church gallery. Here are a selection which is sure to bring back memories. They reflect some of the work that has taken place at the meeting house over the years and the history of the buildings associated with the congregation. The typed descriptions are the originals which have been scanned by Rosemary. We will feature more pictures of people and organisations in forthcoming editions of the Link .







MARYBROOK

"Marybrook" is the first known residence of the First Dromara ministers.

Nothing is known as to where the first minister the Rev. John Campbell lived during his ministry although records show the second minister the Rev. John King lived somewhere in the townland of Moydalgan. Again we do not know where the third minister, the Rev. James Birch resided from his coming to Dromara in August 1764 until November 1795 when he bought the Marybrook farm for £300 and where he lived until his death in October 1820. The fifth minister the Rev. Wm Craig, rented "Marybrook" in 1824 and lived here until 1850. During this time many weddings took place at "Marybrook", or at least until the Marriage Act of 1845.



PINEHILL

Failing health forced the Rev. James Birch to retire in 1816 and was succeeded by his grandson the Rev. James Birch Black, who took up residence in "Pinehill". Mr. Black's ministry was brief, being terminated in 1823.

The Rev. Craig after leaving "Marybrook" in 1850 lived in "Pinehill" until the present manse was built in 1858.



### THE MANSE



The Rev. Craig led the congregation through some very difficult times during his ministry. After coming to Dromara the congregation decided to re-build the Church and the present edifice was built in 1826. Then in the 1840's the Potato Famine struck the entire country, poverty and hunger everywhere, but even this did not daunt the Rev. Craig. After having to leave "Marybrook" in 1850 and moved to "Pinehill", he began to plan the Manse which became a reality in 1858 costing £600. Mr. Craig enjoyed the comfort of the Manse until his death in December 1871, and it is recorded that on one of the last times he was able to conduct the Service, announced to the congregation that all building debts had been cleared.

A pane in the front window of the dining room bears the initials J.C. 1860, is that of either James or Jane Craig two of the Craig family.

In 1983 the Manse was extensively renovated before the Rev. McKeown and family moved in.



KINALLEN MANSE, DROMARA.

# Coast-to-Coast Challenge

By Jonathan Rodgers



*Proverbs 19 v 21—Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.*

I don't know about you, but one of the things which frustrates me most is when my plans don't come to fruition. Maybe you have planned to have a quiet night in the house, only for someone to land in (and stay half the night!). Maybe you hoped to have a productive day at work, only to have computer problems which leave you playing catch-up. Or perhaps you had planned to meet up with a friend, but on arrival you realise there is no sign of them. They have forgotten to show up. Looking back, 2020 (and the start of 2021) could arguably be named 'The Year of Failed Plans'. Holidays were cancelled, celebrations of special occasions postponed, and seemingly the only thing which continued uninterrupted was work, of course. Reflecting on this year of failed plans, it would be tempting to view the past 15 months as wasted time. A brief hiccup in our otherwise



meaningful lives. An accident to forget. A detour from

the way things should be. But the very fact that God is sovereign, and 2020 did in fact ...happen, shows that it was meaningful, because although our plans failed, God's purpose and will come to pass. Lockdown was no accident. It was not a waste of time.

One of the most tangible achievements over the course of lockdown was the Coast-to-Coast challenge which was completed by the young people from our church family. On the 8th February 2021 the young people set off on the challenge of collectively walking the length of Ireland in just four weeks. That's right, 302 miles in just 28 days. However, this wasn't just about walking.

Many of the young people in our congregation over the past number of years have been actively involved in and have benefited from the work of CEF in Ireland.

Some serve at local JYC's, others lead 5 day clubs during their summer holidays and perhaps most significantly many have had the opportunity to grow in their knowledge of God and their faith in Him through the camp ministry of CEF at Seaview.



Recently CEF have undertaken a huge redevelopment project of Seaview which has an estimated cost of £1.8m-£2m. When the young people from Bible class discovered they could use their spare time over lockdown walking to raise funds for the redevelopment of Seaview, they leapt at the opportunity, and the Coast-to-Coast challenge was born.

The young people burst into action, accumulating a whopping 92 miles within the first week, and from then on they never looked back. Over the course of the four week challenge in total the young people managed to rack up over 360 miles and raised a whopping £1800 for the Seaview project, far surpassing their initial £500 goal.

As we emerge from the pandemic which for 15 months has turned our world upside down, it is fitting that before looking ahead to what is to come, we celebrate the achievement of the young people from Bible Class in what has been a really testing season of their lives.

Although the past 15 months have at times **felt** like wasted time, I have no doubt that the money raised by the young people, through the generous support of the congregation, will have not only life long but eternal consequences for many as the ministry of CEF in Seaview continues in God's will for years to come. It should be our prayer that God will use the redeveloped Seaview building to bring many precious souls to saving faith in Jesus Christ, and that He will raise up Christian leaders for the future through the camp ministry that takes place there.

Although our plans for 2020 (and 2021) failed, God's purposes came to pass, and what an encouragement it is to know that for those who love God, all things work together for good. (Romans 8 v 28) *"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements and how inscrutable His ways!"* (Romans 11 v 33)



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# Inspire Ladies rise to the challenge

What a challenge we faced in planning a PW programme during the pandemic!

The committee decided to meet via Zoom to consider what, if anything, could be done to try to encourage and get *Side by Side* our women. We felt enthused as we chatted and encouraged one another with ideas which God laid on our hearts. The committee all have different gifts which they have used to reach our ladies such as baking, singing, composing, setting up Zoom meetings, etc .

Initially, we decided to set up a WhatsApp group to keep our women informed. A good number asked to be added to the group. We also decided to publish a Newsletter. Our first Newsletter gave contact details of our committee members, details on the PW theme and Special Projects, a deaconess update, a book review and the date for our first attempt at a full Zoom meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November!

The latter was certainly a huge step of faith! The Newsletter was posted on our PW WhatsApp Group and our church WhatsApp group, and mailed directly to those who can't avail of social media platforms.

Our first Inspire ladies meeting via Zoom included 'meet the committee', an overview of the Home and Overseas projects, a cookery demonstration, praise, and our guest speaker Esther Parker, PW Home Vice President and a member of the team who wrote the 'Inspirations' book for our theme. It was great to have Esther encourage us as women to walk a closer walk with God and challenge us as to how we live out our theme, *Side by side*.

We felt so inspired and encouraged by the feedback from our November meeting that we decided to do another in December! We published our second Newsletter with the date of the Christmas meeting along with details of how to make a Christingle, student Deaconess update and another book review. We also encouraged everyone to wear Christmas jumpers for our online meeting! This was mailed out to our ladies along with a Christmas Card.

At the December meeting, along with a short baking demonstration, each committee member had put together a short video in their own homes on the real meaning of Christmas by unwrapping a box of chocolate Celebrations. We had great fun filming this... and one 'take' wasn't always enough!

Each person gave an explanation of their wrapping paper before 'throwing' it to the next person:

1<sup>st</sup> layer: Christmas paper... 'thrown' to...

2<sup>nd</sup> layer: birthday paper - Christmas is the birthday of Jesus.

3<sup>rd</sup> layer: new-born baby paper - Jesus was born as a baby – fully human, yet fully divine

4<sup>th</sup> layer: paper with stars. A star led to the place where Jesus was born.

5<sup>th</sup> layer: brown paper - Jesus was born into a very poor family, in a stable. A humble birth.

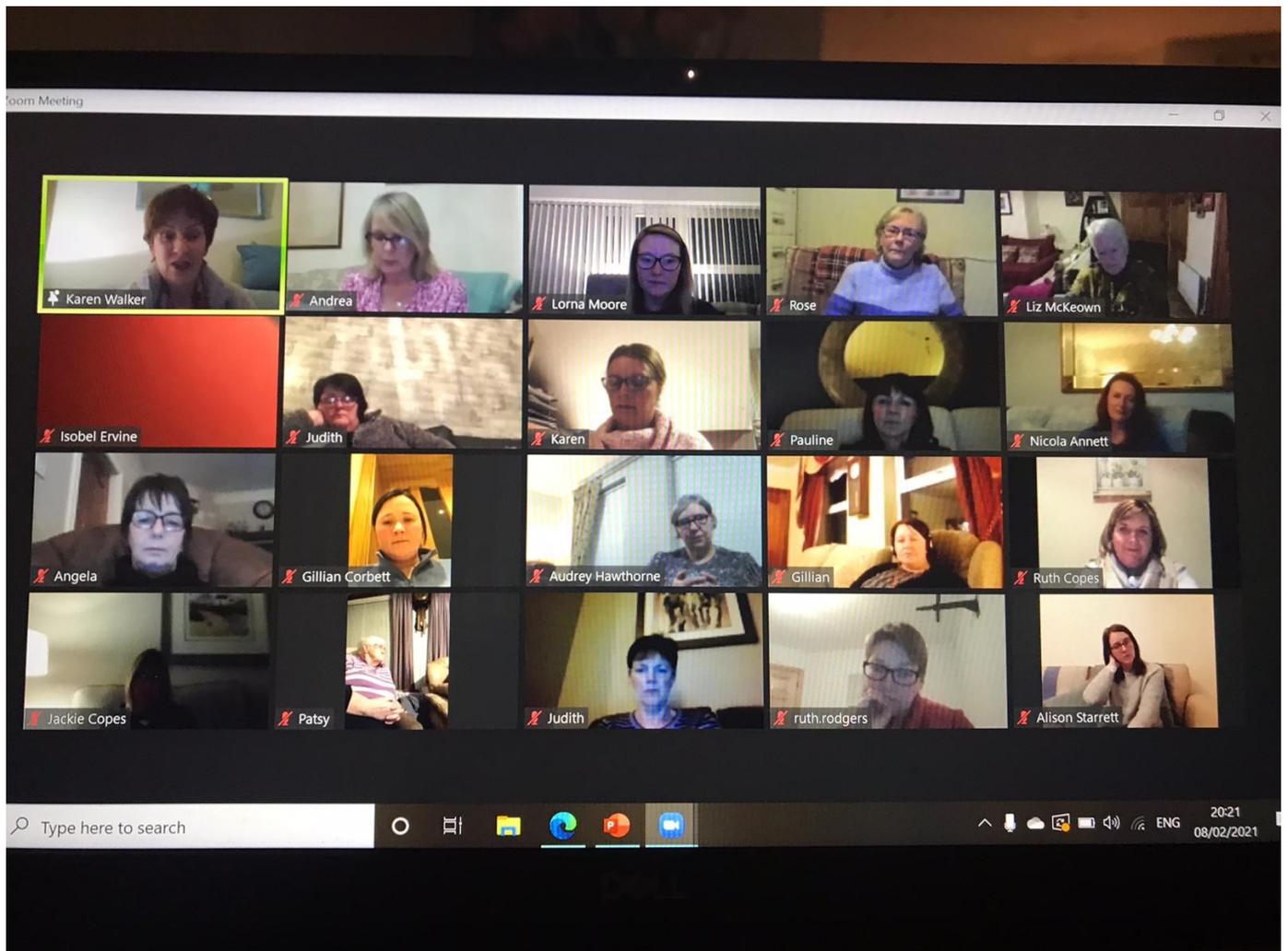
6<sup>th</sup> layer: newspaper - the birth of Jesus is Good News for everyone!

Underneath the newspaper layer was a box of Celebrations, a reminder that the birth of Jesus at Christmas is a reason for celebrating!

January 2021 saw us posting out our third Newsletter, with PW Mission Fund updates, a book recommendation and a study on prayer for personal consideration taken from the PW Side by Side *Inspirations* book.

We were delighted to have Liz McKeown (whose husband Frank ministered in our congregation in the 1980's) speak to us at our February Zoom meeting. We also had a book review and praise items.

Our PW service was pre-recorded and screened online via Facebook and YouTube on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February. We were delighted that Pauline Kennedy, PCI's Women's Ministry & PW Development Officer, recorded a talk for our service. Other members of our group also took part.



In spite of a very difficult year for everyone, and not ignoring the difficulties faced by many in our church family, we were keen to end our session on a positive note and thank God for his faithfulness and sustaining power throughout. To that end, for the last meeting of the session, again via Zoom, committee asked



a number of women if they would share a verse of Scripture or a song, or something else of how God encouraged them and gave them hope and comfort. This proved to be a very popular, encouraging, and uplifting evening... one to be repeated!

Our committee continues to pray for ways to reach out and get alongside our ladies in these strange and difficult days.

We are so thankful for modern technology, and those with the required expertise, that allows us to communicate the Gospel and to "...encourage one another and build one another up..." 1 Thessalonians 5:11.



## Freezer ministry up and running

While lockdown last March resulted in many of our church activities shutting down for a number of months, one new addition to the work in First Dromara Presbyterian Church has been the 'freezer ministry'.

Often we read in the Bible of how Jesus fed the crowds of people who followed Him on a daily basis to witness His miracles and sit at His feet as He taught?

In Matthew Chapter 15 verses 32-39 we read of how He had compassion for the multitude of 4,000 who had been with him for three days and had nothing to eat, so instead of sending them away fasting and in fear of fainting, He ordered his disciples to feed them.

The Bible is very clear in its teaching—"We love because he first loved us...For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen."

While it is our duty to care for the spiritual welfare

of our brothers and sisters, we are also compelled to care for their physical needs as well and draw close to them to show God's love at times of bereavement or illness, or even on the joyful—and exhausting—occasion of the arrival of a new baby.

It is with this in mind that the 'freezer ministry' commenced in September 2020 and thanks to donations and a number of people who have been willing to lend their culinary skills to the task at hand, a freezer was purchased and utilised.

If you would like to help out in this ministry through the provision of home cooked meals, such as soups, lasagne, stews, casseroles, shepherds' pies, chilli, curries (other suggestions welcome) or some simple desserts such as crumbles or tarts please contact Judith Redmond, Karen Walker or Ruth Rodgers.

Alternatively if you know of someone who would be blessed by receiving some food from the 'freezer ministry' please contact the Rev Scott Moore or any of the elders.

## Baptisms

As a congregation we give thanks for the following:

Jamie David Starrett, son of Ashley and Alison Starrett -  
22.11.2020

Charlie Reuben Starrett, son of Ashley and Alison Starrett -  
22.11.2020

Jake John Brian Campbell, son of Alex and Deborah Campbell-  
30.5.21

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."  
Matthew 9:14*

New communicant on profession of faith: Mrs Kathleen Creighton  
– 16.05.21

## Deaths

As a congregation we note and extend our sympathy  
to the families of:

Mr Samuel (Sammy) Martin - 3.10.2020

Mrs Mary Bell - 9.10.2020

Mrs Sarah (Sadie) Elliot - 2.12.2020

Mrs Agnes (Essie) Greer - 30.12.2020

Mrs Charlotte Patricia (Trish) Verner - 10.1.2021

Mr Robert Corbett -17.1.2021

Mrs Joyce Gray - 18.1.2021

Ms Julie Dawn Wilson - 10.6.21

*'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is  
your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power  
of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us  
the victory through our Lord Jesus  
Christ.' 1st Corinthians 15:55-57*

