

IEB Praise and Prayer

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'Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think' (Ephesians 3:20a).



Fay, Liz, Wilma, Roy, Linda, Violet and Joy

Changing Stock

New Bibles, books, gifts, cards and music are always coming out and much wisdom is needed when ordering. Just after Christmas we learned that one of our magazines, *Israel Today*, will from

February cease to exist in printed form and only be available on the internet. We see a drop in CD sales as so many people now access music online. Bibles which sell well can

become unavailable and books go out of print. Despite these changes we know the Gospel never changes and we seek to promote stock which points to Christ.

Praise God

For sales in the shop and at stalls before Christmas.

For wide variety of stock available for customers.

For the extra volunteer we had up to Christmas.

Please Pray

That God will water 'seeds sown' through stock purchased.

For God's favour in use of car park.

For new voluntary staff.

For good health for staff.

Joy Loane

Christmas Trading

Our stock points people to Christ, whether it is through a Bible, a book, a verse on a card or on a gift. God can use His Word to change lives. In the run up to Christmas we were busier than usual, but not as busy as we used to be.



Fay and Leslie



Rebecca



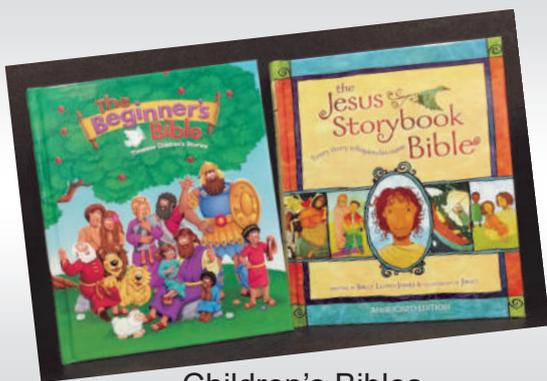
Deane and Helen

We are thankful that despite the upward trend to send Christmas greetings electronically, we still sell a lot of Christmas cards. As these are given to family and friends, the true meaning of Christmas is shared. Books with local interest always sell well, especially as Christmas gifts. This year *Stories from the Streets and Beyond* was a popular purchase. It is written by Rev Jim Rea, a retired Methodist minister, who in the past served in Fermanagh. As Jim shares stories from his life he uses them to illustrate the story of the Gospel of Christ.

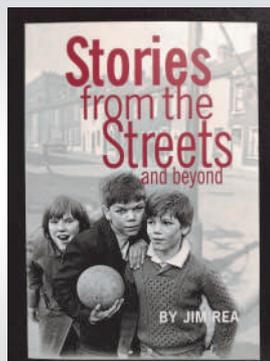
Children's Bibles and Books

There is a large variety of books available which tell the nativity story, simply in a board book for a young child or more detailed in a hardback picture story book for older children. Giving these books as gifts is another way of getting the Bible story into homes with little Christian influence. There are times when Children's Picture Bibles or storybooks are bought, maybe for a christening gift and the customer tells us the family they are intended for have no interest in Christianity. Our prayer is that parents will read these Bible stories to their children and that God would speak to both parents and children.

Welcome to Real Life Bibles Devotional Books Bible Study Material Biography Christian Living
Fiction with Christian Values Youth and Children's Resources Music Cards Gifts



Children's Bibles



Rev Jim Rea's Book



Cards

FORTHCOMING OUTREACH 2020 (DV) PRAYER REQUESTS

Inishowen, Donegal 5 to 30 June

*That the team will be blessed with people of prayer who know the blessing of God and have experienced His power.

*For God to keep the team spiritually victorious and filled with the Holy Spirit.

*That God would grant wisdom and guidance to team members as they share God's message with precious souls.

*That people would be spoken to through the distribution of God's precious Word.

*That the Holy Spirit will speak to hearts and lead them to faith in Christ.

Bert and Gloria Cupples

Roscommon/Mayo/Sligo/Leitrim 15 to 22 August

*For safety as we travel, team unity, divine appointments and protection as we distribute literature.

*For God's blessing upon our Gospel witness in care centres, and that residents, visitors and staff will respond to the Gospel message and be saved.

*For the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we converse with people about their need of a personal relationship with Christ.

*For wisdom and sensitivity as we revisit previous contacts.

*That people will hear the call of God to help in this work.

*That opportunities to witness at homes, literature distributed and messages in Word and song will be used to lead people to faith in Christ.

Daphne Morrow

IEB POSTAL DISTRIBUTION OUR VISION IN IEB

To continue distribution of *Hope in a Troubled World* booklets so that the remaining 600 thousand homes in the Republic of Ireland will receive a copy of this booklet.



In recent years the Gospel message has reached homes in every county, parish, city, town, village and rural area of the Republic of Ireland. How was this accomplished in such a short space of time? A booklet which clearly outlined the Gospel message was delivered by An Post to 1.79 million homes. Included in the booklet,

entitled *No Longer Hoping*, was a reply slip, offering to the reader a Bible or a New Testament and a selection of Gospel booklets free of charge. Hundreds of people responded to this offer and returned the reply slips to us with their requests. As a follow-up to this outreach, a second Gospel booklet, entitled *Hope in a Troubled World*, was distributed by An Post to 1.2 million homes in the Republic. Once again, the response was very encouraging, with hundreds of people returning the reply slips. Today, there are Bibles, New Testaments and Gospel literature

in many Irish homes. Irish people now have access to the Word of God in their homes. The Lord has been pleased to use the Postal Distribution of Gospel literature to make this possible. May the Holy Spirit speak to the hearts of many as they read the Good News and draw them to the Saviour. Some areas in the country have not yet received the *Hope in a Troubled World* booklet. We are currently planning to fulfil our vision of seeing homes throughout the Republic of Ireland reached with the Gospel message.
Dick and Mary Keogh

REFLECTIONS OF TEAM MEMBERS ON IEB POSTAL DISTRIBUTION



Mr Rodney McCullough
from Antrim Printers has been a great help to us in IEB as he has organised the printing and delivery of a total of three million booklets to Dublin for the Postal Distribution from 2012 to 2019. This was a very big job which he carried out very efficiently. Rodney is unwell and we ask that you would remember him in your prayers.

Team Members during the 2019 Postal Distribution
During 2018 and 2019 IEB combined Postal Distribution with personal outreach in various counties in Ireland. We feel this is God's will as we seek to reach as many people as possible in urban and rural areas. Below are encouraging reports on this new venture.

Reaching Rural Areas

I strongly feel that an effective way of reaching people in rural areas is to maximise the Postal Distribution. A well-written booklet, combined with an invitation to Gospel Evenings, delivered by An Post and backed up with advertising such as posters, newspapers and radio could be used. This will focus time, resources and energy on reaching rural areas.

Positive Outcomes July 2019

The July 2019 Postal Distribution of half a million booklets to fourteen counties was a new venture, in that it was followed up with fourteen meetings, one in each county. We had a positive response to the Gospel Evenings. We received 145 written replies and had over 150 local attendees at the meetings.

The Need in Ireland

The need in Ireland is great, with society having turned its back on organised religion. Consequently people are without peace, hope and direction in life which will be found only in Christ. I would love to see some of the areas which responded well to the Postal Distribution, for example Carlow, revisited at some stage.

Boyd George

Postal and Personal Outreach

We have been encouraged through small ventures in combining postal and personal outreach. This was as a result of the proposal of Boyd George. In 2018 we had small Postal Distributions in Inishowen and Fanad with invitations to meetings and *Hope in a Troubled World* booklets distributed. Our teams worked in these areas at the same time. Some people attended the meetings after receiving the booklets in the post. A positive outcome was in Letterkenny where fifty people attended a meeting solely as a result of receiving

booklets and invitations in the post, as team members had been engaged in other areas. It is wonderful for people in remote places, which we could never reach, to receive booklets and invitations to Gospel Evenings. This combined postal and personal outreach is a great help and encouragement to our dedicated team members.

Joan McAlister

Postal Distribution is a very worthwhile means of distributing Gospel literature. In 2019 the Gospel Message Evenings were well attended by people who were searching and asking questions

about salvation. As we talked with people we believe that some were saved through this ministry. We helped others in small fellowships by giving them Gospel booklets, books and Christmas cards for distribution.

Philip Hawe

I believe that the Postal Distribution is an excellent way to distribute literature. Postal workers will always get the literature into people's homes because the door is always open to them. Our prayer is that God will provide the resources to continue this ministry.

Ian Kennedy

Prayer Requests

That God will provide resources to complete the distribution of *Hope in a Troubled World* booklets to 600 thousand homes in Ireland. For people who returned reply slips requesting Bibles and literature.

That God will awaken people who read the booklets to their need of salvation. That those who requested Bibles and literature will be convicted of their sin by the Holy Spirit and be saved as they read God's Word.

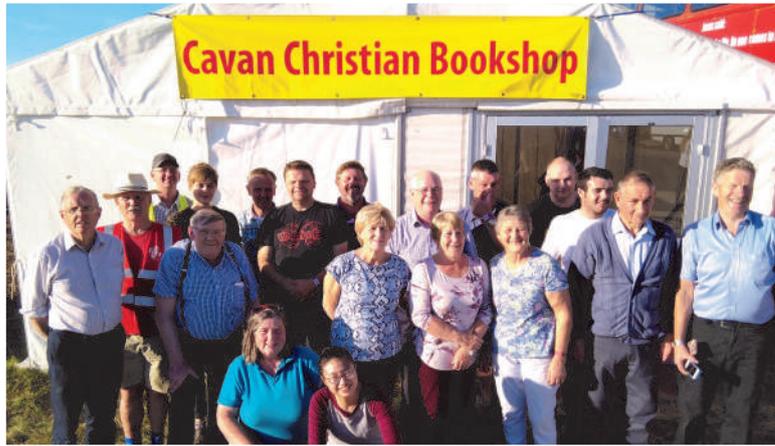


£120 or 135 Euro will pay for the cost of printing and postage of booklets to 1000 homes in the Republic of Ireland.

The National Ploughing Championships, 17-19 September 2019, Ballintrane, Co Carlow

'Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come before Him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness' (1 Chronicles 16:29).

Back in 2003 Tom Condell approached me about taking a stall to the National Ploughing Championships. Now sixteen years on that stall has grown to a marquee. We praise the Lord for the way He has led us and taken care of us. The crowds have grown since those early days which give us many more opportunities. This year alone saw a record crowd of 297 000 people. It was a joy for our team to share the Gospel with a fraction of this crowd. Over a cup of tea, the ones and the twos, and sometimes threes and fours and more, listened as the Gospel was shared with them. There was a constant flow of young people entering the big red bus. On the top deck of the bus there were at times



emptied, such was the interest, and some forty Bibles were requested by people. Each team member could share with you the number of people who showed an interest in spiritual matters. Only the Lord knows what was done over the three days. Might I add, we had sun for the duration of the three days and we thank the Lord for that.



some thirty young people listening to the Word of God. Our free literature stand on the first day was almost

I want to thank all the team for their commitment and dedication, for those who cooked and made the tea and coffee, for those who supplied the material and financial support, and for those who remembered us in prayer. To God be the glory. Do remember 2020 that the Lord will again meet with us as we prepare to share the Word of God at the Ploughing Championships (DV).

Andrew McCausland

Prayer Requests for the Work of IEB

That God will direct many people to pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom and revival in Ireland.
That the IEB Committee would be guided by the Holy Spirit.
For the leading of the Holy Spirit in the work of IEB.
Healing for workers, volunteers and friends who are ill, and for families who have been bereaved.
For health and protection for all who join our teams.
For more dedicated team members who will faithfully present the Gospel.

For guidance and sensitivity as we share the Gospel with people in their homes.

That literature distributed, conversations with interested people and Gospel messages would be used of God to lead people to faith in Christ.

For God's blessing on the Postal Distribution and all those who have received *Hope in a Troubled World* booklets. That people would be saved as a result of reading literature which they requested.

For all who give of their time to help in administration and prepare literature for outreaches.

FORTHCOMING OUTREACH (DV) PRAYER REQUESTS

Croagh Patrick 25 and 26 July

*For safety and divine appointments.

*That for many who climb Croagh Patrick, pardon and peace will replace pilgrimage and penance.

*That pilgrims will listen as team members tell them of the One who climbed Calvary's mountain on their behalf to pay the penalty for their sins.

*That the Holy Spirit will speak to pilgrims who will read the Gospel booklets.

Dick and Mary Keogh

TEAM OUTREACH AND MISSION INFORMATION AUTUMN 19, WINTER 19/20

Dates	Nov 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Sept 19 to Jan 20	TOTALS
Location	Achill	Belmullet	Fanad	Roscommon Mayo/Sligo Leitrim	Other Areas	
Gospel Evenings and Cottage Meetings	2	2	4			8
Care Centre Meetings	3	3	3	7		16
Team Members	9	5	25	5	15	59
Homes visited and Booklets distributed	980	1770	4510	3850	4900	16 010



Team Members and Prayer Partners

IEB Committee Members Eric Hammond (chairman), Denzil McIlfratrick (vice-chairman), Wesley Armstrong, Tom Condell, Leslie Hadnett, Henry Jordan, Joan McAlister, Victor Niblock, Olive Orr, Walter Pringle, Vera Smith and Robert Sturgeon.

Cavan Christian Bookshop - An Open Door in Cavan

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'Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not' (Galatians 6:9).

Serving God in Cavan

It is a great privilege to bring the Gospel to the people of Cavan and the surrounding areas. We praise God that staff members have many opportunities to share the Gospel with people who feel comfortable to come in and ask questions about spiritual matters. We praise God that staff can share their personal testimony and encourage others. The display board outside the shop exhibits a Bible message to promote thought on eternal matters. The shop also has attractive window displays with posters which feature relevant messages from the Bible. When people come into the shop we like to give them a free Gospel booklet or a Bible bookmark so that they have something to read at home.

Dedicated Volunteers

We are privileged to have voluntary staff who faithfully keep an open door in Cavan. We appreciate the dedication of this team of volunteers who so willingly give of their time. Each brings his or her own gifts and abilities to enhance the work of the shop. We express our thanks to Alice Irwin who is responsible for the two-monthly rota. We appreciate the help of John William Kenny who travels to Real Life in Enniskillen to collect stock which is ordered. We are very grateful to Joy Loane and the staff of Real Life for their invaluable assistance. They have access to various suppliers and this is particularly helpful in stocking bookstalls and in fulfilling special orders. I oversee the daily running of the shop and am indebted to the volunteers for the time they sacrifice in serving God. Only eternity will reveal the influence of the Word of God, Christian literature and other material which is purchased. We trust God to bless the seed that is faithfully sown.



Partnership with Local Churches

We partner with churches by providing Sunday school teaching material throughout the year. We pray that God will make this a blessing to both teachers and children. We also supply Bible Study resources and other material for ministers and church members. We greatly appreciate the encouragement given by the local clergy and Sunday School teachers.

Our Vision for the Future

Our vision is to make our resources available not only to people who visit the shop, but also to people in the wider community. We are grateful for opportunities to bring resources to Christian events. We provide a variety of resources to suit people of all ages and we are available to visit local churches, events in the community and places further afield. If you feel we

Literature Sales and Distribution

From September to January sales were good. In September we had a bookstall at The Ploughing Championships and sales were encouraging. In November I had the opportunity to take bookstalls to events at the Barnabas Trust Fund Evening in Cloverhill Hall, Drumartin Hall and Virginia Mothers' Union where sales were excellent. In December I had a bookstall at an annual evening in Longford church hall where parents of young people from various churches purchased Christmas cards and gifts and we had good sales. The sale of Bibles has been very encouraging. At these events people also received Christian books and Gospel literature free of charge. Quite a lot of people came into the shop to buy gifts for Christmas and our prayer is that these will benefit people spiritually. We are most grateful to those faithful customers who continue to support us.

Shop Opening Hours: Mon to Sat
10am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 5.30pm

could assist in any way please contact us and it will be a privilege to respond.

Please Pray

We have opportunities to speak of Christ's love to needy people who enter the shop. We find that free CDs with music and Gospel messages and free calendars are popular. We would value your prayers as we seek God's wisdom and guidance for the future.

Praise and Thanks

An open door of opportunity. Faithful staff and relevant literature to meet people's needs. The support of local churches.

Pray for

Sensitivity and wisdom with customers. Guidance in stock provision. Guidance in planning outreach events. More opportunities to bring bookstalls. Good health and protection for all staff. The shop to remain as a faithful witness in the Cavan area.

Henry Jordan

Bibles Books Children's Books
Biographies Gifts Cards CDs DVDs
Something for all ages

We Express our Sincere Appreciation to All who Faithfully Support the Work of IEB

All who faithfully pray for our work.

Ministers and pastors who support us in our outreach.

Those who contribute generously to our work.

Faithful team members, volunteers and Committee members.

For all who help in administration and preparation of literature.
Those who transport and distribute literature.
Rev Sharon Connor and the members of Battlehill Methodist Church.
The friends who help at Fellowship Evenings.
Those who accept missionary boxes to support our work.
If you would like to receive a missionary box, please contact the IEB Office.



Dick and Mary Keogh Reaching out from Tipperary

Though we have never set foot in most of these places we feel privileged to be allowed by God to play a small part in the rescue of those who are living in spiritual darkness. We are, by God's grace, part of a team of believers dedicated to doing what we can to see people snatched from the grip of the devil.

Salvation, which he shared with his fellow-prisoners. After reading one of our publications a prisoner in San Quentin Prison, California, wrote to us requesting further Gospel literature. A young man in Cape Town, South Africa read our tract entitled, *Salvation in Shanty Town*. He showed it to the Pastor of his church, who then contacted us. It was our privilege to supply him with Bibles for his ministry in the shanty town. We believe each Gospel booklet and tract the Lord enables us to write has the potential to change lives to the glory of God. These are now available on our website: cherithgospel.org.

*'Do the work of an evangelist'
(2 Timothy 4:5).*

We thank God for enabling us to write booklets and tracts that can be used as a means of reaching precious needy souls with the Gospel. The literature published by Cherith Gospel Outreach Trust is being used in evangelism by Christian workers in various parts of the world.

As we look back over the years and reflect on Cherith's ministry, we thank God for making it possible for us to provide Bibles and Gospel literature, not only to pastors and evangelists, but also to individuals. For instance, a prisoner in Lusaka Central Prison, Zambia, sent us the reply slip from one of our booklets. He requested a Bible and literature explaining the Way of

Prayer Request

For the ongoing work of Cherith Gospel Outreach Trust.

John Johnston



The Ploughing Championships

*'Jesus saith unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men'
(Matthew 4:19).*

In September, I was at the National Ploughing

Championships with the Cavan Christian Bookshop team and also the Operation Mobilisation team in the big red double-decker bus. I was amazed to find so many young people interested as I explained John chapter

3 verse 16 while on the bus.

I sat down beside a man who was seriously ill and did not know the Lord. He received a Gospel of John which was printed both in English and Irish. Please remember him in prayer.

Mission Team

During October I had the privilege of being involved with Operation Mobilisation when I brought three Mission team members from Fermanagh to the Overseas Mission Headquarters in County Roscommon. It was my first time to visit the headquarters and it was a joy to meet up again with Ed Smyth whom I had not seen for some time.

Sharing the Good News about Jesus

Visitation Work

I continue visiting contacts made over the years in Manorhamilton, Bundoran, Tullaghan, Mullaghmore and Ballyshannon. I have started outreach work in Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh and I hope to do visitation work in Ballinagh prior to a Gospel Mission to be held there in February/March.

Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord for a full recovery to health.

Pray for my family especially my nephew, Andrew.

Pray for the forthcoming Gospel Mission in Ballinagh.

Pray for wisdom and direction as I meet people day by day.



Dear Praying Friends,
We thank God for 2020. How the years pass by and yet the challenge of the Gospel is greater than ever. Sadly there are so few who hear the call of God into service. Even in the midst of difficulties and opposition God is at work. Lives are being changed and transformed by the power of Christ.

Thank you for your prayers. The bookshop and Gospel outreach continues in Scotland. Wesley visits monthly, following up new contacts and visiting friends who need encouragement. We thank God for some new folk who attend our Gospel meetings. Pray for two people in particular that they will be soundly converted. Thalia is busy with the family and her ladies' Bible study. Please pray for these ladies for a deep work to be done in their lives.

Thalia appreciates your prayers for her and the children. Thank you for your continued prayers for us.

Yours in Christ, **Wesley and Thalia Mitchell**
28 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1ES

FORTHCOMING OUTREACH 2020 (DV) PRAYER REQUESTS

Westport Outreach 24 to 26 July

*That God would give people the desire to join the team at Westport.

*For team members who have compassion for the lost.

*For divine appointments with people in the town.

*That people will be saved.

*For good health for team members.

*For God's continued blessing for Calvary Mission and that Paudge Mulvihill and his team would be blessed in their leadership of the work.

Harry and Valerie Douglas

Belmullet Outreach 25 July to 1 August

*That God will speak through Scripture verses on calendars which people received.

*That people will come to realise the true meaning of the Gospel message.

*That lives will be transformed by the redeeming blood of the Saviour.

*That God will provide enough people for a team.

*For health and safety for the team.

*For good reception of literature and visitation.

*God's blessing on Gospel Evenings and visits to care centres.

Robert and Sharon Swanton

Achill Island Teams on Outreach 9-16 November 2019

9 team members 980 homes visited and calendars distributed 2 Gospel Evenings 3 Care Centre Meetings



We praise God that He ever keeps His promises. It was a great joy and privilege for my friend Karen and myself to join with the IEB team for the special Carol Service in Keel Community Hall in Achill. We were very thankful to God for drawing in children and young people along with their friends and families to be under the sound of His Word. We praise God for very attentive listening to the lesson on the wise men searching for the Lord Jesus with all their hearts. Our heartfelt prayer is for the dear people of Achill to seek the Lord Jesus as Saviour with all of their hearts. We praise God that He can be found through faith in Christ's finished work on the cross. May the Lord continue to impress the truths of the Gospel upon their hearts and minds and grant repentance and faith. It is always so encouraging to see the reverence and hunger the children and young people have for God's Word. They listen so carefully and enjoy hearing all the details of the Bible story. Prayer for the ongoing outreach amongst the children and young people is greatly appreciated. May the Lord's Name be glorified.

Lynda McAuley

Prayer Requests

That those who were spoken to will come to realise that religion or good works will not save them.

That, as people look through the lovely pictures on the calendars, they will read the Scripture verses.

That people will hear the call of God to help in this work.

That there will be a spiritual awakening among the people of Achill.

'Ye shall seek Me and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart' (Jeremiah 29:13).

We returned to Achill in November and it was such a joy to renew friendships and to meet a new family. As well as visiting people in their homes and giving them Gospel calendars, we also visited three nursing homes and a day centre. It was lovely to see the residents join in the carol singing.

One of our Carol Services was held in the community centre in Keel. It was great to see mums and dads along with extended family members coming to hear the local children taking part. Team members have been able to get to know these families. They listened attentively as Lynda told them a story and afterwards had a quiz which was enjoyed by all.

Friends from a home church had sent presents which brought lots of smiles to the children's faces. At the end of the week we were rejoicing and praising God for His help and guidance. (Isaiah 55:11)

Maurice and Gretta Patterson

People in many homes were awaiting the 2020 calendars. With each calendar distributed we left behind Scripture verses for each month of the year. The Corraun Peninsula, which is a needy area close to Achill, is sparsely populated and has a difficult terrain. We found the people welcoming and willing to accept the literature. We had some good conversations at homes. We took part in Gospel Evenings as well as care centre meetings.

We appreciated the musical gifts of John McLoughlin, who is originally from Achill, as both of us played our guitars. We visited some friends who were bereaved or had faced difficult challenges in their families and we endeavoured to bring them comfort from the Word of God. We pray that God's Spirit will speak to people through the printed Word, the ministry in singing and messages from the Word of God. We thank our God for answered prayer.

Ian Kennedy

This outreach was an opportunity, on occasions, to encourage, pray and share suitable portions of Scripture with people, showing them that they could have peace in their hearts through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. For team members, and those who support them, it is a challenge and times of prayer and preparation are required. It is a great responsibility to share the Gospel from what Scripture says as we carefully give answers to their questions, and the wisdom and guidance of God is required. We need to be together and our confidence is in God, not ourselves or man. There is an awareness that others are praying as we seek to use the gifts God has given. This was a great opportunity to serve the Lord in this area and show people the way of salvation.

Jim Graham

FORTHCOMING OUTREACH 2020 PRAYER REQUESTS (DV)

Achill Outreach 18 to 25 July

*That people in Achill will realise their need of salvation.

*For those who will participate in the Bible and Sports Clubs with the young people.

*For parents and families of the young people.

*For favourable weather and good numbers of young people to attend.

*For visits to care centres, thanking God for the opportunity to sing and speak to residents.

*For team unity, help as members witness at homes and safety in travel.

Hugh and Ethel Wylie

Belmullet Teams on Outreach 16-24 November 2019

5 team members 1770 homes visited and calendars distributed 2 Gospel Evenings 3 Care Centre Meetings

*'Bearing precious seed'
(Psalm 126:6).*

I helped Joan, Ian, Jim and Neil on the outreach in Belmullet as we distributed calendars and invitations to the two Carol Services which we held there. I have been visiting mostly the same parts of the peninsula over the last number of visits I have made to Belmullet. I have got to know some of the people in these areas and meet many very friendly and very hospitable people, getting invited into some homes for tea and the chance to talk with them. We were encouraged by the attendance at the Carol Service in Eachleim when around twenty local people came and seemed to enjoy it. While only two attended the Carol Service at the hotel in Belmullet, they stayed and chatted with us for a good while after it was over. We visited three care centres where we received a good welcome as we sang carols with residents and staff. We thank God for His blessing on our outreach.

Robert Swanton



Enthusiastic children, new people and previous attendees came to our meetings, singing the glorious carols. People in three care centres paid close attention to the expounding of God's Word and the carol lyrics. We could really sense God's presence with us. I pray that God will anoint His Word and solos I sang including 'The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy' and 'Joy to the World'.

Neil Shaw

Prayer Requests

Thank God for good number of people who attended the Carol Services.

That God will speak through Scripture verses on calendars which people received.

For staff and residents at the care centres which we visited; that many of them will come to faith in Christ.

It is a great honour and responsibility to be involved in outreach to this large area where there is no known evangelical witness. During the time spent in these areas calendars and invitations were given out. This involved long hours calling at many houses in towns and villages, and up side roads and lanes in isolated areas in both Achill and Belmullet. People expressed their gratitude and thanked us for coming, particularly those contacts who had been built up over the years. It was very encouraging to have met a young man in the summer to whom my wife, Yvonne, and I had given a Gospel of John. It was obvious he had been reading it and it was a joy to give him a Bible. As always we were struck by the respect some of the people had for the Bible and their concerns regarding family life. Others outlined how they were struggling with family problems, illness and uncertainty. This led on to various questions being asked.

Jim Graham

Tributes to Very Special People in the IEB Family

Mrs Hetty Vance was born in Derrylane, County Cavan and later moved to Lisbellaw where she lived until she went to be with the Lord in February 2019. She was a gracious Christian lady who became a Christian in 1956. After this she attended IEB meetings in Cavan, taught in Sunday School and attended local cottage meetings. She prayed much for the salvation of her family and the extension of God's kingdom. She faithfully supported the ministry of IEB. To her children Lindsay, Kenneth, Robert, Ruby, June, Lorna and Betty and the wider family circle we express our sincere sympathy.

Mr Ken Cliphsham from Canada was an example to everyone of a true servant of Christ and was called Home in April 2019. He was a gentleman who was faithful in the place of prayer and was dedicated to taking the Gospel to the people of Ireland, Scotland and Canada. With his late wife, formerly Miss Louise Wilson from Monaghan, they spent many years as missionaries with The Faith Mission in Canada where people with whom they had contact came to faith in Christ. Only eternity will reveal what was accomplished through their faithful ministry. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Ken's sister-in-law Mrs Iris Wilson, and her family, Robert and Audrey Wilson, Kathy and Jaeguen Bae and the extended family circle.

Mrs Elizabeth (Betty) Johnston from Lisburn was a gracious Christian lady who went to be with the Lord in April 2019. She was the dearly-loved wife of David and mother of Wesley, Alma and Judith. She was interested in the ministry of many missionary societies and, with her husband, they were helpers with the work of Disabled Christians' Fellowship for many years. We extend our deepest sympathy to Betty's brother, Rev Dr John Dixon, and the wider family circle.

Mrs Evelyn Mulligan from Portadown was called Home in August. She was a most gracious, gentle lady who loved her family and whose kindness touched many lives. She lived her life for God's glory and was an example of a true servant of Jesus Christ. She was interested in the work of IEB, supporting the ministry through her faithful prayers. To her husband Osmond and the extended family circle we express our sincere sympathy.

Mr Albert Prentice from Tandragee loved and served his Lord until he went to be with Him in September. In 1977 Albert came to faith in Christ while attending a mission at the Automart in Portadown. His friend, the late Mr George Allen, invited him to go and the speaker was the late Mr Joe English from the Busmen's Gospel Group. Albert was a faithful member of the Gideons and went into schools to distribute New Testaments. He had a deep Christian faith, preached at church services and prayed much for those involved in the work of God. He had a great interest in IEB and faithfully supported our work in Ireland. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to his wife Norma, sons Michael and Paul, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, brothers David and Brian, sisters Sandra and Annette and the whole family circle.

Mrs Jean Millar from Benburb was called Home in October after a long illness, bravely borne. She was a most gracious, gentle lady who loved her family and whose kindness touched many lives. She lived her life for God's glory and was an example of a true servant of Jesus Christ. She was interested in the work of IEB, supporting the ministry through her faithful prayers. To her husband Brian, sons Mark and Nathan, daughter Naomi, mother Mrs Lillie Walker, brother David, sisters Barbara, Grace and Elaine and the family circle we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr Douglas Mulholland from Loughgall loved his Lord and faithfully served Him until he went to be with Him in October. He was interested in the work of IEB and attended Kinnego Fellowship Evenings. He was a regular attendee at Derrycrew Mission Hall and had a great interest in missionary work. He prayed faithfully for the extension of God's kingdom in many places and was particularly interested in the work of the late Mr Len Pickering. We express our sincere sympathy to his wife Mary, son William, daughter-in-law Leanne, grandchildren Autumn, Isaiah and Levi, sister-in-law Sheila and the extended family circle.

Mrs Letty McIlrath from Keady was a most gracious Christian lady who was called Home in November. She attended Camagh Fellowship Evenings and prayed faithfully for the extension of God's kingdom. She was particularly interested in the missionary work of her daughter Hazel and son-in-law Clive Walker in Panama. To her son Nigel, daughter Hazel, son-in-law Clive, grandchildren, sisters Mrs Lillie Walker and Mrs Jean Hall and the whole family circle we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

Mrs Adelaide McGurk was born in the townland of Crosses in County Monaghan and later moved to Belfast where she lived until she went to be with the Lord in November. She was a highly-esteemed lady whose godly life was an example to everyone and influenced many lives for God. Adelaide attended IEB meetings in Monaghan when she lived there and supported the Mission both prayerfully and practically for many years. She had a great interest in the work of God and prayed faithfully for the extension of God's kingdom. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband Dennis, daughters Denise and Gillian, sister Mrs Jean Andrews, nephews, nieces and the wider family circle.

Tributes to Very Special People in the IEB Family

Mr Woolsey Smith from Portadown was highly respected in his community and was called Home in December. He worked tirelessly to serve His Lord and had a wonderful ministry in visitation and in holding Gospel services in nursing homes where residents benefitted from the messages given. He was also interested in IEB outreach in Ireland. To his children Stephen, Robert, David, Sharon, Christine and Gordon, sisters Mrs Ada Loney, a retired Acre Gospel Mission worker and Miss Vera Smith, a retired and esteemed Irish Evangelistic Band worker, and the extended family circle we express our sincere sympathy.

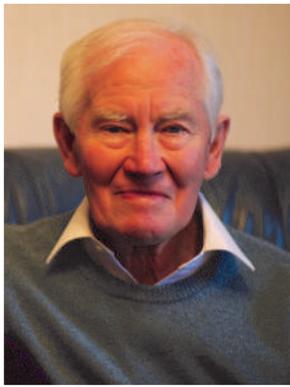
'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord... They rest from their labours; and their works do follow them' (Revelation 14:13).

Mrs Avril Trueman from Portadown was a highly-respected lady who loved her family and went to be with the Lord in December. She had an interest in IEB and enjoyed reading about the IEB outreach in the magazine. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to her daughter Susan, sister Mrs Molly Rodgers, sister-in-law Mrs Isobel Trouton and the whole family circle.

Mr William Brown from Ramelton was a humble, gracious gentleman who was called Home in December. He was interested in the work of IEB and faithfully attended our Gospel Evenings in the Fanad and Milford areas of Donegal. He also was a regular attendee at the Milford Mission Hall and prayed much for the work of God. To his wife, Margaret, children John, David, Alan, Jason, Stephen, Mary, Violet, Ivan, Mark and James and the wider family circle we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mrs Sylvia Roberts originally from Newtownbutler but latterly living in Donegal went to be with the Lord in December. She lived a godly Christian life which was a blessing to many. She attended IEB Fellowship Evenings in Clones, prayed for the work of IEB and supported us in the spread of the Gospel in Ireland. She played the organ in Killoughter Church of Ireland church, held Bible Studies in her home and wrote poems which were a blessing. She wrote a poetry book and sales which came to 1000 Euro were donated to Crumlin Children's Hospital in Dublin. We express our sincere sympathy to her children Elizabeth Herron, Stuart Roberts and Fiona Webster, brothers Mr Frank Nixon, Mr John and Mr Tom Roycroft, sister Mrs Ann McCann and the family circle.

Mr Colin Doake from Lisburn loved His Lord and faithfully served Him until he was called Home in December. He was involved with the IEB Youth Movement and prayed much for the work of God. He trained at Belfast Bible College and served in Waterford with Baptist Missions. Following this Colin was ordained as a Minister in Meare, Somerset. He then studied in the Irish Baptist College and afterwards worked as the Irish Secretary of UFM Worldwide. He had a heart for Missions and was an elder at Carryduff Baptist Church. To his wife Heather, children Naomi, Julie and Andrew, brothers Neville, Ivan and Noel, sister Barbara and the whole family circle we offer our heartfelt sympathy.



Mr John Holmes from Ballyclare went to be with his Saviour on 17th December, aged eighty-seven. From his conversion, when nineteen years old, his burning desire was to reach others for the Lord. John was a man of God and

a man of prayer, a loving and much loved husband and father. His gracious and gentle manner never changed whatever the situation. Many young people were saved and encouraged in their faith, in coffee bars and youth rallies he organised with his wife Ella in Ballyclare. Together they took meetings in churches, mission halls and nursing homes. They were also involved with Disabled Christians' Fellowship. As author of the book, *The Real Saint Patrick*, John was invited to speak on the radio and share with groups throughout Ireland. His tracts have been used at Croagh Patrick and other outreaches. For some years he led the IEB Sligo team. Even in his thirteen years with Alzheimer's, his calm acceptance of his illness and his love for church and the things of God were evident. He is survived by his wife Ella, son Paul and wife Ros, daughters Deborah O'Neill, Grace Herron, Esther Blacoe and Sarah Gardiner, sons-in-law Michael, Andrew and Keith and grandchildren to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr Tommy Jones from Portadown was a highly-esteemed gentleman who was called Home in December. He lived a godly life and had a great interest in missionary work. He attended IEB Fellowship Evenings in Portadown and was faithful in prayer. We express our sincere sympathy to his sisters Jean and Anna, friend Florence and the family circle.

Mrs Martha Hutchinson from Gleneely, County Donegal was a gracious Christian lady who went to be with the Lord in December. She loved to read her Bible and Scriptural poems. She attended IEB Gospel Evenings in Inishowen and prayed faithfully for the work of God. To her children Robert, Derek, Valerie, Freddie, Trevor and Carol, brother Mr Albert Hepburn and the whole family circle we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

Rev Stewart McMahon from Milford, County Donegal was a gracious and humble gentleman who went to be with his Lord in January. He studied at London Bible College and then entered the Reformed Presbyterian Theological College where he studied to become a minister. His first church was in Bailiesmills and he then went to Newry. After retirement in 2004 he acted as interim moderator of Clare Reformed Presbyterian Church, County Armagh. He was interested in IEB outreach in the Milford and Fanad areas of County Donegal and always welcomed team members when they visited him. To his children Andrew, Helen and David, son-in-law Anand, daughter-in-law Pamela, grandchildren, brother Harry, sister Jean and the extended family circle we express our sincere sympathy.



Mr Richard Stanley Shaw from Dungannon was a fine Christian gentleman who was called Home in January in his 107th year. He believed his strong faith and active lifestyle contributed to his longevity. He never married

but was devoted to his church. He lived his life for God's glory and his godly, consistent Christian life influenced many lives for God. He was an example of a true servant of Jesus Christ to everyone. He also carried on a weekly meeting in a Mission Hall for many years. A most kind and upright man, known affectionately to many as Dick, he contributed financially and prayerfully to many missions including IEB. Only eternity will reveal all that was accomplished through his faithful ministry. He was a man of prayer and walked closely with the Lord right up until his Homecall. We extend our deepest sympathy to his nephews, nieces and the wider family circle.

Mrs Molly Wilson from Keady was a highly-esteemed lady who went to be with her Lord in January. She lived a godly life which was a great example to everyone especially many children and young people whom she taught in Sunday School at The Temple Presbyterian Church, Keady. She prayed much for the extension of God's kingdom.

IEB workers including Frank and Violet Marshall, Edmund and Lily Sandford, Bert and Doris Finlay, Vera Smith, Bob Graham, Stanley Hawthorn and Christy Irwin missioned in the Armagh area and received hospitality at the Wilson home. Molly faithfully supported the ministry of IEB and, with her late husband, Johnny, they began Camagh Fellowship Evening which has continued since then. Her son Maurice and daughter Mrs Thelma Gorman predeceased Molly who was deeply saddened about this but she kept on looking to God who proved His faithfulness to her. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to her daughter Sandra Gibson, sons-in-law Sam Gibson and Peter Gorman, daughter-in-law Violet Wilson, grandchildren and the whole family circle.

Mr Jim Dawson from Waringstown was a highly-respected gentleman who was called Home in January. He served in several offices in Knocknamuckley Parish Church. He was dedicated to the work and witness of Gibson's Hill Mission Hall, Lurgan. He had a great interest in many missionary societies, faithfully supported the work of IEB and was active in the place of prayer. His godly life was an example to everyone and influenced many people for God. Only eternity will reveal all that was accomplished through his faithful witness. To his wife May, daughter Susan, son-in-law Michael, grandchildren Ian and Sarah and the wider family circle we extend our deepest sympathy.

'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.'
Psalm 116 verse 15

Team Outreach and Mission Fanad, County Donegal 1-18 December 2019

25 team members 4 Gospel Evenings 3 Care Centre Meetings 4510 homes visited



'Be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord' (1 Corinthians 15:58).

We welcomed the IEB team for their outreach. Carol Services were held in Milford, Kilmacrenan, Rathmullan and Rosnakill. It was great to see both sections of the community attending and taking part in Bible Readings. Eric and Olive Borland, the Burns Family and Neil Shaw provided lovely music and singing. Rev Mervyn Carter, Boyd George and John Mulhern shared meditations from God's Word. The calendars and Gospel literature we delivered in the Rathmullan area were well received. To God be the glory.

Bert and Marie Anderson

While delivering calendars we again had the wonderful privilege of visiting many people who have now become good friends. We give thanks to God for open doors, open minds and several meaningful conversations. Our prayer is that God will use the calendars to speak to needy people.

Eric and Olive Borland

In rural areas of Ramelton and Milford we had the privilege again of distributing the popular Gospel calendars, as always well received by the householders. At a number of homes we met parents with children and with their consent we asked the children to choose a Scripture bookmark. They were very excited to receive them. We pray that the Word of God will impact the lives of young children and adults for His glory.

Jim and Dorothy Malseed

Eric Kells and I travelled to Ramelton to distribute calendars and invitations to Christmas Carol Evenings. Having listened to the weather forecast we were rather pessimistic about going as it forecast rain. My Bible reading that morning was, 'Get thee hence', and this confirmed that we should go. In Ramelton we visited 250 homes and were warmly welcomed. One lady thanked me so much for coming each year to give her a calendar. A man thanked me and accepted three more calendars for his friends.

Jim Davison

As we went around the doors in Rathmullan, Kilmacrenan and Kerrykeel we found that those people who were in their homes when we called were very pleased to receive the calendars and invitations to the Gospel Evenings in the various venues. It was so encouraging to us when many people told us that they were looking forward to getting the calendars again. We pray that as the Bible verses are read the Holy Spirit will be at work and God will open their eyes to the need of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is such a joy for us to be involved once again in this wonderful outreach to needy souls in County Donegal.

William and Jean Roulston

It was good to help during the Christmas outreach in our area. The calendars were well received by all those who were contacted. We trust that these, and those calendars put through the letter boxes of houses where no one was at home, would be an encouragement and reminder that God is only a prayer away.

Samuel and Caryl Anderson

John Mulhern and I attended meetings in Rathmullan and Rosnakill. There was great passion in singing the wonderful carols and in the Word of God going forth. God was very near us here and also in the nursing homes where Joe Kerr shared God's Word and I sang more carols including 'O Holy Night' and 'Light of the World'. May people know the true Christ, not a baby any more.

Neil Shaw

I joined with Joan and Ian to distribute Scripture calendars in the Milford, Cranford and Carrigart areas. People were friendly and receptive, and it was good to meet up with those we had visited before. We thank God for opportunities to share about the Lord and to encourage believers. We continue to pray, as these calendars are displayed in homes, that the words of Scripture will speak to many people.

Joe Kerr

I have especially enjoyed our visits to nursing homes in this area. It is encouraging that we still have the freedom to visit and share the Gospel with residents. They enjoy the music and Scripture readings and join in with singing of familiar carols. There is time also to speak with each person. Staff were so helpful and made sure we had a cup of tea before we left.

Margaret Kerr

I had the privilege of speaking at two meetings in Rathmullan and Rosnakill. The presence of the Lord was very real. We praise God for the unsaved people who attended and listened to His Word. God is continually working in people's lives and it is a joy to see what He is doing. 'We are labourers together with God' (1 Corinthians 3:9) in this great work of sharing the Gospel with those outside of Christ.

John Mulhern

Prayer Requests

For a move of God's Spirit in people's lives.

That the literature distributed, opportunities to witness at homes and messages in Word and song will be links in the chain to lead many people to faith in Christ.

That many will respond to the Gospel message and be saved. That God will bless His Word which was shared with the people.

FORTHCOMING OUTREACH 2020 PRAYER REQUESTS (DV) Fanad, Donegal 14 May to 2 June

- *That the Word of God contained in the calendars and literature will challenge people about the need of salvation.
- *For safety and protection for teams.
- *That God will bless His Word as it is shared on the doorsteps.
- *That many people will be reached in the Gospel Evenings in Kilmacrenan, Rathmullan, Milford and Rosnakill.
- *That many will respond to the Gospel.
- *That God will burden younger people to join the teams.

Jack and Alice Irwin

'He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him' (Psalm 126:6).

Roscommon/Mayo/Sligo/Leitrim Team Outreach 29 December 2019-7 January 2020 5 Team Members 3850 homes visited 7 Care Centre Meetings



I had a good time, thanks to Joan and the team, distributing Christian calendars around Roscommon. I am particularly thankful they agreed to visit a town where there is a church. We also visited a family there (had tea!) and prayed with them. The reception at the doors was generally quite positive. It was an empowering way to share Jesus as Lord as the calendars declare the Gospel message in a perhaps lower key way. Visits to nursing homes were also an encouragement. The staff and residents were receptive to the singing and short, though poignant, messages from Gilbert Beck.

Ed Smyth

Once again it was a great privilege to be part of the team as we were warmly welcomed at seven care centres in Mohill, Boyle, Ballaghaderreen and Castlerea. We were encouraged to see residents, staff and visitors take an interest in our services. They listened attentively to the Gospel message as we sang some old and well-known hymns in which some participated and sang along with us. Gilbert Beck brought the messages from the Word of God and explained simply the way of salvation.

At the services we were very conscious of God's presence. Some residents told us not to leave it too long until we would return to sing more Gospel hymns. At the end of each service we gave each resident a present and shook hands with them.

Ian Kennedy

The distribution of the literature was well received by the people of Roscommon, Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim. Each pack consisted of a beautiful Scripture calendar and a leaflet explaining the Gospel message. These were pre-packed and this protected the literature.



We express our sincere thanks to those who spent a lot of their time packing the literature for us to distribute. It was a great privilege to visit many homes where we met people who accepted calendars, showed interest and were open to listen to the message of the Gospel. We thank God for the great privilege of sharing with them what Jesus had done for them on the cross. People expressed their appreciation for the calendars received in past years and their gratefulness as they accepted 2020 calendars. We thank God for interest in the Scriptures and pray that in due time there will be a harvest. We were challenged by the great need to bring the Gospel message to people in places where there is little Christian witness. At a prison eighty calendars were requested. We pray that the Scripture verses each month on the calendars will be thought-provoking messages that will benefit the readers. We were blessed to scatter the good seed of the Word of God. Pray for all who received it and that the Holy Spirit would speak to their hearts.

Relationships are being built with people we have met and this is a great encouragement to us.

At the services in the care centres there was a very definite sense of God's presence as both residents and staff listened very well as the Gospel message was presented. We had prepared a gift for each of the residents and they were all very appreciative. We thank God for opening these doors to share the love of Christ with people who need to hear the Gospel before it is too late.

Gilbert Beck

Our team stayed in a bungalow at Loughglynn in County Roscommon. On Monday Gilbert Beck, Ed Smyth and I distributed calendars in the large town of Castlerea. On Tuesday we visited Frenchpark, Loughglynn and Ballinlough. As we visited homes in these needy areas we met interested people who willingly accepted the calendars and were looking forward to us coming. We were blessed with dry weather to distribute the calendars, good opportunities to share the Gospel and invitations in to some homes. During the week our team members enjoyed visiting homes in Aclare, Drumsna, Leitrim Village, Drumshanbo, Mohill, Castlerea, Frenchpark, Loughglynn, Ballinlough, Charlestown, Bellaghy, Kilkelly, Kiltimagh, Knock and Swinford. It was worthwhile going to these towns where we had the wonderful privilege of leaving literature in homes and being an encouragement to people.

Philip Hawe

We appreciate very much the dedication of team members who joined us for the outreaches. We believe it is very important to revisit these areas so that we can meet up with people we have met on previous occasions. We were encouraged as we visited people who were so thankful to receive the calendars. Some of them are unwell and appreciated listening to team members reading from the Bible and praying with them.

Joan McAlister

Prayer Requests

That those who read the Scripture verses on the calendars will come to saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

That the Holy Spirit will bless His Word to their hearts.

That God will bless people who received follow-up visits and literature.





FORTHCOMING OUTREACH (DV)

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY OUTREACH 2020

Various Venues Tuesday 17 March

WEST OF IRELAND CONVENTION 2020

Sligo Presbyterian Church

Saturday 9 May at 8pm

and Sunday 10 May at 3.30 and 7pm

Guest Speaker Archdeacon David Huss

BANGOR WORLDWIDE MISSIONARY CONVENTION 2020

Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church

Friday 21 to Saturday 29 August

NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ballintrane, County Carlow

15-17 September 2020

OUTREACH/MISSION SPRING/SUMMER 2020

Achill/Belmullet Thurs 19 to Thurs 26 March

Fanad, Donegal Thurs 14 May to Tues 2 June

Inishowen, Donegal Fri 5 to Tues 30 June

Achill Sat 18 to Sat 25 July

Westport Fri 24 to Sun 26 July

Croagh Patrick Sat 25 and Sun 26 July

Belmullet Sat 25 July to Sat 1 August

Roscommon/Mayo Sat 15 to Sat 22 August



Fellowship Evenings 2020 (DV)

Aughnacloy Presbyterian Church

Sunday 16 February at 7pm

Speaker Mr Boyd George

Ballymena Independent

Methodist Church

Wednesday 19 February at 8pm

Speaker Mr Gilbert Beck

Castleblayney Friday 21 February 8pm

Speaker Rev Jim Hagan

Please note change of day

Ballinagh Friday 28 February at 8pm

Speaker Rev Samuel Aiken

Castleberg Friday 6 March at 8pm

Speaker Rev John Beacom

Banbridge Baptist Church

Wednesday 11 March at 8pm

Speaker Mr Gilbert Beck

Monaghan Tuesday 17 March at 8pm

Speaker Rev Malcolm Kingston

Enniskillen Friday 3 April at 8pm

Speaker Rev Lorna Dreading

Larne Congregational Church

Thursday 9 April at 8pm

Outreach Team Reports

Clones Easter Monday 13 April at 8pm

Speaker Rev Dr Jean Mackarel

Mavemacullen Saturday 18 April at 8pm

Speaker Mr Boyd George

Desertmartin Sunday 19 April at 8pm

Speaker Mr David Collins

Drumcree, Portadown

Monday 20 April at 8pm

Speaker Rev Canon Neville Hughes

Knocknadona Missionary Convention

Glenavy Road, Lisburn

Sunday 26 April at 8.30pm

Speaker Mr Gilbert Beck

Outreach Team Reports

Clogher Tuesday 5 May at 8pm

Speaker Rev Ken Robinson

Corick House Annual Fellowship

Evening and Dinner

Friday 9 October at 7pm

Gospel Singing and Bible Ministry

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