

Church at the Crossroads



The JMA (Junior Mission for All) project for 2010 is situated at a roundabout in Bloomfield. Early in the Millennium, a series of break-ins and arson attacks took place in this area of Belfast.

The church building was a target and in response to these incidents, the local community prompted by the Leaders of Bloomfield Methodist Church set

about establishing "PCCI – Promoting Community Care Initiative". It came to be known as the Crossroads Project.

Premises were secured to begin a drop-in centre with internet and cafe facilities. Today these are used by about 100 young people ranging in age from Primary 3 school age to Form 5.

JMA income will help to fund their youth worker Natasha Mudd enabling her to extend good links with local schools and to expand the drug awareness programme.



Power Station Church!

A building previously owned by the Electricity Supply Board, has been acquired as the new Methodist Church in Kenmare, Co Kerry.

The new but growing all-age and multi-national congregations in Killarney and Kenmare are already participating in moving out to other towns in the county. Several members of the Churches are running regular fellowship gatherings for Bible study and prayer in three other centres. These are attended by Irish people and foreign nationals.



A few members of Kenmare congregation examine their possible new church building whilst a pensive Property Board Chairman walks by!



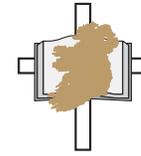
Next year we hope these storage cages will be transformed into a sanctuary!



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Churches moving...
...in prayer and witness



Cregagh church prepared for the "Night and Day" prayer initiative for Ireland and the Church on 19th – 20th September.

Church on the Surf!

The Methodist Church in the seaside village of Polzeath, Cornwall has been turned into a surfer's "Tube Station" with regular events run by Christian surfers. Surfing has also become one of Ireland's fastest growing sports with hundreds of people heading to the west coast every week-end.

In Co Clare a group of Christian surfers have started a unique fellowship. Early in 2009, led by Jono Griffin and friends, young people joined them for a week-end of fun, learning, fellowship and worship.

Springswell will be repeated in early in 2010.

"Surfing is rejuvenating and can leave an awesome certainty of God's power in creation." Shouldn't Church do that more often?"



Church on the Road

Again in Co Clare, but later in the year two, three day, prayer pilgrimages took place following an ancient prayer path. Part of the Pioneer Ministry led by Rosemary Power, people from various Christian backgrounds (and none!) visited some of the many heritage sites to pray for the people of the county and remember issues of concern in the world. More such prayer walks are being planned for next year.



One place of prayer was in the ruins of the Moravian church at Crossard, Co Clare (built 1794). It was Moravians whose faith influenced the Wesley's; pioneered the modern missionary movement and inspired 24.7 prayer.



A part of the Prayer House in Newtownards.

Church on the Town

Over 50 Methodist Churches around Ireland participated in the "Night and Day" of prayer in September which aimed to encourage and resource round the clock experiences of praying. In many places Churches continue to join with others in organising prayer spaces in commercial premises.

Ten churches in Newtownards are amongst those who have taken over commercial premises for a week of non-stop cross denominational prayer. They finished the week with worship together. "Many hearts were touched, strengthened, restores and set free and we give thanks to God for his blessings." United prayer events have been held in many towns including Ballinamallard, Lurgan and Cork.

Some resources for you and your Church

- Methodist Newsletter – possibly the best value for money magazine of any denomination. Your Church has an agent.
- Prayer Focus – full of information about the Methodist Church in Ireland and abroad. Use it personally and in fellowship gatherings.
- The Square Mile Programme highlights four areas of mission for the regions within a mile of your church, work or home.
See: <http://www.eauk.org/squaremile>
- Does your Church want to take action on poverty? "Just Church" is new in Ireland and provides thought provoking study and action materials.
www.justchurch.info
- Looking to the future? Developing a fresh vision? Training volunteers? Contact the training and Development Officer Louise Wilson. She can arrange these and much more!
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