

...sharing
God's Welcome

*You are warmly invited to the
Service of Thanksgiving and
dedication of the new welcome
area and suite of halls
Friday 19 March 2010
Come along and share in God's
Welcome*

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**The purpose of Streaan Presbyterian Church
is to know Jesus Christ and lovingly make
Him known through:**

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Teaching the word

Reaching the community

Encouraging the members

Alive in worship

Nurturing the next generation

From the Manse

Dear friends,

It is around two years since I as the “new minister” in Streaton was asked to enter into a review and discussion about our building project and God laid on our hearts the desire to move forward and the vision of “Sharing God’s welcome”. The time since has been incredibly busy with all the distractions and decisions of the project as well as the work of ministry and many other things going on in Streaton. I have always been conscious that we are building on the work of the past, reliant on the huge time and effort given by Brian Nixon and the Project Team in the present, and at the same time assured that we are moving forward into God’s plans for us in the future. I have been excited as more and more people have built on our reputation as a welcoming congregation to really ask questions and think about what it means for us to reach out and draw others in that they might know not only our welcome but God’s welcome when they come in faith to Jesus.

Our project will give us so many opportunities to do new things, build bridges with the community and meet new people. I have a real sense of God wanting to bless us and do new things among us, and I want to be a part of that, and want you to as well! So can I encourage you to:

PRAY

This is the most important thing. The Psalmist says, *“Unless the Lord builds the house, it’s builders labour in vain”*. We don’t want our efforts to be for nothing but rather than God will lead us and use us to build His Church. Each week information is provided for personal prayer and through the Sunday morning prayer meeting, small groups and so on there are many opportunities to pray for the work of the Church and the family of the congregation. Our new prayer room will be a special place for individuals to find a quiet space and for meeting together. Knowing how important this is, we have decided that as we have our service of thanksgiving and dedication we will continue on with a day of prayer, and we hope that many of you will be part of that as we seek God’s blessing on the future.

GIVE

It is very clear that as a people we are being challenged to give in order to meet the needs of the ongoing work of the Church, the funding of the building project and our support for mission and for God's call on Walter and Rosie to Mozambique.

Generosity now will mean that we will not have burdens hanging over us for years to come and that our focus can be on fulfilling the vision of sharing God's welcome rather than raising funds.

As you know, the special offering at our service of thanksgiving and dedication will be firstly for an overseas building project and any surplus for our own. God is no man's debtor and as we give we can be assured that we will not be in need and not regretful but rather know his blessing more and more.

GET INVOLVED

Perhaps you are reading this and you have not been to Church for some time - now is the time to come back, as our attendances continue to grow, and new members join us!

Perhaps you used to be involved, or are not sure how you can be involved - now is the time to go for it, as there are many new opportunities to serve. A group has been set up to co-ordinate events in May and June to launch our project and there is something for everyone so plan to be a part of it and invite others and introduce them to Streaton. Before that I'd like to invite you and your family to the following events which launch our project:

- Friday 19 March at 7.30pm - Service of thanksgiving and dedication with the Moderator Right Rev Dr J Stafford Carson
- Saturday 20 March - Day of prayer running from Friday night until a time of praise at 7.00pm
- Sunday 21 March at 11.30am - Come to our full attendance Sunday and have refreshments in our new facilities
- Saturday 27 March 10.00am-2.00pm - Community open day
- Sunday 28 March 11.30am - Service with community focus

You can read more about them inside and the programme of events for Easter and May/ June, and be introduced to the work of Crown Jesus Ministries who will be coming to work alongside us in outreach in September.

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21

Your minister,
Alan

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Welcome Project Update Feb 2010

At the point of writing, our building project is almost complete. In fact, by the time you read this it should be finished and ready for the furniture and equipment to be installed.

However, in many ways it will only be the beginning. How is that so ,you might ask?

The Welcome Project in Streaton , as you will probably have read elsewhere in this publication, is about showing and explaining God's Welcome to all. The building we have completed is only a physical item that we believe can be used to allow us to help explain the meaning of God's Word and demonstrate His Welcome to all.

The Coffee Bar area is not a place where we plan to make money and operate as an up market eating place ---- no, this is a place where we can meet parents and friends of the organisations that use our premises and try to develop those relationships and show we are a caring Church. In fact, we need to have members of Session and Committee try to get some sort of rotas organised where they are available to meet these people who have a direct or indirect connection to our Congregation, yet we don't really know them nor them us. This is real, practical outreach.

We have rooms and space that we need to make available to suitable organisations within our wider community so we must set up a group to inform others of these facilities. We must become a beacon to our community to show that we want to connect with them and therefore have the opportunity to demonstrate God's Welcome to them all.

We will have equipment such as projectors, screens, televisions ---all of which can be used for presentations or meetings. We will have a separate room for Prayer, a functional Church office, tea and coffee facilities and space to have more than one group at a time.

It is a wonderful opportunity and a credit to the successive Church Committees and the Session that they took the decision to proceed with the Project.

As Chairman of the Project Team I have been privileged to work with a committed group of people who have spent long hours trying to get this Project to completion and whose dedication to Streaton Church is beyond doubt. In particular, I would like to single out Bill M'Kenzie, Stephen Boyle, Alex Steel and indeed our minister Alan Carson for always being there to make decisions and to our Professional Team of Architects and Engineers for their professional approach to the project at all times. There are many others within the congregation including Roberta Wilson , Nola M'Cluggage and Iris M'Killen who also have committed time to this Project and to them also a debt of gratitude is due.

I am looking forward to seeing how it all works in practice and the use we can make of it all to God's Glory.

Brian Nixon
Project Team Chairman

Strean Welcome Project - Finance Update

Although all our costs are not yet finalised the projected final cost is **£885,000**, which includes the contractor's costs, the professional fees, the new kitchen, furniture, fittings and audio equipment. To 31 January 2010 we had spent £646,309 leaving a further **£238,691** estimated to finalise the Welcome Project.

Property Income

At the start of 2009 we had £66,918 in the property bank account. The sale of the Lecture Hall and its investment interest added £277,729. The Congregation, through the monthly envelopes, pledges, Harvest Gift Day, Gift Aid and fund raising, raised a marvellous **£89,033**. After spending £375,888 on the Welcome Project and £12,950 on general property expenses (mainly on storage units and chairs for the Adgey Hall) there was **£57,792** in our property account at the end of January 2010.

Bank Loan

So far we have borrowed **£283,371** from the bank and have estimated a further £238,691 to complete the project. If this amount is all borrowed it increases the loan to **£522,062**. However we have £57,792 in our property account and after retaining some income to meet this year's projected general property expenses the final loan should be nearer **£470,000**.

Loan Costs

The cost to repay a loan of £470,000 is **£37,600** per year which means the Congregation needs to pay the Bank **£3,134** every month for the next 15 years. However if we can raise **£70,000** this year, and for the next few years, from the property envelopes, the pledges, the Harvest Gift Day, Gift Aid and our Fund Raising activities we can pay off our loan in under 8 years.

That is still a long time to have a loan debt and interest rates will rise over the next few years, which will increase the cost to repay the loan. So the sooner we it pay off the less it will cost us.

Your Contribution

There are currently approximately 300 families in the Church and 248 regularly contribute to the Church. Last year 178 families contributed to the property fund. Many of us cannot contribute any more but if those families who currently do not contribute to the property fund were able to start paying something, no matter how small, and those who can afford a bit more increased their contribution we could clear the loan over a much shorter time period. With God's help and your continued financial support we will be able to pay the debt off quickly.

Deane Morrice

Assistant Treasurer

I am sure everyone will agree that Deane has done a marvellous job in the way he has been looking after our financial interest throughout the planning stage and in the negotiation with the banking institutions.

The work of managing the loan is ongoing and will continue for some time to come, so please remember Deane in your prayers as he continues to look after our interests in this matter.

We're going to
build a church



Where?

Just under a year ago the process began of finding a suitable project for us as a Congregation to support in conjunction with our own Welcome Project. Discussions within Session and the Missions Committee decided that it would be, a **church overseas**, if possible with a **similar vision** of community outreach as our own, with which we could have **ongoing contact** and the possibility of visiting at some point in the future.

We began by contacting mission organisations that we have had close and long standing links with. Without exception they were all blessed and encouraged by what we were hoping to do. During this time many other projects were also suggested to us. Over time many were eliminated for not fitting the criteria we had established. What we did not envisage was how difficult it would be to choose one from the remaining few. The remaining projects all have very positive points in their favour and so it was felt that no decision could be made without further prayer and guidance from God. And so we ask you again to -

*Join with us in prayer that we will be directed
to the project of God's choosing.*

The chosen project will be announced before the Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication and the first £10,000 of the thanksgiving offering at this service will go to this project.

The projects being considered are in Africa and would be used for Church Worship, community training/outreach and the training of church leaders.

Mission Committee



Day of Prayer ... In safe Hands



We in Streaton praise God for His guidance and protection during our building project, for the project team, fund raising committee and so many others working quietly behind the scene. For the architect, the technical team and the contractors who have completed the work with minimal disruption.

Moving forward we see a busy church with a challenging programme. How can we keep everything in motion? Without God's help we cannot. (Psalm 127:1)

It is imperative that we commence the new ministry with an emphasis on prayer, seeking God's guidance and help for every step ahead. The plan is to cover every area of ministry, the needs of the Streaton family and wider community. Prayer opens the door to God's mercy and the working of His power in our lives and we would encourage all members of the congregation to be involved. The plan is to have a twenty four hour period continuing on from the Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication on Friday 19th through to an informal time of praise at 7:00pm on Saturday 20th March.

After Jesus ascended to Heaven the disciples returned to Jerusalem and "joined constantly in prayer" for a period of several days. This was followed by Pentecost after which Peter preached and the result was that about 3,000 were added to their number that day. An extended time of prayer, a short sermon and an amazing outcome. We need to see God move in a similar way in Streaton, in our community and across the nation. As we

pray, we can go forward in confidence to see God's hand at work in all we do.

There will be space available for you to spend time alone in quietness and meditation or to share and pray with others. There will also be the opportunity to leave requests for which the prayer team and others will pray. This is a time for all members of the congregation, session, committee and the organisation leaders to commit, plan and to dedicate time together to pray with and for each other and their organisation. This is also an opportunity for friends, families and small group members to bring personal, family or ministry concerns and needs before the Lord.

Please endeavour to take an active part in this special day of prayer, either by

- Calling in for a short time of prayer at any stage during the day.
- Praying for God's work in Streaton and the local community in your own home if you are unable to join with us.

Prayer Committee.

The new prayer room / quiet room will be a wonderful resource for both individual prayer or quiet time and also for communal meetings for prayer, meditation and study.

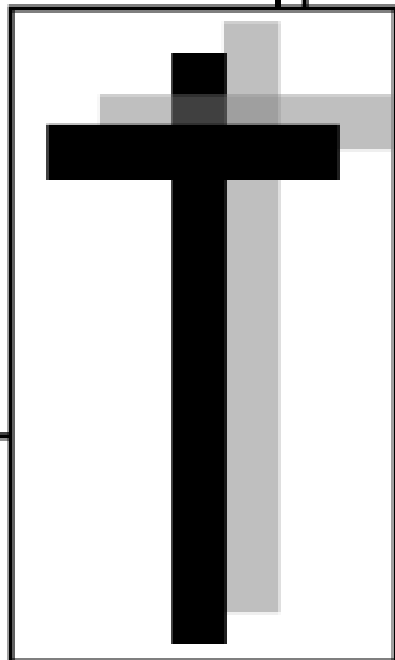
Community Fun Day – 27th March

Everyone welcome. Bring the whole family, mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbours, for a great fun day out to mark the opening of our new halls layout. Saturday the 27th promises to be fun filled and an opportunity to view the halls between 10.00am and 2.00pm. At Streaton we want to reach out to the community and say these halls are here for everyone. With that in mind we have invited the Community Policing Unit Newtownards PSNI to join us along with the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service. It is envisaged that both organisations will bring along vehicles and give advice on crime prevention and fire safety during the day. Ards Borough Council has agreed to attend and advise on that age old question of, “which bin does this go in?”, and other helpful advice on recycling. Tea, coffee and scones will be served all day, in the coffee bar, free of charge. An energetic young dance troupe will be staging a show and giving lessons in the Adgey Hall during the morning. It is hoped to have a Uni Hoc tournament, BB v GB v Sunday School and if time permits Mums v Dads. At lunch time the highly esteemed Lord Londonderry’s Own CLB Flute Band will be staging a recital in the Adgey Hall. It is a privilege to have one of the oldest and most popular bands in the Newtownards area, here at Streaton.

For the younger members we have a bouncy castle with slide and a balloon launch with a prize for the balloon that travels furthest. There will be face painting and a slow bicycle race and hopefully water bomb tennis.

It is our aim to fill the halls to let people see what God has done for us and how he is using us to share His love and concern for all around us. Make a special effort to come along and bring someone with you, tell your friends to meet you for coffee and if you can think of anything else that would be good to do on the 27th please let me know.

Alistair McCauley



The Road to Calvary

A series of Easter Services

each evening at 8pm

Tuesday 30th March

2nd Ards Presbyterian Church

Wednesday 31st March

Regent Street Presbyterian Church

Thursday 1st April

Strean Presbyterian Church

Friday 2nd April

Greenwell Street Presbyterian Church

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

Luke 9:51

*Prayer each morning 9.30 – 10.30am
in Scrabo Presbyterian Church
and each evening at 7.30pm at
the designated venue*

Fish 'n' Chip Shop comes to Streaan and 1st Ards

Rocky's Plaice is coming to us care of our friends from Belfast for our joint Easter club this year. We will be learning from the book of Acts about Peter. This year, due to a problem with school holidays, the Easter club will be running on slightly different days.

Rocky's Plaice	Ages 4-P 7	Wed - Sat	10am -12pm	Streaan
Junior Sports	Ages 4-P 3	Wed - Fri	2.30pm - 4pm	Streaan
Senior Sports	P 4-P 7	Wed - Fri	2.30pm - 4pm	Streaan/ Ards
Youth Club	Youth	Wed - Thur	8pm - 10pm	1 st Ards
Coffee Club	Youth	Fri - Sat	8pm - 10pm	Streaan

The club will have stories, craft, quizzes, games singing and other fun things as in other years. We hope to see all our children and young people there as it promises to be a lot of fun and most of our old friends from Belfast will be back to visit us, come along and see our fish and chip shop.

For our young people we are combining our youth clubs for two nights and having one large youth club with sports, computer games, snooker and tuck shops. The coffee club is a time to relax and unwind with a cup of coffee or a hot chocolate and a chat with friends and maybe some entertainment.

The clubs will be held by both Streaan and 1st Ards and we would like people from both congregations to help us both as volunteers to help out with the club and for people to pray for us during the club. Pray for the children as they arrive every morning and as they play in all the activities throughout the day, for their safety as you can imagine 50 - 60 children a day is a good crowd to watch. Pray for the coordination team as we organise and prepare for the club and also pray for the leaders taking part that they will find the right words to say to both the children and the young people as they meet them and teach them God's word.

Joanne Moore

The Launch Events Planning Group (LEPG) has drawn up a full programme of events for the early days following the opening of the Welcome Centre. These events will take place over the May/June period and are designed to extend a warm welcome both to the Streat family and the wider community.

The programme is varied and encompasses extension of existing events such as Tots and toddlers, craft classes and the Football Fellowship and a host of new ones, including, keep fit classes, daytime bowls, after school drop ins, youth events such as movies and Wii nights, coffee mornings where all can enjoy a chat, get together with friends etc. in a relaxed atmosphere, parenting classes, family walks, and so on. There will also be old favourites like the ever-popular antiques and collectables fair. and special one-offs including a coffee morning and craft fair, FA cup Final viewing and BBQ, World Cup matches on the big screen, Evening of Praise featuring church choirs from the local area and further afield, food hygiene course, etc.

Precise details will follow in due course but LEPG hope that the above is sufficient to give you a flavour of the fun and games ahead. We also hope that you can agree that this is a truly ambitious programme with much of interest to attract a wide audience of whatever age from Streat and the wider local community.

The Launch Events Planning Group wish to express our sincere thanks to all who have volunteered their time and commitment to ensure that the Welcome Project will get off the ground with a great buzz of excitement.

Launch Events Planning Group

(It's all go – Events calendar on following pages)

EVENT:	WHEN:	DATES:
Craft class	Monday mornings (6 weeks)	10 May–14June
Tots n Toddlers	Tuesday mornings	Month of May
Football / Fellowship	Wednesday nights	Month of May
Keep fit	Monday nights 6 weeks	10 May–14June
FA Cup final & BBQ		Sat 15th May afternoon
World Cup football	Other dates to be decided	Friday 12th June
Daytime bowls	Thursday mornings 10.00 – 12noon	May & June
Youth Event (Speaker/band etc)	Friday	11th or 25th June
Youth from other churches		
Young Adults (school leavers and above)		To Be Advised
Coffee mornings	with book fair	Saturday 8 May
		Saturday 22 May
	with craft fair	Saturday 5 June
		Saturday 19 June
Coffee & chat	Wednesday mornings	May & June

EVENT:	WHEN:	DATES:
After school drop in	Friday afternoons	14-May
Coffee bar area	Friday afternoons	28-May
	Friday afternoons	11-Jun
	Friday afternoons	25-Jun
Parenting course	Thursday nights 6 weeks	6 May - 10 June
Basic Food Hygiene course	One full day preferable Up to 20 people	Sat 24 April
Walks	Starting & finishing at the church.	Friday 21 May
(Family)	Historic Treasure hunt Tea/coffee at end	Friday 18 June Other dates could be added Sunday nights
Family fun night & BBQ	Fancy dress Games etc.	Saturday 26 June
Table Quiz		Wed 9 June

EVENT	WHEN	Dates
Film nights	Family	Fri 4 June
	Men	Sat 22 May
	and	Sat 19 June
	Youth	Wed 23 June
	Ladies	Mon 21st June
Tapestry of Praise	Praise evening by seven choirs	Friday 7th May
Youth club sponsored walk & BBQ		Sat 8th May afternoon
Antiques Fair Queens hall	Mission committee to have stall for AIM.	Monday 3th May
Marathon	Teams to run raising money for AIM Mozambique Plus Team from church	Monday 3th May

Please note that these are the proposed events and may be subject to change .

Watch the weekly order of service for updates.

Crown Jesus Ministries

Travelling up and down the motorway to Londonderry and Donegal a few times a week soon begins to take its toll on you. Right now the sound of a project in Newtownards is music to my ears! It's not that we are not being blessed up North, it's just the distance!

Based in Belfast, Crown Jesus Ministries is committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus in Ireland and with that comes a lot of miles in the car. Our Londonderry project will last until June and we are partnering with 19 churches in that area. This will then lead us into our summer camps in County Sligo where over 170 kids from different parts of Ireland will join with us for an action packed week of fun on a 50 acre campsite.

In September it is our privilege to come along to Newtownards and serve you in Streatan Presbyterian Church. This project will last for just over four weeks and already a very exciting programme is taking shape. So what will we be doing? Below is just a flavour of some of the events and programmes that will take place in such a short space of time:

Our children's team (Klass Kids) will be working in a local primary, visiting the church organisations and hosting a special Saturday morning celebration in the Church halls.

Our youth department will also visit the church organisations, local schools and run a special 'One Way' youth festival at the church. This event will include: drama, dance, live band, multimedia and special guests.

The adults will participate in a three week course designed to help us share our faith without feeling awkward, clumsy or embarrassed about it. There will also be four specific events to invite adults along to. These events will be social, entertaining and challenging.

Prayer: all of the above will have no impact without the power of prayer and we will be encouraging you to be both prayerful throughout the programme but also to attend a special prayer evening at the start of the project.

As a team we are very much looking forward to connecting with the church family in Streaton and with God's help we trust that these four weeks will be more than just busy, but that they will be a blessing for everyone in the church and the community.

Should you wish to find out more about our work please visit www.crownjesus.org

Mitch



Mozambique 2010

Our new, Church Welcome Centre is looking well from the outside and the interior looks equally promising and reflects a lot of thought and hard work, coming together, following months of planning and careful prayer. We, like all in the congregation are looking forward to the work being completed and the halls reopening.

Our own project and planned departure, to pastures new, is also moving along a pace. This particular project looks promising, from the outside, and it is only when, I might add, we hit the ground running, that we will fully appreciate all that God has set before us. Like the Welcome Centre there has been much, much, prayer and hard work surrounding our forthcoming Missionary service in Mozambique and we anticipate, if everything is in place, that we will be leaving mid September. We have recently been told that the level of Portuguese that we have been struggling with for the past 18 months should be sufficient for AIM to allow us to go direct to Mozambique without an additional, delaying 'learning-stay' in Portugal.

We have be so blessed in every aspect of the planning; language learning, now well advanced, a landrover almost totally paid off, a large amount already gathered towards our set-up-costs and approximately 50% of our monthly support already in. We still have approximately seven months and some way to go before AIM International will start to book our one-way tickets, before they apply for our working Visa or submit a Police check form which is pivotal to our acceptance in Mozambique.

God has also blessed us as well in our family arrangements with our two youngest daughters getting married before we depart for Mozambique.

Whilst getting married is frequently cited as one of life's major stressors, for us this timing is amazing and an answer to prayer, as both of them will have someone close to turn to and who will look after them when we are away. Kerry, our eldest daughter, is happy and settled in her chosen career and has currently no plans to marry, from a financial perspective we all have to be thankful for small mercies!

What happens come September? Well, so long as we can go in September, we first of all go to Nairobi, Kenya, for three weeks training and orientation starting on the 28th September. During this period we will be learning basic skills and culture to live alongside the African peoples as well as experiencing mud hut living and charcoal cooking! After the three weeks we move on to Mozambique beginning with six months intensive Chindau language learning. It is during these six months that our home is to be built in Chitsama, approx. 40 miles from the Zimbabwe border and deep in the Mozambican bush. When we initially arrive in Mozambique to begin language learning, we will be temporarily living in a house close to Dawn and Jinx (our team leaders) in Espungabera. Whilst this house is also still to be built yet, LIFT (Labour In Faith and Trust a charity in North Belfast) is sending a team of eight this July to install electrics, plumbing and put a roof on the superstructure. This inclusion and involvement

of a local charity is just another confirmatory demonstration of God's call for us to go.

Our future life style will be basic and lack all the modern amenities, conveniences and comforts we enjoy so much in NI.

Just as God gave Streaan the vision to build new halls, in a time of recession, for the unseen peoples of the town, He is also telling us to give up work, in a time of recession and bring God's welcome and love to the forgotten people of Mozambique.

There are several opportunities to practically support us in our future Christian service. In the next few months we have a number of different fundraising events which should appeal to a large audience.

27 March 'Fund raising bag pack opportunity'; Sainsburys, Knocknagoney, volunteers needed.

16 April 'Police Male Voice Choir concert', 7.45 in Streaan Church. Tickets for the Concert may be obtained from Rosie or Walter, Alastair McCauley, Iris McKillen or Sylvia Fitzsimmons. We plan to sell 400 tickets and pack the Church for this one-off event. Please help us to do this with your support.

3 May Belfast Marathon event. Currently there are five relay teams running to raise money for our immediate funds and vehicle short fall. One of these from the Church is being led by Lynn Long. Please speak to Lynn or any member of the relay team or Walter who is also running in a team and they can advise you with sponsoring opportunities.

3 May Antiques Fair, Queens Hall. From the funds raised half will go to the Church building fund and half to our funds.

We would ask you to pray for us as we remain obedient and deal with all the human emotions such challenges bring.

We would also ask you to pray that we will quickly and positively adapt to our new life and lifestyle. Can you also plan to support our fund raising events as well as considering; 'is God calling you to support us practically' through monthly support. There is a saying in Africa, "If we all bring a little then together we will have enough". Our call is to go, but our work is partnership, with and for you all, to take God's word, love and grace to the forgotten, unreached people of Mozambique. We are but Streaan's representatives in a different, poverty stricken part of our world. Whilst we can all look at the outside and anticipate God's blessing He is calling us all to look within and to be part of His welcome both in Newtownards and Chitsama.

Our thanks go to our support group, Streaan Session, the main Church Committee and Mission sub-committee for all their dedication and attention to our personal needs thus far and for their encouragement for all we are trying to do. Without all I have described God's message would not be proclaimed or passed on and you are all part of that. You are part of that here in Streaan's New Welcome Centre as well as out there in Chitsama.

Thank you.

In and through Him

Walter and Rosie

Sermons We See

*I'd rather see a sermon
than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me
than merely tell the way.*

*The eye's a better pupil
and more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing,
but example's always clear;*

*And the best of all the preachers
are the men who live their creeds,
For to see good put in action
is what everybody needs.*

*I soon can learn to do it
if you'll let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action,
but your tongue too fast may run.*

*And the lecture you deliver
may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lessons
by observing what you do;*

*For I might misunderstand you
and the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding
how you act and how you live.*

*When I see a deed of kindness,
I am eager to be kind.
When a weaker brother stumbles
and a strong man stays behind*

*Just to see if he can help him,
then the wish grows strong in me
To become as big and thoughtful
as I know that friend to be.*

*And all travelers can witness
that the best of guides today
Is not the one who tells them,
but the one who shows the way.*

*One good man teaches many,
men believe what they behold;
One deed of kindness noticed
is worth forty that are told.*

*Who stands with men of honor
learns to hold his honor dear,
For right living speaks a language
which to everyone is clear.*

*Though an able speaker charms me
with his eloquence, I say,
I'd rather see a sermon
than to hear one, any day.*

Edgar A Guest 1881 - 1959

If either you or someone you know would benefit from a large print copy of the Streaan Newsletter, please contact the editor who will be happy to provide you with a copy on a regular basis.

**If you have something you want to share, air your views on, or a regular feature you would like see let us know, please don't be shy.
Remember it is your magazine.**

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**The next issue of the Newsletter will be available for distribution on 30th May 2010
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