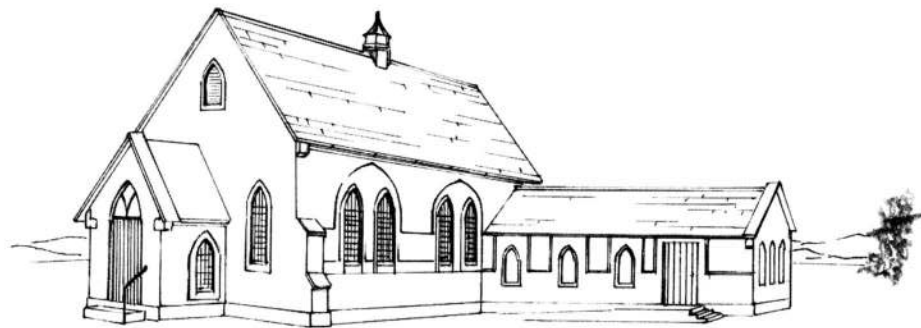


ROUND THE CHURCHES

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78: Glacknadrummond Methodist Church

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The Methodist Church at Glacknadrummond, County Donegal, like many Methodist churches in Ireland, stands out in open country at the junction of two country roads, a little over a mile from Culdaff village.

In 1857 some people in the area decided to build a schoolhouse with accommodation for a teacher; this was opened in June of that year. This marks the beginning of an

established Methodist work in the area. Then in 1862 a small chapel was built; this was extended in 1882. This building served the congregation for around 20 years. At the March quarterly meeting in 1903 it was decided that they would build a new church. Work was proceeded with and the foundation stone was laid on 9 June 1903. The church was officially opened on 15 January 1904.

This is the building which stands there today – a tribute to the architect and builders, but most of all a lasting memorial to the leaders and congregation who had the faith, courage and foresight to erect this building to the glory of God, and where many of their descendants still worship.

For some time the leaders and congregation had felt there was a need for more accommodation to meet the needs of the present generation and for youth work. After much thought, prayer and hard work, it was decided that, as a tribute to the people of past generations and as a focus on the future, they would build an extension to meet the needs and provide a centre for Christian work. This extension was dedicated by the President the Rev Dr Brian Fletcher on 12 September 2004 as part of Glacknadrummond's Centenary Celebrations.