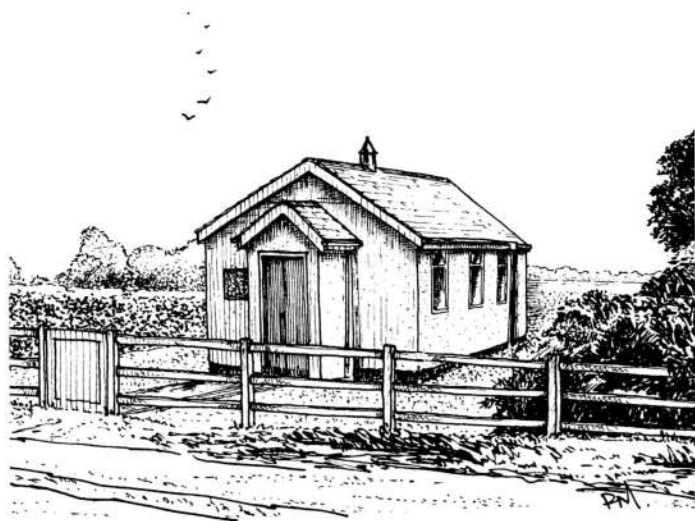


ROUND THE CHURCHES

Drawing: Peter Murray



In the early 1920s many things were changing in Ireland and it was around that time that the decision was taken to close the Methodist Church in Ballyjamesduff, Co Cavan. However, in conjunction with this closure, it was planned to build a hall at Tullyboy, about

five miles away. For many years previously there had been a Methodist meeting in the barn of a family called Ferguson and this meeting would be the nucleus of the new work at Tullyboy.

A site was given by Mr Robert Ferguson, opposite the barn, and the new hall at Tullyboy

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was opened on Sunday 23 August 1925. The corrugated iron-clad building was small and simple but also very attractive. This remains the case today and the little church is beautifully kept by a small but dedicated congregation. In recent years PVC windows have been installed, a new floor put in and a kitchen and toilet added.

Today the Tullyboy Society forms part of the Cavan and Longford Circuit and the work of God continues there through weekly services and Sunday School as well as regular midweek Fellowship Meetings and occasional special events.

We celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Church on Sunday 17 September which was also our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. This was an appropriate time to celebrate the anniversary

because over the years God has been pleased to work in this place and there has been a steady harvest.

At the opening service of Tullyboy Church the then Chairman of the District, the Rev J Linahan, preached on Ezekiel's vision of the waters which flowed in ever-increasing volume and blessedness from the threshold of the holy temple (Ezekiel Chap 47). He prayed that the streams of blessing might ever flow from Tullyboy Methodist Church to the people who lived in that neighbourhood.

Clearly his prayer has been answered over the years and the present membership of Tullyboy still press on towards that goal, always looking for ways to reach out to others with the Good News of Christ.