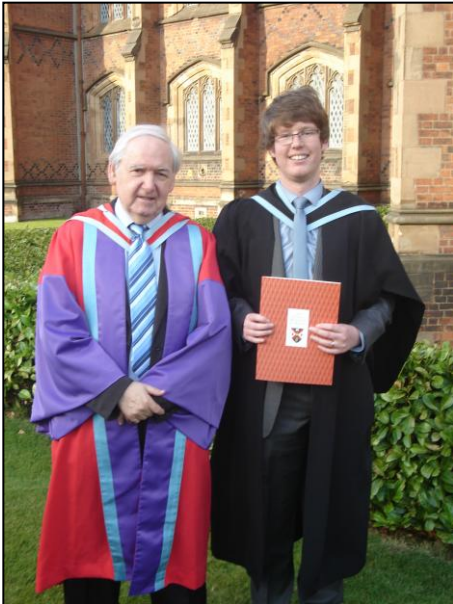


September 2011

RECOGNITION EVENT The first group from the 'Preparation for Ministry' class graduated with their College awards in May. Their University of Chester awards were confirmed later in the summer. A recognition event was organized at the College in early September. This was an opportunity to celebrate God's goodness and blessing over the last three years with family, friends and staff members. Of the 12 degrees, 6 are Bachelor of Theology and 6 Bachelor of Divinity. There were 4 first class honours, six upper second class, and one each of lower second and third class. In addition one student, who studied for one year, received the Certificate of Higher Education in Theology.



(l-r) Nathan Blair, Stuart Argue, Tony Meehan, Stephen Walker, John Kimber, John Oliver, Amy Logan, Robert Miller, Stuart Crooks and Trevor Johnston.
(Neville McCormack and Cristi Galatanu were not present)

QUB GRADUATION In July three students graduated from Queen's University with upper second class degrees in the Bachelor of Theology. They were Jonathan Carson, Simon Dawson and Paul Eagleson. Pictured is Jonathan with Dr Hamilton Moore (former principal).

ENROLMENT Prayer was requested for 16 new undergraduate students and prayer was



Pictured are the first year and one of the day-release students.

answered as we welcomed 16 to the freshers' induction week. In addition there are 5 new day release students. Interest in the postgraduate programme has also been encouraging with 24 new students of whom 20 are enrolled for the Master of Arts in Theology programme. Evening class enrolment (which is still taking place) has over 45 new students so our total student numbers are in excess of 250, at the time of writing.

PLEASE TURN OVER...

COMMENCEMENT SERVICE The service on 13th September was a joyous event which celebrated the arrival of the new students. Ballycrochan Baptist, Bangor was filled to capacity and a superb programme was fittingly completed with an appropriate message from Dr Derek Tidball. A former external examiner, he shared a message from Mark 12:28-34 entitled 'A word to theology students'. The praise was warmly and upliftingly led by a group of musicians from Ballycrochan conducted by Jonathan Rea, of the New Irish Orchestra.



First year students and some of the incoming postgraduate students

AND FINALLY... as the new term commences pray with us for staff and students and also for the Evangelism teams taking place during the third week in October. Pray for the Coleraine, Dundalk, Portadown and Sion Mills/Dunamanagh teams. (more next issue)

And pray with us that as Derek Tidball said at the Commencement Service (quoting Charles Simeon) that 'whatever counsel we take we would always put love in the chair and give him the casting vote'.



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