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Proposed Itinerary

(Timings may be subject to change)

- 9.00 am Depart from Malone Presbyterian Church carpark (Carpark available for the day).
- 9.45 am Coach pickup at Tamnamore Park & Ride (Mobile number required)
- 10.15 am Arrive at Benburb Presbyterian Church for a talk on the Diary of Rev John Kennedy of Benburb by Jonathan Gray.
Morning Tea/Coffee and visit to St Patrick's graveyard (a 4 minute walk from the Church) where Rev John Kennedy is buried for a Talk by James Kane.
- 12.00 noon Arrive at Minterburn Presbyterian Church for Talk and Tour
- 1.00 pm Arrive at Lower Clonaneese Presbyterian Church for Talk and Tour
- 1.45 pm Arrive at Dungannon Presbyterian Church for Lunch and Talk and Tour
- 3.15 pm Arrive at St Patrick's Donaghmore Graveyard where Rev Thomas Kennedy of Carland is buried for a Talk by Pat O'Neill
- 3.45 pm Arrive at Carland Presbyterian Church for Talk and Tour and afternoon tea.
- 5.30 pm Arrive back at Malone, Belfast



PHSI Annual Field Trip

Saturday, 20 June 2026
9.00 am

to
**Presbyterian Churches
in the Benburb and
Dungannon area, Co. Tyrone
(Kennedy Country)**

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Benburb Presbyterian



The first record of the church is just after the Restoration in 1660 when Mr Walkinshaw was minister for a very short time. He was followed by Archibald Hamilton, son of James Hamilton who was a nephew of Lord Claneboy and minister of Ballywalter. PHSI holds a diary of the Rev John Kennedy (to be published) who was minister, 1714 -61. The diary contains a daily account of his activities as minister and farmer.

Minterburn Presbyterian



Originally known as Aghalow the first minister was John Abernethy who was ejected in 1661. In 1714 the congregation was divided - some went to Glennan and to Kinnaird and some stayed at Minterburn. Under the ministry of Daniel Manderson the meeting house was renovated with the help of funding from America. The Rev John Kennedy of Benburb visited Minterburn frequently. In 1928 Minterburn and Caledon were united.

Lower Clonaneese Presbyterian



Came about as a result of a dispute over the site of a new church building. The minority continued to worship in the former meeting house and became an Anti-burgher cause. The most notable minister was James Kinnear who was ordained in 1811 – he was the father of the Rev Dr John Kinnear, MP for Letterkenny. The Rev Kennedy of Benburb also made frequent visits to Clonaneese.

Dungannon Presbyterian



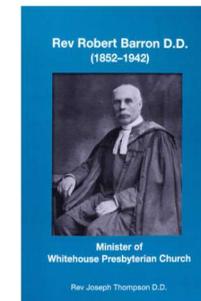
Originated about 1659 and when the Rev Thomas Kennedy died in 1714 it was erected as a separate congregation from Carland in 1716. Dungannon was the centre of the Irish Volunteers who held some of their gatherings in Dungannon meeting house, often referred to as the church of the Volunteers. Owing to a division in 1803 over the successor to William Stitt a new Secession church was formed – 2nd Dungannon – but then united in 1928.

Carland Presbyterian



The Presbyterians in Dungannon originally went to Carland (Donoughmore) where the first minister was Thomas Kennedy, a chaplain in Munro’s army and ex-rector of Donoughmore and father of John Kennedy of Benburb. After Thomas Kennedy’s death in 1714 the Dungannon part of the congregation became a separate charge. The 3rd minister was William Kennedy ordained in 1754, a son of the Rev John Kennedy of Benburb who was a frequent visitor to Carland.

The Latest Publication from the Society



The Rev Dr Robert Barron, Whitehouse Presbyterian Church by the Rev Dr Joseph Thompson, can be ordered from our website. Price £6.00 plus p&p.