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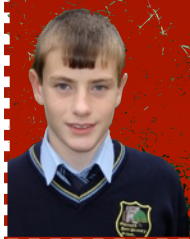
# *the* MATTHEWS *family*

IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THAT LIFE WAS THE LIFE OF MEN. JOHN 1:4



## *Graduation*

*Patrick (19) and Julie (17) graduated from secondary school and are now this September heading off to university. Patrick to Dublin City University and Julie to Trinity College Dublin. Both will be studying science. Brian (13) started secondary school last week.*



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*Thank you for your prayers, gifts, and encouragement. keep an eye on our website for updates.*

## SUMMER IN AMERICA

We spent six weeks in the US this summer. As always, it was good to see family and friends and to be able

to report to several of our supporting churches. A very special thank you to all in Yates Baptist, Allen Memorial

Baptist, and Raymond Baptist who made time for us and went out of their way to make our visit memorable. We flew into Boston, had a few days in Maine, then drove out to NY

for four hectic but fun-filled weeks, then back to Maine where we enjoyed a wonderful

week with Martha's sister Cindy and family before returning to a more than usually wet



Ireland, and exam results!

Thank you to all who prayed, both Patrick and Julie did well and got into good colleges. Both will be living at home and commuting.

## *Family Prayer Requests*

- *For Patrick and Julie in collage that the transition to collage life would be smooth.*
- *That Brian would settle into his new school.*
- *Monthly Support increase needed.*
- *That we would be creative in finding ways to share the gospel here.*
- *For our monthly Celbridge prayer meetings.*



## *Back in Ireland*

Now that September is here we are kicking off the new season in various ministries. Many of the new people who have begun attending on Sundays are now joining a cell group for the first time. Philip continues to lead one of the three adult cells, and Martha the youth cell. Youth cell will look quite different this year with 4 older ones graduating out, (including Patrick and Julie) and 3 younger ones moving up into it, Brian being one of them. Leadership team continue to face many challenges of a young and growing church, please pray for wisdom and grace for Philip and the other leaders.



Here in Celbridge, we continue to have lots of interaction with parents of children on the soccer team and in the school. We will be re-starting the monthly prayer meetings for Celbridge which we were hosting before our trip to the US. Another couple who moved to Celbridge a few years ago have committed to joining us.

We are very grateful that two of our supporting churches have raised our monthly support. We are also thankful for the generous gifts we received from individuals, and for the VBS offerings from the children at Yates Baptist and Allen Memorial Baptist. Thanks so much to all the children who gave so

generously. So while we are thankful for God's provision and the generosity of you His people, we still need to ask you to pray about our financial situation. We just do not have enough monthly support to meet even basic expenses.

Thank you so much for praying for us. The past 12 months have been intense and challenging on many fronts. We are looking forward to a new season, knowing however that we face many challenges and changes ahead. Keep praying!

Phil, Martha and family.

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