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### Cookstown 'anti-sodomite' protest

Here is a report of yesterday's Free Presbyterian protest against the shameful pro-sodomite parade in Cookstown, led by the shameless Church of Ireland 'minister', Andrew Rawlings.

It is encouraging that amidst the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic there are still those ready to 'Stand up, stand for Jesus'! It is especially heartening to see quite a few young people supporting the witness.

May the following report be a blessing on this Sabbath Day.

Sincerely in Christ,

Ivan Foster.

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### Church of Ireland minister leads people in shameful misrepresentation of the Lord



A recent newspaper headline announced "Minister who branded Church of Ireland homophobic joins 'silent' protest". That pro-sodomite protest took place on Saturday past in Cookstown, Co. Tyrone.

Some dozen perversion-promoters silently paraded up Cookstown main street led by a man wearing what purported to be 'angels wings'.

Such a figure reminds us of Paul's words: "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works," 2 Corinthians 11:13-15.

One of the leaders of this iniquitous movement in Northern Ireland is Church of Ireland minister, in good standing, it has to be said, Rev Andrew Rawling, Church of Ireland minister in the Coalisland and Stewartstown areas of County Tyrone. He, along with his compatriots in the pro-sodomite movement, have stated that God loves such as engage in and promote such wickedness.

That is a lie from hell! It is a shameful and wickedly deceitful misrepresentation of the Lord and His holy Person.

God's grace has been offered to the worst of sinners as Paul's statement in 1 Timothy 1:15, shows. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

However, it is entirely wrong to say that God loves the iniquity in which such engage. There are things that God hates. Christ said to the Church at Ephesus: "But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate," Revelation 2:6. The hatred His people had for the deeds of the Nicolaitans is commended by Christ. The Nicolaitans may be fairly characterised as being in the same moral camp as today's promoters of "Gay Pride"!!

To misrepresent the Lord as is common amongst sodomite supporters, will bring a very heavy penalty upon those who engage in such perversion of the holiness of God.

There have always been 'false prophets' such as Andrew Rawling. Every generation of believers have been



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tormented by their deceits and falsehoods. The prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah in particular give details of their lies and also of their fate. Here is an example. "Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the LORD. So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month," Jeremiah 28:15-17.

A terrible fate awaits those who dare make God the ally of those who engage in that which He hates. Romans 1:1:18-32 reveals the true character of the Lord's attitude to sodomy and its attendant perversions.

### Response

We rejoice that in response to a call from the minister of Cookstown Free Presbyterian Church, Rev Marcus Lecky, Free Presbyterians gathered in Cookstown to voice their protest against this abomination-exalting parade.

Despite the restrictions imposed as a result of the present Covid-19 crisis, some 45 people attended an open-air in the middle of Cookstown at a location which the 'sodomite parade' had to pass.

There follows now a report from Rev Paul Hanna who was there and who supplied us with the pictures we attach at the end of this report.

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### Mid-Ulster Free Presbyterian Sodomite Protest.

by Rev Paul Hanna

On Saturday 19th September 2020, the Spiritual and moral temperature of our land took yet another nose-dive as 'Rural Pride 2020' were permitted to parade their sinful pride in the town of Cookstown in Mid-Ulster.

Unsurprisingly it was – yet again - the 'Clergy' at the heart of the Church of Ireland, as blind leader of the blind (Coalisland Rector Rev. Andrew Rawding), who had taken his adherents to this new low in our nation's morality.

At around 2:30 on a beautiful autumn Saturday afternoon, a group of around 45 concerned Free Presbyterian ministers, members and friends met in Cookstown Free Presbyterian Church where they were briefed by Rev. Marcus Lecky on the plans for the afternoons events.

Permission had been granted by the Parades commission to allow the shameful 'Rural Pride' action group to parade the longest main Street of any town in Europe: the main Street of Cookstown, in mid - Ulster.

The group of Free Presbyterian protesters, armed with placards proclaiming various texts from the Word of God, consisted of Revs Marcus Lecky (minister of Cookstown), Ryan Mckee (Magherafelt), Raymond Robinson (Kesh and Chairman of the free Presbyterian Church's Government and Morals Committee), Daniel Henderson (Moneyslane) and Paul Hanna as well as about 40 members from Cookstown FPC and other churches across our Presbytery made their way to a predetermined spot where we held a short open-air witness planned to conclude as the parade was due to pass that point.

While all the ministers who were present took part in some way, Rev. Lecky preached God's Word to those within earshot.

The blind leader of the blind - known to his mis-led flock as 'Rev' Rawding – who holds the prestigious office of 'vice-chair of the Mid-Ulster Pride committee', led the meagre procession which consisted of some 13 individuals who ambled along in total silence as they made their way through the busy market-town, flanked by members of the PSNI who had been drafted in to cover the event. It proved by all accounts to be a total



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flop as far as the hopes of 'Rural Pride' may be concerned.

Members of the public who were aware of the event taking place were heard to exclaim a note of surprise at just how few the marchers' numbers really were.

Following the return journey of the sodomite parade, the group of faithful protesters dispersed from the scene as silent prayer was offered that the Lord might bless the faithful witness and the Word brought to the ears of all those in the locality.

Rev Paul Hanna.

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Let all remember that it is said of true love that it: "Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth," 1 Corinthians 13:6.

Rev Ivan Foster, (Rtd)

Sabbath Day, 20th September 2020.

A report of the protest will be given at the evening service of Kilskeery Free Presbyterian Church by Rev Raymond Robinson, minister of Kesh FPC and Chairman of the Free Presbyterian Church's Government and Morals Committee, who is the guest preacher in Kilskeery today.

The live video of the 7.00 pm service may be seen [here](#)

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### Photos of the protest





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Rev Marcus Lecky who was the organiser and preacher at the protest



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