



MID DEESIDE CHURCH

MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER



INTERIM MODERATOR'S LETTER

Hi there,

My name is Tony, and I get to be your Interim Moderator for the next few months. Which means I get to join in with the great work you are doing in this community. You will get a taste of that in this newsletter. I am excited by that.

I've enjoyed seeing how supportive you are, and how great you are at being a blessing in this place, so I'm excited about the possibilities and the challenges of the day you call another minister to join you in this work.

Thinking about your future minister makes me reflect on my own role as the minister in Banchory. Over the years I have made a few promises in my life: at my wedding, at my children's baptisms, at my ordination, and at my induction to the West Church. Each of those vows weighs on me equally. None has more priority. So that means I have had to learn the value of saying no. I'm afraid I didn't promise to please everyone. I didn't promise to visit everyone. I didn't promise to keep everyone happy. I didn't promise to have all the right answers. I didn't promise to do exactly what everyone wants, or to be all things to all people.

What I can say is that, depending on God's grace, I do my best to be a good dad, a good husband, and to serve the community of Banchory with my gifts and talents. I have been called to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and those are my priorities - to teach the scriptures, to lead worship, to serve and guide others as they continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this community. (A job I know you are doing very well.).

This means that I can not do everything. And no-one really expects me to. I trust that your new minister will have the same kind of trust and support in the future. I believe my job is to work each day to be more the person God has made me to be, and to encourage each of you as you do the same. I'm excited by that, and I hope you are too.

Grace and peace

Tony Stephen



VACANCY NEWS

A Nominating Committee has been chosen by the congregation and is responsible for finding and recommending a suitable person to be minister.

Below is a summary/outline of the work of the Nominating Committee.

- We are currently at the stage of compiling the **Parish Profile**, until that is completed and approved by the Kirk Session things cannot move forward.
- Appoint a Convener (David Coburn), and Clerk (Allison Orren)
- Make ourselves well informed on all aspects of the life and work of the congregation: – membership, attendance, finance, organisations, activities, difficulties, future plans, etc.
- The Committee are required to have a Congregation/Parish Profile available to give to those interested in the vacancy. It is the duty of the Kirk Session to prepare the Parish Profile; however we are currently creating this on behalf of the Kirk Session. This will be an honest statement (negative as well as positive) of the life, work and witness of the congregation and parish.
- We need to form a clear idea of the type of ministry best suited for the congregation. The Kirk Session has provided a list of qualities which it considers desirable for our new minister
- When the above requirements are fulfilled we will be in a position to advertise the vacancy.
- We will draft a suitably worded advertisement. The committee will decide whether or not to impose a closing date for applications.
- The vacancy will be advertised in the Vacancies Section on the Church of Scotland website and possibly elsewhere as deemed appropriate. The Committee will consider the wide range of opportunities for advertising, including the internet.
- When we receive applications, we will respond ASAP before the closing date (if applied). A shortlist of applicants will be compiled and invitations for interview will be extended.

The Committee will have the advice, guidance and help of the Interim Moderator at all times during the Vacancy

The Nomination Committee has a maximum of two years in which to bring the name of a Nominee to the congregation.

David Coburn Nominating Committee Convener

The congregation are asked to respect the confidential nature of the Nominating Committee's work.

PART TIME LOCUM'S LETTER

Dear Friends

It's now almost five months since I have been with you at Mid Deeside and what a journey it is! So many new things for me to learn and I'm having a great time, even if my learning is a bit on the slow side. Here's some of what I've been up to recently.



Pastoral Care

Lesley Stone and myself have been on a 'visiting' spree, meeting up with church members and others especially for those who are unable to come to church any longer, are unwell or just because it's been a long time since we've seen them. I have been deeply touched by the welcome I've received—especially being able to converse in my native Doric tongue and enjoy 'fine pieces' especially made for us. It's a usual thing to pray with folks while visiting and I've been blessed to share in prayer during most of our visits.

The fledgling **Pastoral Co-ordination Team** is now up and running, with **Karen Wyatt** taking on the role as Lead Co-ordinator. We've got a **Pastoral Conference** organised for **21st April from 10-16.15** and everyone is welcome to come to it. **Rev Dr Ken Jeffrey** from the '**Centre for Ministry Studies**' is leading it. He's a softly spoken Irish man with a great sense of humour. If you'd like to join us, please let Karen or I know (so we will be able to feed you!!)

Young People

Our denomination is having a celebratory '**Year of Young People**' to demonstrate how glad we are for God's gift of children. MDC launched our programme at the end of January, where **Dani**, one of our young folk spoke about the church she'd like to be part of. **Michelle Garret** spoke on behalf of the Youth leaders about their vision for our Youth and **Richard Orren** spoke about how we older people can support the Kids. We had a brilliant service with over forty people signing a pledge to make our celebrations more of a reality over the year. Plans are afoot to give the Young People more 'airspace' as it were, but that is for the next Newsletter!

LOCUM'S LETTER continued

Prayer

There is a small group of us meeting in the **Sanctuary between 10.15 and 10.45 on a Sunday** to pray for our church and all that happens in and around it. Most of us love chatting, but chatting to God seems to be a little harder for many of us. Still, it would be wonderful if more people would step out in faith and join us. Prayer is something that no other organisation has as a way of speaking to and listening to its Boss! And when we pray, we begin to notice the difference it makes to how we live together as disciples of Jesus. So do think and pray if it's something the Lord is asking you to do. Your **Prayer team** needs you!!!

Easter

Plans are afoot for our Easter services (see poster on page 9) and I hope you will join us, not only on **Easter Sunday** morning worship, but also on **Maundy Thursday** (I am looking for a volunteer or two to participate in foot washing as Jesus did with his disciples at the '**Last Supper**'. Don't worry—it's me who will be doing the washing. All you'll have to do is take off your socks and shoes!!! Let me know if you would give this a try?

The Cross is an instrument of death and torture at the heart of our faith, so on **Good Friday** evening, we'll have a quiet, reflective service as we think about what Jesus death means for us today.

On **Holy Saturday**, we will join together for a time of prayer for those whose hearts are sore. For half an hour, we'll lament for human brokenness as we wait for Resurrection Sunday. **Easter morning** will see us at the top of **Pitmurchie Hill** praising and worshipping God for the day when Jesus triumphed over death for us. Then on return to church, we're going to have hot drinks and bacon butties (yum yum) before joining **Rev Bill Wallace** who will lead us in **celebrating Easter**.

Thank you everyone for making it possible for me to serve you. Looking forward to the next four months

Grace, peace and love

Aileen Barclay ☎:07973562651

Email: barclay16428@gmail.com

MANSE MOVES ?

If you see the Church Manse go up for sale in the next few months, do not worry – it does not mean we are not going to get another minister! Kirk Session has decided that being in vacancy is the right time to look at selling the current manse and buying a more modern property somewhere in the parish that is easier for the congregation to look after and for a new minister to manage.



There are quite complicated rules in the Church of Scotland about how and when existing manses can be sold and we are still waiting for approval to go ahead with marketing the manse from the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh. The relevant committee next meets in March and if approval is given we hope to go to market by late spring/early summer.

Wanted:-

**Cleaner for Mid Deeside Church, Torphins and
Mid Deeside Church Hall, Lumphanan**

**We are looking for someone to clean the church and
halls at Torphins and the church hall at Lumphanan.
Four hours per week at Torphins and one hour per
fortnight at Lumphanan.**

**Please send applications listing previous
cleaning experience and including the
names of two referees, to
Pam Auckland, Session Clerk, Mid Deeside Church,
St Marnan Rd, Torphins, AB31 4JQ
or by email to sessionclerk@middeesidechurch.org.uk**

MID DEESIDE GUILD NEWS

An update on what we are up to!

At our January meeting we had the pleasure of listening to **Dr Campbell** who gave a very interesting and informative talk on **CPR**. He helped everyone feel more comfortable and confident about going to the aid of someone in trouble.

At our February meeting we had the lovely **Aileen Glennie** who gave everyone a **hands on evening of card making**.

All our members enjoyed the fun evening!

This year we held **The World Day of Prayer on Sunday 4th March**, giving all our congregation a chance to be part of our service.

March we went to **Fettereso Guild** to be entertain by the wonderful **Notes from Torphins**.

April 10th at 7.30pm we are having **Street Pastors**. You would be most welcome to join us.

• In **May** we have our **Guild Rally**. • **June** is our “**Outing**” **T.B.A.**

If you would like more information regarding the Guild the email address is guild@churchofscotland.org.uk

From all the Guild members we wish you a very Happy Easter!

Margaret Stewart ☎ 82595 Contact Person



GUILD EASTER AFTERNOON TEA



**in the Lochnagar Room Mid Deeside Church
Sat. 31st March 2018 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.**

Adults £3.50 Children £1.50

All very welcome.

Come along and have a nice cuppa, a fine piece and a good catch-up.

MUSIC IN OUR CHURCH

Praise Band

The praise band are working on a few hymns which we hope to play in a service soon. Unfortunately, we have not been able to take part in a service since Christmas as we need all (or at least, most) of the band to be available on a Sunday and circumstances of players has not made this possible. In the meantime, the weekly rehearsals continue with excitement. One of the pieces we are learning is music for 'The Lord's Prayer' and Aileen is very keen to use this in a service when we can. The music totally compliments the words and adds another dimension to the prayer which we all know so well. I hope you feel the same when we use it in a service.

Our guitarists are bringing a different style of music to the younger people in our church by occasionally accompanying songs requested by Aileen. They play these on their own with the choir and congregation singing along as they are more suited to guitar than praise band.

Our rehearsals take place every **Wednesday, 6.30 – 7.30pm in the church.**

If you are interested in joining us, either as an instrumentalist or singer, please come along. I write parts suited to each person making it possible to accommodate all abilities.

Choir

The choir have spent rehearsal time this year learning several new hymns. Most weeks when I receive the praise list, there is at least one hymn which we either don't know, or are less familiar with. This is extending our repertoire as a congregation and with a choir to lead the singing, this works very successfully.

We are also working on a more challenging piece, 'Faith to carry on' and will sing that as an anthem once we feel we are ready and the service is suitable to use it. The choir will also learn 'The Lord's Prayer', which the praise band are rehearsing just now, and sing it with them as they have no singer(s) just now.

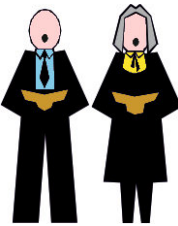
Choir rehearsals take place in the church each **Thursday from 6.30 – 7.45pm.**

New members are always very welcome.

Isobel Robertson

Music Director

☎ 83763



The Choir and Praise Band practice before a service in December.

TRADCRAFT

The profit from sales in 2017 is £500 and this is being donated to Traidcraft for a new venture: 'Hidden Entrepreneurs' which enables a grant of £7 to £102 to be given to help farmers and producers with various projects. **Money donated by 1st April is matched with UK Aid so £500 becomes £1000.**

Sales have been quiet this year so far but with Easter being early, we hope you will be looking for Easter eggs and cards and will try some of the new products that are being introduced.

Do please remember that even a small purchase helps someone struggling to make a living.

Thank you all for your support in 2017 and we hope you will continue to do so this year.

Alice McLean on behalf of the Traidcraft team.



CHRISTIAN AID NEWS

We are planning to have a **Soup Lunch** during **Christian Aid Week in May** this year and

probably participate in the service on the Sunday (this yet to be arranged). The wonderful sum of **£835** was raised at the **Christmas Tree Festival** for Christian Aid's "**Rohingya Crisis Appeal**". Thank you to all who came and contributed - great support for those who are desperately in need. Well Done.

Sheila Blair ☎ **82593**

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WHY NOT CHECK OUT MID DEESIDE CHURCH'S WEBSITE

www.middeesidechurch.org.uk

for up to date news, and see this newsletter in glorious colour!



MID DEESIDE CHURCH



Celebrating Easter at MDC

- 25th March .. Palm Sunday 11.00am
- 29th March .. Maundy Thursday 6.30pm
- 30th March .. Good Friday 6.30pm
- 31st March .. Holy Saturday Prayers .. 10.00am

**All above led by Aileen Barclay in
in Mid Deeside Church, St. Marnan Road, Torphins**

Easter Sunday - 1st April

- Sunrise Service - Pitmurchie Hill - 7.30am
Followed by Bacon Butties in Lochnagar Room at the Church
- Easter Morning Service 11.00am
in Mid Deeside Church led by Bill Wallace

Easter Egg Competition

**Bring along your Creation
to the Easter Sunday Service
For Kids & Adults**

Judged by Bill Wallace



Scottish Charity Number - SC012967

YOUTH GROUPS

ROCKING STONES



This is the Year of Young People and the Rocking Stones children are looking forward to contributing to some of the services throughout the year, having already taken part on 28th January by expressing their vision of youth in the church.

There was lots of excitement when the film crew came to visit RS as part of the short video that has been prepared to give a snapshot of our church to potential ministers. The children are the stars of the film!

RS raised money last year at the children's stall at the church sales in Torphins and Kincardine O'Neil and they decided to support the Toilet Twinning charity. They have donated £240 to twin Mid Deeside Church toilets with a toilet block in a displacement camp in the Central African Republic (CAR) and received a certificate showing the exact location of the twinned toilets.

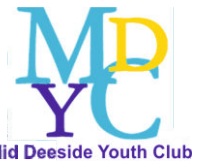


If you copy the co-ordinates "4.327027, 17.467626" into the search facility in Google Maps you will see the displacement camp 193 km west of the capital of the CAR, Bangui.

The Rocking Stones children meet every Sunday during term time and all ages are welcome.

MID DEESIDE YOUTH CLUB

The Mid Deeside Youth Club for secondary-aged children meets every second Friday during term time in the Learney Hall. The dates for the next two terms are 9th March, 23rd March, 27th April, 11th May, 25th May, 8th June and 22nd June.



Some of the activities planned include a Great British Bake Off, Euro hockey, scrap fashion show, bucket netball, hall games and a proposed outing to a trampoline centre. All great fun.

Sheila McMurtrie

SOUP LUNCH/GAMES THURSDAY'S

Soup Lunch Thursdays take place in the **Lochnagar Room** at **Mid Deeside Church** on the second Thursday of the month and are very popular. We have a team of soup makers, waiters etc who work together to make an enjoyable lunch time and a chance to catch up with friends. After your **Soup, Bread and Oatcakes** we serve **Tea/Coffee and Biscuits**. We also have the ever popular quiz (optional) made up by Charlie Hilton which is a lot of fun and creates lots of 'joining in' and laughter with small prizes for the winners!

The **Games Afternoons** take place on the fourth Thursday of the month again in the **Lochnagar Room** - games include **Whist, Scrabble, Dominoes and other board games**. We finish off the afternoon with **Tea/Coffee and Biscuits**. Why not come along and join in the fun. If you have a favourite game take it along and introduce it to others!

Many thanks to everyone who either helps or comes along on the day.

Soup Lunches start at 12noon and finish at 1.30pm - cost £3.50

Games Afternoon are from 2.00 - 4.00pm and cost £2.00

Dates for your diary:-

Soup Lunches

March 8th
 April 12th
 May 10th

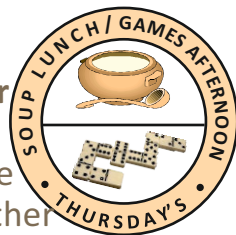
Games Afternoons

March 22nd
 April 26th
 May 24th

After the games afternoon on the 24th May we stop for the summer, hopefully to restart around October so look out for information with the dates in the next newsletter!

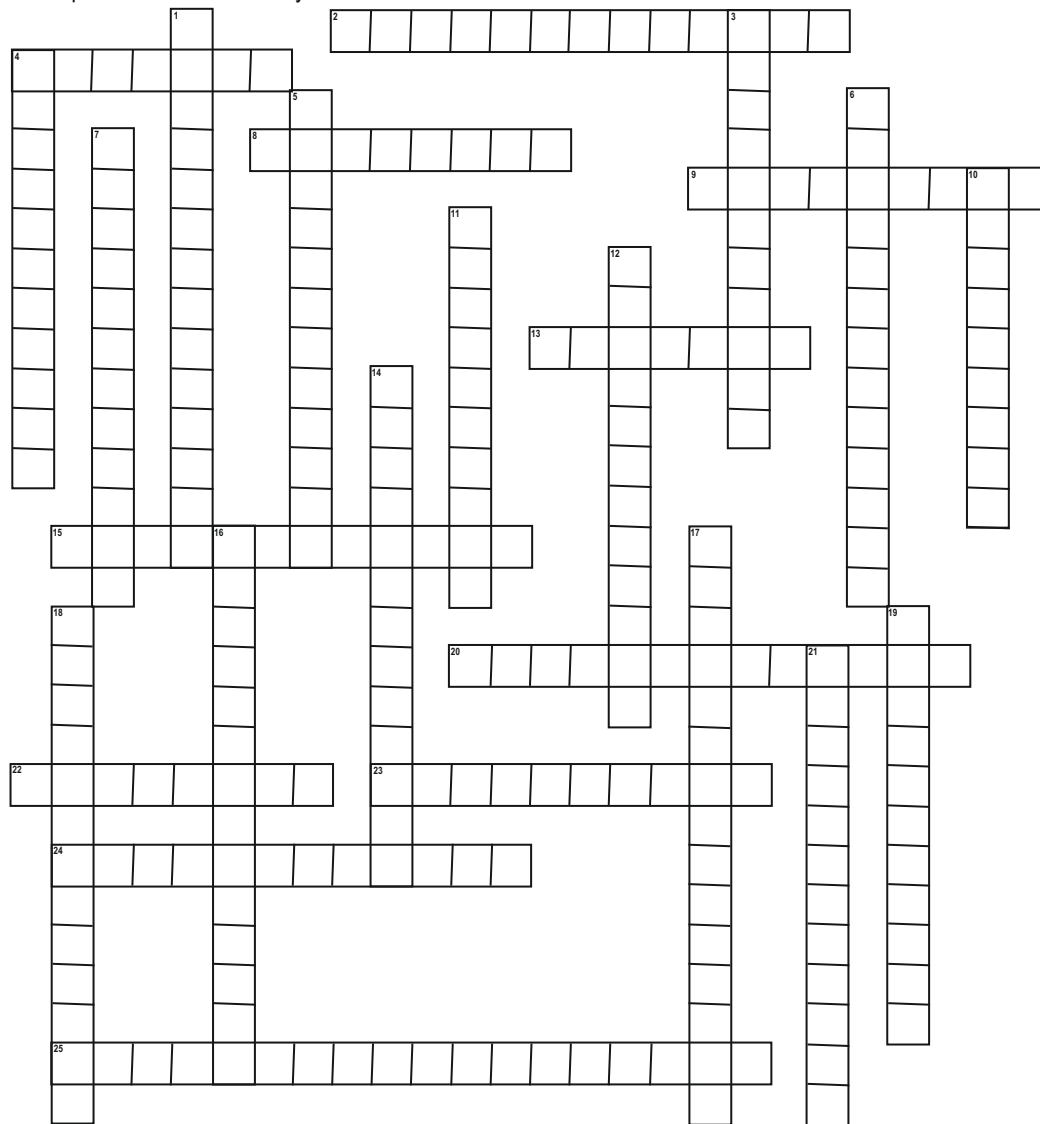
Irene Bonner ☎ 82481 Lesley Stone ☎ 84354
 Charlie/Anne Hilton ☎ 82130

"ALL WELCOME AT THESE EVENTS"



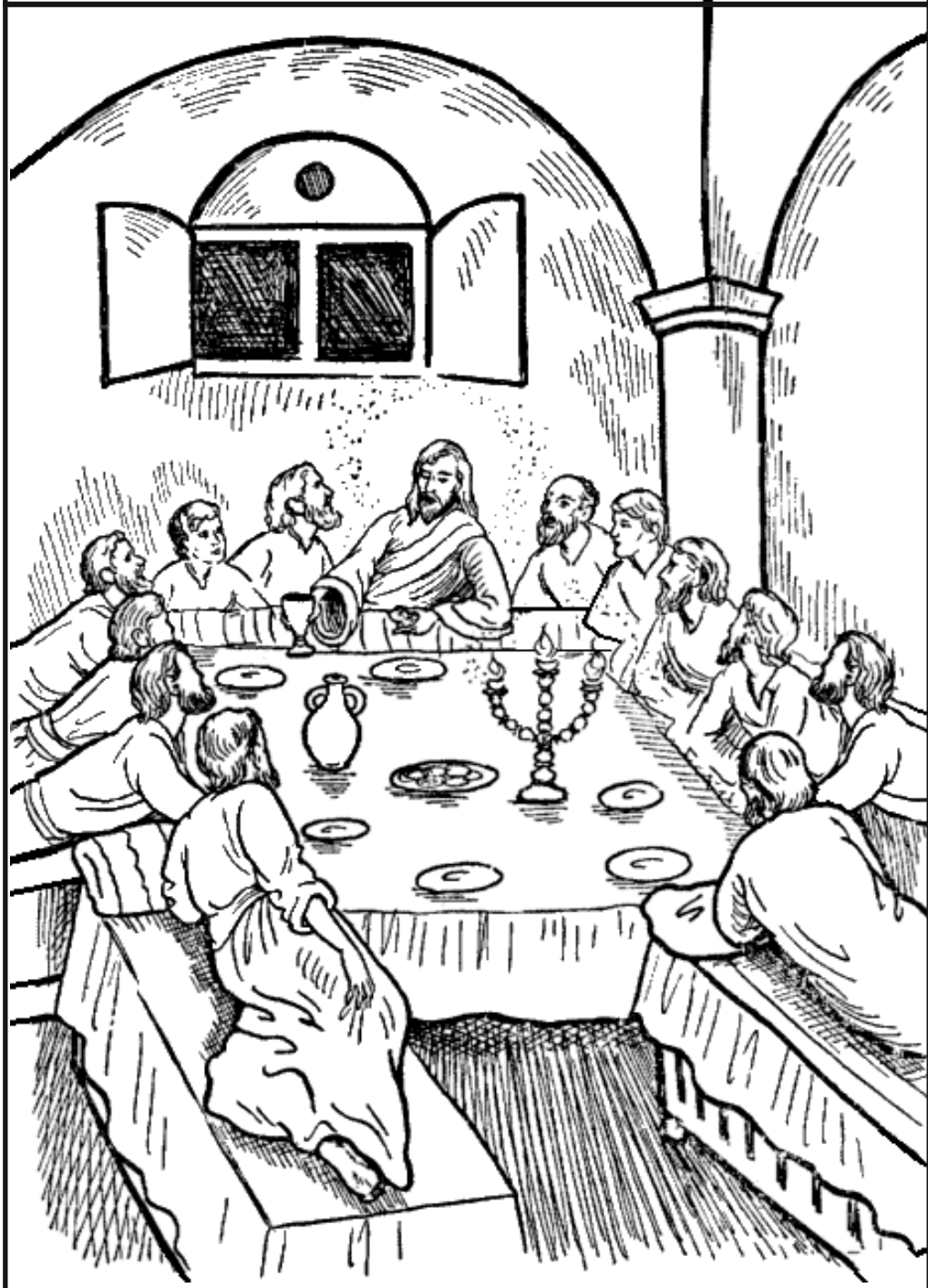
CROSSWORD - ALL THINGS EASTER

A crossword with a difference - here you have the answers - all you have to do is put them in the grid. Helpful clue - there are only one 15 letter and 18 letter answers so fill them in first - Good Luck!



- 7 letters • CALVARY • FASTING •
- 9 letters • HE IS RISEN • EMPTY TOMB
- 11 letters • CRUCIFIXION • EASTER BUNNY • JESUS CHRIST
- 12 letters • ASH WEDNESDAY • EASTER BONNET • EASTER SUNDAY • HOLY SATURDAY • PASSION PLAYS • RESURRECTION •
- 13 letters • SHROVE TUESDAY • THE LAST SUPPER • DECORATED EGGS • WASHING OF FEET • CHOCOLATE EGGS •
- 14 letters • MAUNDY THURSDAY • SUNRISE SERVICE •
- 15 letters • FORTY DAYS OF LENT •
- 8 letters • HOLY WEEK • PASSOVER •
- 10 letters • PALM SUNDAY • GOOD FRIDAY •
- 18 letters • GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE •

The Last Supper - Spot the difference



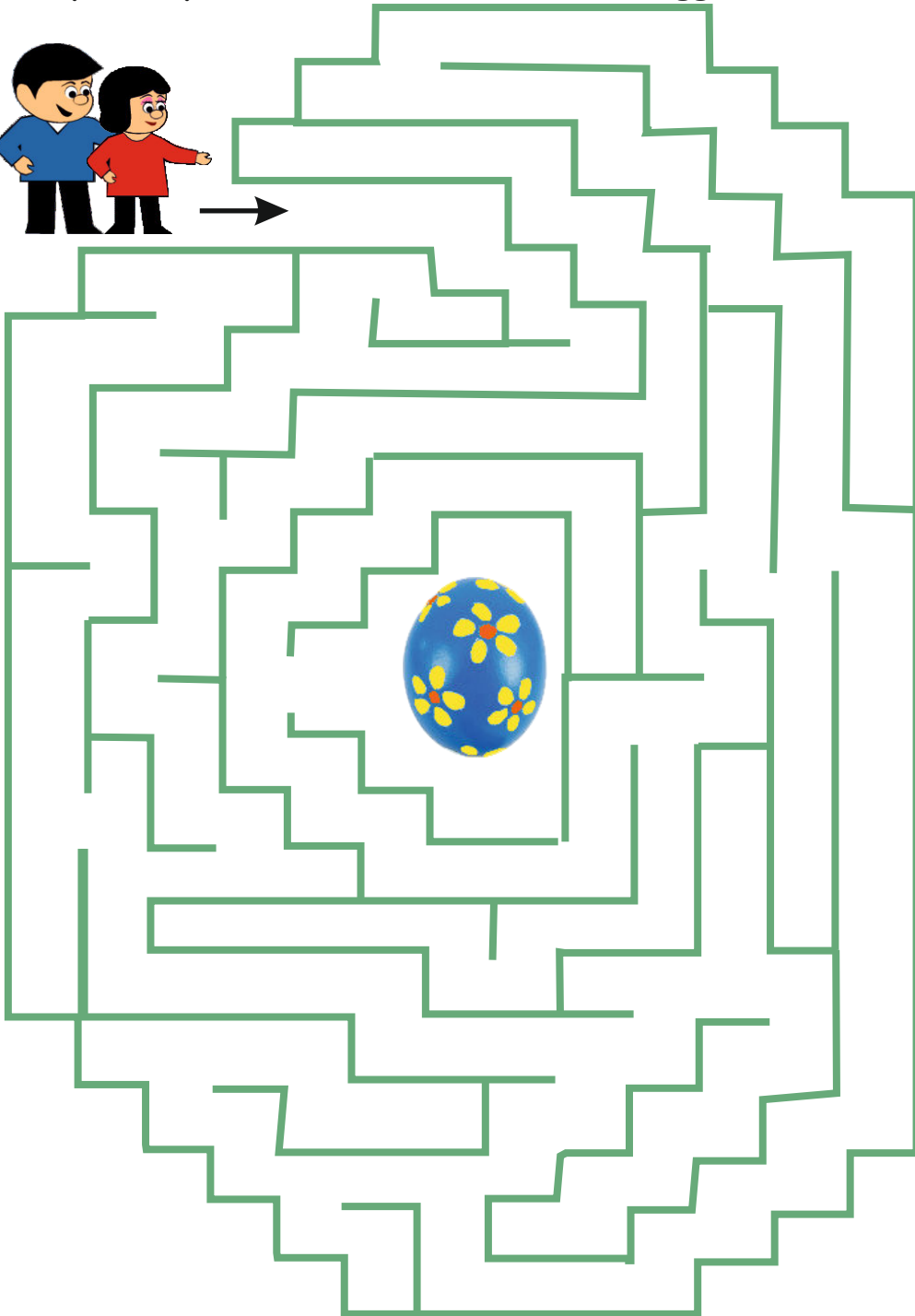
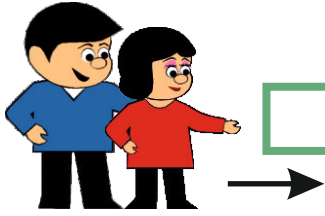
13.

There are 14 differences - can you find them !



14.

Can you help these kids find the Easter Egg in the maze?



15.

The Bread of Life

Charity Shop Opening Hours:

Wed 10am - 3pm Fri 10am - 3pm Sat 10am - 1pm

The Bread of Life Charity Shop continues to flourish with quality donations being made and with the continued support of our customers and volunteers. The shop reopened for business after the Christmas break with a "new look" which attracted many compliments.

The volunteers work hard both in the front shop and more especially in the back shop behind the scenes. If you think you can help as a volunteer please ask for an application form the next time you are in the shop. The work is very rewarding and you would be joining a very happy team!

Closing date for grant/funding applications for the next distribution of funds is midday Monday 30th April. Grant application forms are available in the shop or can be downloaded from Mid Deeside Church website.

Thanks to everybody for the continued support.

Bread of Life Management Team



Why not come along and check out the bargains !

16.

WIDEN YOUR CHURCH HORIZONS

Subscribe to the Church of Scotland magazine

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It's full of interesting news and thought-provoking articles about what's going on elsewhere in your extended Church Family.



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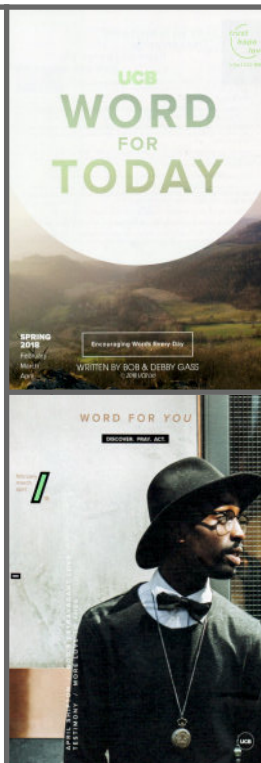
WORD FOR TODAY

The latest editions of the “Word For Today” and “Word For You” magazines are now available.

If you enjoy 2 or 3 minutes of contemplative thought at the start of each day, then the “Word for Today” booklet (published quarterly, and pictured on the right) is recommended to you.

In this booklet is written, against each calendar date, about 250 words about everyday things we can all experience and gives encouraging words for every day. **Give it a try - pick up a copy!** On the right is the **YOUTH** version “Word For You”, written with the next generation in mind.

Copies are available in the Church vestibule, if you would like one, or both, just help yourself and leave a donation in the box provided!



CHIMWEMWE MU'BEREKI (Joyful Motherhood) MALAWI

M.D.C. knitters continue their sterling work for the babies of Joyful Motherhood and since January of this year, I have dispatched:-

11 Blankets 114 Hats 61 Popover jumpers
8 Cardigans 1 Shawl 7 pairs Baby Shorts

Several knitters had made squares 7”x7” in size to use up their spare balls of wool.

These multicoloured squares have been sewn or crocheted together to make **eleven** blanket wraps for the babies (16 squares = one blanket wrap)

I must say a special '**thank you**' to the **two Lumphanan ladies** who have skilfully sewn or crocheted many of the blanket squares togetherwhat a help that was!!

We had a Fun Prize Bingo evening on Friday 9th March, the proceeds of which will go towards postage costs for sending the garments out to Malawi. At the time of going to press we don't have a figure of the amount raised - more info later! And so the work goes on!

Thank you all again for your continued support.

Anne Hilton ☎ 82130

CUT IT OUT!

What do you do with your used stamps?

Mid Deeside Church collects them for the Church of Scotland's stamp appeal which this year **will support centres for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities in the Ukraine.**

Supporting this project is easy. All you have to do is collect the stamps you receive in the post, cut them out leaving a border of a **¼ inch (between ½ and 1 cm if you are metric)** and bring them to church any time you are in the building – there is a box for them on the table in the foyer.

The **Church of Scotland** sells all the stamps it gets from church collections to dealers to raise money.

The 2016 stamp appeal raised over £4,000. We are still waiting to hear how much was raised in 2017.



KEEPING IN TOUCH (KIT) Emails

Are you up to speed with all the church news?

This newsletter is now issued three times a year and aims to give you a **picture of regular Mid Deeside Church activities.**

As we are an active Church lots of things happen between issues of the newsletter. On a **fortnightly basis** we issue a **Keep in Touch email (known as KIT)**, available on an opt in basis, to all with an interest in **Mid Deeside Church** activities, to keep you right up to date with church news.

Folk who find it difficult to get to church find **KIT** very helpful for keeping them in the loop. Regular church attenders appreciate the reminders of upcoming events.

Please get in touch with me if you would like your name added to the **KIT** circulation list. If you are not a computer user, we will do our best to pair you up with a **"KIT buddy"** who will deliver a printed copy to you.

Also, remember the **church website**:- www.middeesidechurch.org.uk it has lots of photographs of church events and an up to date calendar of services, meetings and events.

Lesley Stone, for Communications Team

☎ (013398) 84354

BANNER GROUP



The above Group continue to meet on Monday afternoons at 2pm. We have almost finished the one we are working on, and have others in the pipeline - or at least in our heads and will be planning them out very soon.

If anyone is interested in joining us do come along at 2.30pm on a Monday afternoon or phone:-
Sheila ☎ 82593 or Margaret ☎ 82595 for info.

GARDEN GANG NEWS



After the Autumn tidy up of leaves and planting of Spring bulbs, the Garden Gang took a rest.

The cold frosty weather saw us doing some indoor chores.

Outdoors we have helped with sanding the car park.

This task has now been made slightly easier with the purchase of a Texas gritter. (see picture below)

However, we are about to start meeting on a regular basis again in March. It's then we start on our new programme of pruning roses and shrubs. Later on we will plant out the half hardy annual borders which give such colour during the Summer months.

Now that the main garden areas have been set out with shrubs and plants we will see ourselves maintaining the areas and borders and keep on top of the weeds ! Hopefully we won't have lost too many shrubs due to Winter frosts and peckish wildlife !

As always if you think you'd like to come along and join us - please do so. No experience is required ! Although we usually meet on Tuesday of each week, we're happy for anyone to join us on an ad-hoc basis. You may have other interests but come along if you are available.

Let's look forward to the lengthening days of Spring and Summer ahead of us. Hopefully the Spring bulbs will bloom, providing a dazzling display and later the Summer budding plants will give glorious colour to last the season.

Archie Findlay ☎ 82681



One Texas Gritter and two Peckish Critters

CARE HOME SERVICES

We continue to offer services monthly in both **Annesley** and **Pitmurchie** and it has been my honour and privilege to lead them on the last three occasions. It's known scientifically that singing is a great pastime for older people as well as for younger ones. Along with other members of our congregation, you should come and hear the zest with which we all sing favourite hymns and even a new one as well. There's an erroneous belief that older folks don't like change, but that has not been my experience in either Care Home. We all love to give it '**laldy**'—is that how you spell it? And it is also known that some clapping of hands goes down a bomb too. Still, services don't need to mirror our usual practices on a Sunday morning, so I am looking for other ideas to enliven our time with the residents. Do you have drawing or painting skills and could you make use of them in worship? Or what about some sporting skills for helping our friends in the two homes to get a bit fitter, even if it might not mean getting up out of a seat!

Aileen Barclay

BANCHORY FOODBANK

Donations of tinned and dried foodstuffs can be brought to **Mid Deeside Church** and left in the box in the Foyer. One of our elders will take the items over to the Foodbank at Banchory.



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The next edition will be early August, 2018.

Letters, articles, photos etc should be sent to:-

Anne Hilton "Bon-Accord", 19 Craighour Road, Torphins AB31 4HE

☎ 82130 or e-mail to Cha4DTP@aol.com

MUSIC BOX

The Music group for pre-school children with parents/carers meets in **Lumphanan** on **Mondays from 10.15am** for singing followed by snack and playtime/coffee and chat time. For more info contact:-

Jayne Clarke ☎ 82560, **Gill Howe** ☎ 89056 or **Pam Auckland** ☎ 82722



Children from Music Box entertained us at the Christmas Tree Festival.

HOLIDAY@HOME

Planning is about to start for Holiday@Home 2018.

It is usually held during the **LAST** week in **JULY**.

'Holidaymakers' attend from 2 to 4.00pm for the five afternoons of that week and the 'Happy Helpers' provide the fun, games, entertainment and refreshments.

It's a very popular event and places are limited

- so booking is **ESSENTIAL**.

Further information will be intimated in due course.

Charlie & Anne Hilton ☎ 82130

PHOTO GALLERY



Rocking Stones Nativity



Adult Doric Nativity
Players make ready - Evil King Herod is chatting up Virgin Mary !



The Fairtrade Stall at the Christmas Fair.



Year of Young People Service 28/01/18 - Eilidh welcomed everyone in on her pipes and the Choir sang a YOYP song "Every Single Little Thing" with Mike on guitar.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Deaths

26 November 2017	Sandy Duncan, Torphins
5 December 2017	Sheila Urquhart, Lumphanan
24 December 2017	Audrey Noble, Torphins
30 December 2017	Mary Taylor, Banchory
20 February 2018	Malcolm Buckley, Lumphanan



M.D.C. FLOWER ROTA

MARCH

4 th Alison Findlay	11 th Lesley Stone
18 th Mary Marshall	25 th Sharon Guy

APRIL

1 st Margaret Stewart	8 th Dorothy Keir
15 th Iris Soeder	22 nd Joan Donald
29 th Jean Elrick	

MAY

6 th Gill Howe	13 th Pattie Melvin
20 th Dorothy Sinclair	27 th Dorothy Anne



To all who contribute to the flower rota **“thank you , your support is much appreciated”**

Those who receive the flowers after the services appreciate their M.D.C family thinking of them either during a difficult time or a time for celebration.

The flower diary cards and vases can be found in the cupboard under the wash hand basin in the kitchen, please can the recipient of the flowers name be entered in the flower diary and those on duty arrange delivery, however should this prove difficult speak with a member of the congregation who I am sure would be happy to help.

If anyone requires a swap of their date please arrange this yourselves.

New names are always welcome on the flower list and if anyone has special dates they would like to do flowers on let me know.

Maureen Mearns ☎ 82192 Flower Rota Co-ordinator

DATES AND VENUES OF SERVICES

All services are held in
Mid Deeside Church, St Marnan Road, Torphins
starting at **11.00 am** unless otherwise stated.

Please Note: During our vacancy there will be no Evening Services held at Lumphanan or Kincardine O’Neil.

EASTER SERVICES (see poster on page 9)

Sunday	25th March	11.00am	Palm Sunday Service
Thursday	29th March	6.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	30th March	6.30pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday	31st March	10.00am	Holy Saturday Prayers
Sunday	1st April	7.30am	Sunrise Service at Pitmurchie Hill
			All the above led by Aileen Barclay
Sunday	1st April	11.00am	Easter Sunday Service Led by Bill Wallace



Everyone is very welcome at any or all of our services.
Tea and coffee is usually served after the service so why not stay and enjoy a few moments of fellowship,
a friendly chat and a refreshing cuppa!

WHO'S WHO

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MID DEESIDE PARISH CHURCH



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