



MID DEESIDE CHURCH

AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER



The children of Rocking Stones are planting three Fruit Trees in the Church grounds as part of '2018 Year of Youth' (under the supervision of Archie)

INTERIM MODERATOR'S LETTER

Hi there,

My name is Tony Stephen and I get to be your Interim Moderator while you look for a new minister.



You may be aware that the Scottish government made 2018 the "Year of Young People". In Mid Deeside you might want to argue that every year is a "Year of Young People". Not at the expense of other generations, but because there is truth in the proverb that "it takes a whole village to raise a child" I believe it takes a whole church to raise a child too. By that I mean that any church community must remain committed to children and young people as a key part of the multi-generational family that God has created.

In many ways it seems to me we are trying to build and develop a "conveyer-belt of care"; investing in and caring for each and every generation from the youngest to the more senior among us in the various groups, Sunday gatherings, or the activities and networks that you will read about in this newsletter.

I'd like to celebrate the team of talented volunteers who commit their time on Sunday mornings to our youngest. We are deeply grateful to them, and I know they would be delighted to add more to their team.

Perhaps you could be part of that conveyer belt of care for our youngest?

I pray that Mid Deeside continues to be known as God's people, serving the Lord Jesus Christ, making his name and love known as widely as possible, and serving the community in which God has placed us.

Grace and peace

Tony Stephen

VACANCY NEWS

Since the last update on the vacancy in the March edition of this Newsletter, which gave a summary of the work and processes of the Nominating Committee, we are pleased to summarise our further progress.

The **Parish Profile** was prepared and approved by session and is now live on the church website. A **video** was also created, displaying the many varied aspects of Mid Deeside Church, to accompany the advert, and is also live on the website.

Approval of the **Parish Profile** allowed us to prepare an advert of the vacancy and this was placed in May edition of the Church of Scotland **“Life and Work”** magazine. There was one response to this advert and the individual concerned has shown some interest but has not yet reached any decision on whether to apply or not.

Contact was made with all probationers on the **“list of possible candidates for vacant charges”**. Unfortunately, at the time of contact, there were only four such persons. Three of these responded that they were already committed to other charges and the fourth has not yet responded. As the list is updated it will continue to be reviewed by the committee

Whilst the news is not as optimistic as we might have wished, we have to remind ourselves that, although we have been in vacancy for some time and the work of the Nominating Committee may have been going on for quite a while, the vacancy has only been advertised for nine weeks.

Going forward; **we will re-advertise the vacancy in the September issue of “Life and Work” magazine and also in Presbyterian Herald magazine.**

The committee will also work towards identifying and contacting ministers who they feel may be interested in our vacancy.

We trust in the Lord to send the right person for us but it may take some time, that person may not be available just yet!

David Cockburn

Nominating Committee Convener

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

PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Prayer is a foundational aspect of church life, it is through prayer we engage with God our father in heaven, through this engagement we bring about real change and grow his kingdom.

Over the past few months we have established a prayer group that meet every Sunday at 10:15am in the vestry, the group meet and have an open prayer session for about 30 minutes to talk to God about all aspects of the church our community and the World we live in, anyone is welcome to join the group as often as they like, you don't have to pray out loud but your support would be most welcome.

In addition to setting up the group there has been a real push and encouragement for members of the congregation to use the prayer diary provided to note down people who they feel would benefit from the presence and power of God in their lives.

To encourage more requests and greater confidentiality we would like to introduce prayer request cards that once completed can be posted into a locked box that will only be opened by the prayer team.

Total confidentiality will be a top priority and the information on the cards will only be shared in prayer to God.

Each prayer request will be kept on the agenda with the prayer team for a period of one month unless stated on the request card.

Prayer requests can cover numerous areas.

- Those whose present circumstances are challenging or causing them distress
- Those people who are mourning the loss of a loved one or a close friend.
- Those people who do not yet know the power of the gospel in their lives
- Church groups doing the work of God
- Disciples or followers of Jesus Christ who may need uplifting before the Lord
- Future church activities, Sunday/Mid-Week activities, community involved events and the Bread of Life charity shop.
- Those People who attend classes or activities but use the church building for that purpose.
- Local schools and all those involved with children's lives.

In our own prayer lives the power of our daily prayer activities is also vital to the growth of the church and the power of the gospel being felt in our community. Below are a few areas you could consider to guide your personal prayer lives.

On the Move

Long journeys are the perfect place to reconnect with God, so next time you find

yourself on a plane/train/car/boat, take a notebook with you and make space to write down your prayers. Pop your earphones in (not if you're driving!) and focus on where God's taking you this summer – literally and spiritually.

And when you've reached your holiday destination? Keep going with your journal and write down prayers each day. Then, read back after your break to see what God's been saying and how your prayers have been answered.

Whilst Walking

If you've got a block of time off, it's likely there'll be a time during it where you've run out of things to do; or at least you'll have a free hour. Instead of watching something on the T.V, force yourself outdoors to walk around your community or find a peaceful spot which brings you joy. As you walk, praise God for who He is, what He's done, and the area you find yourself in.

PRAYING FOR PEOPLE

If people watching is one of your favourite things to do on the beach, in the park or at a café, use this to pray for the people around you. Everyone has their own battles and challenges, and is known and loved by God. Pray simple prayers of blessing over the lives of those around you and make people watching a prayer activity.

For yourselves

Our holidays are a time to do things we wouldn't get to normally, but they're also a time for us to regain our energy. Take five minutes out of every day to invite God to bring peace and rest to your body and soul. Then, take time to pray for others too. Pray for parents you know who are looking after children; for office workers who haven't got much time off; for emergency services who are on-call every day.

Holiday prayers

Whether you're heading off for a few days or longer, invite the Holy Spirit to be part of your break. Allow God to meet you in your holiday – and allow this time to enrich and enlighten your soul before work sets in.

Ian Garrett on behalf of your church prayer team.

“We can do all this through him who gives me strength”.

MID DEESIDE NEWSLETTER

The next edition will be early December, 2018.

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

Anne Hilton “Bon-Accord”, 19 Craigour Road, Torphins AB31 4HE

☎ 82130 or e-mail to Cha4DTP@aol.com

MANSE MOVES ?

"We reported in the last issue of the Newsletter that Kirk Session had decided that during the vacancy was the right time to explore selling the current manse and buying a property that would be easier for a busy new minister to look after. Well, all the necessary approvals to do this have now been given by the Church of Scotland bodies who need to be consulted on such proposals and the "sales particulars" are well in hand. So it is now hoped the manse will go up for sale shortly. When it does go up for sale it is planned to advertise it both on the Church of Scotland website and the Aberdeen Solicitors Property Centre website."

PASTORAL CARE

Hi my name is Karen and I was recently appointed as the new leader of your **Pastoral Care Coordination Team**. This means I get to work with a really dedicated group of people, including our wonderful Elders, who do their best to support members of our church community in their times of need. I'm really humbled and enthused to be asked to help in this role.

In our faith we try to follow the examples of Jesus and pastoral care was very central in his ministry. But what does it mean to us? One definition which speaks to me is "**Pastoral care has one fundamental aim, to help people to know love, both as something to give and to receive**". We can all be involved in caring for each other and there are so many wonderful ways we already do that in our church.

The coordination team are aiming to ensure personal support is given to those who request it and to promote ways we can enhance our pastoral care work in our community. As it says in our title, we don't deliver all of the care, rather we try to organise and offer support to those who do.

Our visitors are not acting as professional counsellors, problem solvers or social workers but as caring friends.

We can offer a listening ear, some time for companionship, a sharing of empathy or guidance from our own experiences perhaps. And, if requested, prayer for or with the person.

There are already some of our community receiving support but if we haven't reached you, if you or someone you know have fallen ill or suffered bereavement, please let me know. Also, if for other reasons you feel you might like a bit of support but, like me, are not good at asking for help, consider coming to chat with me in church, phone or mail using my details below, or contact your Elder. Take a small step to reach out and let us know so that we can give a helping hand. It will of course be in complete confidence.

In service and love,

Karen **07730341664**

karen@whyatt.org.uk

LOCUM

Many thanks to Dr Aileen Barclay for all her hard work as our Locum. Aileen became our locum last September when Rev Wark retired but has now stepped down because of family commitments. During her nine months with us she packed a great deal into her official “two days a week”. She was instrumental in getting our fledgling Pastoral Care Co-ordination (PCC) Team up and running, including setting up a most inspiring training day for elders and members of the PCC team and she also was very supportive of our youth ministry work. Aileen got to know a goodly number of folk through her pastoral visits which were greatly appreciated and conducted services in our care homes and funeral services as well as Sunday worship services. Thankfully, this is not “farewell” to Aileen, since she will continue in her role as a local preacher to lead our worship one Sunday a month.

MID DEESIDE GUILD NEWS

The **Guild Theme** for the three years **2018-2021** is **One Journey Many Roads**. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in Lochnagar.



Our autumn session starts on Tuesday 11 September, following a Dedication Service in church on Sunday 9 September. Guild members, please try to support the Service.

Our first meeting will be an informal “**Tea and Chatter**”. It will be good to welcome friends old and new.

At our October meeting (9th), we will have a talk from one of our **Project Partners**, the **Free to Live Trust**. **Dr Pam Cairns**, in her address as guest speaker at the Guild Gathering in Dundee in 2017, highlighted the plight of abandoned street children in **Pune, India**. The story continues.

At our meeting on 13 November, **Aileen Glennie** will help us to make **Christmas cards**.....we had great fun making Easter cards earlier this year, and were really proud of our efforts. We hope to encourage local school children to join us in support of the **Year of Young People 2018**.

Plans to have an outing to the **Lumphanan Panto** in December are at an early stage. Details to be advised later.

Anyone who would like to join us, but is not sure, is welcome to come along to any of our meetings to give the Guild a try. We are a friendly lot and will make you most welcome.

Any queries, ask **Dorothy Keir**, the Guild Contact Person. ☎ 82179.

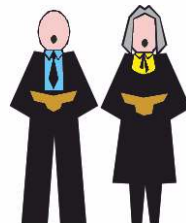
MUSIC IN OUR CHURCH

I approached 2 people, **Mary from the Choir** and one of our youth, **Dani from the Praise Band** to write something for the newsletter this time. These are their contributions.

Isobel Robertson Music Director 📞 83763

Choir

Moving house to be closer to our family, led us on a drive through Torphins, turning right up the hill, to our amazement on the left – Mid-Deeside Church of Scotland. A building so impressive, so inviting clinched our decision to live here! Almost 4 years since then, my husband and I are so very grateful and give thanks for the warm welcome we received at Mid-Deeside Church and for the friendship shown to us. My love of church music and song, inspired me to join the choir.



Psalm 95: “Come let us sing for joy to the Lord,
And extol Him with music and song.”

Music enhances church worship and under the guidance of Isobel, music director, who inspires us, puts us through our paces, uses her skills to enhance the praise, we are externally grateful. This is now shown with an increase in choir membership, challenging us now to learn even more, to appreciate church music and to include variations to suit all age groups.

The choir enjoy preparing for special events. Isobel chose “**Faith to carry on**” by **Don Besig** and **Nancy Price**. The music was challenging, the words so meaningful. We sang the anthem during a Sunday service. In addition, a beautiful setting to “**The Lord's Prayer**” joined by the praise band was performed at morning service.

We have been invited to sing for “**Holiday at Home**” on **Friday 27th July**. Isobel has chosen a selection of songs. We, as a group, thoroughly enjoy practising for this occasion. We look forward to leading the community singing, to meet up with our friends and enjoy their company.

Church Garden Praise (formerly called 'Praise in the Park') is on **Sunday 19th August at 11am** is one of the highlights of our church year. **Granite City Brass** will accompany the singing as usual. An important date for your diaries. Hopefully the sun will shine for us.

The choir will be having a short break after '**Holiday at Home**', resuming again on **Thursday 23rd August at 6.30pm**. *New members are welcome to join us.*

Mary Thomson Choir member

Praise Band

I first joined the Praise Band in 2015. I was 11 going on 12. I was relatively inexperienced but the Praise Band has really helped me grow. Isobel is really good at frequently changing my parts as I learn more skills and become more confident. She is good at giving me parts that will challenge me and make me really concentrate.



When I started Praise Band I hadn't even started my Grade 2 but Isobel and the rest of the band took me in and taught me how to develop my skills and taught me how to play together with other people. It is great fun and I would encourage anyone who plays an instrument (even if they don't think they are very good, I know I wasn't when I started) to come along. It is a wonderful environment to play music in and everyone is so friendly and welcoming. So if you are new to an instrument or if you haven't played in a while, do join if you can. It really helped me with my playing.

Praise Band meets on a Wednesday at 18.30 until 19.30 (but we're having a short break for the summer).

Dani McGregor

Praise Band will resume on Wednesday 22nd August.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Below is a photo and part of an article from the archive of '*The Northern Scot*', the local Moray weekly paper. It's about Isobel when she was appointed conductor of **Elgin City Brass Band**. It was a daunting task as she had never conducted a group before and the band were coming up to a busy summer programme of concerts. It took a lot a pleading from others before she finally accepted the task which she did for 9 years.

MUSIC MAKERS . . .

A young music-maker in the news during the year was Isobel Robertson (right). Isobel, at 25 took over the baton of Elgin City Band in March - not only the first female to do so, but also one of the youngest conductors the group has ever appointed.



YOUTH MINISTRY in MID DEESIDE CHURCH

Year of Young People 2018

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

During the past months, church groups and teams have been working together to participate in the **Year of Young People**.



We have been attending conferences, gathering new resources and information to inspire our future plans for our youth ministry. One of our initiatives is to have intergenerational activities. The first of these took place at the end of May when our **Head Gardener, Archie**, spent time with our **Rocking Stones** children in the grounds of the church. The children and leaders were truly inspired by his passion and enthusiasm for all things natural. **And plans were made!** We are going to plant fruit trees, have raised beds for veg and strawberries and then after the harvest, make soup and fruit crumble.....yummy! The ideas didn't stop there – we could have **bug hotels, bird boxes, owl boxes, bird cams, painted stones**.....as you can see there's lots of fun and learning that can go on in the garden, exploring God's wonderful creations! **Three fruit trees have recently been planted** by our young people with the support of the congregation and, as you can see in the photos, it was a beautiful day for working in the garden. (See photos on page ?).

June saw the church registering with **Scripture Union's "Pray for Schools Scotland"** and we are committed to support in prayer the pupils and staff in **Aboyne Academy** and our three local Primary schools, **Kincardine O'Neil, Lumphanan and Torphins**. This initiative is aimed at raising our awareness to regularly include our schools in our prayers. Young people spend the majority of their waking hours in school! We know schools have a huge impact on the attitudes, ideas and thinking of young people, about themselves, the world and God. For some, schools are happy places where they flourish and thrive. For others, schools are difficult places where they are tormented, bullied and struggle to cope both socially and educationally. So please join us in prayer for all involved in the life of school, **Head Teachers, Teachers, Learning Assistants, Classroom Assistants, Special Needs Auxiliaries, Cooks, Secretaries, Janitors, Bus Drivers, Volunteers**.....the list is long and varied and in need of our prayers.

During the month of June, the Rocking Stones children have been **crafting a mural to celebrate YoYP 2018** – everyone who took part in the sessions enjoyed their time creating the art work. It will soon be on display in the grounds of the Church, so take a trip and **check it out!!**

So What's Next ?

Messy Church – MDC are investing some time into the possible venture of Messy Church! If you would like to know more about this, then come **join our service on 7th October** when our Regional Coordinator will be giving a presentation on what it involves.

“DATE FOR YOUR DIARY” – NOVEMBER 13th 2018

Our Guild are preparing to welcome P4 – S2 children to an evening of **Christmas Card making**. All are welcome and it will be a fun and creative time. To book your place please e-mail michelle-garrett31@hotmail.com

Further events are in the planning so look out for posters and invitations!

Michelle Garrett for Youth Ministry Team

“COMPETITION TIME”



God's Creations

Genesis 1: 21 – So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1: 25 – God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

On a single sheet of paper draw as many animals as you can.

You can use pens, pencils, crayons, paints, or felt-tips. **BE CREATIVE!**

Send your entries to - **Youth Ministry Team (Competition), Mid Deeside Church, St. Marnan Road, Torphins AB31 4JQ** with your name, address and age (no age limits!).

All entries will be displayed in church and the winner will be notified by post.

Closing date – Friday 19th October, 2018.



TRADCRAFT

Things have been fairly quiet since Christmas but the good news was that for the year 2017 a profit of **£503.14** was made from the sale of goods and this was sent to a Traidcraft '**Hidden Entrepreneur Fund**' which enables a grant of **£7 to £102** to be given to help farmers and producers with various projects. **Fairtrade tea towels** left over from last year were sold off at a reduced price and generated **£195** which was also sent to the same fund. **Because the money was donated before the 1st April the Government doubled the amounts which was wonderful.**

Recently a number of products were almost out of date and so were half priced to clear them. Once the Summer holidays are over we will look at revamping the shelves and only keep goods which are popular.

Thank you all again for your support and please keep buying even the smallest item as it is helping someone somewhere to make a living.

Alice McLean on behalf of the Traidcraft team.



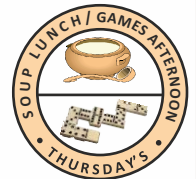
SOUP LUNCH/GAMES THURSDAY'S

Since the next issue of the Newsletter won't be until December, it's important to remind everyone that the popular monthly **SOUP LUNCHES** will resume on **THURSDAY 11th OCTOBER** from 12 noon to 1.30 pm and will continue on the 2nd Thursday of each month until April 2019.

Similarly, the **GAMES AFTERNOONS** will return on **25th October** and every 4th Thursday of each month thereafter also until April 2019.

Irene Bonner ☎ 82481 **Lesley Stone** ☎ 84354

Charlie/Anne Hilton ☎ 82130



"WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE"

WORD SEARCH-Words to do with Highland Games

N P B Z L L P M W Q N C Q Y L L X Q V T T V R
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- ABOYNE GAMES • BEER TENT • BRAEMAR GATHERING •
- BURGER VANS • CANDY FLOSS • CHILDRENS RACES •
- CLAN CHIEFS • CRAFT STALLS • DRUMTOCHTY GAMES •
- HAMMER THROWING • HEAVY STONE THROWING •
- HIGH JUMP • HIGHLAND DANCING • HILL RACE •
- HOP STEP AND JUMP • ICE CREAM • LONACH MEN •
- LONG JUMP • PIPE BANDS • PIPING COMPETITIONS •
- SACK RACE • TOSS THE CABER • TRADE STANDS • TUG O WAR •

SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN - colour by numbers

- 1. Brown
- 2. Skin tone
- 3. Red
- 4. Purple
- 5. Green
- 6. Light blue
- 7. Black
- 8. Orange



13.

SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN - Spot the difference

There are 14 differences in the picture below - once you have found them colour them in with your own colours.



14.

POETRY CORNER

As a flower in the garden
Bending toward the sun,
Unfolds it's tiny petals
One, by one, by one...
So faith expands it's beauty
Until at last it grows
Into life's lasting flower...
The heart's fair perfect rose.



by **Rebecca Helmann**



To see the world
in a grain of sand
and heaven in a wildflower,
hold infinity in
the palm of your hand
and eternity in an hour."

by **William Blake**

The Bread of Life

Charity Shop Opening Hours:

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

The Bread of Life has been open for a little more than four years now and has become an integral part of the Parish.

We continue to receive good quality donations and have a great customer base! Some who travel a distance to visit us! At this time of year we also see many holiday makers sometimes returning year after year.

A great many local good causes and groups have benefited from the money raised. **The latest grant monies to be disbursed went to:-**

- **Torphins Primary School for Fischy Music subscription**
- **Torphins Playgroup for a gazebo and an outdoor sandpit**
- **Torphins Scouts to help with the purchase of 10 x 3-person hike tents**
- **Notes from Torphins to help purchase telescopic banners and music bags**
- **Tornaveen Community Association for carpeting in the Tornaveen Hall**
- **Torphins Paths Group to help with website development, leaflet printing and signposting**
- **Mid Deeside Church Organ Fund towards the restoration of the church organ**

A total of £7500 was distributed!

The deadline for grant applications for the next disbursement of funds is Midday Thursday 31st October 2018.

The Management Team would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers, customers and all who make donations to the shop.

We are always looking for new volunteers - so if you would like to help please call into the shop and ask for an application form. Full induction training is provided for all new volunteers. The work is very rewarding and you would be joining a happy band of workers!!

Best wishes to all.

Management Team

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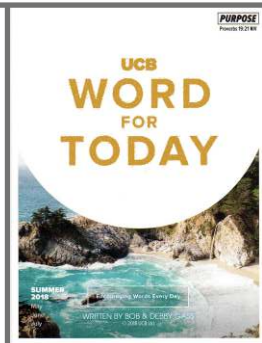


WORD FOR TODAY

The latest edition of the “Word For Today” magazine is 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 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 give us encouraging words for every day. **Give it a try - pick up a copy!** Copies are available in the Church vestibule table just help yourself and leave a donation in the box provided !



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!

CHIMWEMWE MU'BEREKI (Joyful Motherhood) MALAWI

We've been blessed in Mid Deeside with several weeks of lovely warm summer weather – but despite this our faithful knitters continue to create warm clothing for the babies of Chimwemwe Mu'berekki in Malawi!



Since **March** of this year, I have despatched to Malawi:-

**254 jumpers, 281 beanie hats, 23 dollies, 15 blankets,
6 prs mittens and bootees and 11 prs. of baby shorts.**

It is truly touching to read their periodic reports (sent to me by e-mail) on individual patients and medical outcomes – and we always get a mention for supporting them with the hand made baby clothes. These reports are kept on the table in the foyer of the Church and are available to “**read and return**”. It's not an easy read, however!

I will be arranging another **Prize Bingo Night** (probably the last Friday in September) as a fundraiser for postage costs for Malawi. More details to follow – but tickets will be available from **Cathy Brown at Lumphanan ☎ 83308** or myself ☎ **82130** nearer the time.

Thanks go to all who support this overseas outreach.

Anne Hilton ☎ 82130

CHRISTIAN AID NEWS

During Christian Aid Week in May between the envelopes and the quiz we raised **£435.25** this will go towards:-

- **building a house so that a mother can care for her family**
- **buying a sewing machine so that a woman can start her own business**
- **buying seed so that a farmer can feed his family**
- **purchasing an animal to start a herd to provide milk for a family and to sell thus creating an income**

Thank you all for your donations

Only two completed quiz forms were returned and both were correct so **Mrs Mary Fowler & Charlie Hilton** each received a gift voucher- “**Well done**”

Sheila Blair ☎ 82593

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Seen on a Church Notice Board - When you were born, your mother brought you here. When you were married your partner brought you here. When you die your friends will bring you here. Why not try coming on your own sometimes!



CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

With the move to issuing the newsletter every four months it has been decided to no longer include the “Congregational Register”.

KEEPING IN TOUCH (KIT) Emails

How quickly you fall behind with what's going on in church if you are absent for a few Sundays! Our fortnightly Keep in Touch email (KIT) is one way to keep up with our church news, both in terms of what's been happening and what is planned for the next couple of weeks – so even if you are away on some far flung part of the globe, as long as you can access your emails, you can keep right up to speed. Several holidaymakers have commented on how nice it is to be “Kit-ted out” when they are away. If you don't already receive KIT, please let me know if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Lesley Stone, for Communications Team

☎ (013398) 84354

Listen Again

Our Sunday sermons are now uploaded to the church website. If you missed a service, or want to hear it again, you can access it on the **sermons** tab on our website: www.middeesidechurch.org.uk

BANNER GROUP

After their summer break the Banner group will meet again on Monday 20th August in Morven at the usual time of 2pm.

We are planning four slim banners, one to be displayed on each Advent Sunday, also we are looking at a new pulpit fall.

If anyone is interested in joining us do come along at 2.00pm on a Monday afternoon or phone :-

Sheila ☎ 82593 or Margaret ☎ 82595 for info.



GARDEN GANG NEWS

As always the Garden Gang are kept busy with one job or another around all Mid Deeside's properties.

Since the last newsletter, we have been busy with general tidying up and weeding. **Most recently we have been planting out Summer bedding.** All the tubs are looking super and grateful thanks go to all those who "adopted" a tub and continue to look after it.



This is **The Year of Youth within the Church of Scotland** and the Youth Leaders and youngsters have been busy working with the Garden Gang. They have planted fruit trees, two apple and one plum tree. They are planning ahead to the future and hope to make some **raised borders** so that they can grow flowers, fruit and **vegetables.** **We are delighted to work with them and fully support and encourage this venture and their ideas!**

The Garden Gang are taking a Summer break but a skeleton crew will maintain all grounds throughout the holiday period. We have a fine balance of shrubs, Summer bedding, half-hardy annuals and tubs which make our church grounds look attractive and welcoming. Thank you to all for coming along so faithfully each week.

Garden Tips for Summer

As yet there is no hose pipe ban but this Summer continues to be hot and dry. It is always best to water tubs and baskets in the cool of the evening. This is far more effective than during the day! Conserve and reuse any water if you can! Don't worry if your grass is brown and scorched, it will recover when the rain comes as it will eventually. Enjoy the Summer weather while it lasts and get out in your **garden, relax and enjoy the light evenings!**

Happy Holidays whether at home or away.

Archie Findlay ☎ 82681

A Quick Health Check

Blow on the blank square on the left.

- If it turns green, call your Doctor
- If it turns brown, call your Dentist
- If it turns purple, call your Psychiatrist
- If it turns black, call your Lawyer and check your will
- If it remains the same colour there is no reason why you should not be in church this Sunday!



CHURCH ORGAN

Our wonderful organ is in urgent need of repair, and the most recent **estimate of cost is approximately £19,000**. The charity shop has kindly donated **£2,400**, and we will be fundraising in the coming months.

Meanwhile, if you would like to make a donation, however small, please speak to me or one of our team, below:-

Alan Bainbridge on behalf of the team

Isobel Robertson (organist and musical director)

Isabel Wilson and Jayne Clarke



MUSIC BOX

Music Box continues to meet on Mondays from 10.15 during term time at MDC Hall Lumphanan. The group is for parents/carers and pre-school children. We sing for about half an hour then have snack and playtime. We would love to have more people on the helpers rota-preparing a simple snack for the children and tea/coffee for the grown-ups. This would be at most a once a month commitment. If you would like to know more please contact:-

Gill Howe ☎ 89056 or *Pam Auckland* ☎ 82722

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.**



BLYTHSWOOD

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL 2018

Once again it's time to think of others not as lucky as we are. Please take a little time and effort to fill a shoe box with items to make someone smile this Christmas. It is better to give than to receive. You will be happy knowing that it has made a difference, just a little shoe box - that's all it takes !

CHANGE A LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS

It's not difficult to choose gifts for people who have so little. Things we take for granted can often be luxuries for people living in desperate poverty. By filling a shoe box with simple gifts you can bring some joy and laughter to someone this Christmas. Blytheswood includes a Bible story book for children, booklet for teens or Bible verse calendar with each box.

Blytheswood leaflets with information about appropriate shoebox contents for the various age-groups will be available from Torphins Pharmacy and from Mid Deeside Church at Torphins. Completed boxes can be left on a Sunday morning in Torphins Church or alternatively at Torphins Pharmacy.

The last date for collection is Sunday 25th November.

Thank you all so much for your support.

Margaret Stewart ☎ 82595

PHOTO GALLERY



Guild Tea 31/03/18



Easter Sunrise Service 01/04/18



Flowers in tubs and garden that brighten up our Church



Torbjorn & Joan - Easter Egg Competition Winners

New Banner



Above and below Work by Rocking Stones for Year of Youth



DATES AND VENUES OF SERVICES

Services are held every Sunday in Mid Deeside Church,
St Marnan Road, Torphins at 11.00 am unless otherwise stated.

Special Services

Sunday 12th August at 11.00am Communion Service

Sunday 19th August at 11.00am Church Garden Praise
Formerly 'Praise in the Park' - outdoor service in the Church grounds -
a popular event accompanied by the music of **Granite City Brass**

Sunday 7th October at 11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving Service
All contributions to the Harvest Table will this year
be donated to the Banchory Foodbank

Sunday 14th October at 11.00am Communion Service

Sunday 11th November at 10.30am Remembrance Service

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

*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!*

M.D.C. FLOWER ROTA

Thanks to all who contribute to the flower rota "your support is always appreciated" Those who receive flowers after the service always appreciate their MDC Family thinking of them and it is important to the Church to hear of those who should get the flowers each Sunday, should anyone like to be added to the flower rota it would be great to hear from you, likewise if people have special dates they wish to do flowers on, that can be arranged also.

The flower diary, vases & paper are in the cupboard under the wash hand basin in the kitchen, please enter the recipients' name in the flower diary and deliver them accordingly if you can, however if this is difficult, speak to any member of the congregation who I am sure would be happy to help.



The **flower rota** will be displayed inside the cupboard beside the vases.
Should anyone require a swap please make your own alternative arrangements.

Thank you once again

Maureen Mearns 📞 82192 Flower Rota Co-ordinator

WHO'S WHO






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MID DEESIDE PARISH CHURCH



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Church Team Coordinators:-

Worship Support	Mrs Sheila Blair		013398 82593
Pastoral Care	Mrs Karen Whyatt		07730341664
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General Information:-

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As at JULY 2018.

ANNUAL CHURCH SALE • KINCARDINE O'NEIL

MDC ANNUAL SALE IN KINCARDINE O'NEIL

Saturday 8th September, 2 pm – 4 pm

Entry: Adults 50p, children free

Teas: Adults, £3.50, children £2.00

**The sale is held in the
Kincardine O'Neil Village hall
and adjacent tennis court, with teas
served in the Bowling Pavilion.**

STALLS:

- Home Baking and Jams • Bric-a-Brac •
- Children's Toys & Games • Books •
- Nearly New Clothes • Shoes • Bags •
- Garden Produce Plants and Tools, •
- Soft Furnishings • Household Items •
- Knit 1 Purl 1 • etc etc

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DONATE TO THE SALE?

All donations will be most gratefully received but please note we cannot sell electrical items, videos, or upholstered furniture without fire tags. If you have anything you wish us to collect, anytime between reading this newsletter and the date of the sale, please call the number below.

The hall will be open for donations on Friday 7th from 7.00pm to 9.00pm and on Saturday 8th from 10.00am to 12.00 noon.

Lesley Stone ☎ 013398 84354.