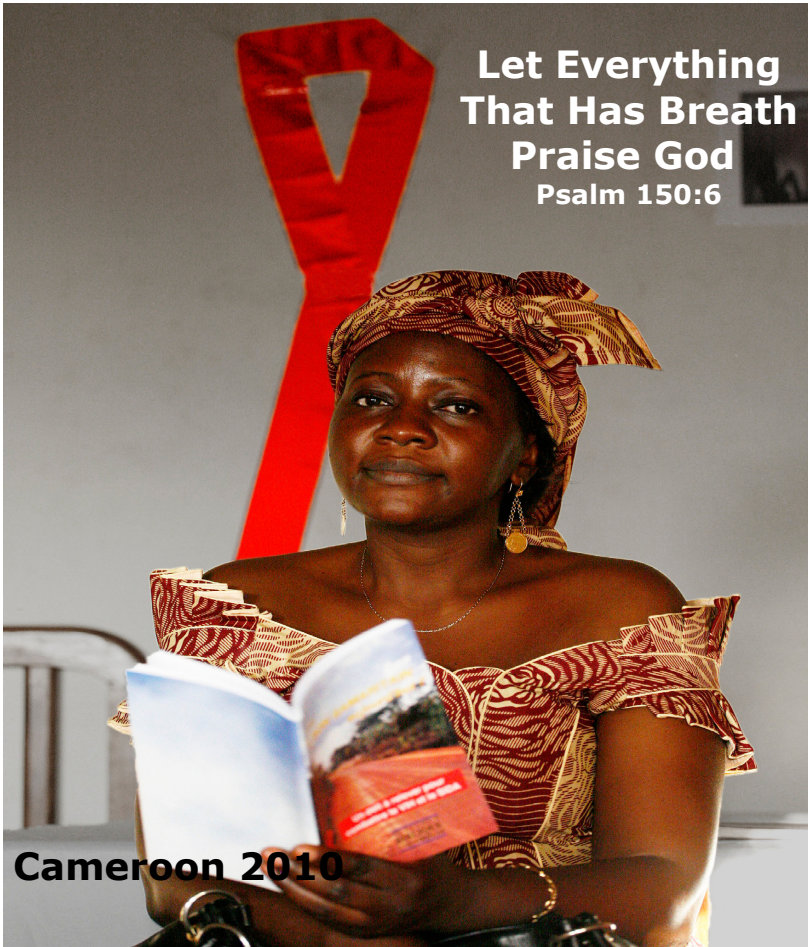




# INSPIRE



## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 5 March 2010**




**Cameroon 2010**

**MANNOFIELD CHURCH**

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

## MARCH

Wed 3	10.30am	Midweek Service	
Sun 7	10am	Sacrament of Communion at both Services	
	6.30pm		
Wed 10	10.30am	Midweek Service with Communion	
Sun 14	10.30am	Morning Worship and informal Communion thereafter	
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	
Tues 16	7.30pm	Meeting of Trustees( Board and Session) followed by Congregational Board meeting	
Wed 17	10.30am	Midweek Service	
Sun 21	10am	Morning Worship	
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	
Wed 24	10.30am	Midweek Service	
Sun 28	10am	Morning Worship for Palm Sunday	
		3.15pm	Craigielea
		6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 31	10.30am	Midweek Service	

## APRIL

Thurs 1	7pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri 2	7pm	Joint Good Friday Service at Ruthrieston West Church
Sun 4	8.30am	Sunrise Service with Communion followed by Breakfast
	10am	Easter Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship with Communion



## Flower Calendar



### March

- 7 Mrs Anne Thomson
- 14 Mrs Parkinson
- 21 Flower Festival
- 28 Mrs M Craighead

**PLEASE NOTE**  
**The deadline for the next issue of InSpire is Thursday 18 March**  
 Material for InSpire should be deposited in the Church Office or emailed to:  
**roddy@mccollassociates.com**  
**office@mannonfieldchurch.org.uk**



Dear Friends

Typically the Annual General Meeting of the congregation is not the most inspiring of occasions. The Treasurer provides his report on the Statement of Accounts for the preceding year and the election of representatives to serve on the Congregational Board takes place. Sometimes the minister (as I have tended to do) might report briefly on the current issues – strengths/weaknesses – within congregational life.

This year's meeting will take place on Sunday 21 March at the end of morning worship and I would like to think that it would be well worth making a point of attending.

Over recent months the Development Committee, along with the commissioned Architect, has been working away feverishly in an attempt to prepare a scheme that might transform our church buildings into something that will better provide for the future vision of our congregation and its outreach into the community.

It is an exciting time and as things stand at this stage of the planning process I look forward to sharing these ideas with the congregation at this year's AGM. I am sure most of the congregation would like to hear of these plans and feel encouraged by what we would like to achieve.

A very apt saying in church circles is, 'The Church is about people and not buildings'. This of course is very true but it is clear that buildings can play an important part too in the way that we feel about our church and how we can use them in our work and congregational life.

Our building may require a freshening up and perhaps doing so will give us as a congregation a new lease of life.

Whatever the changes that might materialise there are two key truths that we must bear in mind.

Firstly we are able to say that the success of Mannofield as a congregation will depend upon each one of us showing a spirit, a faith and a willingness to be involved in church life as much as it will depend upon an upgrading of our premises.

Secondly we won't succeed in anything unless we are willing to be led by God; for it is His mission we are involved in and not the furtherance of our own ideas.

Bearing these truths in mind I call upon you to retain an open and prayerful perspective as we commit ourselves individually to doing what we can for the church we belong to; to be active and involved as we set about the task of fulfilling the plans God has for us in this place and for the people of this and future generations.

Best Wishes *Keith*

# World Day Of Prayer

Friday 5 March 2010



## Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God

The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Cameroon who invite us to praise God with people all over the earth. Cameroon is situated on the west coast of Africa just north of the equator and is described as “Africa in miniature” with a striking variety of landscapes.

The two key words of the theme they have chosen are breath and praise. Whatever sound we make is linked to our breath, to our very life which is a gift from God so they ask us to praise God as they do, joyfully with music and movement.

Services will also be held at the following venues throughout the area;

**City Centre Service**      Salvation Army Citadel, Castlegate      2.30pm

### **District Services**

Cults/Culter/Peterculter      St Devenick's Scottish Episcopal Church, Bieldside      7.30pm

Dyce and District      St Machar's Scottish Episcopal Church, Bucksburn      7.30pm

Kincorth/Ferryhill/Cove      Ferryhill Church of Scotland      7.30pm

South West      Craigiebuckler Church of Scotland      2.00pm

Central West      Rubislaw Church of Scotland      7.30pm

Mastrick/Summerhill/Northfield      St Clement's Scottish Episcopal Church      7.30pm

Torry      Salvation Army, Glenberrie Road      7.30pm

Woodside      St John's Church for the Deaf      2.30pm

Bridge of Don      St Mary's Church, King Street      7.30pm

Dear Lord, can you hear us? Shall we speak up?

There is so much noise, the traffic, people shouting into mobile phones, police sirens, canned music in the shops, strident voices everywhere.

Of course, we've got that the wrong way round. It is we who can't hear you for the noise we are making. It's not just the noise, Lord, it's that we are not listening. Of course you don't speak in a loud voice from the clouds, but you have a certain way of laying things on our heart and you want us to pay attention.

Good Friend, you mean our prayers to have an answer, but we cannot conceive what you will do for us once we believe you, heart and soul. "How great thou art."

If we could just learn to pray for the right things. To begin with, help us to stop complaining, finding fault, damaging our friendships. Help us to make someone's day by saying something pleasant with a smile, something hopeful, optimistic, interesting even.

We remember the MILLENNIUM. It was quite exciting. Some of us wondered if you were coming back and we watched the night sky to see if you would call your candles from their distant stations to light your pathway.

All the years belong to you.

Now what shall we pray for 2010?

We are burdened with the responsibility of global warming, the sorrow of war, the people who have lost everything, their job, their home and their hope.

What we hold onto, today, Lord is this, "Hope returns when we remember this one thing, the Lord's unfailing love and mercy still continue, fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise" (LAM 3 v 21 GNB).

Hear us in Jesus' name. AMEN

## MUSICAL EVENING 6 FEBRUARY Jim and Marisa Addison

It was as great as the photos below show. The piano in the large hall will never be the same again!!



Thanks to Sheila Towns and the Social Committee for organising such an enjoyable event

*The Editor*



Q What is your age, occupation, marital status and family

A I am 67 years old. I married Edith in 1966. Nicola was born in 1970. I am Church officer at Mannofield

Q What is your favourite verse from Scripture?

A Love is patient. Love is kind.  
*1 Corinthians Ch13 V 5-7*

Q Which is your favourite character from the Bible?

A David as he defeated Goliath! This goes back to my early school days

Q What motivates you spiritually?

A The words of my favourite hymn – “What a friend we have in Jesus...”

Q It's not cool but.....

A My mobile phone ring tone is  
*“Is This the Way to Amarillo”*

Q What was the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

A When Edith and I were looking to buy a flat my father in law said to make sure we bought west of Holburn Street!! We did in Union Grove.

Q Who is your favourite fictional character?

A. Shrek – my favourite Christmas family viewing.

Q Did you have a nickname growing up?

A Nicky, Nicky. The others I can't mention!

Q What situations make you lose your temper?

A Not a lot nowadays. Hopefully I have mellowed

Q If you could change something about yourself, what would it be?

A Slimmer and more hair

Q If you could travel back in time, where would you go?

A Secondary school to pay more attention to what I was taught!!

Q What would you do if you ruled the world?

A. Make sure that all the poor children had at the least food and water

Q On what purchase have you spent most apart from a car or property?

A Going on holiday as I love to travel. I have been to some wonderful places in Europe.

Q If you could choose a profession that you would like to try what would that be? Why?

A In my young days a footballer. In my senior years quite happy being the beadle.

Q Who was your favourite teacher and why?

A Mr Macintosh. He was not only a good teacher but strict.

Q Who or what is the love of your life?

A Edith and Nicola

Q What is your most treasured possession?

A. Nicola

Q What has been your greatest achievement

A. Having been church officer for 32 years in June. Also uncovering my family history, but that's another story!!

This is a puzzle set by Henry Ernest Dudeney,  
One of England's greatest puzzle creators.

'Between two o'clock and three o'clock yesterday,' said  
Colonel Crackham, 'I mistook the minute hand for the  
hour hand, and consequently the time appeared to be  
fifty-five minutes earlier than it actually was.'

What was the correct time?



You shall not covet.

You shall not kill.

You shall not take the name  
of the Lord your God in vain.

You shall not make any  
graven image.

Remember the Sabbath day  
to keep it Holy.

You shall not bear false  
Witness against your  
Neighbour

You shall have no other Gods  
before me

You shall not steal

Honour your father and  
mother

You shall not commit adultery



"DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR  
FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS?"

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

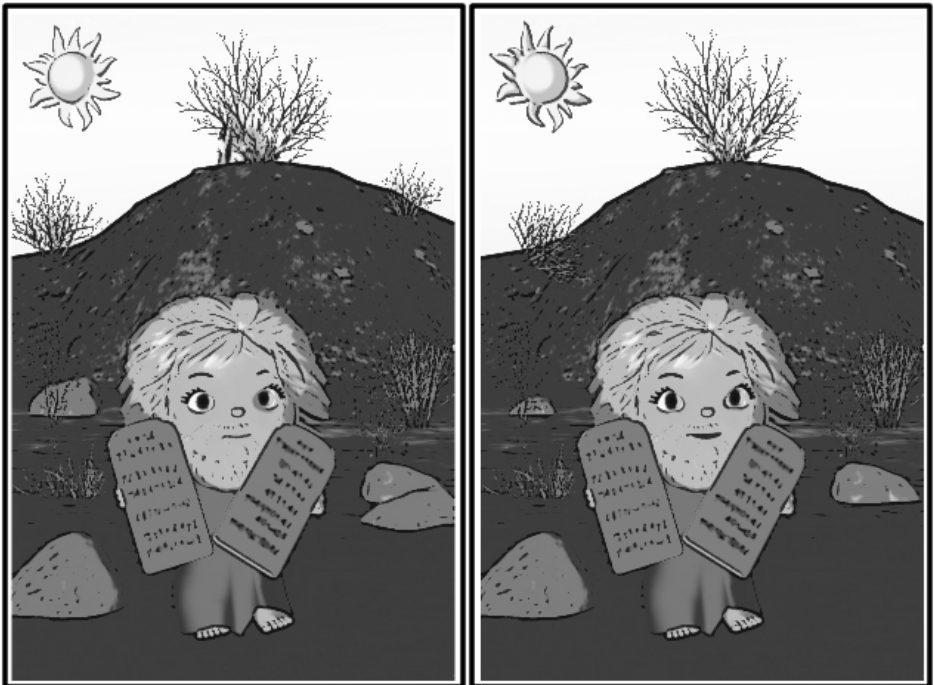
CAN YOU NUMBER  
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IN THE ORDER  
THEY  
APPEAR IN  
THE BIBLE?





THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

CAN YOU SPOT 5 DIFFERENCES IN THE PICTURES BELOW?



## The Ten Commandments Cryptogram

Find the code for each letter used below. Not all letters are used in this puzzle.

XJI FPEQQ PETZ MJ JDPZL CJHF RZAJLZ NZ. XJI FPEQQ MJD NEBZ MJL

GJLFPWW VHJQF. XJI FPEQQ MJD DEBZ DPZ MENZ JA DPZ QJLH XJIL CJH VM

TEVM. BZZW DPZ FERREDP HEX PJQX. PJMJL XJIL WELZMDF. HJ MJD BVQQ.

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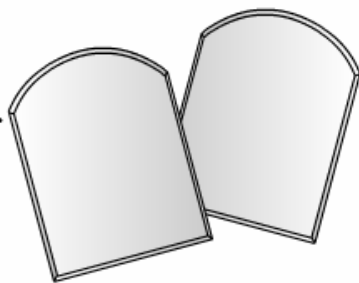
A = \_\_\_ B = \_\_\_ C = \_\_\_ D = \_\_\_

E = \_\_\_ F = \_\_\_ G = \_\_\_ H = \_\_\_

I = \_\_\_ J = \_\_\_ K = \_\_\_ L = \_\_\_ M = \_\_\_ N = \_\_\_

O = \_\_\_ P = \_\_\_ Q = \_\_\_ R = \_\_\_ S = \_\_\_ T = \_\_\_

U = \_\_\_ V = \_\_\_ W = \_\_\_ X = \_\_\_ Y = \_\_\_ Z = \_\_\_



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February's solution:- There were a total of 29 triangles in the drawing.

# 40<sup>th</sup> Guides News

## ADVENTURE 100



This year Girlguiding celebrates its centenary.

As part of the centenary year we have been given a series of challenges which we can complete for points and be awarded a badge as a result. This is to encourage the girls and adults to try something they have never done before. The Adventure 100 is divided into categories for all ages and we have been busy with lots of these.

We have been

- ◆ drinking freezing drinks in unusual places in the church
- ◆ creating uniforms for guides in 2015
- ◆ creating posters of how we as girls perceive ourselves today



We created the centenary logo using guides! The camera could only take the pictures of the numbers singly!

We have had a tea party 1930s style.

For the rest of the year we hope to do various other activities towards this challenge.

We hope to arrange a trip to do some adventurous activities such as white water rafting and weaselling. A trip has been arranged to York with some of the girls where we will also attend Fusion. With 30,000 other guiding friends we will be taking part in a day of activities.

The scariest thing that will be happening is that the guiders will be sitting back and allowing the guides to run an evening themselves just like the guides did back in the 1940s.

*Heather Tait*



## 44th Boys Brigade

We have been ticking over for the last few months operating as normal.



The boys have completed a number of badge classes including a BB podcast and some are about to start work on a t-shirt design project.

We have taken part in the Battalion basketball competition, coming 4th.

Recently a number of boys have been promoted in the NCO ranks so congratulations to Carwyn Walker, Mark Clayton, Craig Wallace, Lewis Holmes, Cameron Smith and Sam Gibbon.

Our P7 boys were all awarded the Compass badge completing a number of classes covering BB Skills and Community subjects.

Work continues for Queen's Badge and President's Badge although the final course for that was postponed due to the weather.

We are planning a weekend trip to our BB friends in Glasgow which will take place in March. Details were announced on our new Facebook page. Search for "44th Boys Brigade" and join for activities, news and insight.

Work is also progressing in the background on a new Company website.  
*Dave Tait, Captain*

### Church Quiz Night 21 May

Can the BBs defend their title !??

More details in next month's magazine.

## STREET PASTORS ABERDEEN



### The church in action...on the streets

*Extract from presentation to Mannofield Church on Sunday 3 January by Crystal Cryer*  
Why would a group of people of all ages give up their own celebrations of Hogmanay night and stay up all night praying or stand out in the snow giving away hot teas and coffees? The verse below answers this question.

*Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.*

*My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you.*

*When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness.*

Isaiah 26:8,9

The Street Pastors are a team from young to old who have been trained and spend their Friday and Saturday nights on the streets caring for people through a variety of ways. They break up fights, help drunk and often vulnerable young people get safely home and hand out free flip-flops to girls who are walking barefoot down the broken glass-strewn pavement at 2:00 am because their feet hurt from their high-heeled shoes. We just converse with people who need a listening ear and offer prayer and counsel where accepted. They have gained the trust and respect of our police force, the City Council and even many of the local young people and have recently been recognised as having played a key role in the lessening of violence on Aberdeen's streets this past year.

*Crystal is from Oregon USA but is now living in Aberdeen working with Youth With A Mission and 24-7 Prayer. Youth With A Mission formed in 1960 is a faith based international, inter-denominational non-profit mission organisation. Every YWAM member raises her/his own financial support.*  
[www.ywam.org/](http://www.ywam.org/)

# 40<sup>th</sup> Aberdeen Brownies

The Friday Brownies kicked off the year by attending the Aberdeen Girlguiding Centenary Launch Party at Seaton Park where there were crafts, bouncy castles, a magician and a climbing wall.

As part of the Disability badge we enjoyed a visit in September from Mrs Taylor of the Guide Dog Association. The girls met some guide dogs in training and experienced what life would be like with different disabilities.

At Christmas we invited friends and Rainbows to join our party. About forty of us enjoyed a magic show, party games and lots of yummy food.

So far this term, we have celebrated Burns night, built junk models and been on a night adventure. At the end of February 'Mr Bug' will be visiting us. The Brownies "will have the chance to hold giant cockroaches and snails, stroke a lizard and a python, and see a tarantula and scorpion at close-quarters. They will hear about the animals' biology and lives in the wild - in a safe, fun and memorable format". I don't know how the Guiders will cope?! Everyone is also very excited about our Tubing trip at Garthdee at the end of March.

Having been on Pack Holiday to Templars for a weekend last summer and pretended to be pirates, we hope to have another great weekend there in August with a very different theme.

Any girls aged 7-10, who would like to join in the fun on Friday nights please contact myself on 01224 316500 or drop me an email at

[40aberdeenbrownies@live.co.uk](mailto:40aberdeenbrownies@live.co.uk).

Finally, I would like to say a big "Thank You" to my guiding team who are doing a great job in holding the fort when I am away on teaching placement in Inverness.

*Jenny Imrie*



# NOTES & NEWS

## Retiring collections

On 7 March after Communion the Retiring collections will be sent to the Aberdeen Presbytery Malawi Partnership Committee.

## Songs of Praise

in aid of the  
Scottish Bible Society

## Acclamations

Sunday 14 March at 6.30pm  
Crown Terrace Methodist Church



## Mannofield Guild



### March

Tues 2	Something Local Hammerton Stores
Thurs 4	Coffee Morning
Fri 5	World Day of Prayer Craigiebukler Church
Wed 10	Spring Rally and Business Meeting St Mark's Church
Tues 16	Something Uplifting
Tues 30	Easter Service



## Flower Festival HELP REQUIRED

1) **Foliage:** Those creating displays would appreciate some greenery to enhance the effect.

If you have any in your garden or would want to know what is required, please contact Sheila Taylor on 319289.

2) **Volunteers:** We also require teams of people to help with the teas, take in money and greet people in the Church. Each team would do 2 hour spells.

Thurs 18 & Friday 19 12-2pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm.

Sat 20 - 11am -1pm, 1-3pm, 3-5pm

3) We also need help to **distribute flowers** afterwards

If you can help there will be a form in the Large Hall for names after the services on 28 Feb, 7 & 14 March.

## GIFT AID

Many thanks to all who have given Gift Aid payments in the current tax year.

All outstanding amounts should be sent either to Sandy McKenzie Gift Aid Convenor 27 Norfolk Road, Aberdeen AB10 6JR or deposited in the church plate in a clearly marked envelope by Sunday 4 April 2010.

## The Office



The Church Office will be closed from Thursday 11 March until Tuesday 6 April. Articles for the April edition of Inspire should be handed in to the office by Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>, or emailed to [roddy@mccollassociates.com](mailto:roddy@mccollassociates.com) before the deadline of 18 March *Gill Terry*

## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### Disjunctions

Mrs June Shirriffs

### Change of Address

Mrs R Ingham

## Kids Are Quick

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America .

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America ?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your maths multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I.'

MILLIE: I is...

TEACHER: No, Millie.....Always say, 'I am.'

MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'



How many people, when asked if they'd like to join a choir, answer, "Yes, but I can't sing"? SomeSing Simple is for them. It's not like most choirs, where you are expected to be able to read music and be experienced in part-singing.

About half of SomeSing Simple's time is taken up talking about how singing groups work. There's a bit of gentle tuition on how to start reading music, how to get meaning out of the words, how to relax before singing, how to reach high notes without straining, and what to expect from the conductor!!

Our first group performance was In December, at an evening service. Mozart's "Dona Nobis Pacem" was sung completely unaccompanied and in three parts. Some of our group members were astonished at their own accomplishment!

If you want to join in, you'll be welcome at 5pm on Sunday evenings in the Centenary Hall.

*Alistair Stark*

## Mannofield Church Lunch Club



**18 MARCH**

**Come and join us**

Lunch is served at 1pm  
in the **large hall**  
followed by a cup of tea

Cost -- £3

**Need transport?**

**Contact: Mhairi Clark tel. 317982**

**After lunch we hope you will visit  
the Flower Festival**

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## Mannofield Church

### Flower Festival

celebrating

## *Our Wonderful World*

**18 – 20 March**

**Thursday & Friday: 12noon – 6pm**

**Saturday: 11am – 4pm**

**Admission by main entrance to Church**

**Adult £3**

**Child 50p**

**Price includes refreshments in Centenary Hall**

