



# INSPIRE



*23–30 October 2011*

**MANNOFIELD CHURCH**

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

## OCTOBER

Sun 2	10am	Sacrament of Communion at both Services
	6.30pm	
Wed 5	10.30am	Midweek Service with Communion
Sun 9	10am	Morning Worship with Sacrament of Baptism followed by Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 12	10.30am	Midweek service
Sun 16	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 19	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 23	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	One World Week Service
Tues 25	7pm	Congregational Board
	7.30pm	Kirk Session
Wed 26	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 30	10am	Morning Worship followed by Messy Church
	3.15pm	Craigielea
	6.30pm	Evening Worship

# Flower Calendar

## September

- 4 Miss S Quin
- 11 Mrs S Murray & Mrs A Henry
- 18 Mrs J McIlraith
- 25 Mrs C Black



Marigold  
October's flower

## October

- 2 Miss M Ferries
- 9 Wedding flowers
- 16 Mrs R Wright
- 23 Mrs M Milne
- 23 Mrs S Taylor

## Mannofield Church Lunch Club



**Come and join us!**  
**20th October**

Thereafter 3rd Thursday each month  
until May 2012

Lunch is served at 1pm

Entertainment 2 - 3.15pm

A cup of tea before you leave!

**Cost -- £4**

Need transport?

**Contact: Mhairi Clark Tel. 317982**



**Strong gentlemen required at 3.15pm to fold and stack tables and chairs after the lunch club.**

## PLEASE NOTE

**The deadline for the next issue of *InSpire* is *Thursday 20 October***

Material for *InSpire* should be deposited in the Church Office or emailed to:

**roddy@mccollassociates.com**  
**office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk**

Dear Friends

It's quite natural for us in the Northern Hemisphere to think about creation in the Spring more than perhaps we normally do in the Autumn. We talk of new life returning to the landscape and as the temperatures pick up we can readily imagine a God who supplies creation with what it needs in order to sustain life.

Yet, Autumn too gives us the chance for acknowledging the wonderful world we live in and to celebrate creation around us. Harvest Thanksgiving services for instance give us an opportunity to say thank you to God for the creation we live in and the resources this creation gives us. Traditional Autumn events like the leaves falling from the trees and the sense that the earth now prepares for its winter sleep are important things to consider. They encourage us to appreciate the cycle in our seasons that points to a wonderfully creative God at the source of nature.

In the weeks of Autumn, I encourage each one of us to pause and reflect on the majestic creation of which we are part.

Let us celebrate Earth as a sacred planet filled with God's vibrant presence. For God is present. The more we reflect on the creation around us the more we see the God of creation revealed.

This creation of which we are part is worth celebrating.

The God who gives us everything is worth celebrating even more.

Best Wishes

*Keith*

Best wishes from the congregation to Alisa and Neal on their wedding on 8 October.



### Prayer for the week ahead

Imaginatively Creative God, we praise You for the world we live in; for its beauty and the resources that sustain life.

When we take it for granted, correct our ways that we may cherish it more and more as the gift it truly is.

In this week ahead breathe your spirit upon us, that we may live out each day as it deserves. Continue your watchfulness over those we love and be especially protective of those in the world who are particularly vulnerable to the hardships and threats that sadly exist in the world of today. We pray these things, ever mindful of Your love for us and all people and in the name of Your Son, Jesus our Lord. Amen

# The Lord is my Shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd; in nocht am I wantin',  
In the haughs o' green graiss does He mak me lie doon;  
While mony peer straiglers are bleatin' an pantin',  
By saft-flowin' burnies He leads me at noon.

Fan aince I hid strayed far awa in the bracken  
And daidled till gloamin' cam ower a' the hills,  
Nae cuppie o' water my sair drooth tae slacken  
And dark grow'd the nicht wi' its haars an' its chills.

Far awa frae the fold, I wis fit-sair an' weary,  
I thocht there wis naethin' mair left but tae dee,  
But He socht me an' found me in mountain hechts dreary;  
He gyangs by fell paths that He kens best for me.

An' noo, for His name's sake, I'm done wi' a' fearin',  
Though clouds may aft gaither an' soughin' wins blaw.  
"Foo this?" or "Foo that?" - O prevent me frae speirin'.  
His will is aye best and I canna say na.

The valley o' death winna fleg me tae thread it,  
Though affa the darkness I weel can foresee;  
Wi' His rod an' His staff He will help me tae tread it  
An' then will its shadows sae gruesome a' flee.

Forfochen in presence o' foes that surround me,  
My Shepherd a table wi' dainties his spread;  
The thyme and the myrtle blaw fragrant around me,  
He brims a fu' cup and poors ile on my head.

Suirly gweedness an' mercy, despite a' my roamin',  
Will gyang wi' me doon tae the brink o' that river.  
Ayont it, nae mair o' the sadness an' gloamin';  
I will bide in the hame o' my Faither forever.



Following the announcement in the June edition of *InSpire* of the appointment of new elders, the newcomers were welcomed to their first Kirk Session meeting at the end of August.

Training sessions for the newcomers, and anyone else interested in attending, will be arranged for a weekend in the near future.

Updating Session on the plans to redevelop the church buildings, it was reported that planning permission has been granted by Aberdeen City Council and that applications for financial support have been submitted to Trust Funds.

The congregation's response to this project has been encouraging in the amount raised so far and in the enthusiasm to stage money raising events.

The proposed redevelopment is now being looked at in relation to zoning and costing of the work with surveys to be undertaken shortly.

Session was also advised that all elders were required to be photographed individually for an updated group picture. These photos would be taken at one of three sessions arranged for October 11 and 14 (10am-noon) and October 12 (7.30-9pm).

Under "Ministers Matters", Session was informed that Keith would be exploring, with the new head teacher at Airyhall School, ways in which we at Mannofield Church could be involved in the school's activities, with the aim of strengthening our links with the school.

Keith also confirmed that Alisa's contract as Associate Minister had been extended by Edinburgh for a further three years.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 25 October at 7.30pm.

## PARAPROSDOKIANS

*A paraproisdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part.*

The following are examples:  
I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

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Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, "In an emergency, notify:" I always put, "DOCTOR."

## HOLY HUMOUR

*A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem .*

*A small child replied:*

*'They couldn't get a baby-sitter.'*

# Living for One World

## One World Week 23-30 October 2011



One World Week is a Development Education Charity\*. Each year, "The Week" is an opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds to come together to learn about global justice, to spread that learning and to use it to take action for justice locally and globally.

### **OWW's vision:**

*"People working together to build a just, peaceful and sustainable world."*

This year OWW is going to be focussing on the environment and in particular, investigating the impact environmental change is having on the human and natural environments and exploring what it means to value and understand the world and those who live in it.

Within the overall theme: *"Living for One World"* there are three sub-themes that OWW think are crucial to making an impact. They are:

### **Living for the Planet**

#### **Living for its People**

#### **Living and Acting for Change**

#### ***Living for the planet***

What does it mean to live for one planet?

How do we value the planet and all the life forms that sustain us?

To damage the environment is ultimately to harm us so how can our lifestyles and attitudes work in co-operation with nature?

We need to understand:

\* How global warming is affecting food production;

\* How to share the burden of adapting to a changing climate

\* How climate change is increasing weather related disasters, which are devastating the lives of countless people around the world who already struggle with poverty;

\* How to care for the planet now before it is too late.

### ***Living for its people***

What does it mean to live for its people?

One of the causes of suffering and poverty is greed. We are all interlinked and part of each other. The world is like one body; if one part of that body is in pain, the whole body suffers.

Our actions can have profound effects on others; the smallest action can have a ripple effect to bring positive change.

How can we ensure that food is distributed and shared equally and not wasted? Nobody in the world should go hungry.

### ***Living and acting for change***

What does it mean to live and act for change?

Our lives can change the world as we choose what we eat, what we buy, how we travel or how we use our money and time.

Acting together, such as by signing petitions, communicating with decision makers and holding them to account, gives us collective power to influence change towards a fairer and more environmentally sustainable world.

### **One World Week**

**PO Box 2555, Reading RG1 4XW**

**t:0118 939 4933**

**<http://www.oneworldweek.org/v2/>**



Find the answers to the clues and fit them into place, if your answers are correct, the central down column should give you another well known Bible character.


He was a tax collector

Greek city where Paul founded a church

It sounds good when you blow it

A wise king

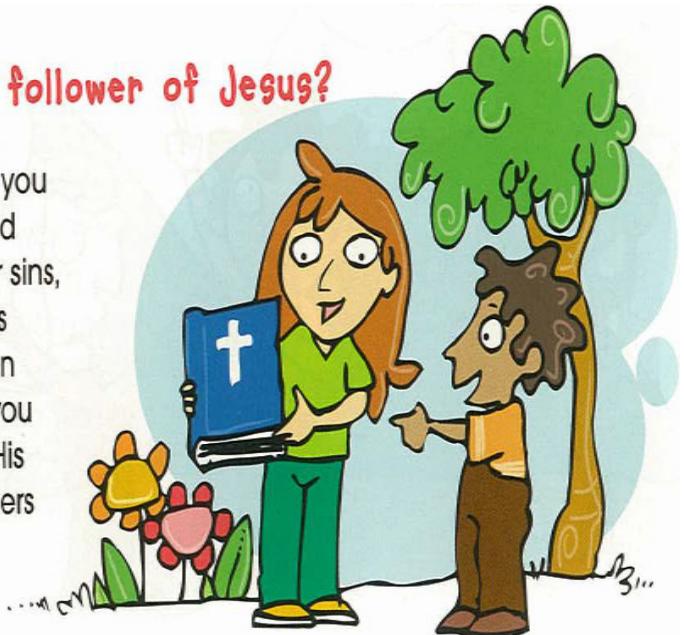
A bird of prey

A son of Noah

A one-time great empire

## ●● Can I be a follower of Jesus?

You certainly can! If you believe in **JESUS** and that he died for your sins, you can become His follower. Not only can you follow Him, but you can also be one of His disciples and tell others about Him.



Why do barbers make good drivers?

Because they know all the short cuts!

Who was the fastest runner in history?

Adam. He was first in the human race.

Pick what you think is the correct answer to each question, then find it in the letter grid. Words may read either vertically or horizontally.

B	A	L	A	A	M	S	O	A	B	E	L
M	E	D	S	R	M	A	L	C	H	U	S
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B	K	R	N	N	E	A	R	S	A	U	G
A	U	S	T	E	P	H	E	N	W	Y	O

- 1 A son of Adam and Eve  
ABEL/SHEM/HAM
- 2 The sister of Moses  
MARTHA/MIRIAM/ORPAH
- 3 A boat builder  
NOAH/NIMROD/NERO
- 4 How many loaves fed 5,000?  
TWO/FIVE/SEVEN
- 5 A friend of David  
JONATHAN/GIDEON/GAIUS
- 6 Home town of a witch  
ELIM/ENDOR/ELATH
- 7 Abraham was told to sacrifice him  
ISAAC/ISHMAEL/ISSACHAR
- 8 Who survived a fiery furnace?  
DANIEL/ABEDNEGO/ARIOCH
- 9 Who was a strong man?  
SAMUEL/SAUL/SAMSON
- 10 Pharaoh's army drowned here  
MEDITERRANEAN/DEAD SEA/RED SEA
- 11 He was stoned to death  
STEPHEN/HAMAN/REUBEN
- 12 Wise men came from here  
NORTH/SOUTH/EAST
- 13 Peter cut off his ear  
MALCHUS/ANANIAS/JUDAS
- 14 His ass began to talk  
BELAH/BEOR/BALAAM
- 15 He wrote one of the gospels  
MOSES/MARK/PAUL
- 16 Eunice was Timothy's . . .  
MOTHER/GRANDMOTHER/  
GREAT-GRANDMOTHER
- 17 A beautiful queen of Persia  
BERNICE/TAHPENES/ESTHER
- 18 Which King was David's son?  
SOLOMON/BELSHAZZAR/JOASH

Find the nine-letter word in each square, beginning with the centre letter and working clockwise.

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L	A	T
A	M	E

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U	M	A
A	C	P
N	R	E

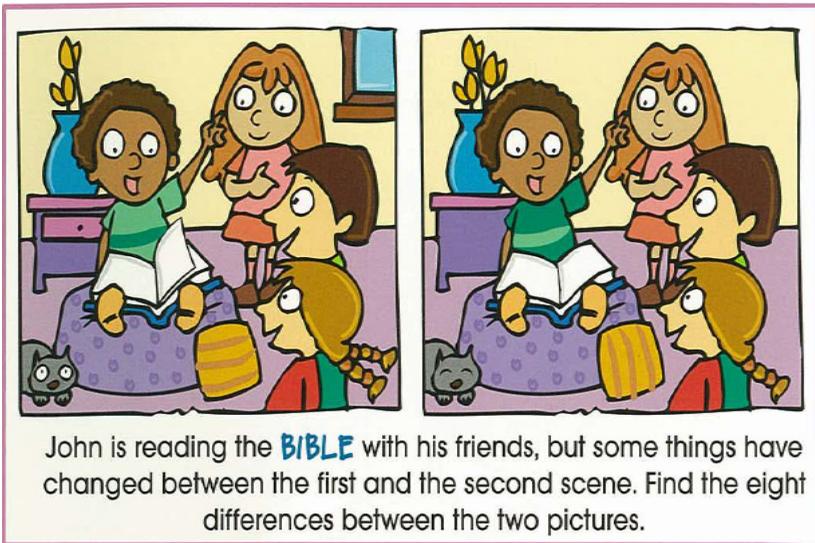
- 1 An ancient people
- 2 A town by Lake Galilee
- 3 A book of the Bible
- 4 Often called 'the great river'

3

S	I	A
E	E	N
H	P	S

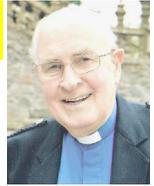
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U	P	H
S	E	R
E	T	A



September's Solution: Zero—the letter 'S' does not appear in the Nile

## George Goldie .....A personal insight



- Q.** What is your age, occupation, marital status and family?  
**A.** 85. Retired Church of Scotland Minister. Widower, 4 children and 8 grandchildren.
- Q.** What is your favourite verse from Scripture and why?  
**A.** 1 John Ch 4v 9. Through my grandparents, my parents and the Church I saw what the love of God can do and I found it for myself.
- Q.** Who is your favourite character from the Bible and why?  
**A.** Peter – a natural leader, emotional, courageous with his heart in the right place.
- Q.** What motivates you spiritually?  
**A.** The desire to see Jesus accepted for who He is, why He came and to see his Kingdom grow.
- Q.** What was the best piece of advice you've ever been given?  
**A.** Be yourself.
- Q.** Who is your favourite fictional character and why?  
**A.** Just William. I read all Richmal Crompton's books of his adventures when I was aged 11-12 in bed at night often laughing aloud. I had 3 close friends and we called ourselves the Outlaws (I was William).
- Q.** What are you afraid of?  
**A.** Nothing really but the thought of a stroke or being physically disabled tends to haunt people of my age.
- Q.** What situations make you lose your temper?  
**A.** I'll let you know when it happens.
- Q.** If you could change something about yourself, what would it be?  
**A.** To stop putting off until tomorrow what I could do today.
- Q.** What would you do if you ruled the world?  
**A.** Strive to see the World's children fed, educated, healthy and happy.
- Q.** On what purchase have you spent most apart from a car or property?  
**A.** In retirement holidays abroad/cruise, occasionally.
- Q.** Who was your favourite teacher and why?  
**A.** Alec Budge ( George Watson's P 7). He was an encourager.
- Q.** What do you reckon is the best thing you ever did?  
**A.** Marrying Mairi Normand for 53 years of happiness.
- Q.** What is your most treasured possession?  
**A.** A loving successful family.
- Q.** What has been your greatest achievement?  
**A.** That must be for others to judge but I have enjoyed my years as a parish minister, school chaplain and Scout Leader.

# GUILD PROJECTS' UPDATE



**£499,410.35**

This is how much money the Guild has raised nationally for the current projects and there is still another year to go!

Mannofield Guild sent £1780 to the Projects this year! We could not have done that without **your** input to all our fundraising efforts by buying tickets, spending generously and we hope enjoying them. We look forward this year to supporting the two Projects below and also to your continuing support as we "Walk Humbly with Our God" the last theme of our three year strategy. *Rhoda K Wright*

**A PLACE FOR HOPE** - *an ecumenical Centre for Reconciliation and Peacemaking in Scotland.*

This initiative marks a new way of doing things. It is about offering methods which don't involve the adversarial; it is about working with people to help resolve difficulties; it is about being a non-anxious presence to assist in relationship building.



There is now a highly skilled and trained group who are able to offer a range of interventions depending upon the nature and context of the conflict

They anticipate training a further group who can fulfil this vital role of ministry. This does not resolve our differences overnight but it is a means to demonstrate our ability as a Church to manage our differences healthily and in genuine love for one another.

**INTERFAITH ACTION** (World Mission)

During the period October – December 2010, 27 Ecumenical Accompaniers from 11 countries served in West Bank occupied Palestinian territories providing a protective presence to vulnerable Palestinian communities; monitoring human rights abuses at 14 checkpoints and barrier gates and supporting with their presence non-violent protests against the Israeli occupation alongside Israeli and Palestinian peace activists.



Recruitment of Bedouin and Jewish Israeli participants was completed at Sappir College in Sderot and the group of 22 young women is nearing the completion of the first semester of activities. Sappir is so enthusiastic about the program that they offered to run an additional academic course for the participants next year. Here the group works and learns together.

The crèche at Jayyous is much improved. The facilities including water, sanitation, heating, carpets, beds, covers etc. are now available. Each child has a locker and special tools for eating and cleaning. The crèche now holds 30 children, with 4 permanent teachers (babysitters) and 2 women whose duties are to meet the children's needs. This year witnessed a big change in the numbers and services at the crèche. Many women now trust to leave their babies for 8 hours and be assured that they are in good hands. There is significant demand that places be made available for 5-6 year olds but this is not yet possible. The women's centre believes that a new child in the class means a new working woman.

The passion story has been told and retold as a play over the centuries in a variety of styles and adaptations. **"The Aberdeen Passion - One Life Given"** is a traditional passion play involving over one hundred performers through a blend of onstage action, a live band and choir performing modern songs with lyrics specially written for the production.

The play is a faithful retelling of arguably the greatest story ever told, drawing its source material directly from the Gospel of St. Luke. This adaptation of Jesus Christ's last days is an amateur production written and directed by Andrew Sykes, an Aberdeen local, and is supported by and draws its cast and crew from members of local churches in Aberdeen and the North East.

Those involved are both Christian and non-Christian, drawn together by the amazing story that unfolds over the final few days in the life of who H.G. Wells referred to as *"...easily the dominant figure in all history"*.



**"The Aberdeen Passion - One Life Given"** will be performed Friday 6 and Saturday 7 April 2012 (Easter Weekend) in the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre.

### **Aberdeen Passion Plays**

c/o The Church Office  
Bridge of Don Baptist Church Centre  
Dubford Road  
Bridge of Don  
Aberdeen, AB23 8GS  
Tel: 01224-826256

<http://www.aberdeenpassion.com/>

# NOTES & NEWS

## MANNOFIELD GUILD



### OCTOBER

- Tues 4** 'Waste aware'  
Barbara Armstrong-Hill  
Community Waste Worker
- Tues 6** Coffee morning - Large Hall  
10am –11.30am
- Wed12** Autumn Meeting 7.30pm  
Mastrick Church
- Tues 20** 'Mary's Meals'  
Paul & Jo Costello

### NOVEMBER

- Tues 1** "Crime & Punishment"  
Chris Croly, City Historian

### Coffee Club

The above club meets in the Centenary Hall on the third Tuesday of the month, continuing on 18 October.



It is run primarily for the blind and partially sighted but all are welcome. Come and join us for a cup of coffee/tea and an hour's entertainment.

For further information contact:  
Mrs Rhoda Cook at 316199

## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### Marriages

16 July  
Gillian Slessor and Craig Williamson.

### Disjunctions

Mr Charles & Mrs Elsie Benton

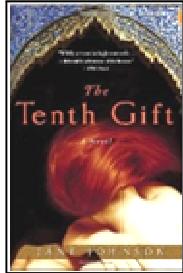
## Mannofield Church Bowling Club



The Club is holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 22 October in the Large Hall from 10am to 12 noon.

There will be a cake and candy stall, bottle stall etc. Donations for any of the stalls can be handed in to the kitchen between 6.30 and 7.30 on the Friday evening or on the Saturday before 10am

## MANNOFIELD BOOK CLUB



### OCTOBER BOOK

A fascinating story that links 2 different eras whilst also bringing to life a forgotten part of Britain's past - the capture of the inhabitants of the Southern coast of England by Barbary corsairs in the early 1600's.

## DIARY DATE



**Saturday**

**12 November**

**12-2pm**

**LARGE HALL**

**Soup and Sweet lunch with craft, cake and candy!**

**Proceeds for the Development Fund**

# CHURCH CONTACTS

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## Sponsored reading of the whole New Testament

This continuous reading of the New Testament commenced at 10am on Saturday 27 August and continued until Morning Service on Sunday.

Members, young and old, were invited to read aloud for 10 minutes at a time in the sanctuary. The teenagers took the 'night watch' and read from 11.20pm until (as it turned out) 5.36am when they stood down, leaving the last six chapters of Revelation to be read in the half-hour preceding morning worship at 10am, as we arranged, by the two ministers and an elder. The actual reading took 20 hours. Members had been invited, not only to read, but to come to listen, to pray and to invite friends and neighbours to 'come in'. While not the main objective, sponsorship of readers and donations for the Church's Development Fund raised almost £1000.

Those who took part found it a rewarding experience. On the Saturday there was a Family Funday where a variety of activities took place in the hall and around the church outside. In a report the next morning the Session Clerk was moved to say how significant it had been that at the centre of the fun and fellowship had been this proclamation of the Gospel 'which is why we are here'.



## CrossReach (Services to Older People)

has several vacancies for staff, care assistants and care workers, full time and part time, on day shift as well as night shift at CrossReach's new home in Aberdeen.

Rubislaw Park has been open for over a year now. It is a 64 place home for older people, most of whom have a diagnosis of Dementia.

People do not need to have experience of this type of work as CrossReach has a robust Induction and Learning and Development programme. However Christian commitment is essential as the work is carried out in Christ's Name.

If anyone would like to find out a bit more they should contact Margaret McEwan the Manager on 01224 810030.

*CrossReach was launched in June 2005 and was previously known as the Church of Scotland Board of Social Responsibility. Under its new name, CrossReach continues the Church of Scotland's long tradition of providing care and support. In fact, this work started back in 1869*



# PARTY TIME LADIES

Night out with Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth and Dominic Cooper

# Mamma Mia

17 November 2011 at The Belmont Cinema 6.00 pm

Fun and laughter with glass of wine and prizes  
Lucky Ticket £20

Contact the church office, Lynn Allan or Pat McColl

## Royal Bank of Scotland Community Force

We need your help! The Development Committee has prepared a bid to Royal Bank of Scotland Community Force.



Every year the Bank's Grant scheme makes awards to Scottish Charities for various projects. The way the bid process works is a charity creates a bid application that is uploaded on to the RBS Community Force Web Page.

From 27 September for a period of four weeks members of the public are encouraged to visit the web site, register and select a maximum of three projects to vote for. It is assumed that the projects with the highest bids will be most likely to secure funding from the Bank.

Registering is not a difficult process and does not mean you are going to be bombarded with RBS advertising.

The Development Committee look for your support with this bid application. Please visit the Web Page of RBS Community Force.

<http://communityforce.rbs.co.uk/>



Register your details and then search for Mannofield Church in 'Projects' and give the church your vote.

## Some Fun Day Activity!

## Fun Day Faces!

