



# INSPIRE



**PENTECOST  
THE CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY**

**MANNOFIELD CHURCH**

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

## JUNE

Wed 1	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 5	10am 6.30pm	Sacrament of Communion at both Services
Tues 7	7.30pm	Kirk Session
Wed 8	10.30am	Midweek Service with Communion
Sun 12	10am 6.30pm	Morning Worship with Ordination of new Elders and informal Communion Evening Worship
Wed 15	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 19	10am 6.30pm	Morning Worship with Young Church prize giving  <b>Last Evening worship until 4 September</b>
Tues 21	7.30pm	Congregational Board
Wed 22	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 26	10am 3.15pm	Morning Worship Craigielea
Wed 29	10.30am	Midweek Service

# Flower Calendar

## June

5 Mrs M Allan  
12 Miss C Smith  
19 Mr G & Mr H Falconer  
26 Miss N Shearer



Rose  
June's birth flower

## July

3 Mrs K Martin  
10 Mrs B Milne  
17 Miss E Torrance  
24 Mrs C Bridgeford  
31 Mrs M McLeod



Larkspur  
July's birth flower

## August

7 Mrs J R Hamilton  
14 Mrs I Philip  
21 Mrs E Argo  
28 Mrs C Boyd



Gladioli  
August's birth flower

### PLEASE NOTE

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

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

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**office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk**

## Church Calendar

The dates for Services in July and August can be found on Page 15.



Dear Friends

It has been decreed that the month of April was the driest April in the United Kingdom since records began. In Aberdeen we certainly enjoyed a dry and sunny spell; maybe not as warm as elsewhere in the country but pleasant nonetheless. The good weather this spring certainly provided a talking point.

Another and much more important talking point this spring, is the movement in various countries in the Middle East and in Africa to oust governments/dictators from seats of power. Sadly many have lost their lives and as we continue to observe the troubles in Libya and Syria we might expect more deaths and injuries to come.

I don't think it's a coincidence that these coups and rebellions are taking place at the same time. More importantly political commentators and political leaders recognise there is no coincidence in these happenings. Whatever the starting point there is clearly a fervent appetite for change in these countries where people have lived under harsh and draconian conditions imposed on them by oppressive leadership.

It's no surprise that people seek liberty - the opportunity to attempt to forge a better life for themselves, and their families. The conditions that exist just now seem to be fuelling such a desire across the world for freedom and for the right to live more liberated lives.

Living in a settled democracy as we do, where liberty and freedom (within constraints of civil law) are accepted as the norm, I think it has taken the sights we see on television to remind us of how lucky we are. We have had the opportunity for self expression, the right of religious tolerance and the democratic freedom to vote.

When we think of this and other human related matters in the light of our Christian Faith we see in the teaching of Jesus and all that He stood for, a passion for freedom and liberty. Jesus spoke for the poor and the oppressed. He fought for the rights of those who had no voice and those who were persecuted for their belief. He fervently pursued justice for those victimised by the rich and the powerful.

Ultimately Jesus died in order to give God's people liberty; first and foremost a liberty from sin but in some ways also the freedom to move on in life and enjoy the fruits of creation – the created life which is God's wonderful gift given equally to all.

I pray that the current escalation of violence and uprising in the world will come to a swift end.

I pray too that people everywhere will gain the freedom to be able to pursue life and a relationship with God as He intends, free from hindrance, free from enslavement, free from persecution, free from all that would hold them back.

I pray that people everywhere come to recognise God in the good things of life and give thanks to Him for his benevolent goodness to his creatures.

God Bless *Keith*

## Tim's Youth Work Report



The youth work is developing well. Sunday nights and Monday evenings are going well, with the recent sunny weather allowing us to go to the park, and even on one particularly nice day enjoy a water fight!

I am now looking ahead to after the summer holidays, hoping to be able to work with the P 6 and 7 children at Airyhall Primary school. I also wish to be able to develop my ministry within Hazlehead Academy, hopefully being allowed with a team of volunteers to play football etc. at lunchtimes.

I currently also help with the Junior Section of the BB's at the church which I am enjoying and I am developing a good relationship with the boys.

As you are reading this, all being well, I should be busy moving myself into a new flat at the bottom of Cranford Road.

Obviously this will be very handy! I am always trying to think of new and creative ways to reach out to the young people, and so I hope that my living room will become almost a second base for my ministry with the young people.

Throughout the New Testament the disciples met in people's houses for food and fellowship and throughout the early church people met together in each others houses for Bible Study. It would be my hope to reflect this Biblical ministry-fingers crossed!

It can be challenging, even for "Monday drop in" which is free of any Christian specific teaching, just to get young people through the church door.

*Tim Still Youth Worker*

## STOP PRESS

### Development Fund Update

The sum raised to date is £99,305. What a fantastic effort!

Thanks to all who have contributed in so many ways. *The Development Group*

## My unforgettable journey through Mannofield



When we, as Christians, learn to hear His voice, He works in us both to will and to do his good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). Since 1975 God has been speaking to me about ministry through the word, prayer, fellowship, circumstances, experiences, evangelistic encounters and confirmation of family and friends.

Mannofield has become a place of transition during which God has worked in me to clarify His good will and pleasure for auxiliary ministry. Coming from Ghana and Oldmachar, I had thought that I would find it difficult to integrate into the environment of Mannofield. However, the warm welcome and friendships built made it a fruitful and enjoyable placement.

I experienced a variety of congregational worship, singing, prayer, services, activities and preaching styles. I learnt a lot from the meetings I attended: Kirk session, Church business and staff meetings. As well as being an observer, participant and a learner, Mannofield gave me the platform to take part in various activities. I have received some very helpful and constructive criticisms from members and the minister.

All of these are helping to reinforce my strengths and provide a basis for how I will work on my weaknesses. Ministers' devotion to parish work, visitations, prayers, direction and counsel as well as members' sense of reverence and devotion to God and His work provided an excellent learning environment. Taking part in an Alpha course, "Messy Church" and two Bible Study sessions broadened my cycle of friendships. Thus Mannofield has enabled me to understand the broader church context within which ministry of the Word must take place.

Throughout my time in Mannofield, I also looked for signs of discouragement but found deeper conviction, increasing joy and deep-seated peace about my call. I put it down to the friendly atmosphere, devotion of members to church, sacrificial attitude and your faith in what God will do through you in the Community. Mannofield will continue to be another church family for me. And I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone - ministers, elders and members of the congregation. **Akpe na mi kakaka!** (Thank you very much). *Joe Sumevi*



The reinforcement of our Kirk Session by the appointment of new elders continues apace. The names of candidates who have agreed to nomination were announced at the April meeting of Session, while others were still considering offers of Kirk Session membership. The ordination of the new recruits is scheduled for Sunday, June 12.

There has been progress, too, in the redevelopment of our church buildings. Keith reported that approximately £80,000 has been raised to date, and that plans have been submitted to Presbytery, with the architect instructed to lodge an application for planning permission.

Obtaining the necessary approval, however, will take a minimum of three months.

Among reports from the various committees, Session was informed that Edna Cromarty has been appointed as the new convener of the Worship & Devotion Committee, which is to undertake an analysis of evening worship.

Session was also informed that the Country Dance Class will in 2012 reach the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of both the class and Maureen Allan as its leader.

This double event will be marked by a celebration in the autumn of next year.

Under "Minister's Matters", it was announced that as part of "Celebrate Aberdeen", there is to be a street march on June 11, bringing together the voluntary sector and highlighting the work it does.

So far, 80 organisations, including Mannofield Church, have agreed to take part. Alisa will be organising our contribution to this event.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 7 June at 7.30pm and subsequent dates for Session to meet this year are 30 August, 25 October and 13 December.

## This Day in May

### 22 May: The Emperor Constantine

The Emperor Constantine was the first Roman emperor to adopt Christianity as a religion.

The story goes that he had a vision of a flaming cross inscribed: "In this sign conquer", during a battle against his rivals at the Milvian Bridge, near Rome in 312. After the battle had been won he instituted new toleration to previously persecuted Christians and Christianity became the state religion in 324. He addressed the great Council of Nicaea in 325. His mother, Helena, became the first 'tourist' to the Holy Land. Although attributing his success to his conversion and going on to establish Constantinople as a new Christian capital in the East, building many churches, his later years were somewhat bloodthirsty. He was baptised only just before his death in 337.

**Also on this day: The Disruption in 1843** was the cataclysmic event at which a large portion of the established Church broke away to form the Free Church. The causes were several but a main issue was the question of the relationship of state to Church.

Following other reunions, the two great 'halves' of the Reformed Church in Scotland came together in 1929 to re-form the Church of Scotland.

# YOUNG CHURCH

## Summer Outing

YC invites members of the congregation to join us at our summer outing to Haughton Park, Alford on Saturday 12 June.

We will be riding on the train at 1pm.

Please meet us there at the picnic area by the play park



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## JUBILATE!!

The fantastic Young Church CD - Jubilate - will be launched in church on Sunday 19 June.

Please buy your copy at the church door or in the large hall after the service.

The price is £5 in aid of the Development Fund



## WANTED—A SPOON FOR JUNE

- \* SILVER SPOONS
- \* SILVER LADLES
- \* SILVER TONGS
- \* SILVER TEASPOONS
- \* SILVER SERVING SPOONS

[OR ANY SILVER YOU DON'T WANT]

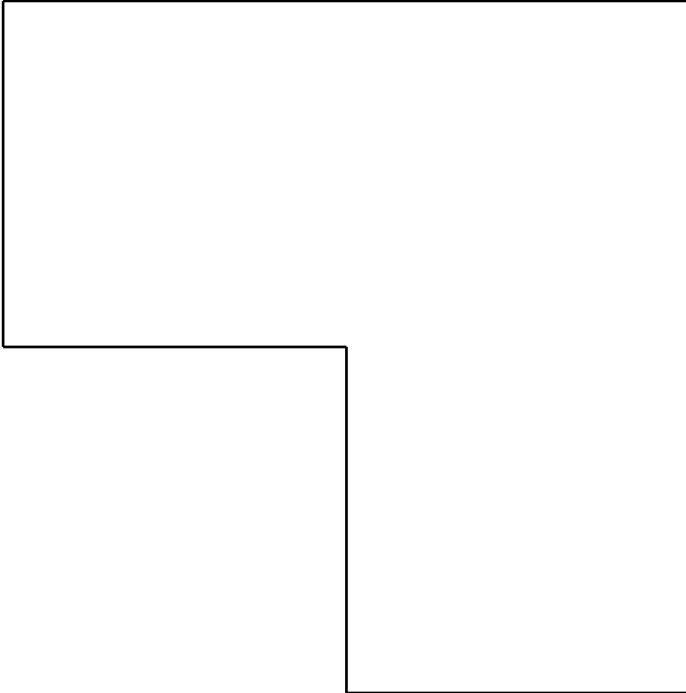
All silver will be valued and sold by an expert and the money donated to the church improvements.

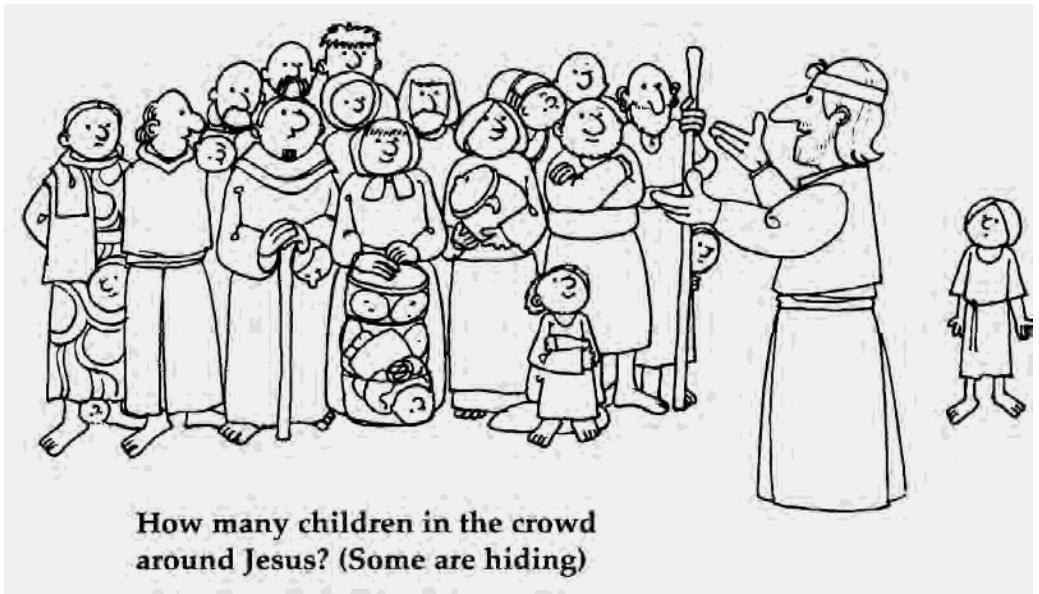
Take your spoons to the collection basket, **available in June**, either at the church door or in the office.

Or telephone Jane 315144 to arrange for collection.

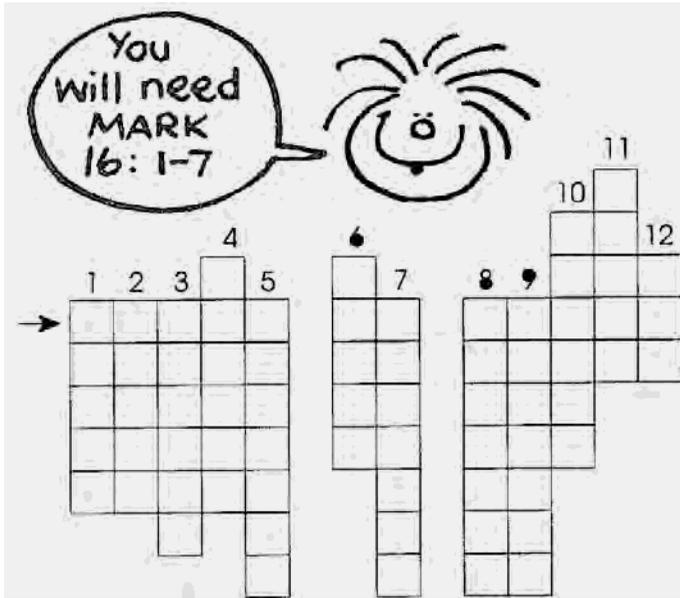


How can this figure be divided into four equal parts of equal shape and size?









Solve the clues **DOWN** and you will find a secret message which seems impossible - but it is true!!!

1. One Mary was the mother of — . (v 1)
2. What time of day was it? (v 2)
3. What had the women brought? (v 1)
4. Which day of the week was it? (v 2)
5. What day was just over? (v 1)
6. Which side was the angel? (v 5)
7. What was he doing? (v 5)
8. How did the women feel? (v 6)
9. He said, 'I know you are — for Jesus.'  
(v 6)
10. 'He is not here he has been — !' (v 6)
11. Then the women knew Jesus  
was not dead but — .
12. The angel said they would — Jesus in  
Galilee. (v 7)

May's solution - The day in question was Sunday

## Sponsored reading of the whole New Testament

**Mannofield Church**  
**Starting 10am Saturday 27 August and**  
**reading continuously until**  
**Sunday 28 August by the time of morning worship**



Have **you** signed up yet to do a 10 minute slot or more than one? See the Spread sheet in the large hall. What about taking on a “night duty”? We want young and old to share and enjoy this challenge. Support the effort by prayer and donation.

It is not easy to allocate Bible portions at this stage but we know it will take 12 hours to read the four Gospels and Acts.

It will be possible to indicate what you may be reading if you gather in the hall 10 or 20 minutes before the time you have offered to read in the church; and it is good to “sit in” the sanctuary for a short time before or after your contribution.

Sponsorship/donation will benefit our Development Project. You can do this by taking the Form beside the Spreadsheet in the hall. **If you are to be a Reader** ask your family and friends to make a contribution to your effort. When you feel you have collected enough money hand in your contribution to the church office and mark it “**Bible Read.**” Please do this by 31 August. It will be acknowledged if we have your details.

If you wish to make a DONATION please use one of the available forms or by using the offering plate at the door any Sunday and marking your envelope “**Bible Read.**”

During the “Reading” offering plates will also be placed in the Church.

So talk about it, encourage friends and strangers to come for a bit to listen. Decide what contribution you can make – by reading, by supervising, by roll – keeping, by door duty, by helping in the kitchen, by praying.

For further information please contact our Organisers

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**Tim Still M 07578057090**

## How 'Alive' will Mannofield be during the summer?

Have you ever considered how important your attendance is at a Sunday service?

The following story shows how much you do matter or count on a Sunday morning or at any of our other services.

*In a certain mountain village, a nobleman wondered what legacy he could leave his townspeople. Finally he decided to build a church as a legacy. The complete plans for the church were kept secret but when it was finished the people marvelled at the church's beauty and its completeness.*

*But an astute observer asked, "Where are the lamps? How will the church be lighted?"*

*The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls, then he gave to each family a lamp to be carried to the worship service and hung on its proper place on the wall.*

*"Each time you are here, the area where you are seated will be lighted," explained the nobleman. "Each time you're not here, that area will be dark. Whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark."*



In our worship each one of us is important; each family is important. Each of us brings something special to the worship experience. We bring our light, our prayers, our love and our faith and these things are shared with others as we gather in worship.

Life is full of demands and as we approach the summer none of us needs an excuse for a well-deserved holiday or a break from the normal routine. I do hope however that we might come to realise that making time to come and worship is very well worthwhile. Making time to worship and be counted matters to God and matters to the rest of us in church on that day. Worship is the time to be renewed by the spirit of God and for our presence to be part of the renewal of other people's spirits.

I hope the majority of us this summer will make the decision to come to church and be counted. A church that is well populated with people at its services of worship is a church that is very much 'alive' with the spirit of God running through it.

Regards

*Keith*

# A personal insight...Kathleen Martin



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

**A** I am 65 years (young) a widow with 3 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. I clean the church at Mannofield.

**Q** What is your favourite verse from Scripture and why?

**A** Matthew - the sermon on the mount. It also speaks of happiness which I always try to be.

**Q** Who is your favourite character from the Bible and why?

**A** Matthew - I just enjoy reading his gospel.

**Q** What motivates you spiritually?

**A** Knowing that God is always with me no matter what.

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

**A** I love doing jigsaw puzzles.

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

**A** Just to try and do my best in whatever I do.

**Q** Who is your favourite fictional character and why?

**A** "Tinkerbell" because I'd like to fly around with a bag of fairy dust and do good to those who are hurting and in need of love and comfort.



**Q** What are you afraid of?

**A** Nothing really.

**Q** Did you have a nickname growing up?

**A** Yes, at school my pals called me Yogi (as in Yogi Bear).

**Q** What situations make you lose your temper?

**A** People not having respect for other people's property & belongings.

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

**A** A Formula 1 driver just for fun!

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

**A** Nothing really, I'm quite happy being me.

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

**A** Probably back to school and start all over again and work harder this time!

**Q** What would you do if you ruled the world?

**A** I would stop children in the world suffering.

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

**A** Probably air tickets to Australia to see my family there.

**Q** Who was your favourite teacher and why?

**A** My cookery teachers - I still enjoy cooking.

**Q** Who or what is the love of your life?

**A** My daughters, grandchildren and new baby granddaughter.

**Q** What is your most treasured possession?

**A** My engagement and wedding rings from my late husband Geoff.

**Q** What has been your greatest achievement?

**A** Getting this far without any major disasters in my life.

# NOTES & NEWS

## Deeside Family Resource Centre



Everyone at the Centre wishes to say a huge 'thank you' to you all for the very kind donation of Easter Eggs.

The eggs were distributed to the families that we work with.

## Williamson Family Resource Centre

Many thanks to Mannofield Church Congregation for the Easter Eggs they so kindly donated to the families at the Williamson Centre. Any help we receive is greatly appreciated.

## Sale of Cards for Development Fund

The amount for the sale of cards is £84.45. Thank you all for your generosity. *Margaret Stewart*

## THANKS

The Lunch Club Team thanks everyone who supported our monthly lunches over the last nine months.

We hope that you all have a happy and relaxing summer. We certainly will!!

We look forward to seeing all our regulars and new friends when the Club resumes on 15 September.



Square Dancing also cool!!

The total for the Balmoral 10K was £580 which when gift aided makes a total of £725.

Well done Keith & Co!!



## Personalised Watercolour as an Anniversary or Birthday Present

I paint an 18 by 14 inch scene from a collage of photographs and stories which are relevant to the people involved. It is likely to take 8 weeks to complete.

Suggested price (including framing) £175, with the net proceeds going to the development fund.

For more information please see me or telephone 01224 310070.

*Elizabeth Paterson*

Thank you to all those who took a tube of Smarties



from the table at the front door to save up their spare £1 coins in for the Development Fund.

The filled tubes can be returned, in the months to come, to the offering plate on any Sunday.

If you missed your free tube of Smarties, keep a look out on Sunday morning and help yourself to any you see on the table at the front door. We would be delighted if all the tubes were taken and returned in due course! The potential, if all the tubes are filled with £1 coins, is a total of around £1500! "Mony a mickle maks a muckle!" *Jacqui Jamieson*

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## Church Calendar Continued

### JULY

Sun 3	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 6	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 10	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 13	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 17	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 20	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 24	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 27	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 31	10am	Morning Worship

### AUGUST

Wed 3	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 7	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 10	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 14	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 17	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 21	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 24	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 28	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 31	10.30am	Midweek Service

### French Lessons

Final total for the Development Fund £312.50. MERCI Mme Anne Thomson.



## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### Change of Address

Mrs Evelyn Argo

### Disjunctions

Mrs Sheila Smith

Mrs Ethel Stewart

### Deaths

16 April Mrs Patricia Birse

6 May Mrs Jessie Lovie

### PLANT SALE

Thanks to all who purchased plants after the 15 May Church Services.

An amazing figure of £275 was raised for the Development Fund.

Thanks also to those who donated items and most of all to my "helpers".

*Jean Anderson*



### Children In Church

A little boy was attending his first wedding .

After the service, his cousin asked him

"How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy responded.

His cousin was amazed that he had an

answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy." the little boy said.

"All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said,

4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer!"



**THE PICKLED COW** Drama Group  
Proudly Present ....

# PEDC TV

A Night to Remember in Front of the Box



<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22nd June</b>	<b>@ 7.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23rd June</b>	<b>@ 7.30pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24th June</b>	<b>@ 7.30pm</b>

**On stage at Mannofield Parish Church**

Return ticket forms to the office or  
any **PICKLED COW** member.

An assortment of original sketches brought together in a TV format.

*Frankincense Towers* by Rodd Christensen & Marco Palmer

*An Audience with De'Ath* by Pete Townsend

*Men in Christ (MIC)* Song Sketches by Rodd Christensen & Marco Palmer