



# INSPIRE



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Transforming Communities

Christian Aid Week

15-21 May 2011

**MANNOFIELD CHURCH**

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

## MAY

|         |         |                                |
|---------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Sun 1   | 10am    | Morning Worship                |
|         | 6.30pm  | Evening Worship with Communion |
| Wed 4   | 10.30am | Midweek Service                |
| Sun 8   | 10am    | Morning Worship                |
|         | 6.30pm  | Evening Worship                |
| Wed 11  | 10.30am | Midweek Service                |
| Sun 15  | 10am    | Morning Worship                |
|         | 6.30pm  | Evening Worship                |
| Tues 17 | 7.30pm  | Congregational Board           |
| Wed 18  | 10.30am | Midweek Service                |
| Sun 22  | 10am    | Morning Worship                |
|         | 6.30pm  | Evening Worship                |
| Wed 25  | 10.30am | Midweek Service                |
| Sun 29  | 10am    | Morning Worship                |
|         | 3.15pm  | Craigielea                     |
|         | 6.30pm  | Evening Worship                |

### Blessing

Love is the Maker, and Spirit, and Son;  
Love is the kingdom their will has begun;  
Love is the pathway the saints have trod:  
God is where Love is, for Love is of God.

# Flower Calendar

## May

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- 1 Mrs A Hall
  - 8 Mrs N Anderson
  - 15 Mrs S Brown
  - 22 Mrs M Bonner and  
Mrs R Dimambro
  - 29 Mrs S McAdam

## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### New Member

Ms Libnesh Sema

### Baptisms

- Jan 2 Mark Ronald Broadribb
- March 20 Melissa Ellen Hunter
- March 27 James A M Thomson
- March 27 Olly Ross Young
- March 27 Jacob Henry Reid

### Deaths

- March Miss Joan Petrie
- March 31 George McConnachie

### Change of Address

Mrs. Alison Lobban

### PLEASE NOTE

The deadline for the next issue  
of  
*InSpire* is  
**Thursday 19 MAY**

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deposited in the Church Office or  
emailed to:

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Dear Friends

So far as anybody could tell at the time, Jesus died a failure. There was no way to put a positive spin on it. Arrested, betrayed by one friend, denied by another and deserted by all the rest. He's publicly humiliated by the military, condemned on trumped-up charges but no one will defend Him. He's beaten, spat upon and abused. The crowds turn against Him and cry for blood and He's dragged out of the city and publicly executed. Whatever hopes people had put in Him were all dashed; a horrible failure.

As for his supporters—those who had stayed loyal to him – when they reflected on the death of their friend on the night of his death and the next day, their spirits must have been crushed beyond all measure. Instead of hope and optimism there was the pungent smell of failure in the air.

In the contemporary world of football I am always fascinated by a losing manager's assessment after the game, or should we say the failure of his team to win. Often the failure is blamed on the match officials for not awarding a penalty to his team or failing to spot an offside as the opposition scored. Then there is the matter of luck, with the manager using the cliché 'we just didn't get the breaks today'! One potential response of the demoralised supporters of Jesus must have been exactly this type of attempt to claim moral victory in the face of adversity and injustice.

Maybe such a moral victory would have been just enough for some loyal supporters; enough for them to keep believing in Jesus' teaching and enough to keep them working to promote His values and copy His example. But would it have been enough to spark the formation of groups of believers that would lead to the formation of the Church? Would it have been enough to convert a cynic like Paul who in his letters would go on to explain the ways of God to a worldwide audience? Would it have been enough to lead the people who led you to a faith of their own with the in-built reaction to desire to share faith with you? I doubt it!

But that's where the miracle of Easter really kicks in. Not enough for God a moral victory, but in a true sensational finale God scores the late extra-time and eternally decisive winner by revealing the empty tomb!

The stone's been rolled away, the body is gone, the angels are back, the brick wall of dismal failure has been blasted open. Death, where is your sting? Failure, where is your victory now? Christ is risen! Everything is made new!

Nothing is impossible any more!

Once again in the shadow of Easter, we bask in the glory of the Love of God for all people everywhere.

Best Wishes    *Keith*

# The Silver Wolf



I am sure most of you know that George Goldie is a scouting man! In this connection the magazine team thought you would like to know that in the Scouting St George's Day Awards this year he has been awarded the highest award for services to Scouting -The Silver Wolf. He will receive this award in May in Edinburgh.

One of George's first acts on being ordained to his first charge, Slatford-Longstone in Edinburgh, was to form and run a scout group with scouts and cubs numbering one hundred.

He was also a member of the Scout Religious Advisory Panel which took him on two week-long events to Europe.

On moving to Greyfriars Church in Aberdeen, he became Assistant County Commissioner for cub scouts and then Deputy Area Commissioner. For 13 years he ran a cub pack at Kingslea School

He was also the Scouts Scotland National Chaplain (CofS) for some years and in that capacity, along with the HQ team, attended the World Jamboree in Lillehammer, Norway.

Beyond his years 'in uniform' he has been and still is Safeguarding Awareness Co-ordinator for NE Scotland and Chair of Aberdeen District Appointments Committee.

We know he is very surprised, humbled and 'chuffed' to receive this honour. We congratulate him and wish him a most memorable day.

*Magazine Committee*

## Letter of Thanks



I am grateful to Roddy for letting me use InSpire to express our gratitude to the many members of Mannofield who sent us cards, letters and emails, or who lifted the phone to express their condolences, when they heard of the death of my mother.

I am also grateful to Rev Keith Blackwood for mentioning her passing, on the Sunday after she died. She made many friends in Mannofield and was so grateful to those who kept up their correspondence with her, even after I retired.

She was just a few weeks short of her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday, but was mentally active and alert right to the very end. Indeed the day she died, she had phoned us in the morning, played the piano in the sitting room of her Care Home at 7pm, was helped into bed an hour later and by 8.30 pm had died. Her prayers were answered.

Elizabeth joins with me in expressing our thanks to all of you who have been in touch with us. We appreciate your care and your thoughtfulness.

*John F. Anderson*

## A SPOON for JUNE

Got an old silver spoon in the drawer? YES



Do you use it? NO!

Take it to one of the collection boxes **available in June**, either at the church door or in the office.

Or telephone Jane 315144 to arrange for collection.

All silver to be sold [best price!] and money donated to the church improvements.

# Touched by the Spirit of Mannofield



When I consider the richness of the ministry in our church over past years and hear stories of the vibrancy that existed within the large Sunday Schools, I recognise that Mannofield is a church that has touched many, many people over the years.

For any minister and church leader I suspect that we would like to think that what we do leaves an indelible mark on the people that we come into contact with. No matter where they are in the World, what level of involvement they have with any Church now, we would like to hope that they have a fondness for the church that they once belonged to and in which they enjoyed themselves and received the teaching and encouragement that in some way helped create a foundation for the rest of their lives.

As we work hard to raise funds during this year I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to consider who you know, particularly the members of your family, who have maybe at some point been touched by the spirit of Mannofield. Maybe they would be interested to hear of the plans that we have for a church of which they were once part. Perhaps they might also be very keen to see what part they can play in the effort towards securing a wonderful future for the church that allows for the continuation of vibrant spirit and nurturing love for generations now and to come.

I know from speaking to the members of our church that many of you have relatives who live away from Aberdeen. Many of you have sons and daughters, even grandchildren who make their home in other parts of the country or abroad but who have a connection to Mannofield Church. I would like to encourage you to send them a letter or e-mail, or call them, drawing attention to what we are seeking to do and inviting them to consider supporting us.

For the generation we are seeking to reach out to, the easiest way to read of our plans and donate if they choose, is through the Church Web Page.

Even if we ourselves don't use the internet it's a fair claim to make that our children and grandchildren do and are very comfortable with this format.

Invite them to log on to the special Mannofield Church Development Web Page where they can read all about our plans and find an easy way to donate securely.

Donate securely with  
 JustGiving

The page to visit is: <http://www.mannofieldchurch.org.uk/development>

The simple thing for us to do is write a letter, or send an e-mail, or simply phone our family or friends and give them the web address above.

This way we will give the opportunity to those who have been touched by the spirit of Mannofield to be part of its future..

# Time stands still



Many in the congregation are wondering what has happened to the Kirk clock which has been stopped for quite a while. Part of the answer lies in the previous sentence – it is not the Kirk's clock. It belongs to and is the responsibility of Aberdeen City Council. However we are responsible for maintaining the steeple.

The Council recently refurbished all the clock faces and installed a new clock mechanism but despite various visits from the clockmaker the clock is still not working. The clockmaker travels from Edinburgh which adds to the problem.

Please accept our apologies for the present situation and be assured that we are pressing the council for an early resolution to the problem. Being at the right time twice in the day is unsatisfactory!

*Fabric Committee*

## FUNDRAISING

**IT'S --- SIMPLE!**

**Start today**

**Ideas on 'bricks' at the church door**

**Mannofield needs you**

**Pennies make pounds**

**Look and choose a 'brick'**

**Enjoy!**



Sell cakes at your work

Host a soup and sandwich lunch at home

Fill a "Smarties" tube with pound coins

Offer your talents  
Tutoring? Gardening?

**Pamela MacRae is the contact person from the Fundraising Group who would like to know the details of your planned events.**

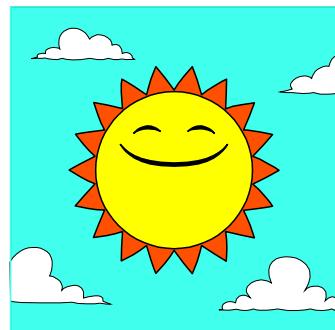
Her phone number is 318914 and her e-mail address is [spc3macrae@gmail.com](mailto:spc3macrae@gmail.com)

# WHAT DAY IS IT?

When the day after tomorrow is yesterday,  
today will be as far from Sunday as today  
was from Sunday when the day before  
yesterday was tomorrow.

What day is it?

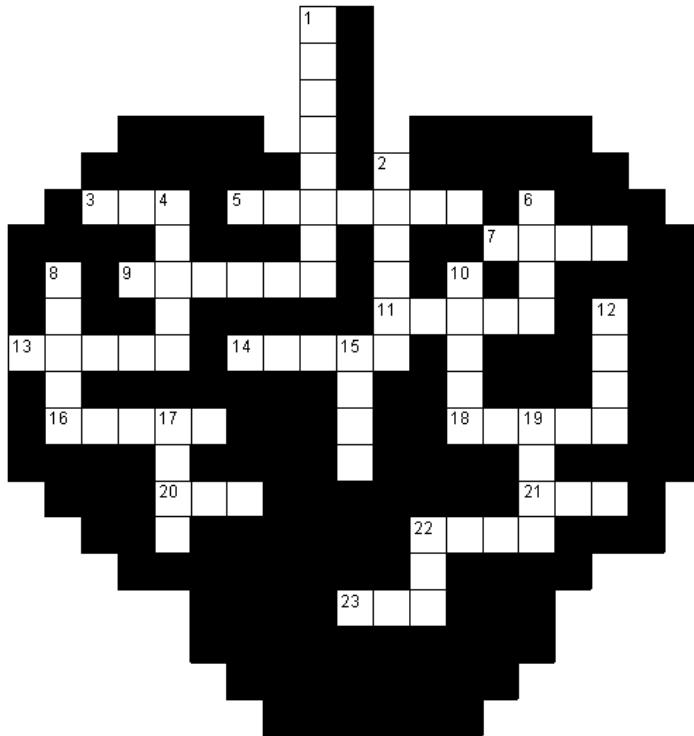




*Change the order of the letters to find the things that we should “Bee”.*

1. LUHFAKTN ————— Psalms 100:4
2. INDETGIL ————— Proverb 27:23
3. ATHUFFLI ————— Revelation 2:10
4. RTLEA ————— Ephesians 6:18
5. IMFECRLU ————— Luke 6:36
6. NDIK ————— Ephesians 4:32
7. OEDSR ————— James 1:22
8. LDGA ————— Psalm 32:11
9. ESOUORCUT ————— 1 Peter 3:8
10. OETNTCH ————— Phillipians 4:12
11. USGAOEUROC ————— Psalms 31:24  
Proverbs 8:33
12. SEIW —————

# Creation



## Across

- 3. God removed one of these from man to make woman
- 5. Creatures
- 7. What God used to water the Garden
- 9. To make from nothing
- 11. Our planet
- 13. Healing type plants
- 14. Eve was the first one

16. Little night lights

- 18. Grew in the garden; one was of life; one was of the knowledge of good and evil
- 20. The heavens
- 21. First woman
- 22. The lesser light that rules the night
- 23. The greater light that rules the day

## Down

- 1. Another name for the Garden of Eden
- 2. The \_\_\_\_ of Eden
- 4. They fly in the air
- 6. These swim in the seas
- 8. These are sown to grow plants; fruits reproduce by these

- 10. Apples, oranges, and bananas
- 12. God created our earth in 6 of these
- 15. First man
- 17. What God did on the 7th day
- 19. Where God planted the first garden
- 22. Adam was the first one

## Places in the New Testament

D N Z K F B E P H E S U S J Q E M O R X  
U Q M G H A E I R O J H O S M T J C H K  
L J V S W Y N U C V G C M V R L P O M I  
N X M I Y R U P V Q M O F H S V R L Y D  
B I T P Q U A M L E I I Y G Y X F O X Q  
N Z E E V U B S M F V T P Z U Z E S V O  
Y S G P B Q F N Y B F N D F W H R S Y E  
S R Z J Z P G E P C J A J C P F M A G I  
I J H X W A T H I I Y S M N B E U E D W  
B X L J L Q Y T R K Q R H T R V A M M P  
I K A A A P H A H T A E Y Y E J N U E A  
W V T V A C I N O L A S S E H T R M H R  
P I O U V R S P H Z Y U B D N H E A E T  
A B Y U N S U C S A M A D A L G P G L S  
O U K T C W B Z T S B V Z M S Z A R H Y  
X Z J E R V F K L H L A H L A O C E T L  
H C N A U O B Z C U R C M D G I I P E M  
M W B E N M A R U E P H I L I P P I B O  
L S A R D I S S T P R U C O R I N T H W  
D P T I E Y X H M I L E T U S A P P O J

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|-----------|----------|--------------|
| Antioch   | Damascus | Nazareth     |
| Athens    | Ephesus  | Pergamum     |
| Bethlehem | Galatia  | Philippi     |
| Capernaum | Joppa    | Rome         |
| Colossae  | Lystra   | Sardis       |
| Corinth   | Miletus  | Thessalonica |
|           |          | Troas        |

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April's solutions; 1. coercion 2. sciatica 3. cyclamen 4. believer 5. neutrino  
6. syndrome 7. educator 8. original 9. hysterical 10. eulogist

# Daring to dream the impossible



**Christian Aid partner Soppexcca (pronounced so-pecks-ka) is an organisation with a vision. It is passionately committed to helping poor Nicaraguan coffee farmers to beat poverty.**

Ten years ago, when Soppexcca was established, this seemed impossible. But now Soppexcca is a thriving collective of small cooperatives which helps farmers produce good-quality coffee, market it and put funds back into their own communities. It works with communities to understand their needs and empowers them to make their own visions a reality.

Gustavo Adolfo Talavera, an illiterate coffee farmer, had few prospects until Soppexcca gave him a loan, allowing him to expand his farm and build a small and environmentally sound processing plant. He had a dream of his children being able to read and write, and be educated. His dream became a reality when Soppexcca helped members of the community get enough resources together, and a group of parents built a school themselves.

Ten years ago, education would have seemed an impossible dream for Gustavo. But Soppexcca is enabling his community to dream dreams – and then to do what seems to be impossible.

The Christian life sets us within a story that speaks of transformation where it seems to be impossible; where life is brought to the world. And the gospel stories are clear that life is about more than just survival. The life that Jesus speaks of is abundant life, rich with possibility and hope and promise. For people in Gustavo's community, it's about education and prospects.

Cooperative living is about this abundant life. It's about seeing something achievable beyond oneself and working together to make life better for everyone. The good news is that we can be a part of this bigger picture too. When we give our time, money and energy this Christian Aid Week, we are looking beyond ourselves and enabling others to do what seems impossible. This bigger picture is the world as it could look if we allowed the kingdom of God to be a reality,

if we really believed in abundant life for all. It's the world that Jesus showed us in his life and ministry: a world where we stop living for ourselves and start living for others, a world where we don't put limits on love and justice, a world where the concept of our neighbour is startlingly redefined.

Christian Aid Week is a time to celebrate transformation, and an opportunity to put ourselves in the frame of God's kingdom. Join us, and we'll give you the resources to make the impossible happen



**Help people in poverty out of poverty**

## SPONSORED BIBLE READ OF THE WHOLE NEW TESTAMENT

**MANNOFIELD CHURCH**  
**10am SATURDAY 27 AUGUST**  
**continuously until completion around**  
**10am SUNDAY 28 AUGUST**



The Good News edition which we use in church will be used, with occasional passages from the King James version in acknowledgement of its 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The readings will be from the sermon lectern. This is something which can involve a great many of our members, young and old, reading parts aloud (for not more than 10minutes at a time).

Young people can read for shorter periods. In all we anticipate the event will take 24 hours, concluding around the start of Sunday worship.

We hope the readings will be done individually but a group may book consecutive times sharing the experience. Anyone is free to read more than once if they so choose. Many young folk may enjoy the overnight readings and arrange a 'sleep-over'.

**So, take a deep breath and sign up to the spread sheet which will be available at the church from 1st May.**

Alongside the readers we will require:

- ◆ Supervisors (one hour at a time) whose duty will be to see the readers are called and offer any assistance required
- ◆ Roll keepers (one hour at a time) whose duty will be to welcome readers in the hall prior to them reading
- ◆ Door duty persons (one hour at a time) whose duty will be to welcome people to the sanctuary

We also need **Listeners**. We pray that the church will never be empty during the 24 hours. So come in, bring a friend, sit in the quiet and HEAR THE WORD OF GOD.

Finally, this is also a sponsored event in aid of our development project and readers will seek your support. (More information in next month's magazine)

**Organisers: George Goldie, Ellen Smith, Tim Still**

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



Last year was the centenary year for Guiding. We had a busy year with lots of challenges taking place and lots of exciting things to take part in.

Some of us went to York in the summer and visited Fusion – the largest event for guiding to be staged in the centenary year. It was an amazing sight with

hundreds of street artists performing for thousands of Guiding members.

At the end of our centenary year we had a huge finale party at the AECC on 20<sup>th</sup> October. There were thousands of Guiding members at the event the climax of which was everyone renewing their Guiding promise at the same time of 20:10 on 20/10 in 2010 (not to mention also a visit from 2 of the *X factor* finalists!) The Scottish chief commissioner was there and was piped in by one of our Guides - Lydia Walker. It was a great way to finish off a fabulous year.

This year we have also been busy with lots of activities, different themed evenings, visits out and we have also worked towards a Royal wedding badge with challenges to go along with this.



We have designed wedding invitations, looked up our favourite honeymoon destinations and made a poster to promote this, made jewellery, found out about royal patented foods and charities involving the royal family and we will

finish this all off with our own royal wedding party. At the party we will design our own cocktails and ice and decorate a wedding cake!

Over the holidays we have challenged the girls and Guiders along with the Brownies and leaders to fill Smarties tubes with 20ps to help raise some money towards the development fund by doing odd jobs for anyone they can.

# NOTES & NEWS

## Mannofield Guild

### MAY

- 8th      Guild Walk and Treasure Hunt. Meet at Mannofield at 2pm  
12th     Monthly Coffee Morning  
24th     Fashion Show by BonTon of Cults 7.45pm

### JUNE

- 2nd      Monthly Coffee Morning  
11th     Summer Outing to Elgin



## Mannofield Church Lunch Club

19 May

Come and join us

Lunch is served at 1pm in the *large hall*  
followed by a cup of tea  
Cost -- £4

Need transport?

Contact: Mhairi Clark tel. 317982



## Confectionery Quiz

The home baking team  
thanks you for your support  
with the Confectionery Quiz.

They received five all correct entries.

The winning entry drawn from the hat  
was submitted by Chrissie Smith.

£227 was raised for the Development  
Fund

## Tomato and Summer Bedding Plants Sale



This will be after the morning and  
evening services on Sunday 15 May.

Proceeds will go to the Development  
Fund.

## Sponsored Walk



### SATURDAY 11 JUNE IN AID OF THE DEVELOPMENT FUND

Meet at the church 9.30am

The walk, taking 3-4 hours, will be  
round Loirston Country Park.

Strong boots/shoes are required.

Take coffee/tea/juice and morning  
snack.

Do you need transport?

Can you provide transport?

Get your friends to sponsor you.

Bring friends along and see parts of  
Aberdeen not seen before  
(especially before the land  
disappears under a football  
stadium!!!).

All sponsorship going to our  
Development Fund.

Contact: Dr Ian Hunter  
Tel 311405

## ANNUAL MEETING OF CARING GROUP



Monday 16 May at  
7.30pm in Church  
Sanctuary

**Speaker:** Mr Archie McCallum

**Topic:** Regulated Work with Children  
and Adults

These rules impact on several areas  
of care in church activities. All  
members of the congregation are  
invited to this meeting.

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## Waltzing for Mannofield Monday 2nd May 2011



The Country Dance Class is hosting an afternoon Tea Dance of Waltz as a fundraising effort.

Please join us in the Large Hall from 2 'til 4pm.

Come and listen or dance to beautiful Scottish waltzes.

Tickets costing £3 (incl. tea) are available in the Large Hall after the morning service or at the door on the day.

**We hope you will join us**

Don't miss the

### *Mannofield Haggis Drive!*

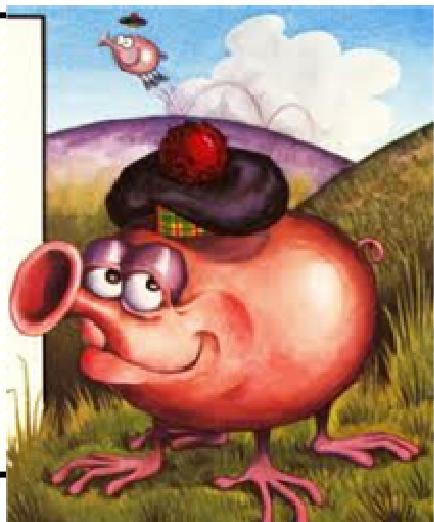
7.30 pm on Friday, 20 May 2011!

Entry price: £2 per person,  
including tea, coffee and  
tray-bakes.

There will also be a raffle.

Sign-up on Sundays in the large hall after the service.

**Come and join in the fun!**



## DEVELOPMENT.....Photo Gallery OFF WITH A BANG!—TREASURE HUNT 27 March 2011

