



# INSPIRE



**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

**MANNOFIELD CHURCH**

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER

Wed 2	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 6	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 9	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 13	10am	Remembrance Sunday
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 16	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 20	10am	Morning Worship with Sacrament of Baptism
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 23	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 27	10am	Family Communion
	3.15pm	Craigielea
	6.30pm	Advent Family Service
Wed 30	10.30am	Midweek Service

### An Advent Blessing

Lord God, our Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Saviour, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendour of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

# Flower Calendar

## NOVEMBER

- 6 Mrs C Duncan
- 13 Mrs M Hillocks (Vestibule)
- 20 Miss A Farquhar
- 27 Mr & Mrs Nicolaisen



**Chrysanthemum: November's Flower**



**Christmas Carol Singing**  
**For our community**  
**All are welcome**

**Mannofield Church Hall**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011**  
**2.00pm**

**Afternoon tea and**  
**Christmas Sing-a-long**



**There is no charge for the**  
**tickets**  
**but donations will be welcomed**

**Tickets from the office or**  
**Tel: 315144**

Dear Friends

We tend to think that the wisest people are best described as those who know all the answers. But perhaps a more honest and true definition would be:-

*'Wise people see the need for strength from within and guidance from outside.'*

None of us has all the answers!

As Christians, like all religious people, we have been given a tool to help with the reality that we don't know everything. The world over we call that tool 'Prayer'.

Prayer provides inner strength. In talking to God and in sharing our burdens with Him we trigger a feeling within that inspires confidence and assurance. As we pray we discover our place in God's Love and come to recognise the inner strength He gives us.

Prayer provides guidance from outside. As we share with God we are drawn to experience His spirit. It is this spirit that helps us reflect on the dilemmas of life and allows us to have a sense of the consequence of the decisions we need to take. It is God's spirit, either directly or in conversation with others, that gives us the guidance we need.

Prayer was important to Jesus as a source of inspiration, strength and wisdom. He prayed before starting a day's work and making important decisions.

*'Jesus would often go to some place where He could be alone and pray.'*

Luke 5:16.

We should all know the benefits of having personal faith and the benefits of making time for prayer. In prayer we have the assurance that God is with us and provides the help we need.

*'If any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you.'*

James 1:5-6

If we are wise we will pray regularly and trust God especially with the questions from our lives that are most troublesome to answer.

*'God cares for you, so turn all your worries over to Him.'* 1 Peter 5:7.

That is a promise we should learn to trust.

Best Wishes

Keith

## Remembrance Sunday Prayer

Loving God, in a world where justice has not rolled down as waters, nor righteousness as a mighty stream, where knowledge floods in, but there is only a trickle of wisdom, we pray for this Church.

Turn our efforts to good, so that as our understanding increases our sense of responsibility will deepen and we will complete our time here having made the world more habitable and ourselves more humane.

We pray this, O God, in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Bethany Christian Trust is asking us for our help.

Many churches in the city are involved in a project to run winter care shelters during the coldest months of winter for the homeless. The funding comes in part from Aberdeen City Council and is run by the Bethany Christian Trust. Several city centre church buildings are used and teams from different churches in the town take an evening to provide the catering.

At this stage Mannofield is considering providing a team for three nights, one in December, January and February.

We would hope this is something we would be able to do as a means of supporting the vulnerable.

Please contact Keith if you would be willing to be part of the catering team either on one evening or all three evenings. (☎ 315748 : k5blackwood@btinternet.com)

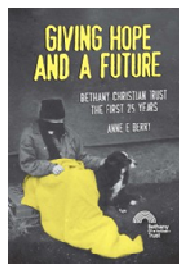
### **How Bethany Began**

Bethany Christian Trust was formed by Rev Alan Berry MBE, the then minister of South Leith Baptist Church in Edinburgh. He was constantly being confronted by homeless and vulnerable people coming to the church door in need of food, shelter and money.

Alan felt really challenged to do something about the situation so with his wife Anne and two friends, they joined together as the founding trustees of Bethany Christian Trust. Thanks to generous gifts and support from local people, the trustees were able to purchase a property which was converted into a nine-bedroom hostel in Casselbank Street, Leith. This home became the first of many to offer a place of safety for homeless people through Bethany Christian Trust.

It became evident very quickly to the trustees that lacking a home was only a symptom of homelessness and causes such as broken relationships, alcohol and drug addiction and gaps in education also needed to be addressed. With this realisation, the Trust began to widen its services to provide more than just accommodation.

You can read the full Bethany story in Anne Berry's book "*Giving Hope and a Future*", available in paperback.



### **Aberdeen Drop Ins**

These are for anyone struggling with housing problems, debt or addictions who is looking for practical help and friendly support. The staff and volunteers are experienced in supporting people with homelessness problems and look forward to welcoming new people.

For more information about the Aberdeen services call **01224 647677** or email [aberdeen@bethanychristiantrust.com](mailto:aberdeen@bethanychristiantrust.com)

# Faith

This is our last puppy, Faith, looking very proud in her new harness. We are delighted to say she qualified as a Guide Dog at the end of August and has gone to work with Chris, a lady who lives near Newcastle.

Faith is her sixth Guide Dog and has settled in well. Now it's a case of owner and dog getting to know each other and learning how to become a happy partnership.

Chris's husband is also visionally impaired and has a five-year-old Guide Dog, Alfie, who is absolutely delighted to have a new companion and playmate.



Chris, her husband and the two dogs have just returned from a holiday in Devon – a six and a half hour journey from Newcastle. Faith behaved really well and everyone was delighted with her.

We are pleased Faith and her owner seem to be suiting each other so well and we hope they will have many successful working years together.

As you know Faith was our last Guide Dog puppy - though we will take boarders from time to time and we are still very much involved in fundraising for Guide Dogs.

Jimmy and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Mannofield for their tolerance and wonderful support over the last fifteen years. It is very much appreciated.  
*Sheila Taylor*

## Mannofield Church Lunch Club

**Come and join us!**



**17 November**

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**

## PLEASE NOTE

**The deadline for the next issue of  
*InSpire* is**

**Thursday 17 November**

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

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

## Scott Kirkland

### Former student minister

When Scott left Mannofield  
he became minister at  
Brightons Church, Polmont.

He then went to the Bahamas and is  
now at Maxwell Means Castle Parish  
Church in Glasgow.



Community Policing remains at the heart of Grampian Police whose policing model is designed with the needs of our communities at the heart of what they do. In the latest quarterly update you can find out more about what progress has been made by the Local Policing Team in addressing the issues raised by your community and about further work to be carried out over the coming months.

Please use these updates to find out about the work being done by your Local Policing Team.

To meet and contact the team and discover more information about how they are tackling your local policing priorities please access the following link <http://www.grampian.police.uk/Area.aspx?id=55&pid=30;32;9>

The Force's strategic priorities for 2011/2012 which are contained within this year's version of 'Platform For Success' are: **Community Focus, Road Casualty Reduction, National Security, Serious Organised Crime and Drugs, Public Protection and Service Reconfiguration.**

## **West End Policing Team**

The Team covers the areas of Airyhall, Ashley, Braeside, Broomhill, Craigiebuckler, Ferryhill, Mannofield, Ruthrieston and Seafield.

They work from the Whinhill Police Station, which is a shared facility with NHS Grampian. The local policing Inspector is Mike Thompson

In the West End the Policing priorities are informed by understanding what communities want and need. They do this by consulting, listening, responding and providing feedback, which is an integral part of the Local Policing Team ethos.

If you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss please contact your local Police Station where your local staff will discuss these with you and take any appropriate action. If there is an emergency situation which requires immediate police attention please dial 999. For non-emergency contact please call the 24 hour non-emergency Service Centre on

**0845 600-5-700** or by e-mail to [mylocalpolicingteam@grampian.pnn.police.uk](mailto:mylocalpolicingteam@grampian.pnn.police.uk)

or you can send a text on **07739 93 4444**

If you have information about crime in your area and wish to provide it anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

**If it takes 5 men to dig 5 holes in 5 hours, how many men does it take to dig 100 holes in 100 hours?**



**Q. Did you hear about the rubber trumpet?  
A. It joined the elastic band!**

**Q. How does a crocodile choose its partner?  
A. It's usually love at first bite!**

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

Read the following passage and then find the words which are in **BOLD** in the grid.

The **QUEEN** of **SHEEBA** heard that **KING SOLOMON** was very **RICH** and **WISE**. She came to **VISIT** him. She was so **IMPRESSED** that she **PRAISED** Solomon's **GOD**.

**ADD THEM UP!**

Place the numbers 1,2,3... to 16 in this grid so each way up adds to 34.

(Across, Down and Diagonally)


*Q. Who was the first underwater spy?  
A. James Pond!*












Q. Who makes icecream in Israel?  
A. Walls of Jericho!


















Colour the picture of Solomon showing the Queen of Sheeba his treasure.



Crack the code to find a saying of Jesus.

										
D	E	G	K	N	O	R	S	U	W	

# THREE OF A KIND

Write down your answer to each clue in the numbered box. Then try to find which letter appears in the three words on each line. Place this letter in the square at the end. If you are correct, the letters from the top to bottom will spell out the name of an Old Testament character.

1	2	3	
4	5	6	
7	8	9	
10	11	12	
13	14	15	

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1 An angel sent from God          | 10 Here a tower was built              |
| 2 Ruth's mother-in-law            | 11 He climbed a tree to see Jesus      |
| 3 Wrecked with Paul on board      | 12 The second king of Israel           |
| 4 Fifth book in the New Testament | 13 The last Old Testament book         |
| 5 A religious feast               | 14 Island visited by Paul and Barnabas |
| 6 A queen of Persia               | 15 Contains communion wine             |
| 7 Apostle to the Gentiles         |  |
| 8 Met Jesus on the Emmaus road    |  |
| 9 Built by Noah                   |  |

**October's solutions:** Lord, load, loaf, loam, roam, road, read, rear, near, neat, nest, pest, past, part, port, fort, font, foot, root, rook, rood, good.  
**Matthew, Corinth, Trumpet, Solomon, Vulture, Japheth, Assyria. Character: Timothy**

## Camp Youthie 2011... 'Impact- Living the Faith'



Camp Youthie was held at Templars Park from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. It was an October holiday residential event for the Church's Sunday night Youth Group.

I can confidently say a great time was had by all! Although our first morning got off to a bad start with freezing cold showers - the caretaker had forgotten to turn on the water heating- we didn't let this spoil our fun.

Each morning, time was spent in interactive Bible teaching and small group discussion with some games which tied in with the theme for the morning. Our camp was themed 'Impact - Living the Faith' and through our Bible teaching we considered standing firm in our faith as we particularly focused on the story of Daniel.

The vast grounds allowed for plenty of fun to be had especially for playing 'two man hunt' and we also completed the Scout's on-site obstacle course twice!

On the Friday night we had a camp fire, when we had a question time giving the young people the opportunity to ask leaders questions about Christianity and our personal faith which was really great.

On the Saturday we had a double water fight ("Again, again!" the youth cried) and another camp fire at night, which finished with an impromptu 'disco' in the dark with Ryan Webster as DJ using his iPod and Andrew Cattenach using a large torch as a disco light!

We also had a camp 'Prayer Room' which the young people responded well to.

It was a great time sharing together, with much good discussion and fun. A lot of happy memories — too many to share in this article!

It is a privilege working with such a great group of young people, (Shhhhh! Don't tell them I said that.) and now, beginning my third, year great relationships are being built.

*Tim Still*

*Youth Worker*

### Mannofield Bus Outing

Thanks to everyone who supported this event. The sun shone and we all enjoyed good company and the beautiful scenery. Look forward to seeing you next year – when we'll make sure there are a few more sandwiches on the plate!!!



### 31 October: Martin Luther



On this day in 1517 Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the main church at Wittenberg. These attacked the belief that the purchase of 'indulgences' would guarantee exemption from divine judgement and ensure reconciliation with God.

For Luther and the later Reformers, the only reconciliation was through Jesus Christ, freely offered to all who believed in Him and were baptised. Luther's actions and writings began the movement which influenced the shape the Church was to take in Scotland after 1560.

## Alistair Stark .....A personal Insight



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

A. 68, planning consultant (about to retire), married with two daughters.

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

A. I don't do favourites, because they change with the weather. But I do particularly like Paul's epistles because of the logical way he thinks and writes.

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

A. Paul – see above.

**Q What motivates you spiritually?**

A. I don't know – it comes out of the blue every now and again. Quite often, it's a chance remark by someone in my Elder's District.

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

A. I enjoy singing madrigals, although they make boring listening.

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

A. Never go to sleep on an unresolved argument. I don't always manage that one!

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

A. I tend not to read much fiction, because fact is usually more challenging.

**Q What are you afraid of?**

A. Jumping into cold water.

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

A. The totally unimaginative Starky!

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

A. Tailgating.

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

A. I'm one of the lucky few who landed in exactly the right profession. I've never wanted to change.

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

A. My dress sense!

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

A. The years immediately after WW II, when we had a great opportunity to start again almost from scratch. We got most of it right, thank goodness.

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

A. A share in a glider based at Aboyne.

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

A. After my wife and family, I'd say music.

**Q What has been your greatest achievement**

A. Serving on some senior committees of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

## Not Going It Alone.....;Margaret Malloch



The first raindrop meanders slowly down your dusty window following a path of least resistance. The next drop follows that path exactly and so does the next one. Soon the whole window is covered with single raindrops in endless repetition. This is so like our own thoughts under stress. They trail pointlessly through our minds over and over again. This is particularly painful when it involves those you love and you are not in a position to change anything.

After you've told the Lord all about it – yet again, you know you've got to GET A GRIP. One of God's gifts to get you back on an even keel is LAUGHTER.

I read a book "Stick a Geranium in your Hat and be Happy". It is written by Barbara Johnson. She is no stranger to crushing sorrow. Of her five sons, one was killed in Vietnam, another was killed by a drunk driver and a third turned against his parents, changed his name and departed. Eleven years later he returned and asked her forgiveness, Christ had become a reality.

She travels widely to speak to people whose lives are shattered. She speaks of "acceptance" and adopts an attitude of "whatever, Lord, whatever".

She actively pursues joy and laughter. It is difficult to laugh alone, so she suggests the following account should be read aloud to your family, so that all can laugh. When a man was asked to fill in an insurance form explaining the many injuries on which he was making a claim, this is what he said:

"I am writing in response to your request concerning Question No 1 on the insurance form that asked for the cause of injuries, wherein I put "Trying to do the job alone". You said you needed more information, so I trust that the following will be sufficient.

I am a bricklayer by trade, and on the day of the injuries, I was working alone, laying brick around the top of a four-storey building, when I realised that I had about 500 pounds weight of brick left over. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to put them in a barrel and lower them by pulley which was fastened to the top of the building. I secured the end of the rope at ground level and went up to the top of the building and loaded the bricks into the barrel and swung the barrel out with the bricks in it. Then I went down and untied the rope, holding it securely to ensure the slow descent of the barrel. As you will note in Question no 6 of the insurance form, I weigh 150 pounds. Due to the shock of being jerked off the ground so swiftly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope.

Between the second and third floors I met the barrel coming down. This accounts for the bruises and lacerations on my upper body. Regaining my presence of mind again, I held tightly to the rope and proceeded rapidly up the side of the building, not stopping until my right hand was jammed in the pulley. This accounts for my broken thumb. Despite the pain, I retained my presence of mind and held tightly to the rope. At approximately the same time however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the bricks, the barrel now weighed about 50 pounds. I refer you again to Question no 6 and my weight.

As you would guess I began a rapid descent. In the vicinity of the second floor, I met the barrel coming up. This explains the injuries to my legs and lower body. Slowed only slightly, I continued my descent, landing on the pile of bricks. Fortunately my back was only sprained and my internal injuries were minimal. I'm sorry to report, however, that at this point I again lost my presence of mind and let go of the rope. As you can imagine, the empty barrel crashed down on me. I trust this answers your concern.

# NOTES & NEWS

## Mannofield Guild NOVEMBER



- Tues 1 'Crime & Punishment in Aberdeen' - a return visit from Chris Croly, City Historian
- Thurs 3 Coffee Morning in Large Hall  
Home Bakes etc  
Return Blythswood Boxes at Coffee Morning
- Tues 15 'Cross Reach, Providing a Caring Future'— Fraser Horne
- Thurs 24 Guild Week  
Afternoon Tea at Holburn  
West Church at 2pm
- Sat 26 Christmas Coffee Morning  
10- 12noon
- Tues 29 Scottish Night – Entertainment  
Lorna Angus and  
Elizabeth Anderson

### Mannofield Golf Outing - Kemnay 2011

Guess whose handicap is being cut for 2012 and it's not Alastair Hunter!



## MANNOFIELD GUILD Christmas COFFEE MORNING



### SomeSing Simple

Mannofield has many good singers in the pews. But how many, when asked if they'd like to join a choir, answer, "Yes, but I can't sing"?



SomeSing Simple is for them.

It is not like most choirs, where you are expected to be able to read music and be experienced in part-singing. Much of our time is taken up talking about how singing groups work. There's some gentle tuition on how to start reading music, how to relax before singing, how to produce the right sound without straining, how to get meaning out of the words, and what to expect from the conductor. We sit in a circle, not rows, to encourage chat and to make sure that everyone feels equally involved in what's going on. And we have fun.

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

For further information contact:  
Alistair Stark Tel. 318536

### *Ceilidh Dance*

*Saturday 25th Feb 2012*

*Music by Jim Ruxton's Band*

*In aid of Development Fund*

*Make a note in your diary*

*Full details later*

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# CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

## Marriages

8 October Alisa Ferlicca and  
Neal McDonald

## Baptisms

9 October Lily Elizabeth Mitchell

## Change of Address

Bob & Gena Bruce  
Helen Cobb  
Gillian Whyte  
Isobel Ramsay

## Disjunctions

Mrs Shona Deans  
Mrs Joyce Cameron  
Mrs Margaret Graham  
Miss Jacqueline Findlay  
Mrs Violet McCallum  
Mr & Mrs M Murray

## Deaths

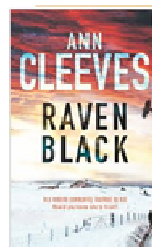
Mrs Peggy Saxon  
Mr Kynoch Caldwell  
Miss Edith Smith  
Mr Sandy Brown



## Mannofield Book Club

### November Book

**Raven Black**  
by Anne Cleeves



Set in the remote Shetland Islands, Cleeves' taut, atmospheric thriller, the first in a new series, will keep readers guessing until the last page.

Insp. Jimmy Perez investigates the murder of teenage Catherine Ross, found strangled on a snowy hillside shortly after New Year. While the police and citizens alike are quick to lay the blame on local eccentric Magnus Tait, who was not only the last person to see Catherine alive but also the prime suspect in the disappearance eight years earlier of another girl. Perez has his doubts. He's soon drawn into an intricate web of lies as he unearths the long-buried secrets of everyone from a roguish playboy to Catherine's only school friend.

(Contact Alisa for details of meetings - ☎ 277428 : [alisa.ferlicca@gmail.com](mailto:alisa.ferlicca@gmail.com))

