



INSPIRE



21–28 October 2012

SHARING DESTINY

Moving Towards One World

MANNOFIELD CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Wed 3	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 7	10am 6.30pm	Sacrament of Communion at both Services
Wed 10	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 14	10am 6.30pm	Morning Worship Evening Service
Wed 17	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 21	10am 6.30pm	Morning Worship Evening Service
		
Wed 24	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 28	10am 3.15pm 6.30pm	Morning Worship Craigielea Songs of Praise
Wed 31	10.30am	Midweek Service

Flower Calendar

OCTOBER

- 7 Miss N Cheyne
- 14 Miss A Farquhar
- 21 Mrs M Milne
- 28 Mrs S Taylor



Marigold
October's flower

ALMA calendar 2012/13



Ageless Ladies of Mannofield

We are a group of women who meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7.45 - 9.30 pm in the Centenary Hall. Please join us for some fun and fellowship!

Our calendar for the coming year is:

2012

- Oct 10 - Cakes and games.
- Nov 14 - Cheese and wine.
- Dec 12 - Christmas crafts.



2013

- Jan 9 - Fitness night
- Feb 13 - 5 languages of love!
- Mar 13 - Pamper night
- April 10 - Cinema night
- May 8 - TBC
- Jun 12 - Walk and bar supper



Editor

I have tried without success to find out what Feb 13th's event entails!!



Dear Friends

This is the season of 'Thanksgiving'.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" *Philippians 4:4*

As the days grow colder and the nights longer it is traditional in this season to give thanks to God for the Harvest. Historically of course, and in part today, this means showing appreciation for the bounty of the fields and the plentiful food on the supermarket shelves of our country. It also provides the opportunity to thank God for the other gifts He gives us, such as family, love, health etc.

I find it interesting as I reflect on these words of Paul to notice that he doesn't go overboard in terms of the thanks he offers for the comforts of the secular society he is part of, or the privilege of being associated with the religion that was dominant in the middle east at the time, namely Judaism.

As a Roman citizen Paul would seem to have reason to rejoice. Rome, mighty Rome, was arguably the greatest consolidation of power that humanity had known to that time. Rome was a marvel of might and technological prowess. Its roads ran throughout its empire. Its buildings were magnificent and the standard of life for many was improving with every new initiative. It was also a marvel of law and government, for no nation had ever been administered as effectively as the Roman Empire. If any people had a right to be thankful it was the Romans and the people who lived and benefitted from the improvements of the time.

Paul was also an expert in the religious law of the land. As a member of the Pharisaic party, few would have known as much about the Jewish law and understanding of God's teachings as Paul. If anyone had a right to be proud and a right to rejoice concerning their religion, it was the Pharisees. Many of them were overtly proud and were not slow to show it.

Yet, how odd it is, that Paul's proclamation does not rest on the comforts provided by an improving secular society, or in the superior beliefs of a particular religious understanding and relationship with God. Paul is not describing a rejoicing which comes from a secular emphasis. He does not claim the Roman Empire as the source of his comforts or the Jewish religion as the source of his blessing. His proclamation is straight-forward and simple - "Rejoice in the Lord; Rejoice only in the Lord!"

As we offer thanks in this season for the food on our table and the quality of the life we have as a result of what is available to us in our society and while we might recognise our Christian religion as providing rich joy, let us not be slow to make sure that the object of our thankfulness is God and God alone. It is He who is to be praised; for the good things of life come from and through Him and from nowhere else.

Kind regards

Keith

HOST UK



HOST UK promotes international friendship and understanding by arranging for international students studying in the UK to spend a day, weekend or Christmas in a British home.

What are you doing this Christmas? Many international students across the country will be alone and would love to spend a few days with you.

By inviting one or two students to your home this Christmas or New Year you will make them feel welcome here whilst seeing your own celebrations through another's eyes – someone who may never have experienced them before. Learn about other cultures, meet new people and make the world a little friendlier!

HOST promotes international friendship and understanding. It offers international students at UK universities the chance to spend a short time in a British home to experience life in this country. Students hail from across the world and are eager to both learn and share.

Only 21 students enjoyed visits in Scotland during the last festive period. Many others were left disappointed when HOST ran out of invitations. If you are not available at Christmas, HOST arranges weekend visits all year round. To find out more about volunteer hosting please go to www.hostuk.org or contact Kerry on 0137 6561 889.

In Session.....with Scribe



There comes a time for all of us when.....

The Kirk Session meeting in August had to consider requests from Norma Shearer and Jimmy Taylor, two of our long-serving elders, seeking approval for them to be transferred to the retired elders' lists.

These requests were approved and tribute was paid to the contribution both these worthies had made to Mannofield Church life in the course of many years' service in the eldership.

Jimmy's dual contribution as our church organist in addition to his Session membership makes his departure a double loss, and at the time of compiling this report, he is continuing to provide the music for our worship.

Another impending departure is that of Alisa McDonald, who is sole nominee for the vacancy at Kingswells. Alisa's last Sunday with us at Mannofield will be October 21.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9 at 7.30pm

Reviewing our Work



Reviewing our work and preparing for our future is a natural thing for many of us to do. We review progress (or otherwise) of our garden. We learn what plants grow where, what tools to use etc. and plan for the next year.

We review our holidays. Will we do the same again or will we plan a different type of holiday next year?

When we are at work we review our progress towards the business goals and targets. How are we progressing? What should we do to achieve success? What should we be doing and how about next year, in 5 years time etc.?

Reviewing and planning for the future is a natural thing to do. Similarly our Church also regularly reviews progress and plans for its future goals, setting targets to serve God and the communities as an on-going process.

I believe our progress so far in the 5 years of my ministry has been very strong. Together we have made some changes as we have adjusted to the circumstances of our congregation and the times we live in. The emphasis now however, is on building on this progress and planning for our future within Mannofield Church and community. What do you want to happen in the future?

I am asking for your ideas/targets/goals/suggestions for our future within Mannofield Church and community to enable us to plan that future.

It is important that as many people as possible contribute to this process. I ask us all to believe that with God's help we can create and plan a large part of our own successful future.

The process will be as follows:

I am asking you to imagine sometime in the future when we have completed our building project and we are now using our new church and congregation successfully to maximum effect. How in your own mind do you know we have been successful? What are we doing the same or differently to use our church to best effect? What am I, your minister, doing the same and differently? How is the local community working with us? How do you want future communities to describe our period as custodians of Mannofield Church - its congregation and community?

Your ideas for the future of Mannofield Church and the community are really important. During our service on Sunday 14th October time will be given to reflect, discuss and write down ideas for our future.

We will then collate your ideas and use them to guide a discussion that will begin with a series of Kirk Session events at which Elders will think about the future and ultimately set targets.

Early plans, including time-limited targets, will be included in a future Church magazine and displayed on our web page and I will also give a summary of our conclusions at a future Church service.

Keith

44th BBs Aviemore Camp Summer 2012



The Company Section of the Boys Brigade recently enjoyed summer camp during what must have been the best weekend of the summer. We headed off to Aviemore back in August for a weekend camp with 11 boys and 3 staff in three 10man tents.

Pitching the tents on Friday evening was a bit frantic with the fading light and the appearance of the dreaded midge. On Saturday we had booked an adventure day away where the boys could experience both abseiling and weaselling. The abseil took place off a 50ft cliff and the scramble up and round the side was almost as hard as the abseil down. There were some epic views overlooking Loch Duntelchaig.

The weaselling, if you are not familiar, is the art of squeezing in and out of the gaps between the giant boulders to the side of the same cliff. These rocks are huge, many bigger than the size of a shed and so there was plenty of room to follow our Guide through a prepared route passing such obstacles as 'The Letterbox' and 'The Cheese Grater'. Great fun but tiring as we were regularly pulling and squeezing ourselves through gaps and under rocks.



Saturday night saw the usual BBQ and some of the boys attempting The Badaguish Rings. These are a series of 7 rings suspended over the smaller pond. The idea was to traverse them all 'monkey style' without landing in the pond and it's harder than it looks. Several boys



were able to manage the feat however. The staff abstained!!

On Sunday morning we took advantage of the nice weather for some canoeing on Loch Morlich and some time on the beach and in the water. The weather was beautiful and even the cold water of the Loch seemed nice after a while. We spent most of the day there before heading back to pack everything up. Tents went away bone dry much to the relief of staff and following a chipper tea we were off on the road back home. Aviemore is such a lovely place and a popular camp venue for the 44th particularly so when the weather was as good as it was this time. Some photos from camp are currently available on our Facebook Page:

[facebook.com/44thaberdeenbb](https://www.facebook.com/44thaberdeenbb) and will soon be on our website.

All sections of the 44th BB have now restarted and any new boys will be made most welcome.

Dave Tait
Captain

Which of these words is the odd one out?

More, ate, sight, reign, thyme,
rhyme, see, rain, eight, moor,
site, sea, time.



Read Luke chapter 19 and fill in the blanks.

COME DOWN IMMEDIATELY (LUKE 19:5)

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| 1 Jesus was passing through which city? | ----- | v. 1 |
| 2 A man was there whose name was | ----- | v. 2 |
| 3 The man was wealthy and also a | ----- | v. 2 |
| 4 Whom did he want to see? | ----- | v. 3 |
| 5 Being a short man he could not see because of the | ----- | v. 3 |
| 6 His best plan was to climb this tree | ----- | v. 4 |
| 7 As Jesus came near what did he do? | ----- | v. 5 |
| 8 And he said to Zacchaeus 'Come down | -----' | v. 5 |
| 9 Zacchaeus obeyed and welcomed Jesus | ----- | v. 6 |
| 10 As Jesus went home with Zacchaeus the people began to | ----- | v. 7 |
| 11 Saying 'He has gone to be the guest of a | -----' | v. 7 |
| 12 But Zacchaeus addressed Jesus as | ----- | v. 8 |
| 13 He promised to give half of his possessions to these people | ----- | v. 8 |
| 14 Anybody he had cheated, he would pay back four times the | ----- | v. 8 |
| 15 What did Jesus say had come to his house? | ----- | v. 9 |
| 16 And who was Zacchaeus a son of? | ----- | v. 9 |
| 17 And who did Jesus come to seek and save? | ----- | v. 10 |



MISSING NUMBERS

Find the missing numbers to questions, then enter them in the squares so that the total for each column from top to bottom adds up to 20.

- A Noah had ____ SONS (Genesis 6:10)
- B Take with you ____ of every kind (Genesis 7:2)
- C To one he gave ____ talents (Matthew 25:15)
- D He had ____ unmarried daughters (Acts 21:9)
- E Nearby stood ____ stone water jars (John 2:6)
- F Then Peter stood up with the ____ (Acts 2:14)
- G For ____ whole years Paul stayed there (Acts 28:30)
- H These are the names of the ____ apostles (Matthew 10:2)
- I Jesus asked 'Were not all ____ cleansed?' (Luke 17:17)



‘Yes, things have certainly changed since we’ve been privatized.’

October’s answer: Underground

Sharing Destiny — Moving Towards One World One World Week 21-28 October 2012



The 2012 theme asks: How can we shape our lives to contribute to an equitable future for all?

“We stand at a critical moment in Earth’s history, a time when humanity must choose its future.

(This quotation and most of those that follow are from the Earth Charter)

This year looks back to the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 with a conference **Rio+20** in June which will review progress and assess what the world and each of us needs to do now if we want to hand on a planet worth living in to future generations. One World Week 2012 offers us an opportunity to review the findings of the conference and plan the actions we can take to contribute to an equitable, harmonious and enduring future.

“Cooperatives are a reminder to the international community that it is possible to pursue both economic viability and social responsibility.”

(United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon)

2012 is also the **UN Year of Co-operatives** and our theme offers opportunities to celebrate sharing and working together with others.

We all wonder what the world’s coming to and what the future holds for our children. How can we cope with a warming world, declining resources, growing inequality and unrest?

“As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and great promise.”

Can our generation take steps needed now to ensure that future generations will be able to continue to access the resources they need to enjoy a fulfilling life? Are we prepared to embrace the changes that can offer hope and a future for all?

“To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one earth community with a common destiny.”

We are all members of one world. Technology enables us to move around the globe for work and leisure and to communicate with ease. Trade moves us closer, reinforcing our growing interdependence. However, some are forced to move by poverty, conflict and persecution to seek refuge and make new homes. Living and working together with people of many cultures and abilities not only enriches our lives but enables us to find shared ways of surviving as one world.

Our economies, natural environment and societies are increasingly interwoven. Can we cooperate to move towards a global society, which adapts to change while balancing the needs of nature, economy and society, respecting universal human rights, and economic justice, and building a culture of peace?

Do we accept that only by working together to meet these challenges can we share equitably the legacy we have received with our descendants?

“Towards this end, it is imperative that we, the peoples of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations.”

Mannofield Bus Run

CABRACH September 2012

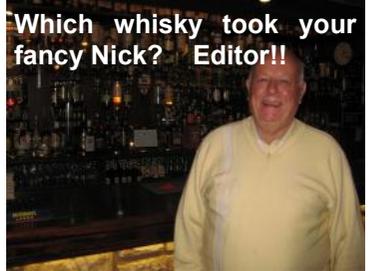


I've not taken part in the bus trip organised by the Social Committee before but I really enjoyed my trip to the Cabrach and back around the other side of Bennachie, coming home via a comfort break at Alford.



It was a glorious day with great views from the height of the bus and far into the countryside – views which you don't get so well from a car. We were all delighted to see the harvest was well underway, though plenty still to do, and to see the patches of heather when we got further into the shire.

Of course there were sheep and cattle, but it was also interesting to see so many horses, including some participating in riding for the disabled, with a cyclist dashing along behind to ensure all was well. Indeed when we stopped at the Grouse Inn for lunch there were not only their famous serried ranks of hundreds of whiskies, but also very old yokes and decorations for show Clydesdales on display.



Their wee shop also did a brisk trade in fudge, honey and oatcakes!



The meal was delicious – a selection of 3 home made soups followed by a choice of 3 sweets or cheese and biscuits and then a cuppie with home bakes. A raffle had been included too and there were 15 surprised and happy winners. I'd just like to also say that the driver was excellent and we were all quite comfortable once we'd buckled ourselves in.

Even although I had gone along on my own there were so many people to chat with that I was soon telling my own stories as well as enjoying those of the others. It was a very friendly and happy outing and I conclude by thanking John Allan who ran it this year. His hard work and attention to detail made 44 people very happy indeed.

Sheila Towns

Whose we are and Whom we serve

6 NEW PROJECTS TO SUPPORT!



Continuing the three-year themed cycle of work which has seen its members reach record levels of giving, even in these straitened economic times, the focus of the Guild's work moved this summer into looking at faith and how members reflect that in their daily lives.

Have you ever wanted to be involved in choosing something, only to find the choosing becomes quite a challenge? The National Projects and Topics Committee had to select the 6 new projects. 33 proposals came before us and each one was worthwhile! We made the choice last October and then had to keep the secret till April this year. "Whose we are and Whom we serve", which echoes the Guild's motto since its founding 125 years ago, will see members invited to raise awareness of, pray for, and fundraise for the following areas of work:

- Heart for Art is looking at the use of art therapy in the care of those with dementia. The project offers the opportunity for people with dementia and their carers throughout Scotland to build supportive relationships and access support and advice from CrossReach staff.
- Mary's Meals will work in Liberia, one of the poorest countries in the world, to provide food and resources for school children. Hundreds of children were recruited to fight in a war which has had long and devastating consequences for Liberia.
- A Passage from India is dealing with micro-financing of enterprise within Urban Priority Areas in Scotland.
- The Julius Project recognises the problems faced and support required by people entering social housing tenancies following a period of homelessness.
- Out of Africa into Malta addresses issues faced by refugees escaping from a range of tragic circumstances in Africa and coming to Malta to seek hope.
- Comfort Rwanda whose work is to extend a project in which those who were responsible for the genocide that killed 1million Rwandans in 100 days are building new homes for the survivors.



So, we have a varied choice taking in all ages, from Scotland through Europe and into Africa.

I am looking forward to seeing how these are embraced by Guild members and the congregations here in Mannofield, in Aberdeen and nationally. A lot of thought and prayer went into the choice but you must agree, what a challenge!

Rhoda K Wright

NOTES & NEWS

Mannofield Church Lunch Club



**COME AND JOIN US
ON**

18 OCTOBER

Lunch is served at 1pm

Entertainment 2 - 3pm

A cup of tea before you leave!

Cost -- £4

Need transport?

Contact: Mhairi Clark Tel. 317982

Invitation to the Congregation from the Social Committee.



Please join us for a light lunch of sandwiches and home bakes immediately after the service on Oct 21st.

It will be an opportunity to enjoy some fellowship and to say goodbye and thank you to Alisa before she takes up her new appointment. You will be warmly welcomed.

Songs of Praise 28 October 6.30pm

The Worship and Devotion Group are leading the Evening Services on 28 October, 4 & 11 November.

On 28 October we are holding a Songs of Praise Service.

To tell us what you would like to sing, contact Gill in the office or Edna Cromarty on 317453 by 17 October please.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 28th at 6.30pm.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Marriages

15 Sept Adedoyin Idowu
and Akin Akiyode

Baptisms

16 Sept Orrin Patrick Bain
Eden Willow Thomson
Edith Angus

Change of Address

Grace Milne

Jean Turner

Disjunctions

Dorothy Sutherland

Carol Dale

Deaths

24 Aug Rhoda Torrance

24 Aug Elizabeth Thomson

3 Sept Ian Duncan

The deadline for the next issue of *InSpire* is 18 OCTOBER

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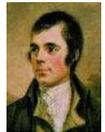
roddy@mccollassociates.com
office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk

Burns Supper

The Social Committee are holding a Burns Supper on 2 February 2013 in aid of the Development Fund. Details will be given nearer the time but please put the date in your diary.

At present we are short of a Chairman for the evening and for someone who can recite or read a couple of the shorter Burns poems.

If you would like to do either of the above or know of someone who might be willing to participate please contact John Allan (319043) or speak to any of the Social Committee.



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Mannofield Guild



- Tues 9 Maggie's Centres
- Wed 10 Autumn Meeting at
Torry St Fittick's 7.30pm
- Tues 23 Rev Maggie Whyte
- Sat 27 Songs of Praise
125th Anniversary of
the Guild
St Mark's Church, 2pm

MANNOFIELD CHURCH BOWLING CLUB



The Club is holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 20 October in the Large Hall from 10am -12noon. 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.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Gill Terry has intimated that she is leaving her post at the end of November in order to enjoy the freedom to spend more time with family.



The vacant post will be advertised in the near future and a full job description drawn up. Meantime if any member of the congregation feels they have the requisite skills for this post, and is interested in seeking more information, they should contact Keith in the first instance by phone, e-mail or letter. Tel 315478 Email k5blackwood@btinternet.com

Out of the mouths of babes

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house.

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do." his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"



DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Silent Auction Postponed from 6 October



Keith was organising this fundraising event with assistance from a number of Elders. However as recovery from his operation has taken longer than anticipated this event has been postponed to early in 2013.

Details will be intimated in a future edition of InSpire.

Silver Reward 'SPOON FOR JUNE' appeal £1,163



A big THANK YOU to all concerned for supporting this event.

The sales totalled £1,511 and with deductions for commission and VAT we made £1,163 for our improvement and development project.

Should we now adopt the attitude of those marvellous Olympians and "Go for Gold"?

Grand Prize Draw!

The Alpha Team has organised a Grand Prize Draw in aid of the Mannofield Community Project.



Why not take a book or two and sell tickets to your friends?

The **Grand Prize** is...

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast for two nights for two people at the Golf View Hotel & Spa, Nairn.

Tickets, £2 each, are on sale after Sunday services or from the Church office.



There will **also** be a prize for the seller of the winning ticket!

BIG SALE

Second Hand Goods SATURDAY

6th OCTOBER 2-4pm

Due to the overwhelming response for goods for the charity shop there will be a further sale in the church hall.

Come along and do some bargain hunting!



Where's Jane?!



Never mind the quality feel the width



Going Going DONE!



Order from Chaos

GEORGE STREET EMPORIUM

Due to the fantastic efforts by the team the magnificent sum of **£4790** has been realised to date from the Charity Shop. Many thanks to all involved both front of house and behind the scenes