



INSPIRE



BITE BACK AT HUNGER



May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really can make a difference in this world so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

12-18 May 2013

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MANNFIELD CHURCH

Scottish registered charity SC 001680

www.mannfieldchurch.org.uk

CHURCH CALENDAR

MAY

Sun 5	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship Alistair Stark <i>'On being a Christian planner'</i>
Wed 8	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 12	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 15	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 19	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship Lesley Taylor <i>'Visiting persecuted Christians'</i>
Wed 22	10.30am	Morning Worship
Sun 26	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea
	6.30pm	Evening Worship <i>Songs of Praise with Mannofield Ringers</i>
Wed 29	10.30am	Midweek Service

On 25 March, the beginning of Holy Week, the Church of Scotland launched a web-site for "Life and Work".



The hope is that this will provide a new outreach tool for the award-winning magazine. The site will also link with the Church's existing social media on Facebook and Twitter.

www.lifeandwork.org

Flower Calendar

MAY

- 5 Mrs S Towns
- 12 Mrs K. Martin
- 19 Mrs M. Bonner
- 26 Mrs S. McAdam



Lily of the Valley
May's
Flower

Thanks for Midweek Service and Mannofield Welcome

Some members of the congregation may remember an Australian lady called Vickie Sullivan who was a visitor to our church community between April and July 2012. She had travelled to Aberdeen with her husband David who was deployed in Aberdeen for a few months and they stayed at the Spires across from the Church.

Sadly we received news that after a very short illness, and just 29 days after diagnosis, Vickie passed away on 13 March 2013.

Vickie, during her time in Aberdeen, came into contact with our church family, mainly through attendance at Wednesday morning services. Her husband David has contacted us to say how important that welcome was to Vickie. He writes, 'She spoke very highly of how welcome and comfortable she was made to feel and was appreciative of the relationships forged so easily with the members of the church'.

This Christian love obviously left its mark on Vickie and her husband David indicates that the kindness and support shown to her left a deep impression on her.

As a Church family we say farewell to Vickie and we extend our deepest prayers to her husband David and family.

Dear Friends



With any luck we have finally seen the back of winter. By my calculations we first saw some snow in October and it snowed in April. Aberdeen fared slightly better than other places in that the snow was never particularly deep but it was consistent through the last six months.

I am no meteorologist but I do recognise that weather patterns are changing. Some would say this is down to ‘Climate Change’ brought on by an ever increasing world population and industrialisation. Others would argue that weather patterns are cyclical and history reveals long periods in the past where our weather statistics changed.

Personally I am inclined to accept that we are responsible for the changes taking place.

‘Climate Change’ or not, what we can agree about is that ‘Care for Creation’ is at the heart of the Biblical Story and its connection with the Creator God is indisputable. “The earth is the Lord’s” declares the psalmist (Psalm 24:1). It is God’s creation, not ours to do with as we please.

In the Biblical creation stories God subordinates rule over creation to humans to “fill the earth and subdue it” (Genesis 1:26-28). In doing so God lays on human beings the responsibility for how we manage the earth and every living creature, in ways consistent with the ways of the Creator. We call this stewardship or trusteeship. We are also called to be partners with the rest of creation in the on-going creative and renewing activity of God. In caring for what God has created, we care for ourselves, because in God’s providence and wisdom our flourishing is dependent on the flourishing of creation. To care for what God has created is therefore also to care for each other, and especially for the poor and vulnerable.

“Eco Congregation” is an organisation that has its root in the UK but is now known throughout the World. It is hoped that our very own Eco Congregation group will be re-established in the very near future and that they will be able to help us consider further the themes of creation found in scripture; such as our connectedness with creation and our need to protect it. They will suggest ways we can play our part in looking after what we have been given.

Looking after God’s Creation is an important part of the Church’s theology and our Christian faith. Collectively and individually we are blessed with a wonderful creation that brings us enjoyment and sustenance. We must look after what God has given us!

Regards

Keith

Scottish Grace

O Lord, wha blessed the loaves and fishes,
 Look doon upon these twa bit dishes.
 And tho' the tatties be but sma',
 Lord, mak' them plenty for us a'.
 But if our stomachs they do fill
 Twill be another miracle.

Whatever you did for the least of these, my brothers.....

While we have been focussing a lot of energy in raising funds for our “Heart of the Community” Development Project, Mannofield is still very much interested in raising funds for the wider and deserving community, not only locally but also nationally and worldwide.

As part of the National Church of Scotland we support nation-wide ministry costs, the Church’s extensive social care commitments and overseas work. Our “Ministries and Mission” contribution in 2012 was £104,938.

The sum of £3,400 was raised for Christian Aid 2012 by ‘door to door’ collection and sponsorship of runners in the Balmoral 10k. The vestibule “Well” raised £117 which was also donated to Christian Aid. Since 2008, over a £1000 has been donated to the charity via the Well.



There were 2 retiring collections last year – £728 for Somebody Cares and £607 for Poppy Scotland.

Pickled Cow Drama Group donated £450 to Befriend a Child.

And last but by no mean least Guild donations in 2012 amounted to £2,195 for a variety of worthy causes.

Charity	£
A Place for Hope	800.00
A New Hunger	800.00
Scottish Bible Society	50.00
Congregational Fund	50.00
Ekwendeni Parcel Fund	50.00
Children in Christ	30.00
Maggies Aberdeen	35.00
Alzheimer's Scotland	45.00
CLAN	40.00
Aberdeen City Centre Grouping	40.00
Tillydrone Vision	60.00
National Trust	45.00
Aberdeen Seafarers Centre	40.00
Donation Israel/Palestine	40.00
Martha Brown (Buttons)	30.00
Crossreach	40.00

On a weekly basis the congregation donates non-perishable food to Instant Neighbour and last year’s Blythwood Care Shoe Box Appeal saw 40 shoe boxes collected by Mannofield and sent to Blythwood Care for delivery to Eastern Europe and Asia.

E&OE

Famous Prayers

It is the intention of the Editorial team to include Prayers (both famous and not so) in forthcoming editions of InSpire. Here is a selection that also appears on the church website under "Sermons and Prayers"
www.mannofieldchurch.org.uk.



Please feel free to let the Editor know which Prayers you would like to see included in both InSpire and the website.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference. **Reinhold Niebuhr**

Our Father, who has set a restlessness in our hearts and made us all seekers after that which we can never fully find, forbid us to be satisfied with what we make of life. Draw us from base content and set our eyes on far off goals. Keep us at tasks too hard for us that we may be driven to Thee for strength. Deliver us from the fretfulness and self-pitying; make us sure of the good we cannot see and of the hidden good in the world. Open our eyes to simple beauty all around us and our hearts to the loveliness men hide from us because we do not try to understand them. Save us from ourselves and show us a vision of the world made new.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Oh! Almighty and Everlasting God, Creator of Heaven, Earth and the Universe help me to be, to think, to act what is right because it is right. Make me truthful, honest, and honourable in all things. Make me intellectually honest for the sake of right and honour without thought of reward to me. Give me the ability to be charitable, forgiving and patient with my fellowmen. Help me to understand their motives and their short-comings - even as Thou understandest mine!

President Harry S. Truman

May God the Father bless us, may Christ take care of us, the Holy Ghost enlighten us all the days of our life. The Lord be our defender and keeper of body and soul both now and for ever, to the ages of ages.

St. Ethelwold

MPC's Instant Neighbour Team



This article is in response to a couple of queries as to why we are supplying these necessities to “drunks, druggies and skivers”. We went to find out.



We now realise what a national concern food poverty is and it is increasing alarmingly. Food Banks (and now many Church Credit Unions) are even needed in “wealthy” Aberdeen.

“Clients” are referred to Instant Neighbour from various agencies.

Who are the clients?

Mostly single persons, male and female, elderly and single parents. They come and sign in with their Benefits books to keep track of when they have received a parcel (only once a fortnight). They are given a bag of food suitable to their needs. Many only have access to a kettle. Could you easily make a meal with just that? Some have microwave ovens and some have hobs and ovens.

We have seen the shelves there groaning and have questioned why we were there. A fortnight later we were welcomed ecstatically when there were only a couple of tins and a box of cereal on the shelves. Last year at one point they were dividing boxes of tea bags into 5's and 10's before they had to close when nothing was available.

From April 2012 to Feb 2013 they had 1293 beneficiaries of food parcels. If these had been purchased it would have cost £14,500.

So it's not just the work shy, the drug addict or the alcoholic who get these parcels, certainly not when we have been delivering! Then we have met older men who have been made redundant and young mums with toddlers.

PLEASE keep the box at the front of the church filled especially during the summer. Anything goes as long as it is long dated and non perishable.

THANK YOU for your donations so far. They are much needed and much appreciated.

The Instant Neighbour Team

Instant Neighbour is a charity based in Aberdeen.

Despite being the wealthy oil capital of Europe, one in ten people are living in poverty in the city. Since 1984, Instant Neighbour has provided practical help, advice and support to some of the poorest and most vulnerable people living in Aberdeen City and Shire. The Charity recycles and distributes quality used furniture, clothing, child safety packs and baby equipment to people living on low incomes. They also distribute non-perishable food packages and can provide assistance moving house or storing furniture for people living on low incomes.

Magic Square

What is the missing number in this magic square?

6	0	4
3	?	2
1	5	4



Anagram Solver

Change the order of the letters to find the things that we should be:

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
12. SEIW _ _ _ Proverbs 8:33

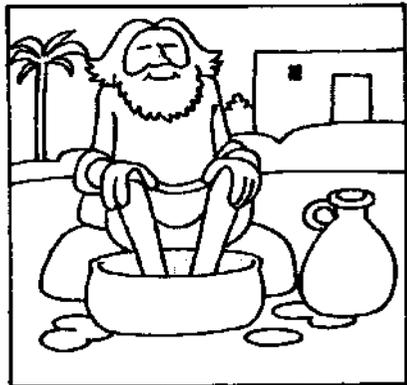
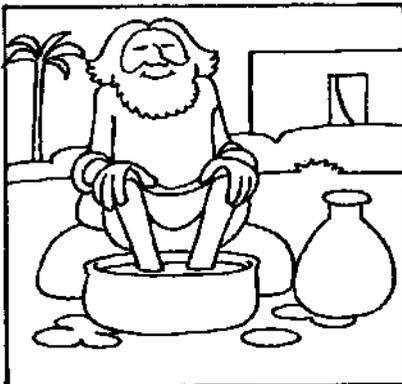
Creation

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

Find these words in the grid:

Adam Moon
 Animals Paradise
 Birds Rest
 Create Rib
 Days Seeds
 Earth Sky
 Eden Stars
 Eve Sun
 Fish Trees
 Fruit Woman
 Garden Man
 Mist Herbs

Can you spot 10 differences between the two pictures?



Write down your answer to each clue in the numbered box. Then find the letter which appears in the three words on each line. Place this letter in the box at the end. If you are correct the letters from 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 This river flows into Sea of Galilee

2 To express joy

3 Prophet who was fed by ravens

4 Good News

5 Brother of Moses

6 On this island John had visions
from God

7 The disciple Peter's original name

8 Old Testament book following
Leviticus

9 Here King Saul visited a witch

10 Adam's second son

11 Mother of John the Baptist

12 A Christian woman Peter raised
from the dead

13 Jesus was born here

14 Ruth's sister-in-law

15 Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived here

April's answer: The coach was 49 years old.

The total raised in 2012 by the door to door collection during the Christian Aid Week and as a result of people running the Balmoral 10k (£600) was £3,400.



Over £1000 has been donated by those attending church since 2008 through the "Well" in the vestibule and others have given or give regularly to Christian Aid in other ways throughout the year. All are greatly appreciated.

However the main fundraising for the charity is Christian Aid Week 12-18 May.

We are completely dependent on our hard core of ageing volunteers (of which I am one of the youngsters) to agree to collect door to door.

Inevitably, there are fewer collectors willing to collect door to door each year. So sadly I do not really see this total increasing in 2013.

I cannot emphasise enough the importance of having sufficient collectors because we cannot raise a penny without their help.

It is not the hardest of tasks. People leave church on a Sunday and go home to their comfortable home and Sunday lunch, whilst millions of people across the world starve or go without clean water.

Not all of our roll of 1200 are physically active but many are. Where are they? We need you.

By helping to collect, you are contacting people in the parish who would not normally come to church. More importantly you are also helping to save millions of lives.

If that's not mission I don't know what is.

This year we need collectors for door to door collection, street collection and counting - Monday 20 May at 6.00pm.

To volunteer for Christian Aid Week please either add your name/ Tel No. to the poster on the Countesswells Notice Board or contact me, Bill Manson on 07758862794 or email bill.manson@virgin.net

Bill Manson

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12-18 May 2013

BITE BACK AT HUNGER

This year's Christian Aid Week tells the story of how Christian Aid is helping communities to bite back at hunger through the lens of land rights in Bolivia, new technology in Kenya and innovative agriculture in Zimbabwe.



Please pray for rain

Zimbabwe: clean and reliable water

The south of Zimbabwe is arid and prone to droughts, leading to failed harvests and acute hunger for many people.

Unable to access clean and reliable water sources means many struggle to harvest even their strongest crops or provide safe drinking water to their families.

Working closely with the community, Christian Aid partner, Dabane Trust, has helped to build a sand dam, transforming not only their harvests but the life of the whole community.

Thanks to the sustainable farming techniques being taught by Dabane Trust, families are able to grow a range of crops to meet their own needs and even have a surplus to sell.

Access to water

Dabane Trust, a Christian Aid partner in Zimbabwe, uses the motto, 'We begin with water'.

When people have access to water it leads to many different things; water is needed to grow crops, to keep clean and healthy, to make cement for buildings, to cook and much more.

Dabane Trust has helped communities to access water during long periods without rainfall.

Sand dams are a means of storing water and after the installation of pumps and wells this water becomes accessible to those in need.

Dabane Trust has also been working to empower and train individuals in conservation farming - a technique which involves acting to preserve water.

This project is making significant changes throughout rural Zimbabwe. However, as the climate continues to change, so does the amount of water available. And as the rains become less frequent, the water in the sand dams will begin to dry up.

'Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need.' Romans 12:11-12 (NIV).

Builders wanted!



Are you working hard to build our new church development?

Would you like to build with *living stones*?

Could you help build the *living church* of the future?

Could you commit 2 Sundays out of 6 during term time?

Young Church is looking for new leaders!



Call Lesley Taylor on 734097 or Jean in the office on 310087.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Mannofield Church Family Fun Day

**Saturday 25 May
1pm to 3pm**

**A festival of fun
for all the Community**



**Bouncy
Castle**



Sumo Suits

Teas and Coffees, Hotdogs,
Tuck Shop, Home Baking

For more details contact
Michael & Suzanne Fairhurst
Tel 314829

44th Boys Brigade



On 4 May all Sections will be involved in a whole Company event to raise money for both The British Heart Foundation and BB funds.

It's not often Anchors, Juniors and Company section take part in anything together and what better option than one of the favourite games which all the boys play - dodgeball. So for 4 hours on the 4th May we will be playing a range of different versions of dodgeball. Please support the Company and the boys if asked for sponsorship and if anyone is interested in sponsoring the boys they should contact Captain Dave Tait.

All Sections will soon be having their annual Open Nights for parents and friends to come along and see a selection of activities the boys have been doing during the year.

Anchor & Junior joint Open Night Thursday 16th May at 6.30pm.

Company Section Open Night Friday 17th May at 7.45pm.

Both are in the large hall and an invitation is extended to all interested to come along.

After that, Company Section embarks on a programme of outdoor summer activities including a hillwalk, a trip to Knockhill, a beach cookout and ultimately a camping trip based in Forfar in September in our 10man tents.

Watch out for pictures and reports on all these events on our newly redesigned website at www.40four.co.uk and find us on Facebook

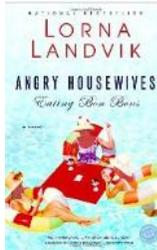
NOTES & NEWS

Church Book Club JUNE 2013

The women of Freesia Court are convinced that there is nothing good coffee, delectable desserts and a strong shoulder can't fix.

Laughter is the glue that holds them together - the foundation of a book group they call AHEB (Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons), an unofficial "club" that becomes much more. It becomes a lifeline.

This stalwart group of friends depicts a special slice of American life, of stay-at-home days and new careers, of children and grandchildren, of bold beginnings and second chances, in which the power of forgiveness and understanding, mends broken hearts and shattered dreams.



Mannofield Church Lunch Club

17 MAY 2013



Lunch is served at 1pm
Entertainment 2 - 3pm

COME AND JOIN US

A cup of tea before you leave!

Cost -- £4

Need transport?

Contact: **Mhairi Clark Tel. 317982**

The Lunch Club Ladies thank all who have cooked, helped, entertained and most importantly joined us for lunch and fellowship.



We wish you all a happy sun-filled summer and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Mannofield Guild



1ST JUNE 2013 || ADMISSION £ 2.50
10 AM - NOON - CHURCH HALL

BOTTLE STALL || CAKE & CANDY STALLS

IN AID OF GUILD PROJECTS

The Guild

Notes for your Diary



MAY

- 2 Monthly Coffee Morning
- 8 Visit to University Library 3pm
- 12 Guild Walk - Dyce Church Tea and Fellowship

STRAWBERRY FAYRE

1st June 10am - 12 noon

Silent Auction

20 April 2013

The Auction raised **£2940** for the Development Project.



Thanks to all who organised and supported it and raised such a sum.

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

New Member

Mrs Jean Reid

Disjunctions

Alison Laing

Change of Address:

Mrs Chris Boyd

Mrs Olive Porter

Deaths:

12 Feb Pat Swanson

25 Mar Christian Tawse

27 Mar Alexandrina Clyde

The deadline for the next issue of *InSpire* is 16 May 2013

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

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office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk

THE PICKLED COW Drama Group

Proudly Present **Profiterolia**

What is The Pickled Cow Drama Group cooking up for their summer show? Well, a tale of independence maybe.

The people of the newly formed Profiterolia fight for their future in a fun story from a small pastry making factory in South West France. From cakes to croissants, pies to pastries and rolls to revolution.

Running from 26 to 28 June in Mannofield Church halls. Watch out for more info coming soon.



Mannofield Church Office

New Volunteering Opportunity

This is a great chance to gently become involved in offering your services to the Church.

It's important that information on the internal notice boards within the church buildings are kept tidy and up to date.

If you could give an hour of your time, once a week, to help maintain the notice boards **inside** the church buildings, call in, contact Jean in the office Tel. 310087 or email: office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk





Mannofield Gospel Choir



Spread the word!

We have something **new** going on after the Summer.

Did you enjoy the BBC's "The Choir" programme?

Did you download the Military Wives 2011 Christmas Number 1?

Have you ever fancied singing in a 'fun' choir?

Well now is your chance to do so!

We intend to form a Community Gospel Choir to occasionally support our worship. The choir will meet for rehearsals in the church on Mondays from 6.45 until 7.30. As people are busy these days we have kept the practice slot short. So come along for a short, sharp and fun time of singing.

We are looking for both males and females aged 15 and over who would enjoy singing with others. Neither previous choir experience nor an ability to read music is necessary. The Choir needs a minimum of 15 members to get started. It will be directed by an experienced Choir Director with the emphasis on enjoyment and quality!

To register your interest or to enquire further, please email Rhonda at r.mccolgan57@gmail.com or speak to Keith for further information.



Mannofield Hill Walking Club Glen Tanar 31 March 2013