



'The spirits of the air live in the smells  
of fruit; and Joy, with pinions light, roves round  
the gardens, or sits singing in the trees.

Thus sang the jolly Autumn as he sat,  
then rose, girded himself, and o'er the bleak  
hills fled from our sight; but left his golden load.'

*“To Autumn” by William Blake*

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## OCTOBER

Sun 7	10am	Morning Worship <i>Sacrament of Communion</i>
Wed 10	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 14	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 17	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 21	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 24	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 28	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea Service <i>Songs of Praise led by Kirk Session</i>
	4pm	<b>Sunday@4</b> A new monthly worship service Craigiebuckler
Wed 31	10.30am	Midweek Service

## NOVEMBER

Sun 4	10am	Morning Worship
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### Festival of Remembrance Mannofield Church



The six cluster group churches are coming together to host this event to mark the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1.

It will take place in the evening of Sunday 11 November.

More information will appear nearer the time.

# Flower Calendar

## October

7 Mrs P. Stalker  
14 Mrs R. Wright  
21 Mrs S. Towns  
28 Mrs S. Taylor



Marigold  
October's  
flower

## November

4 Mrs N. Anderson

## Morning Prayer



Lord, it can be easy to find You  
in the silence of a woodland,  
or the stillness of a mountain  
or the infinity of a sea.  
But help me to find You today  
in hustle and bustle,  
in push and shove,  
in busyness and craziness  
in towns and cities.  
You are in our land, O Lord,  
but You are in our people.  
Help me to love people  
where they are today,  
be it street, or shop,  
or office, or hospital,  
or home.

Acknowledgement: This extract is taken from "Living Stones: Pray Now" and is used with permission.

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Dear Friends



The Blackwood family has reached a point of 'changing season'. Our eldest son, Aaron, set off to Glasgow to begin a Mechanical Engineering degree. Although we at times complained we never saw him (the result of his Xbox and cosiness of his bedroom), we know this is a significant moment for all of us as the dynamics of family life at the Manse change.

Just as Aaron left home and not as a replacement for him (!) we also welcomed a new puppy, Isla, into our family. Even the addition of a family pet brings changes to routines and the general atmosphere around our home.

Changes come along in life in all sorts of different ways. Sometimes these changes are positive, as they are ones which we have enacted for a reason or because we have taken up a new opportunity. At other times the changes in our circumstances are not so pleasant, often out of the blue and are ones which pose an emotional or physical challenge.

As resilient people most of us find a way to adapt, and although we may not thrive, at least we find a way to battle on. Nevertheless, I am sure we agree that change is never easy. Some people speak of the change that results in a whole new journey that becomes something amazing. Others talk of change, and lament the fact that the best of times became locked away in the past.

Ecclesiastes says, 'everything has a season', and 'God has made everything beautiful in its time'. The Bible recognises the opportunities and challenges of the 'changing of seasons' and circumstances in our lives. This is Good News!

The Bible frequently emphasises that God walks with us on our journey through life. He doesn't just walk with us for a time but in every time. He crosses over and through the moments of 'changing seasons'; from one of our 'seasons', to the next. I think the Bible asks us to trust in God and to be consoled and encouraged every day, and in every season, by his ongoing presence with us.

God Bless,

Keith

**TRAIDCRAFT**



Every day we are made aware that somewhere in the world millions still live in absolute poverty. They need the help Traidcraft can offer.

**TRAIDCRAFT**  
Fighting poverty through trade

***On the first Sunday of every month Mannofield Church has a Traidcraft Stall in the Balmanno Hall after the morning service.*** It stocks a variety of goods and other items can be ordered from the catalogues available. Every purchase helps farmers and crafts people all over the world to trade their way out of poverty.

**A new monthly worship service!**

**SUNDAY @ 4**  
**Bringing together Cafe Church & WorshipZone**

Craigiebuckler Church and Mannofield Church have for some time been part of our local Cluster Group. It has been decided in a spirit of further co-operation for both churches to team up for afternoon/evening worship.

So from October, Cafe Church at Mannofield and WorshipZone at Craigiebuckler will combine to become -

**SUNDAY @ 4**

We invite friends old and new to join us at **4pm** for refreshments. A time of fellowship will be followed by worship. We will continue our informal cafe style format, but you may see other changes.

These services will take place at 4pm on the last Sunday of each month from October to April, with a break in December.

We begin with the first three services at Craigiebuckler in the newly refurbished Extension Hall followed by three further services at Cafe Connect in Mannofield.

In our first season the theme will be *"Who Do You Think You Are?"*

Have you ever struggled with all those 'begats' in Jesus' family tree?

Come and join us each month for **Sunday @ 4** as we explore some of the familiar and lesser known characters. However as always the emphasis will be on worship and praise of God.

**SUNDAY @ 4 - 2018/2019**

*Who Do You Think You Are?*

28 October - 4pm @ Craigiebuckler - Mary  
25 November - 4pm @ Craigiebuckler - Zadok  
27 January - 4pm @ Craigiebuckler - Manassah

24 February- 4pm @ Mannofield - Ruth  
31 March - 4pm @ Mannofield - Tamar  
28 April - 4pm @ Mannofield - Abraham  
**Come and join us on the journey!**

## **The Toolbox— one of many Articles written by the late Margaret Malloch**



**26 December 1927- 21 August 2018**

Away back in the 1950s a young family bought their first television set. Several neighbours came to help with the installation. Some went up on to the roof to fix the aerial. However they had only a few meagre tools that would not do the job, so they came down.

On the doorstep stood a young couple who had only recently moved into the neighbourhood. They had a large toolbox which contained every possible tool for every possible job. The volunteers selected the proper tools, went back up on the roof and in no time the aerial was fixed. Everyone crowded into the living-room to watch the knowledgeable one. They thumped each other on the back and shook hands.

One of the women present said to the man with the toolbox “What exactly do you make with all these tools?”

He smiled and said “Friends.”

What a lovely idea.

Of course, don't we all have within us tools of a sort which help us to make friends if we could just bring them to the fore at the right time?

A smiling face, encouraging words, a helping hand, a sense of humour, an uncritical attitude.

It is truly awesome when it begins to dawn on us that we have been “befriended by God.”

When we read the Old Testament, it seems all the Promises of God, as written by the prophets, are for the Jews only.

Then we come upon a verse (and this is Isaiah 49.6) “.....I will make you a light to the nations so that all the world may be saved.”

So we are included after all.

In Ephesians 3.6 GNB Paul asserts “...by means of the gospel the Gentiles have a part with the Jews in God's blessings.”

I feel included and profoundly affected to read “I have written your name on the palms of my hands.” Isaiah 49.16 GNB

February 2008

## 'Digital Footprint: Communicating the Gospel in Today's World'

On 4 August I attended a workshop entitled 'Digital Footprint: Communicating the Gospel in Today's World'. What a wonderful session!

For those with the time and are interested, you can see the whole workshop via YouTube. In YouTube, search for Inverurie West Church. Buried in the list of WestCast recordings you will find one from Saturday 4 August with the Sanctuary First logo (blue) in the top left hand side.

*If nothing else can I encourage you to watch Albert Bogle (former Moderator and now the Church of Scotland's first 'digital minister') at about 54 minutes. Absolutely fantastic!*

The speakers made the case for using technology in settings such as –

- Unions with multiple buildings
- Hub ministry
- Parish groupings
- Care homes
- Hospitals
- Isolated members
- 'The invisible church' i.e. the great mass of people who still want a link to the church but feel they have left it too long

Suggested uses included –

- Services
- Weddings
- Christenings
- Church events
- Events in the church by outside organisations

Rev Bogle rightly states that the technology is not the be all and end all. The message is important.

It seems that there is much experience out there. Inverurie West makes beneficial use of the technology. Dalziel St Andrew's in Motherwell have written a short case study. There is much willingness to help organisations get this off the ground.

I can see great benefit in introducing Live Streaming.

At this stage we don't know what is required locally, how it might work, who would be needed to make it work and, of course, how much it might cost.

If anyone is interested please contact me Iain Hunter at 01224 639467 or email [iain@ihmsh.co.uk](mailto:iain@ihmsh.co.uk)



Since the completion of our last instalment of Youth Alpha we have started our next Sunday night adventure –

***Youthie: reborn!***

We will be working through various themes and Bible characters with large helpings of food, laughs and games.

**Who:** Ages 12+

**When:** Sunday nights

7.30-9.00pm

16 Sep - 7 Oct

4 Nov - 16 Dec

**Where:** Mannofield Church

**What:** Games, food, Bible bit, fun!

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Can you supply the first two letters to the these five-letter words, which on the face of it appear to have rather uncommon endings?

? ? R V A

? ? V O C

? ? M A D

? ? U R D

? ? A K I

? ? A P I

? ? O S K

? ? K E L

? ? R E M

? ? X I M

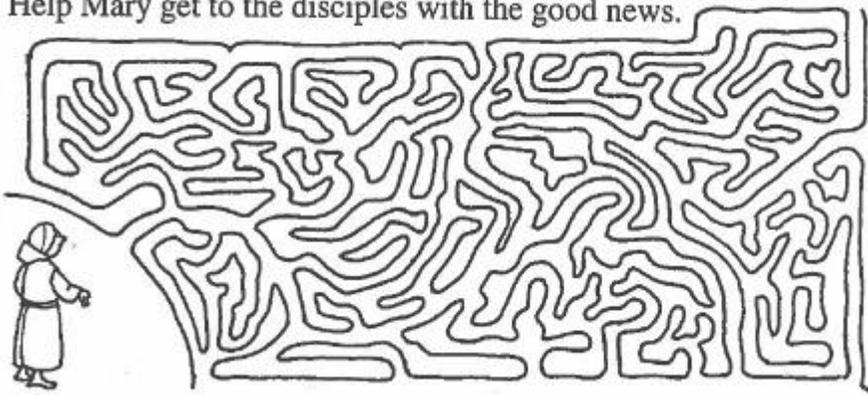


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SABBATH  
 SPIRIT  
 LORD  
 SCRIPTURE  
 SYNAGOGUE  
 LIBERTY  
 CAPTIVES  
 SIGHT  
 BLIND  
 FREEDOM  
 OPPRESSED



Help Mary get to the disciples with the good news.



These two pictures may look the same, but can you spot 6 differences?



## I DON'T KNOW THE MAN (MATTHEW 26:72)

1 As Jesus was taken before the high priest he was followed by	-----	v. 58
2 Asked if he was the Son of God, Jesus answered	---	v. 64
3 Caiaphas, the high priest, accused Jesus of	-----	v. 65
4 The other members of the ruling council	-----	v. 66
5 What did they say Jesus was worthy of?	-----	v. 66
6 Where was Peter seated during this time?	-----	v. 69
7 Who came up to him and asked a question?	-----	v. 69
8 Who did she say he was with?	-----	v. 69
9 What did Peter do when accused of being with Jesus?	-----	v. 70
10 He was accused by a second girl of being with Jesus of	-----	v. 71
11 And again he denied it saying 'I don't know the	---'	v. 72
12 He had earlier sat down with the	-----	v. 58
13 After a while he was again told 'you are one of	-----'	v. 73
14 What did he call down on himself?	-----	v. 74
15 Immediately a cock crowed, and Peter	-----	v. 75
16 Earlier Jesus had told Peter, 'You will disown me three	-----'	v. 75
17 And Peter went outside and wept	-----	v. 75

**September answer:** He would need to pick 3 socks as per the Pigeonhole Principle

## Balmoral Safari

John and Maureen Allan



In June this year Maureen and John went on a 3 hour tour round the estate in a very comfortable 6 passenger Range Rover. The following is an account of their successful trip:

*"The views were quite spectacular. We saw red deer and black grouse. Our very knowledgeable guide told us lots of interesting facts about the estate. The gardens at that time were not very colourful as it is planned to be at its best when the Royal family is in residence. The estate is a working estate and has to be run as a business. Because of problems with mobile phone reception, workers use satellite phones.*

*There are 9 holiday cottages including one that houses 14 people. There is a 2 year waiting list for renting one over Christmas and New Year.*

*Deer are counted when they can be seen against the snow in winter. The Deer Commission decides the level of cull. Scottish Mountain ponies take the carcasses from the hills to the vehicles for transfer to the Castle. The innards are left for the birds. Apart from deer, ducks and grouse provide income.*

*There are over 70 ponies on the estate. Included are a few Austrian horses. They appealed to 2 young Austrian girls on the trip.*

*There is a large herd of Highland cattle that was started by the Queen Mother who got rid of the Aberdeen Angus herd. The herd is spread over the estate with calves being exported all over the world. There are 2 pairs of golden eagles on the estate. The estate has a large area of protected old Caledonian Pine forest.*

*We heard a lot about what the Royals do when they are in residence. This is more frequent than is reported in the Press as they relish the tranquility of Balmoral. We saw where the Queen goes riding and walking. She is obviously very fit for her age.*

*We saw some of the buildings used for picnics and BBQs. There is a waterfall (Garbh Alt) with metal bridge built by Brunel at Queen Victoria's request. It goes nowhere!*

*The whole afternoon was very enjoyable and instructive. I am sure we will go again."*

### InSpire dates 2018/19

<b>2018</b>	<b>Copy deadline</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Copy deadline</b>
<b>October</b>	20 September	<b>February</b>	18 January Mini InSpire
<b>November</b>	25 October Mini InSpire	<b>Easter Community edition</b> (March/April)	14 February for March issue as Good Friday is 19 April
<b>December Community edition</b>	8 November for 2 December issue	<b>May</b>	25 April Mini InSpire
		<b>June</b>	21 May

## Aberdeen Individual Awards Scheme



### Open for Applications

Are you affected by dementia and live in Aberdeen City?

Or

Are you caring for someone for more than 4 unpaid hours a week in Aberdeen City who is affected by dementia ?

If the answer is "Yes" Aberdeen Care and Repair are administering the Individual Award grant scheme which can give some extra financial support to people affected by dementia.

Grants of up to £500 are available regardless of your income.

This could be used to:

- ◆ Spend on something that will make life better for you or someone you care for.
- ◆ Enable you or someone you care for to do something that matters to you and/or them which, without the award, they would not be able to do.

What costs can the grant cover?

- ◆ Something to make your home life better – redecorating a room, new washing machine, garden tidy etc.
- ◆ Something to safeguard your future and your loved one's future – making a Will or appointing a Power of Attorney.
- ◆ Some time away – cost of a short break or going to visit family that live far away.
- ◆ Something to keep your hobbies or interests up – classes, transport, garden furniture.

These are just some examples; everyone is unique and will have their own needs and interests.

***For further information please contact our office on 01224 251133 and ask for Teri Brebner, Lyn Ross or Leanne Malcolm who can provide further information and assist you with making an application.***

## Mannofield Church Book Club



3 October

### All Quiet on the Western Front

by Erich Maria Remarque

This is the testament of Paul Bäumer, who enlists with his classmates in the German army of World War I. These young men become enthusiastic soldiers, but their world of duty, culture, and progress breaks into pieces under the first bombardment in the trenches.



Through years of vivid horror, Paul holds fast to a single vow: to fight against the hatred that meaninglessly pits young men of the same generation but different uniforms against one another – if only he can come out of the war alive.

*For more information about Mannofield Book Group contact Niki Anderson on 01224 743484 or [nnikibob@aol.com](mailto:nnikibob@aol.com).*



### CRAFT FAIR Mannofield Church Great Western Road Saturday 3 November 10.00am – 4.00pm

*A feast for the eye & gifts to buy*

Come along with friends

#### ADMISSION FREE

Glass, Textiles, Baking, Jewellery,  
Cards & More

Finish the outing in our lovely café  
for coffee, tea or lunch

**PUT THE DATE in your DIARY!**

## TABLE TOP SALE



### Mannofield Church Balmanno Hall

Saturday 24 November

10am - 12 noon

Admission Free

Contact: Sandy 01224 311261

### THURSDAY FLY CUP RETURNS!



If you would like to have an afternoon out to meet with friendly folk and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a fine piece then *please* come and join us.

**Mannofield Church  
2.00pm – 3.30pm  
Costing only £2.50  
Put the dates in your diary**

Second Thursday every month.....

11 October, 8 November, 13 December  
10 January and so on until May 2019.

There will be different fun activities to enjoy before the fly cup, perhaps a quiz (not too difficult!), table games, demonstrations etc.

COME ALONG  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
We look forward to seeing you  
THURSDAY 11 October at 2.00pm.

**Need transport?**  
Call the church office 01224 310087 to  
arrange.

## OBITUARY

Margaret Malloch, an Elder of Mannofield, passed away peacefully at the age of 90.

Born and raised near Glasgow, Margaret has been a lifelong worker for the Church. In her young adult life, she was a Life Boy (Boys Brigade) Leader and attended numerous Seaside Missions. Later she took part in the Evangelistic Campaigns of Tom Allan. Trained as a pharmacist she worked in Glasgow and then later here in Aberdeen where she moved to in 1961 along with her husband Jack and her three children - David, Margaret and Rod.

Margaret married Jack after the loss of his first wife and took on the responsibility for providing care and love to his three children Elizabeth, Alison and Phil. It was with typical Margaret devotion that Margaret cared for her 6 children and made it her role in life to encourage and support them.

Within her work at Mannofield, Margaret was a devoted Elder to her District and was an ever-present at whatever was taking place in church life. Her skill as a photographer was well used within the pages of this magazine and in addition her writing of prayers, reflections and short articles were regularly published and enjoyed by many.

Margaret has made a huge contribution to this church and we have been fortunate to have enjoyed her presence amongst us. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

## Mannofield Church Lunch Club



### 19 October

Lunch is served at 1pm

Entertainment 2 - 3pm

**Come and join us**

A cup of tea before you leave!

Cost -- £5

Need transport?

**Contact: Lynn Allan**

**☎ 01224 323206**

We look forward to welcoming our regular friends and meeting new ones.

## Mannofield Guild

Balmanno Hall, 7.30pm  
Fortnightly on Tuesdays



**October and November  
syllabus:**

9 October	Poppies and Remembrance
23 October	Shelterbox
6 November	Streetsport
20 November	Gordon Casely

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

**25 OCTOBER**

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

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# CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

## Baptisms:

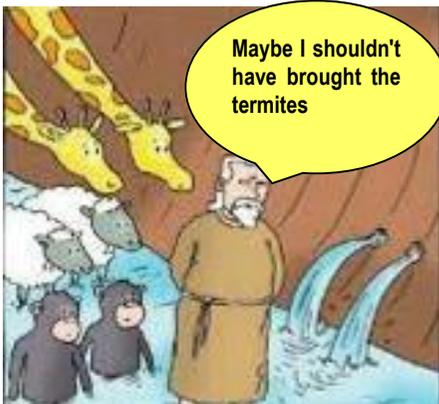
12 Aug, Amelia Ruby Margaret Hendry  
19 Aug, Amelia Rose Robertson

## Disjunction:

5 September, Mrs Caroline McLean

## Deaths:

6 August, Mr John Alex Morrison  
21 August, Mrs Margaret Malloch  
14 September, Mrs Margaret Leonard  
16 September, Mrs Nancy Baird



On Sunday 16 September we said farewell and thank you to Dot who leaves us to join husband David in Inverness.

She goes with our Best Wishes for whatever future ministry God has in store for her.

# Help Wanted.....



**Please join us on Sunday 4 November**



The Outreach and Mission committee is planning another 'clear up' around the Mannofield area after the church service from 11.30am-1pm on 4 November.

We will once again be picking up leaves and litter around the streets and public areas near Mannofield Church. A light lunch will be provided back at the church from 1pm.

For catering purposes, it would be greatly appreciated if you could add your name to the sign up sheet in the Welcome Area or alternatively speak to Louise Barrack on 01224 311511