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Message from Keith

Dear Friends



Since the beginning of Advent, we have been using a Dream Catcher to help us focus on the themes of the given Sunday. This visual element to the beginning of our worship helps us understand that the stories and themes of the 'Word of God' are the 'dreams' that we as the followers of Christ are asked to capture for ourselves and for our world. Yet it is not only the stories in the Bible that we seek to capture; for we recognise the 'Word of God' to be a 'Living Word' and so we understand the importance of capturing the essence of the work of the Holy Spirit as God continues to share His dreams with us in, and for, our generation.

Whenever I reflect on the dreams of God for the World and think about how we need to capture them, I am led to the 'dream sequence' contained within perhaps the most famous sermon of all time.

Martin Luther King spoke of the dream of God for the world when he quoted scripture at a march in Washington in 1963:

These are some extracts from it:

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

In that sermon, he spoke too of the dream he himself had for the world -

one captured straight out of the heart of God: *"I have a dream...that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.....And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring.....we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing ... "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"*

In 2017 we move into the uncertain times framed by changing politics of our day. As the people of God, we need to listen for the dreams of God, and capture them for ourselves and for our world. It may be race relations, or gender equality, or ethnic tensions. It may be the acceptance of others, or the relationship between humanity and the planet. Whatever the issue and whatever the cause of fragmentation in 'proper' relationship, it is God's dream that we recognise the commonality of our 'being'; for we are indeed the creatures, and the creation, of the 'One' God and it is about time we live as that.

Keith

Blessing

Guide the people of this land,
and of all the nations,
in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honour one another
and serve the common good
surrounded by Your blessings and
love.

Acknowledgement: This extract is taken from "Living Stones : Pray Now " and is used with permission. "Living Stones" publications are available from www.standrewpress.com

Prayer at Mannofield

A group meets every Wednesday morning at 10am in the sanctuary. All are welcome.



We also have a confidential prayer circle you can contact if you would like prayer on a particular day, for a particular issue or for a friend.

Interested?

Please contact Anne Thompson on ☎01224 681384 or anne@thompsonaberdeen.com or the Church Office ☎01224 310087

Congregational Register

Deaths:

Mrs. Mary Kerr, 23 Nov 2016
Dr. N. M. Scott, 16 Dec 2016
Mr Duncan Thomson, 19 Dec 2016
Miss Helen Milne, 9 Jan 2017
Mr. Denis McIntosh, 15 Jan 2017
Mr. Sandy Tough, 13 Jan 2017
Miss Lena Ferries, 19 Jan 2017

THANK YOU

£1819 was collected on our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services for Aberdeen Presbytery Syrian Appeal.



TABLE TOP SALE



Balmanno Hall

**Saturdays 25 February
25 March**

10am - 12noon

Admission £1 includes Tea/Coffee

Contact Church Office to book a table ☎01224 310087

An Inspiration

What an inspiration it was to see in the December InSpire the smiling, enthusiastic faces of the 44th Aberdeen BBs along with the Brownies, Guides and leaders before parading at the church's Remembrance Day Service. Their youthful exuberance and zest for life was immediately apparent and a real promise for the future of their organisations and the world at large which will be in safe hands.



A huge vote of thanks is owed by us all to the leaders who turn out week after week prepared and organised to give these young people a training which will add a very special dimension to their entire lives. It is a great privilege to have an input into a young person's life.

Well done youngsters and adults alike for all you so willingly do to try to make the world a better place.

Anne Farquhar

The Charities Shop at 346 George Street will be open for us from 19-25 March.

Further information will follow in Church Notices.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Wed 1	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 5	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 8	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun12	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 15	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 19	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 22	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 26	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea Gardens led by Rev Goldie

MARCH

Wed 1	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 5	10am	Morning Worship Sacrament of Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Service
Wed 8	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun12	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 15	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 19	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 22	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 26	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea Gardens led by Lesley Reid
	4.30pm	Café Church

GUILD COFFEE MORNING DATES

Thursday 2 February
Thursday 2 March
Saturday 18 March *Spring into Summer*



FLOWER CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

5 Mrs B. Russell
12 Mrs A. Dyce
19 Mrs C. Strachan
26 Misses M & R Archibald



MARCH

5 Mrs A. Thompson
12 Mrs J. Anderson
19 Mrs M. Craighead
26 Miss Youngson's Legacy (vestibule)

Bowling Club Coffee Morning

Saturday 4 March at 10am
Balmanno Hall



MANNOFIELD GUILD

7 February Songs of Praise
21 February Margarita Esson,
Deputy Lord Lieutenant
7 March Dame Anne Begg, Life after
Parliament
8 March Spring Rally



MANNOFIELD LUNCH CLUB Thursday 16 February

Balmanno Hall
Lunch served 1pm
Entertainment 2-3pm
Cuppa at 2.30pm
Cost: £5
All welcome
Need transport?

Contact: Lynn Allan
☎ 01224 323206



NOTE

The deadline for the
Easter Parish InSpire is
9 MARCH
Good Friday is 15 April