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# CHURCH CALENDAR

## JUNE

Wed 7	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 11	10am	Morning Worship
Tues 13	7.30pm	Session Meeting
Wed 14	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 18	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 21	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 25	10am 3.15pm	Morning Worship Craigielea Gardens Service Rev K Blackwood <i>Sacrament of Communion</i>
Wed 28	10.30am	Midweek Service

## JULY

Sun 2	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 5	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 9	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 12	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 16	10am	Morning Worship led by Dot Getliffe
Wed 19	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 23	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 26	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 30	10am 3.15pm	Morning Worship Led by Dot Getliffe Craigielea Gardens Service led by Chrissie Smith

# Flower Calendar

## JUNE

- 4 Mrs. M. Allan
- 11 Miss C. Smith
- 18 Mr. G. & Mrs. M. Falconer
- 25 Rev. G. Goldie



## JULY

- 2 Mrs R. Robertson
- 9 Mrs. B. Milne
- 16 Mrs. S. Hunter
- 23 Mrs. S. Taylor
- 31 Mrs. C. Bridgeford



## Church Flowers — Delivery

For the last twenty five years, Audrey Milne has efficiently organised the flower delivery every week after the Sunday service. In recognition of this, she received a presentation of flowers from Keith on Sunday 7 May.

Maureen Drummond and Alison Lobban are delighted to have taken over this responsibility.

The volunteers always find it a pleasure to deliver the church flowers to a household connected with Mannofield. Therefore, we would like to draw everyone's attention to the Flower Book which is situated on the table as you enter the Sanctuary from the Welcome area.

Please feel free to note down anyone you think would be pleased to receive flowers on a special occasion, birthday or anniversary of an event. Alternatively, should you prefer to contact us directly, the details are below.

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Dear Friends

All too frequently I find myself looking for words to use in prayer or in conversation in the aftermath of terrible atrocities committed as acts of terrorism. The awful attack directed at those attending a music concert in Manchester - leaving many dead and injured - follows on from the attack in London this year and previous atrocities in Germany and France.

The Manchester attack, as awful as the devastation was in isolation, leaves each one of us questioning again our own safety and that of our loved ones in the face of such planned and yet random attacks. Security experts tell us that the sad fact is that if an individual or group is intent on wreaking havoc through acts of terror, whilst the authorities might be able to prevent some such attacks from happening because of 'intelligence known', many such attacks will not be prevented.

There is both 'good' and 'bad' in the world. There always has been. As 'bad' things happen - such as terror attacks - it is my belief that creation herself groans and suffers along with the victims, their families and the rest of us.

It is not meant to be this way. Creation is good. Humanity is full of goodness. Life is intended as something good for each one of us to enjoy and contribute to positively for the benefit of others. Yet, there are some who would seek to attack the goodness in creation and humanity.

In response it is up to the rest of humanity to not let the 'bad' things of life get a foot-hold. Instead we must live in such a way as to allow the goodness of life to be grown, shared and made available to many.

We have seen such goodness shown in the reaction of those who sought to come to the rescue and aid of those victims in Manchester and in the response of the public at large in their condemnation of all acts of terror and violence.

It is not mere platitude to say that we must go on to live life fully and not let the terrorist win. God needs the good people of all faiths to not only live by the code of goodness which is central to all sacred texts, but to continue to work with each other and learn a way to live alongside each other in this wonderful creation that God has given us to share.

The Psalmist said *'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea...'* (Psalm 46:1-2)

At this time, may the Psalmist's words hold a light to your own fears and the darkness they bring to your life at present.

May we continue to trust and uphold the goodness and love of God in all that we do.

Best Wishes

Keith

## LifeGroups



**What is the purpose of LifeGroups?** The Bible tells us to “*seek and keep on seeking.*” (**Matthew 7:7**) LifeGroups are an opportunity, outwith the normal Church Services, to meet with other believers so that we can enjoy fellowship, prayer and the Bible together.

**Who are LifeGroups for?** All believers and followers of Jesus. People who are devoted to a close walk with Jesus.

**Why should we be involved in LifeGroups?** It is in response to Scripture, we are told to meet together. (**Hebrews 10: 24-25**) “*Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.*”

### Objectives of LifeGroups

**Fortifying our faith.** As you know, faith is like a muscle which needs to be stretched and strengthened if we want to build it up. The Bible tells us that we need to exercise our faith and keep spiritually fit. (**1 Peter 4:1-2**) “*Strengthen yourselves so that you will live here on earth doing what God wants.*”

**To keep on Learning.** We are never to stop learning. We are to be lifelong learners. In LifeGroups we learn from each other. (**Hosea 4:6**) “*My people are destroyed by lack of knowledge.*” There is a difference between knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge is to **love** the Word. Wisdom is to **do** the Word. Knowledge is to know the goal of God. Wisdom is to have the mind of God.

**Caring Fellowship.** We need people we can call upon. Being together, learning together and encouraging one another in our faith is good.

LifeGroups are very flexible and unique. They are adapted to suit each individual group. It may be studying a Bible passage, reading and discussing a particular book, watching a series of DVDs, listening to podcasts or using reflections/devotional materials. We need anything which helps us to meditate on the Word of God and grow spiritually. There is a basic series by Francis Chan which is an excellent introduction to LifeGroups. This series will be available a number of times throughout the year for those interested in being involved.

There are a number of new LifeGroups starting in the next few weeks and months so please look out for them in InSpire magazine, in the intimations on a Sunday and on the Church notice boards.

*Louise Barrack*

## 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.

**On the first Sunday of every month Mannofield Church has a Traidcraft Stall in the Balmanno Hall after the 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.



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Fighting poverty through trade

## Mannofield's Operational Finances 2016

The aim of this article is to make everyone aware of our ongoing financial position and to seek a positive response so that we can finance the work of our church in our local community and beyond.



For the last few years our members have put in an amazing effort in raising funds for the development project. The focus, from a financial viewpoint, has been on that project and the result has been superb. At the same time Mannofield Church has continued its day to day activities which need to be funded.

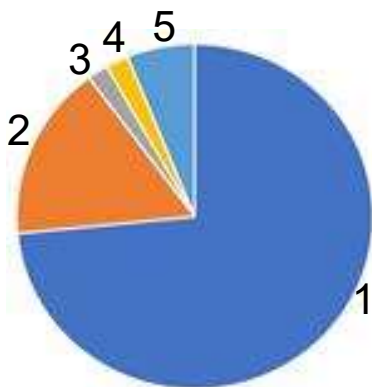
In 2016, general income dropped from £167,207 in 2015 to £159,545 i.e. a reduction of £7,662.

The main reasons for this were:

1. Deaths in the congregation leading to reduced offerings and
2. An understandable decrease in the use of our premises by paying organisations.

**The following chart illustrates the sources of income -**

### Mannofield's General Income for 2016, £159,545



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Offerings</li><li>2. Tax recovered</li><li>3. Legacies</li><li>4. Use of premises</li><li>5. Other</li></ol> |
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Whilst income fell, general expenditure increased from £165,009 in 2015 to £169,488 in 2016 i.e. an increase of £4,479. The reality is that there is limited control Mannofield can apply to expenditure.

Mannofield, as a large church-

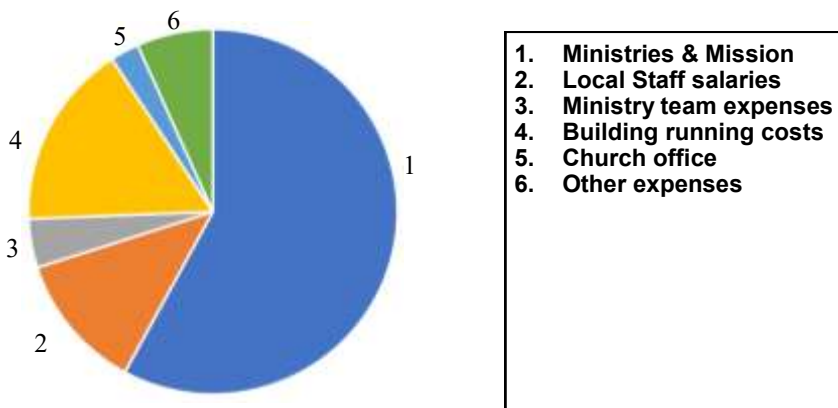
- ◆ Makes a major contribution to the work of the wider Church of Scotland. Ministries and Mission includes the salaries of our own Ministry Team and also assists less fortunate congregations nationally and internationally. (£97,445 in 2016; £95,269 for 2017 – see page 12)
- ◆ Requires to cover expenses of our Ministry Team (£7,296) and pay our staff (£20,394);
- ◆ Has to insure and heat the premises and undertake essential maintenance of both the church and the manse (£27,559) and
- ◆ Requires to run an office, including all the associated costs of magazine production (£4,268).

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## Mannofield's Operational finances 2016 continued from page 5

The following diagram illustrates our outgoings in 2016.

### Mannofield's General Expenditure 2016 ( £169,488)



2015 and 2016 have been years of transition for the church and while a deficit was anticipated during 2016 we must guard against this becoming the norm. That deficit (£9,943) was met out of reserves.

It is important that Mannofield looks for creative ways of increasing income.

Whilst church members should review their giving on a regular basis, there may well be innovative ways of generating income that have not been previously tried. All members and church organisations should look for such opportunities.

The recently launched fundraising initiative, albeit not a new one, via the Smarties Tubes collection, has raised to 25 May the sum of £2306 plus Gift Aid of £441.

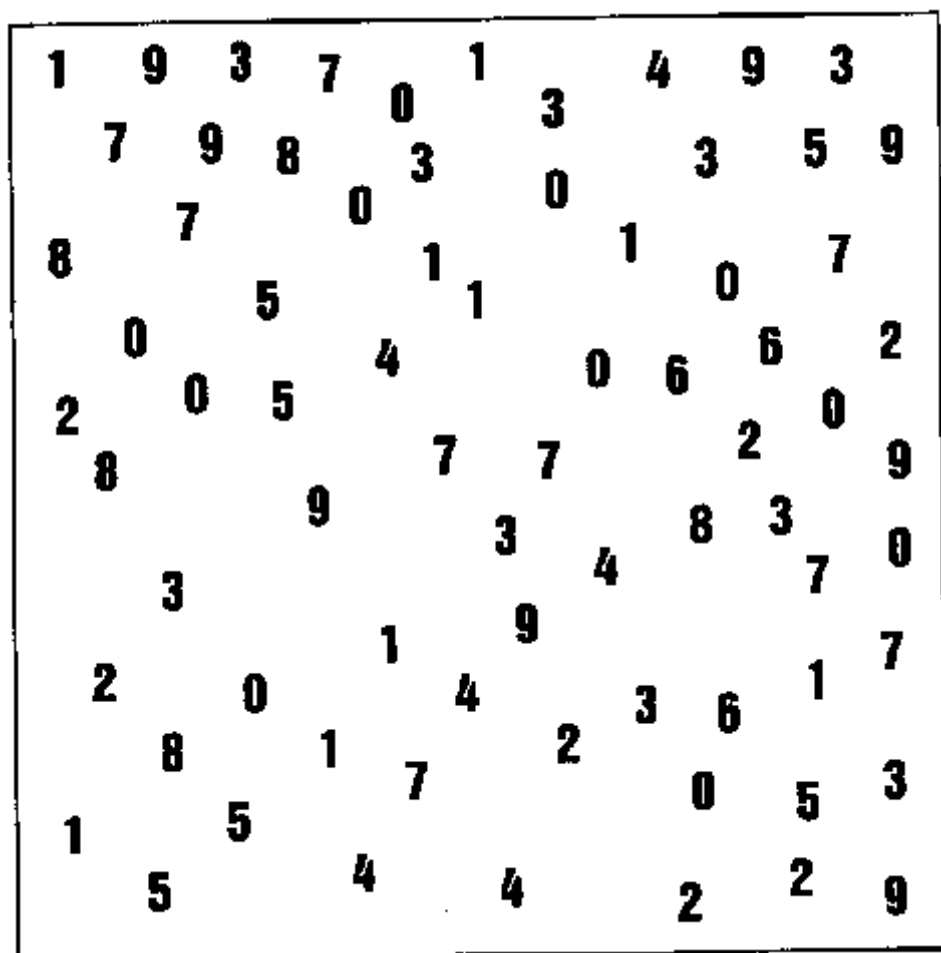
As always the response from the congregation continues to demonstrate a commitment to the work of the Church locally, nationally and internationally.

Meantime the Trustees (the Kirk Session) will continue to control expenditure wherever possible. We cannot continue to run at a deficit and if income does not increase some difficult decisions might have to be taken in order to reduce expenditure.

We have come a long way in the last few years but renovation of the building is not the end of the story.

Iain Hunter  
Convenor Finance Committee

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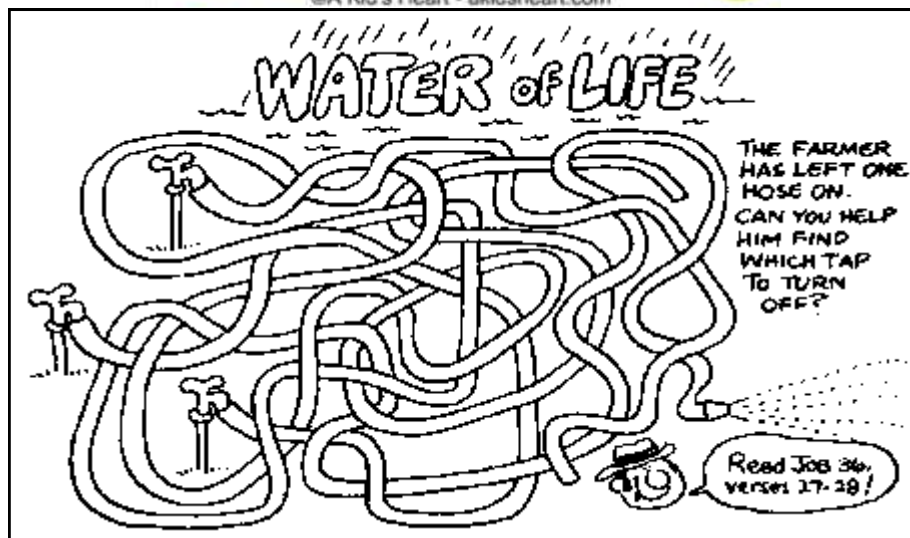


## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

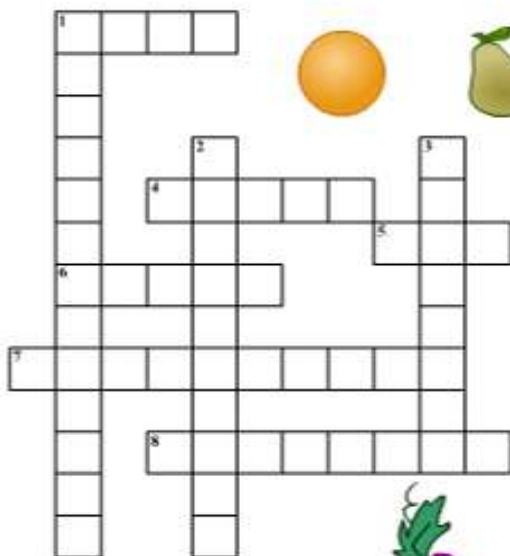
"For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth"  
Ephesians 5:9



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## ACROSS

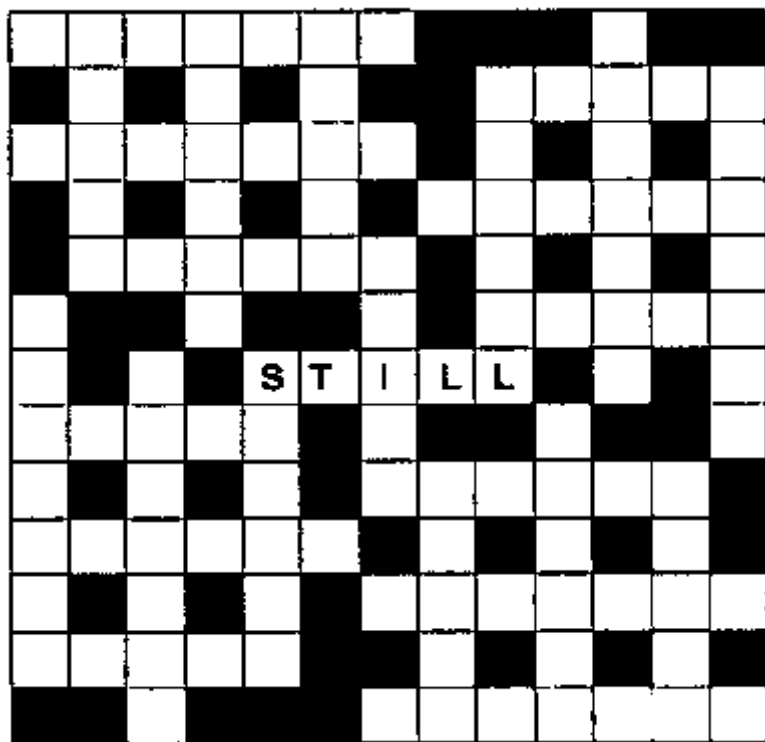
- 1 Defined in I Corinthians 13
- 4 Rest, quietness
- 5 Delight, cheerfulness
- 6 The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.  
~Heb 11:1
- 7 Self control
- 8 Humility

## DOWN

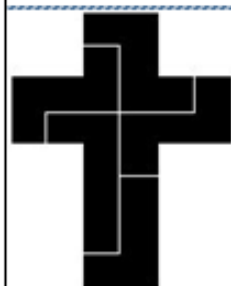
- 1 Patient
- 2 Moral excellence of character; kindness
- 3 The quality of being beneficial; kindness

## FIX A WORD

Most of the twenty-six words to be entered into the grid are given below, but seven of them are to be found in the Bible verses referred to. To help you, the word required in the Bible verse is placed alphabetically in the list. Also a word has been inserted to start.



April's  
Solution:



### 5 Letters

ABANA  
1 Samuel 17:57  
BREAD  
ERROR  
Daniel 3:1  
NEEDS  
REIGN  
John 3:14  
STILL  
SWORD

### 6 Letters

DEEPER  
DEMONS  
GOSPEL  
Luke 3:31  
RICHLI  
Isaiah 24:2  
SHARON  
SHEKEL

### 7 Letters

ABIGAIL  
Isaiah 7:18  
COLOURS  
DANCING  
DESTROY  
HARNESS  
MARRIES  
John 1:41

## Healthcare Chaplaincy — Rev Katrina Blackwood



There is a Christian writer who likens a Chaplain, or a Pastor, to a luggage carousel at the airport. Often, we see the bags going around again and again before someone comes to collect them.

The bags can be likened to the problems that people face in life – each bag a burden, an issue, a problem that they are carrying. Our ‘bags’ have different labels: parents/children/money/I hate my job/why has God allowed this to happen to me? Sometimes there is no obvious label, yet we know we are burdened by something.

As a chaplain I see a lot of people who come to me for help or encounter me because they are weary and the journey has grown long and hard and the way forward is unclear. Sometimes people want me to pick up their ‘baggage of life’ and take it somewhere it will be gone forever, but that is not my job. It’s not possible to do that for others.



What we often do is take the time to really listen to and help the person see their burden from a different perspective. Ultimately what we do is help people lift their own ‘bags’ when able and lay down the burdens of life, so allowing them to progress on their journey.

As Healthcare Chaplains our job is to come alongside people and journey with them for a while – often through a deeply challenging period of life.

Within NHS Grampian there is a mix of full-time and part-time Chaplains who cover Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Royal Aberdeen Children’s Hospital, Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, Royal Cornhill Hospital, Roxburghe House, Woodend Hospital and Aberdeen Health and Care Village. There are also several chaplains who look after the Community Hospitals within Grampian. We have a Roman Catholic Priest and an Episcopal Priest who are also part of our team as Denominational Chaplains.

As Chaplains, our job is to provide the spiritual and religious care to patients, relatives and staff across all the sites. Our care is person-centred and as generic chaplains we look after people from all faiths and none, making no assumptions or judgements on life-style choices. We are to treat people as individuals and for me that is to recognise that each person is loved by God.

The two main areas of our work are religious care and spiritual care.

**Religious Care** is given in the context of shared religious beliefs, values, liturgies and lifestyle of a faith community.

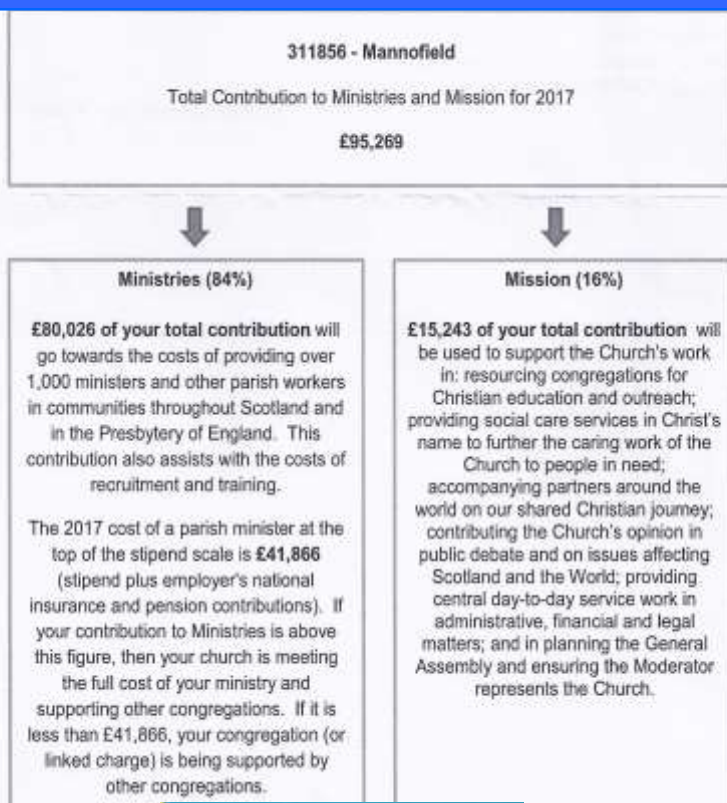
**Spiritual Care** is usually given in a one-to-one relationship, is completely person-centred and makes no assumptions about personal conviction or life orientation.

*Spiritual Care is not necessarily religious. Religious Care, at its best, should always be spiritual.*

**We are there to listen...to support....to celebrate....to comfort....to pray – always in complete confidence no matter what a person’s faith or beliefs.**

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# Mannofield's Contribution to Ministries and Mission 2017



**What happens when we place £10 in the offering plate on Sunday?**

It provides a powerful ministry, locally, nationally and globally

**£4.20**  
is kept by the local church

**£4.88**  
pays for our Ministers

**92p**  
gives important help for congregations and supports the mission of the Church

**About £4.20** is kept by the local church for all sorts of costs including maintaining the building, mission, worship and supporting church groups

**About £4.88** ensure we have ministries in every part of the country

**About 92p** supports congregations with services such as Safeguarding, Law Department, General Trustees and Stewardship and Finance

Each Presbytery can use 5% of its total Ministries and Mission contributions at its own discretion to assist congregations.

## Healthcare Chaplaincy continued from page 11

Each chaplain is allocated wards where we build relationships with staff and visit patients and relatives. We can receive requests to visit patients who have asked to see a chaplain - either through filling in forms before admission to hospital or during an emergency admission - or patients and relatives can notify staff that they wish to have a visit. In addition to requested visits, we "ward wander" popping onto our wards, chatting with people who are happy to be visited. Sometimes this involves prayer but often it doesn't. Often it's simply taking time to listen to people's stories and giving them time and space to express how they are feeling and what is causing them concern. We liaise with local clergy from all faith backgrounds who may be required to visit patients or conduct religious rites. There are always chaplains available and we share an on-call rota where we can be called in at very short notice to the hospital.



Part of my responsibilities is overseeing the Community Chaplaincy Listening Service within NHS Grampian. I am also one of the Listeners. This is a service which provides 50 minute appointments for people to come and tell their story, to talk about what is distressing them and perhaps to explore ways to find coping mechanisms and reflect on their situations. These appointments are provided by several Chaplains and trained volunteers. The service is also available at several GP Practices within the city and one within Elgin. We also offer it at Aberdeen Health and Care Village and recently at ARI.

It is a real privilege to come alongside people and journey with them for a short while, at what can be a particularly challenging time in their lives. My Christian faith calls me to show God's love to the people I encounter and to be His presence for the people I journey with and within the situations I find myself.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**4 November**

#### CRAFT FAIR

10am to 4pm

@ Mannofield Church

Contact : ☎ 01224 311261

#### CAN YOU HELP?

Can you knit and sew?

Are you a Crafts-person using wood and metal ?

Are you an accomplished photographer or artist?

Are you good at any other crafts?

We will be looking for donated craft items for our table on 4 November

*Please start making items NOW!!*

### Morning Prayer

Awake my soul, Lord,  
for sometimes it slumbers  
long beyond the alarm call.  
The day is half done  
before it stirs at the sight of You.  
It is often short on awe  
in the face of life's mundane.  
And mystery passes it by  
like the morning express.  
Awake my soul, Lord,  
that I may know wonder today.  
Amen



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

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## OUTREACH and MISSION

### Community Planting

On Friday 5 May Outreach and Mission along with a group of happy volunteers were back in our community planting flowers. This is a project we are doing in conjunction with Aberdeen City Council. The Council very kindly provided the beautiful wooden planters, compost and flowers and Mannofield Church provided the manpower. It was agreed with the Council that we would maintain the planters. We are to ensure that they are kept free of weeds and litter. Outreach and Mission committee is asking for the congregation's help with this project. If you are passing by would you please just check that they are free from weeds and litter? We would very much appreciate the congregation's help with this.



### Aberdeen and N.E. of Scotland Music Festival

**Monday 5 to Friday 9 June**

The Association is delighted to be holding part of its annual Festival in Mannofield Church.

This offers a splendid week of Vocal and String music which is open to the public and to which friends of Mannofield are most welcome.



#### **Admission charges:**

£3 per Session, £5 for a Day Ticket  
£10 for an evening ticket (4 concerts)  
£20 for a weekly ticket and programme.



### Mannofield Church Strollers

Join with others for an easy stroll around the vicinity of the church followed by a coffee/tea, fine piece and a chat in Cafe Connect.

Every Tuesday  
from

13 June at 10am

**Meet outside the Cafe**



**No dogs please except guide and/or assistance dogs**



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## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### Baptism

7 May, Charlie David Rose

**There will be NO  
GUILD COFFEE MORNING on  
Thursday 1 JUNE**



**Please join us on Saturday 3 June in  
the Balmanno Hall 12.00- 2.00pm for  
A Ploughman's Lunch.  
£4.50 in aid of Guild Projects.**



**World Knit in Public Day  
Yarn Bombing  
Join us at Crathes millpond on  
Saturday 10 June at 2pm**

Contact Rhoda Wright ☎01224 324415  
or the church office ☎01224 310087.



**The deadline for the next  
issue of *InSpire* is  
17 August 2017**

Material for *InSpire* should be  
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or emailed to:

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[office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk)

**Enjoy the Summer - if we have one!!**

The total for Christian Aid  
week so far is **£3981**.



Many thanks to all those  
who donated generously and to all  
those who were part of the collecting  
team.

This is a substantial sum of money to  
help those in desperate need.

Ann Kindness

Treasurer /Christian Aid organiser

### NOTE

Sunday morning services will  
continue at 10am and Wednesday  
services at 10.30am over the  
summer.

**TABLE TOP SALE  
Balmanno Hall**



**Saturday 1 July**  
10am - 12 noon

**ADMISSION FREE**

To book a table to sell your  
own items ☎01224 311261

# Grampian City Brass Band Concert at Mannofield



**A Selection of Mannofield Church Posters  
with many thanks to Elizabeth and Neil Paterson**

