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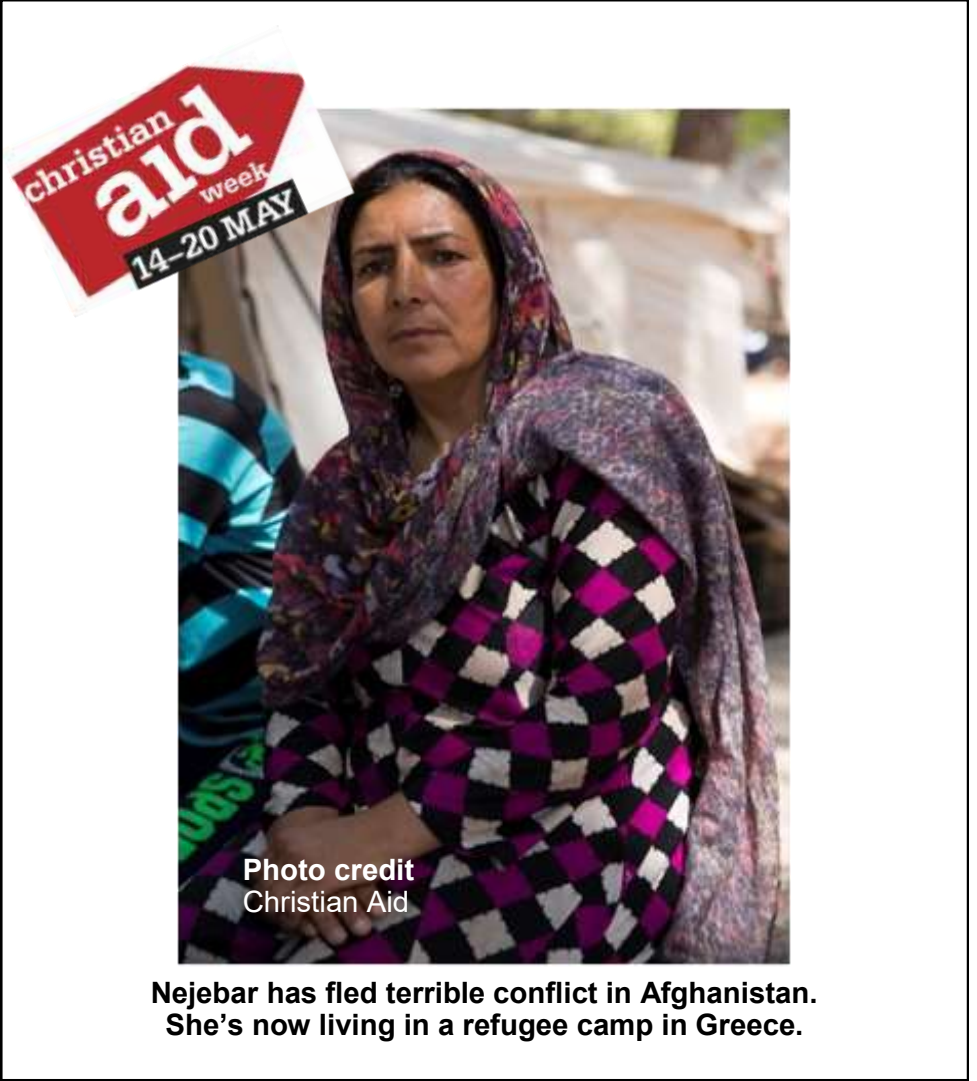


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**Nejebar has fled terrible conflict in Afghanistan.
She's now living in a refugee camp in Greece.**

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It was most fulfilling to attend Café Connect on its opening day. The buzz of positivity was great to experience. After many years in the planning, through the generosity of the congregation in fundraising, the hard work of the Development Committee and the Café Committee Sub-Group,** we have achieved the full refurbishment of our church building.

The café will build on the momentum that we see already transforming our church life into one that is consistent across all 7 days of the week. In the past, our church was strong in its gathered Sunday worship and the numbers of people attending some of the organisations. Often, however, were you to visit the office during the day, there was not much going on in the empty halls. It has been mentioned to me in the last few months how exciting it is that there is '*palpable busy activity*' in our premises throughout the entire week. The café will only add to the sense that Mannofield Church is truly a 'Hub of Community Life'.

It is our intention in all that we do to reflect the 'spirit of Christ'. Be this in our worship, the activities of our organisations and groups, or the friendly confines of our new café, we seek to give people the experience of God's Spirit of inclusion and welcome. Mannofield offers you the stretched-out hands of those who greet us at the church door on Sundays and Wednesdays, who gather us in to feel welcome in the activities we offer, and who serve coffee/ tea and food in Café Connect.

We are now able to build on what we can offer and look forward to our Church being there to serve the needs of everyone for many years to come.

Keith

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Christian Aid Week: standing with refugees like Nejebar



Nejebar and her family have fled horrors in Afghanistan, where her husband was threatened with torture and death for being a government worker. But now they've arrived in Greece, all they have is a tent. They have no other protection against wind and rain. There's no school for their five children. They have no certainty or clear idea of what will happen to them now. They thought they would stay there for 10 days, but it's already been six months and there's no end in sight.

You've helped us be there for refugees since 1945

Thanks to you, Christian Aid has been there for refugees like Nejebar since 1945, providing essential food, shelter and legal assistance for people far from home. We still believe in life before death.

From 14-20 May, our church will join with more than 20,000 others across the country for the sake of people like Nejebar and her family. Across the UK and Ireland Christian Aid will deliver 7 million envelopes to local neighbours to raise money for our global neighbours in need. It's an opportunity to reach out to our community and to make sure some of the world's poorest people have enough to eat and a safe place to live.

By helping to collect, you are contacting people in the Parish who may not normally come to Church. More importantly you are also helping to save millions of lives.

Can you deliver and collect Christian Aid envelopes to your neighbours to help our church raise money this Christian Aid Week? Contact Ann Kindness at ann@aohs.uk or on 01224319336 if you can get involved.

Dorothy Getliffe - Mannofield's new Parish Assistant



In June 2016 we said goodbye to Phil Gunn who had worked as our Parish Assistant for the previous 2 years. Presbytery then agreed that the post could continue for a further 3 years and the search began for a new Parish Assistant. After interviews at the end of last year Dorothy Getliffe was chosen as the candidate to take up a new role within our Ministry Team. She starts on 27 April and we look forward to her working with us. We have asked Dot to introduce herself below.....

Hello Everyone

In a past life I was Dorothy Kennedy, teacher and later Scripture Union Staff worker in Glasgow. Now I am Deacon Pink! How did this happen?

Well....I was minding my own business as a happy wife to David Getliffe, Railway Signaller, and a Mum to two daughters aged 10 and 8, when I realised God wanted me out of the house and back into some form of ministry! After a Vocations Conference, I knew I had been called to the Diaconate, or to be a Deacon.

After jumping through the same hoops and training as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, my first job was as Locum Pastoral Assistant in Wishaw. Subsequently I went on to be an Adult and Family Worker full time in the same deprived area of Cambusnethan.

There followed a wonderful time in a ministry team with the (now retired) Rev Ronnie Craig in Shettleston, where my job spec was "Development Coordinator." This challenging post included fundraising, starting two more Carer and Tots Groups, as well as the usual parts of leading Sunday Worship and conducting funerals when Ronnie was on holiday. I loved this job and still enjoy hearing from folks from the east end of Glasgow.

As the girls were now in secondary school and at what can be a tricky stage of adolescence, I decided to drop full time and took on the part time role of Family Networker in a Fresh Expression of Church. It was based in one of the most affluent parts of south Glasgow, where we met in a Rugby Club and tried to reach new families for whom Church was no longer relevant.

Since then, my children have become students - the younger, Mary Jo, is a fledgling Staff Nurse and the older, Dawn, still a medical student in Dundee.

I've enjoyed being locum in two more Glasgow charges. Now you are up to date and here I am! My chillaxing time is spent doing jigsaws, reading, seeing musical theatre and playing badminton. I look forward to getting to know you all and serving God alongside your Minister in Mannofield and the wider community. Please come and introduce yourself to me so I can soon put a face to a name!

With kind regards and in His service

Dot

“PENTECOST IN THE PARK” – LOCAL CHURCHES TO HOLD VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY BASH!

Six local churches, including ours, are closing their doors on Sunday 4 June and going for a picnic!

In what may well be a first for Kirks in Aberdeen, six congregations have got together to host “Pentecost in the Park”. The park is Hazlehead and we’re planning a one-off praise event, with a joint choir and an ever-growing orchestra all pitching in to guarantee a very special occasion.

The congregations of Craigiebuckler, Cults, Holburn West, Kingswells, Mannofield and Peterculter will **NOT** be opening their doors for worship on that Pentecost Sunday. With the full approval of all six Kirk sessions and Aberdeen Presbytery, we will instead worship together—in Hazlehead Park—to celebrate the birthday of Christ’s Church because that’s exactly what Pentecost is: the birth-day of Christ’s Church.

A fleet of cars and coaches from all six locations will converge on Hazlehead Park for “Pentecost in the Park”. Our worship will be at midday and then, because the weather is bound to be wonderful (!), it’s picnic time.

Imagine six congregations getting together in this way to praise the Lord and pass the sandwiches! Imagine what an amazing witness it will be, to praise our Lord on Pentecost and in the very same moment show publicly and joyfully that “Jesus Christ is Lord!”

But what we need, most of all is you. Don’t see 4 June as a Sunday off. And please don’t see it as a novelty turn; nothing could be further from the truth. “Pentecost in the Park” is a superb opportunity to honour Christ and celebrate the faith we hold in common.

Here’s what everyone needs to know:

Each congregation will make its own arrangements about sharing transport etc but two coaches will visit all six churches, to collect anyone of any age who doesn’t have alternative transport - and bring you back. No charge!

Everyone meets at their local church at 11am, before making their way to Hazlehead or waiting for the coaches.

The service will be at 12 noon, followed by a picnic.

Please bring picnic food with you and, if possible, fold-up seats and blankets

There will be children’s activities – so bring the weans!

If the weather turns nasty, everything will relocate to Craigiebuckler Church.

Your minister and session clerk will keep you posted on precise details as the day draws closer.

PENTECOST IN THE PARK PRAISE CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY 4TH JUNE
HAZLEHEAD PARK**

12 NOON

FOLLOWED BY PICNIC



**CONGREGATIONS OF CRAIGIEBUCKLER, CULTS, HOLBURN WEST,
KINGSWELLS, MANNOFIELD AND PETERCULTER**

I Wish For You...



I wish for you
a cross that is not padded,
but one that breaks
the easy hopes we are given
and finds new reason to believe.

I wish for you
a crown that is not comfortable,
but one that challenges
the biased powers of the world
and begins a new kind of kingdom.

I wish for you
a robe that is not purple,
but one that is torn and dirty
from sheltering the poor
and shapes a new way to live
together.

I wish for you
bread that is not whole,
but is broken and divided
enough to feed the hungry
and offer a new justice to all.

I wish for you
wine that is not sweet,
but one that is sharp
and reminds us of the sacrifice
that newly opens the gate of heaven.

I wish for you
a garden before sunrise
that you may be first to see
footprints of the gardener
and exclaim anew: 'My Lord, it is
you!'

Congregational Register

Baptism:

16 April Thea Rose Vass,

Deaths:

8 March Mrs Mavis Gray
16 March Mrs Marjory Mackie
18 March Mr George Walker
27 March Mrs Elma Walker
28 March Mrs Margaret Dalgarno
8 April Miss Sheena Watson

Disjunctions:

28 March Mr & Mrs A. McCluskey

TABLE TOP SALE Balmanno Hall



Saturday 20 May
10am - 12noon

ADMISSION FREE

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

Spring Concert

Morven Singers and Coro Piccolo

(Choir for teenage
boys and girls)



Wed 24 May

7.30pm Mannofield Church.

Tickets from choir members or at door

Adult £8. Children £5

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 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.



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

CHURCH CALENDAR

MAY

Wed 3	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 7	10am	Morning Worship Led by Alex Evangelista
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 3.15pm	Morning Worship Craigielea Gardens led by Alison Lobban
Wed 31	10.30am	Midweek Service

JUNE

Sun 4	12noon	Pentecost in the Park
Wed 7	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 11	10am	Morning Worship
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 Communion Rev Keith Blackwood
Wed 28	10.30am	Midweek Service

GUILD WALK

14 May Guild Walk, Craigiebuckler
Church, 2.30pm



FLOWER CALENDAR

MAY

7 Miss J. May
14 Mrs K. Martin
21 Mrs M. Bonner
28 Mrs S. McAdam

JUNE

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



Lily of the
Valley
May's
Flower

OLD GOLD & SILVER

Help us turn unwanted gold & silver into funds to support your church and community facilities.

WHAT? Old watch straps, Odd links, Old chains, Earrings, Cufflinks, Rings, Spoons etc.....

WHERE? Leave donations at the church office or at church on a Sunday or ring the office to arrange collection 01224 310087

WHEN? Any time from now until the end of June

There must be something in the drawer!!



MANNOFIELD LUNCH CLUB Thursday 18 May 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 June InSpire is
18 May

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

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office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk



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FREE 5 week courses for parents of 0 - 10 and 11-19 year olds

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- ▶ Building Strong Foundations
- ▶ Meeting Our Children's Needs
- ▶ Setting Boundaries
- ▶ Teaching Healthy Relationships
- ▶ Our Long-Term Aim

TOPICS

- ▶ Keeping The End In Mind
- ▶ Meeting Our Teenagers' Needs
- ▶ Setting Boundaries
- ▶ Developing Emotional Health
- ▶ Helping Them Make Good Choices

2nd - 30th May
Every Tuesday
7.15 - 9.15pm

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