



INSPIRE



Christian Aid Week 11-18 May 2008



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MANNOFIELD PARISH CHURCH MAGAZINE

CHURCH CALENDAR

APRIL

Sun 6	9.30 & 11 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship Followed by Holy Communion
Sun 13	9.30 & 11 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship conducted by Devotion & Worship Committee members
Sun 20	9.30 & 11 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship with Favourite Hymns
Sun 27	9.30 & 11 am	Morning Worship
	3.15 pm	Craigielea
	6.30 pm	Evening Service

Flower Calendar

APRIL

6	Mrs R Wallace
13	Mrs Crawford
20	Mrs R Muir
27	Mrs N Stirling



Favourite Hymns

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness (153)
- 2 The King of love (462)
- 3 Praise my soul the King of heaven (160)
- 4 Dear Lord and Father of mankind (485)
- 5 Be still for the presence of the Lord (189)
- 6 What a friend we have in Jesus (547)
- 7 O Lord my God (154)
- 8 All people that on earth do dwell (63)
- 9 I to the hills (81)
- 10 Will your anchor hold (737)

9.30am Service CDs

Now that the sound system has been upgraded, the quality of sound can really be appreciated in the CD recordings of the 9.30am service.

If any of the congregation, and indeed Elders in charge of districts, know of anyone who is unable to attend church and would welcome a CD of the service each week, please contact me or leave names with Gill in the office. Tom White (Tel 318963)

PLEASE NOTE

The deadline for the next issue of *InSpire* is 17 April

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Dear Friends

Taking a coffee break and flicking through the 'Press and Journal' I came across the double page spread detailing the background to the McCartneys' divorce case. The legal drama that has unfolded over recent months has received constant media attention and now of course the precise detail of the settlement has been made available to everyone in all sorts of ways. It makes for sorry reading. As with any such situation like this, the individual parties put forward their own arguments as to what in their mind they are entitled to receive.

In this case it was left to a judge to decide and in doing so Mr Justice Bennett was hugely critical of the way in which 'greed' seemed to influence the whole sorry business with one party in particular putting forward ridiculous claims on required living expenses that were tinged with creative selfishness at best, and full of untruths at worst.

Legal wrangling in situations of marriage breakdown is in many situations unavoidable. We often hear people quite rightly referring to the danger of acrimony affecting the children of couples in such a position. Encouragement is given to individuals to remember the children and for their sake seek amicable relations throughout the settlement procedure and beyond.

In the McCartneys' case there is a child and I am sure the majority of people are hoping and praying that she will be protected from the sleaze and the prying eyes of the media in the hope that she can be supported by both parents in establishing a solid, emotional and loving foundation for her life. This would be our prayer for all children caught up in such a situation.

But would we not also pray that the McCartneys themselves might move on from this twisted debacle and go on to achieve something positive and meaningful with their lives? Would we not pray that they find a way to leave the unhappiness behind and rediscover happiness and joy in their lives? I think we can pray for that for them - even if some of the legal acrimony and conduct has left us shaking our heads!

'New Starts' are often talked about and why shouldn't they be?

In life so many things go wrong for us - sometimes through our own lack of foresight and planning, sometimes through misconduct, sometimes through circumstances completely out of our control. Once the dust has settled what hopefulness there is in the opportunity for 'new starts.'

This opportunity the Bible and Christian Faith would tell us is God's way of saying to us - *'my love is so strong for you, that no matter what you do, my love will provide you with an opportunity for a 'new start' and the chance to live in a new life that brings with it potential for Love, Hope and Faith'*.

Easter is the constant reminder of the Love of God and of His promise for 'New Starts'. The Cross reminds us of the tragedy of making the wrong choices in life; the empty tomb reminds us of the clean slate and fresh opportunity for living life by the example of Jesus Christ and in the pursuit of those things and behaviour deemed acceptable to God.

As we move on from Easter may we take heart in the message it brings us and may we be ready take up the opportunity for 'new starts' when we are required to do so.

Let us pray for all those for whom life has been fraught with tension, bitterness, spite and selfishness. Let us hope that people are able to capture something of the spirit of Easter and celebrate the fact that no matter what trouble encapsulates their past God's love provides them with the chance for a 'New Start!'

Best Wishes

Keith

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT MINISTER

In 2006 Aberdeen Presbytery agreed that Mannofield, on account of its size and workload expected of its Minister, should be given the right to a full-time Assistant Minister paid for from the central funds of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh. Over the last 6 months the search has been on for a person to fill this vacancy and a thorough process of advertising the vacancy and then interviewing candidates has taken place.



With great delight I am able to tell the congregation that this process has concluded with the recommendation that **Alisa Ferlicca** be appointed as Assistant Minister of Mannofield Parish Church.

Alisa is shortly to complete her training at Princeton Seminary in the USA and will be ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America in the early summer before taking up her appointment with us in August. Alisa has undertaken an extensive process of training for the Ministry and has particular experience in Children's Ministry and in working with families with Young Church. She has undertaken a placement as a Hospital Chaplain and is experienced at working as part of a Team Ministry.

Those of us who have interviewed Alisa and met her on her trip to Aberdeen a few weeks ago are suitably impressed with her enthusiasm and energy. She will bring with her an experience of church outside Scotland and plenty of freshness that will compliment what we have already in place.

Alisa's responsibilities will include supporting me in the general ministry requirements of a busy church and we have and will continue to identify particular areas of work that Alisa will undertake as we seek to make Mannofield a Church that caters well for all generations, and is noted for its work in the community.

I am sure Alisa will be a great asset to the Church and know that we will welcome her in August as she starts working with us.

At the Kirk Session meeting held at the end of March, a proposal submitted by a member of Session, received the majority support of the Session membership, resulting in a decision being taken to make significant change to the diet of services offered Sunday by Sunday.

In February a training afternoon for Session and Board members provided the opportunity to review the strengths and weaknesses of congregational life in Mannofield.

One of the main outcomes was the expression of dissatisfaction in the way that within the church we lack fellowship with one another. This is always a problem for larger congregations and Mannofield Church is a perfect example of a congregation not necessarily living together as a proper 'Family of God's People.' Too many people remain strangers to each other; with the result that closeness of relationships and the sharing of fellowship with each other is not as good as it should be.

Recently in a sermon Keith highlighted the factors that entitle a group of people to call themselves a 'Church'. It is not enough merely to create a situation where people attend for one hours' worship each week and not feel the need to live in strong loving relationship with others. The early church is a perfect example of a group of believers that worked, socialised, lived and worshipped together and as a result grew in numbers. In addition this foundation of fellowship was an encouragement towards individual spiritual growth and effective outreach to others as the love of God was shared far and wide.

Those at the training afternoon agreed that fellowship, and that sense of togetherness and friendship, is something that needs to be worked on in Mannofield Church. If we don't work on this area, we risk the situation that the impression we make on those who are on the fringes of church life or who are visitors to church, will not inspire them to become more involved within our church family.

The proposal to the March meeting of Session sought to address among other things this issue of how to improve fellowship in the congregation. The outcome was that Kirk Session resolved to move to one Sunday morning service at 10am. This service will replace the two services we currently offer. This new arrangement will come into effect in the summer.



No doubt this change will be a surprise to some. Services at 9.30am and 11.00am have been the norm for Mannofield for quite some time. They were introduced at a time when two services were required to cater for the numbers attending worship on a Sunday. Without doubt the ambition still exists, and the determination is still in place, to work towards re-capturing and increasing the number of regular attendees and, when successful, this might necessitate the need for two services once again. The reality of the current situation is that the combined numbers attending on Sunday mornings can easily fit into the sanctuary for one service with ample spare room.

Retaining two services at this time is thought not to be needed and the positive advantage of us meeting together for one service of worship on a Sunday morning is hard to ignore. Two services can be quite divisive as people fall into habits of attending one or other service with the result that we have, in effect, two distinct congregations. As argued at Session, this inhibits the establishment of true fellowship within the congregation.

TIME FOR A CHANGE *continued*

Since the move of 'Young Church' to 9.30am the atmosphere at this service has flourished. At the same time the 11.00 service, whilst retaining a loyal band of worshippers, has struggled to cultivate that same sense of spirit and atmosphere.

One concern that our minister has is that those occasional attendees from our congregation who come to an 11 o'clock service, or indeed visitors who happen upon our 11am service, are not necessarily seeing our congregation at its best and would be unlikely to be so touched by the spirit about the place to consider attending more frequently. It is also heartening for everyone to attend a church service where children are in attendance. Whilst it is recognised that there are those who prefer the quieter atmosphere of 11 o'clock, if we are serious about church growth (and we should be), we would do well to consider the wider ramifications of creating a well attended spirited service that captures the imagination of all.

One service on a Sunday morning will give everyone a chance to share in the joy of young people in church. It will also make possible events such as soup and sandwich lunches after the service. With any luck we might be able to re-establish choir involvement on a regular basis as extra time before the service might provide the opportunity for choir practice.

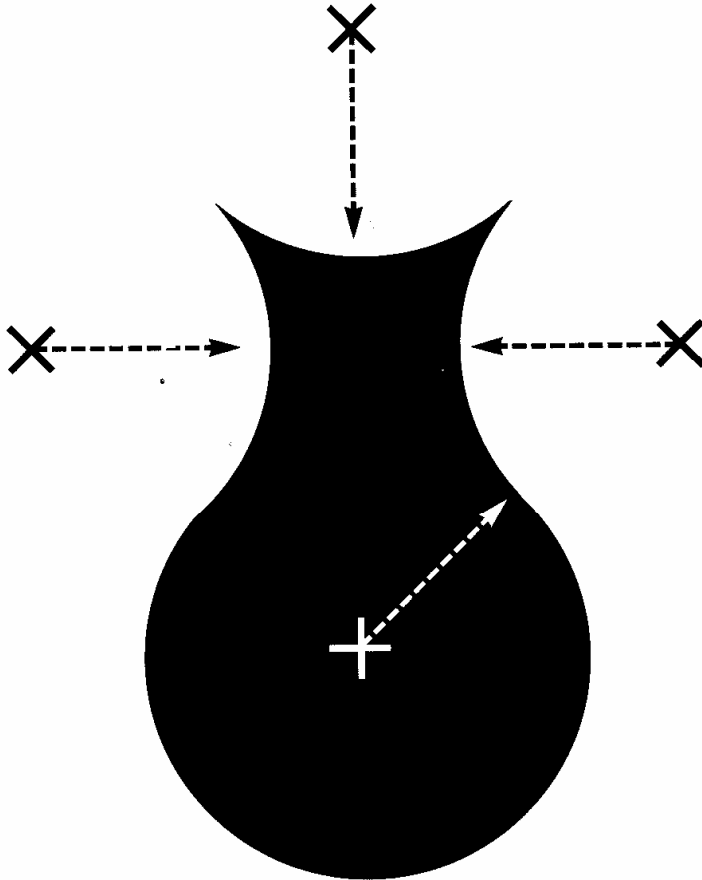
The majority of Session was of the opinion that we should be encouraged to think about the positive opportunities that one service might offer rather than this being a backward step for the congregation. Making this change also comes against the backdrop of other decisions taken that will see the addition of two new types of worship service to come into effect in the autumn. A midweek short morning service followed by cup of tea/coffee will be established on a weekly basis, and once a month it is planned that the Evening Service will take on the form of a service of praise led by a Praise Band. All these changes taken together see additional variety introduced into the timings and types of worship service we offer, rather than a reduction in the services of worship we offer in a given week.

Undoubtedly some will miss having the possibility of an 11am service and some might regret the fact that instead of 9.30am the service is at 10am. A service at 10am however in the view of the Kirk Session retains the feel of a family friendly, early Sunday morning service, but at the same time makes getting ready for church on Sundays a less chaotic exercise.

Session will review the situation on an ongoing basis but ask the congregation to support this change which is made in order to re-establish that closeness of relationship in the 'Family' we call our Church.

Details of the date when this change will come into effect and other related issues such as what happens on Communion Sundays will be published later in the Spring.





How can you cut this jug into 3 parts with 2 straight cuts and form a square from the parts?

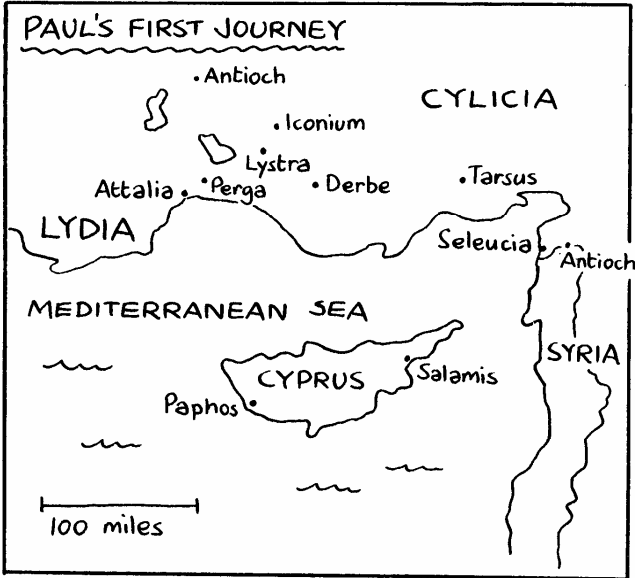


PAUL'S ADVENTURES



PAUL HAD MANY ADVENTURES AS HE TRAVELLED TO TELL PEOPLE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS...

SEE IF YOU CAN DRAW IN THE ROUTE HE TOOK:



START at Antioch
in SYRIA
to Seleucia
Salamis
Paphos
Attalia
Perga
Antioch
Iconium
Lystra
Derbe
then back to
Lystra
Iconium
Antioch
Perga
Attalia
and sail back to
Seleucia...

Acts 13 & 14

FIND THE SECRET MESSAGE!

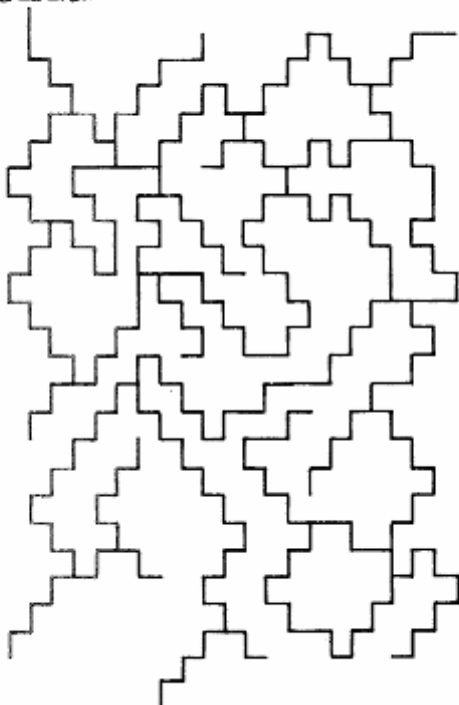
COLOUR IN ALL THE DOTTED SHAPES AND THE MESSAGE WILL APPEAR...

IT'S FROM
LUKE 18:27



Help Paul find his way down the steps.

START



FINISH

Read Acts 20:7-12

Count two letters on from the coded word to find the name of the person in this story (the first letter has been done already)

C S R W A F S Q

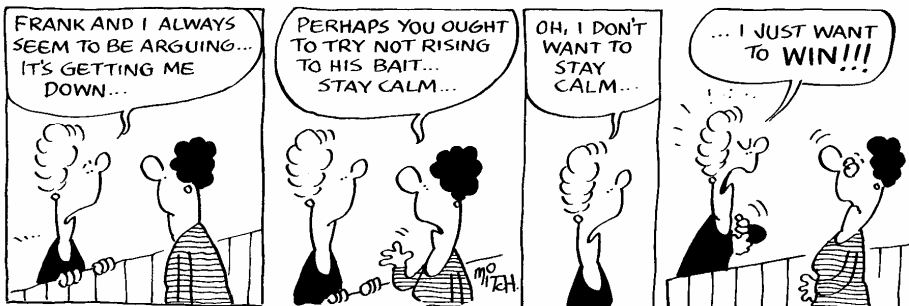
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or look up Acts 20:9!

Cross out the X's to find what Paul said when he saw the young man:
 DXOXNTBXEXAXLXAXR
 XMEXDXHXEXSXAXL
 XIXVXEX

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR

by ROY MITCHELL



NAAMAN THE SYRIAN

This puzzle is based on the dramatic story found in II Kings chapter 5. Read this chapter, then choose your answers to the clues from the list of words below. Finally, find the answers in the letter grid. They may appear in any direction – though always in a straight line – with some letters being used more than once.

- 1 An army commander stricken By this disease
- 2 A captive servant girl from ____ volunteered help
- 3 A king's response when asked to assist
- 4 This prophet was willing to help
- 5 The river in which Namaan was told to wash
- 6 What then would happen to him
- 7 The rivers Namaan considered cleaner than No. 5
- 8 They pleaded with their master to obey Elisha
- 9 After he had dipped himself in the water seven times his flesh was ____
- 10 No. 4 was confronted by Namaan and offered this
- 11 The prophet answered 'As ____ as the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing'
- 12 Naaman's promise to make these only to the Lord
- 13 Elisha's words of consolation
- 14 A prophet's servant intent on personal gain
- 15 Two talents were given to the servant
- 16 The servant revealed this by his actions
- 17 As Elisha questioned him, he ____
- 18 the prophet confronts his servant with this
- 19 No. 14 is ____ of what will happen to him
- 20 Elisha's final prophetic utterance '____ leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants for ever'

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

Choose your words from this list

ABANA, PHARPAR, ANGRY, ARAM, CLEANSED, COMMANDER, DISTRUST, ELISHA, GEHAZI, GIFT, GO IN PEACE, GREAT, HAND, ISRAEL, JORDAN, JUST, KING, LEPROSY, LIED, MUCH, NAAMAN'S, OTHER, RESTORED, RIMMON, SACRIFICES, SERVANTS, SILVER, SURELY, TEN, TOLD, TRUTH, URGED, VICTORY, WARNED, WHITE.

March: One possible solution is:

A	B	C	D	E
C	D	E	A	B
E	A	B	C	D
B	C	D	E	A
D	E	A	B	C

The Annual Accounts for 2007 were approved by the Trustees on 18 March. The term "Trustees" is a new one to Mannofield and has been introduced to meet the requirements of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. Mannofield's Trustees are the combined members of the Kirk Session and Congregational Board. It is their responsibility to oversee the financial activities of the church, to ensure that proper accounting records and policies are in place and to safeguard the assets of Mannofield Church.



In summary, 2007 was not a good year for Mannofield from a financial viewpoint. The General Fund i.e. from where regular income and expenditure takes place, again showed a deficit, almost wiping out the balance in the fund carried forward from 2006. The Kirk Session and Car Funds took the brunt of major expenditure – see below.

Overall income (£180,145) was down marginally over 2006. On the positive side, regular giving showed little change over 2006. At the same time, 'one off' donations for weddings, use of premises etc reduced compared to 2006. Against this, overall expenditure (£191,240) is also marginally down on 2006. A lot of expenditure is outwith the control of Mannofield Church but wherever possible e.g. advertising of services in local papers, savings have been made. This tight control of local expenditure has helped to contain outgoings.

The overall position on regular income and expenditure is similar to 2006 with an overall deficit of approximately £11,000. This has almost wiped out the balance of funds in the General Fund and makes it impossible to 'top up' the Fabric and Car Funds from this source.

The biggest item on the Financial Agenda in 2007 was the Manse Refurbishment. As well as taking the opportunity to make some overdue improvements, housing standards set by the Church of Scotland meant that a large investment in the Manse was necessary. Expenditure on these improvements amounted to £68,100. Donations from individuals and organisations amounted to £17,900. £10,000 was transferred from the Local Ministry Contingency Fund and the balance (£40,200) had to come out of the Kirk Session Fund. The result is that the 'unreserved' balance in the Kirk Session Fund going in to 2008 is just over £19,000.

The Fabric Fund expenditure in 2007 amounted to £5,431 and this leaves a balance of £24,594 going in to 2008.

With the arrival of Rev Keith Blackwood, Mannofield was in the happy position of being able to offer him a car to help him in his duties. Prudent financial management in previous years had built up a fund of £12,500. This fund now has a balance of less than £100 with no possibility at this time of being able to set aside funds for a future replacement.

Forecasting the future is always difficult. However, if income remains at current levels, Mannofield will be facing a deficit of more than £13,000 in the General Fund in 2008. In addition, the Fabric Convener predicts expenditure of £16,000 in 2008 thus reducing the balance in the Fabric Fund quite considerably.

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GIFTS FOR GOD is a programme to teach and promote Christian stewardship.

It is an opportunity for a congregation to **celebrate Christian giving**.

It reflects on God's giving and challenges us to give to God.

The programme requires both

Commitment and Enthusiasm

Mannofield Church has started a major Stewardship Campaign with a number of objectives which can be best summed up by the following:

To increase involvement through better giving of time, talent and money.

The Campaign's theme is

beinspired

The Stewardship Campaign Committee is developing a number of ideas for the week of special events starting 1 September.

Keep your social calendar free during that week particularly Thursday 4 September for a special evening of friendship and celebration.

More information will follow in the next two issues of InSpire.



A PRAYER for April

Keith Blackwood



Lord God,
You alone are the source of every gift, of the vast array of our universe, and of the mystery of each human life. We praise You and we thank You for Your great power and Your tender, faithful Love.

Everything we are and everything we have is Your gift. The life we are privileged to enjoy with its abundance of opportunity is a gift made possible through the life and death of Jesus your son and our Lord

Fill our hearts with Christ's truth and our hearts with His love, that in His Spirit we may be bonded together into a family of your people ready to serve your church and care for each other.

At this time we pray for the planning group of our Kirk Session who at this time work to create a successful Stewardship Campaign that will be effective in providing a sure foundation for the life of this congregation and at the same time encourage us to participate in a number of fun events.

In the Name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent and our material gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus.
Amen.

Waiting For The Death of a Great Man

At this time of year when renewal is in all our minds, this poem reflects the importance of new life above all other things.

I sat beside a great man's bed
And watched as sweet life ebbed away
All through the watches of the night
I plotted till the break of day

I'd, like a footpad, lie in wait
As Death reached out to take his toll
And look into the great man's eyes
And steal the wisdom of his soul

A lifetime's knowledge, grief and joy
At death's sweet moment he'd impart
To guide me, craven, through the years
And fill my dark, ignoble heart

When would life slip from gentle eyes?
I watched and waited for the time
When Death would claim him for himself
And all his greatness would be mine

I waited for the fateful hour
And sat, transfixed by coming death
At once immobile, staring, still
In fear I'd miss the man's last breath

To mock me and the Reaper, grim
At dawn a new-born baby cried
I turned at once and looked away
And in that time the great man died

Keith Buchan 2006

Nepal Update The Craigheads

Dear Friends,

I mentioned in our last update that I was waiting for news of a job and sadly I was not successful on this occasion. Whilst I am very disappointed, we can now get on and plan for the future.

We will leave Nepal on or around 4 June and will base ourselves in Fortrose, just to the north of Inverness where Fiona's family have lived for many years. It gives Peter and Jenny the opportunity to go to their new schools for the last 3 weeks of the term.

I returned to quite a chaotic hospital after my 3 weeks away and it has taken a couple of weeks to start to sort out the difficulties. This is also the busiest time of year when I have to compile plans and budgets for the next 18 months and it has been difficult to get this done with interruptions and with the electricity off for 8 hours each day. However, I'm getting there slowly.

As we mentioned before, election fever is gripping Nepal. In the UK, elections have a fairly predictable if dull pattern to them, but in Nepal it's all rather new and the UN team here are conducting teaching sessions all over the country explaining how democracy works, and how candidates and voters should conduct themselves. The *Kathmandu Post* recently carried an article recommending that candidates do not carry guns whilst campaigning!

Please give thanks:

For an encouraging response to Peter and Jenny's school applications.

A reduction in load shedding and the first rain of the year.

That the elections really seem to be going ahead.

Open roads and plenty of petrol, diesel, cooking gas etc.

Please pray:

That I (Iain) can stop thinking about jobs in UK and keep focused on my work in Nepal.

For a peaceful election process.

No disruption to the work of the hospital.

Iain & Fiona

NOTES & NEWS

Life & Work



I have been a subscriber to this magazine for some time and it has certainly changed for the better. As Edna Cromarty said in last month's InSpire it contains much of interest, not only concerning our own Church of Scotland but also further afield. The letter page alone gives food for thought and Ron Ferguson (P&J) is a regular contributor.

I was aghast to learn that in Mannofield one of the largest congregations in Aberdeen, only 19 — that's right 19 people — take Life & Work.

Come on folks give it a go. There is a special offer just now of 40p for the magazine. Please contact Gill in the Church Office to order your monthly copy.
Sheila Murray



Were you a member of the Camera Club?

If so would you be interested in helping Ian McLeod to go through a collection of photos and negatives which requires to be sorted?

Please contact Ian on 319322



Aberdeen Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Saturday 12 April 10.00am -12.00noon

Queen Street Church, 79 Queen Street.

Stalls will include: Third World, Fair Trade, Cards & Flower Stalls & Bric-a-Brac.

Everyone is warmly invited to come and support a really good cause.

THE GUILD APRIL/MAY



3 April Monthly Coffee Morning in the Large Hall 10am – 11.30am

8 April Guild AGM

31 May Plant & Book Sale

BOOK REVIEW

As we have just celebrated Easter, my book choice this month is *“Christ is Risen! – so what?: Is it true? Does it matter?”*, by Michael Green. This edition was published in 1995 by Sovereign World Ltd.



The introduction states that the book is written for believers, for those who consider it a fable and for those who have never thought about it at all. It should have something to say to all of us!

The 6 chapters which follow are very readable and thought provoking. I can thoroughly recommend it.

Edna Cromarty

Church golf outing

Any one interested should contact —



Alastair Hunter
golf@mannofieldchurch.org.uk
or the church office

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

New Members

"They were welcomed by the Church"

Hazel Joiner (D44)

Mr Melville & Mrs Elizabeth Copeland (D5)

Disjunctions

Mr Derek & Mrs Sonia Crombie (D51)

Mr Alistair & Mrs Sheila Skene (D22)

Deaths

"I go to prepare a place for you....that where I am you may be also"

10 March Mrs Betty Eddie (D2A)

12 March Mr John Ledingham (D47A)

13 March Mrs Mabel Knowles (D16A)

17 March Mrs Dorothy Paterson



FINANCIAL REVIEW 2007 continued

The above is the reality of Mannofield's finances. At this point mention should be made of the balance sitting in the Kirk Session Fund. Mannofield has adopted a policy of 'reserving' the first £100,000 in the Kirk Session Fund to help with Youth Work. The interest from this sum is used to offset the cost of the Youth Worker. This is considered to be a reasonable and prudent reserve for a church of Mannofield's size. In 2008, we are in danger of having to break this policy and to use some of this money to underpin deficits in the various Funds operated by the church.

Members are encouraged to give consideration to ways of rectifying this situation and insuring that we avoid a third straight year of deficits amounting to over £10,000.

Any queries to Iain Hunter - Tel 639467 or email iain@ihhmsh.co.uk



Aberdeen Presbytery Alpha Course Taster Evening Mannofield Church 24 April



A number of our Kirk Session will be attending this evening with the objective of Mannofield offering an Alpha Course sometime in the Autumn.

Alpha is one way for people to explore Christian Faith - either as a first time exercise or as a way of thinking a little more about the faith that we already have.

If anyone would like to be involved in the running of an alpha course in our church or would be interested in taking part in a course then please speak to Keith or Dr Ian Hunter (Tel 311405)

More information will appear in the early Autumn.

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Christian Aid Week 11-18 May 2008

A BIG, BIG THANK YOU...

Every year around 50 volunteers are required to help with the door to door collection and count during Christian Aid Week. Over the last 3 years we have raised in excess of TEN THOUSAND POUNDS during Christian Aid Week which is all thanks to YOU the volunteer. This year it would be great if we could raise even more!

That means having more volunteers. All that is required is 2 hours during Christian Aid Week (11th-18th May) to drop off around 50 envelopes in an allocated street and then collect them later on in the week.

Around 12 to 14 people will be required to help with the count on the evening of Monday 19 May.

In early April I will be putting a notice on the Countesswells Noticeboard asking for volunteers who can help. Please add your name & telephone number and I will contact you approximately a week before the start, alternatively please contact me.

Keith our minister plus Pam and Scott Gourlay are doing a sponsored run in aid of Christian Aid during April. Please contact Keith (Tel 315748) Pam or Scott (Tel 318481) for precise details and how you can sponsor them.

Bill Manson Tel 734606

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY DURING THIS CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.

Bank Standing Orders

A few of our Church members have received notification from their Bank that their Standing Order in favour of Mannofield Church is incorrect and out of date.

To ensure you have the correct details please contact :

Sandy McKenzie Tel 311 261

Letter to the Editor

I'd like to congratulate all the young folk, leaders and helpers for a joyous Palm Sunday. There is much work and rehearsing done. I've my Cross up beside my Easter cards. Well done to everyone.

Joey J Ross

