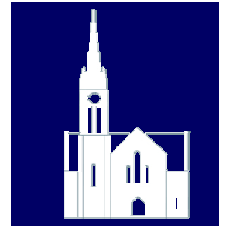




# INSPIRE



**I to the hills will lift mine eyes;  
from whence shall come my aid?  
My help is from the Lord above  
who heaven and earth hath made.**

**MANNOFIELD CHURCH**

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

Sun 5	10 am	Communion & Thanksgiving for "be inspired"
	6.30 pm	Communion
Sun 12	10 am	Morning Worship with Sacrament of Baptism
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship
Sun 19	10 am	Morning Worship
	6..30 pm	Evening Worship
Sun 26	10 am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship
Tue 28	7.30 pm	Kirk Session

### Blessing

Blessed be those who are loyal and faithful

Blessed be those who make us fully alive

Blessed be the name of a friend



## Flower Calendar

### October

- 5 Miss N Cheyne  
(Vestibule)
- 12 Mrs A Buchan
- 19 Mr I Davidson
- 26 Mrs S Taylor



### Men of Mannofield SLA needs your help!



We are organising a **Men Baking for SLA event** on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Mannofield Church. This is your chance for a place in history. We have never organised such an event before and we need **YOUR** help

All you have to be able to do is to read a recipe book and **refuse** help from any woman (that includes wives, partners, daughters, sisters, mothers – or any variation on any of these). Don't hint, sigh, groan, hoping that they will take over from you. Think of your honour. You can have any help you need from another man.

If **YOU** have the courage to serve SLA, then contact Alan Thompson on 01224 681 384 or at [Mail@thompsonaberdeen.com](mailto:Mail@thompsonaberdeen.com). Give your name, phone number(s) and email address if you can.

When you have done that, go home and practise. Alan will contact you nearer the event. **SLA** [Scottish Love in Action] is a charity helping the Dalit people [the so called 'untouchables'] in India. You may want to look at their website [www.sla-india.org](http://www.sla-india.org)

Dear Friends

The season of Pentecost is a long one. Within the church lectionary we are carried almost all the way from Easter to Advent. It begins in a consideration of the foundations of the church following the death and resurrection of Jesus. We then travel almost full circle through those teachings and those of our own church, considering all that Jesus stood for, until we proclaim Him King once more on the last Sunday before Advent and the circle begins again.

In this second half of Pentecost the ancient stories of the Old Testament become a lens through which we continue to explore what it means to live as God's people and in the light of the New Testament live as disciples of Jesus Christ. This is a season where we are reminded that God encourages us to grow as a community of disciples - as the Body of Christ.

As we move on from the events surrounding our stewardship campaign I hope that we are able to take forward that spirit of fun and togetherness enjoyed by us in such a magnificent way while we continue to mould ourselves into a 'family' here in Mannofield.

If we seek an example of what we want to become then we need look no further than the communities of the early church that we read about and consider during this season. We will discover that these were gatherings of people very much open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit; churches where people made it their goal to live in relationship with each other and nourish and sustain each other through their 'life together'.

In the stories of the early church seen through the ancient stories of faith from older records we see that the reign of God is a fast moving all-consuming energy that lifts people's spirits, calls them to action and fuels the communities of which they are part.

In Mannofield let us be open to the effects of the reign of God as we, like the people of the Early Church and the peoples of ancient times, become enraptured by the Spirit of God working in our lives and church.

Best wishes

Keith

## **In Session..... with Scribe**

Would you, as a member of Mannofield Church, like to become more involved in the conduct of our worship? That was the question raised at the August meeting of the Kirk Session when Keith indicated that he is on the lookout for volunteers from within the congregation to participate actively in services.

The areas in which new volunteers would be particularly welcome include supplementing the existing choir, welcoming worshippers at the door and undertaking Bible readings during the services.

Anyone interested in any of these activities should contact either the church office or Keith personally.

Last month's "In Session" named the 16 new elders who were ordained at the end of August. This month we report the resignations from Session's active list of Jim Halliday, Maureen Murray, Alice Morrison and John Philip. Meanwhile, Ann Buchan and Stephen Bennet have stepped down from their respective positions as leaders of the Friday Brownies and the Anchor Boys.

Switching from departure to new recruitment, Session decided to invite George Goldie and Tom Richardson, the two retired ministers among our membership, to become associated with Session and/or its various committees.

Following the reorganisation of the Congregational Board reported last month, Session will be represented on the Board by Dr. Ian Hunter, Fred Thomson and Jane Harper for one year and Scott Gourlay, Gary Wright and Fraser Beaton for two years.

### **Wednesday Midweek Service**

Wednesday mornings see our sanctuary open from 9.30am to 11.30am for prayer and reflection

At 10.30am each week there is a short midweek service led by one of our ministers, that includes the singing of hymns with piano accompaniment. This is followed by the chance to enjoy fellowship over tea and coffee in the Hall. These services provide an ideal opportunity for those who perhaps feel under pressure on a Sunday due to the business of the packed church, or who find that the limited bus timetable on a Sunday makes it hard for them to travel to church for 10am. A worship service midweek provides everyone with the chance to recharge their batteries,

Between now and the start of Advent the theme of the services is the Lord's Prayer. Week by week we reflect on a line of that prayer we know so well, asking what does it say to us about our relationship with God and the promises he makes to us.

# Reflections on Stewardship

This past month at Mannofield Parish has been an exciting time and I am glad that I was able to be a part of it.

The Stewardship Campaign included such a variety of events, activities and functions. From watching our model talent emerge from within our congregation to an afternoon tea with wonderful music and fellowship, to a delightful dinner at the Treetops, to a maze of a treasure hunt that created fun for all ages and ending with a Gala day full of fun — bouncing, face painting and burger grilling!

It was a time to come together as a congregation and a time to look towards the future as a congregation.

But stewardship does not end with the close of our week full of events.

- ◆ Stewardship does not wait while the yellow sheets are evaluated.
- ◆ Stewardship is about making choices, as individuals and as a community.
- ◆ Stewardship is about being faithful disciples, caring and managing all that God has given to us.

As such, stewardship should never end. It involves every aspect of our lives, our time, our talents, and our money.

A life of discipleship means receiving God's gifts gratefully, nurturing God's gifts responsibly, sharing God's gifts justly and charitably and returning those gifts to God abundantly. The week of events might be over but let us continue to keep a spirit of stewardship!

On another note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped me to settle into Aberdeen.

Thank you so much for your generosity and willingness of spirit!

Grace and Peace,

*Alisa*



## Some thoughts on the way to Newcastle...

***The fight is won or lost far away from witnesses - behind the lines, in the gym, and out there on the road, long before I dance under those lights (Muhammad Ali)***



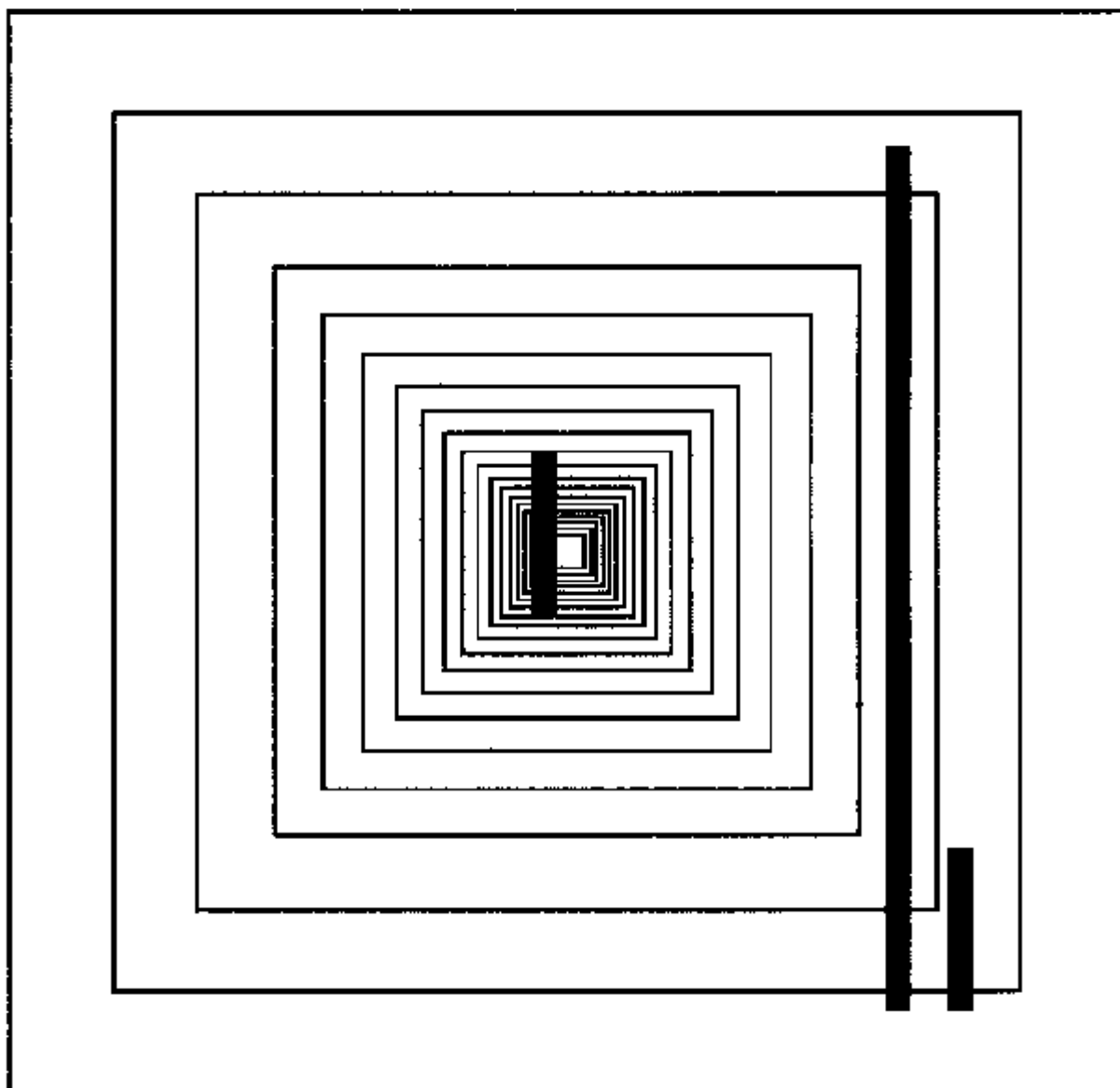
I won't be at communion in October as I am going out for a run that morning. Yes I know, could I not do my run at a different time? Well normally yes, but the run in question has been up on our kitchen calendar in large excited letters since January, and has been in the planning for very much longer: October 5<sup>th</sup> this year will see me down in Newcastle competing alongside over 50,000 other runners in the world's largest half marathon - the Great North Run.

Whatever your opinion on boxing, there is no denying that Mohammad Ali provided us with some immensely quotable lines. The one above has seen me slog my way round many a mile. The Great North Run will be a chance for me to dance beneath the lights - what I view as the real achievement has been these weeks and months of training. On the day I will carry with me the good wishes of friends and family, I will be buoyed along by the excitement of being part of such a huge event, I might even be on the telly (though I wouldn't hold your breath on spotting me amongst the masses!). How much harder to drag yourself over the doorstep on a rainy morning, leaving Scott and the girls wrapped in their dressing gowns, munching breakfast while I get soaked for the next hour. Or keeping going on the days your legs feel like they couldn't climb the stairs, let alone get you round 8 miles.

It doesn't take much to transfer the line from a sporting reference to being applicable to our lives, and the daily grind we all feel ourselves on at times..... but I will leave you to think over that one.

One last point though: we always have a witness. One of my favourite films is Chariots of Fire, and while it contains many memorable and inspiring scenes, the moment which most often comes to my mind is the line: "You can praise the Lord by peeling a spud if you peel it to perfection". So whether we're pounding out the miles on the road, sunk in paperwork, or tackling a seemingly endless list of jobs, we can know that there is someone with us, watching, guiding, keeping us going. More than that, if we stick with it then sooner or later those lights will come on and we can enjoy our moment to shine, knowing we have earned it.

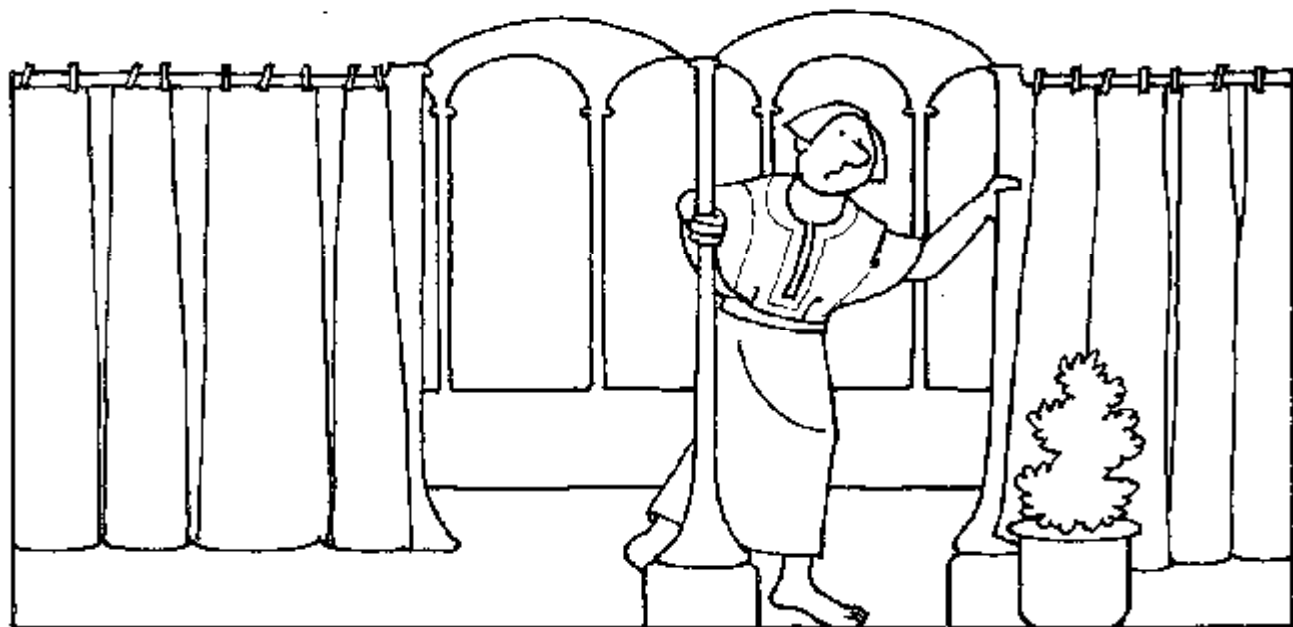
*Pam Gourlay*



**WHICH IS THE TALLER OF THE TWO SHORTER STICKS?**

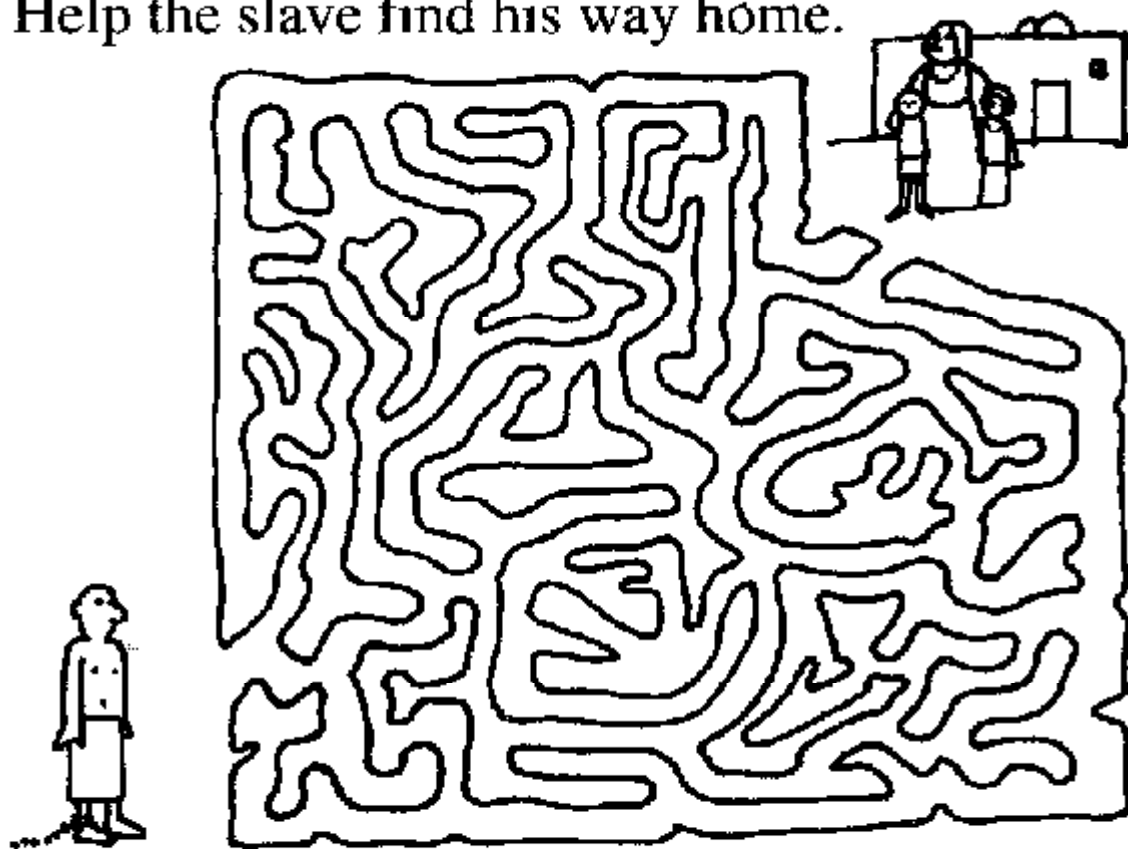


Read about this in Leviticus 25:8-17



Help the trumpeter find his trumpet.

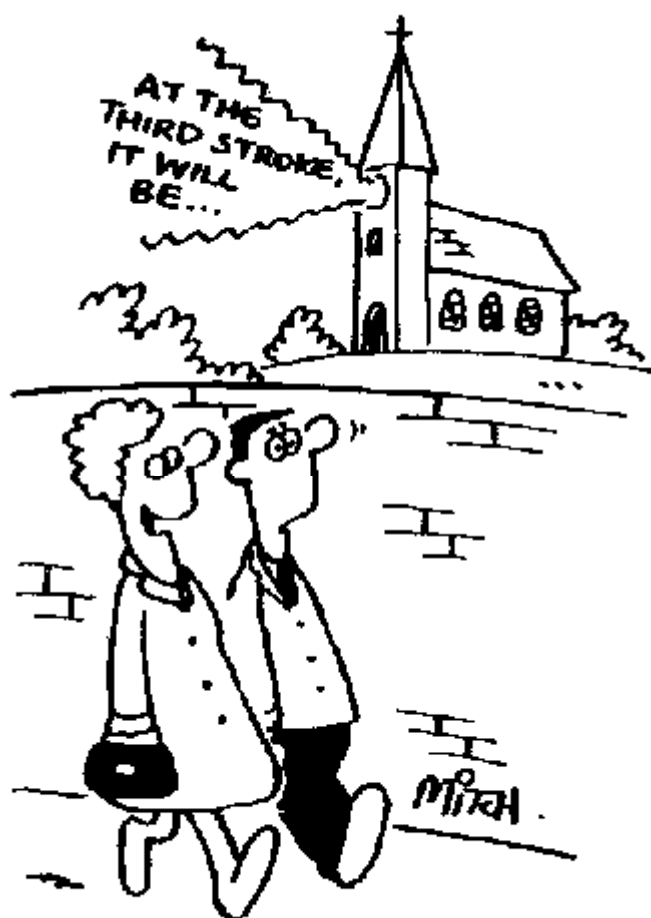
Help the slave find his way home.



# Wordsearch: foods which grow wild

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CRABAPPLES BILBERRIES  
MUSHROOMS CHESTNUTS  
THYME HIPS  
HAWS

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"Nice to see the Church is moving with the times . . ."

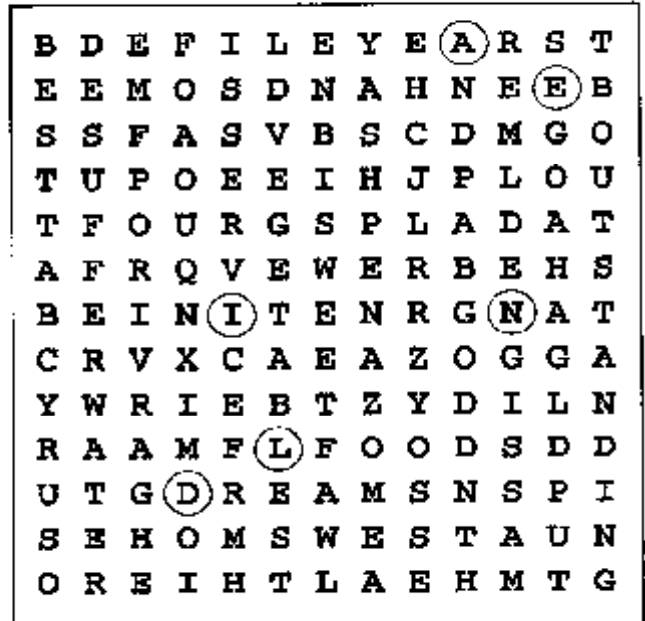
Crack the code

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## STORY WORDSEARCH

You will meet one of the Bible's most outstanding prophets in this story. 19 words have been omitted, and the number of letters in the missing words is indicated by the figures in brackets. Decide what those words are, then find them in the grid (some letters are used more than once). When you've found the words, put the circled letters in their correct order to give you the character's name.



When Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon besieged Jerusalem, he took valuable articles from the (6) to keep in the treasure house of his heathen god. He also ordered (8) his chief court official, to bring (6) him young men from the captive Israelites. They were to be healthy and (8).

Nebuchadnezzar ordered that they be taught the Babylonian culture, and take responsible positions in the king's (7). They were to have the best food, as eaten by the king's household, and be trained for three (5).

Among those chosen were (4) young men who were each given a heathen name to replace their (6) name.

The most (11) of the four resolved not to (6) himself with the rich food and wine offered to him.

'But,' said the official, 'I am afraid of my lord the king who has (8) your food and drink.' He feared that their appearance would (6) and that the king would kill him for allowing this to happen. But the young man asked that he and his companions be given only (10) to eat and (5) to drink for ten days. Then the official could compare their appearance with that of others who had eaten the rich (4).

After ten days the four looked (9) than those who had dined richly. Their leader, a man of (3), and interpreter of (6), found favour with Nebuchadnezzar, and stayed on until the commencement of the reign of (5).

September's solution: There is a great chance that the next customer will have above the average number of legs as there are some people with one or no legs meaning the average will be below two, however it is likely the next person to enter the restaurant will have two legs.

## Developments in Contemporary Church

The previous article dealt with the psalms – how their use has developed over the years and how a variety of forms has been incorporated into CH4. Needless to say, there have been many other changes in style and genre introduced in other parts of our new hymnal. A few of these are listed and these are neither in any particular order nor exhaustive.

Some 'old favourites' have been re-introduced and although these have not generally been considered of high quality musically they have enduring popularity and carry special meaning for many individuals. Some melodies which are well known from other sources have been included – the best example is probably Highland Cathedral which is set to a new text at 336.

Worship songs (131,374) may appeal particularly to younger people and are an example of the fact that one hymn book has to cover many disparate situations. It used to be common to bring out different books for schools, mission, youth etc but just because it is 'in the book' doesn't mean that we all need to sing all of these. However singing music that is preferred by other groups is a way of acknowledging that there is considerable variety in the worshipping community.

It is also possible to use different textures of music and these can be used to bring variety to worship. This includes Antiphonal – many African songs (487,779); psalm settings (8): using different forces e.g. solo voice, choir, congregation, instruments (428,151,757): using canons (170, 822) or harmony (761, 825).

The use of what has been termed 'world church songs' is a way of singing with Christians in other places and does more than freshen our repertoire but allows us to join through musical worship with those who live in many different and often very challenging circumstances. For example South American (60, 257, 262); African (222, 389); Philippines' (116) and Korean (228).

There are some 'big' new tunes in the cathedral tradition of big tunes with rolling harmonies. Perhaps one of the most notable is 453 where the new text is making available for singing today what was one of the very earliest Christian hymns, quoted in a letter of St Paul. It is certainly worth looking at the preface to CH4 for the reasons for seeking new texts for today.

CH4 has set out to achieve a number of objectives. These are primarily, to equip the congregation in the use of music as a form of worship while not undermining the importance of the choir. So, included are old favourites — music which requires interaction between congregation and smaller forces, lower pitches, more unison settings, familiar folk melodies and accessible tunes. All of these can strengthen the importance to all members of a congregation of their singing. Secondly, to unite the church across the world in the sharing of songs; and thirdly to use new texts for a changing world in which the church has to meet new challenges.

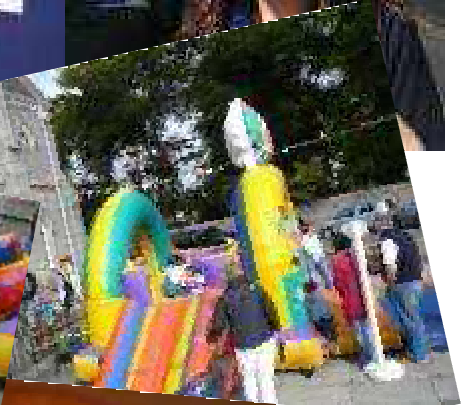
*Alastair Chambers*

## POEM FOR GEORGE GOLDIE

The time has come for Mannofield to say thank you to Mr Goldie.  
For no longer is he a bright young thing-in fact he's quite an oldie.  
In 1995 he demitted his charge at Greyfriars-but thirteen years on from that-he never quite retires.  
When Mannofield no longer got a full-time probationer to assist, George thought it such a good chance, it just couldn't be missed.  
So he came to me in the summer of 1996-and without his help-we might have been in quite a fix.  
He certainly worked hard-as everyone here has found-and was very diligent in visiting the sick and those who were housebound.  
He did one morning and one evening service every month-that was laid down in black and white -but he always wanted to do more-and would have worked morning, noon and night.  
He just keeps going-never stops-he's been good value for the money-in fact at times I have compared him to the Duracell Bunny  
He goes on and on-when others have ground to a halt-and something we have in common-we both enjoy a good malt.  
But George and I are different in many other spheres-politically we're miles apart as we found out over the years.  
I wasn't afraid to mail my colours to the mast-and some of my views and comments left him quite aghast.  
I was Boys Brigade -but in the Scouts he was a real Heid Bummer, he even dressed up in uniform and went out to Templars Park in the summer.  
He is very proud of his Edinburgh background - school and university there too-my robes were the traditional black ones-but George always liked his blue.  
As for conducting weddings!-I bet no other minister in the city-be he from Dyce or Northfield or Culter or Fittie, has managed to equal the number of couples whom you have united-I'm sure it's such a record, it's a wonder the Queen hasn't had you knighted.  
For the number of times you have said "let not man put asunder"- were you to count them up -I am sure it would be over nine hunder.  
In fact-conducting weddings here, there and everywhere in your blue goonie - I'm surprised you weren't off to Italy to marry Wayne Rooney.  
But seriously, we wish you well-you have given your very best-you've worked so hard and done so much-so now it's time to rest.  
But I believe that Mannofield will not yet say 'adieu' - for although you're leaving the pulpit, you'll still be in the pew.  
By the way you've just got out of the pulpit in time before it disappears-word of the pulpit's going has already reached my ears.  
In your future days you will have many happy memories we know you will enjoy-but one last thing I've got to ask "why did you have to call me "Dear Boy??"

*John Anderson*

**New elders and photo gallery from Events week**



# NOTES & NEWS

## BOOK REVIEW

When a man has three separate biographies written about him in the space of 26 years, there must be something about him worth knowing.



Most people learned about Eric Liddell from the film Chariots of Fire in which his prowess as an athlete is acclaimed.

David Putnam who produced the film said, "Liddell was the kind of person who, in my heart of hearts, I'd always dreamed of being."

This third biography "Complete Surrender" by Julian Wilson tells of a man whose life was God-centred in everything. When he wouldn't race on a Sunday at the 1924 Olympics in Paris and missed his chance to win 100m sprint which was his forte, he was labelled a traitor to his country. He entered instead the 400m. No one thought he had a chance. He won the race breaking the World and Olympic records.

But it's his life as a missionary in China that is enthralling, especially how he conducts himself in an internment camp, set up by the Japanese.

You should read it; it will lift your heart.....or perhaps break it a little.

"...he was a man who knew what he ought to do, and did it."

It's in the Church Library – Biography shelf.

*Margaret Malloch*

## THE GUILD

### MANNOFIELD GUILD OCTOBER MEETINGS



7th October - Introducing the Quakers

21st October -The Work of  
Drugs Action

**2nd October**  
**Coffee Morning 10 - 11.30 a.m.**  
**Homebaking and Book stall**

**ALL WELCOME**

## Mannofield Church Bowling Club



The Club is holding a coffee morning on Saturday 25 October in the large hall from 10am to 12noon.

There will be a cake and candy stall, bottle stall etc.

Donations for any of the stalls can be handed in to the kitchen between 6.30 and 7.30 on Friday evening or on the Saturday before 10am.

## Treasure Hunt Winners!!



Pat Stalker, Nicola and Chloe Henderson plus Gnome!

# CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

**Baptisms** *"Suffer the little children to come unto me"*

24 Aug Louisa May Christie

**New Members** *"They were welcomed by the Church"*

Mrs Margaret McLean (D44A)

**Weddings** *"Those whom God has joined together let not man put asunder"*

23 Aug Delphine Thearon & Stephen Christie

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

9 Sept Mrs Margaret Crabbe (D16)

12 Sept Mrs Betty Nicol (D44A)

**Disjunctions**

Mrs M Murray (D53)

Mr H & Mrs L Morrison (D45)

**Church Family News**

Dr David W Stenhouse, formerly of Seafeld Crescent, was married to Miss Claire Joanne Prentice in the Shakespeare Garden, Central Park, New York, on Sunday 31 August 2008 by Rev Douglas Grandgeorge.

## HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

Due to increased security regulations at Grampian Hospitals, it is possible that the ministers don't always hear of church members' admission to hospital. This is very regrettable and the pastoral care team would like to apologise if any members have missed out on a visit from our ministers.

This problem is due to data protection. If you are to be admitted to hospital, please let the church office know so that you will receive pastoral care from your minister and elder.

*Margaret Stewart  
Pastoral Care Group.*

## HE ASKS FOR ALL

God does not ask for much.

He does not ask that I  
Should yield great gifts  
and high,  
Things I do not possess,  
Character, nobleness,  
Riches, and strength, and  
such;

God does not ask for much;

But—howsoever small-  
He asks for all

*M E Procter*

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## Burns Supper

The Social Committee is holding a Burns supper on 17th January 2009 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Robert Burns



The main speakers, piper and pianist have been arranged. We are looking for a Chairman, a singer to sing a couple of Burns songs, someone to recite a couple of his smaller poems, e.g. *To a Daisy* and *To a Mouse* and someone to give the Vote of Thanks.

If you wish to take part or know of someone, not necessarily from the congregation, who would be suitable please contact John Allan on 319043.

## PLEASE NOTE

**The deadline for the next issue of  
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**16 October**

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