



INSPIRE



Pentecost

The Church's Birthday

MANNOFIELD CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE

Wed 3	10.30 am	Midweek Service
Sun 7	10 am	Sacrament of Communion at both Services
	6.30 pm	
Wed 10	10.30 am	Midweek Service with Communion
Sun 14	10 am	Morning Worship Followed by informal Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship
Tues 16	7.30 pm	Kirk Session
Wed 17	10.30 am	Midweek Service
Sun 21	10 am	Children's Promotion Service and Farewell to Stiubhart
	6.30 pm	Final Evening Worship until September
Wed 24	10.30 am	Final Midweek Service until September
Sun 28	10 am	Morning Worship
	3.15 pm	Craigielea with Communion
Tues 30	7.30 pm	Congregational Board

Flower Calendar

JUNE

7 Mrs M Allan (Vestibule)
 14 Mrs K Martin
 21 Mr G & Mr H Falconer
 28 Miss N Shearer

JULY

5 Mrs J R Hamilton
 12 Mrs E Milne
 19 Miss E Torrance
 26 Mrs C Bridgeford

AUGUST

2 Flower Fund
 9 Mrs A Hall
 16 Mrs I Philip
 23 Mrs I Cook
 30 Mrs L Reid

Sunday morning services will continue during the summer at 10am with a Holiday Club for children.



Evening services will recommence on Sunday 6 September and midweek services on Wednesday 2 September.

PLEASE NOTE

The deadline for the next issue of InSpire is Thursday 20 August

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Dear Friends

The season of Pentecost brings with it a special spirit. Not surprising given that the foundation of Pentecost is the occasion of the gifting of God's own spirit to the world.

The spirit works in us in two related ways.

It first encourages each one of us to wonder at the mystery and power of God's presence in our lives and in our churches. It is through the actions of the spirit of God that we continue to discover and grow in God day by day. It is the spirit that encourages us to acknowledge the Love of God being at the centre of our life, Church and world. It is important for us in this season to ask, 'Where do we find ourselves being led by God?'

Following on from this, the season of Pentecost asks us to allow God's spirit to evoke a response in us. It's not enough just to acknowledge the touch of God in our lives; we are to be so touched by His spirit that we are led to faithful action in response. The 'home' and the 'welcome' we find in God and one another provides the grounding from which the spirit sends us forth in courage and compassion.

We find our lives, our churches and our world transformed when the balance between the work of the spirit in and on us holds true.

Let us then continue to be open to the workings of God in our lives and as we acknowledge His love and compassion over us, let us respond with a love and compassion all of our own as we serve the Church and the world by the fuel of God's spirit working in us.

Best Wishes

Keith



Season of Pentecost

Pentecost, also known as *Whitsun*, is a Greek word meaning 50 and refers to the 50th day after Passover.

Christians celebrate Pentecost with a colourful church service. In vestments and hangings, red is an important colour, symbolic of the flames in which the Holy Spirit came to earth.

Other symbols associated with the Holy Spirit may also be used, for example, the representation of a white dove (John 1:32).

Alisa's letter

**Oh Lord, You have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up.
You discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
Psalm 139:1-2**

Dear Friends,

The opening of Psalm 139 speaks of God's intimate knowledge of each one of us. The personal tone of the Psalm invites us to come face to face with the mystery that the God who created the heavens and the earth also created you and me and knows us by name.

The Psalms move from quiet moments of reflection to bold declarations that "The heavens are telling the glory of God!" (Psalm 19:1). The Book of Psalms touches practically every human emotion and experience. Technology, political and social systems and commerce may have changed, but the human heart still beats with longing for peace, forgiveness, understanding, healing and hope.

Whenever we are troubled, sick or filled with questions, reading the Psalms devotionally can open our anxious spirits to the presence of God. It should be no surprise that Psalms covers such a range of human experiences. The Book of Psalms is the songbook and the prayer book of Israel.

Through the psalms, we see how God's people through the ages brought their concerns and despair before God, listened for God's voice, learned wisdom from God, told stories of God's mighty deeds and sang hymns of thanksgiving. In Psalms we see Israel's theology expressed in the liturgy and worship of the people.

Especially as I enter into the summer months my heart comes more and more to the images of the Psalms. By journeying through the Psalms you will grow in your understanding of God's character and the nature of human existence before God. I hope that you will take time each day during the month of June to read, meditate upon and pray the Psalms. Allow the words of these ancient prayers to be your prayers. Through the words of the Psalms may we offer God our praise and thanks.

Yours in Christ,

Alisa

What do you think about our Church Buildings, and what would you change?

Recently the Kirk Session instigated a process to evaluate the current accommodation available at Mannofield Church.



This investigation will consider the arrangement of our accommodation and its suitability for the purpose and function of the church both now and in future years. The objective is that after a time of investigation, plans would be forthcoming and adopted, and that these would see a development of our buildings and the creation of a brighter and more appropriate suite of halls for the current and future generations.

The Kirk Session believes that Mannofield has been long-overdue a serious look at its buildings. As society has moved on and the needs of people change, the Church in Scotland has been, in places, very slow to recognise that sometimes the standard of accommodation and its style has been holding back the Church from fulfilling its ambition to remain a pivotal focus for community life. Worship life too has seen a decline in attendance as the church on Sunday competes with all sorts of other attractions and family needs. It is important then for our Church to assess the extent to which our buildings hold us back from being all we can be.

All organisations and groups who use our Halls have already been invited to fill in a questionnaire based on their experiences of our halls and what they would like to see improved.

With this magazine article an invitation is extended to all our members to add their voice to this information gathering exercise.

If you have opinions on our buildings and have thoughts as to how we can improve things, then the Development Committee would be delighted to receive these by 30 June in the first instance.

There are two ways to send in your comments. The first option would be to e-mail your thoughts to the e-mail address:

development@mannofieldchurch.org.uk

Alternatively put your thoughts in writing and enclose in an envelope with 'Development' noted on the outside and hand this into the church.

In August, as activities resume after the summer break, 'Young Church' will be introducing a new curriculum resource that will be used with the children on Sunday mornings.

It is called 'Seasons of the Spirit' and its objective is to bring faith to life through Christian education and worship.

Season's vision is for an authentic Christianity lived in our culturally diverse and religiously pluralistic world; and to encourage each of us to be signs of God's liberating, compassionate and inclusive love.



The Seasons Logo

For our children this will mean the curriculum will:

- + Help them explore meaning and mystery in the Bible
- + It will encourage the growth towards a thoughtful theology
- + It will empower them to be transformed in Christ
- + It will nurture imaginative spirit

For our Leaders in Young Church the material will equip and inspire them.

Season of the Spirit is used in North America, Australia and throughout the United Kingdom.

It is an exciting new beginning for our work with the younger generations of Mannofield and my hope is that it will be a launching pad for us to grow the Young Church numerically as well as spiritually.

As the leaders become accustomed to building their lessons and the children aware of the rhythms of the teaching it is hoped that we will be able to promote 'Young Church' to the families of the congregation. As a Parish we are looking for something fresh and stimulating (yet never prescriptive) for our children's spiritual development.

As with everything we do in Mannofield, despite the clear ambition we have for the curriculum, we will make sure that our time together will be Good Fun!

During the course of the next few months Fiona Chambers, our Young Church coordinator, will be working on a rota of leaders to run the programme.

We are looking for as many people as possible to be willing to support this initiative, with the promise that the resource provides stage by stage planning help - week by week. There is also the promise that for the leader a great sense of fulfilment will be achieved in working with the children.

If you can help please contact Fiona (861899) for more information or come along to the church for the Training Meeting on 11 June at 7.30pm.

Can you solve the riddle?

*My first is in border and also in bed;
My second's in roll but never in bread;
My third is in mile but isn't in metre;
My fourth's found in pint but not found in a litre;
My fifth's not in pain but always in ache;
My sixth is in pie but never in cake;
My seventh is found both in ankle and knee;
My whole is a creature that swims in the sea.*



Solve the puzzle by writing in the name of the fathers of the sons and daughters given in the clues.

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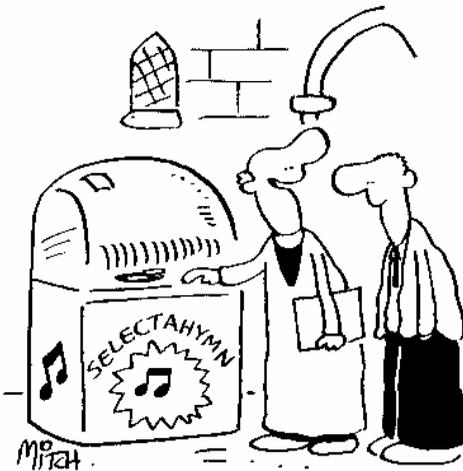
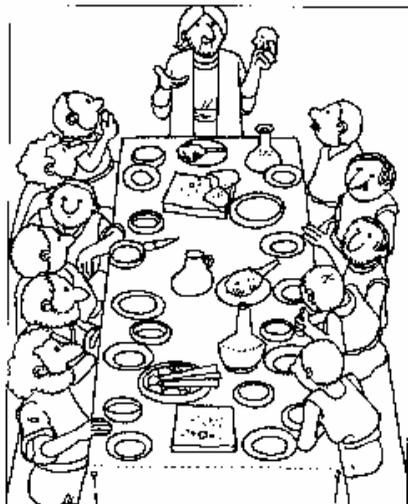
Across

Down

- 4. Ephraim and Manasseh
- 5. Rehoboam
- 7. Hezekiah
- 9. Moab
- 11. Nimrod
- 12. Obed
- 15. Joshua
- 16. Esau and Jacob
- 17. Jesus
- 18. Isaac and Ishmael
- 19. Samson
- 21. Josphe and Benjamin
- 23. James and John, The sons of thunder

- 1. David
- 2. Jonathan, Merab, and Michal
- 3. Cain and Abel
- 4. Simeon Peter
- 6. Samuel
- 8. John the Baptist
- 10. Absalom and Solomon
- 13. Rachel and Leah
- 14. Shem, Ham, and Japeth
- 20. Jehoshaphat
- 22. Jesse

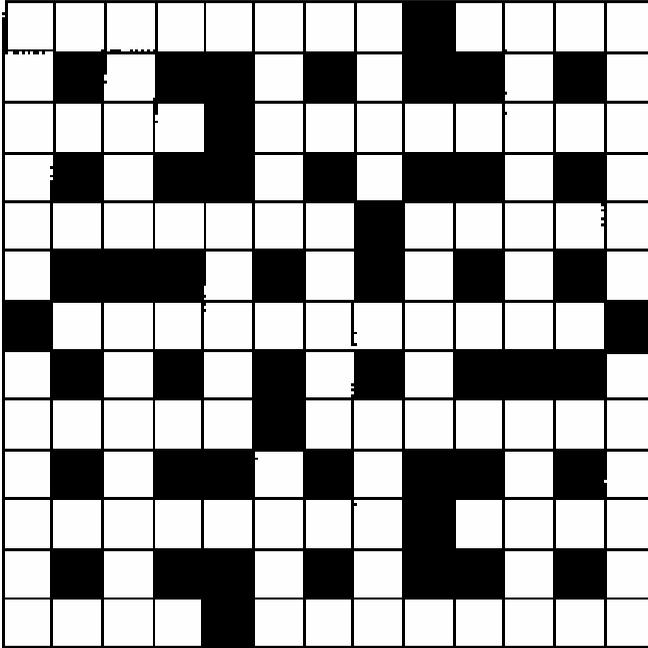
Can you spot 10 differences between the two pictures?



... AND IT'S A LOT LESS TROUBLE THAN A CHOIR ..."



FIX - A - WORD



Can you slot the words below into the grid?

4 LETTERS 5 LETTERS 6 LETTERS 7 LETTERS 8 LETTERS

AHAB	ALPHA	ASHDOD	EDIFIED	BREATHED
DARE	ENOCH	OFFERS	ENDLESS	ELIASHIB
REAP	FAITH	PLEASE	EPISTLE	PARADISE
REED	MICAH	THRESH	SHALMAN	THOUSAND
SIDE	NOBLE			
WORD	NOISE			
	OMEGA			
	TITUS			
	TREAD			

April's solution: There is very little chance that it will be sunny in 72 hours time as it will be midnight!

May's solution: The numbers on the top and bottom are 6 and 1.

ASPIRE

(AS-PIRE) N. 1. TO HAVE A GREAT AMBITION; DESIRE STRONGLY,
2. TO STRIVE TOWARD AN END; AIM AT, 3. TO SOAR.

What is Aspire?

Aspire is a New Programme at Mannofield which includes many new exciting events for all those interested. It is for young adults and those who feel young at heart. It is for those in whom these events spark an interest and for those who are interested in trying new things and meeting new people.

ASPIRE is for you!

CALENDAR

- Book Club** **1st & 3rd Wed. of Month 7:45-9:00 in CH**
Reading: Paradise by award winning Toni Morrison
- ALMA:
Ageless
Ladies of
Mannofield** **2nd Wednesday of Month 7:45-9:30 in CH**
A social and spiritual group for the women of Mannofield Church.
UPCOMING EVENTS: *June- Walk and Meal out*
- Massage and
Meditation** **4th Wednesday of Month 7:45-9:00 in CH**
An event for woman of all ages to come together and learn Christian meditative practices for the body and the soul.
- Theology on
Tap** **4th Friday of the Month 8:30**
Come together for a social gathering at a local pub, grab a pint, some food, and spend evening musing over theology and getting to know people.
May 29 @ Illicit Still

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Or Check out our NEW BLOG at
<http://aspiremannotfield.wordpress.com/>

A mother thought that a family garden put together by her five children would be a good thing for them to do. However the outing to the nursery was a disaster. They wanted to see every plant in the five-acre garden centre, fought over who should push the shopping trolley and quarrelled if another child chose the same colour of flowers.

When they got home she raved away to her husband about it and finished, "All I want is peace, quiet and beautiful flowers."

"I understand," he said. "I believe they call that a funeral."

There is no doubt our children can render us threadbare by their relentless determination to have things their way. But, on looking back, we realize that was a picnic compared with what comes later.

In their late teens we feel we are enemy No.1 and any attempt to ask questions is looked upon as an intrusion of privacy.

Presently they leave home and they don't keep in touch and YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

Faith is not the word you are looking for. That is a theology word for the daytime when you are in your right mind and you understand the meaning of "the substance of things hoped for." (Hebrews 11 AV)

TRUST is the middle-of-the-night word.

Trust Him when darkest thoughts assail you

Trust Him when your faith is small

Trust Him when, to simply trust Him, is the hardest thing of all

Remember poor old Job when he lost everything and his friends turned up and told him where he had gone wrong?

A man recovering from major heart surgery, contracted cancer.

His friend said, "Your story is beginning to resemble Job's."

"Perhaps," he said, "but I have far better friends."

There is our Lifeline.

Trust the Lord and accept with gratitude the support of good friends.

Changes in the personnel administering the various organisations operating within our congregation are a natural, if often sad, feature of church life. Kirk Session learned of two such departures at their meeting on April 28 when it was announced that Stiubhart MacChoille and Mrs. Pat McColl were giving up their respective posts as Youth Worker and Co-ordinator of Young Church.

Stiubhart, who has accepted a new appointment with the YMCA, officially ended his spell at Mannofield at the end of May, but there will be an opportunity to thank him for his valuable contribution at a social to follow the morning service on June 21.

Pat McColl's successor as Young Church co-ordinator is Fiona Chambers. Session were also informed that more volunteers are needed to assist in the running of Young Church. Training sessions will be available to volunteers.

Among the various committee reports, Session learned that the Social Committee was considering organising various events, including a bus run in September, a Christmas Sing-a-long, a social event in late January and a flower festival in March.

The newly-formed Development Committee has met for the first time and initial planning is under way. Members of the congregation are being given an opportunity to express their views on future development (see Page 5).

Session unanimously re-elected John Telfer as our Presbytery Elder, but he gave warning that this would be his final term in that capacity.

The next Session meeting is due on Tuesday, June 16 (7.30p.m.) with subsequent meetings on October 27, December 8, February 23, April 27 and June 1.

NOTES & NEWS

Farwell to Stiubhart MacChoille

For 8 years Stiubhart MacChoille has served as Mannofield's Youth Worker. He came to us fresh faced and energetic from Aberdeen YMCA where he served as a Youth Worker among other things. On 31 May he left his employment with us to return to a newly created post back at Aberdeen YMCA. (We hope he returns to them as fresh and energetic as he was when we took him from them!!)

On 21 June we will take time to thank Stiubhart for his endeavour as an employee and as a friend to Mannofield over the years. See page 15

The young people of Pickled Cow, 'Youthie', KICKS and our Youth Organizations in particular have benefited hugely from his commitment and ministry.

The Kirk Session will reflect on his possible replacement and act on that in due course but for now on behalf of the whole congregation I would like to say thank you to Stiubhart and wish him, along with Lynne, Luke and Bethany-Grace, every blessing for future work and happiness.

Keith Blackwood

Retiring Collections June Communion

The Retiring Collection at both services of the June Communion will be for the **ARCHIE** Foundation.

The ARCHIE Foundation is the official charity of The Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital and Community Based Child Health throughout Grampian and the Northern Isles.

'Making the Difference' for thousands of children and their families every year it provides the extras such as new **THE ARCHIE FOUNDATION** medical equipment, toys, MAKING THE DIFFERENCE specialist training for staff and support for families when their children are in hospital.



Young Church recently donated £100 to ARCHIE in its *Pennies into Pounds* weekly collection.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

STOP PRESS

Door to door collection

The total so far is £3509.79 but this is not the final figure as money is still coming in.

Balmoral 10k run

The final total was £878.66

The grand total so far is £4388.45

A big thank you to all runners, sponsors, collectors, counters & bankers.

I will announce the final figure in due course.

Bill Manson



CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptisms

17 May Jessica Anne Reid

New Members

Mrs Grace Ferguson

Deaths

5 May Mr Bill Stewart

Disjunctions

Mrs Marian Cruickshank
Mrs M Hyland

Change of Address

Mrs June Shirriffs
Miss Joan Youngson

Senior Members Fellowship



When Tuesday 16
June at 2pm

Where Large Hall
Event Musical Afternoon.

All welcome.

Mannofield Guild



Plant and Book Sale

Home Baking Stall

6 June 10am -12noon

Teas, Coffees and Rowies £1.50

Donations of plants and books and home baking may be handed in to the Church Hall on Friday evening 5th June from 6-8pm.

A Date for your Diary



Tuesday 15th September

Afternoon Bus Run

This is an opportunity for friendship, lunch and a change of scenery!

Details to follow.

Young Church



Pat McColl has given up her position as Young Church Coordinator after two years.

Thanks Pat for all your work!

STIUBHART'S FAREWELL LUNCH

Everyone is invited to the farewell lunch after the service on 21 June.



To help with catering arrangements, please add your name to the lists which will be available at the church doors on Sundays 28 May and 7 and 14 June.

Alternatively Tel Jane Harper 315144.

THANKS

Margaret Rhind thanks her many Church friends for sending cards and visiting her while she has been in Woodend Hospital.

Your kindness has been much appreciated.



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KIDS IN CHURCH

A wife invited some people to dinner.

At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, 'Would you like to say the blessing?'

'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied.

'Just say what you hear Mummy say,' the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said,

'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'

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A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to a church service,

'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?'

One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'

CHURCH POSTERS

