



INSPIRE



September's Flower — the Aster

**"By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather
And autumn's best of cheer."**

Helen Hunt Jackson, *September*, 1830-1885

MANNOFIELD CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Wed 2	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 6	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 9	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 13	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Tues 15	7.30pm	Congregational Board
Wed 16	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 20	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 23	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 27	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea
	6.30pm	Evening Worship

OCTOBER

Sun 4	10am	Sacrament of Communion at both Services
	6.30pm	

The deadline for the next issue of InSpire is

Thursday 17 September

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Flower Calendar



September

6 Miss S Quin
 13 Miss E McCombie
 20 Mrs C Black
 27 Flower Fund



Tilt the scales,
 O God of the mustard seed:
 That the poor shall see justice.



Share the feast,
 O God of Eden's abundant garden:
 That each crop may fetch a fair price.

Upset the tables,
 O God of the upside-down Kingdom:
 That the least can benefit from their trade.

Open our eyes,
 O God of life in all its fullness:
 That we may learn to walk the way of your son
 Tilting, sharing, upsetting this world.

Not satisfied
 Until the products we bring to our table
 Give a better deal, to all who hunger for one.

In His name,
 Amen

Prayer courtesy of the Fairtrade Foundation

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Dear Friends

I trust you have enjoyed a slower pace of life over the summer months. It is always nice to benefit from the change of routine, a holiday and the variety that these weeks of July and August afford.

As August comes to an end some might feel inclined to express the sentiment, 'All good things come to an end', but hopefully you might feel able to agree with me that in a sense it is quite nice to welcome the return of routine and responsibility that comes with our day to day life and the function of the Church.

Jesus himself knew the need for, and the benefit of, some break from routine and the daily grind of his ministry. The demands on him were great of course and the pressure high but the stories about his life make it clear that he took time to himself in order to cultivate his relationship with God. Today we call such time - 'Prayer and Devotion'. In Jesus' story we clearly see however that after Prayer he put his life, his energy and his time into the hands of God and poured himself into his specific responsibility of building God's Kingdom.

As our Church session takes shape over these coming weeks I look forward to the challenges of continuing to shape our congregation into a community where 'all are welcome' and all find an opportunity to cultivate an appropriate relationship with God. Such ambition cannot be achieved unless we all pray, worship and work together towards the same end.

I am sure God can count on all of us to be enthusiastic about the opportunities he provides, that allow each one of us to play our part in the building of our very own community of God here in Mannofield.

Best Wishes

Keith



Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds, - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air
Up, up the long, delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or ever eagle flew -
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

John Gillespie Magee, Jr

I AM THANKFUL

For the wife
Who says it's hot dogs tonight,
Because she is home with me,
And not out with someone else.

For the husband
Who is on the sofa
Being a couch potato,
Because he is home with me
And not out at the bars.

For the teenager
Who is complaining about doing
dishes
Because it means she is at home,
Not on the streets.

For the taxes I pay
Because it means
I am employed.

For the mess to clean after a party
Because it means I have
Been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug
Because it means
I have enough to eat.

For my shadow that watches me work
Because it means
I am out in the sunshine

For a lawn that needs mowing,
Windows that need cleaning,
And gutters that need fixing
Because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining
I hear about the government
Because it means
We have freedom of speech.

For the parking spot
I find at the far end of the parking lot
Because it means I am capable of
walking
And I have been blessed with
transportation.

For my huge heating bill
Because it means
I am warm.

For the lady behind me in church
Who sings off key because it means
I can hear.
Live well, laugh often, & love with all
of your heart!

In Session.....with Scribe

The departure of Youth Worker Stiubhart MacChoille (reported in the June edition of "InSpire") led to discussion as to a possible successor at the June meeting of Kirk Session. Keith's recommendation that a part-time Youth Worker be sought, working 20 hours per week, was approved by Session.

It was hoped that advertising the post locally through Presbytery, University and other sources where it might attract interest would bring forward suitable candidates.

Session also gave Keith its full support in his seeking to obtain a chaplaincy with the Army Cadet Force, which would involve him for 20 days per annum. The ACF has no church connection other than through their chaplains, and Keith feels he has reached a stage in his ministry when he is sufficiently experienced to take on more responsibility in the wider Church and that work in this area would be worthwhile.



Among the various committee reports submitted, Session was advised that Dr. Ian Hunter was retiring as convener of the Worship & Devotion committee, with Alastair Chambers taking his place.

It was also reported that the first Alpha course, which was nearing its end, had produced wonderful fellowship. It is hoped that a second course will start in January and a volunteer to act as treasurer is being sought.

After more than 30 years service in the eldership, Michael Murray has asked to be moved to the retired elders' list.

The Session meeting on August 25 will be reported in the October issue of "InSpire".

Christ in Woolworth's (a prayer from a former time)

I did not think to find you there –
Crucifixes, large and small,
Sixpence and threepence on a tray,
Among the artificial pearls,
Paste rings, tin watches, beads of
glass.

It seemed so strange to find you there
Fingered by people coarse and crass,
Who had no reverence at all.

Yet – what is it you would say?
"For these I hang upon my cross,
For these the agony and loss,
Though heedlessly they pass me by."

Dear Lord forgive such fools as I
Who thought it strange to find you
there
When you are with us everywhere.

Teresa Hooley

Midweek Service Wednesdays 10.30am from 2 September

The Midweek Service takes place every Wednesday morning from 10.30. It lasts 30 minutes and is followed by tea and coffee for those who have the time to stay. The quiet and intimate style of worship was popular last year with a consistent band of worshippers. Below the dates of the services and the themes to be explored are listed.

SERIES ON PHILIPPIANS

Sept

2	Phil 1:1-11	Introduction	Keith
9	Phil 1: 12-30	Making Sense of suffering	Keith
16	Phil 2: 1-11	Sharing Christ's attitude	Alisa
23	Phil 2: 12-18	Healthy Relationships	Alisa
30 ^t	Phil 2: 19-30	Co-Workers with Christ	Alisa

OCT

7		Sacrament of Communion	Keith
14	Phil 3: 1-11	Confidence	Alisa
21	Phil 3: 12-4:1	The Life we want	Alisa
28	Phil 4:1- 9	Restoration of Joy	Keith

NOV

4	Phil 4: 10-23	Contentment in Christ	Alisa
11		Remembering the Dead	Keith

ADVENT SERIES – Good News about Jesus

18	Luke 1: 1-4	Eyewitness News	Alisa
25	Luke 1: 26-38	A new King	Keith

DEC

2	Luke 1: 39-55	Reversing fortunes	Keith
9	Luke 2: 8-20	Good News of unexpected people	Alisa
16	Luke 2: 25-32	A light for the World	Alisa

Retiring Collections

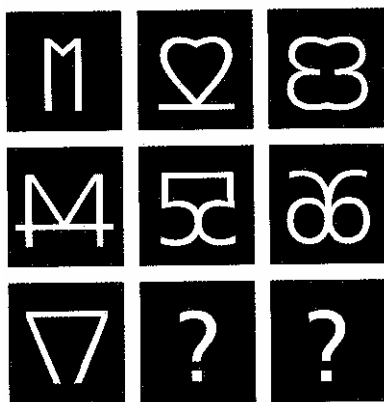
It has always been important to us in Mannofield that over the years we have been able to offer, along with our prayers, practical financial help to fellow Christians and many other needy causes both overseas and more locally. To do this, we have made use both of our funds and special collections. The former method is no longer available to us under the rules of the Charities' Regulator and any financial help we give must result from a Special Collection.

Members of the Congregation will therefore appreciate how important are our retiring collections, especially at Communion. Recent responses have been more than a little disappointing and perhaps we can do much better.

At the October Communion we would like to help our friends Suresh and Roja Vemulapalli in their splendid work in the India Village Ministries.

A recent newsletter has told us about their Gospel meetings, outreach and the valuable work of their Children's Home for the needy. Any money we are able to collect goes to them direct and does not have to be channelled through any other agency.



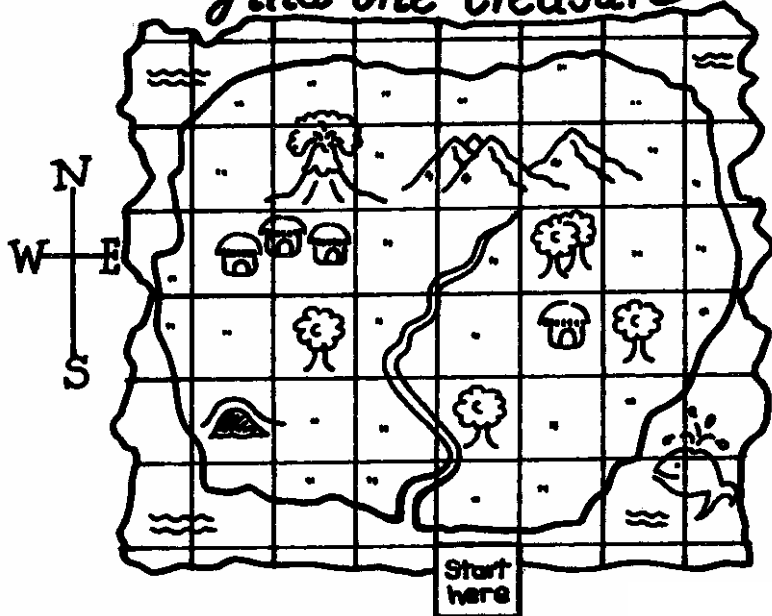


What are the next two symbols in the sequence?



Treasure!

Find the treasure

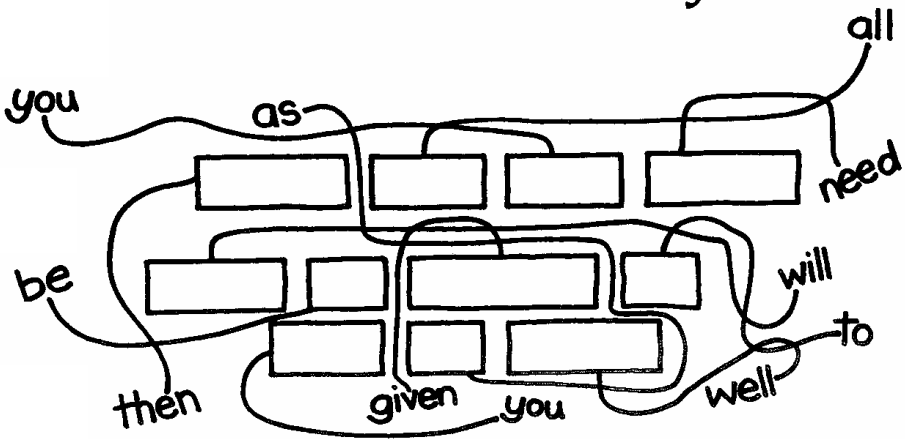


- 1) 2 squares NORTH
- 2) 3 squares WEST
- 3) 3 squares NORTH EAST
- 4) 1 square EAST
- 5) 1 square SOUTH

The treasure is _____

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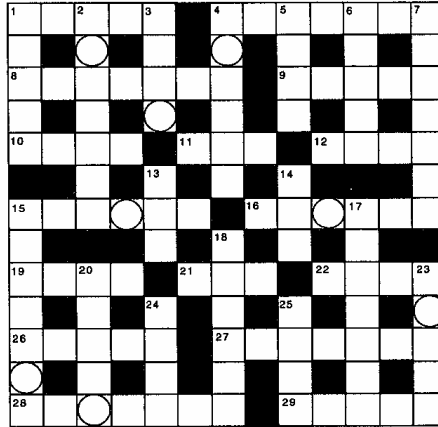
LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR



STORY CROSSWORD

As you read this story of one of the Bible's most disliked characters, you will see that some words have been replaced by a reference in brackets. Try to find the missing

words, then enter them in the grid. Then put the circled letters in their right order to give you the name of the character.



For 18 years he held the office of religious leader of the Jewish nation. But he was fearful of events which took place during the earthly life of Jesus. The miracles performed by the Lord disturbed him, as many people were (23D) to become followers of this new 'preacher' who claimed to be the Son of God.

In (29A) military occupation of Palestine the authorities were (12A) to stay on good terms with the Jews; and they found (3D) religious leader to be a zealous collaborator as was his father-in-law a (18D) leader. A (28A) at all times, he feared that if Jesus were (4A) to continue preaching, it may spell (10A) for the Jews who would (5D) their self-determination. He decided to take (4D).

A (27A) of the highest Jewish council in the city was called, at which he told them: '(11A) know nothing at all. You do not (17D) that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the (6D) nation (15A).'

After he had convinced members of the council with his smooth talk he started a bitter campaign against Jesus. His high religious standing did not stop him doing his utmost to bring the Lord to trial. At (1A) he (1D) the problem of finding false evidence on which to (8A) Jesus. Finally, two false witnesses, with lack of understanding, declared that they had heard Jesus threaten

to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days.

Such a statement only increased the (2D) within him, especially when Jesus remained silent after further questioning. Then these words burst (20D) from his lips:

'I (16A) you under oath by the living God. Tell us if you are the Christ, the (21A) of God.'

'Yes, it is as you say,' Jesus replied.

His accuser then (25D) his clothes and turned to (13D) the others: 'He has spoken blasphemy. What do you think?'

'He is worthy of death,' they answered; for hatred of the Lord was (19A) among them. There were those (14D) struck him with their fists and began to (9A). Only a few present failed to (26A).

As president of the court in which the trial took place his mind was (22A) up. Jesus must die. No (7D) witness was permitted. No friends of Jesus were present; only those like Peter who stood afar off. This corrupt leader knew now that his part in the so-called trial was at an end. It would (24D) that he, (15D) more than any other person, was responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus. In having Jesus put to death he killed the Messiah whose coming they had long awaited.

June's solution: The letters required were DOLPHIN.

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
Next meeting 16 September
Reading: C.S. Lewis The Great Divorce.
October Corrie Ten Boom The Hiding Place



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: Sept - Taste testing
October - Movie night

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.
Sept 25 @ the Mariner

For more information please contact
The Church Office at office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk or 310087
Alisa Ferlicca at alisa.ferlicca@gmail.com or 07838835778

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

BEING LED BY THE LECTIONARY

Lectionary History

From the earliest days of Christianity, some churches have followed a lectionary for their worship. The revision of the Roman lectionary during Vatican II inspired a renewed interest in lectionary usage by a variety of denominations. This eventually led to the *Revised Common Lectionary* (1993), which is used in worship books, hymnals, and church calendars throughout the English-speaking world. Using four scripture readings per week, this lectionary provides a structure for reading a large portion of the Bible over a three-year cycle.



Moving through the seasons...

The seasons of the church year, which guide the readings in the lectionary, engage spirituality in a number of different ways. Within the rhythms of the church year and the readings from the lectionary are ample opportunities for the Holy Spirit to lead in a new and holy dance. As an added advantage, the lectionary is both ecumenical and international, meaning that churches around the world explore the same scriptures each week.

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany

In **Advent**, the mood of anticipation and hope is enhanced by readings from the Hebrew prophets and gospel readings about God being born among us. Church activities focus on preparation for a new birthing of God within our lives, which is celebrated in the short **Christmas** season. **The Season after the Epiphany** celebrates the beginnings of Jesus' earthly ministry. It provides opportunities to explore calls to both individual and congregational ministry. It also invites congregations to examine how they might better invite and equip people to live out their ministries.

Lent and Easter

Lenten readings invite us to examine ourselves, looking within both individual and communal hearts to better understand what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Some churches concentrate on spiritual growth and development through additional worship and learning opportunities. **Easter** is a joyous celebration of fifty days – beginning with Easter Day and culminating with the festival of the **Day of Pentecost**. In this season, readings from the New Testament epistles examine the life of the early church, learning from their activities, mistakes, and adventures.

Pentecost 1 and 2

Following the festival of **Pentecost** we enter a long period of time which some churches call "Ordinary Time." *Seasons of the Spirit* divides this long season into two seasonal resources. Stories of Jesus' teaching and healing, set against sweeping sagas of Hebrew history and prophetic readings, remind us how God is with us in the everyday moments of our lives.

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ECO-CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

Sunday, September 6th
4:15 for 4:30pm

Potluck Meal, Crafts
and Worship
An evening of fun, fellowship
and food!
Sign-up sheets will be posted
throughout the church.

Youth and Holiday Clubs

Youth Club Kick Off Sunday

**September 20th @
7:45**

Come along with some fun,
fellowship, games, and food.



STARSHIP DISCOVERY HOLIDAY CLUB

October 12-16
9.30 - 12.30



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ALISA FERLICCA

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"YOU WON'T SEE A MORE IMPORTANT FILM THIS YEAR"
NEWS OF THE WORLD

SPANNER FILMS AND MANNOFIELD CHURCH PROUDLY PRESENT
AN **IndieScreening** OF

THE AGE OF STUPID

I defy anyone to come out and not feel
like they've got to make a difference.
CAROLINE LUCAS
LEADER OF THE GREEN PARTY

★★★★★ NEWS OF THE WORLD
★★★★★ THE TELEGRAPH
★★★★★ THE FINANCIAL TIMES
★★★★★ THE TIMES

THE CLIMATE
BLOCKBUSTER
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF
McLIBEL

**MANNOFIELD CHURCH HALL
ABERDEEN**
SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER
6.30 FOR 7.00PM

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NOTES & NEWS

MANNOFIELD BUS OUTING

**TUESDAY 15TH
SEPTEMBER
11.30am - 4.00pm**



Tickets £10.00 including a soup and sandwich lunch

For tickets please add your name to the list at the church doors on Sundays or contact Jane Harper, Tel: 315144 or Sheila Towns Tel: 589812. You are welcome to take a friend or come along and meet some friends.

The bus will leave from the church and transport to and from the church can be arranged if necessary.

Come and enjoy - Coast and Countryside, Food and Fellowship

Mannofield Church Lunch Club **Come and join us!**



17th September

Thereafter
3rd Thursday each month
from
Sept. 2009 – May 2010

Lunch is served at 1pm
Entertainment 2 - 3.15pm

A cup of tea before you leave!
Cost -- £3

Need transport?
Contact: Mhairi Clark tel. 317982

GUILD NEWS



The opening meeting of the Guild is on 8 September at 7.30pm in the Large Hall. We extend a warm welcome to friends old and new.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8 Sept. | John Stewart is coming from Dundee to give a presentation on Audio Visual Sequences |
| 22 Sept | Bob Anderson will be speaking about 'Something Legal' |
| 6 Oct | Elaine Lindsay's talk will be on 'Something Corny' |

The Monthly Coffee Mornings will resume on 1st October.

We look forward to seeing you.

PASTORAL CARE ANNUAL MEETING



MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7th
7.30pm in the Centenary Hall.

Speaker Douglas Duthie:
ABERDEEN SAFER COMMUNITY TRUST

You are all warmly welcome to come to this meeting.
Margaret Stewart



Guide Dogs Puppy Walking Group

Annual Coffee Morning
and
Christmas Card Sale

**Saturday 3 October
Large Hall 10am – 12noon**

Come and meet your friends for coffee, see the puppies and choose from a selection of good quality cards.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptisms

21 June Evan William McLeod Stewart
5 July Sophie Margaret King

Deaths

20 June Mrs Lillian Shepherd
24 June Mrs Rosemary Reid
29 June Mrs Elma Paxton
23 July Mrs Irene Thomson
4 August Mrs Helen McRobb

Disjunctions

Mr Ron Hughes
Mrs Catherine Ellinson
Mrs Fiona Gibson

Change of Address

Mrs Margaret Rhind
Room 16,
Ardenlee Hotel for the Elderly,
72 Bullwood Road, Dunoon, Argyll
PA23 7QJ Tel 01369 701676

Mannofield Church Soup and Sweet Lunch

*Proceeds for the
Mannofield Church Lunch Club
beginning 17 September*



**Saturday 12 September
12noon -- 2pm**

Ticket price — £3

Craft stall

Donations for this are welcome.
Contact Mhairi Clark tel. 317982

Mannofield Church Well



Thank you for your continuing support. We have been able to send away a cheque for £125 in June. A thank you letter from Christian Aid is on the notice board. We are steadily building up to our next £100.

Elizabeth Paterson

Mannofield Church Bowling Club



The Indoor session starts on Friday 25 September.

The Club meets on Friday afternoons in the Large Hall from 2pm to 4pm.

New members will be made very welcome. Flat shoes should be worn and bowls could be supplied to beginners.

For further information contact

Yvonne Allan Tel 326840

Book Club

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 16
@ 7:45 in Room 1.

I hope you will be able to join us for September's book C.S. Lewis' "The Great Divorce".

We are meeting only once in September to discuss the whole book, so please grab a copy, enjoy and come along!
Grace and Peace, *Alisa*



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Mannofield Young Church

An exciting new educational package will be launched within Young Church from the beginning of the new term, 23 August

Seasons of the Spirit is a lectionary based resource designed by an international group.

We will be using the materials designed for 3 age groups: 3-5, 6-8 and 9-11.

A fantastic team of volunteers have offered their services and everyone is excited about the challenges ahead.

Check out the following website if you would like to learn more
www.spiritseasons.com



Anyone who would like to receive a **weekly email** with all the church notices in full, please e-mail the office.

office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk.