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THE CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY

MANNOFIELD CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE

Tues 1	7.30pm	Kirk Session
Wed 2	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 6	10am 6.30pm	Sacrament of Communion at both Services
Wed 9	10.30am	Midweek Service with Communion
Sun 13	10am 6.30pm	Morning Worship followed by Communion Evening Worship
Wed 16	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 20	10am 6.30pm	Morning Worship FINAL Evening Worship until September
Wed 23	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 27	10am 3.15pm 4- 7.30pm	Morning Worship Craigielea Messy Church
Tues 29	7.30pm	Congregational Board
Wed 30	10.30am	Midweek Service

JULY

Sun 4	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 7	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 11	10am	Morning Worship

JULY continued

Wed 14	10.30am	Midweek service
Sun 18	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 21	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 25	10am 3.15pm 4-7.30pm	Morning Worship Craigielea Messy Church
Wed 28	10.30am	Midweek Service

AUGUST

Sun 1	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 4	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 8	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 11	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 15	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 18	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 22	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 25	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 29	10am 3.15pm 4-7.30pm	Morning Worship Craigielea Messy Church

NOTE

Wednesday and Sunday evening Services



Wednesday Services will continue during the summer months.

Sunday evening Services finish on 20 June and recommence on 5 September.

Dear Friends

Each one of us belongs to a family. If we have the time many of us research the genealogy of our family, a hobby that has become more widespread in the era of the Internet and the birth of Ancestry web sites. Such studies of the relationships of our past family, root us in a history that build up the sense of who we are and where we have come from.

Most of us also have a strong sense of the relationship we have with those members of our family who share time and life with us in the present. Our life is grounded in these relationships and they foster a deep sense of belonging.

Jesus came from a family too and his ancestral line is well documented in scripture as is the closeness of His relationship with His mother, father and brothers and sisters. He speaks warmly of His family and reveals a clear sense of what it means to be a son and brother.

What is interesting too, however, is that when He speaks, He also indicates a strong sense of appreciation of what it means to be a parent. And yet He is not a parent – well not in the sense we talk about.

As the writer of John's Gospel reflects on the life and death of Jesus, he writes about Jesus saying goodbye to His friends. There is tenderness and sadness, bewilderment and reassurance. John quotes Jesus saying, "I will not leave you orphaned." It is as if this 33 year old man is a father. When Jesus chooses to speak as a parent to His friends, He demonstrates that family is more than a mother, father and children. He encourages us to open our eyes to families that are created not by biology but by love.

A "Family created by Love" is another name I think for "Church". Congregations are born not out of biological relationships but relationships of love. Sometimes these relationships are very clear to the observer. At other times both the members and the observer would struggle to identify much depth in the widespread relationships within a church family that ought to be grounded in love.

We are called to be more than biological parents, children, brothers or sisters. We are called to reveal the compassionate heart of Jesus and provide a welcome of love to strangers and friends, for all belong to the family of God.

Carolyn Pogue is a writer and editor living in Calgary, Canada and she writes:

Childless

*Today I saw a childless woman:
She was holding a child
Gently by the hand.
He was showing her a butterfly wing he had found.
She was smiling, And listening carefully.
I saw she was a teacher.
He a student nine years old.
And when I saw that childless woman, my
heart was lifted.
There are always enough children to go around.
There are never enough mothers.*

The Manse continued

At the end of Jesus' life we see in Him a recognition of the hurt and confusion that His death will cause His friends. But, like a parent who loves his children, He offers reassurance, "**Peace I leave with you. My own peace such as the world cannot give.**"

With God's Spirit to inspire us may we pass on love and assurance to each person and by our attitude and actions help all God's children feel part of the family of the Church and of God.

Best Wishes *Keith*

Church of Scotland Consultation Paper on Same-sex Relationships and the Ministry continued page 12



The 2009 General Assembly appointed a Special Commission with the remit of consulting with all Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions before reporting to the 2011 General Assembly.

The remit was the following:

"For the sake of peace and unity of the Church the General Assembly:

.... To prepare a study on the Ordination and Induction to the Ministry of the Church of Scotland in the light of issues (a) addressed in the report welcomed by the 2007 General Assembly: "A challenge to unity: same-sex relationships as an issue in theology and human sexuality", and (b) raised by the case of Aitken *et al v* the Presbytery of Aberdeen and to report to the 2011 General Assembly.

A Special meeting of Mannofield Kirk Session was held on 11 May to consider and discuss the issues raised in the consultation paper. Fifty members of Session attended from a total of 97, a 51.5% turnout.

The outcome of the exercise was the following

2. Approaches to Same-Sex Relationships

a) Do you hold a clear position on same-sex relationships and how they should be regarded or do you find yourself uncertain as to the precise nature of God's will for the Church on this issue?

Clear position - 32 Uncertain - 18

b) Do any of the following descriptions help you to summarise your present position fairly and accurately? If not, how would you describe where you stand on the issue?

(i) We regard homosexual orientation as a disorder and homosexual behaviour as sinful. Gay and lesbian people should avoid same-sex sexual relationships, and, ideally, seek to be rid of homosexual desires. Unrepentant gay and lesbian people should not have leadership roles in the church.

No votes

(ii) We accept homosexual orientation as a given, but disapprove of homosexual behaviour. We do not reject gay and lesbian people as people, but reject same-sex sexual activity as being sinful. Gay and lesbian people in sexual relationships should not have leadership roles in the church.

4 votes

(iii) We accept homosexual orientation as a given and disapprove of homosexual behaviour but recognise that some same-sex relationships can be committed, loving, faithful and exclusive – though not the ideal which is male-female. However, because of the different standards required of those in Christian leadership, gay and lesbian people in sexual relationships, even if civil partnerships, should not have leadership roles in the church.

9 votes



The future development of Mannofield Church again figured prominently on the agenda for the Kirk Session meeting on April 27.

Plans have been available for inspection by members of the congregation for some time now, but have still to be fine-tuned and funding issues resolved before the congregation is given an opportunity to vote on the issue.

Consideration is also being given to raising funds for the project and on this matter, helpful discussions with experts in this area have taken place.

The various committee reports submitted to Session had a common factor in that all recorded successful events in their respective spheres of activity, and this extended to the Alpha Course report, which indicated that a further course will take place next January.

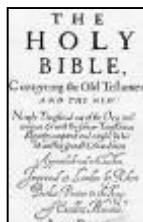
Also looking ahead, Alisa intimated that on the last Sundays in June, July and August, the Messy Church group would meet when craft work would be followed by a meal and Bible Study. The assistance of volunteers would be required on these occasions.

Under Presbytery Matters, John Telfer reported that Keith had been appointed interim moderator at St. Fitticks Church, and that Rhoda Wright is to be attending this year's General Assembly, as is Tim Still, our Youth Worker. As a footnote to John's Presbytery report, it was indicated that a successor to him as Presbytery Elder has still to be found.

There is another change in the Session ranks with Dr. Ian Hunter announcing his retirement from active eldership. Tribute was paid to Ian's dedication to Session duties over a lengthy period.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1 at 7.30pm.

ON THIS DAY
30 June: King James
Version of the Bible
'approved'



The result of the Hampton Court Conference (1604), it was the work of English scholars who used the *Bishops' Bible* and other earlier English versions as a basis.

Often called the 'authorised version', no formal authorisation was given to it, neither in England nor Scotland. However, with its degree of accuracy and felicity of language, it fairly soon came to be the accepted translation among English speaking people – replacing *The Genevan Bible* generally used in Scotland.

The 'AV', many of whose words and phrases owe much to William Tyndale's translation (made about 1526), has woven its way into the lives of countless millions and has done much to shape the English language. It is still in considerable use, and its inherent dignity of language is preserved in some modern translations, including the New Revised Standard Version by James in 1611.

Mannofield Quiz Night 2

The 2nd Mannofield Church Quiz Night took place on Friday 21st May in the large hall. Eleven teams from all aspects of Church life took part including representation from BBs, Guides, Guild, Hill walking and Bowling clubs, Alpha and Pickled Cow.

It was a fun evening with rounds of questions on topics such as general knowledge, science, the Bible and sport. There were a couple of special rounds including a picture round where teams had to identify everyday objects from close-up pictures of them.



It was a closely contested night but in the end *Generation Brigade*, the BB team won

comfortably by 11 points from the Session Clerk's team Doh! and the Pickled Cow. So the BBs retain their crown as Quiz Champions. Prizes were awarded with the winning team receiving a box of chocolates each and the lowest scoring team winning wooden spoons – commiserations to the Groovy Guild!!

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed tea and coffee with a huge array of tray bakes courtesy of the Young People & Families Committee (YPFC). It rounded off a good night with people of all ages enjoying each others company and having fun.

We'd like to thank all the teams for taking part and hope to see you all again for Quiz Night III.



Finally to clarify a query we couldn't answer on the night, the 10 British men to become F1 world champions are Jenson Button (2009), Lewis Hamilton (2008), Damon Hill (1996), Nigel Mansell (1992), James Hunt (1976), Jackie Stewart (1969, 1971, 1973), Graham Hill (1962, 1968), Jim Clark (1963, 1965), John Surtees (1964) and Mike Hawthorne (1958).

Dave Tait YPFC

MESSY CHURCH



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A Sunday of fun, crafts, worship, and food...
that all might get a little messy

DATES: Last Sunday of the Month June
27, July 25, August 29

WHERE: Mannofield Church

TIME: 3:45 for 4:00 – 7:30pm

WHO: All are WELCOME!



Interested?

Would you be willing to be a helper?

For more information contact Ailsa Ferlicca

LIGHT BULBS

You are standing outside a room and are faced with three light switches. You are required to determine which switch will operate the bulb inside.

However, you are only allowed to enter the room once and there is no way that light can escape from the room. The door remains closed!

How do you determine which switch will operate the bulb?



Occupations in the Bible



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Across

3. Blind Bartimaeus was one
9. Peter stayed with one in Joppa called Simeon
10. Alexander's, who did much evil to Paul
13. Lydia's
14. Bezaleel was anointed by God as both this and a stone cutter
16. One was in prison with Joseph and was executed
18. David's job before he fought Goliath
22. Hagar was Sarai's
23. Because the Hebrews had none, Saul's army had no weapons
24. Peter's
25. Rebekah had one named Deborah
26. The name of Israel's children were put on an onyx stone by this worker
27. Esther's
28. Aaron was the first high one of Israel
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CHILDREN'S SEVENS

Find the answers to the clues and fit them in place.
If your answers are correct, the central down column
should give you another well-known Bible character.

Jesus often walked the shores of this sea

The title given to Jesus

The home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus

Jesus spoke mainly in this language

Known especially for cedar trees

The wife of Isaac

A learned Jew and great preacher (Acts 18).

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A Personal Insight.....Jenny Imrie

Q What is your age, occupation, marital status and family?

A Age 20, student primary teacher, single.

Q What is your favourite character from the Bible?

A Noah – having the courage of his convictions and not being put off by others.

Q What motivates you spiritually?

A “One more step along the world I go” - the thought that God is there guiding me every step of the way.

Q It's not cool but.....

A I still love the Spice Girls.

Q What was the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

A Probably from my Dad when I was learning to drive - “Be patient, your space will come”. I think this could apply to all areas of life, not just in the car at a roundabout.

Q Who is your favourite fictional character?

A Carrie Bradshaw, Dexter Morgan and Melinda Gordon – all from recent American TV series.

Q What are you afraid of?

A Spiders and burglars (not that I've ever been burgled. Maybe I watch too much 'Crimewatch'?)

Q What situations make you lose your temper?

A Cyclists ignoring the Highway Code!!

Q If you could choose a profession that you would like to try what would that be? Why?

A A Volcanologist. My future pupils might not know their 6 times table, but they'll know about Earth science!

Q If you could change something about yourself, what would it be?

A The size of my feet because then I could get my size of shoes in the sale. Perhaps not, I might look funny with tiny/huge feet?!

Q On what purchase have you spent most apart from a car or property?

A I really wish I could say shoes but unfortunately not. It will have to be my laptop bought for university.

Q Who was your favourite teacher and why?

A Mrs Garden at Airyhall – the inspiration for my chosen career.

Q What is your most treasured possession?

A My phone!

Q What has been your greatest achievement

A Hold on, I'm only 20! There's plenty of time for that!





(iv) We accept homosexual orientation as a given and accept homosexual behaviour as equivalent morally to heterosexual behaviour. Civil partnerships provide the best environment for loving same-sex relationships. Gay and lesbian people, whether in sexual relationships or not, should be assessed for leadership roles in the church in an equivalent way to heterosexual people. **22 Votes**

(v) We accept homosexual orientation as a given part of God's good creation. The Christian practice of marriage should be extended to include exclusive, committed same-sex relationships which are intended to be life-long. Gay and lesbian people, whether in sexual relationships or not, should be assessed for leadership roles in the church in an equivalent way to heterosexual people. **14 Votes**

3. Ordination/leadership in the Church

a) Should those ordained as ministers or who have other leadership roles in the Church be held to a higher standard of Christian living than those not in such roles? If so, in what specific areas of Christian life should higher standards be kept? **Yes -16 No -30 Abstentions-4**

b) Should a person in a same-sex relationship be permitted to be an ordained minister within the Church? Why/why not? **Yes – 34 No –15**

c) Should a person in a civil partnership be permitted to be an ordained minister within the Church? Why/why not? **Yes - 40 No - 9**

d) Should a person in a same-sex relationship be permitted to have a leadership role within the Church? Why/why not? **Yes - 36 No -13**

e) Should a person in a civil partnership be permitted to have a leadership role within the Church? Why/why not? **Yes - 41 No - 8**

4. The Unity of the Church of Scotland

a) In your opinion, how serious would it be if the Church were to ordain or to refuse to ordain people who were in committed same-sex relationships? Do any of the following descriptions help you to summarise your present position fairly and accurately? If not, how would you describe where you stand on the issue?

(i) We would regard a decision to ordain as equivalent to denying credal doctrines such as the resurrection or the incarnation. Consequently, we would consider it impossible to be a Christian while holding such views and consider them accordingly to be 'heretical'. ['Heretical' here denotes a view that contradicts the essence of the Christian Gospel and thus the substance of the faith as it is expressed in the creeds and confessions of the one worldwide church.] **Votes – 0**

(ii) We would regard a decision to ordain to be unjustifiable given the nature and character of the Biblical witness to God's purposes, but would not go so far as to describe it as being 'heretical'. Such a decision would nevertheless be a cause of deep-seated disagreement and personal disappointment. **Votes - 7**

(iii) We would not regard a decision to ordain or not to ordain as particularly significant for the life and faith of the Church. **Votes -14**

(iv) We would regard a refusal to ordain as unjustifiable given the nature and character of the Biblical witness to God's purposes. Consequently, we would view such a decision as a cause of deep-seated disagreement and personal disappointment. **Votes –21**

v) We would regard a refusal to ordain as equivalent to denying credal doctrines such as the resurrection or the incarnation. Consequently, we would consider it impossible to be a Christian while holding such views and would consequently consider such a decision to be 'heretical'. **Votes - 0**

Boys Brigade Open Night



Our annual Open Night was held on 14 May. Parents, grand parents and friends of the Company were treated to an evening of games, drama and gymnastic displays. The S1/S2 group presented a horror drama spoof which was part of a badge class they had done. There was the usual display of agility on horse and bars with some new vaults in the horse routine. One of these came from the boys themselves which was to score a basketball basket having just vaulted over the horse. Very spectacular and all four boys managed to score.

The awards presentation is always keenly anticipated and we were delighted to invite back former Captain Bill Sutherland to make the presentations.

Congratulations go to all our trophy winners – Michael Mulligan, Lewis Millar, Craig Vickers, Sam Gibbon and Lewis Bisset. The highlight was the presentation of two Queen's Badges to Craig Vickers and Elliot Holmes. This is the culmination of several years of hard work including over 60 hours of volunteering inside and outside the Company.

We are delighted that both Elliott and Craig, along with three other senior boys, have agreed to return after the summer to become members of staff helping in Anchor and Junior Sections.



Bill Sutherland
Craig Vickers,
Elliott Holmes

That was the final formal BB night and we now embark on a summer programme of outdoor activities including tennis, a bike ride and a tubing/BBQ event at Alford.

Boys Brigade restarts after the summer on 27 August with around 18 boys in Company Section.

Any P7/S1 boys out there thinking about joining please get in touch with me.

Dave Tait, Captain

Pickled Cow Drama Group Fool's Journey 23 - 25 June



Although a serious story, in true Pickled Cow style it's a comedy including such characters as Special Agent Nick O'Demus, Techo and the mysterious Men in Black. Armed with just a single balloon the Fool journeys through the story changing the lives of the people he meets until his final choice at the end of the play.

The play reminds us of 1 Corinthians 1v25 *"For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength."*

It is written by Michael Forster (adapted by PCDG) with the 'Fool' of Shakespearean comedies in mind, who questions accepted wisdom and offers alternatives. Similarly Jesus was 'God's Fool' sent to challenge the wisdom of the world and offer an alternative that cost Him dearly and ultimately opened up new life for countless people throughout the world.

Tickets are free, with a donation at the door to *Archway*, a local charity.

Please support our young people who have put in a lot of time and effort, preparing for these performances.

NOTES & NEWS

Retiring Collections 6 June



Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association

For those wishing to give to the retiring collections on 6 June by Gift Aid, envelopes are available at the front of the Church and from the office.

INSTANT NEIGHBOUR



Following the article in last month's InSpire, Bob and I would like to add our own thanks to the congregation for their generous contributions.

We would particularly like to mention the Guild's 'themed' collections.

Meg Littlejohn

At present the Christian Aid Week total is £4816.25 (including the Balmoral run).



Many thanks to all our collectors, counters and of course those who gave so generously. The final total will be announced at a later date when known.

Envelopes from 2 streets have still to come in and donations are often put into the offering plate, so there is a chance that the total may exceed £5000.

Social Committee Future Events



A bus trip is being arranged for mid September– details to follow. The Christmas Sing-a-long will be on 7th December.

Please make a note in your diary.

Church of Scotland Consultation Paper on Same-sex relationships and the Ministry



b) Would you consider it obligatory to leave the Church of Scotland under any of the following conditions:

- (i) if the General Assembly were to allow people in committed same-sex relationships to be ordained as ministers? **Yes -1 No - 49**
- (ii) if the General Assembly were to allow people in committed same-sex relationships to have other leadership roles within the Church? **Yes - 0 No - 50**
- (iii) if it were forbidden by the General Assembly for people in same-sex relationships (even if committed relationships) to be ordained as ministers? **Yes -1 No - 48**
- (iv) if it were forbidden by the General Assembly for people in same-sex relationships (even if committed relationships) to have other leadership roles within the church? **Yes - 3 No - 47**
- (v) if the General Assembly were to decide not to make a clear statement on this issue **Yes - 6 No - 44**

c) Do you think that the General Assembly should leave either (i) individual Presbyteries **Yes - 2** or (ii) individual congregations to determine whether persons in either same-sex relationships or civil partnerships should be ordained as ministers? **Yes - 26**

Alternatively do you consider that the General Assembly must make that determination itself and, if so, what would you wish it to determine **Yes - 21**

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Baptisms

- 18 April Leighton James MacGregor
Stewart
18 April Ryan James Stewart
9 May Alexander Atholl Bain
16 May Poppy Alexandra Main

New Member

Mrs Alison Bain

Weddings


- 1 May Lesley Shepherd and
George Reid
8 May Louise Drummond and
Andrew Beaumont

Deaths

- 3 May Mrs Jean Currie
4 May Mrs Mary (Molly)
McClellan
7 May Mr Eric Smith
8 May Mr Sandy Garden
11 May Mr Harry Rae
12 May Miss Margaret Nairn
17 May Mr John Strachan

Disjunctions

Miss Fiona Buchan
Mr Gregor Kelly

Thanks to all my
friends in 
Mannofield Church
for their good
wishes on my 90th birthday.

I had a wonderful time!

Margaret Rhind

Flower Calendar

June

- 6 Mrs M Allan
13 Mrs L Reid
20 Mr G & Mr H Falconer
27 Miss N Shearer

July

- 4 Kathleen Martin
11 Jean Anderson
18 Miss E Torrance
25 Mrs C Bridgeford

August

- 1
8 Mrs J R Hamilton
15 Mrs I Philip
22 Mrs I Cook
29 Mrs C Boyd

PLEASE NOTE

**The deadline for the
next issue of
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Thursday 20 August**



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office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk
Have a good holiday - we will

Mannofield Guild

The Plants, Books and Home Baking Sale is on Saturday 5 June from 10am to 12noon.

Contributions for stalls will be gratefully received at the church on Friday 5 June after 6.30pm.



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Fool's Journey

A seriously Light Hearted Play
By Michael Forster
Adapted by Pickled Cow Drama Group



Wednesday	23rd June	@ 7.30pm
Thursday	24th June	@ 7.30pm
Friday	25th June	@ 7.30pm

On stage at Mannofield Parish Church
Great Western Road, Aberdeen

Return ticket forms to the office or
any **PCDG** member
Also available by email
thepickledcow@hotmail.com

