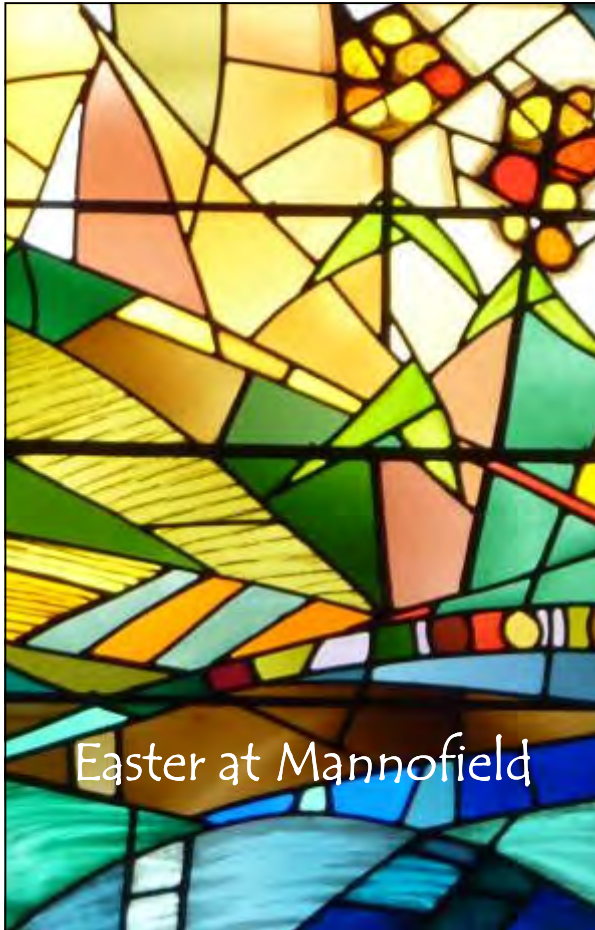




INSPIRE





Easter at Mannofield

MANNOFIELD CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

APRIL

Sun 3	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship with Communion
Wed 6	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 10	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 13	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 17	10am	Morning Worship Palm Sunday with Sacrament of Baptism
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 20	10.30am	Midweek Service
Thurs 21	7pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri 22	7.30pm	Joint Good Friday Service South Holburn Church
Sun 24	8.30am	Easter Sunday Family Service
	10am	Easter Worship
	3.15pm	Worship at Craigielea
	6.30pm	Evening Worship with Communion

Flower Calendar

April



- 3 Mrs R Wallace
- 10 Miss A Milne
- 17 Miss C Robertson
- 24 Mrs Audrey Milne

April's flower is the daisy

Putting Jesus back into Easter



It's hard to believe that out of the whopping 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year, not one of them mentions Jesus on the box. Until now that is. The Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter Egg to explain the Christian understanding of Easter on the box. It also supports charity and development projects, buying everything from medical equipment for new mums here at home, to chickens and securing fresh water for farmers in Africa.

<http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk/>

30 pence from every Real Easter Egg sold will be donated to Traidcraft Exchange

EASTER SUNDAY 24 April



Come and join us for breakfast at 9am

Crafts and Easter egg hunt in church to follow at 9.15am

Dear Friends

We live in a fragile world! There is no doubting that fact especially when we witness such tragedy as the one playing itself out in Japan and other countries devastated by the earthquake and tsunami.

Most who read this will generally be urban dwellers. We live in our granite houses that have been around for a long while; we live comfortably within our tree lined streets knowing that for our convenience the shops are well stocked with the supplies we need. We think of Nature as something to cherish - if not worship. We look forward to a walk on the beach or a walk out at Royal Deeside, or we contemplate a break in the country as the weather gets better.

To us town dwellers, Nature is quite a romantic notion – a soft, calm, reassuring place within the fabric of our human lives. For those of us who are Holy we cherish Nature as God's gift to us.

And then an earthquake or hurricane or tsunami spoils the romance. Mother Nature isn't so life-giving and maternal after all - not so contained and manageable.

I always think it a little bit of an anomaly that insurers use the term "ACTS of GOD" to describe these incredible natural phenomena that cause so much destruction.

There is much I don't understand about why it could be that such disasters are possible within a world that we call God's; but what I do firmly believe is that in no way can we call these events "ACTS of GOD". God is not responsible for them! God does not inflict tragedy on His people.

When tragedy strikes (in whatever form) there will be questions and most will remain unanswered. What we can answer are the questions, 'Where is God in this tragedy?' - 'Where is God in my illness?' - 'Where is God in this time of grief?' The answers to these questions are one and the same. God is right there in the middle taking care of the ones who suffer!

Best Wishes

Keith

Young Church Goings-on



The enticing aroma of fresh baking assailed the nostrils of the retiring congregation one Sunday morning recently as the Young Church (YC) 9-11s group baked upside down blueberry muffins as part of their lesson on the “upside down “ teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

Drama, crafts, games and quizzes are some of the other follow up activities YC enjoy, as we learn about the Bible through our “Seasons of the Spirit” programme.

Around 20 lively children and young people between the ages of 3 and 14 participate in YC, led by a committed and talented team of leaders and helpers. We really enjoy having visitors who are maybe staying over with grandparents or are members of baptismal parties.



We had great fun at our Christmas party, especially when Santa came to call and were excited to perform our Nativity play in church. Later, we were proud to join with “SomeSing Simple” to sing in a cross generational choir at the recent all-age service in church.

BREAKING NEWS!!

We are soon to make our very own CD of worship songs in aid of the Development Fund.

We hope lots of people will buy one.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Young Church

Young Church meets during morning service each Sunday. After enjoying our “Children’s spot” in church, we withdraw to our own activities, which include singing, Bible stories, crafts, drama, games and quizzes and even baking on occasion!

We have four age groups for children and young people between the ages of 3 and 14 and we meet together at 9.55am in the Centenary Hall.

We would be delighted to welcome newcomers.

Please contact Lesley Taylor for more information through the church office on (01224) 310087

LOST PROPERTY - 3 April in the Large Hall after 10am service

Have you lost any gloves, umbrellas, spectacles, false teeth?!

You might find what you have lost by looking through the collection of items that have been found over the past year.



PRAYER TIME



From Wednesday 6 April we will be introducing a designated 'Prayer Time' within the life and worship of our congregation.

Every Wednesday (September to June but not during the Christmas Holidays) between 9.45 and 10.15am the opportunity to meet and pray together in a small group will be offered.

The Sanctuary is open on Wednesday mornings from 9am to Noon and the regular midweek service at 10.30am attracts a regular band of worshipers. Following this service tea/coffee is served and the Bell Group regularly holds its practices at 11am. Wednesday mornings typically offer a great opportunity for fellowship and worship and so it is most appropriate to build 'Prayer Time' into that particular morning of the week.

The 'Prayer Time' will allow people to meet together, to reflect on the blessings and joys of life and the issues for which we have concerns. Specifically these may refer to world and social issues and more generally to the circumstances faced by people throughout the world, and at a personal level to the experiences of our own lives. There will be the opportunity to discuss and then pray for the matters that are raised.

The intention is not to over-structure this time of Prayer but to seek to create an atmosphere of friendship, warmth and trust.

As we move forward with this project it is our intention to make Prayer Cards available within the Sanctuary

that any individual can use to fill in with a Prayer Request to be brought to this weekly Prayer Time along with those requests made directly through the Church Web Page.

Prayer Time is open to anyone Wednesday by Wednesday. Simply come along and enjoy the opportunity to pray together and establish Prayer at the heart of our congregation's life.

Keith

Tim Still

I grew up in the Salvation Army which I still attend when I can.



I started learning to play brass instruments from the age of 7 and music was one of my favourite subjects. When I left school I went to Aberdeen College where I trained as a brass instructor. There wasn't much work available.

I was working part time as a chef at the time which I was enjoying and so I retrained and spent four years as a chef.

I had a lot of volunteer youth work experience and I really enjoyed working with children and young people at the various camps etc where I was a team member.

Eventually I felt a strong call to church youth work, so I resigned from my chef position and applied for the job here at Mannofield.

I'm now into my second year. I'm kept busy running a few projects, going into schools, and generally being around for the young people I work with to talk to.

I'm currently studying Theology part time at Aberdeen University.

In Session..... Scribe

It will not have escaped the notice of regular attendees at our Sunday morning services that Kirk Session members are taking a more active role in the worship by leading the opening prayer.

The aim of this development is to raise the profile of this special fundraising time and demonstrate Session support for it. Volunteers for this project were requested at the Session meeting on 22 February.

Elders attending the February meeting were also updated on the fundraising campaign. The rebuilding plans are to be submitted to Presbytery and then the General Trustees for approval. Once approval has been obtained, the plans will be submitted to Aberdeen City Council for planning permission.

Trusts, corporate and business sources of funding are being identified and members of Session with connection or knowledge of any possible sources of funding are asked to make these known to the Development Committee.

Kirk Session itself continues to be involved in the process of change in its composition. The February meeting approved requests from Margaret Insch and Bruce Halliday to be moved to the Retired Elders list while names have been suggested by Session members as appropriate candidates for the eldership.

Keith has been given approval to approach these people to discover whether they would wish their names to be considered.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Thursday 26 April at 7.30pm



**MANNOFIELD CHURCH GUILD
PLOUGHMANS
LUNCH**

**Mannofield's
Orra Quines & Loons**

**Over £900 raised for
Guild Projects**

Well done ladies!!

Each of the boxes below contains an 8 letter word, written either clockwise or anti-clockwise.

How quickly can you identify the ten words?

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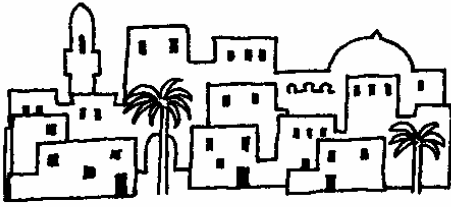
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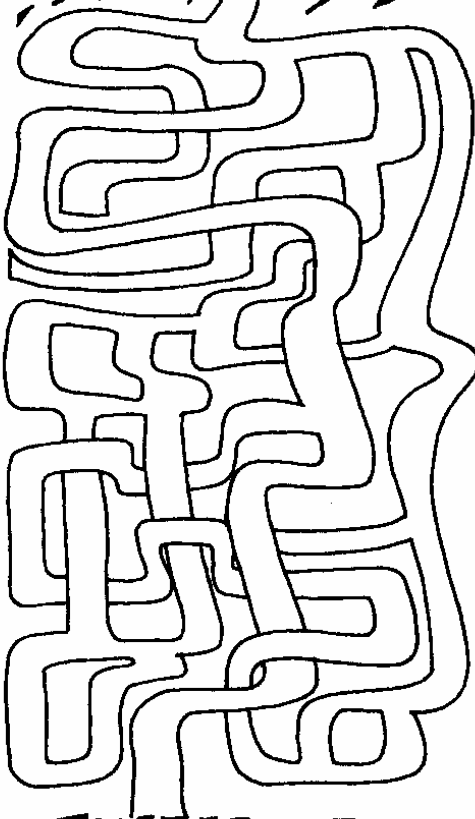
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JERUSALEM



EMMAUS



Help the two disciples find their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus

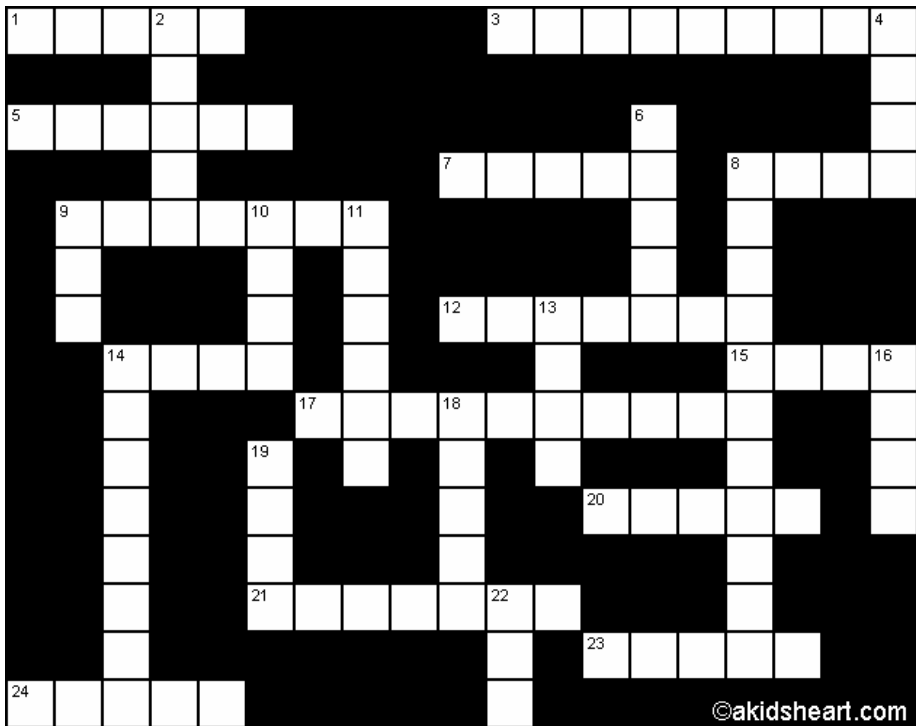


Cross off the wrong words in the boxes to make the story right

It was 3/17 days since Jesus had died, and two of the disciples were going to Jerusalem/Emmaus. Jesus appeared to them, but they hardly/did not recognise him.

Jesus told them how the prophets/angels in the Old Testament had said about what was going to happen to him.

The disciples/shepherds invited him in to their house, and they recognised him when he broke the chair/bread. Then they knew that Jesus really was alive.



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Down

- 2. First Jewish High Priest
- 4. The place of the first animal sacrifice
- 6. First rainbow came after the great _____
- 8. Honor your Father and Mother is the first _____ with promise
- 9. He rested on the first Sabbath
- 10. First king of Israel
- 11. The last celebration of the Passover by Jesus with His disciples is called the Last _____.
- 13. Built the first altar
- 14. These shall come in the last days, walking after their own lust
- 16. Many that are first shall be _____.
- 18. First to build a city
- 19. First man
- 22. First woman

Across

- 1. First musician
- 3. This Mary was the first to see the risen Christ
- 5. The last Adam was made a quickening _____.
- 7. First nomad
- 8. First Murderer
- 9. First Book of the Bible
- 12. Seek this first: the _____ of God
- 14. The first Adam was a living _____.
- 15. First murder victim
- 17. Last Book of the Bible
- 20. At the last _____, the dead shall be raised
- 21. First Book of the New Testament
- 23. Last enemy to be destroyed
- 24. The First and the Last

Why did the sailor grab a bar of soap when his ship sank?
He thought he could wash himself

Books of the New Testament

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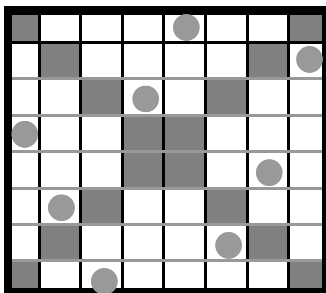
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 Philemon

Philippians
 Revelation
 Romans
 Thessalonians
 Timothy
 Titus

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March solution



Fundraising Events

Are you thinking of arranging an event as part of our year of Development Fundraising? Maybe your Church organisation or Group is planning a fundraising initiative? Or maybe as an individual or with a few friends you are planning to do something to raise money for the project. In an effort to keep track of the types of events being organised and when they are taking place the Fundraising Group is creating a database that will store all the information. This way we can give important publicity to the event on the Screen, in InSpire and on the special pages of the Web Page. It will also allow us to share the news of the success of these events and projects through the course of the year.



Pamela MacRae is the contact person from the Fundraising Group who would like to know the details of your planned events.

Pam's phone number is 318914 and her e-mail address is spc3macrae@gmail.com

Fundraising News

In the last few weeks I have been greatly encouraged by the plans that church organisations and individuals are making towards planning fundraising events and projects for the purpose of raising funds for our Development. From Baking Stalls to Concerts, Language Lessons to Ladies Nights the plans are coming together.

Since we have embarked on this major effort I have sensed a great spirit within our congregational life in these first few months of the year. The atmosphere on a Sunday is terrific and whenever I speak to people I am picking up a real feeling of good cheer and optimism.

You might have heard the comment before that sometimes in life the journey can be as important for a person (or group of people) as arriving at the destination itself. We have a destination in mind that would realise a plan for a redeveloped building and allow Mannofield Church to be in a position of strength for

years to come. What I would say however is that the journey we undertake to get there will provide a great opportunity for building a congregation of strength and togetherness with a real outward looking spirit.

What I have witnessed so far in these early months certainly convinces me of the value of walking hand and hand together as we pursue our goal.

Keith

Development Fund

As of 21 March the total sum of cheques/cash received and standing order payments is **£78,412**.

The above total includes standing order payments to date but not future standing order payments or other pledges yet to be fulfilled. Most of the sum received is under Gift Aid which at 28p per £1 is of further significant value to the Fund.

What a fantastic start!

THANK YOU



Lessons from Messy Church.....A Lenten path

At Messy Church on Sunday 13 March we gathered around to do some truly messy crafts.



Various colours of tissue, paper, glitter glue and cups of sticky glue covered the five tables where kids and grownups alike rolled up their sleeves and got a little messy.

One craft in particular was a Lenten path. The kids were given an A3 sheet of paper with the instruction to draw a winding path with 40 boxes or blocks along the way. This was to be their Lenten path.

Each child was encouraged to fill in their boxes with simple self sacrificing tasks. For example, setting the table without being asked, helping an elderly person, giving up dessert, or other age appropriate items.

Around the path a garden or pastoral scene was designed, with many stickers to add that special touch. Only once the child did the task for the day could that block be coloured in. The goal being, to reach Easter with a beautifully coloured path marking their simple sacrifices.

Lent can seem like a such a big thing, a burden almost. What do we give up? Chocolate? Biscuits? All desserts? Do you see a theme?

I think our desire to give up sweets might be our lingering disappointment for not keeping with our New Year's Resolutions.

Lent is not meant to be a reminder to diet. It is about a reflective journey with Christ. So maybe instead of giving up pizza or fish n' chips, we make more time for prayer.

The beauty of this simple craft is it gives variety and focus. I think our spiritual lives need a bit more of that — variety and focus.

So maybe this Lent you can start a prayer

journal, or find a devotional book, maybe even make your daily walk a prayer and your gardening your hymn. And for those who love the messy, maybe even doing some simple crafts can be your Lenten discipline.

Alisa

Mannofield Boys Brigade



The 44th BBs have recently been awarded a grant of £450 from the Mary Salmond Trust. It has been spent on games and sports equipment for use across all Sections of the Company.

The Mary Salmond Trust was set up in 2007 by the First Minister Alex Salmond MSP in memory of his mother Mary Salmond. Its objective is to provide financial assistance to organisations in North East Scotland including those supporting, promoting and developing children and young people's health, welfare, training and education.

In order to keep our BB programme varied with new and exciting activities for all ages we decided to apply for funds to replace some of our worn out games and sports equipment and introduce some new items including a play parachute, junior unihoc and a Crazy Catch rebound net.

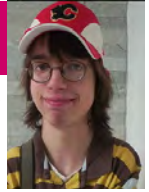


At BBs play has an important role as it aids a child's development and learning. This is particularly so in Anchor and Junior Sections.

Through the new equipment including the play parachute set and junior unihoc we can provide a balanced programme of fun activities which are specific for the boys' ages, teaching them new skills, promoting and developing their confidence, physical skills, independence and team work.

Dave Tait , Captain

Andrew Cattanach..... a personal insight



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

A 22, single and living with my Mum, Dad and younger sister.

Q What is your favourite verse from Scripture and why?

A John 3v18 "He who believeth in Him is not condemned; but he who believeth not is condemned already, for he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Bit of an eye-opener for our faith.

Q Who is your favourite character from the Bible and why?

A Peter – he wants to be a great Christian and follower of Jesus, and panics when his teacher leaves and he has to take over the teaching. He is by no means the perfect Christian despite his efforts, which I can relate to, but ultimately proves true in his faith and becomes a teacher of thousands, leading many to salvation in Christ.

Q What motivates you spiritually?

A Knowing that no matter how dark life can become, God is always there to lead us back to the light.

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

A I still play Pokemon

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

A "If there's something you want, don't ever let it get away from you; if you want to catch that train, don't ever give up until you catch it." (Jonathan Vickers)

Q Who is your favourite fictional character and why?

A Richard Sharpe – no matter the odds, he never gives up on victory and pushes himself to limits others would not dare to reach.

Q What are you afraid of?

A Letting down the people I love.

Q What situations make you lose your temper?

A Anyone who tries to hurt the people I care about.

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

A I would like to be a teacher, or perhaps a minister when I'm a bit older.

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

A I might not jump into things with both feet so much.

Q If you could travel back in time, where would you go?

A I would relive my Graduation, since it was a particularly good day.

Q What would you do if you ruled the world?

A Appoint people who actually knew what they were doing to rule it for me.

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

A My Warhammer 40,000 armies!

Q Who was your favourite teacher and why?

A My English teachers Ms Powell and Mr Craig, who inspired me to take English at University.

NOTES & NEWS

MANNOFIELD GUILD



APRIL

- 5 AGM and Poems by Kathy Young
- 7 Monthly Coffee Morning 10 am
- 19 Easter Service

MAY

- 8 Guild Walk and Treasure Hunt in Mannofield Church 2 - 2.30pm
- 13 Monthly Coffee Morning

PLEASE NOTE

The deadline for the next issue of *InSpire* is Thursday 14 April

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Book Club

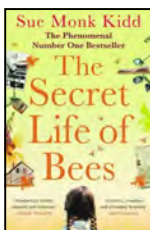
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The Secret Life of Bees

Set in the American South in 1964, the year of the Civil Rights Act and intensifying racial unrest, Sue Monk Kidd's **The Secret Life of Bees** is a powerful story of coming-of-age, of the ability of love to transform our lives, and the often unacknowledged longing for the universal feminine divine.

Addressing the wounds of loss, betrayal, and the scarcity of love, Kidd demonstrates the power of women coming together to heal those wounds, to mother each other and themselves, and to create a sanctuary of true family and home.

The Book Club meets in the Crèche room on the first Wednesday of each month



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Deaths

- 18 Feb Williamina Matthew
- 21 Feb Anna McCorkindale
- 1 Mar Mrs. Robertson; Eastleigh NH
- 1 Mar Mrs Lee; Hawkhill NH
- 15 Mar Elizabeth Maitland

HILL WALKING CLUB

Contact: [Peter Stewart \(Secretary\)](mailto:Peter.Stewart@mannofieldchurch.org.uk), 147 Duthie Terrace, Aberdeen, Tel: 313721 or see the 2011 programme on the church website:

<http://www.mannofieldchurch.org.uk/hillwalkingclub.html>

Saturday 30 April

Ballochbuie, Glen Callater and Braemar (OS Maps 43 & 44).

Depart from Mannofield Church at 8:00am

Start at the Invercauld Bridge (NO185909) and walk along tracks to NO190888 then upwards near the Glenbeg burn to the bealach at An Slugan.

Descend to Loch Phadruig then on to Glen Callater. Walk down Glen Callater to the A93 at Auchallater, cross the bridge on to the minor road to Braemar. (9 miles; 1760 ft ascent; 4.5 hours).

A shorter walk will be possible starting at Keiloch and ending at Inver. High Tea at the Inver Hotel.

Return to Aberdeen at 19:30.



Trip to Ben Rinnes 2008

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Parlez-vous français?



Would you like to speak French for half an hour each Sunday after the morning service for 4 weeks?

Lessons will start on 27 March with a break for Easter and the holiday weekend.

Minimum donation of £15 per person. All proceeds to the Development Fund.

**If interested please phone
Anne Thompson on 681384**

Mannofield Church Lunch Club



21 APRIL

Come and join us

Lunch is served at 1pm
in the **large hall**
followed by a cup of tea

Cost -- £4

Need transport?

Contact: Mhairi Clark tel. 317982

Books and Baking Raise Funds for the Development Project

After the Communion service on Sunday 6th March 2011 the large hall was filled with people buying home bakes and books from the stalls set up to raise money for the Development Fund.

The book stall, which has been on the go since May 2010 took in over £120 bringing the grand total to £655. This will continue to be held on the first Sunday of the month after the morning service.

A group of Mannofield ladies decided that they would like to support the Development Fund by having a baking stall and running quiz competitions on a regular basis.

They were delighted by the support and sold out in a very short space of time raising £150. Additionally their quiz has so far raised £119 with more money coming in.

*****£90 raised at Musical Evening through whisky raffle*****



40th Aberdeen Brownies

What have the Friday Brownies been up to?

A couple of weeks ago we were lucky to have a visit from Grampian Police. The night was a great success! The children learnt about how to keep themselves and their possessions safe, stranger danger and what the Police do. The children got to try on the Police outfits and got mug shot photographs taken of them. They also got to sit inside a police van and experience what it would be like to be handcuffed.



After the Easter Holidays we are having a Zumba night. Zumba is a very fast Latin-inspired dance-fitness program and is something that the Brownies have not experienced before. We are very much looking forward to that evening!



We have also just held "Brownies Got Talent 2011". There were a range of talents showcased including singing, dancing, puppetry and piano solos. Mannofield definitely have one very talented Brownie Pack!

In June, the pack is participating in a Division Camp out at Crathes. This will involve Guides, Brownies and Rainbows from different units in Aberdeen and will be the first time the pack has slept in tents whilst on Pack Holiday.



CALLING ALL SAINSBURYS SHOPPERS!

Last year, The Brownies participated in Sainsbury's Active Kids scheme. We collected hundreds of vouchers and in return got lots of nice new sports equipment. This year we hope to do the same again and we ask for your support. We would appreciate if you could collect any vouchers you may receive from Sainsbury's supermarkets and petrol stations and pass them on to Jenny Imrie.

**"We're Active Kids
and we're back."**