



INSPIRE



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 4 March 2011



Norma Ulloa

How many loaves have you ?

Mark 6:38

MANNOFIELD CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Flower Calendar



MARCH

Wed 2	10.30am	Midweek service
Sun 6	10am	Sacrament of Communion at both services
	6.30pm	
Wed 9	10.30am	Midweek service
Sun 13	10am	Morning Worship
	2.45 to 6pm	Messy Church
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Sun 20	10am	Morning Worship with Sacrament of Baptism
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 23	10.30am	Midweek service
Sun 27	10am	Morning Worship with Sacrament of Baptism
	3.15pm	Craigielea
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 30	10.30am	Midweek service

PLEASE NOTE

The deadline for the next issue of *InSpire* is Thursday 17 March

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March

6 Mrs A Thompson
 13 Mrs J Anderson
 20 Mrs M Craighead
 27 Miss M & Miss R Archibald

April

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

Tea Time Teaser from February InSpire

Use the digit 4 four times and the normal mathematical symbols, generate the values 2 to 20. Use +, -, x, division, 4 squared, square root of 4 and brackets. For example $(4+4)/(4+4) = 1$ or $4x4/4x4 = 1$.

Tea Time - Answers

P4 below represents square root of 4

2= $(4x4)/(4+4)$
 3= $(4+4+4)/4$
 4= $(4+4) - P4 - P4$
 5= $\{(4x4)+4\}/4$
 6= $(4+4+4)/P4$
 7= $(4+4) - 4/4$
 8= $4+4+4 - 4$
 9= $4+4+4/4$
 10= $4+4+4 - P4$
 11= $4^2 - 4 - 4/4$
 12= $4x4 - P4 - P4$
 13= $4^2 - 4+4/4$
 14= $4+4+4 - P4$
 15= $(4x4) - 4/4$
 16= $4+4+4+4$
 17= $4x4+4/4$
 18= $4x4+4 - P4$
 19= $4^2+4 - 4/4$
 20= $4+4+4^2 - 4$

Dear Friends

I know many of you are golfers and no doubt you will be making plans to dust down the clubs that may have been tidied away for the darkest days of winter and check out the shoes to see if they have survived the threat of mould.

As more of a spectator of golf than a participant, I generally feel the real golf season starts with the US Masters held annually at Augusta, Georgia.

It has been said that when we watch such a tournament as The Masters or The Open and recognise the skill and ability of the players on view, there is a temptation sparked in us to decide that, in reality, no matter how hard we try we are never going to be that good at golf and maybe we should just give up.

In his book *'God's Payroll – Whose work is it anyway'* the author Neil Hood compares such a situation to the Christian life and the challenges that await us as Christians in the community and world.

He says that sometimes we consider what is being asked of us by God or the Church and we decide that in reality the task is beyond us or that we would be better leaving such a challenge to others who are more experienced or gifted than we think we are. The temptation is there to give up or not try hard enough.

What we forget, however, is that Christian Faith tells us that we are never separated from God. He is a life-long partner; partner in our individual lives and collectively in the work of the Church.

He is, if you like the golfing image, the caddy and the coach all rolled into one; the partner of the golfer with talent; the partner who brings out the best in him or her.

I think we sometimes forget that God is our partner when we set about living the best lives that we can.

We are never without Him and as with all good partnerships, the agendas and the tasks and the challenges that are set for us become a shared duty. We should never consider them as our sole responsibility.

God is our partner - in everything. He asks us to work with Him and He will bring out the best in us.

Best Wishes

Keith



World Day of Prayer 4 March 2011



The World Day of Prayer service for 2011 has been written by the Christian women of Chile. They ask us to consider the mystery of the feeding of the five thousand and to pose the questions: 'How many loaves have you? What are your gifts? What can you share?'



Tabgha Mosaic

Tabgha on the Sea of Galilee is the traditional site of the Miracle of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fishes.

On 4 March 2011 communities all over the world will reflect on how

we can live out our answer to this theme. Join in at the local service to be held this year in Mannofield Church at 2 pm. A warm welcome to all.

Other services to be held in the city on 4 March are:

City Centre

St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, St Joseph's Place, Crown Street 7.30 pm

District Services

Bridge of Don	St. Columba's R.C.	7.30 pm
Cults/Culter	Cults Parish Church of Scotland	7.30 pm
Dyce/Bucksburn	Newhills Church of Scotland	7.30 pm
Kincorth/Cove/Ferryhill	South St. Nicholas Church of Scotland	7.30 pm
South West	Mannofield Parish Church	2.00 pm
Central West	St. Mary's Episcopal Church	7.30 pm
Mastrick/Summerhill/		
Northfield	Sheddocksley Baptist Church	7.30 pm
Torry	St. Fittick's Church of Scotland	7.30 pm
Woodside	St. Joseph's R.C.	2.30 pm

Find A Grave Limited is a Renfrewshire based company which offers an online service to those seeking information about, and locations for, the graves of friends, family and people of interest. The service also provides access to information about cremations.



The company was set up in 2009 in response to an increasing demand for a service of this type (largely fuelled by a growing interest in genealogy), but also to address the need for digitising of this information to preserve and maintain records which may otherwise be lost.

The new website at www.findagraveinScotland.com, has been upgraded with support from the Scottish Government, Business Gateway and Scottish Enterprise. It was re-launched on 14 February 2011, and will provide users with 24/7 access to burial and cremation records. The site will provide a range of free information and services including:-

- Basic search facility (to check that the information required is available)
- Information about famous people who have died on the date you access the site information and photographs of famous Scottish monuments

Once users have identified that the record they are looking for is available, they can then pay a nominal fee to access more detailed information, including:

- Full names and date of birth/death
- Photographs of the grave
- GPS co-ordinates to help them locate the grave

More about the service can be found at www.findagraveinScotland.com or contact Tom McPherson on 0141 883 2838.

ROLL AWAY THE STONE

Celebration, Inspiration and Discovery.



On General Assembly Sunday 22 May 2011 from 1pm till 6pm, the Church will take over a large area of Princes Street Gardens in Edinburgh for a time of **Celebration, Inspiration and Discovery.**

Significance comes from the Cross and Resurrection Life flows from the Tomb. So our celebration, inspiration and discovery will begin with reflections around a huge cross in the garden area near the Ross Bandstand. Meantime at the Bandstand itself, in the picturesque avenue and fountain areas, and in St Cuthbert's Church at the west end of the Gardens there will be space for worship, praise and singing. Here are just a few of the elements that will be in the programme:

Easter Play Scenes; Storytelling; Massed Choirs; Church Stories; Fischy Music; 5-a-side football; Picnic; Comedy; Puppets.

For more information about the event, follow this link: www.rollawaythestone.org.uk

Making a Difference.....Margaret Malloch

Many years ago I read about a little girl who was dying. She had heard that it was possible to leave your eyes when you die so that someone else would be enabled to see.

She talked about this a lot with her mother, shredding that poor woman's heart. The girl was sure that she wanted some blind person to see with her eyes. Her last words were "Remember about my eyes, Mummy".

When all this was made public, there was a huge response. Six hundred people signed forms donating their eyes on death for corneal transplants. You will agree that that wee lass through her selfless desire to help someone else made a very big difference.

You remember the Proverb 29.18. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." I hope you have realised that our minister Keith has a vision for the future of Mannofield, to keep it from stagnating, as many churches have done, and to make it more accessible to the community.

Plans have been exhibited, much research has been done. Staggering costs have been revealed, and sources of possible funding.

What this project needs is enthusiastic, whole-hearted support. We cannot see the end from the beginning, we don't know where the funding will come from. But, if we just sit mulishly in the pews, waiting until we are sure, our batteries will go flat, and our candles burn out.

It is not a case of "Do we like it or do we not like it?" But it is, "What does the Lord require of us?"

Now is the time for an ACT of FAITH. We must step off the cliff and fall into the hands of the Lord who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. EPH 3.20

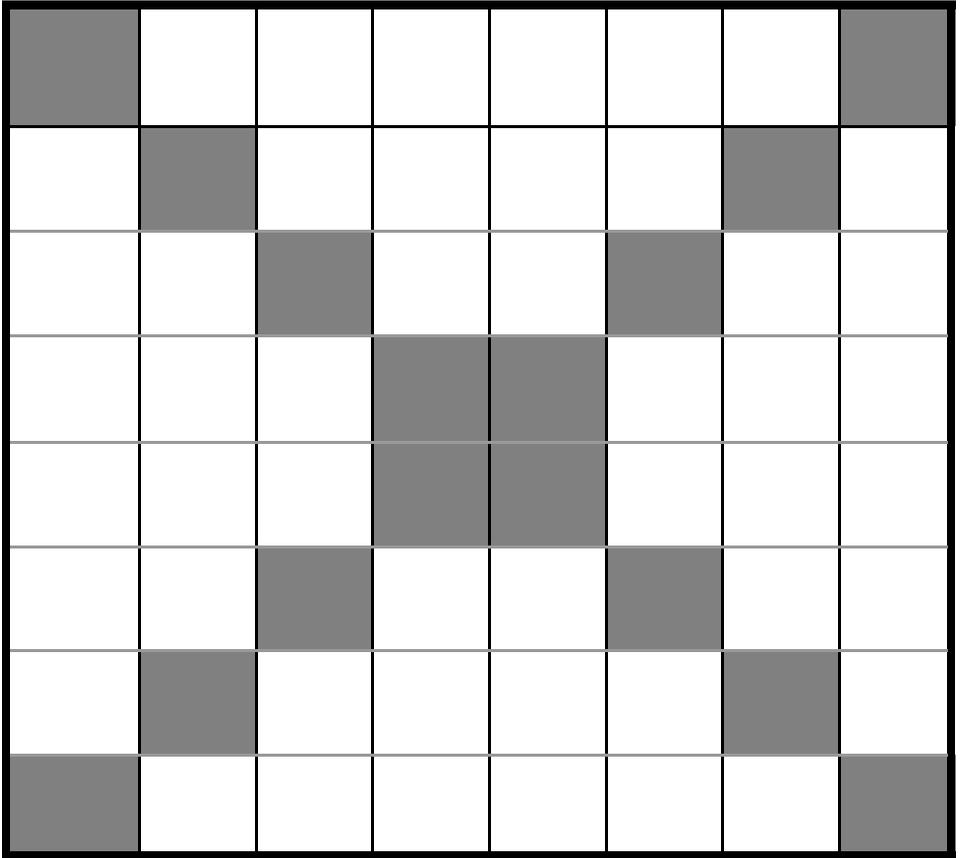
Let us be resolved about personal giving.

Let us give more than we think we are able.

Let us support all who are fund-raising.

Let us get off our backsides and make an almighty effort.

Let us ask the Lord's help to make a VERY BIG DIFFERENCE like the wee lass who donated her eyes so that another would see.

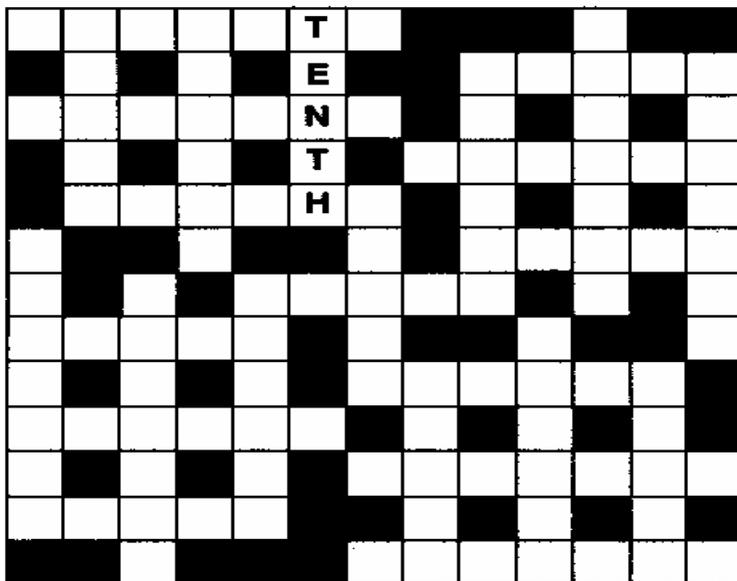


Without moving the existing circle,
add seven more to the unshaded squares
ensuring that no circle is in line with another
either horizontally, vertically
or diagonally.



FIX A WORD

All the words to be entered into the grid are given below. A word has been inserted to start you off.



5 Letters

Abner
 Alive
 Dream
 Large
 Linen
 March
 Raise
 Shoot
 Tenth
 Yield

6 Letters

Daniel
 Deceit
 Earthy
 Enters
 Miriam
 Opened
 Prison
 Winged

7 Letters

Follows
 Freedom
 Hundred
 Present
 Priests
 Reading
 Singing
 Sitting

Did you hear about the frog's car that broke down?
It had to get toad away!

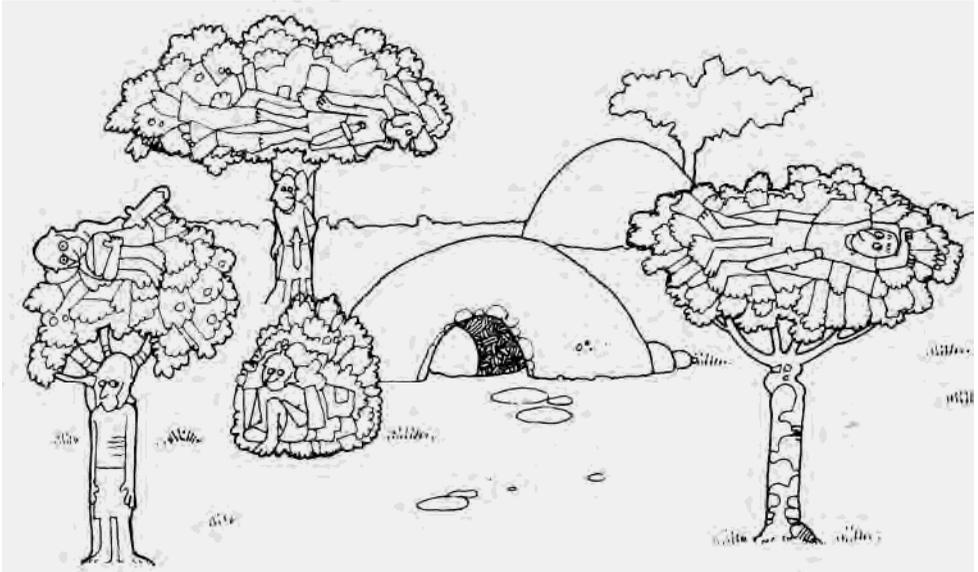
Did you here about the baker who got electrocuted?
He stood on a Hot Cross Bun and a currant shot right up his leg!!!



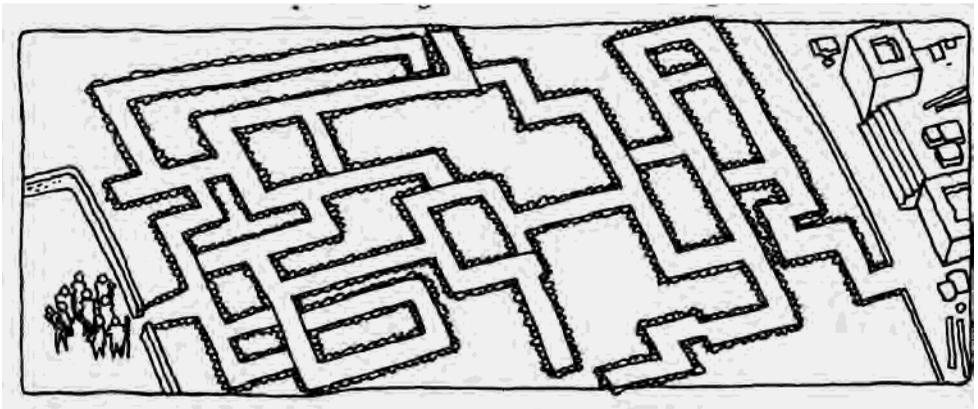
Q. What is a porcupines favourite food?
A. Prickled Onions!!!

Which bird is always out of breath?
A puffin!

6 frightened soldiers are hiding. Can you find them?



Can you help the workers find the temple?



January's solution: Said, Sand, Sane, Mane, Made



THE KING JAMES BIBLE *in retrospect*

Exploring the influence of this landmark publication not only on theology, but on politics, law, literature, sociology and history.

King's College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Four hundred years old but very much alive today, the King James Bible was at the time controversial, provocative, enmeshed in the politics surrounding religious discourse as much as in theology. It wrote about the heart of God but also very practically spoke into local disputes in England, Scotland and Ireland, as well as national and international affairs.

To celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, the University of Aberdeen will be presenting a series of six public lectures entitled *The King James Bible in Retrospect*, both honouring the book and placing it in its wider context.

You are warmly invited to attend these lectures.

Tuesday 1 March: *The King James Bible: an overview*

Professor Alister McGrath, King's College London

Tuesday 15 March: *The Long History of the King James Bible*

Dr Eyal Poleg, University of Edinburgh

Tuesday 29 March: *The King James Bible in Scotland*

Professor David Fergusson, University of Edinburgh

Monday 11 April: *The Social Universe of the King James Bible*

Professor Naomi Tadmor, Lancaster University

Wednesday 4 May: *The King James Bible as a 'Savage Text'*

Professor Adrian Thatcher, University of Exeter

Thursday 12 May: *The King James Bible as Literature*

Professor Gordon Campbell, University of Leicester

All lectures will begin at 6:30pm in the King's College Conference Centre, and will last about an hour with time for questions afterwards. The final lecture will be followed by a cheese and wine reception. To reserve your free place, call 01224 272084, email w.gibb@abdn.ac.uk or visit www.abdn.ac.uk/king-james-bible.

Ryan Webster.....A personal insight



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

A 23, Human Resources Administrator, not married (too young to be thinking about that!)

Q What is your favourite verse from Scripture and why?

A Isaiah 40:31. But those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak.

This verse is an instant pick-me-up and reminds me to always turn to the Lord in times of trouble. So inspiring.

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

A James. The book of James is remarkable; it is full of advice which was relevant at the time it was written and is just as relevant now.

Q What motivates you spiritually?

A Modern worship songs, hymns, reading the Bible, speaking with fellow Christians about their faith, helping others.

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

A I am a big wrestling fan!

Q What are you afraid of?

A Really scary films and big spiders.

Q What situations make you lose your temper?

A Following Aberdeen FC! I normally leave each game hoarse!

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

A I would love to own a hotel and restaurant. I have worked in a few before and have always enjoyed it. I think it would be brilliant to be able to decide how to run it and to see people enjoying themselves there.

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

A 1983 – to see Aberdeen winning the Cup Winners' Cup. My dad went but I doubt I will ever get to see Aberdeen in a European final!

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

A Haven't purchased any of those yet anyway! Probably my mountain bike.

Q Who was your favourite teacher and why?

A Mr Webster (no relation!) – my form teacher and German teacher at Hazlehead Academy. He was always enthusiastic and loved a song.

Q Who or what is the love of your life?

A My family – Neil, Wendy, Lauren and Lisa.

Q What has been your greatest achievement?

A Getting through university and getting a job.

44th Aberdeen BB company — Awards for All



The Company section has had its horse and bars equipment since the early 1930`s when they were presented to the company by the Archibald family. Just imagine how many boys have been over the horse in that time!

We felt it was time to upgrade our equipment and started looking at funding options to help us achieve this. It was brought to our attention that the National Lottery had an awards scheme called *Awards for All Scotland* which after some research showed us that many organisations like the Boys Brigade were being awarded grants for similar projects.

The next step was to find suitable replacement equipment which we sourced from a German company called SportsThieme to calculate how much we would need.

We started the awards application process back in October 2010 and after filling out a rather detailed application form we heard back on the 1 November 2010 that we had been offered a conditional grant for the full amount requested.

There was then further paperwork and checks to be done before the grant was confirmed.

We were delighted to be told at the end of November that our grant had been confirmed. However we were unable to make it public until *Awards for All Scotland* released their press and media details in mid December 2010.

The Company received a letter of congratulations from Anne Begg MP who stated, "I am sure this grant will contribute to the continuing success of the Boys Brigade in Aberdeen". We also received a kind letter from Nicol Stephen MSP who was delighted to hear the 44th Aberdeen Boys Brigade Company had received a grant from the Big Lottery Fund.

We have now placed our order with Sports Thieme and are awaiting delivery of the new equipment which should be with us early March. Not only has the grant enabled us to replace the horse and bars equipment but also to purchase a replacement trampet and additional safety mats. We hope the new equipment will last as long as the old and benefit the Company for years to come.



NOTES & NEWS

Mannofield Guild MARCH



- 1 Afternoon visit to Gordon Highlanders Museum
- 3 Monthly Coffee Morning 10am
- 4 World Day of Prayer
Mannofield Church
- 8 Fishy Facts – John Dunn
- 22 Handmade Bags – Cherie Collins

APRIL

- 5 AGM & Poems by Kathy Young
- 7 Monthly Coffee Morning
- 19 Easter Service

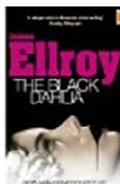
Sandy McKenzie, our Gift Aid Convener, wishes to thank all who have made their offerings under Gift Aid over the past year.

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Currently the Church reclaims from HMRC 28p for every £1.00 received under Gift Aid. This is a very valuable source of finance. From 6 April 2011, however, the 28p will be reduced to 25p. So if you are about to make a payment under Gift Aid as part of your regular offerings, or a donation in support of Mannofield Church Development Appeal, or a donation to any other registered charity, then the sooner the better. Every little helps!

Finance Committee

April Book Club The Black Dahlia James Ellroy



The Black Dahlia is an exquisitely written book of murder and obsession that takes the true details of the unsolved 1947 Elizabeth Short murder and creates a fictional story of a police detective determined to solve the case.

The Black Dahlia is a page turning mystery novel, but it is also much more.

Ellroy uses the story to delve into the dark recesses of the human psyche and forces the reader to deal with obsession, evil, right and wrong.

MANNOFIELD CHURCH WELL



We have sent another cheque to Christian Aid. A £160 cheque was sent on 14 February 2011. This brings the running total since July 2008 to £713. Thank you to all who continue to contribute.

Elizabeth Paterson

Mannofield Church Lunch Club



17 MARCH

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

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Deaths

18 Jan Mrs Liz Robertson
4 Feb Mrs Jean Malcolm
6 Feb Mrs Agnes Gallagher

Accessions

Mrs Nancy Baird

Disjunctions

Mr John & Mrs Muriel Corbett
Mrs Constance Forbes
Mrs Eleanor Dick

Change of Address

Mrs Amy Campbell

Book Stall

Please support it.



Since the stall started in May 2010 it has made £521.44 for the Development Fund. Our only expense was a very worthwhile £20 spent on boxes for storage of the books. Mind you we have already run out of storage boxes so if anyone has any spare plastic boxes going they would be gratefully received.

We are always grateful more books and they can be dropped off at any time - either in the office or the vestry.

We have a wide range of adult fiction and non fiction and a large collection of children's books for a variety of ages.

The book stall is on the 1st Sunday of every month after the 10am service in the Large Hall.

Niki Anderson

A Reflection

"Where does this journey begin and at what stage can you deny me my selfhood and my spirituality?"

As I lose an identity in the world around me, which is so anxious to define me by what I say or do rather than who I am, I can seek an identity by simply being me, a person created in the image of God. My spiritual self is reflected in the divine and given meaning as a transcendent being.

As I travel towards the dissolution of myself, my personality, my very 'essence', my relationship with God needs increasing support from you, my other in the body of Christ. Don't abandon me at any stage....sing alongside me, touch me, pray with me, reassure me of your presence... I may not be able to affirm you, to remember who you are or whether you have visited me. But you have brought Christ to me. If I enjoy your visit, why must I remember it? Why must I remember who you are? Is it to satisfy your OWN need for identity? If I forget a pleasant memory it does not mean it was not important to me!" *These are the words of Christian Bryden, an Australian with Alzheimer's who spoke at a conference in 2002*

www.faithholderpeople.org.uk



World Day
of Prayer



World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical, prayer movement initiated and carried out by Christian women in more than 180 countries and over 1000 languages. Every year Christians of many traditions and all ages, celebrate a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March.

World Day of Prayer services are held all around the world, beginning in Tonga and New Zealand in the east and continuing throughout the day to Samoa and Alaska in the west. We bring the needs of the world, and of the writing country in particular, before Almighty God knowing that He will hear and answer us, as we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

God invites us to have a prayer relationship with Himself, but He also expects us to have concerned relationships with our neighbours, throughout the world. Prayer must be accompanied by action, as God moves our hearts and directs our thoughts.

This year's prayer focus is written by women in Chile and they tell us: "In Chile, various cultures live together, sharing our long and narrow strip of land. We are people who maintain a wealth of traditions and languages. Bread is the main food in our homes. No meal is complete without it. We offer hospitality, even in the poorest homes, by sharing some bread - a sign of solidarity and hope in Christ."

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Chile

Chile 2011

'How many loaves have you?'

*'How many loaves have you
For whose people God has planned
A little of all His joy,
A little of all His pain:
From your time of devastation,
May He help you rise again.'*

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
CHILE 2011

Stella Howard