



# INSPIRE

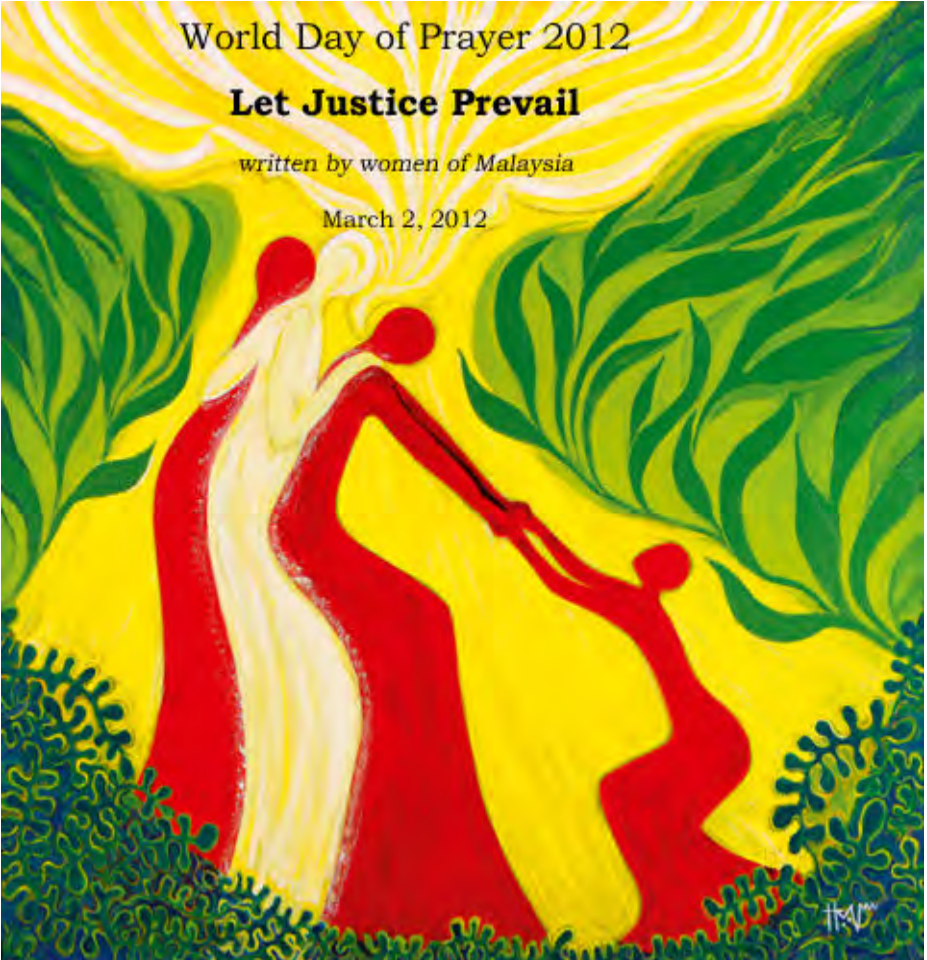


World Day of Prayer 2012

**Let Justice Prevail**

*written by women of Malaysia*

March 2, 2012



See back page for more information

**MANNOFIELD CHURCH**

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

## MARCH

Sun 4	10am 6.30pm	Sacrament of Communion at both services
Wed 7	10.30am	Midweek Service Sacrament of Communion
Sun 11	10am 6.30pm	Morning Worship Evening Worship Songs of Praise with the Bellringers
Wed 14	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 18	10am 6.30pm	Morning Worship Evening Worship
Wed 21	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 25	10am 3.15pm 6.30pm	All Age Easter Celebration followed by the Annual Stated Meeting Craigielea Evening Service

### PLEASE NOTE

**The deadline for the next issue of *InSpire* is Thursday 16 March**

Material for *InSpire* should be deposited in the Church Office or emailed to:  
**roddy@mccollassociates.com**  
**office@mannonfieldchurch.org.uk**

## Home Communion



The ministers are very happy to be invited to visit homes in the congregation to celebrate Home Communion.

Very often people tell us they really miss being able to get to church especially on communion Sundays.

A Home Communion is an opportunity to share in a short act of communion in your own home. The minister brings with him/her the bread and wine and a small communion set with cups. Very often the district elder is invited along too but this doesn't need always to be the case.

The minister introduces the short time together with a reminder of the story of the 'Last Supper' and consecrates the sacrament with a prayer. After this, communion is shared and the time together is finished with the minister leading a prayer. There is no formality to the short service yet at the same time it is a poignant moment to share in one of our Christian traditions that means so much to us in our faith.

If you would like to invite one of the ministers to conduct a Home Communion then please speak to Gill in the office in the first instance or speak to your elder if you would like to find out a little more information.

Dear Friends

The beginning of the season of Lent doesn't announce the fact that Winter is over and Spring has arrived. That would be wishful thinking. I'm sure 'Mother Nature' has plans for some wintry weather still to come our way.

What the beginning of the season of Lent does is to announce the **promise** of Spring. As we pass Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday and enter headlong into Lent – day by day, week by week we begin to have a sense that soon, very soon, winter will be over for another year and Spring and then Summer, will bring with it something new – something warmer and perhaps, if we are lucky, a glow of sunshine.

Lent is not about the final destination. Lent is a journey. It is the awakening to the promise of God that He loves us and will reveal something wonderful to us.

In the Lectionary, the focus story for the first week of Lent is God's promise to Noah and his family. This promise is set out amongst the clouds – distant, elusive, beautiful, fleeting but also reliable and regularly present in the right conditions. It is the rainbow, of course, and Noah and his family look to it as sign and symbol of a binding connection forged by God. It is God's own personal reminder, to them and to God, that the ties between them will not be broken.

In the weeks leading to Easter, I hope you notice the 'rainbows' in your own life. The reminders are all around you of the Love that God has for you.

These rainbows are discovered throughout life: the love we know and treasure, the remarkable people we encounter who reveal love and kindness, the incredible sights found in the created world and the richness of blessing we enjoy in the company of others.

In this Season of Lent let us open our eyes to the **rainbows** that life produces that are constant reminders of the great **promise** God makes to us – that He loves us with His whole being. Then as Lent ends and Easter begins – like the spring and summer that follow winter – that promise is fulfilled in God's Son as He accepts His death because He, and God, love us completely.

Best Wishes

*Keith*

# Mannofield Church...130 years old and still counting

## THE FOUNDING OF THE CHURCH

*Extracted from "A Century at Mannofield — The Story of a District Church" 1882-1982*

*Continued thanks are due to all those who contributed to this excellent historical record especially Arthur McCombie, Fred Thomson and Alastair Macdonald.*

Housing was only slowly filling up the district. Brighton Place was half-filled, but there were only two houses in Forest Avenue. On Great Western Road, houses had spread as far as Forbesfield on the north side. There were four houses past Gray Street on the south side and only isolated houses lay farther west mainly beyond where Anderson Drive now crosses

Most of the names familiar to the present residents of the district were then in common use. A glance at a map of the district reveals names like Kenfield, Craigielea, Louisville, Newlands, Craigiebuckler, Burnieboozle, Braeside, Airyhall, Beechhill, Springbank, Viewfield, Johnston and Annfield. These, however, were not the name of the avenues, roads and terraces which are well-known to us today. Then they were large suburban residences, often used as retreats from the city during the summer. The practice by the wealthy citizens of Aberdeen in Victorian times of withdrawing in the summer from the unpleasant, unhealthy atmosphere of a poorly drained city plays its part in the founding of the church at Mannofield. It brought into contact the two men most closely connected with the enterprise.

It was in this thinly populated area that it was proposed that a new church should be placed. At first, it was claimed that there was 1000 of a population to be served by the new church, but this claim was later reduced to 800, of whom, it was later admitted, only half belonged to the Established Church of Scotland. The number of communicants in the first year of Mannofield's existence turned out to be 92. A note of optimism had been struck at the beginning of the Mannofield story, because the tramway system was spreading westwards and the feuing for new houses was increasing.

On the outskirts of the town, in keeping with Scottish practice, it was common for the eminent men to be associated with the name of their estates and so, one comes across the names of Archibald Duff of Annfield, Thomas Douglas of Airyhall, John Couper of Craigiebuckler and so on. It is the last-named that one has to turn for the beginning of the story of Mannofield Church.

John Couper was one of several interesting Aberdonians in the mid-19th century who foresaw the rewards that awaited men of initiative and enterprise in the Far East. He had started life in a modest way, serving his apprenticeship locally in the shipyards of Alexander Hall and Co.



## Mannofield Church 130 years old and still counting

He made his way to the East as a ship's carpenter and there he recognised the great possibilities of development in Hong Kong, where he set up a ship building and graving-dockyard and prospered exceedingly. It was because of this enterprise that the name of Aberdeen is still applied to part of the Hong Kong area.

In 1863, John Couper returned to Aberdeen, bought the Craigiebuckler estate, and took up residence in Craigiebuckler House, now the headquarters of the Macaulay Research Institute (since 2011 the James Hutton Institute). Stories were told of his hair-raising adventures as a Chinese prisoner. Only a remarkably strong personality could have survived such ordeals.

Resettled in Aberdeen, he busied himself with many business ventures, including the Suburban Tramway Company, and as a pillar of the Established Church, he encouraged the move to establish a church in his own district. Thus in 1873, the church extension scheme in Aberdeen was begun by the setting up of an "iron church" at Craigiebuckler at Couper's own expense. It stood not at Walker Dam but at Slopefield on Countesswells Road near the present entrance to the Macaulay Institute. This was a so-called Chapel of Ease, a church whose powers were limited and restricted.

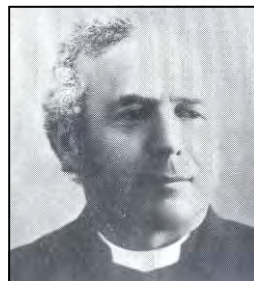
Affairs then moved quietly along until 1880 when a petition from the Rev. Wm. Forbes of Craigiebuckler for the setting up of a new church at Mannofield was presented to the Presbytery of Aberdeen. The most interesting point of this petition was the location proposed for the new church - not the one we associate with Mannofield Church now, but at a spot near Beech-hill, at the intersection of the Pittfodels Road and Springfield Road (not far from the present Airyhall library and the west gate of Springbank Cemetery).

It has been already suggested that it is difficult to see much justification for the building of the new church in 1881, and when one realises that the two churches of Craigiebuckler and Mannofield were originally to be situated so closely to each other, the case seems to become weaker.

Why then a new church?

**We will continue to look back at the founding of the church in future editions of InSpire**

*The Editor*



**Rev William Forbes the first Minister**

# 30 year Service Certificates

30 year Service Certificates were presented to 6 of the 8 entitled Mannofield's Elders by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland at the Annual Presbytery Service on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012



From L-R: Michael Murray, Mrs Sheila Murray, Miss Norma Shearer, James Taylor, Mrs Audrey Milne and John Little. Unfortunately Betty Thomson and George Esson were unable to attend.



## APPEAL FOR

### WELCOME TEAM MEMBERS

There is a need for more members to take a turn at door duty on a Sunday morning in order to maintain a welcoming atmosphere at church.

Please consider joining the rota. You do not need to be a Session or Board member!

For more information please contact Heather Tait Tel 704441 or the office Tel 310087



## Flower Calendar

### MARCH

- 4 Mrs A Thompson
- 11 Mrs J Anderson
- 18 Mrs M Craighead
- 25 Miss H Milne



**Q** Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?



**A** Because Noah was standing on the deck!

**Q** Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

**A** The area around Jordan – the banks were overflowing.

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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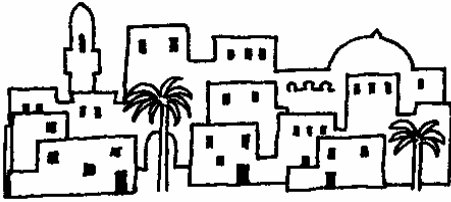
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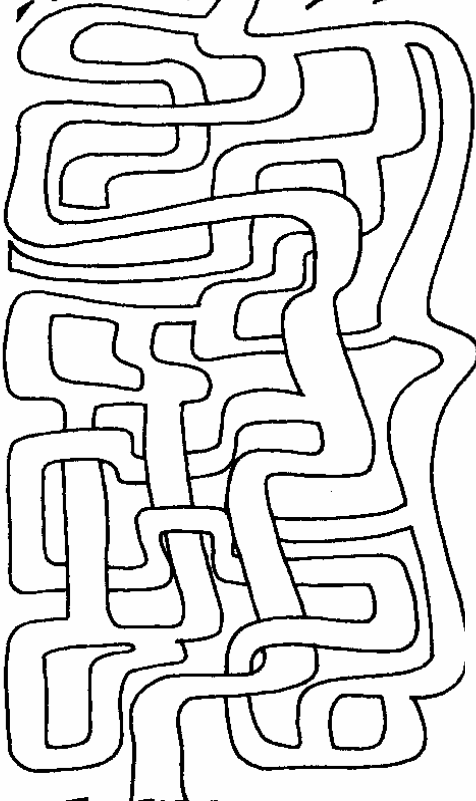
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**JERUSALEM**



**'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.



Books of the New Testament

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Acts

Colossians

Corinthians

Ephesians

Galatians

Hebrews

James

John

Jude

Luke

Mark

Matthew

Peter

Philemon

Philippians

Revelation

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Titus

Read this story in 1 Samuel 16:14-23



Crack the code to find a song David wrote.

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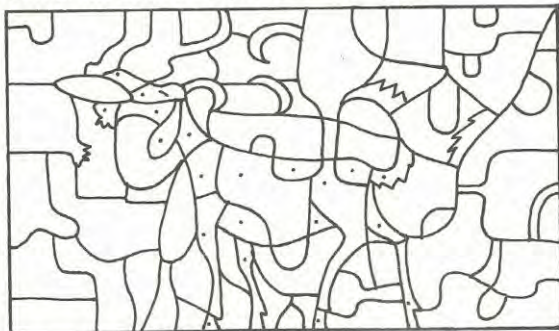
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**Wordsearch**

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DAVID

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Colour the dotted shapes to find the goat.



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February's Solution: The greetings card says Noel (no 'L').

## Michael Fairhurst ..... a personal insight



**Q. What is your age, marital status and family?**

A. 45 years in body, 30 years in my mind. I am married to Suzanne; have two boys Ralph and Ben

**Q. What is your favourite verse from Scripture and why?**

A. It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners. Mark 2:17. I like this because it is a perfect example of how the actions of Jesus as well as his words, work together to emphasize a lesson.

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

A. For me it really has to be Peter. He did so much for Christianity in the years after the resurrection of Jesus. His insight and belief as well as his counselling for steadfastness and perseverance under persecution, must have been one of the main reasons he was chosen by Jesus to be His rock. "On this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it."

**Q. What motivates you spiritually?**

A. I find it spiritually moving during Baptisms. You can feel something in the air when the congregation joins together to pray for the babies and their families. At times like Christmas and Easter I feel that there is a definite togetherness and care for those in our midst.

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

A. When completing a task, ask yourself if you could have done it better or make improvements and then try to implement them for the next time.

**Q. What are you afraid of?**

A. Death, specifically leaving my family suddenly.

**Q. What situations make you lose your temper?**

A. People not trying to do their best.

**Q. Who is your favourite fictional character and why?**

A. Batman from the TV series in the 70's. He had everything he needed, including a Shark Repellent Spray.

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

A. I would choose to be a surgeon. The thought of seeing how the body works internally is intriguing. It would be great to try and fix things which were not working properly.

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

A. Have more discipline to control bad habits, such as smoking.

**Q. Did you have a nickname growing up?**

A. Obelix, the friend of Asterix the Gaul



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

A. I would have loved to be part of the Wild West Frontier staking my claim for land, protecting and providing for my family and working to establish something worthwhile that can grow.

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

A. This coming family Summer holiday to Florida.

**Q. Who was your favourite teacher and why?**

A. Mr Wilkinson, my English teacher. He truly believed in what he taught and put so much into teaching. He instilled an appreciation in me for the written word.

**Q. Who or what is the love of your life?**

A. I love my family.

**Q. What has been your greatest achievement?**

A. I can make fantastic gigantic profiteroles!!

In the last ten years of the 19th century, the Guild was laying the Foundation for the very real social working and support that it is renowned for today as well as allowing women across the country the chance to fully realise their talents in a huge variety of ways.

Charteris died in 1908, but his legacy by way of the colossal social achievement bequeathed by his vision to the church, remains with us to this day. Since the Guild's centenary



**Charteris**

in 1987, the Guild has opened its arms to offer men a place within the organisation too, changing its name in 1997 to 'The Church of Scotland Guild'.

In the same year they launched their three-year strategy programme; a way of selecting six projects and working with them raising money for them and supporting them over the course of three years.

In that way projects and programmes selected were given three years of Funding that they could use to build on and move forward, a "backbone" of income they could rely on.

Each three year cycle another set of projects is chosen and hundreds more people around the world give thanks to the benevolence of the Guild. The projects selected by the Guild are voted for by members before every strategy. To be chosen as a Guild project is a highly sought honour.

In a time of straitened finances, the Guild funding can be a lifeline and a chance to develop. Projects selected through the years have been incredibly diverse but all have as their foundation the chance to put the Church's love into action wherever it's needed and to do God's work whenever it's needed.

There are about 28,000 Guild members throughout Britain, with branches all the way from London to Shetland and in churches everywhere in between. There are now over 300 male members of the Guild – now with a new General Secretary, Iain Whyte.

The Guild keeps up its tradition of innovative ways to include and involve the community and harness the strength and resolve of women across the country. In 2008 Guild week was marked by their 'Chain of Peace', where Guilds were encouraged to pass candles and a prayer of peace to other members, be they Guilds, councils or congregations.

The Guild are behind the huge blossoming of interest in the creation of banners in churches throughout Scotland, thanks to their Millennium banner exhibition tour in 2000.

One hundred and twenty five years later the Guild is still playing a massive role in church women's, and now men's lives.

The work they do is unsurpassed by almost anyone else in the Church family and their contribution to the life of the Church is beyond compare.



## MARY'S MEALS ——THE GUILD GOES BACKPACKING

From a throwaway remark of “We could do that” to nearly 50 assorted backpacks for Mary’s Meals.

We managed assorted backpack sizes and shapes for boys and girls aged 4-12 years. Half the Guild ladies arrived with completed bags and the “Spares” were collected on the tables. After an hour and a half packing and a “cuppa with a rowie “ Kathleen Martin (front left) and her daughter took everything home to finish off. Those ladies who couldn’t manage to supply items gave donations to buy missing essentials.



### What a team effort!



**Mary’s Meals** <http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Mary’s Meals is a global movement that sets up school feeding projects in some of the world’s poorest communities, where hunger and poverty stop children from gaining an education.

Mary’s Meals began by feeding 200 children in Malawi in 2002.

Today, they feed over 600,000 children every day in 16 different countries across Africa, Asia, Europe, South America and the Caribbean.

The idea is a simple one that works. They provide one daily meal in a place of education in order to attract chronically poor children into a classroom where they gain an education that can, in the future, be their ladder out of poverty.

After reaching the milestone of feeding half a million children at the beginning of 2011, the continued generosity of Mary’s Meals’ supporters has since enabled an extra 100,705 children to receive a daily meal in their place of education.

### Musical notes to £ Notes

Elizabeth Marr’s flute recital in the Sanctuary on 4 February, when she was accompanied by the award winning Naufal Nukumi on piano, raised the fantastic sum of £1020 (Gift Aid to be added). CDs are still available for a £5 donation.



# NOTES & NEWS

## Mannofield Church Lunch Club

**15 March 2012**

Thereafter 3rd Thursday  
each month until May 2012

Lunch is served at 1pm

Entertainment 2 - 3pm  
A cup of tea before you leave!  
Cost -- £4

Need transport?

**Contact: Mhairi Clark tel. 317982**



## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### Baptisms

5 February Millie Emily Fraser

### Change of Address

George & Esther Greig

### Deaths

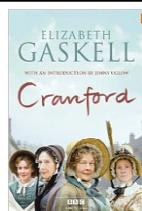
27 January Mrs Betty Sutherland

31 January Mr Henry Stirling

## Book Club – 4 April 2012

### “Cranford” by Elizabeth Gaskell

In this witty and poignant comedy of early-Victorian life in a country town, Elizabeth Gaskell describes the uneventful lives of the lady-like inhabitants so as to offer an ironic commentary on the diverse experiences of men and women.



## Mannofield Guild



### March

Thurs 1 Coffee Morning in  
Large Hall

Tues 6 Clarinda the Musical  
Mike Gibb & Michelle  
Bruce

Wed 14 Spring Meeting  
7.30pm St Mark's Church

Tues 20 My Quilt History  
Lisa Dinkelman  
Seattle Quilt Co



Sat 24 'Spring Fling'.  
Afternoon tea 2 -4pm

### April

Tues 3 Easter Service

## Mannofield Guild

### 'Spring Fling'



### Afternoon Tea

24 March 2 - 4pm

Adults £3 Children £2

Home Baking & Chocolate Stalls

### Proceeds to Guild Projects

# DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Nearly New

**SALE**

nursery furniture educational toys rockers travel cots games  
 high chairs and feeding changing mats swimming aids  
 potties & training puzzles dolls pushchairs  
 soft toys bathing towels CDs bed guards videos  
 play gyms DVDs stairgates reusable nappies  
 baby books cots play pens prams  
 fire guards jigsaws nappy disposal baby baths

**SAT 10TH MARCH 2012**

1pm to 3pm - Entry £1.50

Mannofield Church, Great Western Road, Aberdeen

Contact Alison to sell your items:

T. 01224 743735 M. 07739903855

nearlynewsale2012@btinternet.com

Note: This is a sale of baby and toddler stuff only, we will not accept anything else. For full details of what we will accept, and our terms and conditions, please contact us using the details above.

## Zipwire Challenge 11 March



Ellen Smith will be sliding down a zipwire in Duthie Park in aid of the Development Fund and Citizens Advice Bureau - £50 to CAB with the remainder going to the Development Fund.

Your sponsorship would be welcomed and if you want to witness this foolishness do come along to the Duthie Park on 11 March - it will be a fun day!

Contact the church office Tel 310087 or Ellen Tel 867028 or the Justgiving website to give support.  
<http://www.justgiving.com/Ellen-Smith1>

## MANNOFIELD CHURCH COMMUNITY PROJECT RACE NIGHT FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH

7.00pm for 7.30pm start  
 Sycamore Suite  
 Hilton Treetops Hotel  
 £ 15.00 including  
 Stovies or Veggie Lasagne  
 & Disco till 1am

If you can donate a prize for the raffle or auction, or you know of a business who might like to sponsor a race to be named after their business, please contact John Mowat:

Tel 316626 or 07525 811039  
 email [jmowat2@btinternet.com](mailto:jmowat2@btinternet.com)



## Mannofield Guild

Coffee mornings in 2011 raised £1532.84. That's a lot of tea, coffee and cookies!



Thanks to all



# World Day of Prayer

## *Let Justice Prevail*

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.

This year's service is written by the Christian women of Malaysia.

Malaysia is a nation of diverse cultures, races and religions, a land mainly covered in rain forest but with modern and historic cities, resorts and settlements. Because of this diversity the people cherish peace and have learned to intermingle, integrate and extend a welcome to refugees and immigrants. They are striving for not mere tolerance

but total acceptance of their plural society with justice for all.

**The Service for the South-West Area of Aberdeen will be held at 2.00pm in St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church, Deeside Gardens, Mannofield on Friday, 2nd March 2012.**



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