



INSPIRE




WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

MANNOFIELD CHURCH


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CHURCH CALENDAR


NOVEMBER

Sun 4	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 7	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 11 	10am	Remembrance Sunday
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 14	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 18	10am	Morning Worship with Sacrament of Baptism
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 21	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 25	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea
	6.30pm	Evening Service
Wed 28	10.30am	Midweek Service

DECEMBER

Sun 2 	10am	Sacrament of Communion
	11am	Advent Celebration
	6.30pm	Evening Worship

Poppyscotland Appeal

There will be a retiring collection on Remembrance Sunday for the Poppyscotland Appeal. 

Flower Calendar

NOVEMBER

4	Mrs N Anderson
11	Mrs M Hillocks
18	Mrs L Reid
25	Mr & Mrs W Nicolaisen



Rev Alisa McDonald

On Sunday 21st October we took the chance to thank Alisa for her time with us as Associate Minister. She came to us in August 2008 and we have enjoyed her contributions to the life of our congregation.

Alisa will be inducted as Minister of Kingswells Parish Church on Thursday 8th November. The service there will begin at 7pm. Mannofield members may wish to attend to give Alisa support as she takes on this new Call.



The Young People & Families Committee are planning an Advent Sunday celebration on the 2nd December from 11:00 –2pm. We hope that Young People, Children and Families can come along and enjoy a few hours of craft & cooking activities, games and a light buffet style lunch. We hope to see you all there.

YPFC



Dear Friends

As the 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of the 1st world war nears, the Government has announced that November 2014 will be an occasion for us to ponder the events that unfolded in the European landscape 100 years earlier.

'Lest we forget' is a phrase synonymous with the Season of Remembrance and how apt a phrase and sentiment it is. The danger of forgetting, is the danger of diluting the act of selfless bravery shown by those who left family and safety behind to fight for a cause of securing the liberty of others. The danger of forgetting, is taking too much for granted the men and women who serve today within our armed forces. They equally risk their own safety for the safety of others.

As a chaplain to the Army Cadet Force I have been introduced to many of the stories of 'Padres' renowned for their contributions on the front line. Perhaps the most well known of these would be The Rev. Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, better known as Woodbine Willie. At the outbreak of the war he volunteered as a chaplain, and won the Military Cross in 1917. His habit of handing out cigarettes to troops earned him his nickname, being a heavy smoker himself. After the war he became the vicar of St Paul's Church in Worcester and was closely involved in the Christian socialist and the pacifist movements, touring the country giving public lectures.

One celebrated story tells of him crawling out to a working party putting up wire in front of their trench. A nervous soldier challenged him, asking who he was, and he said, "The Church". When the soldier asked what the Church was doing out there, he replied, "Its job".

As the 'Church' today we won't all be called to attend to the needs of people on the 'Front Line' of battlefield. Yet the example and words of Woodbine Willie remind us that the Church is not established by God to be a place of inactivity; or exist in the shadows someway off the front-line where the important activities of our societies and world take place. As the Church, we are all called to influence people, community, society and the world in the most positive way we can in order to reveal the glory of God's Love for His people.

God calls us all to be His ambassadors and particularly where we find trouble of any sort He calls us to be an extension of His Love.

Best Wishes
Keith

Minister's Study Leave

Keith will be completing the second part of his Study Leave programme between 28th October and 13th November. During that time the Rev Kenneth Petrie, minister of Cragiebuckler Church, will cover any pastoral requirements.

What can we do that would help you to engage more easily with your Church?

Like all Church congregations, Mannofield lists a certain number as the 'on paper membership' yet in reality the actively involved membership total is something altogether different.

In the case of larger congregations like Mannofield the disparity between the two figures can be very high. In Mannofield's case the number listed on our Roll is 1300. If we were making an assessment on the number of people who attend church services regularly on Sundays and Wednesdays and who get involved in events and activities we might say that number could be near 300 — a difference of 1000!

The Kirk Session recognises that within this figure of 1000 there are many who contribute financially, there are many who come to church occasionally and there are some who due to frailty and physical limitations are unable to travel to church. However the clear conclusion is that there are many individuals and families who have little engagement with the worship, activities and causes of their Church. The Kirk Session is looking to change this!

At this time of extraordinary effort being made to modernise our buildings we are very much focussed on the future and one of the questions that we all need to ask ourselves is what level of engagement should we have with the Church of which we are part?

There are perhaps many reasons why our level of engagement with the Church is not as it once was. Maybe it never was that high in the first place! At this time, I encourage each member of the congregation to ask the big questions relating to your engagement with the life of your Church.

I am sure we all recognise the truth contained in the adage 'you get nothing out of something if you don't put something into it'. Of all the involvement we can have with organisations and clubs or causes I would say this adage applies more true to our Church connection and our life of faith than most other things.

While I ask each of us to consider our level of engagement with the Church, the Kirk Session recognises that it is not just a one-way process. As we move forward the Kirk Session would like to help you engage more with your Church. Perhaps there is something we can do to help you engage more with Church life. Can we make it easier for you? Can we make it more appropriate to your lifestyle? Can we make it more appealing?

We are very keen therefore to hear your honest assessment as to why you don't find it easier to engage with Church life and what would help you find it easier and more appropriate to do so.

For instance —

Is it the availability of transport to help you get to church?

Is it the comfort of our church building?

Is it the style of worship?

Is it the availability of multimedia tools which would allow reading, listening to and watching services online at a time more convenient to your schedule?

There are perhaps lots of other things you might consider that would make it easier for you to engage with church life. We would love to hear your feedback. Let's not just make

this a token attempt at raising the issue of how you wish to engage with Church life. We need your feedback so we can help you do so! You can write to me at the church or e-mail me your ideas at minister@mannofieldchurch.org.uk

Mannofield Church is a big family. We are trying very hard to cater for all tastes and bring more and more of our membership and community into the full life of our congregation. We don't do that for the sake of maintaining church reputation or size; we do that because the value of being associated with the life of the Church brings special blessing to individuals and families. It is perhaps the only real way of developing and growing in the Christian Faith in the way that God would want.

Let's not allow the opportunity to pass us by. Let's all of us engage more with our Church and make the most of our Church membership.

Keith

CHURCH QUESTIONNAIRE

At the service held on Sunday 14th October we reflected on the themes of 'Change' and considered how our Church might change in the years ahead. At the end of November the Elders will be meeting to discuss the future shape of our congregation but as we outlined in October's magazine and again at the above service we asked the congregation to participate by steering the Elders on the course they should take for their discussions.

To help with this we would ask the members of the congregation to consider the following questions and submit your responses over the next few weeks. You can drop your responses in to the office or bring them to church with you and leave them at the front door.

- 1) What do you think needs to change if Mannofield Church is to remain successful in fulfilling the tasks God sets us in the next 5 – 10 years?
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- 2) How do you envisage the Church / community using the new buildings?
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- 3) What other views do you have on how we might improve our support to the different sections of our community?
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- 4) If you would like to be more involved in helping the Church, what are your contact details/phone number? _____
Any special area of interest? _____

Thank you for your help.

A Time for Everything.....Margaret Malloch

You don't want to start reading Ecclesiastes at Chapter one. It's a real 'downer'. We are told over and over that life is useless - useless. At our Bible Study on Thursdays we are focussing on Chapter three which begins 'Everything that happens in this world happens at the time that God chooses.'

In a commentary it says "Value - Ecclesiastes has the qualities of its defects. Not without the Divine Providence has this book been included in the Canon of Scripture. It shows better than any other the need for the Incarnation. It forms a most effective background for the Good News that life is earnest and real, that man may find happiness in work and play, in study and recreation, in the comradeship of his fellows and the joys of home life and above all that God is not a remote abstraction but the intimate friend and comrade of his children, that the kingdom of righteousness and peace and joy in a spirit of holiness has come, and that life and immortality has been brought to light."

Each week we focus on one aspect: A time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant, a time to dig up, a time to weep, a time to laugh. LAUGH? I can think of something.

A man and wife were sound asleep in bed when there was a loud knocking at the door. Eventually the wife said "You'd better go and see who it is." Groaning, the man got up and went downstairs and opened the door. A drunk man said, "Hi there, will you give me a push?"

"No I won't" said the husband angrily, "Get lost." He went back upstairs and told his wife all about it. "That wasn't very nice of you" she said, "Are you not going to help him?" "He's drunk!" was the reply.

"Well, remember how our car broke down one night when we were going to collect the children from the baby-minder. What would we have done if the stranger we asked for help had told us to get lost?"

Her husband got up again, put on his clothes and went down and opened the door. Peering into the darkness he called, "Hey, are you still wanting a push?"

"Yes please" said a voice. "But where are you. I can't see you?"

"Over here, on the swing."

Sunday Evening Services

The Worship & Devotion Group are leading the evening services on 4 and 11 November.

On 4 November the topic will be "Proclaim Your Faith" and on 11 November we will have a "Meditation on War".

We look forward to your support.

Sunday Morning Readers

As you know, members of the congregation read the lesson at the Sunday morning service.

If you could help with this please contact Edna Cromarty on 317453 or Gill in the office.

We look forward to hearing from you.

**A lady, when asked her age,
replied that she was 35 years
old, not counting Saturdays
and Sundays?**

What was her real age?



THE LOST SHEEP

Jesus spoke of the lost sheep which was found (Luke 15). As you go through this puzzle from LOSE to FIND write the solution in the word ladder. Change only one letter of the previous word. You are given the first letter change.

LOS E

GOD IS

BIRD

PLUNGE

TEN CENTS

TREE

LEG

YOUNG SHEEP

GIVES LIGHT

TO PITCH TENT

A FISH

BOY'S NAME

A CRY

GLOBE

WITHOUT HAIR

MUSICAL GROUP

CURVE

LOAN

GROUND

MAGICIAN'S STICK

BREEZE

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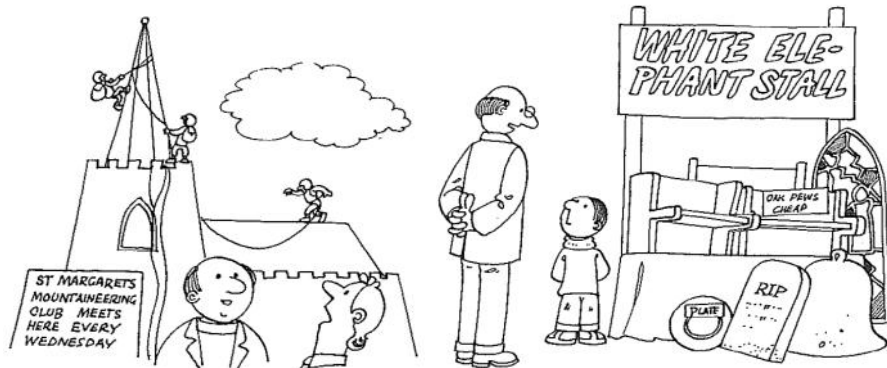
FIND

Bible Mountains

One name in the list appears twice in the grid. Find out which one.



GILEAD
ARARAT
OLIVES
HERMON
SINAI
GERIZIM
SEIR
NEBO
MORIAH
HOREB
CARMEL
MIZAR
GILBOA
PISGAH



'This way we get outdoor activities and the roof repaired at the same time!'

'I think, Jimmy, we need to discuss this White Elephant business.'

NAME THE CHARACTER

You can read about the character in our puzzle in 2 Kings chapters 18 & 19. As you insert your answers in the grid make sure

that the last letter of solution No.1. is also the first letter of No.2. and so on. Then name the character.

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- 1 When the son of ____ became king he was 25 years old.
- 2 Describes his feelings toward the true God.
- 3 He '____ the sacred stones' and destroyed the idols to the pagan goddess, Asherah.
- 4 A quality of character he doubtless possessed.
- 5 These were troublous times for the young king, for his own people '____ listened to the commands nor carried them out'.
- 6 As a nation they did this to God.
- 7 And as a result, this happened to many of them.
- 8 Later, threatened with further attacks from Assyria, the king offers 'whatever you ____ of me'.
- 9 Even these parts of the temple building were stripped of gold.
- 10 An arrogant king of Assyria.
- 11 'On what are you ____ this confidence of yours?' he asked.
- 12 Because they had disobeyed God, they forfeited this former attribute.
- 13 The Assyrian king sent these men to Jerusalem.
- 14 He refused to believe that God could grant this.
- 15 But the people of Jerusalem said ____ in reply to his threats.
- 16 This describes the deep feelings of their king.
- 17 The promise made by the prophet Isaiah was that God would ____ them.
- 18 The army of Sennacherib suffered great losses and the king ____ to go any further.

October's answer: 'Rhyme' is the odd word out. All the other words can be paired off with homonyms.

50 YEARS OF DANCING

The Scottish Country Dancing class was started in 1962 by Maureen Allan and Jean Falconer (wife of our then minister the Rev Jim Falconer). At first it was an offshoot of the Womans' Guild and met on the nights the Guild did not meet. For the first 27 years Margaret Ferries was the pianist. After she died music was provided by several pianists or by audio tape and now by CDs. In the early days the class took part in festivals with some success. When the Centenary Hall was built the class began to meet every Tuesday night, alternating between both Halls. At one time Maureen taught the University class. When it disbanded the remaining members joined our class.

The 50 years of the class was celebrated on 2 October 2012. Members former, current and others attended the evening of dance and chat. The evening started with a glass of sparkling wine. A finger buffet was provided. The music was provided by Frank Thompson. Among the music he played was a tune called the Golden Waltz composed by Helen Fraser who at one time played piano for the class. Paul Lawrance, one of the class, composed a Strathspey tune and a dance called Maureen's Mannofield Meanders. He played the tune on his violin accompanied by Catriona Williamson on the piano. Both these tunes were composed to celebrate the 50 years and were very well received. During the evening the class presented Maureen with a beautiful turned wooden bowl. Keith, after thanking and congratulating Maureen on 50 years of the class, presented her with a cheque from the Kirk Session. Chris Boyd and Mira Kinmond (founder members) cut the cake. A most enjoyable evening was had by all those attending.



Maureen would like to thank everybody who helped in any way to make the celebration be such a success.

Harvest Celebration Lunch - Sunday 30 September

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the lunch a success. The Mission & Outreach team invited people to bring a friend to church and it was good to see some new faces. Whilst the team did not set out to make a profit, they made £219.54 for the Development Fund.



SOMEBODY CARES

Dear Friends,

Many thanks for the generous gift of food from your Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

This is very welcome and will be used to feed many poor folk who find themselves with choices to make about whether to eat or keep themselves warm as the winter progresses.

I was very impressed by the lady who missed your Sunday Service but made a special journey on Monday to make her contribution. A real care for the needy and those less fortunate in our community. Thanks to you we are able to help more folks in the Lord's name.

We have regular need for food as there are many people in this sad position. Thank you once again and God bless you in your work and witness.

Tom Morrow (Fundraising Co-ordinator)



40th Aberdeen Brownies

What's going on at the Friday Brownies?

In June the Brownies went on an Activity Day to Templars Park. Our theme for the day was 'Alice



in Wonderland'. We created hats for the 'Mad Hatters Tea Party' and followed the White Rabbit around the park on a scavenger hunt! The Brownies also did archery and wall climbing, and



finished the day with a real campfire! We had a great day and, as always, ate far too much food!

This term we have had a Pirate theme night where we all dressed up, made pirate telescopes and had a treasure hunt around the church! Many of the girls achieved badges that they have worked towards independently such as 'Toy Maker', 'Musician' and 'Friends to Animals'. We have also been joined by four new Brownies who took their Brownie promise at their enrolment ceremony just before the holidays.



ALERT! - THERE IS A SNAKE IN THE LARGE HALL!!

On the last night of Brownies, Bug Man came to visit and brought with him many different creatures such as a snake, a bearded dragon and a Tarantula. The Brownies got to hold a Giant African Snail and some Cockroaches – they were very brave!

This term has also been my last with the Friday Brownies. After nine happy years with the pack I have made the tough decision to leave Guiding and move on to other things. On a positive note, Lisa Fyfe has agreed to take on the role as Guider-in-Charge. She has been with the pack for four years and I know she will do a super job! To get in touch with the pack you can email them at 40aberdeenbrownies@live.co.uk or contact Lisa on 07999650765.

Jenny Imrie

The Rainbows had a busy term from Easter to Summer, working towards different badges, which now take pride of place on their uniforms. We had the Diamond Jubilee, and the Rainbows 25th Birthday to celebrate, so we finished the term with a "Glitz and Glamour" themed night. We also spent time working on Olympic themed activities. To carry on with the Olympic theme, we recently visited the Aberdeen Sports Village where we had a guided tour and the chance to try some athletics on the theme of Jessica Ennis and the Heptathlon. A brilliant time was had by all, as demonstrated by the 'Thank You' cards we made at the next meeting.



Helen Keith

NOTES & NEWS

Mannofield Guild

NOVEMBER

Thurs 1 Coffee Morning 10-11.30am
Blythwood Boxes to be
returned

Tues 6 A History of Footdee,
William Stephen

18 – 25 Guild Week
125th Anniversary



Tues 20 Musical Memories
Muriel Knox

Sat 24 "Christmas Comes Early"

MANNOFIELD GUILD



24th NOV. 10 - 12
ADULTS £2
Children £1

**CRAFT &
HOME BAKING STALLS
ETC.**

IN AID OF GUILD PROJECTS



Guide Dogs
FOR THE BLIND

The Coffee Morning and Christmas Card Sale for Guide Dogs for the Blind realised a total of £1,150. Many thanks to all who attended and helped with this event. Your continued support is much appreciated by the Puppy Walking Group.

Sheila Taylor

FLOWER FUND

Once again, the ladies of the Flower Committee wish to thank all those who contributed to the Flower Fund or provided flowers for the church during the past year. The flowers are enjoyed by those attending Church and much appreciated by those who receive them after services. The Flower Calendar for 2013 will be in the vestibule towards the end of November for those who wish to add their names to the list.

Sheila Taylor (Convenor)

The Alpha Team Grand Prize Draw
winner is a member of staff at the
International School of Aberdeen.



Second prize of a hamper of
goodies went to Mannofield's
Brenda McGovern.



Thank you all for buying and selling tickets!
We made £1553 for the Development
Fund.

30 Year Service Certificates

Certificates were presented to all eight entitled Elders at the Harvest Festival on Sunday 30 September. Michael Murray and Miss Norma Shearer were unfortunately not available when the photo was taken .



From L-R: George Esson, Mrs Audrey Milne, Mrs Betty Thomson, James Taylor, Mrs Sheila Murray, and John Little.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

New Member

Miss Hazel Anderson

Change of Address

Mrs Helen Burns

Mrs Lesley Donaldson

Mr Ashley Masson

Disjunction

Mrs Angela Main

Deaths

27 Sept Mrs Williamina Sinclair

3 Oct Mr Jack Buchanan

8 Oct Mrs Sheila Hamilton

Mannofield Church Lunch Club



**Come and join us!
15 November**

Thereafter third Thursday each
month until May 2013

Lunch is served at 1 pm
Entertainment 2—3.15pm

A cup of tea before you leave!

Cost—£4

Need transport?

Contact: Mhairi Clark ☎ 317982

Mannofield Church Well

Between July 2008 and May 2012 the coins donated in the well totalled £1,000. This is really appreciated especially as there are so many other demands on people's money. I wish to give a very big thank you to everyone who contributes.

Elizabeth Paterson

**The deadline for the next issue of
InSpire is Thurs. 15th November**

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DEVELOPMENT NEWS

MANNOFIELD DE-CLUTTERS!!

What a team effort: How many of you had a clear out and how long did it take? We can't answer that but we know about the team work involved in the shop:

Prior to opening: Lots of organising!!! For weeks, at least 8 drivers and many car journeys to collect goods; Many of you delivering your own goods; 12 hours in the church collecting goods.

Sunday: 30 drivers and helpers in the shop, working from 12.00 – 5.00pm

Monday – Saturday: 41 helpers working a total of 265 hours [at least]

= £4790

WHAT A TIME WE HAD!

A Time to be Humble

A downtrodden man, with several teeth missing, wanted to buy books. He had money to buy three for one pound. He wanted a fourth and was told to take it, but he said he had a pound left in his account - till he got his money the following day. Five minutes later he reappeared with 50 pence for the book, too proud and honest to accept it for nothing.

A customer returned the next day with 50p he was due / people who wouldn't take their change

A pile of boxes outside the shop, ready to be loaded into a car and a young man on a bike called across "Are you moving house?" - "No" - "Can I help?" - "Yes please." He spent a good 20 minutes helping with great good will.

A Time to Listen

While handing in goods the story emerged of clearing a house and finding a Mannofield Church Badminton Cup - kept by the 6 times winner from 1936!

A Time to Appreciate

Customers returned with Mars Bars and chocolates to say thank you.

Ladies baked cakes for our tea breaks – when we had time!

Customers appreciative of the quality of goods on sale.

A surprise bunch of flowers in recognition of hard work.

Helpers turned up without being asked – thankfully!!

A Time to Laugh

A customer with 6 items is asked for 50p each.... "Oh No, I'll give you £3.00 for the lot" DEAL!"

"Have you got Slippers?" "Yes, what size would you like?" "Any size, as long as they fit!"

Order from chaos - some found the need to colour code the recycling!

THE GRAND FINALE - SALE IN CHURCH HALL - SAT 6 OCTOBER

Volunteers came willingly to help with the final sale of second hand goods. A further £1100 was raised, making an approximate total of

£6000

THANK YOU AND WELL DONE TO ALL CONCERNED