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INSPIRE





HARVEST

Back through the mist of years
Jesus walked the harvest field
And gazed upon the golden ears
When mother earth had produced her yield.

Extract from Colin Moffet's Harvest Time

MANNOFIELD CHURCH

Scottish registered charity SC 001680

CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER					
Sun 2	10.00am	Morning Worship			
	6.30pm	Evening Service resumes			
Wed 5	10.30am	Midweek Service			
Sun 9	10.00am	Morning Worship			
	6.30pm	Evening Service			
Wed 12	10.30am	Midweek Service			
Sun 16	10.00am	Morning Worship with Sacrament of Baptism			
	6.30pm	Evening Service			
Wed 19	10.30am	Midweek Service			
Sun 23	10.00am	Morning Worship			
	6.30pm	Evening Service			
Wed 26	10.30am	Midweek Service			
Sun 30	10.00am	Harvest Festival and presentation of long service certificates			
	3.15 pm	Craigielea			
	6.30pm	Evening Service			

OCTOBER

Sun 7	10.00am	Sacrament of
	6.30pm	Communion at both Services

Flower Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Miss S Quin
- 9 Mrs S Murray & Mrs Henry
- 16 Mrs M McLeod
- 23 Mrs C Black
- 30 Mrs R Wright



Thanks to those who have made the tubs so lovely this year

We should like to thank Keith, Alisa and all the members of Mannofield for the overwhelming love and support we received



both during Jennifer's illness and at the time of her passing. Knowing that your thoughts and prayers were with us was a great comfort. Thank you all so much. *Jimmy and Sheila Taylor*

All Change

This Autumn will see quite a change at Mannofield.

Alisa, who has been our Associate Minister for four years, is leaving at the end of October to take up a new appointment in the Presbytery.

Jimmy Taylor has been our organist for over 30 years and he is retiring.

More will be said by way of thanking Alisa and Jimmy in the coming months but at this stage members of the congregation are invited to show their appreciation by contributing to special collections towards farewell gifts for Alisa and for Jimmy.

If you would like to contribute please put donations in separate envelopes marked "Alisa McDonald" and/or "Jimmy Taylor" and leave in the Plate on a Sunday morning, or send/hand in to the Church Office by the end of September.

Dear Friends

The experience of finding a parking place when visiting Aberdeen Royal Infirmary is never a pleasant one! This week as I visited two of our members, parking was near impossible as the car park had been invaded by a fleet of vans with satellite dishes on their roof and cables strewn across a fair extent of the area. The media interest was caused of course by the hospitalisation of the Duke of Edinburgh. As I write this, reports are that he is being well looked after by local NHS staff and his personal doctors.

As I walked past the police on duty at the front door I wondered to myself whether the Duke of Edinburgh had filled in the forms that the rest of us are required to fill in on admission to hospital, and particularly the section that asks us whether we would like a visit from a Chaplain, what religion we are and what Church we belong to!

I wondered to myself whether the Duke of Edinburgh (being resident at Balmoral Castle at the time of taking unwell) inserted Church of Scotland and whether his local minister, the minister of Crathie Church, might call on him!

Of course the reality of the situation just now is that even if the Duke of Edinburgh did put down the name of a particular church in this form, the minister of that church would not likely hear about it. This is because of changes at the hospital in regard to the sharing of sensitive information and the outcome that ministers are no longer privy to hospital patient lists and in most cases are not informed by hospital staff when a member of their congregation is in hospital.

There are times in our life when we particularly benefit from the love, care and support of family and friends. Hospitalisation is one such time. Receiving a visit from a friend or loved one is crucial to our sense of well-being during those times when we are inevitably anxious and worried.

Traditionally, patients in hospital from a church background would expect their minister to bring his/her friendship to the side of the hospital bed - not to mention the accompanying assurance of God's love be it referred to directly or inferred by the minister's presence alone.

Alisa and I are very keen to visit people in hospital, taking with us the friendship of the congregation and the assurances of God's love. To do this however we need to know when a person is in hospital. Due to the changes in hospital procedure as mentioned above, it is imperative that as a congregation we use our own system of passing on information of those who require a hospital stay. I heard this week from our secretary Gill, of one person who was surprised not to have received a visit from a minister during a period in hospital. This is quite difficult to achieve when the information is not passed to us.

To this end I bring to your attention once again the new 'post boxes and cards' situated in the sanctuary and in the corridor opposite the vestry. The cards have two sides. One side can be used for informing the ministers of people who are experiencing, or will experience, a time of hospitalisation. The opposite side of the card can be used for requesting a particular prayer to be used at the weekly Prayer Group held on Wednesday mornings.

I draw your attention to these boxes at this time so that we can try our very best as a congregation to be supportive to each other; particularly to those of our church family who may be facing challenges at this time and who may benefit from our visits, support and prayers.

Kind Regards Keith

IN SESSIONWITH SCRIBE

Kirk Session members received a useful update on our forthcoming development project at the June meeting of Session.

Keith reported that we were now very close to having £400,000 available for the development, representing a doubling of our income over two years. Obviously, however, we still have to raise more and the committee is looking at ways to generate more money. To this end, a specific fundraising meeting will be arranged.

In relation to the building project, a timetable has now been set with the architect which will allow detailed plans and costings to be done over the summer months, enabling specific Trust applications to be submitted.

Reaching the £500,000 mark is meaningful as a threshold set by potential significant contributors as it represents one third of our target.

Discussion has started with the Church of Scotland trustees, who are very supportive and are likely to propose a funding package.

It is intended to start work on the redevelopment in the Spring of 2013. It will be a three phase project with the first phase being the halls and kitchen. Phase 2 will be the sanctuary with the extension as Phase 3.

An application has been submitted to have the church building listed. If successful this would be helpful for funding applications and would also make possible a VAT reclaim on development costs.

The next Kirk Session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28 at 7.30pm.

Mannofield Guild SEPTEMBER



- 6 Monthly Coffee Morning 10am - 11.30am in the Large Hall
- 11 Opening meeting of session Aberdeen Harbour Board Ian Jessamin
- 25 Vine Trust Kathleen Douglas

We look forward to meeting all our members and extend a very warm welcome to anyone wishing to join us.

Mannofield's Buskers



Mannofield Church 130 years old and still counting Concluding instalment

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.

The Presbytery was now called on to exercise the Wisdom of Solomon, to appease and satisfy the demands and interests of the various parties concerned, the Church itself, Couper, Gordon and Forbes. The Church was obviously anxious to retain the support of Couper and Gordon for its schemes of extension.

The outcome was that "after lengthy reasoning" a committee was set up to consider how best to effect simultaneous acceptance of (1) Mr. Forbes' resignation from the Craigiebuckler charge, (2) the sanction of Mannofield Church both temporary and permanent, and (3) the initiation of Mr. Forbes' appointment to Mannofield Church.

There was no question of Mr. Forbes being cast into an ecclesiastical limbo because of his clash with Mr. Couper. A new spiritual home awaited him at an annual salary of £80 after he resigned from Craigiebuckler on 25th January,1881.

A formula to satisfy all parties was reached and this particular disruptive storm in the Established Church had been contained. The new church was set up in a wooden building as a Chapel of Ease in front of where the existing church stands and on 27th February, 1881 the first service was conducted by the Rev. C.C. McDonald in the morning. On the same day the evening service was conducted by the Rev Professor Cowan who, apart from being minister of Rubislaw, had also been a member and for a time convener, of the committee of Presbytery whose job it had been to consider the principles and details which marked the establishment of the latest outpost of the Established Church in the Aberdeen area.

It is not possible to say on what grounds the split between Mr. Couper and Mr. Gordon had taken place but it is a reminder of how at that time individuals could dominate churches more than would ever be the case now, and of how relationships between such men could almost override the obvious economics of immediate requirements, sometimes to the great advantage of the church in the long run.

Mr. Forbes was inducted into his new charge on 10th March, 1881 at 7 p.m. The work on the new church buildings was started and a church a seating capacity of 700 was under way.

The number of communicants in the temporary church for 1881 was only 92. In Craigiebuckler for the same time it was 43!

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A Chapel of Ease was not, however, allowed full status as a parish church, with spiritual responsibility for a defined area. For example, its minister was not allowed to sit as a member of Presbytery and its governing body did not have the full powers of a Kirk Session.

Consequently, in January 1882 a petition to be erected into a "quoad sacra" (i.e. a religious unit) with full ecclesiastical status was presented to Presbytery.

Such a decision was ultimately the responsibility of a body known as the Court of Teinds and shortly afterwards the desired status as a parish church was duly granted to Mannofield in March 1882 and Mr. Forbes took his seat as a full member of Presbytery.

Thus ended the turbulent story which saw the birth of Mannofield Church as we know it. Craigiebuckler moving northwards to its present site was granted similar recognition in September of the same year.



8.12am, Friday 27 July 2012 Olympic Bells and a few belles!





Can you form a common word by taking the letters "ERGRO" and putting three letters in front of them and the same three letters behind them?





Complete each clue by reading the text in your Bible

1 A great ____ (Josua 10:10)
2 I will make you into a great ____ (Genesis 12:2)
3 The great ____ over all the earth (Psalm 47)
4 The temple of the great ____ (Acts 19:27)
5 Out of Egypt with great ____ (Exodus 32:11)
6 Great ____ have they who love your law (Psalm 119:165)
7 'Woman, you have great ____ ' (Matthew 15:28)
8 If we ignore such a great ____ (Hebrews 2:3)
9 Because great is your ____ in heaven (Luke 6.23)
10 For great is his ____ towards us (Psalm 117:2)



THE SAMARITAN WOMEN

This story of a woman's meeting with Jesus is found in John 4. After reading the story, choose your answers to the clues from the list of words below. Then find the answers in the letter grid. They may appear in any direction – though always in a straight line – with some letters having been used more than once.

- 1 The town in Samaria where Jesus rested
- 2 It was located near this well
- 3 At about what hour did Jesus sit by the well?
- 4 The woman who came to draw water
- 5 The reason why Jesus asked her for water
- 6 The woman knew he was of this race
- 7 Jews didn't do this with Samaritans
- 8 Jesus offered to give the woman this
- 9 She questioned whether he was this when compared to Jacob
- 10 A further benefit from the water Jesus gave
- 11 Her request and what it revealed
- 12 The number of her previous husbands
- 13 In her eyes Jesus was a ____
- 14 The place where she said the Jews claimed they must worship
- 15 His reply, that we must worship God in ____ and in truth
- 16 The One whom Jesus declared himself to be
- 17 Those who were surprised to see him talking with this woman
- 18 Speaking to the townsfolk she said: 'Could this be the ____'
- 19 Meanwhile, the disciples urged him to do this
- 20 Jesus answered 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to ____ his work'

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Choose your words from this list:

ASKS, ASSOCIATE, CHRIST, COMING, DISCIPLES, DOWN, EAT, ETERNAL LIFE, EVERY, FAITH, FINISH, FIVE, GREATER, INTO, JACOBS, JERUSALEM, JEWISH, LEARNED, LIVING WATER, MESSIAH, MOUNTAIN, PHARISEES, PROPHET, RETURNED, SAMARITAN, SIXTH, SPIRIT, SYCHAR, THIRSTY, TRUTH, URGED.



"REMIND ME TO HAVE A WORD WITH THAT SIGN-WRITER, WILL YOU?"



"... AND IT'S A LOT LESS TROUBLE THAN A CHOIR ..."

the mouths of babes

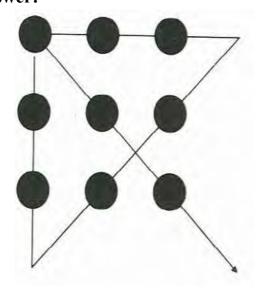
by Roy Mitchell







June's answer:



Holiday Club 6 – 10 August 2012

An intrepid band of 15 crazy, talented, enthusiastic, committed leaders sallied forth to plan, prepare and deliver a fun-filled, activity-packed Holiday Club for 40 [rising to 43] lively, eager children.

What a week we had! We sang songs, rapped out our team chants, played all manner of games, from the riotous to the tippy-toed, created diverse crafts from Olympic torches to clay model athletes, listened to and acted out Bible stories, ate fine food and made lots of friends. It was a very precious time.

We felt so privileged to welcome the children Christ loves into His church, to open the Word of God to them, and to open the doors of Mannofield Church to their families.

Our expenses came to £435.24, which sounds a lot, but in fact for a 5 day programme with 43 children, this only works out at £2 per child per day. This included games and craft resources, healthy snacks and drinks each day, a Zumba session, an end of club prize, consisting of a Bible story book and a medal, and coffee and cakes for the parents on the last day. So I think we actually did well to keep it down to that. In fact I know that all the leaders also contributed out of their own pockets.

Session kindly awarded us £250 for expenses, but I am hoping they will honour the extra cost involved, and appreciate the need in running such an intensive out-reach programme

Lesley Taylor



OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES!!

GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

UNANSWERED PRAYER

The Minister's 7 year-old son, Angus noticed that his father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, he asked him why.

"Well, son," he began, proud that his son was so observant, "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" he asked.

MANNOFIELD CHURCH BOWLING CLUB

The indoor session starts on Friday 28th September.

The Club meets on Friday afternoons in the large Hall from 2pm to 4pm.

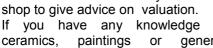
New members will be made very welcome.

Flat shoes should be worn and bowls could be supplied for beginners.

For further information contact Yvonne Allan Tel 326840

Do you have an eye for antiques?

We would like someone to cast an eye over the donations to the charity



antiques please call Ellen: 867028

Silver Update

The silver has been sorted and sent to appropriate sale rooms. We await the results!!



Guide Dogs Puppy Walking Group

Annual Coffee Morning and Christmas card Sale

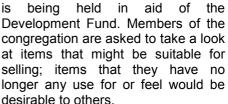


Saturday 6 October 10am -12noon

Come and meet the puppies, enjoy the company and perhaps select some cards for Christmas.

Silent Auction SHHHH!!

On the evening of Saturday 6 October a "Silent Auction"



During the week leading up to the event the Church will be open at certain times for donated items to be

dropped off. The items should be in very good condition and can include household items, books, toys, jewellery, paintings,

collection of wine, office items etc.

Basically the list is huge as to the type of item that can be donated but these items must be useable and be of interest to others.

In addition to physical items we are also looking for individuals to perhaps consider auctioning off personal services such as: writing a free will, cutting hair, 2 hours of gardening, dog walking for a week. Or if anyone is able to offer auction prizes such as dinner for two in a local restaurant, 2 tickets for the opera, 2 tickets for Aberdeen FC, or overnight accommodation in a hotel we would be delighted to hear from you.

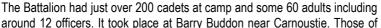
Further details of the event will be released next month and in the Sunday intimations. For more information contact our minister Keith on k5blackwood@btinternet.com

I would like to thank everybody for all their kind wishes, cards and get well messages after my recent accident. Hopefully I am on the road to recovery now and it won't be too long before I am back running around!! *Kathleen Martin.*



Army Cadet Camp 2012 - Barry Buddon

Many of you will be aware that between 28 July and 10 August I attended the annual camp of the 2 Highlanders Army Cadet Force in my role as Chaplain to the Independent Shetland Battery. It was a superb camp, in large part I think due to the leadership of the Commandant, Colonel Dave Chapman who some of you will know and who sets a perfect tone that filters down from the top.





you with Army experience will be very familiar with this training area although I am told it is quite different now compared to how it used to be; excellent accommodation blocks and no Nissen huts in sight!! The site is vast and affords superb terrain for training and some of the best shooting ranges in the country.

The role of Padre is a unique one. The Padre sits outside the chain of command yet at the same time is very much part of the leadership team. Daily at 5pm I sat round the table with the Command Team as we discussed the progress and issues of the day.

My role is very much taken up with cadet welfare. Of course it would be wrong of me to speak of specific issues but I am sure you can guess some of the types of issues that crop up when you take 200 teenagers away from home for a 2 week camp. From dealing with asthma attacks, home-sickness, broken relationships, peer pressure and a few specific and quite difficult issues (that I can't go into) my work is never dull. If any of you think that I go off for a two week holiday when on duty as a Padre I can assure you that it is exactly the opposite. The Padre (and thankfully there are two of us at this camp) is a vital cog in the machine that makes a camp like this tick (not my words but the Commandant's). I seek to 'be myself' as I carry out my function, as I think my personality, understanding of young people's issues, approachability, acceptance into the tightly knit adult family and desire to care for people is what makes me good at what I do. This is not a boast but it is something that I am observing about my successful contribution as a Padre as I finish my second camp.

Brigadier Charles Grant OBE, who was installed as the Honorary Colonel at this camp, was asking me whether I thought that the cadets, adults and officers would see my contribution as mainly welfare or spiritual. I told him it was a very good question. I explained that in my opinion the cadets in particular are very aware that I am a Padre and not a welfare officer. They know I carry out my function as a minister. They often ask:- "Why have you got two crosses on your uniform?" "Why do you have purple pips on your Captain's Rank slide?" "Why do you have purple on your belt?" These questions afford me the chance to explain about 'who I am' and 'what I am at camp for', and so I take the chance to share something of myself as a minister and what I stand for. In my role as Padre I am therefore given a perfect opportunity to witness the core values of the Christian faith. I have thoroughly enjoyed myself in the two weeks at camp. It has been exhausting — no doubt about that. I have also had to 'endure' thirteen cooked breakfasts in a row, starchy and ample food

These things aside, it has been a wonderful opportunity to minister to the needs of this camp. For the past two weeks the cadets and adults of 2 Highlanders ACF and Shetland Independent Battery have been my congregation and parish and I hope I have served them well.

supplied for lunch and dinner and a mattress that caved in as I lay on it so creating the effect of

Keith

sleeping in a hammock.

NOTES & NEWS

Mannofield Church Lunch Club

23 SEPTEMBER 2012

Lunch is served at 1pm Entertainment 2 - 3pm

COME AND JOIN US

A cup of tea before you leave! Cost -- £4

Need transport?

Contact: Mhairi Clark tel. 317982

SOCIAL COMMITTEE INVITATION

To all members of the congregation:

Please consider joining our small but very worthwhile committee to help us discuss and run some fresh ideas for future events for the benefit of the social life and fellowship of the congregation.

We generally meet once a month, although not every month, depending on the events planned, and are a very friendly team!

If you would like to join us please contact anyone on the committee (see Faa's Deein Fit?) or phone Sheila Towns 01224 589812 or email stowns@btinternet.com

BUS TRIP:

Wednesday, September 12th 2012

Leave Church 11.15a.m.

Head towards Huntly



and Dufftown with lunch at The Grouse Inn in Cabrach. Then head for Alford (comfort break) and back to Church about 4.30p.m.

Tickets **cost £12** (cost kept down by 2 donations)

Tickets available in Large Hall after the Sunday service

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Marriages

16 June Stacey Barr and Ross Burnett

Baptisms

3 June Callum Fraser Clark

Alexander Liam Harper

22 July Cole John Innes

Rory Kyle Clark Thomson

29 July Euan William Youngson

New Member

William Harper

Change of Address

Mary McConnachie

Jack Buchanan

Bessie Adams

Mike Bonner

Sarah Forbes

Ian and Louise Morrice

Disjunctions

Rona Bolton Susan Laing

Deaths

9 May Robert Meff 12 May Sheila Clark

18 May Catherine McEwan

20 May James Lawtie 9 June Isobel Ramsay 11 June Aileen Buchanan 27 June Alan Thomson

22 July Jennifer Taylor

The deadline for the next issue of InSpire is

Thursday 21 SEPTEMBER

Material for *InSpire* should be deposited in the Church Office or emailed to:

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STOCK OUR SHOP



Opens Monday 17th September ONLY A FEW WEEKS LEFT TO HAVE A CLEAR OUT

*Unwanted gifts DVDs Toys CDs Books [and book shelves]
Household goods....... etc etc

*We especially need good quality clothes [on hangers, if possible]

*Any clothes, curtains, blankets etc not suitable for selling can be sold for rags so please put these in a bag and mark FOR RAGS ONLY

Unfortunately we cannot accept electrical goods or large items

Goods can be delivered to the church hall, Countesswells Road, from Monday 10th September - Saturday 15th September between 12.00 and 1.00PM and between 5.00 and 6.00PM

If these times are unsuitable or if you want someone to collect your goods call any of the numbers below.

Jane Harper 315144 Bob Littlejohn 313576

Alison McDonald 311170

Teen Miles 310047 Files Smith 867038

Joan Milne 319947 Ellen Smith 867028

We need cars / vans to transport goods and help in the shop

PLEASE call if you can help in any way.

All proceeds will go to improve our church premises.

THANK YOU

Don't forget, you can come along to the shop and grab a bargain!!



DEVELOPMENT NEWS

UPDATE

Next month's issue of InSpire will have a Development Update.

It probably does not seem that much has been happening but the Development Group has been busy over the summer.

Also the congregation and others have been busy with the total raised/pledged to date being £395,000. That's a significant sum. Thanks to all.

Roddy McColl Development /Fundraising Group

September/October Events

September

- 1 Zumbathon Marathon: Jillian Burns, Zumba instructor
- 8 Quiz Night Young People and Families See below
- 17 -22 Charity Shop -- Jane Harper, Ellen Smith and Co

October

6 Silent Auction see Page12 and draw for the Grand Prize



Are all these people waiting for the Mannofield cafe to open?





COME and JOIN US!!

Mannofield Church Large Hall
SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 1.30 – 3.30
Tickets £10 from Church Office
Tea, coffee, soft drinks etc in Centenary Hall



All Proceeds to DEVELOPMENT FUND



Grand Prize Draw!

The Alpha Team has organised a Grand Prize Draw in aid of the Mannofield Community Project.



Why not take a book or two and sell tickets to your friends?
The Grand Prize is...

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast for two nights for two people at the Golf View Hotel & Spa, Nairn.

Tickets, £2 each, are on sale after Sunday services or from the Church office.

There will also be a prize for the seller of the winning ticket!