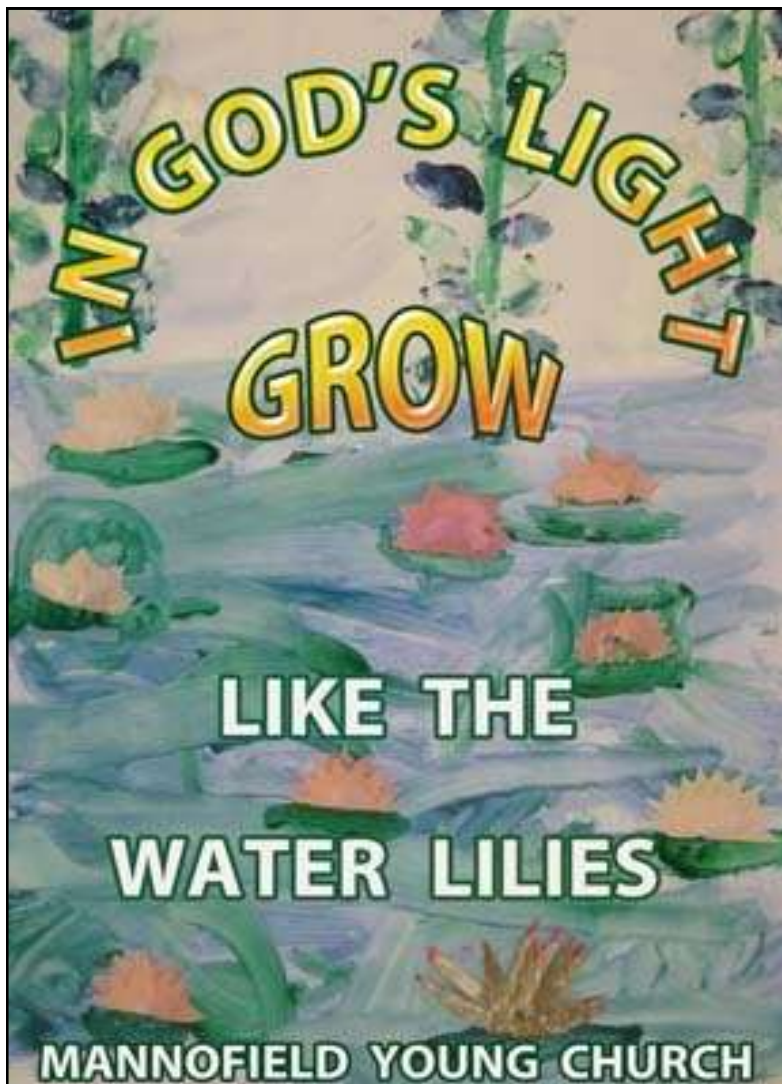




INSPIRE



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Church Calendar

JUNE

Sun 2	10am	Morning Worship Guest Preacher Rev George Goldie who is celebrating 60 years in the Ministry
<i>Sacrament of Communion at both Services</i>		Evening Worship
Wed 5	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 9	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship Bob and Niki Anderson "Communication"
Wed 12	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 16	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship Last Evening Service until 1 September
Wed 19	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 23	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea Rev Keith Blackwood <i>Sacrament of Communion</i>
Wed 26	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 30	10am	Morning Worship

EVENING WORSHIP 9 June

Bob and Niki Anderson 'Communication'

Please support your Elders

JULY/AUGUST

NOTE

Sunday morning services will continue at 10am and Wednesday services at 10.30am over the summer.

Evening services resume on 1 September.

The Craigielea Service at 3.15pm on 28 July will be led by Chrissie Smith

The 25 August Craigielea Service will be led by Rev George Goldie

Flower Calendar

JUNE

- 2 Mrs M. Allan
- 9 Rev G. Goldie
- 16 Messrs G. & M. Falconer
- 23 Miss N. Shearer
- 30 Mrs E. Argo



Rose
June's birth flower

JULY

- 7 Mrs Betty Milne
- 14 Miss C. Smith
- 21 Miss E. Torrance
- 28 Mrs C. Bridgeford



Larkspur
July's birth flower

AUGUST

- 4 Mrs J. R. Hamilton
- 11 Mrs I. Philip
- 18 Mrs L. Reid
- 25 Mrs C. Boyd



Gladioli
August's birth flower

Dear Friends

On Wednesday mornings at our midweek services we have been reflecting on what might be said to be the Core Values of our Christian faith and Church membership.

In weeks 1 and 2 we concluded that a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ and an acceptance of the Bible as the inspired Word of God were core to the life of a Christian.

In week 3 we pondered on the need to **"Worship" God. We concluded that "Worship"** is indeed a Core Value to a Christian and the living of a faithful life.

Let me explore this further with two questions:

1. What do we mean by Worship?

For me there are two answers.

There is the sense that we Worship whenever we make a connection between something in creation and the God who made it. As we **acknowledge God's hand in the good things in our life and world, we "Worship" God.**

Silently or verbally we link what we experience with the God who provides it and we praise Him for what He has done. I think most of us **agree that in this sense "Worship" is an undeniable Core Value** for the person who lives a Christian life.

Secondly I would suggest "Worship" is something that we 'do' - either communally with others or maybe on our own.

"Worship" is when we cannot help ourselves from coming before God to praise Him and to communicate our appreciation for life directly to Him.

We do this very often in fellowship with others in the singing of hymns, in the communal prayers within a church service and in listening to the Word of God spoken in our midst; but we can also do this in a simple prayer first thing in the morning, late at night or in a multitude of different ways as we privately confer on God our appreciation for **His and the world's greatness.**

Again, for me, I think all the indicators point to the reality that to live as Christians we need to worship God in this way – communally with others and when this is difficult or, not a choice that is easy for us, on our own.

2. Why does God need our Worship?

In my reflection on this subject I suggested that we need to remember that God is not some sort of iconic figure who craves our **attention and demands our "Worship" as if to** satisfy His own cravings and boost His own ego.

For me God encourages us to make Worship a Core Value of what we do because He knows that it helps us to put the final touches to our Christian faithfulness. He knows that it **'completes' us as creatures of His creation.**

As we "Worship God" we train ourselves to recognise the importance of that power and influence on our world that is outside ourselves and outside humanity. Focussing our mind on God in Worship helps us to become better Christians, helps us to become **more 'in-tune' with God and more responsive** to His interaction with us.

I know that for some of us, attending Worship is hard. Perhaps we find ourselves not as healthy as we once were and find getting to church less simple. The good news is we can **continue to "Worship God" in our way: making** the connections between life and God, and stopping for a moment in prayer or reflection to thank Him.

For those of us who have merely lost the habit of coming to church I hope this letter of reflection may lead us to re-consider what we are missing! In not making that effort to gather in church with others in communal worship we are missing out. God knows that it is **"Worship" which provides that extra layer to** life that completes the sense of who we are and how much we are loved.

Kind regards

Keith



Session at its last meeting on 23 April heard that a Special meeting of Aberdeen Presbytery on 16 April approved a Plan which provides for the equivalent of one half of an associate minister for Mannofield. Although this means the uncertainty is over, further procedures mean that it is unlikely that we will have someone in post until the autumn.

Further good news was heard as Mhairi Clark was confirmed as the new Church Treasurer, with Iain Hunter being thanked for his long service in the post.

The recurring theme of the last meeting appeared to the writer to be one of service. "We need volunteers" was the cry that echoed round the room during the evening.

From the Development Committee looking for those who will run fundraising events, Finance and Fabric looking for new blood on the committees, Christian Aid help, Fun days, Visiting, Hospital escorting, helpers were needed by all and sundry. Anyone reading this who can lend a hand with anything? I am sure any committee would be grateful for any help that you can offer.

On that theme, Morrice Bridgeford confirmed he was willing to continue as our Presbytery Elder and his appointment for the year 2013/2014 was approved.

Finally the elder who won the prize for arranging the highest number of members to receive Inspire by e-mail. was announced as Anne Thompson.

Some elders had been hopeful but had fallen at the last hurdle. Apparently some folk had said that they would receive InSpire by e-mail and then had not done anything about it.

Can you believe that ??

Prayers

It is the intention of the Editorial team to include Prayers (both famous and not so) in forthcoming editions of InSpire. Here is a selection that also appears (or will appear) on the Church website under "Sermons and Prayers."



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Please feel free to let the Editor know which Prayers you would like to see included in both InSpire and the website.

May God bless the people who shape us and the values that make us, the journeys we make and the paths that we take.

Pray Now 2013

Contributed by Mannofield Church Bible Study Group

Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downwards; give us an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; give us an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thomas Aquinas

Rev George Goldie60 years of Ministry

On Sunday 2 June we have the opportunity to acknowledge 60 years of the ministry of Rev George Goldie. Not only did George work as our Pastoral Assistant for 11 years, it was a real joy to us that upon his retirement in 2008 (for a second time) he stuck with us (becoming a member of our congregation) and has played a full part in congregational life since then.



George will be preaching at our Communion Service on 2 June and we hope many of the congregation will come along to celebrate his 60 years of ministry in the Church of Scotland. The congregation is welcome to gather in the Large Hall after the service where tea/coffee and some light refreshments will be available and maybe the chance to say a quick personal congratulations to George.

George has lived a very full life, but below is a summary of some of the key features relating to his ministry.

George was born in Edinburgh in 1926 and attended George Watson's College. After serving with the 1st Battalion Royal Scots he attended Edinburgh University and New College and was licensed to preach on 15th April 1952. His probation period was served at Greenside Church, Edinburgh and he was inducted and ordained at Edinburgh, Slateford on 4 June 1953. He was translated to Aberdeen Greyfriars on 25 October 1962 and retired from there in 1995.

He served as Locum in Ruthrieston West Church 1995/96, and then came to Mannofield in 1996, retiring in 2008.

George served the wider church on its various committees both locally and nationally.

Alongside George throughout was his loving wife Mairi who shared this remarkable ministry that left its mark on so many congregations and people. His family too need to be recognised for sharing their dad with so many others!

George's charisma, friendliness and warmth has been the backbone to a splendid 60 years of serving the church and faithfully preaching and sharing the gospel.

Front Cover Art Work



Growing towards the light

Thanks to Young Church for the poster created by them during their art and craft combined class weekend in February.

"Yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Some favourite websites of Life & Work readers



www.biblegateway.com a wealth of resources and features

www.artway.eu the spiritual effect of images
www.ccel.org (Christian Classics Ethereal Library) - read, research, study or meditate
www.alpha.org explore life's big questions

**Why don't you share your
favourite sites with us?**



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 Early Years by Fred Thomson

Once Aberdeen Presbytery had overcome the difficulties which the petition for a church at Mannofield posed for them, they found it possible to give their consent for a new congregation in the west of the city early in 1881. A triangular plot of ground was acquired at the junction to the then North Deeside public road and Countesswells Road and a temporary place of worship erected. The earliest photographs reveal that the plot was considerably more extensive than the area occupied today and that the early church buildings were generously surrounded by trees within their own grounds.



Throughout 1881 services were held in the temporary building and steps taken to promote the idea of the erection of a permanent church and to ensure its endowment. The steady progress of these schemes is confirmed in the Minutes of the Board of Managers' meeting in 1882. On Friday 20 January the five Managers authorised one of their number, Mr. William Gordon "provided that requisite funds could be raised, to take all necessary steps for carrying through the immediate erection of Mannofield into a Parish Church". By early May, the Managers were told that the new church would be ready for opening in a

few weeks and on 21 June they were able to have their first meeting in the new church. The formal opening of the church, described at the time as "standing as sentinel at the gates of the great city" was by the Rev. Dr. Story of Rosneath (later Principal of Glasgow University) on 30 July 1882. It is likely that the invitation of Dr. Story to perform this ceremony was the result of his considerable reputation as a debater in the General Assembly.

By the end of 1882, the endowment of the church was completed, the boundaries of the new parish of Mannofield were fixed and by decree of the Court of Teinds, Mannofield became a parish church. Meanwhile, the Managers were concerning themselves with the musical aspect of worship in the new church. In January 1882 they had considered that the Psalmody of the church needed improvement by the addition of one or more singers to the choir and with Mr. Yeats, the Precentor present, a bass and a treble were appointed at an annual salary of £9 for both. Within a few months, a unanimous desire was expressed at a Congregational meeting to have an organ in the new church and the Managers, having advertised for an organist, appointed Mr. James Justice of St Clements on 21 June 1882 at a salary of £25 a year. No reasons are recorded for Mr. Justice's resignation on 2 August 1882 or indeed for the many changes of organist in the early years. A clue to the tensions which appear to have developed is given in the final minutes of the managers for 1882 when "some conversation took place on the state of the choir." *Continued on page 12*

Word Finder

Each of these letter triangles represents a four-letter word from which one letter has been removed. In all six cases the missing letter is the same. Can you work out what it is and restore it, to correct each word.

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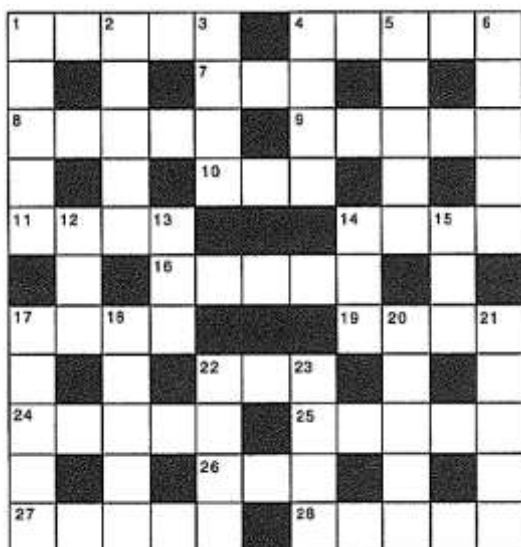
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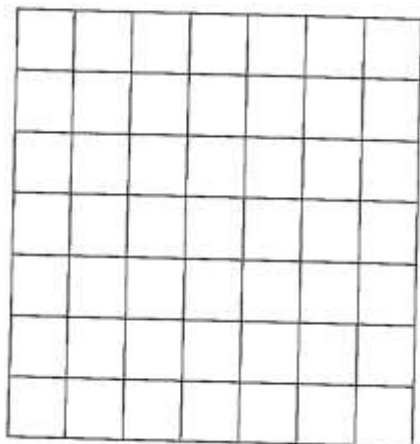
ACROSS

- 1 During this the disciples feared they would drown (5)
- 4 An 8th century BC prophet (5)
- 7 The father of Geber (3) 1 Kings 4:19
- 8 The father of 3 wise sons (5) 1 Kings 4:31
- 9 In the 4th year of Solomon's he began to build the temple (5) 1 Kings 6:1
- 10 A serpent deceived her (3)
- 11 Here Jesus raised a widow's son from death (4)
- 14 It's good from a distant land (4) Prov. 25:25
- 16 A tree bearing oily fruit (5)
- 17 Some fell on rocky places (4) Mark 4:5
- 19 Prepared for the Passover feast (4)
- 22 A vase (3)
- 24 Job sat among these (5) Job 2:8
- 25 Where sacrifices were offered (5)
- 26 He accused Hannah of getting drunk (3) 1 Samuel 1:14
- 27 Finished (5)
- 28 A friend of the apostle Paul (5) 2 Timothy 4:21

DOWN

- 1 A son of Jonah (5) Matthew 16:17
- 2 A capable son of Shemaiah (5) 1 Chron. 26:7
- 3 An animal Absalom was riding during a serious accident (4) 2 Sam 18:9
- 4 To engage for wages (4)
- 5 David's plea to God 'let your face ____ on your servant' (5) Psalm 31:16
- 6 High priest before Caiaphas (5)
- 12 A period of time (3)
- 13 A land east of Eden (3) Gen 4:16
- 14 King Saul's uncle (3) 1 Sam 14:50
- 15 'Lord, ____ is it?' (3) John 13:25
- 17 Divide (5)
- 18 A priestly garment (5) Ex. 28:4
- 20 Frequently (5)
- 21 Paul bore these on his body (5) Gal. 6:17
- 22 To be put to some purpose (4)
- 23 At your finger end (4)

Find the answers to the clues and fit them in place.
If your answers are correct, the central down column
should give you another well-known Bible character.



Jesus often walked the shores of this sea

The title given to Jesus

The home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus

Jesus spoke mainly in this language

Known especially for cedar trees

The wife of Isaac

A learned Jew and great preacher (Acts 18).



"Phew! That was close - I just saw the Vicar on the street, but I managed to give him the slip . . ."



"I'd like to say a few words about the roof fund . . ."

Solve and Search

Pick what you think is the correct answer to each question, then find it in the letter grid. Words may read either vertically or horizontally.

M	H	C	B	O	S	E	G	Y	P	T	P
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- Who loved her mother-in-law?
RUTH/RACHEL/RAHAB
- A preacher who made tents
PETER/THOMAS/PAUL
- Who nursed the baby Moses?
HIS MOTHER/AUNT/COUSIN
- Which one was Joseph's brother?
BENJAMIN/AARON/CAIN
- Who was Joseph's father?
ABRAHAM/ISAAC/JACOB
- The lame son of Jonathan
MAHALI/MEPHIBOSHETH/
MALACHI
- The boy Samuel's mother
HANNAH/LOIS/ELIZABETH
- Joseph became ruler in which land?
EGYPT/ASSYRIA/PALESTINE
- Who was the first Christian martyr?
BARNABUS/SILAS/STEPHEN
- Ten were given to Moses on Mt. Sinai
COMMANDMENTS/WARNINGS/
MESSAGES
- Where is the Via Dolorosa?
NAZARETH/JERUSALEM/BETHLEHEM
- David's work as a boy
FARMER/FISHERMAN/SHEPHERD
- Which birds fed Elijah during a famine?
VULTURES/HAWKS/RAVENS
- Who became king when 8 years old
JOSIAH/JOASH/JEHU
- Aaron made one of gold
CALF/SHEEP/GOAT
- Who was visited by the angel Gabriel?
SARAH/MARY/HAGAR
- Jesus ascended to heaven from this
mountain
OLIVES/MORIA/HERMON
- Which of these was a river?
ELIM/NILE/GILEAD

May's answer: 5. Each row adds up to 10.

“On being a Christian planner”

Evening Service 6 May 2013

Extract from Service presented by Alistair Stark



Talk 3 - Our faith and duty as Christians

The parable of the Good Samaritan tells us that everyone is our neighbour.

I have worked as a planner for just over 40 years, at every scale from the local to the national. During that time, I have met colleagues who are committed Christians, a few of other faiths, atheists, and many of whom I don't have the first clue.

Does Christianity make a difference to me as a planner? Well, perhaps some of my colleagues would disagree, but I think that it does, not least because “Love Your Neighbour” has been second nature to me since my Sunday School days.

So what does all this mean for you as a Christian member of the public?

Firstly, it puts a responsibility on you to pay attention to public affairs, and to vote for and support Councillors, MSPs and MPs who, in your judgement, will take wise decisions on your behalf.

Secondly, how should we – you as well as me – react when a planning proposal comes in front of us? Of course, our first thoughts will be those closest to home – will it affect my house? What about local traffic and schools and so on?

If we feel strongly enough, we might even write to the Council, to our local Councillor, to the Community Council, or the newspapers. That's fine, because if you don't, you have no reason to complain about the final decision.

But hold on a minute. Have you thought about the wider implications? If we don't want to see more housing out Countesswells Road, does that not create a future housing shortage? If that's not to happen, is there an alternative area in which to build (if possible, without causing more car commuting)? Exactly these questions, and many of the possible answers to them, were asked when the Local Development Plan was framed a few years ago and are being asked again right now.

And a third, final point. It was a Ballater man, Sir Patrick Geddes, who coined the maxim, “Think global, act local”.

Mannofield Church has an Eco Committee which offers an opportunity to do just that. It has not met for a year or two, as it lacked a chairman. I've volunteered to step into the breach. I'm looking for a few extra members to join the Committee, so if you feel that this congregation can tread a little more gently on the earth, or can make a difference to the way that our wider community looks after its neighbours, please speak to me. ☎318536 email: mail@agstark.co.uk

Benediction

As we go out into the community, grant that we may love our neighbours as we love ourselves. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and grant us peace. Amen

Mannofield Church.....131 years old and still counting

Shortly afterwards came the decision to discontinue the employment of Mr. Yeats, the Precentor and to give full charge of the choir to the organist on condition that "by forming a training class and all other means in his power, he endeavoured to bring the choir into a more efficient condition."



Continuing concern for the Psalmody of the church and frequent changes of personnel among choir and organists appear to have been a feature of the first two decades of the church. One wonders whether the decision in January 1891

that members of the Committee of Management and Kirk Session should attend choir practices on alternate Thursday evenings had any connection with the resignation of that particular organist afterwards.

One also wonders about the reaction of today's Session and Congregational Board to such a suggestion! It would also seem that Mannofield Church entered the brave new twentieth century on a note of musical discord. The minutes of the Committee of Management record a resolution to convey to the organist that in future organ accompaniments should be much less pronounced and that when accompanying he should adhere strictly to the manual score. Two letters were shortly afterwards received from the organist. Both were ordered to lie on the table, the contents, sadly, unrecorded.

To be continued



The Girl Guides at Mannofield church have been very busy over the past few months. From games nights to disability awareness evenings, we've done it all!

Two of our oldest Guides have recently completed their Baden Powell award - one of the highest awards in guiding. To celebrate we went to Cosmo in Union Square and we all ate a little bit too much!

Also 8 of our Guides have recently gained their performing arts badge. For this they wrote and performed their very own version of Little Red Riding Hood! They had to write the story, make props, put on stage makeup and perform on the stage. It was fantastic and we all really enjoyed it!

Outwith two of our Guides have hosted a Princess party for the Rainbow unit in the church. They all had a great time! We have also raised money for the development fund by bag packing at Sainsbury's Garthdee.

In the near future we are having a sleepover in the church hall with a Disney theme! We also plan on having a barbecue at the beach in June (weather permitting!!!)

Finally we wanted to show you our latest creations! Tie dye t-shirts!! We had ace fun making them and loved wearing them the week after!



Chyrelle Watt, Guider

DEVELOPMENT NEWS



STOP THE ROT

We're almost there but before we start the work we need to keep going with fundraising.

Last year we made over £1000 by collecting old silver.

This year, let's **GO FOR GOLD.**

Look out your old chains, earrings watch straps etc. etc. Collection will start in the Autumn - details in the August InSpire.



It's not all about money!

We all also have skills, talents and services we can offer for the benefit of the Church.

Based on the recent Silent Auction theme, here is the first in a series of such offerings:



Fancy an evening out?
Use the **chauffeur service** for up to 30 miles each way with up to 4 passengers. Date and time by mutual arrangement.

Call Alan Thompson ☎681384.

Suggested donation to the Development Fund: **£25**

Keep your eye out for more Services on offer in the August InSpire!

Volunteers wanted for fundraising events



Over the last 2 years there have been some notable events that have raised substantial sums. However the Development and Fundraising Group is extremely grateful for the efforts of **all** those who have contributed to the total raised to date.

Among the most successful apart from the Charity shop and Sale (unlikely to be repeated because of the stress!) have been the 24 hour sponsored Bible reading, Flute and piano recital, Race Night, bag packing, Film night, Grand Prize Draw, Ceilidh, Tea Towels, Spoon for June (see 'Go for Gold'), Smarties Tubes, Silent Auction and the sponsored walks for both Young Church and Keith's Lairig Ghru stroll (the Cyclethon will substitute for that in 2013), Jubilate, and a Safari Supper.

Can you help to run these events (or similar) in 2013?

If so, will you please contact Roddy McColl ☎313473 - roddy@mccollassociates.com or Jean Sharman at the office ☎310087

Cyclothon

Details are currently being worked on but this 24 hour

"Tour de Mannofield"

is likely to be in late September.



HAMESPUN CONCERT - Thank You

*Cathie Young thanks all who supported the Concert on 27 April and helped in any way. Special thanks to Kathleen Martin for all her hard work. The sum of **£535** was raised for the Development Project.*

£606,000 raised to date

An Application is now being made with the assistance of the professional fundraiser to the Grants for Places of Worship Scheme which is a joint Historic Scotland and Heritage Lottery Fund programme. We will be seeking the maximum grant of £250,000.



NOTES & NEWS

Builders wanted!



Are you working hard to build our new church development?

Would you like to build with *living stones*?

Could you help build the *living* church of the future?

Could you commit 2 Sundays out of 6 during term time?

Young Church is looking for new leaders!



Call Lesley Taylor ☎734097 or Jean Sharman in the office ☎310087.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

MANNOFIELD HOLIDAY CLUB 5-9 August

Mannofield will be running a Holiday Club for Primary School aged children from 5-9 August between 10am & 12 noon.

We will have lots of fun with games, music, drama, crafts, sports and much more.



This is an outreach NO COST event, so please encourage friends and neighbours with children to come along and join in the fun.

Annual Bus Trip

Save the date

Monday 2 September

Afternoon bus trip including afternoon tea. Invite a friend!

Sheila Towns



The Guild Notes for your Diary JUNE



- 5 Summer Meeting
Holburn West Church 7.30pm
- 6 Monthly Coffee Morning,
10 -11.30am, Large Hall
- 15 Summer Outing to Banff. Bus
leaves church at 10am prompt



Our vision is to see individuals and families enjoying full and healthy lives within their local community.

Special Request

The Bethany Shop at 123 George needs your help. Donations of clothes, accessories, bric-a-brac, toys, books, jewellery are urgently required.

For more information please phone the shop on 01224 640319

Bethany relieves suffering and meets long-term needs of homeless and vulnerable people.

Every year it helps 4,000 people across Scotland to find, equip and maintain homes, overcome addictions and social and educational barriers.

Giving homeless and vulnerable people hope and a future

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

DEATHS

11 March Mrs Esther Sangster

28 April Mrs Elizabeth Low

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Margaret Alexander; Grace Ferguson;
Charles Beveridge; David and Carla
Byars; Ethel Venters and Christine
Ramsay

**The deadline for the September
issue of *InSpire* is**

15 AUGUST 2013

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

rodody@mccollassociates.com
office@mannofieldchurch.org.uk

Enjoy the Summer - if we have one!!

44th Boys Brigade — Well done the Junior Section

Boys and staff from all 3 sections recently took part in a Dodgeball fundraising event in the Large Hall raising money for the British Heart Foundation as well as BB funds. It was a tiring but fun afternoon. The climax was a game of Extreme Dodgeball with Company Section boys taking on staff and a few of the dads who came along especially for the fun! It was a great success as nearly £600 was raised for BHF with 44th BBs receiving 20% of that. Last month, Junior Section boys were successful in winning the Bisset Trophy. This competition has 5 elements - figure marching, a quiz, a craft, team games and potted sports. Our boys came top in 4 elements and so won overall. Well done to them.

During the annual review at an Aberdeen & District Battalion meeting earlier in May it was noted that the 44th Company Section has been the most involved Company in the Battalion, taking part in 6 out of 9 events run for Company Sections this year. Out of those 6 we have had 2 successes in winning the junior badminton competition for P7 – S2 boys and the senior table tennis for S3+ boys. We were also runners-up in the senior table tennis doubles. Boys also enjoyed taking part in 3 adventure activities - white water rafting at Aberfeldy, an Edzell paintball event and the seniors karting for boys aged 15 plus in Aberdeen. Company Section embark on a programme of summer activities including a hillwalk, a trip to Knockhill for some motor racing and a beach cookout. The other sections are taking a break for the summer so watch out for news of their restart after the holidays.

Dave Tait, Captain





Mannofield Gospel Choir



Spread the word!

We have something **new** going on after the Summer.

Did you enjoy the BBC's "The Choir" programme?

Did you download the Military Wives 2011 Christmas Number 1?

Have you ever fancied singing in a 'fun' choir?

Well now is your chance to do so!

We intend to form a Community Gospel Choir to occasionally support our worship. The choir will meet for rehearsals in the Church on Mondays from 6.45 until 7.30. As people are busy these days we have kept the practice slot short. So come along for a short, sharp and fun time of singing.

We are looking for both males and females aged 15 and over who would enjoy singing with others. Neither previous choir experience nor an ability to read music is necessary. The Choir needs a minimum of 15 members to get started. It will be directed by an experienced Choir Director with the emphasis on enjoyment and quality!

To register your interest or to enquire further, please email Rhonda at r.mccolgan57@gmail.com or speak to Keith for further information.



THE PICKLED COW DRAMA GROUP

PROUDLY PRESENTS...

CHATEAUX DE GATEAUX

A Tale of French Pastries & Independence!

Based on an original script by D. M. Larson
Adapted by THE PICKLED COW DRAMA GROUP



Wednesday 26th June @ 7.30pm

Thursday 27th June @ 7.30pm

Friday 28th June @ 7.30pm

Tickets are available from the office or any **PICKLED COW** member.