



INSPIRE



May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really can make a difference in this world so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
15-21 MAY

A new chance at life
for Morsheda costs as little as
£250

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CHURCH CALENDAR

MAY/JUNE

Sun 1	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 4	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 8	10am	Morning Worship
	4.30pm	Cafe Church Circles @ Mannofield
Wed 11	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 15	11am	Morning Worship
Wed 18	10.30am	Morning Worship
Sun 22	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Traditional Evening Worship
Wed 25	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 29	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea Gardens Service
Wed 1 June	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 5 June	10am	Morning Worship

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Flower Calendar

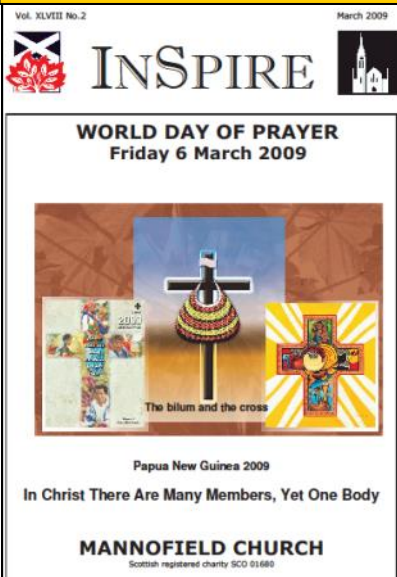
MAY

1 Flower Fund
8 Miss J. May
15 Mrs. K. Martin
22 Mrs. M. Bonner
29 Mrs. S. McAdam

Lily of the Valley



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Front cover March 2009 —
Technology revolution !

Dear Friends

In 2006, while attending a conference in North Carolina, I had the opportunity to sit in a NASCAR racing car as it sped round three laps of the Lowe's Motor Speedway track in Charlotte at close to 200 mph. It was quite a scary experience but one thing I will never forget is the sensation of G-Force as I was pinned first to the back of the seat under acceleration, then in my neck as we cornered and finally in my safety harness as we braked. As always when in a car I do think it's easier being in the driving seat as when you are in control you know when such sensations are coming in advance. As a Passenger you are at the mercy of others.



It's not that as a Minister of this congregation I think I am in the 'driving seat' or 'in control', but I do know that in fulfilling my ordination vows I am asked to be a leader – leading people towards an experience of God and to a life of faithful living. I am blessed with a fantastic Kirk Session and many other leaders in the Church who take on a variety of different roles. These people, like me, have a responsibility for shaping the life and worship, the love and service of this congregation.

We enter into a period of time that might see us press down on the accelerator of change and progress as we seek to make the best use of our newly refurbished building and take the opportunities that are before us to make something vibrant and dynamic out of our church life and witness.

Like my trip in the NASCAR, sometimes journeys can be a little scary. But they are also exhilarating and somewhat liberating as we settle into the journey.

Unlike a car there is more than one driving seat – and it is my hope and expectation that as we embark on this new journey many of you, the congregation, will get involved and together we will cultivate an energy that will be contagious within our congregation's life and through us into the community. God will direct us as we faithfully listen for His voice and respond to His promptings. Just like the co-driver in rally cross He knows what is ahead of us and He knows the best, quickest and safest way for us to get there. That we can be certain of!

Fasten your seat belts – the ride is soon to start.

Best Wishes

Keith
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Morning Prayer

Bless this day, O God,
those who are hungry and thirsty,
those who are strangers to their surroundings,
those who are homeless,
those who are ill
and those who are imprisoned.



And if in any way,
I can be part of Your answer
to my prayers for others
then may I be vigilant and ready
to fulfil Your purpose.

Blessing

Wherever you spend the night:
may the day's worries be put to rest
may your body's burdens be relieved
may God cradle you in his arms
and breathe His peace and love
deep into your mind and heart. AMEN

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COME VINYL WITH ME

A Chairity Event

**STOVIES SUPPER
Raffle**

**Friday 20 May 7.30 – 11pm
Aberdeen Cricket Club
£15 (£10 for 16 and under)**



Come and chat, reminisce, sing, dance and bring your favourite vinyl records with you.

Book a 10minute slot with our DJ Elaine to play YOUR music.

****Musically anything goes!****



For tickets contact: Mannofield Church office -- 01224 310087



Currently, the work of Session, could be compared to the duck in the pond - not much apparently happening, but lots going on beneath the surface. At the meeting on 19th April, it was confirmed that a number of new sub-committees had been formed (some temporary, some more permanent), under the heading "Looking to the Future", looking at what we will do and how we will do it when we return to the refurbished buildings. Work was being carried out in a number of areas, including putting in place new letting provisions, how to promote best use of the facilities and how to introduce them to the Congregation and the Public at large. Reports from these groups will be made to Session over the next few months and it will be exciting to see the vision for the way ahead.

In relation to the Development works, Session heard from Doug Marnoch that, with the improved weather, work was now progressing well and he hoped to have a clearer idea of a finishing date in the near future. Doug was thanked for his diligent work and the amount of time he is currently putting in to the project, trying to ensure the best outcome for us. In relation to the costs of the project, it was confirmed that significant extra costs had to be incurred to replace a large area of slates, and the 'funding gap' had therefore increased again. However, events were being planned under the new "*Chairity*" campaign to raise additional funds to try to meet the cost of the sanctuary chairs.

Elsewhere, things were also being planned and Session heard from Andrew Cattnach on an update on the arrangements for celebrating Pentecost on 15th May 2016. Parishes in the area from Peterculter, Kingswells and into the city as far as Holburn West, are getting together for a united afternoon of celebration at Craigiebuckler Church. To enable as full participation in this as possible, Session decided to move our own Morning Service on 15th May back an hour, so that we start the day in our own church, starting at 11am and move on directly to continue the celebrations at Craigiebuckler, which start at 12 noon.

Some changes in personnel were announced. Louise Barrack is to convene the Outreach and Mission Committee and is currently looking at the scope of work and will be reporting back. Ann Kindness will be taking over as Treasurer in June and is currently 'learning the ropes' from Mhairi Clark.

After a couple of successful Cafe Church events at Circles, it was agreed to continue these and, after the currently planned evenings on 8th May and 12th June, they will be advertised more widely for the next period (after the summer break) with the initial series on "The God Question". More details later!

At the end of the meeting, Alistair Stark made a plea for more people to join in the MANGO choir. Whilst more male voices are urgently required, all would be made most welcome with practice every Monday at 6.30pm in the Hall.

Alistair encouraged us with the view that, in his opinion, very few could not sing and all that was needed was a bit of training. The writer was left thinking that we should all go along and try to change his mind!!



CHURCH CHAIRS

Many thanks to all those who have made donations towards the purchase of chairs for the sanctuary. With the sum of £18,771.25 donated to date, which includes Gift Aid, we are well on our way to having modern, comfortable seating essential for our worship and for the hospitality which the church can offer.



If you would like to make a donation, the chairs cost £90 each and donations can be made payable to **Mannofield Development Fund**.

If you would like to Gift Aid your donation this will increase the amount by 25%. Gift Aid envelopes are available from church on Sundays or from the office on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

CHAIRITY EVENTS

For information about the **“Come Vinyl with Me”** on Friday 20 May and the **Pop up Charity shop** 13-18 June — see pages 4 and 11

STOP PRESS

Gin Tasting evening on 23 April raised £1200 after expenses. The Editor was “inspired” and won a bottle of gin!



TECHNICAL

As we are now well into Spring the construction is showing good growth!!

External builder work, roof works and specialist lime pointing is progressing depending on outside temperature.

The layout of the areas around the church and buildings is now being finalised to allow the associated services to be installed.

The steelwork in the steeple is now in place and the timber treatment is nearing completion.

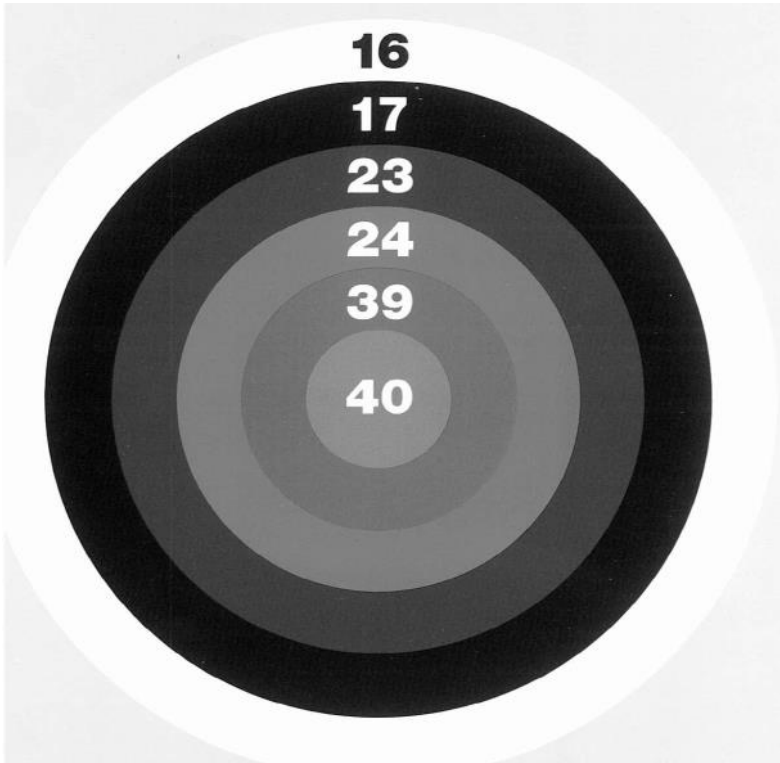
Internal work is well in hand with offices, vestry, meeting rooms, kitchen and toilets all formed and walls sheeted ready for decoration. Electrical and heating first fix wiring is nearing completion.

The Sanctuary underfloor heating has been installed and joiner work and decoration is progressing.



Doug Marnoch

PS Is anyone missing an umbrella found in the vestibule— slightly dusty!!

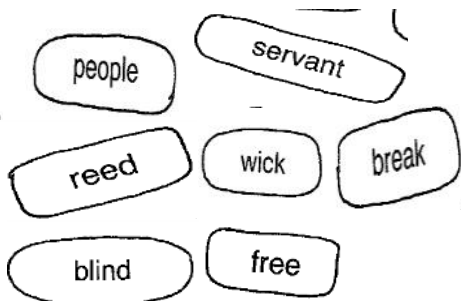


How many arrows are needed to score exactly 100 on this target?



'HE IS THE CHOSEN ONE OF GOD.'

Isaiah 42:1-7
and John 1:29-34



Read the passages and fill in the blanks using the words above.

My _____ will not
_____ a bruised _____, or
snuff out a smouldering _____. He
will bring justice and light to all .
_____. He will open eyes
that are _____ and set captives
_____.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR



Can you find the names of the prophets?

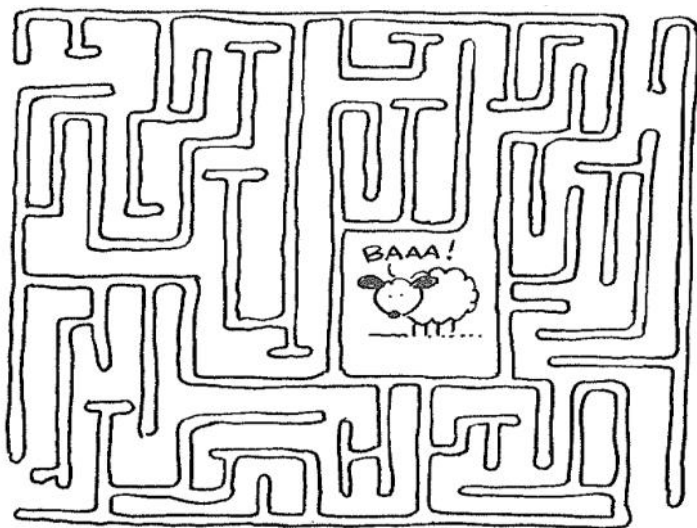


AMOS
DANIEL
EZEKIEL
EZRA
HABAKKUK
HAGGAI
HOSEA
ISAIAH
JEREMIAH

JOEL
JONAH
MALACHI
MICAH
NAHUM
OBADIAH
ZECHARIAH
ZEPHANIAH



"Your sermon reminded me of the Peace of God — it passed all understanding . . ."



HELP THE
SHEPHERD
FIND HIS
LOST SHEEP



Easter answer: Diagram above

STOCK THE SHOP!

The Charities Shop at 346 George Street will be open for us from 13 - 18 June



WE NEED DONATIONS OF GOOD QUALITY,
REUSABLE CLOTHES: BAGS: SHOES: CASES:
ACCESSORIES: JEWELLERY: BRIC A BRAC: SMALL
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: TOYS: CDS: DVDS etc..

We cannot accept duvets or electrical items

GOODS CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH ON :
Saturday 11 or Sunday 12 June between 2.00 and 4.00PM

OR

Preferably directly to the shop at 346 George Street on Sunday 12 June between 2.00 and 4.00 PM

OR

If necessary, goods can be collected. To arrange this, call Ellen on 01224 867028

We also need cars to help transport the goods to the shop and, of course, we need your help at the shop during the week.

Call Ellen or sign up on the sheet in the church during May if you can help in any way.

Put the dates in your diary, save your goods for us and.....don't forget to come along and bargain hunt!

THANK YOU

This is a *Chairity* Event !



JOINT PENTECOST EVENT — Craigiebuckler Church Sunday 15 May, 12 noon - 2:30 pm



Music for this event is being organised by Harry Williamson, organist at Craigiebuckler and all competent musicians from Craigiebuckler, Cults, Holburn West, Kingswells, Mannofield, and Peterculter Churches are invited to supplement the Craigiebuckler Praise Band. If you would like to participate, please contact Harry at harrywilliamson352@btinternet.com

A practice session will be arranged in the lead up to the event.

44th Boys Brigade

Back in March a small group of Company Section boys had a weekend away in Glasgow. Activities included laser tag, mini golf, swimming and a trip to the Summerlee Heritage Centre. At Mannofield, remote controlled racing has been enjoyed along with a special Easter quiz where the floor became a giant board game with the boys having to answer Easter questions to progress and pillow fight if they landed on the same square as each other.



Anchor Boys have been busy with our theme of 'space', this time making a giant painted mural of aliens. In March all our boys took part in Aberdeen Battalions Anchor Fun Day where they enjoyed games, a bouncy castle and other pirate themed activities.



Along with Junior Section we invited The Critter Keeper along to visit. The boys were able to see a variety of animals close up, including a snake, tarantula, chameleon, a giant snail and Rocket the racoon. They were also able to touch and handle some of them.



At Junior Section all the practising for the Bisset Trophy competition has paid off as they lifted the winners trophy in February. Activities included drama and figure marching. Recently they entered a team into the UK Team Challenge competition where they had to do their best in a number of timed physical or skill activities. Bean bag throwing and skipping were two of the activities. Our thanks to Mike Fairhurst for being the independent adjudicator.



As the session draws to a close dates for Section Annual Open Nights are as follows:

Anchor & Junior Sections (Joint) – Thursday 26 May at 6.30pm

Company Section – Friday 20 May at 7.45pm

A warm welcome is extended to all parents and friends.

Christian Aid Week: the week we love every neighbour



Picture a young mother of four. Her husband has left. She has no land. No assets. No savings. And the only work she can get is backbreaking manual labour for as little as 74p a day. Her home has been flooded several times, and last August it flooded again. This is Morsheda. She's our neighbour, and she desperately needs our help.

From 15-21 May, our church will join with more than 20,000 others across the country for the sake of people like Morsheda. Across the UK and Ireland we will deliver 7 million envelopes to our local neighbours to raise money for our global neighbours in need. It's an opportunity to reach out to our community, and to make sure some of the world's poorest people have enough to eat and a safe place to live.

A Home Safety Package from Christian Aid could raise Morsheda's home on to an earth plinth, safe from the flood plain, and give her resources to invest in things like farm animals, seeds and a composting kit – giving her the tools she needs to build a better future. A new chance at life for Morsheda costs as little as £250.

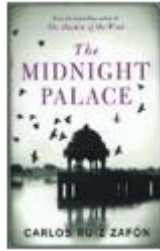
Can you deliver and collect Christian Aid envelopes to your neighbours to help our church raise money this Christian Aid Week?

By helping to collect you are contacting people in the Parish who may not normally come to Church. More importantly you are also helping to save millions of lives.

To volunteer for Christian Aid week this year please either add your name/tel number to the poster on the notice board outside the office or contact Ann Kindness (01224 319336) or by email at ann@aohs.uk.com

NOTES & NEWS

Mannofield Book Club JUNE 2016



The Midnight Palace
by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
(author of *The Shadow of the Wind*)

Set in Calcutta in the 1930s, *The Midnight Palace* begins on a dark night when an English lieutenant fights to save newborn twins Ben and Sheere from an unthinkable threat. Despite monsoon-force rains and terrible danger lurking around every street corner, the young lieutenant manages to get them to safety, but not without losing his own life.

Years later, on the eve of Ben and Sheere's sixteenth birthday, the mysterious threat re-enters their lives. This time, it may be impossible to escape. With the help of their brave friends, the twins will have to take a stand against the terror that watches them in the shadows of the night - and face the most frightening creature in the history of the City of Palaces.

**THE FACT THAT
THERE'S A HIGHWAY TO
HELL AND ONLY A
STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
SAYS A LOT ABOUT
ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC
NUMBERS.**

Guild News



- 15 May Guild Walk,
Ferryhill Church, 2.30pm
- 8 Jun Summer Meeting,
Kingswells Church, 7.30pm
- 14 Jun Visit to Castleton, leaving
church at 1.45pm –
Tea & Strawberry Tart
- 12 July Afternoon Tea,
Drum Castle, leaving
church at 1.45pm
- 16 Aug Inverurie Soaps

The Guild thanks all those who supported them in any way at their recent afternoon fundraiser.

The magnificent total of £945 was raised for Guild Projects.

HOLY HUMOUR

From <http://www.jrsbible.info/>

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly;

"I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly,

"It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Disjunctions:

Mr and Mrs A. Fowlie
Mrs Annie Sinclair Greig
Mrs Rae Ingham
Mrs Pam MacRae

Deaths:

15 February	Mr Bill Nicolaisen
February	Mr Robert Gair
7 March	Mr Frank Christie
12 March	Mr Alexander Fraser
19 March	Mrs Evelyn Burt
22 March	Mr Wallace Wiseman
23 March	Mr Murray Main
5 April	Mrs Dorothy Currie
14 April	Mrs May Gordon

Evening Prayer

You have asked us
to live Your law to the letter
but I know I fall so short
of being the Christ to others.
So, forgive me, Lord,
for the times I was
less than hospitable
towards those
who needed my time,
my resources, my help,
my company, my love.
Break my heart anew
that I may be vulnerable
to the pain and needs of all
with whom I share this common life.
AMEN.

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Frank Christie — Obituary

Frank Christie was born in Aberdeen in 1936. After education at Causewayend School and Aberdeen Grammar school, he joined the Clydesdale Bank. After National Service he moved to Canada where he continued in the banking industry before returning to Aberdeen in 1963.

He became involved in the running of the family haulage company and soon diversified the business as the oil industry took off in the North East.

He was a hard worker and tackled issues head on. Successful in business, he was well known within the business community of Aberdeen and beyond and was often supporting and mentoring other business leaders throughout different industries.

Frank was involved in many charitable causes in Aberdeen including Round Table and Lions Club and retained his interest in sport throughout his life.

Frank was a great servant to the Church in Aberdeen. He was ordained an Elder in Rosemount Church before moving to Mannofield where he was invited to join the Kirk Session. He particularly liked visiting his district and got to know his folks very well.

Mannofield Church and his faith, were very precious to Frank and our Church has benefited greatly from his dedicated service over many years.

Frank's passing leaves many sad - but we can be appreciative of the full and faithful life he lived.

Our love and prayers are with his wife Aileen and the rest of his family: Susan, Annabelle, Duncan, Sian, Ross, Harry, Elise and Sophie, and brother and sister, Bill and Elsie.

Development Update Photos

