



MINI
INSPIRE



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

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Message from Keith



Surely we can't already be in the season of children dressing up, explosions and light shows in the skies overhead and the evocative moments for Remembrance and the wearing of poppies? Where does the time go?

That's a question many of us ask over and over again. Life seems to be terribly busy. The pace of life seems to accelerate onwards from one season to the next. All of this pointing to the fact that time is eaten up by our work, our commitments and those projects we choose to be involved in that seem to eat up more of our time than we thought they would at the outset.

I might take the opportunity here just to thank, on the congregation's behalf, the men and women who have been so heavily involved in fundraising and planning for the start of the construction project that thankfully we are now able to say is under way. The last 6 months have seen endless meetings, conversations and different challenges to overcome, but 'The Team' have stuck at it and I am sure, like me, they will know very well the answer to the question asked earlier, 'Where does time go?'

Nothing worthwhile ever comes easily in life and certainly I hope that those who have given so much time towards this project will one day very soon feel 'the time' they have given has been well invested.

While it is true that many of us feel the pace of life is just too hectic, that there is too much to do and there is never a spare moment, it is worth considering those for whom this is not the case. I think sometimes we forget that there are people in our community who would love to be in the position of saying they have too much to do!

I come across many people who feel this way. Life is lonely, even monotonous. They long for activity but don't have the health.

They long for interaction with others but don't have the opportunity.

While some of us complain there is too much to do, others face the challenge of there not being enough to do!

In this season of darkening nights, colder weather, moments of Remembrance and the journey towards Christmas that should be about good cheer and celebration, let us not forget those in our community who find this time of year a struggle; who feel a darkness compressing in on them and suffer emotionally as a consequence.

God wants us to 'look out for our neighbours'.

The compassion of Christ is directed towards those for whom life is a struggle. That might be those who are overworked but it is directed as much to those who find life is one long drag. Let those of us who feel overworked learn to take rest where it is possible and may we not complain so much as to do an injustice towards those who would long to be busier but the circumstances don't allow for it.

Remembrance Sunday Prayer



Loving God, in a world where justice has not rolled down as waters nor righteousness as a mighty stream where knowledge floods in, but there is only a trickle of wisdom, we pray for this church.

Turn our efforts to good, so that as our understanding increases, our sense of responsibility deepens and we will complete our time here having made the world more habitable and ourselves more humane.

We pray this, O God, in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

A Blue Christmas Service
Sunday 6 December
3.30pm in Large Hall

While Advent and Christmas are times of great festivity and joy for the majority of people within the Christian Community, it must be recognised that Christmas can be a particularly difficult time for people who may be grieving a loss, for those who are living alone or those who have painful associations with this time of year.

Every year our own church family is faced with the reality that as a calendar year passes we have lost many friends who have sat, worked, worshipped and socialised with us here in Mannofield over many years. In our personal lives there are many whom we miss deeply.

This Blue Christmas Service will allow us to 'remember' them and take comfort and confidence in the knowledge that 'light shines on in the darkness'.



Poppy Scotland Appeal



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

Gift Aid forms will be available.



Creative Worship Group

You may have noticed that each week new elements are being added to our tree. The tree will feature in our worship until the end of the year. Look out for what's coming in the weeks ahead.

There will be ribbons in different colours illustrating the divisions that may exist in our congregation or community. In early November we'll have a poppy theme, while in mid-November the tree will be left bare, a symbol of our turning away from God. However, as that service proceeds, love-hearts symbolising God's compassion for us will appear.

22nd November is the *Reign of Christ* Sunday and on that day, the tree will be decorated with white and gold monograms, symbols of Christ.

The Creative Worship Group, which has over 40 contributors from the congregation, hopes this tree has been thought provoking and a meaningful addition to our worship.

Development News



We are delighted to announce that Burns Construction (Aberdeen) Ltd. have been appointed contractors for the development work.

A full report will appear in the December Community InSpire.

CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER

Sun 1	10am	Morning Worship
Wed 4	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 8	10am	Morning Worship Remembrance Sunday
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 11	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 15	10am	Morning Worship Guild Dedication
Wed 18	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 22	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Café Church
Wed 25	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 29	10am	Morning Worship 1st Sunday of Advent - Sacrament of Communion
	3.15pm	Craigielea service led by Mannofield Guild
Wed 2 December	10.30am	Midweek Service

PEWS for SALE

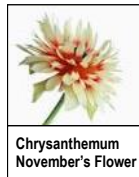
If you are interested in buying a pew which has been constructed from the Church pews please contact Alan Harper
☎ 01224 315144



Flower Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 1 Mrs N. Anderson
- 8 Miss Youngson's Legacy
- 15 Miss F. Walker
- 22 Mrs C. Edward
- 29 M. Milton



Mannofield Guild Meetings
3 and 17 November



Congregational Register

New Member:

Mrs Katherine MacLean

Disjunctions:

Mrs Muriel Cattanch; Mr and Mrs C. McPherson

Deaths:

June

- 11 Mr David Bonner
- 25 Mrs Heather Farquharson

September

- 17 Mrs Alice Gorrod
- 19 Mrs Nan Cruden
- 26 Miss Norma Shearer
- 26 Mr Alastair MacDonald
- 27 Mr Bill Sutherland
- 30 Mrs Joan Johnston

October

- 11 Mrs Maureen Bick
- 14 Mrs Helen Fowlie

Change of Address:

Mrs Noreen Bullock; Mrs Sheila Haggerty; Mrs Margaret Main; Mrs Helen Morrison; Mr Arthur McCombie; Mr William Niven; Mrs Liz Stephen; Mrs Isobel Tough; Mrs Audrey Hall.



NOTE

The deadline for the
December Parish InSpire
is
12 NOVEMBER