



INSPIRE



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

MANNOFIELD CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Sun 3	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 6	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 10 	10am	Remembrance Sunday
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 13	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 17	10am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Wed 20	10.30am	Midweek Service
Sun 24	10am	Morning Worship
	3.15pm	Craigielea
	6.30pm	Evening Service
Wed 27	10.30am	Midweek Service

Flower Calendar

NOVEMBER

3 Mrs N. Anderson
 10 Mrs M Hillocks
 17 Miss F Walker



Chrysanthemum November's flower

Mannofield Church Lunch Club 21 NOVEMBER



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

We look forward to welcoming our regular patrons and meeting new ones.

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 will deepen, 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



An Advent Blessing Lord God, our Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Saviour, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendour of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

Dear Friends

Last month I was writing about ‘words’ – the words we use wisely and those we use less wisely; the words that come with love and the words that hurt. The last ‘word’ was left to St John’s Gospel that gives us ‘**The Word**’; the **Word of God** alive and active in the world today.

It is ‘**The Word**’ through which God communicates with us and with nature; it is the way in which God introduces himself to us, reveals what he stands for and passes on his information to us.

When we think about the words we use in our everyday life we recognise that the same can be said of our words. By our words we introduce ourselves to others, we reveal what we stand for and share the values that are important to us. We can pass on information to others, including direction and encouragement on how to participate in a certain way of life.

We use lots of ‘words’ within our Church life in Mannofield. The photocopier in the office is well used as material is published. Verbally we use words in worship and in our activities to promote Christian understanding and inform people of what goes on in Mannofield Church. The way we communicate in our world today has of course changed and in Mannofield Church we have moved with the times in order to improve communication with each other and beyond.

Do you know that we have 193 people who regularly receive communication through our church Facebook page?

Our Facebook facility is used to share ‘what’s on’ and communicate news on a very regular basis.

Recently a post on our Facebook page advertising the opportunity for a Parish Assistant to come and work with us was promoted through Facebook and it reached over 9500 people!

Our Facebook Page is simple to use. You don’t even have to register but just search for ‘**Mannofield Church Facebook**’ and Bookmark the Page and you can refer to the Page at your leisure. Of course, if you have a Facebook account, the best way to use the page is having found it, ‘**Like it**’ by clicking the Link and from then on you are automatically kept informed as posts are added. (We would like to hit the 200 ‘Likes’ by Christmas!).

The way we communicate in the world has changed and the way churches need to communicate the ‘Word’ of God and God’s activity in our lives has changed. This month I highlight Facebook because it allows ‘**the widening of the reach of our words**’. As with our words, our Facebook Page reveals what we stand for as a congregation. It promotes the values that are important to us and through it we can pass on information to others, including encouragement to participate in a certain way of life.

Whether by the spoken word, the printed word, the words of our Web Page or the words and pictures contained in our Facebook page and posts we are in the business of communicating what God stands for and what Mannofield Church stands for. It’s all about communication! It is so very important to God that we make the best use of what is available to us as we spread the gospel of his love and the encouragement to others to join in with a very special way of life.

Best Wishes

Keith

Poppyscotland Appeal



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

Gift Aid forms will be available.

Part of our Christmas tradition is to erect a Christmas tree in our homes. With Christmas just over a month away it is not too early to start planning.



'**Caring Christmas Trees**' is a project of the Bethany Christian Trust, a charity with a strong presence in Aberdeen and one with which Mannofield has worked closely in the past couple of years.

To support the project we have agreed to allow the Charity to use Mannofield Church as a base for collecting the trees that have been bought online or by phone. The proceeds of the project will go to help the work of the Trust across Aberdeen and Scotland.



All the trees for sale are Nordman Firs and are Scottish grown from local and sustainable growers. They come in a range of sizes and are netted for easy transportation. However nets are removed for close inspection before being re-netted.

From the beginning of November the trees can be ordered on the website <http://www.caringchristmastrees.com> or by phone 0845 111 8733.

Deliveries (Fee applicable) can be arranged and will take place from the 5th and 6th December.

Trees will also be available for collection at the front of our Church on Friday 13th December (16.00-19.00) and Saturday 14th (11.00-15.00).

The web page <http://www.caringchristmastrees.com> describes the work of the charity and gives more information about the trees.

Mannofield Church can support the work of this Charity by allowing our church site to be used in this way and through our members using the project to buy Christmas trees.

Alpha and Alpha Plus

The Alpha team is looking forward to welcoming people to the 2014 Alpha Course beginning on Monday 20th January. The course will run in the large hall on Mondays for ten weeks, with an 'away day' in early March. We start at 7pm with a light meal and watch a DVD together which we then discuss. The evening finishes at 9pm. In January 2014, we are embarking on a new venture, Alpha Plus, a follow-on course from Alpha using material called "*The Jesus Lifestyle*". It will run simultaneously with Alpha, in Room 1 for 7 weeks. Learn about the radically different lifestyle that Jesus taught, how to deal with anger, how to handle money, what to do when faced with difficult people.

If you are interested in either course, please contact the Alpha Team via the Church Office 01224 310087

Date: Monday, 20th January, 2014 Time: 7-9pm



ALL WELCOME!

Tillydrone Vision

Fish, chips and babies!

In September my husband Gary, and I returned to Uganda with Tillydrone Vision for another emotional visit carrying suitcases bulging full of gifts and donations for some of the groups that we have made contact with in the past.

There has recently been a national campaign for volunteers to knit hats and jumpers for new born babies in Africa as in some areas people cannot afford to clothe their babies adequately and some are sent home wrapped in newspaper, hence the name 'fish and chip' knitting. The group took hundreds of sets of 'fish and chip' outfits knitted by people throughout Aberdeen, including some of the best knitters from Mannofield Church! We cannot describe to you how terrible the conditions are at the hospital we visited but suffice to say it paints the NHS in a very good light. The mothers we distributed the outfits to were absolutely delighted with your donations, as were the babies!



As well as the clothing donations we also received very generous financial donations following a presentation that we did to the Guild before our trip. As a result of this we were able to finance various small projects which we felt would make a difference in people's lives including equipment for the orphanage and church, and emergency rations for malnourished children in the hospital.

Our very grateful thanks go to those who have shown us support for our previous and recent trips. Please be assured that your help has made a difference in people's lives and we have been privileged to actually see positive changes happening to improve their circumstances significantly. *Nicola Youngson*

War Memorial Update



Thanks are due to all those who helped with my request for information, particularly David Clark, Edna Cromarty, Constance Strachan and Mrs Anne Park of the ANESFHS.

As far as the First World War research is concerned the only name which I am unable to trace is John Forsyth-Gordon Highlander.

If anyone can help in this specific inquiry would they please contact Keith Campbell through the Church Office.

The deadline for the Parish edition of *InSpire* is **8 NOVEMBER 2013**

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

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

Christmas Sing-a-long
Wednesday 4 December
2-3.30 pm

Music provided by Rhonda McColgan
Tickets, for catering purposes only, can be obtained from the church office or the Social Committee. Come along, enjoy mincemeat pies, tray bakes and an afternoon of friendship.



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 (continued)

The June InSpire article concluded with the resignation of the organist in 1891. We now turn to the reconstruction of the organ in 1895.



The work was entrusted to the firm of Ernest Wadsworth and Company of Manchester and Aberdeen and was largely carried out by a young Yorkshireman, Ernest H. Lawton. His construction of a pneumatic charge action 56/30 Drawstop console in Mannofield Church was a turning point in his career. In his booklet on Lawton, Philip M.G. Wright records "Mannofield Church was the real force behind Lawton's move north. His sterling work had endeared him to the members." It was, according to this author, that "knowing his work held the confidence of an important church," Lawton took the decision to establish in Aberdeen his own organ-building firm which became notable for its construction of organs, not just in the North-east, but worldwide, especially in Africa.

Of course the Kirk Session and Managers of the new church had, in the early years, a great deal more than psalmody with which to concern themselves.

651 sittings at rentals varying from 4/- to 10/- (20p to 50p) yearly had been advertised in local newspapers in July 1882. The recorded Communion Roll figure of 212 in 1885 shows this to have been unduly optimistic, but seat rents did contribute £65 (along with £68 congregational offerings) to an income of £302 in 1883. The remainder of the income came from subscriptions of £32, special collections of £16 and most of the balance from Endowment Revenue, nearly £120. This income enabled £9.5/- (£9.25) to be spent on heating and lighting, £210 for the minister's stipend, around £40 on other salaries and the remainder on expenses and the schemes of the church.

Early in 1883, six seatholders were elected to join the five Managers in a Committee of Management and among its first actions was the sale of the temporary church buildings for £60. In March 1884, the Interim Kirk Session held its last meeting at 14 Adelphi, the office of the Interim Session Clerk, William Gordon and on the 23rd of that month, the first ordination and admission of elders took place in Mannofield Church. Not only were these six gentlemen the pillars of our church in its early days, but their addresses reveal the area from which membership was drawn.

They were William Bowie of Holburn Road, George McBain of Seafield Cottage, John Ogg of Ashley Terrace, James Simpson of Loirsbank, Cults, John Edwards of Beech-hill and William Gordon of Albyn Place. Their number dictated the decision of the Session in 1885 to divide the parish into six districts for visitation.

Riddle

All the following family members are present at a family gathering: mother, father, son, daughter, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, cousin, nephew and niece. Only four people are there. How is this possible?



MIRACLE LUNCH

Jesus was a caring person. He did not like to see people go hungry. The crowds followed him wherever he went. They even climbed a mountain to sit and listen to him as he talked with his disciples. As he noticed the crowd growing he asked if food could be provided for them. Andrew, a disciple, told Jesus of a young boy present who had a packed lunch of bread and fish, but that was all. 'Make the men sit down,' said Jesus, as he took the bread

and fish and gave thanks. As he passed the food to his disciples they gave it to the people. Over 5,000 were fed. Seeing this miracle performed, the people believed he was the prophet who should come into the world. Read the story in John chapter 6, then find the words listed below in the letter grid. Words appear either vertically or horizontally, forwards or backwards, but some letters are used more than once.

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K	U	H	E	H	F	R	E	H	T	A	G
S	S	S	A	O	F	E	R	A	H	T	O
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E	F	M	T	M	I	R	A	C	L	E	S
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the mouths of babes



10 Bible Gifts

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)

SOLVE AND SEARCH

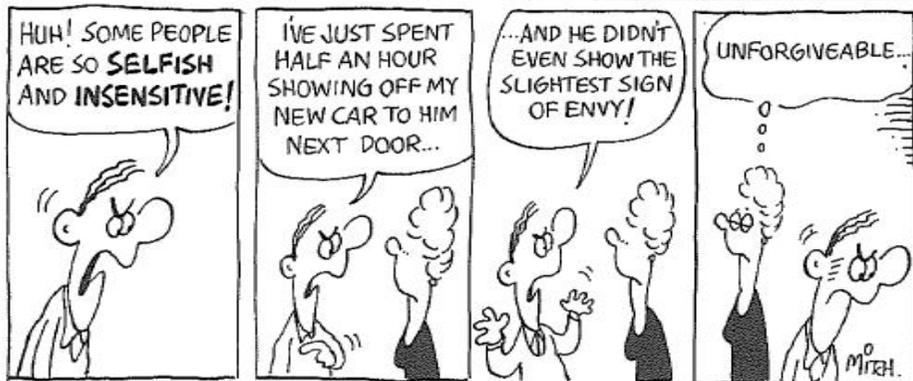
Each anagram, when solved, is a word to be found in Psalm 34. You may then find the word in the grid, by moving upwards, downwards, or sideways (but not diagonally). Start with the circled letter to find the answer to the first clue. The words follow on one from the other, but beware, the names which follow do not appear in the same order as in the clues. The first word is given to start you off.



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| 1 ASPIRE | 2 LATEX | 3 SMITE | 4 SLIP | 5 SAFER |
| 6 HARE | 7 CAFES | 8 GLEAN | 9 WAKE | 10 ETHOS |
| 11 CALK | 12 SOLVE | 13 RESIDES | 14 VEIL | 15 SILE |
| 16 SEAR | 17 SHARE | 18 VASES | 19 ERA | 20 STAKE |
| 21 FORM | 22 MANE | 23 LOINS | 24 RUNT | 25 ROOP |
| 26 FILE | 27 NO | | | |

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR

by ROY MITCHELL



October's Answer: The price of the book is £2.



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The brevity of the minutes of the Kirk Session during its first twenty years of existence makes it difficult to take more than a superficial view of their proceedings, but every now and again a more revealing picture is given of the way they tackled issues.

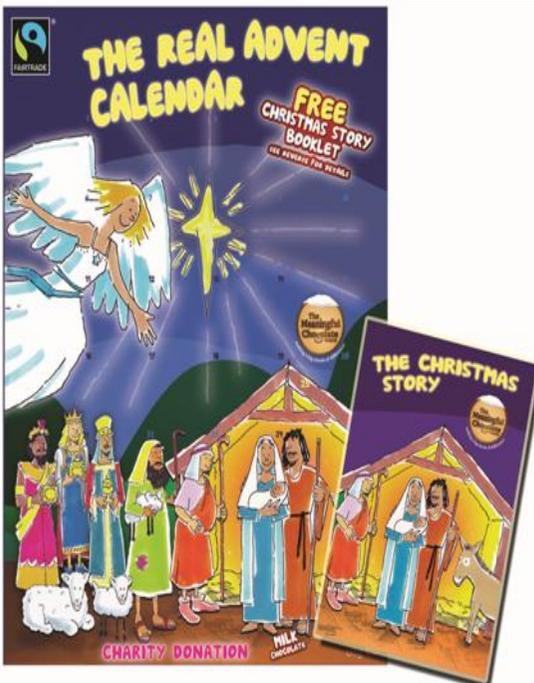
Alongside the yearly revision of the Communion Roll, the preparations for the twice yearly Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the consideration of cases of discipline right up to 1904, there were other matters for the Session to consider.

From 212 in 1885, the Communion Roll rose to 354 in 1895 and 514 in 1905, slipping back from 534 in 1902 when the Session had agreed to the proposed new boundaries for the parish of Ruthrieston, provided such parishes did not encroach materially upon those of Mannofield Parish. In 1894 the Session decided that elders would visit members in their homes to hand them their Communion tokens instead of these being dispensed at the service prior to Communion.

To be continued

APPEAL FROM THE EDITOR

There are a number of references in "A Century at Mannofield" to the 1932 Jubilee booklet. Despite some research I have been unable to track this down. Does anyone have this invaluable record of Mannofield? If so, please contact me, Roddy McColl at 01224 313473 or email me roddy@mccollassociates.com



A new way to share the Christmas story

The Real Advent Calendar is a great way to share the real meaning of Christmas.

There's a line of the Christmas story and a chocolate star behind each window. Behind the final window is a 24-page Christmas storybook. A charitable donation is made to The Children's Society and its Fairtrade. It costs £3.99.

Calendars can be obtained from Tesco and Traidcraft. Details at www.realadvent.co.uk/shop.

Alternatively they can be obtained from

CLC Aberdeen, Credo Centre,
14-20 John Street, Aberdeen,
AB25 1BT Tel 01224 641620

A COOKERY COURSE - CAMBODIAN STYLE

During a recent stay in Phnom Penh, having had our fill of temples and museums, my grand daughter and I decided to enrol on a cookery course we had seen advertised.

We turned up early at a nearby restaurant in company with nine others of various nationalities.

Our chef was a graduate of *Friends the Restaurant* which is famous not only in Phnom Penh but across the world. Over 10 years in operation, this vibrant and colourful training restaurant is run by Mith Samlanh (Friends in English) a local non-religious organisation working with Cambodian street children, their families and the community to develop creative projects that support the children to become independent and productive members of the community.



It offers food, shelter, medical care, training and educational facilities for over 1,800 homeless, vulnerable or abandoned children each day. Our chef had spent four years learning all aspects of the restaurant trade along with English and is now independent with his own restaurant.

After an introductory talk, our day began with a visit by



Tuk Tuk to the market where we learned about the produce for sale at the different stalls and bought the ingredients for the dishes we were to cook later. Fish, meat, chickens, vegetables, both familiar and



strange, and many other unfamiliar ingredients were displayed on the colourful stalls.

Back at our stations we prepared, and ate, Spring Rolls with Sweet and Sour Sauce and Fish Amok, a mild curry steamed in banana leaf baskets which we had to fashion ourselves under the supervision of our patient and helpful tutor. In the afternoon it was Banana Flower Salad and Sticky Rice with Mango.

Strict hygiene was observed throughout the day using bottled water to wash ingredients and frequent orders being issued to wash our hands. It was an enjoyable experience due to the personality of our chef and we were presented at the end with a cook book so that we could prepare some Khmer dishes at home.



Audrey Milne

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 folks who find themselves with choices whether to eat or keep themselves warm as the winter progresses Thanks to you we are able to help more folks in the Lord's name. We can have 10 people a day coming in to ask for help. We have a regular need for food as there are so many people in this sad position. Thank you once again and God bless you in your work and witness.

Tom Morrow, Fund raising Co-ordinator



DEVELOPMENT UPDATE and EVENTS



Fundraising QUIZ NIGHT

£450 was raised at this very entertaining Quiz night. Sixty six people including a couple who were not connected to the church enjoyed fish and chips at the Ashvale and learned that they did not know what was Shakespeare's last play.

Many thanks to the staff, Billy Fraser the quiz master and the donors of some very fine raffle prizes.

In case you are wondering; the answer was Henry VIII but the Editor would dispute that as he believes this play was written by Shakespeare along with another playwright and it should be The Tempest written solely by Shakespeare.

However the Editor's answer was not The Tempest either!

SMARTIES TUBES: £1187.15 has been raised to date from 30 Smarties Tubes.

This is a great result so far.

Keep up the good work!

BAG Packing

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WHEN: 16 November 2013

FROM: 10am to 4pm

WHERE: Sainsburys Bridge of Dee



This is what £800 in loose change looks like :)!

£800 was raised by the young folk in February's bag packing event.

**Please contact John Mowat to help
Tel 316626**

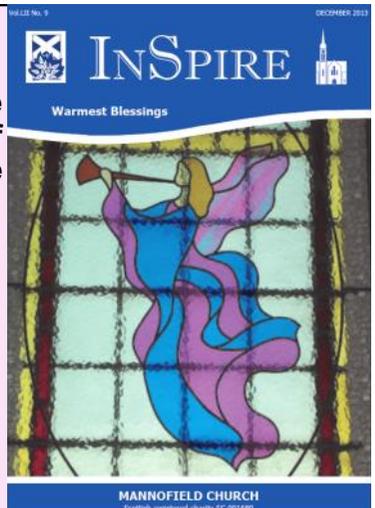
December InSpire—Parish Publication

This year instead of a Christmas Card the Parish will receive a special edition of InSpire and your business could be advertising in it.

For more information send an email to

Alison Farquhar at

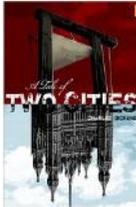
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NOTES & NEWS

Church Book Club November 2013

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens, is set in London and Paris before and during the French Revolution.



With well over 200 million copies sold, it ranks among the most famous works in the history of fictional literature.

The major theme of this dark and serious, historic novel centres on resurrection, bringing people back to life from the seemingly inevitable clutches of death.

These resurrected lives weave through the entire plot and hold the story together. The minor theme is the cruelty of war as seen in the French Revolution.

Dickens spares no details in painting the grim, and often senseless, violence of the mob as they seek revenge and retribution against the aristocrats.

For further information contact:
Niki Anderson Tel 743484

Guide Dog Coffee Morning & Card Sale

A total of £1,404 was raised at this event. A very big "Thank you" to all those who supported us and to those who helped behind the scenes.



Sheila Taylor

GUILD

Blythwood Boxes

Members of the congregation who kindly agreed to fill these boxes are reminded that the boxes should be returned to the Hall on Thursday 7 November between 10-11.30 am.



November

- 5 Kathleen Douglas "Working for the Vine Trust in Tanzania"
- 7 Monthly Coffee Morning
- 19 Matters of Health
- 30 St. Andrew's Day Coffee Morning in aid of Guild Projects.

FLOWER CALENDAR

The Flower Committee thanks all those who have contributed to the church flowers over the past year, either by donating flowers or by monetary contributions.



The display of flowers each Sunday is greatly appreciated not only by the congregation but also by those who receive them after the service.

The 2014 Flower Calendar will be in the vestibule from mid November for those wishing to donate for next year.

Sheila Taylor

The Deeside Choristers

What a treat to have such a special group to provide the wonderful music for our evening service on Sunday 29 September. The disciplined way they conducted themselves, the sincerity and reverence on their faces and the tremendous concentration, especially of the younger members, was a joy to behold. That, coupled with the glorious sound they produced, preached a sermon, that none of us present that evening, will easily forget. A big thank you to one and all.



Anne Farquhar

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Death: Mr Andrew Middleton

Disjunction: Mrs Margaret Kitching

Change of Address:

Mrs Tait; Sheila Willox; Mrs R Ingham and Mrs R Somers

The Torry Trust Coffee Morning Mannofield 16 November

The Torry Trust is a Charity that helps with the rehabilitation of prisoners (mainly women) and their integration back into family life and society. The purpose of the work is to help prevent re-offending and the damage this causes to children within these vulnerable families.

With the forthcoming move from Craiginches to HMP Grampian the issues which prisoners face, and in particular women prisoners and their families, will intensify. Thus the work of the Torry Trust is more relevant now than at any time in its brief history.

On the morning of Saturday 16 November we have given over our halls and kitchen to the Torry Trust for the purposes of a coffee morning to raise funds for the Trust's work. It is hoped that the congregation of Mannofield will support this worthy cause and come along and enjoy a coffee and some home baking.

TIME to be advertised



Mannofield Tea Towels

£4 each

or 3 for the price of 2!



Contact Iain or Mary Hunter
Tel 639467

**All proceeds to the
Development Fund**

Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group meets on a Thursday morning from 11am until midday in Room 1. We are using the 'Pray Now' booklet produced by the Church of Scotland.

The 2013 booklet's theme is '*from generation to generation*' and looks at a selection of biblical characters.

Do come and join us.

For more information contact:
Edna Cromarty Tel.317453

Adopt-A-Child is a Christian Sponsorship programme bringing food, medical/dental care, and pastoral/practical care to needy children in Guatemala and Albania.

AAC International Coordinator, Paul Cocking, will be speaking at the evening service on Sunday 3 November.

"Changing the world one child at a time"



Harvest Sunday, Praise Band and enjoyable soup and company



*O Come
all ye
Faithful*

TO OUR

COMMUNITY

Carols

OUTSIDE
MANNOFIELD CHURCH,
GREAT WESTERN ROAD, ABERDEEN
SUNDAY 15TH DEC.
17.15 - 18.00PM
DRINKS & MINCE PIES

MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM EVERYONE AT

all welcome

CHRISTMAS
LIGHTS
SWITCH-ON

MANNOFIELD CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

THE PICKLED COW Drama Group
Proudly Present

A Great Western A Wild West Parable Pantomime

On stage at Mannofield Parish Church
Great Western Road, Aberdeen

SALOON

Wednesday 4th December @ 7.30pm
Thursday 5th December @ 7.30pm
Friday 6th December @ 7.30pm
Saturday 7th December @ 2.30pm

Tickets available soon, are free with a donation to charity.